

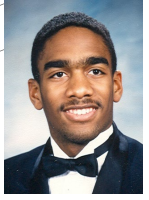


2024 “Presidential Preference Poll” Voter Feedback and Analysis

Daryl Acumen, MBA

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Personal Support Computers



Cubus Corporation



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M.S. Data Science,
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Signature Thresholds

State	Registered Voters	State House	State Senate	U.S. House	U.S. Senate	Governor	President
Utah	1,726,066	1,000	2,000	7,000	28,000	28,000	-
Indiana	4,674,413	0	0	0	4,500	4,500	4,500
Virginia	5,976,125	125	250	1,000	12,000	12,000	2,200
Texas	15,831,573	500	500	500	5,000	5,000	5,000
Colorado	4,520,907	1,000	1,000	1,500	10,500	10,500	5,000
Arizona	4,109,270	200	200	2,616	21,047	21,047	25,000
Washington	4,867,913	568	568	1,740	1,740	1,900	-

“A state has a legitimate interest in requiring a showing of a **"significant modicum of support"** before it prints on the state election ballot the name of a political party and its slate of candidates. This serves the important state interest of avoiding "confusion, deception, and even frustration of the democratic process at the general election." *Jenness v. Fortson*, 403 U.S. 431, 442, 91 S.Ct. 1970, 29 L.Ed.2d 554 (1971). Furthermore, the states "have important interests in protecting the integrity of their political processes from frivolous or fraudulent candidacies, in ensuring that their election processes are efficient, in avoiding voter confusion caused by an overcrowded ballot, and in avoiding the expense and burden of run-off elections." *Clements v. Fashing*, 457 U.S. 957, 102 S.Ct. 2836, 73 L.Ed.2d 508 (1982)” - *Utah Republican Party v. Cox*, 885 F.3d 1219 (10th Cir. 2018)

A “Private” Organization?

Supreme Court Outlaws 'White Primary' In Texas

Hill 'X' Ordered To At All Cost
 SS MURPHY SLIDES DOWN THE WAYS
 EPOCHAL DECISION OPENS DOORS TO NEGRO VOTERS THROUGHOUT SOUTH

Having won the Texas Primary case, plaintiffs of who interfere with the right of Negroes to vote in the State of Texas.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U.S. Supreme Court today held that exclusion of Negroes from the primary election in Texas was unconstitutional. The decision, which had reached an opposite result, was concurred in by seven Justices, with Chief Justice Roberts dissenting.

"The United States is a constitutional democracy," said Mr. Justice Brandeis in the majority opinion. "The regular law grants to all citizens a right to participate in the choice of elected officials without restriction by any State because of race. This grant to the people of the opportunity for choice is not to be denied to any citizen because of race. This grant to the people of the opportunity for choice is not to be denied to any citizen because of race. This grant to the people of the opportunity for choice is not to be denied to any citizen because of race."

PRIMARY VOTING
 The effect of this decision is to remove from the "white-only" primary election in Texas the barrier which has prevented Negro voters from participating in the selection of party nominees for office. The decision is a landmark in the history of the Negro in this country, and it is a step toward the realization of the dream of equality for all citizens.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
 HOUSTON DIVISION
 Civil Action No. 645

LONNIE E. SMITH
 vs
 S. E. ALLWRIGHT, Election Judge
 and JAMES J. LIUZZA, Associates
 Election Judge, 48th Precinct
 of Harris County, Texas.

On the 11th day of May, A.D. 1942 came on to be heard before the Court, and at a regular term thereof, the above entitled and numbered cause, wherein plaintiff Lonnie E. Smith, sought to recover of and against the defendants, S. E. Allwright, Election Judge and James J. Liuzza, Associate Election Judge, 48th Precinct of Harris County, Texas, \$5,000.00 damages, and for Declaratory Judgment under Section 400, Title 28, U.S.C.A., declaring and adjudging (as stated in Plaintiff's First Amended Bill of Complaint):-

"That the policy, custom or usage of the defendants, and each of them, in denying plaintiff and other qualified Negro electors the right to vote in Democratic Primary Elections in Texas, solely on account of their race or color, is unconstitutional as a violation of Section 2 and 4, of Article 1, and Amendments Fourteen, Fifteen and Seventeen of the United States Constitution"

And the plaintiff and defendants appeared in person and by their counsel of record and answered ready for trial, whereupon the matters in controversy were submitted to the Court, and the Court having received and heard the bills, answers, stipulations, evidence and argument of counsel, is of the opinion that the law and the facts are with the defendants. It is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that plaintiff, Lonnie E. Smith, take nothing against defendants,

“We think that this statutory system for the selection of party nominees for inclusion on the general election ballot makes the party which is required to follow these legislative directions **an agency of the state** in so far as it determines the participants in a primary election. The party takes its character as a state agency from the duties imposed upon it by state statutes; **the duties do not become matters of private law because they are performed by a political party.**” - Smith v. Allwright, 321 U.S. 649 (1944)

Initial Concerns

Why we did it

- The premise of the presidential preference poll was flawed because political parties are not “private” organizations.
- Withheld voters meant the process was doomed to failure.
- 20% of voters could not physically be authenticated.
- There are not enough classrooms in Utah to physically accommodate even moderate primary turnout.
- If turnout fell below capacity, 90% of voters would be disenfranchised.
- The Utah Republican Party lacks the financial resources to match marketing power of a ballot in every mailbox.
- The caucus system is physically designed to minimize participation and to block qualified candidates from the ballot.

Message #1

“On August 19th 2023, the State Central Committee of the Utah Republican Party decided that **the Utah Republican Party will NOT hold a Presidential Primary election in 2024.**

While your Democratic and Unaffiliated neighbors all received ballots in the mail this week for the 2024 Presidential Primary, YOU WILL NOT!!!

If you are ok with this decision, reply "Yes" to this message to indicate your support.

If you believe that your right to vote is important and should be protected, then call the Utah Republican Party at **(435) 666-2024** or email Republican Party Chairman Rob Axson at **Chair@utahgop.org** to express your concerns.

Thank you.”

Sent to 161,895 recipients

Email responses

The screenshot shows an email interface for the domain chair@utahgop.org. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Compose, Mail, Contacts, Calendar, Settings, Webmail Home, Light mode, About, and Logout. The main inbox area displays a list of messages from February 15, 2024, with the following subjects:

- No choice?
- This is bull crap everyone should be abl...
- right to vote
- Concern
- This is. It right now
- Primary Election
- Republican Primary
- Republican concern
- (no subject)
- Dear sir,Every American has the right to ...
- Primary election.
- Primary Voting

The selected email is from dixie sperry, dated 2024-02-15 13:51. The email body contains the following text:

This is bull crap everyone should be able to vote. Did the republicans party fall asleep. The Democrats are always one step I head because they are crooks

From dixie sperry on 2024-02-15 13:51
Sent from my iPhone

1,702 emails sent and ~400 phone calls received.

March 5th Aftermath

The Park Record. Park City and Summit County News

Utah Republicans will forgo presidential primary election for preference poll on caucus night

by Terie Barnhart
January 28, 2024

Utah's Super Tuesday caucus left Republicans frustrated. It wasn't the first time.

Utah Republican 2024 primary turnout appears to be much lower than in years past, even when compared to another chaotic caucus night.



Tuesday's GOP caucus presidential vote had 9% turnout. What went wrong?

Republican voters may have been dissuaded by an uncompetitive primary, confusing changes and long waits

Published: March 8, 2024, 12:06 p.m. MST

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**I Have \$500k—
Am I Ready for**

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Utah GOP is ditching the presidential primary in 2024. Here's how you can vote for a Republican.

The Utah Republican Party will bypass the Super Tuesday primary election in favor of a preferential ballot process.

Target GOP voters: ... a presidential preference poll in 2024, not ...



Opinion: The tragedy of Utah's caucus

Less than 10% of registered Republicans participated on caucus night

What the heck is a presidential preference poll? And other questions, answered

Utah Women Run, a nonpartisan initiative hosted by the Hinckley Institute of Politics, will be holding a training session on Feb. 22

Published: Feb 20, 2024, 1:48 p.m. MST

VIEW COMMENTS SHARE

Specials on 2024 New Trucks

New Truck Sales Near You. Save Big on Top Brands.

