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**Josh Mandel maintains Consistent and Commanding Double-Digit lead in Ohio Senate race**

**Vance calling Trump voters Racists continues to haunt him; Timken drops to 4th place**

A new poll conducted September 20-23 by WPA Intelligence shows that Marine Corps veteran and Conservative Trump warrior Josh Mandel holds a commanding lead in the race for Ohio's Senate seat. JD Vance is in second place, 24-points behind Mandel, and Jane Timken is now in a distant 4th place. The results released September 25th are:

- **Josh Mandel – 37%**
- J.D. Vance – 13%
- Mike Gibbons – 8%
- Jane Timken – 6%
- Matt Dolan – 3%
- Bernie Moreno – 1%
- Other – 6%
- Undecided/Other – 26%

**Mandel's Consistent and Commanding Double-Digit Lead**

Mandel is the clear and wide frontrunner in the U.S. Senate race, in large part due to his full-throated, consistent and unwavering support of President Trump and the Trump America First agenda.  As Ohio's largest newspaper The Cleveland Plain Dealer recently said, "Unlike other major Senate candidates, Mandel has no public history of criticizing or distancing himself from Trump."

**Vance's Never-Trump History**

JD Vance's poor showing in the poll is a result of a botched campaign rollout where it was revealed that he called Trump supporters "racists" and gave dozens of interviews to the left-wing media where he said he was a "Never Trumper" and that he thinks Trump is "noxious and reprehensible".  Vance even said he was strongly considering voting for Hillary Clinton before he eventually voted for Evan McMullin over Donald Trump.  Then last month, after announcing his candidacy, Vance told Time Magazine that in order to support Trump at this point he would have to "suck it up."

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In an attempt to overcome Vance's Never-Trump background, his super PAC has already spent over $2 million, but his candidacy is not gaining momentum as he is widely known as a "Never Trumper" in Ohio.

## Timken Drops to a distant 4th place

Jane Timken has spent over $700,000 on television and radio ads, only to see her polling numbers plummet. Republican voters will never forgive her for defending Anthony Gonzalez's vote to impeach President Trump and that she called the impeachment "rational" and that she "didn't know" how she would vote on impeachment. Timken was then booed at President Trump's recent rally in Ohio when the President polled the crowd on the Ohio Senate race.

### Methodology

WPA Intelligence conducted a study of Republican Primary Voters in Ohio.

WPA selected a random sample of registered voters from the Ohio voter file using Probability Proportionate to Size sampling (PPS) using a primary turnout model. The sample for this survey was stratified based on geography, age, gender, and cells (61%). This methodology allows us to avoid post-survey "weighting" which can reduce the reliability of survey results.

Respondents were contacted by phone via a live operator September 20-23, 2021. The study has a sample size of n=510 Republican Primary Voters, a margin of error of ±4.3%.

### About WPA Intelligence

Since 1998, WPA Intelligence has been a leading provider of survey research, predictive analytics and technology for corporations, educational institutions, public affairs programs, non-profits, and campaigns from President to Governor, U.S. Congress, and local elections in all 50 states and multiple foreign countries. In the 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 cycles, WPAi's polling and analytics plotted the course for multiple winning Senate, Governor, and House campaigns.

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