

THE IOWA POLL

The following pages contain the weekly releases of the state-wide IOWA POLL, a public opinion survey which was founded by the Des Moines Register and Tribune in December 1943 and has been in continuous operation, measuring the opinion of adult Iowans on major topics of the day.

Releases shown here are the complete published results for 1960, 1961 and 1962, all appearing either in the Des Moines Sunday Register or the Des Moines Daily Register. It is planned to release a similar book for future years to maintain a continuous record of published polls.

Information in these releases can be reprinted or quoted, with the following source: "The Iowa Poll of the Des Moines Register and Tribune".

Releases are shown in chronological order and are indexed by subject matter. The date of the release is usually within eight weeks or less from the date of the actual field work.

The Iowa Poll is based on 600 personal interviews with Iowans 21 years of age and older living in cities, towns and on farms throughout the state. Since 1961, the poll has been based on a probability sample. Prior to 1961, a quota sample was used.

This report has been compiled in response to numerous requests for Iowa Poll background information. The report is available in very limited quantities. If you find this useful and helpful, we would appreciate a word from you as guidance in the future distribution of these reports.

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THIS IDEA of consolidating Iowa's 19 county governments for efficiency and tax-saving does not appeal to many Iowans. THE IOWA POLL reports:

A majority — 47 per cent — opposes such a plan, while 24 per cent favor it and 29 per cent have no opinion.

Those opposing consolidation feel county government is "the right" and "consolidation wouldn't work."

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Two thirds favor it combined, "more efficient" and "more government now" and "wouldn't save any money."

Others opposing say "it would hurt money and jobs" and "wouldn't save any money."

"Would Save Tax Money"

Those in favor consolidation believe it would save money and jobs and be more efficient.

The poll results in 1958 were 47% favor consolidation, 24% oppose and 29% no opinion.

Ray L. Miller, executive director of the Des Moines Bureau of Municipal Research, said the July 1958 poll actually for consolidation to merge 1958 jobs in the 1959-60 year.

Dr. Donald A. Stone, of the Iowa State University political science department, said last year that studies showed there are economies to be made by merger. He said cost of county government for each person would decrease as population of county is greater up to 110,000 people.

"How About Your Own?"

Some say "Yes, better and better way to go."

Some say "No, county government is the best way to go. It has been suggested that it could be more efficient and also save the money it costs county governments very substantial money you just don't see."

or oppose consolidating YOUR county government with another county?

Total	47%	24%	29%
Oppose	47%	24%	29%
Wouldn't work	47%	24%	29%
More efficient	24%	24%	29%
Save money	24%	24%	29%
Save jobs	24%	24%	29%
More efficient	24%	24%	29%
Save money	24%	24%	29%
Save jobs	24%	24%	29%

Why They're Opposed

Those who oppose consolidation give the following reasons:

County government all right ... 47%

Too much work it combined ... 47%

Wouldn't work ... 47%

More efficient ... 24%

Save money and jobs ... 24%

County government now the best ... 24%

Save money ... 24%

Save jobs ... 24%

More efficient ... 24%

Save money ... 24%

Save jobs ... 24%