With the Legislature in the rear-view mirror, Utah's political community turned to political party caucuses and presidential politics last week. As your lovable (in a grandfatherly sort of way) commentators, we weigh in on the consequences to our state.

March 5 was *Super Tuesday* for Republican and Democratic presidential preferences in 16 states, including Utah. Local Democrats chose traditional primary balloting while the Utah GOP opted presidential voters to caucus attendees ...

Utah GOP caucus night overwhelmed by turnout in some precincts

by Heidi Hatch, KUTV | Tue, March 5th 2024 at 9:08 PM
Updated Wed, March 6th 2024 at 1:13 PM

Utah GOP caucus night overwhelmed by turnout in some precincts on Mar. 5, 2024 (Photo: House District 49/ Fort Herriman Middle School)

TOPICS: UTAH GOP CAUCUS REGISTRATION ISSUES VOTER FRUSTRATION LONG LINES PRIMARY ELECTIONS ONLINE REGISTRATION

Some Utah Republicans sound off against caucus system after 'chaotic' Super Tuesday

by Derick Fox
Posted: Mar 6, 2024 / 07:53 AM MST
Updated: Mar 6, 2024 / 08:20 AM MST

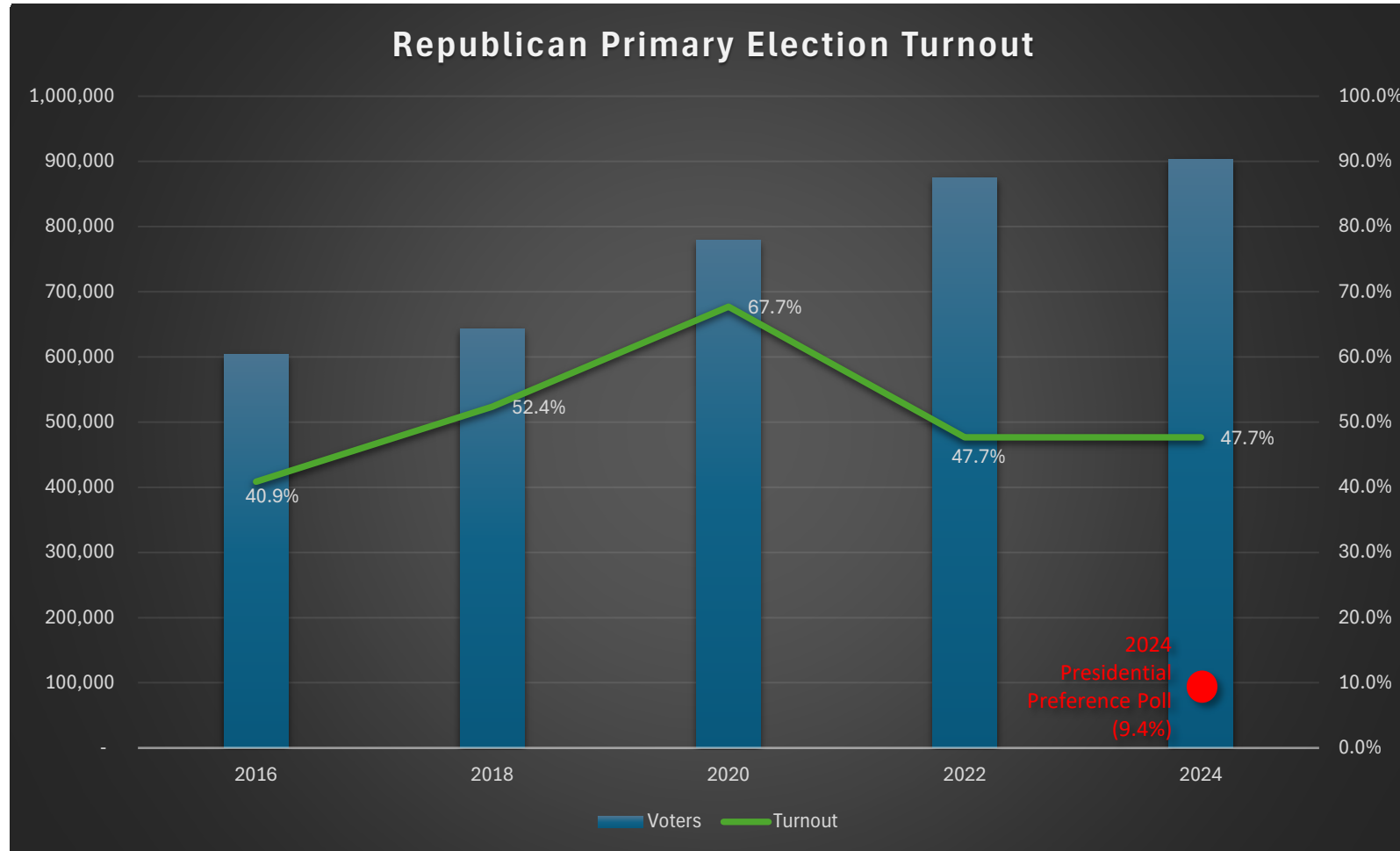
SALT LAKE CITY (ABC4) — This year's Republican presidential nomination process looked a little bit different in Utah. Instead of holding a state-run primary for voters to participate, the Republican party opted to hold public meetings with party voters to determine Utah's preferred nominee.

What resulted was a **chaotic scene** and, if social media is any measurement, Utah voters appear to be unmotivated to do it again.

PREVIOUS: Super Tuesday trouble: Delays reported in Salt Lake, Box Elder caucuses among others

Several counties throughout the state reported troubles and delays. Caucuses that were scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. had issues with QR codes used to check-in. The online system used to register voters for the caucus also reportedly had gone down throughout the day. Long lines slowed the

