



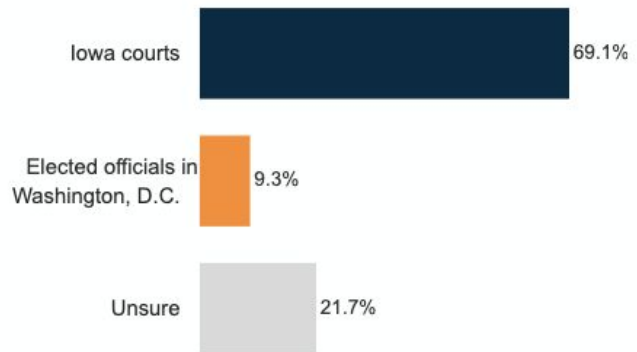
IOWA CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 – SURVEY MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 14, 2020
TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Brock McCleary – Vice President of Polling
RE: Survey of Likely Voters

The information below was gathered by [CygnaL](#) through an advanced multi-mode survey of likely voters in Iowa Congressional District 2, conducted December 12, 2020 – December 13, 2020. This survey has a sample size of n400 and a MoE of ±4.90% at a 95% confidence interval.

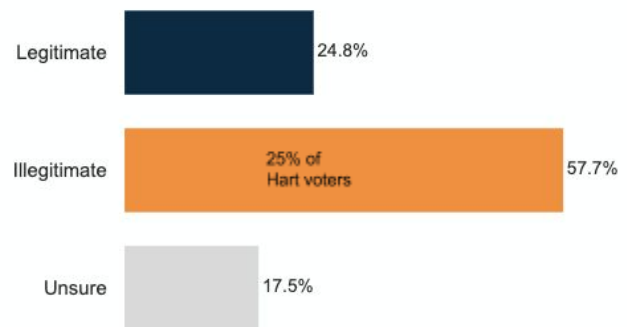
Iowans agree: disputes about the results of an election should be decided by Iowa’s courts, NOT elected officials in Washington, D.C.

7-in-10 voters in Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District say a dispute about election results should be decided by Iowa’s courts, as outlined in the law. A mere 9% would want such a dispute decided by elected officials in DC. This includes two-thirds of voters who say they voted for Rita Hart in the November election (66%).



If the House installs Hart as Congresswoman, she will be viewed as illegitimate.

A 58% majority of voters say that if the House of Representatives voted to overturn the state-certified election results and install Rita Hart in Congress, they would view her as an illegitimate member. Majorities of voters in the key Davenport (58%) and Des Moines (69%) media markets would view her as illegitimate, as would a plurality of voters in the Cedar Rapids DMA (44%). **Even a quarter of Hart’s own voters would view her as illegitimate (25%).**



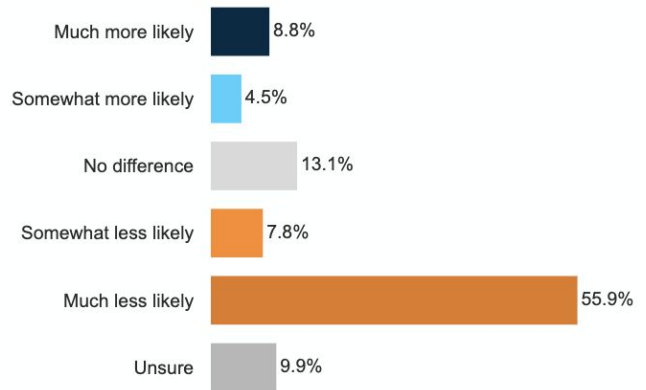
Fully 63% of voters disagree with Rita Hart’s decision to appeal directly to the Democrat-led House of Representatives to review the results of the election.

The vast majority of Iowa CD-2 voters disagree with Hart’s decision to appeal the results, which have been certified by a unanimous vote of the bipartisan Iowa State Canvassing Board (63% disagree). **More than a third of voters who supported Hart in the November election say she’s making the wrong decision on this appeal (35%).**



Hart's appeal has lasting, negative electoral effects.

Almost two-thirds of likely voters would be less likely to vote for a candidate who supports allowing Nancy Pelosi and the House of Representatives to overturn Iowa's state-certified results and seat a different candidate (64%). This includes a majority who would be *much* less likely (56%). **Voters who say they backed Hart in the November election would be net-less likely to support such a candidate (-10).**



What's more, if Nancy Pelosi and the House of Representatives overturn Iowa's state-certified results and seat Rita Hart in Congress, a majority would be less likely to vote for Rita Hart in a hypothetical 2022 election (56% less likely). Just 18% would be more likely to vote for her.

METHODOLOGY: This probabilistic survey was conducted December 12 – 13, 2020, with 400 likely voters. It has a margin of error of ±4.90%. Known registered voters were interviewed via IVR and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely voter universe.

ABOUT THE FIRM: [Cygnal](#) is an award-winning national public opinion and predictive analytics firm that pioneered multi-mode polling, peer-to-peer text collection, and Political Emotive Analysis. Cygnal was recently named the #1 Republican private pollster by Nate Silver's [FiveThirtyEight](#), as well as the #1 most accurate polling and research firm in the country for 2018 by [The New York Times](#). Its team members have worked in 47 states and countries on more than 1,500 corporate, public affairs, and political campaigns.