Primary Turnout



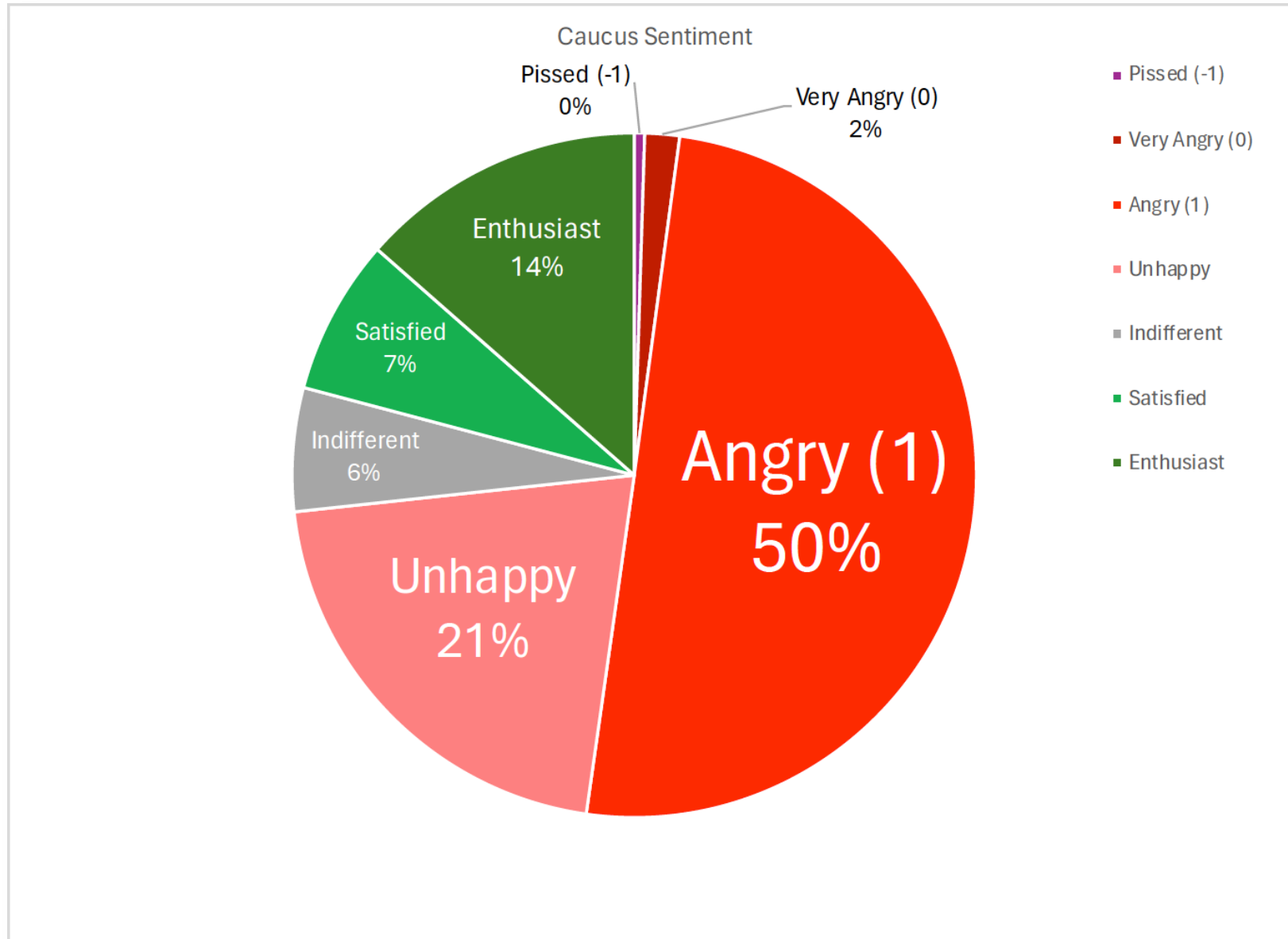
Message #2

“On a scale of 1 to 5 (**5 = Very Satisfied, 1 = Very Unsatisfied**), how would you rate your experience with the Utah Republican Party's Presidential Preference Poll on Tuesday, March 5th.

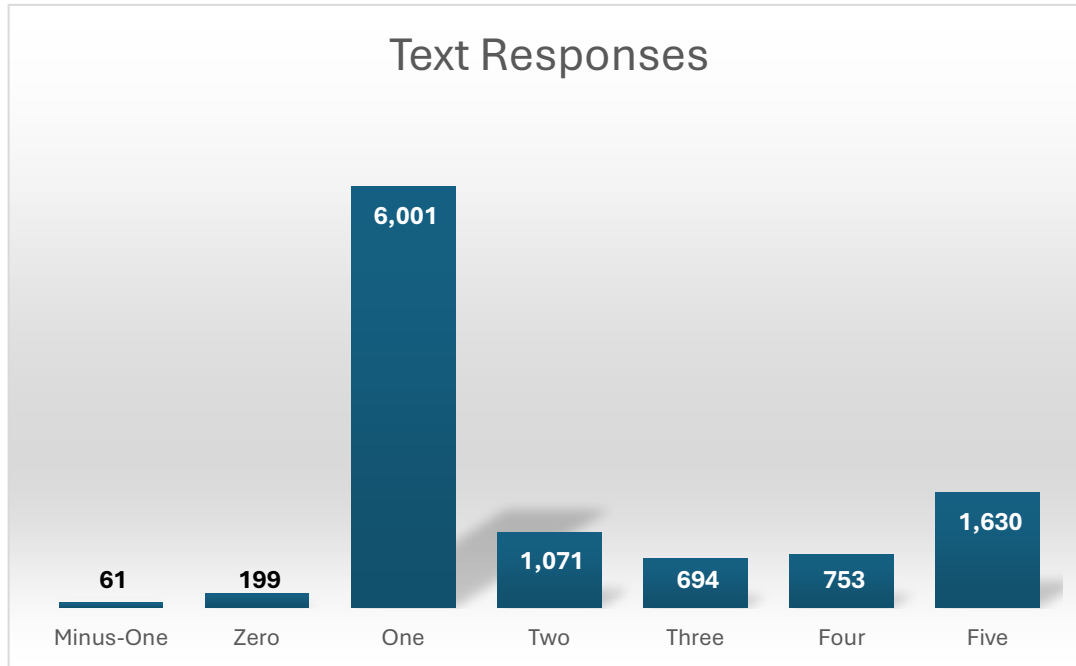
If you have specific feedback about your caucus experience or the party's decision to hold a "preference poll" at caucus instead of a Primary election, you can contact Utah Republican Party Chairman Rob Axson at **chair@utahgop.org** or respond to this text.”

Sent to 410,356 recipients

Statewide results



Statewide results



Minus-One	61
Zero	199
One	6,001
Two	1,071
Three	694
Four	753
Five	1,630

One	53.5%
One/Two	62.6%
Unhappy	72.8%
Happy	21.4%
Four/Five	20.4%
Five	13.9%

Statistical Significance

Given probability $Q = 95$

The z value is: 1.959964

Population size (N): 902611

Sample size(n): 11705

Sample proportion (p): 72.8

Target proportion (t): 50

Confidence Interval (ci): 3

FPC (fpc): 0.98703315!

Confidence Interval (CI): 0.8009

Raw Sample Size (SS): 1,067

Adjusted Sample Size (aSS): 1,065

Sigma (sigma): 0.4086

Gap (gap): -22.80

Deviations (dev): -55.80

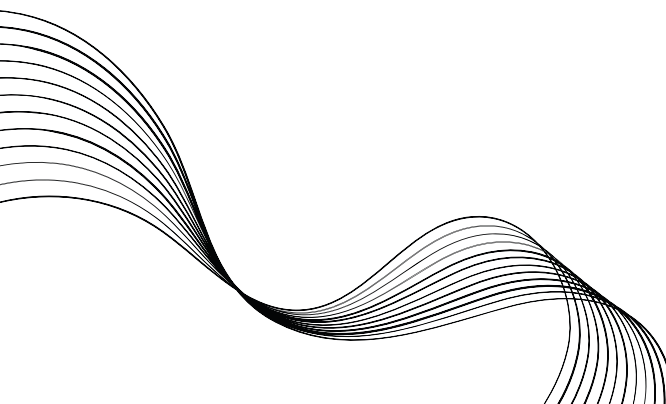
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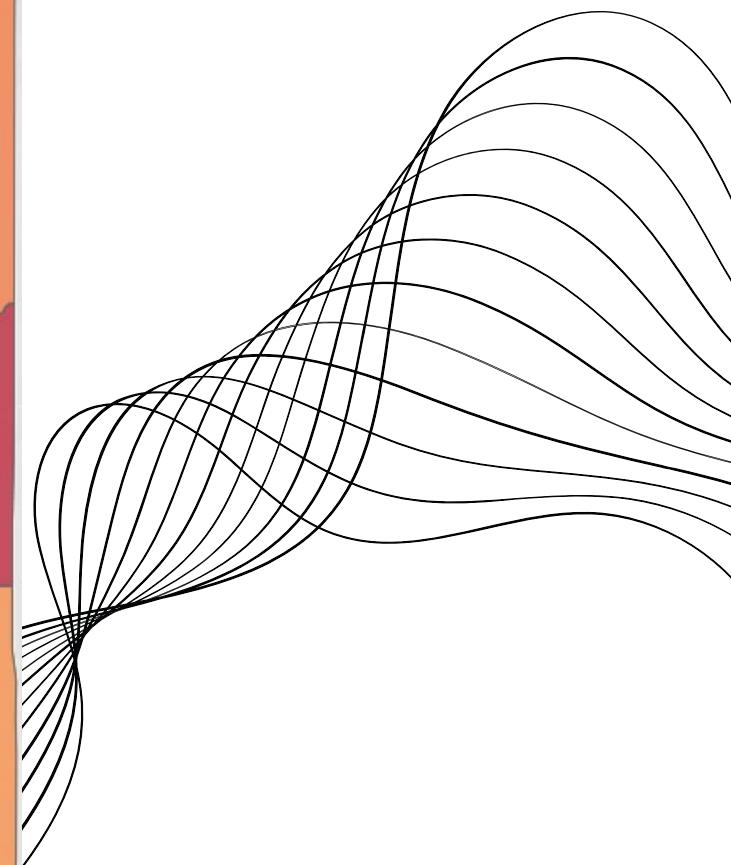
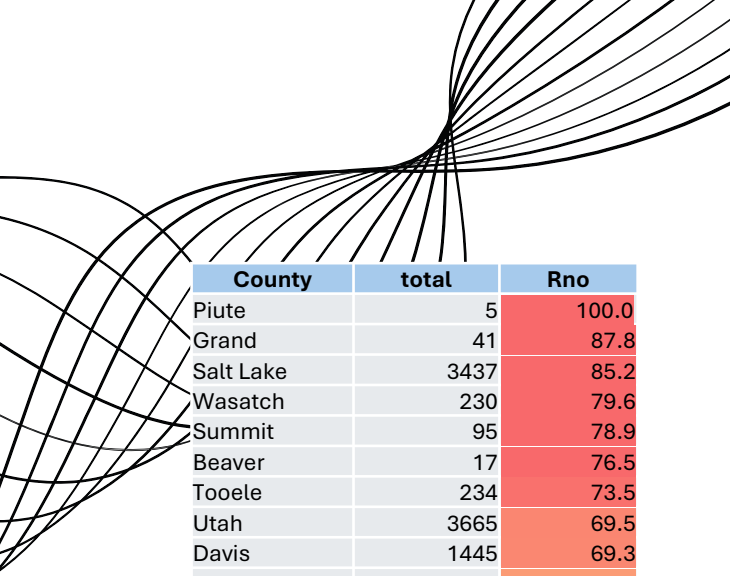
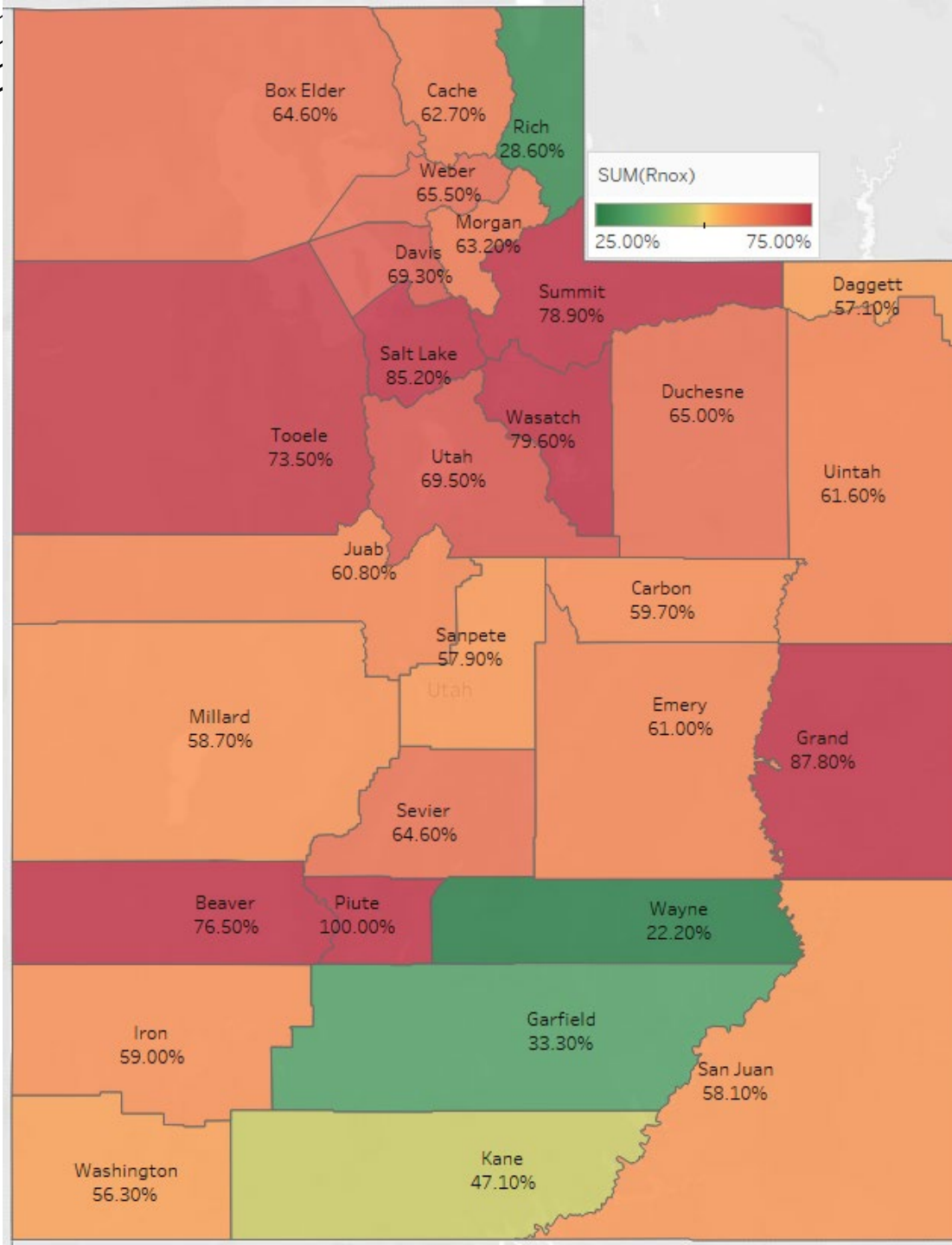
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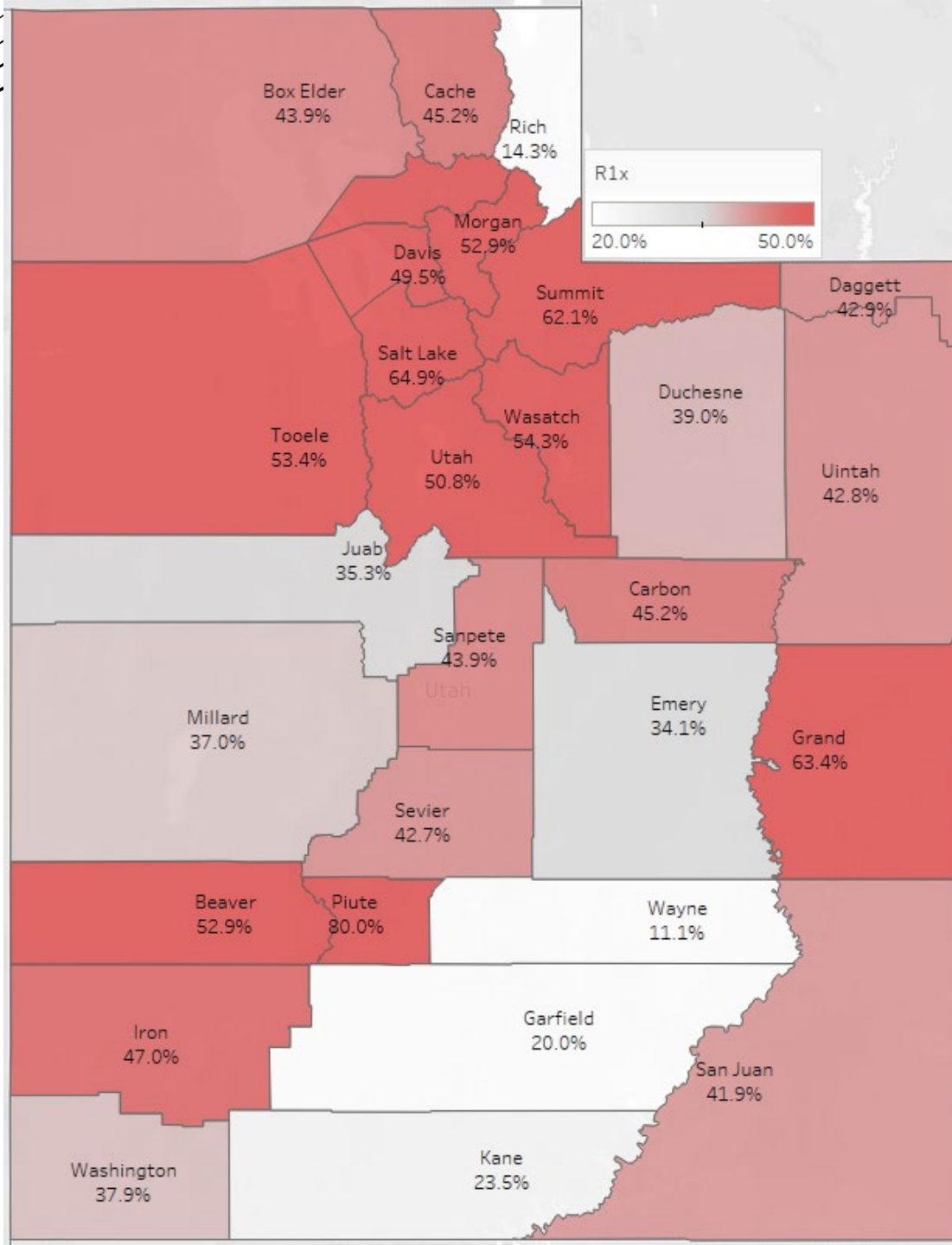
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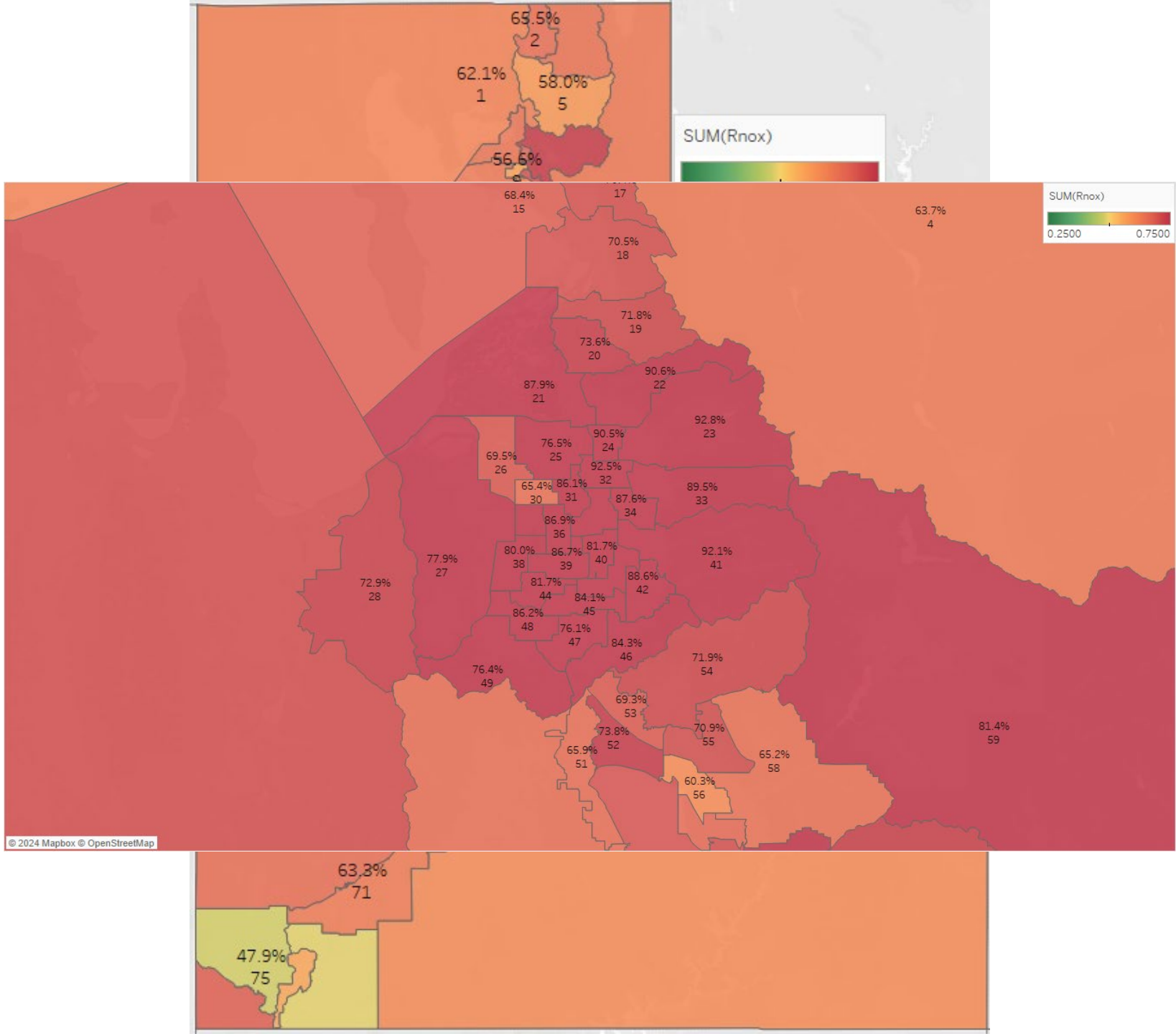
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Grand	41	87.8
Salt Lake	3437	85.2
Wasatch	230	79.6
Summit	95	78.9
Beaver	17	76.5
Tooele	234	73.5
Utah	3665	69.5
Davis	1445	69.3
Weber	571	65.5
Duchesne	100	65.0
Box Elder	198	64.6
Sevier	82	64.6
Morgan	68	63.2
Cache	440	62.7
Uintah	138	61.6
Emery	41	61.0
Juab	51	60.8
Carbon	62	59.7
Iron	134	59.0
Millard	46	58.7
San Juan	31	58.1
Sanpete	107	57.9
Daggett	7	57.1
Washington	412	56.3
Kane	17	47.1
Garfield	15	33.3
Rich	7	28.6
Wayne	9	22.2



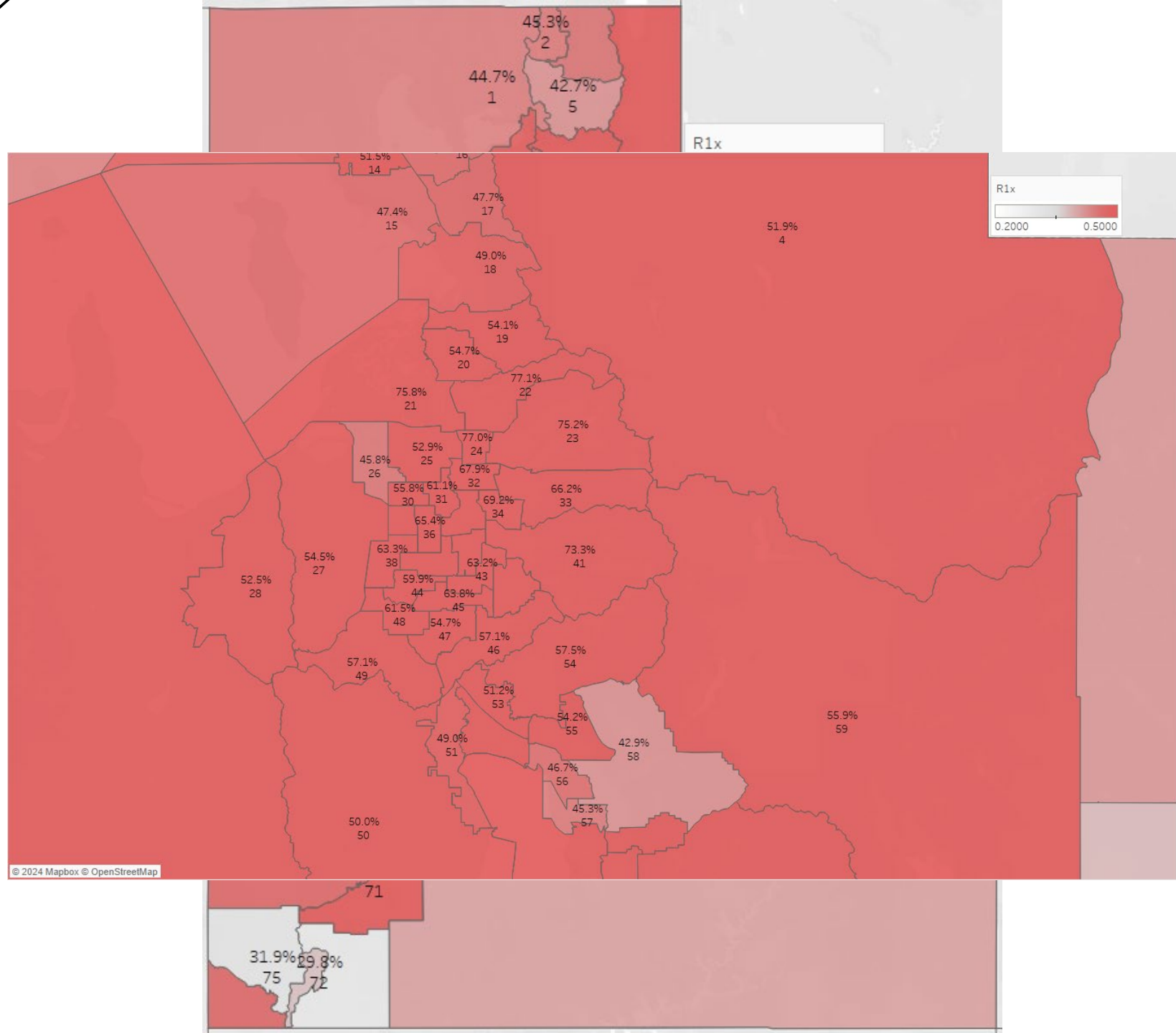
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Uintah	138	42.8
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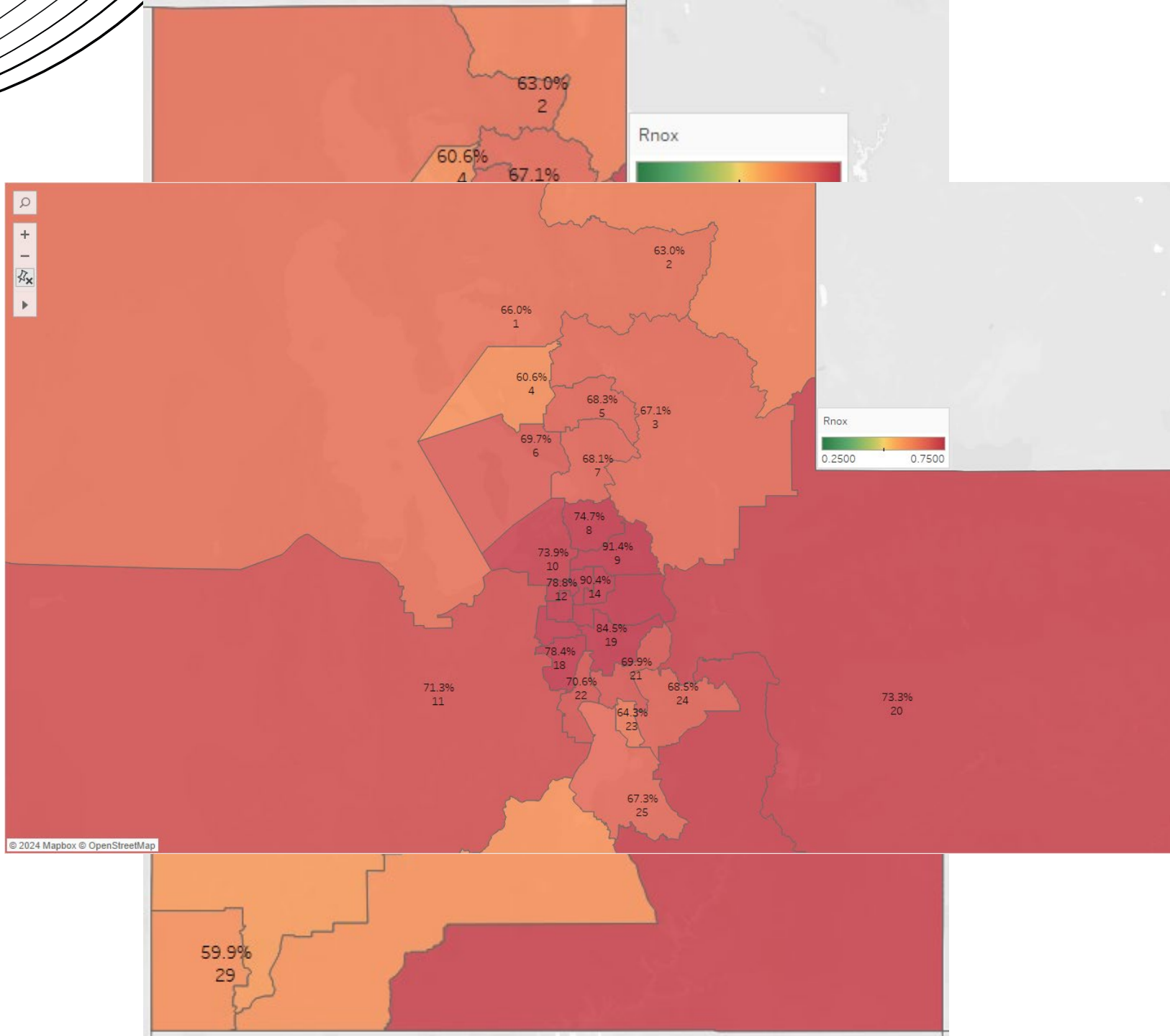
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35	180	91.1	26	59	69.5
22	96	90.6	53	254	69.3
24	74	90.5	65	244	69.3
33	287	89.5	15	190	68.4
42	70	88.6	74	120	68.3
21	33	87.9	7	109	67.0
43	106	87.7	57	203	66.5
34	185	87.6	51	255	65.9
36	191	86.9	50	174	65.5
39	150	86.7	70	139	65.5
48	174	86.2	2	139	65.5
31	72	86.1	30	52	65.4
37	71	84.5	58	394	65.2
46	140	84.3	6	144	64.6
45	138	84.1	3	107	64.5
40	115	81.7	13	119	63.9
44	197	81.7	12	119	63.9
59	247	81.4	4	135	63.7
62	152	80.3	71	90	63.3
38	120	80.0	68	169	63.3
27	77	77.9	16	150	62.7
25	17	76.5	11	69	62.3
49	161	76.4	1	132	62.1
47	159	76.1	69	124	60.5
60	91	75.8	56	184	60.3
52	214	73.8	67	140	59.3
20	148	73.6	66	160	58.1
8	94	73.4	5	157	58.0
63	345	73.0	9	76	56.6
28	118	72.9	73	95	55.8
54	409	71.9	72	94	48.9
19	209	71.8	75	94	47.9
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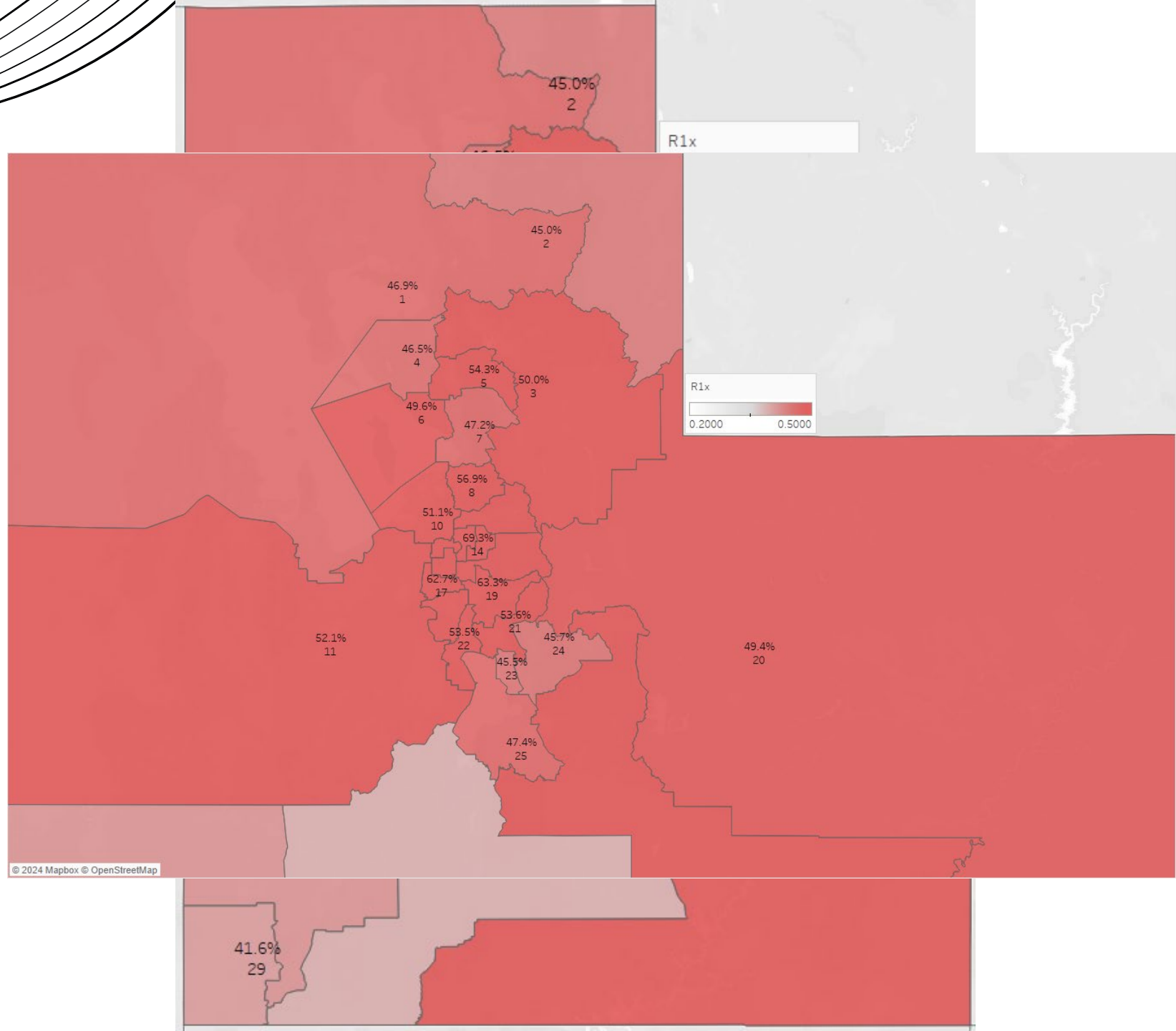
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14	606	90.4
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15	337	85.8
16	411	84.9
19	341	84.5
17	512	83.8
12	170	78.8
18	370	78.4
8	443	74.7
10	92	73.9
26	579	73.4
20	468	73.3
11	334	71.3
22	548	70.6
21	826	69.9
6	347	69.7
24	543	68.5
5	186	68.3
7	555	68.1
25	553	67.3
3	258	67.1
1	373	66.0
23	490	64.3
2	338	63.0
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We as constituents of Park City only voted for President. We were not able to vote for any of the down ballot races. I was told that the various state and county [delegates] that we elected would represent us and vote on our behalf.

This is very concerning. There was no discussion of any of these candidates. There was nothing explained for how this process works.

It defeats the whole concept of popular vote and felt like my vote was taken away from me.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I feel that voting in a caucus setting may have the unintended consequence of suppressing voices and votes because they definitely get emotional and you're voting among your friends and neighbors.

I would much prefer a ballot where I can vote in privacy.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

It is a shame [the preference poll] was such a bad experience. My 20 year-old son came with me and vowed to never again attend a local event. We need to show young people that civic participation is rewarding and valuable.

The need is particularly acute today because we have a 77-year-old man running against an 81-year-old man for the presidency.

What are young people supposed to think about politics right now? Politics comes across as out of date, out of touch, and incompetent.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

My husband had to be rushed from his root canal to vote... we barely made it.

There was little to no advertising outside of the Republican inner circle as to where people needed to vote and how to check their voter status.

This needs to be done publicly if we keep the system where we have to separate ourselves to vote.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

The decision to select the presidential nominee through community caucus meetings instead of a traditional primary left many of us confused.

While the intent was to restore a sense of community in politics, the reality was chaos at several caucus locations.

As a father who works, I do not have time to stand around and wait for the theatrics of the caucus, this appeals to only a portion of the demographic republicans.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

During this process, while choosing our local representatives I WITNESSED TWO PEOPLE LEAVE because it was so late!

One person [who left] was a school teacher I know, she was grading students papers while attending. She wakes at 5am for work and had to leave to get sleep and prepare for the next day.

Her late husband was a bishop and passed during the pandemic so she is the sole bread winner.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I've attended both county and state conventions in the past, but at age 81 find it difficult to be that involved in politics this year. I have served as precinct chairman several times in the past and well as elected delegate to both conventions many times...

Utah was the laughing stock of the nation and the last state to get the results of their primary election posted and reported by the national news media.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I was extremely disappointed in the Utah GOP leadership holding another caucus and non-binding preference poll. We had 55 people attend the caucus in my precinct which was one half of one percent of the registered voters.

The vote we took is non binding due to the ballot held at the state convention which makes vote a moot point. It was a waste of three hours.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

Last night I was part of the most chaotic night I have ever lived through. What a disaster it was, what an embarrassment, what a disgrace to our party and to democracy in general.

The outcome of our [presidential preference poll] is, frankly, one that could be sued. I nervously looked around for press or reporters, knowing if anyone saw what was happening we would be the laughing stock of the nation.

You talk about election fraud? Last night I saw an election that means nothing because it was so inaccurate you couldn't call it a fair election.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I do have a real problem with the fact [the presidential preference poll] had the appearance of being set up to rig the vote in favor of one candidate.

When they split up into precincts, I only stayed for five minutes. I handed my vote to a kid that I watched grow up.

He stuffed it into a Mamilla envelope along with several other ballots that he had gathered. If I didn't know him so well I would have wondered whether my vote ever got counted.

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Last night I was part of the most chaotic night I have ever lived through. What a disaster it was, what an embarrassment, what a disgrace to our party and to democracy in general.

The outcome of our [presidential preference poll] is, frankly, one that could be sued. I nervously looked around for press or reporters, knowing if anyone saw what was happening we would be the laughing stock of the nation.

You talk about election fraud? Last night I saw an election that means nothing because it was so inaccurate you couldn't call it a fair election.

-Precinct Chair, March 2024

I live on the west side of Salt Lake City, where many people are not financially stable. They are working class people who are elderly, or have young children, or work nights.

I'm calling [Republican party leadership] out for your clear desire to disenfranchise 90% of the Republican voters with this outdated and antiquated caucus.

When Democrats say that Republicans suppress votes and try to disenfranchise voters, they are 100% correct based on what I saw on Super Tuesday. It's shameful and embarrassing.

-State and County Delegate, March 2024

It took me over a month and several attempts before getting a list of registered voters for my precinct. I received it two weeks before the caucus. It was difficult to advertise when we had no contacts.

Once I got a list, I was surprised that some people who I knew were registered Republican voters two years ago were missing from the current list but never changed affiliation.

They came to our caucus and we had to register them as if they were new. I still don't understand that one. Where is the breakdown on this?

-Precinct Secretary, March 2024

I get that one reason [for the presidential poll] is to use the bait of a presidential election to get better turnout for local caucuses...

I feel it is much more important to give as many republicans a voice as possible. Only a small fraction of Utah County Republicans attended the caucus and therefore did not have a vote.

Use our local election professionals who do a much better job of providing a voice of the people!

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I have been caucusing for a very long time. From the days of meeting in homes and talking about the people running, voting for them and sending someone to the County and State Conventions to represent how we felt in our own district.

Now the only purpose for caucusing is to pick someone to run the caucus two years later and picking who will go to convention.

[Delegates] never get an idea of how their district feels. In fact, this time we had someone say, they don't even have to listen to anyone in their district.

-Precinct Secretary, March 2024

I find the caucus system to be exclusionary, particularly for those who are unable to attend caucus meetings.

This can disproportionately affect certain demographics, including working parents, individuals with disabilities, and those living in rural areas.

Moreover, the caucus system can be susceptible to manipulation and undue influence... Tonight's caucus event was a stark reminder of the flaws within the system.

This experience only reinforces the need for reform and highlights the urgent need to address these issues.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I gave up and went home. I think I should have known where to go long before election day.

Having the process to vote be so easy for Democrats but so convoluted for Republican does not make sense to me.

It does not bode well for successful elections as far as they relate to Republicans getting elected in the future.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I'm a lifelong republican and very into local and national politics. I hate the caucus thing.

We didn't do this garbage 20 years ago, and instead of becoming streamlined and simple we've stepped back to some awful, clunky, inefficient time.

Who has 3 hours to waste on a school night with kids, jobs, church duties, and community commitments.

No wonder why the younger generation isn't interested in voting or civic responsibility. Instead of feeling the privilege to vote, last night felt like a burden.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

As a registered Utah Republican, I am very frustrated that the Utah Republican Party continues to rely on the caucus system.

It's been shown several times to fail the Republican voters of Utah. The caucus delegates have chosen candidates that lose in the primary elections to those that the delegates did not elect.

This shows that the delegates do not always represent their constituents.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

[The presidential preference poll] had too many variables for me to believe it was very reliable.

Overall, it did not inspire confidence in the process. It seemed to me to be rife with opportunities to game the system.

I've been a party insider and I saw a system more controlled by party insiders than in other voting situations.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I have always enjoyed gathering with fellow Republicans at the grassroots level.

I have always felt it an honor to participate in the very significant activities that help to vet candidates and will hopefully produce election results that reflect the best of Republican values as stated in our platform.

It underscores the idea that all politics are local.

Last night however was more excruciating than enthralling, more appalling than appealing - so much so in fact that my wife is questioning whether she wants to ever go back to our neighborhood caucus again!

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

I felt then and still feel that a very large portion of the citizens were marginalized and left out of the opportunity to cast a vote.

I realize that there were ways to cast an absentee ballot and some few people probably took advantage of it, however it is my belief that many good Republican voters did not get a fair chance to cast a vote.

My wife as well as many other people are handicapped and this method made it very difficult for them and confusing even to do an absentee ballot.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

[Our precinct chair] and her husband nominated themselves for delegate positions and tried to be the ones counting the ballots, yet thankfully someone spoke up and asked that they be counted by an unbiased observer.

They lost and then threw their hats in the ring for the next position (and lost again). They tried for another position...

We realized they'd been using absentee ballots to help them in their delegate votes (absent district members wouldn't have even known they were running for positions).

The entire night felt like an attempt at disenfranchisement.

-Utah Voter (R), March 2024

“I am embarrassed to be a Utah Republican. First, the caucus seemed designed to limit participation. I can't think of any reason other than that to do a caucus instead of a normal voting election....It could have been worse, I guess, if a helicopter crashed into a caucus building. But other than that, this caucus was as bad as it gets...” – John B.

“I don't have the patience or energy to spend hours playing the caucus game. In the end, the system is just another way of disenfranchising voters.
...” – name withheld

“I believe the party deliberately disenfranchised many voters when they chose the caucuses. Not all people can physically get to the caucuses and the party wasn't clear about the process. It's way too lengthy for many of the elderly...” – John B.

“Words can not express how disappointing the caucus was...The caucus is antidemocratic. By putting up unnecessary barriers to inclusion of all registered Republicans and wasting everyone's time and money you discourage people from voting...” – Gregory F.

“First time in my life of 72 years I [haven't] voted. I use a computer every day all day so I know what I'm doing tech wise. This was a bad idea and poorly executed.
...” – Marianne M.

“It made me angry that they did it this way, instead of a typical primary election, mostly because the requirement to attend in person discriminated against a large number of people who might otherwise have voted. People with disabilities, elderly people, people who had to work, people who were traveling, people in the hospital, the list could go on and on. None of those people got to cast their vote.
...” – Jennifer M.

“Was a disorganized joke, and what is the purpose? making it harder and more time consuming to vote? ...Less transparency, more difficult and time consuming to "vote", no perceivable benefits, so why???” – Mary M.

“I was unsatisfied because I wasn't able to participate without attending a caucus. I'm a busy college student and I want my voice to matter whether or not I'm available on a specific evening...” – Eliza F.

“The caucus system used by the State Republican Party was a disaster...This is just the latest example of the old boys network of elitism that has existed in the Utah State Republican Party for quite some time...” – John H.

“When you move from a primary voting system to the caucus method, it seems as though the few people in power are afraid of what the majority voters would like. So in a bid to consolidate power it was chosen to do something that benefits the elite few rather than the will of the majority...” – Samuel H.

“I hope they never do this again. My health condition made it impossible to attend and your rules essentially eliminated my vote...” – Claudia B.

“...your caucus system has become a mechanism for extreme polarization. Welcome to Germany of the 1930s...” – Gregory F.

“It seems to me that we are disenfranchising voters who have small children and no one to leave them with, as well as some elderly and handicapped people who find it very difficult, if not impossible to attend a caucus meeting. The primary election makes it so much easier for the voter. That is part of the goal, I hope. ...” – Shirley F.

“Preference poll is just a hidden way to say reduce voter turnout. Not everyone can attend caucus meetings and you leave them without a voice. I'd argue it does more harm than good to this party that has become the hypocritical joke of the world's conservatives...” – Jason G.

“I think the decision not to do a real Primary is unconscionable. I have been a lifelong GOP member and have never felt so alienated by the party that purports to represent me...” – Teresa A.

“Designed to discourage turnout. Terrible for democracy. Makes me rethink my party affiliation...” – Brett S.

“Communism! Seems to me that the Democrats want no one else to vote ! The republicans have turned into a bunch of pansies ! What ever happened to standing up for the Constitution of the United States? My father served as a Tank commander for twenty-one years ww2 , Korea and Nam ! This is pathetic . Why is no one standing up for this country...” – Ed B.

“We have voted in every primary and general election since we were 21. Now 84. Did not know about caucus or anything about it...” – Barbara P.

“My wife and I registered for absentee vote but couldn't find anyone to take our ballots. I am 75 and my wife is 73. We both have health issues and feel that we were cheated out of our vote. We could have voted at a polling location earlier in the day, attending a caucus in the cold and dark was not going to work for us!” – Richard J.

“They claim it provides for more involvement by voters. That seems to say we can't have a say if we don't have 2-3 hours on a set night of your choosing. We are smart enough to be informed without your help on primary voting day Hold the caucus on a different day so everyone can vote...” – Vicky C.

“It was an absolute disaster! People were not registered, many could not attend because of small children, they sat in a corner and hand counted votes. That is not secure! Go back to mail in ballots. There is no way this Tuesday disaster was more secure or accurate. Absolute mockery of the political process....” – Denise S.

“I would prefer a primary election over a caucus. As a young mother, I cannot go to such a long event in the evening to make my preference known. It similarly limits participation of people who work evenings, have social anxiety, and a plethora of other issues. I feel like it limits the voices of many people....” – Marian D.

“I think it is a travesty that more people are not included. My 80 year old sister was disgusted that she would be required to leave her house for a caucus when she could have voted by mail from home. I think we need a primary and to do away with the caucus system....” – Tracy F.

“What a joke. Why does this party prevent voters from participating? The mail in primary is so much better. It is embarrassing to the State to be the last one to report voting results. Idiots run the R leadership....” – Kevin S.

“Your disenfranchisement of so many voters by having a one-night disorganized caucus is as bad as Jim Crow laws. What a joke for the purpose of keeping power in hands of a few. D&C 121:39 should be read for your self-righteous persons that call yourself Christian. Worst experience of my lifetime in a primary....” – Kevin S.

“I was very unsatisfied. I went to the health department to vote, only to find that there was no voting. I had a class during the caucus meeting time, so I couldn't vote. That was frustrating to me....” – Ruth L.

“I had a conflict and could not attend. There are few people I would trust with a copy of my driver license and unfortunately, none of them were in my caucus location. I feel that the difficulty in participating in absentia was a significant barrier to being able to make my preference known...” – Deborah B.

“Why has my ballot been taken away??? I am very displeased by the fact that my right to vote has become so complicated this year when it is so important. Why have things changed ? Why are my spouse & I are not receiving a ballot in the mail?? Since when does the PARTY decide that we Republican citizens cannot receive a ballot in the mail any longer but must show up in person @ the Caucus meeting. What if we are sick, what if there's been a death in the family (G-d forbid) , what if we are out of town, or have to work the evening of the caucus?? This is very upsetting to me. I think the party is manipulating our right to vote & that this policy is going to skew the Presidential Primary Election . It's wrong to have it being done this way & limiting our right as Republicans to vote....” – Richard J.

“I am writing to tell you that I am very disappointed that the Utah Republican Party decided against having a Presidential Republican Primary Election this year. I am a registered Republican and have been for 40 years. It seems to me that, over the past several years, the Republican leaders in our state have made decisions...” – Vicky C.

“I felt like the Republicans stole my God given rite to vote...” – Henry C.

“The caucus system as run by party insiders is designed to take away my vote. Those in power fear a vote because their agendas are at risk. The caucus system is designed to protect their power. We need a fair primary...” – Mark R.

“My Republican neighbor who was ill Tuesday could not vote. There was no alternative for her. The running of the voting was a joke. A clown show....” – Julie M.

“Completely unorganized and right in the middle of bedtime for parents. The time really catered to a certain empty nester Republican demographic. It should be an open primary....” – Courtney P.

“We do not like the caucus system. It is not representative. No one we know went to one. We're embarrassed to be Republicans...” – Margaret J.

“I rate it a 0. This was a total fiasco and very discriminating against senior citizens. The process was confusing and totally took away our right to vote. I'm not sure Trump would have carried Utah had the seniors been allowed to participate. I'm so mad at the Utah Republican Party over this scam I'm switching to Independent. That Rob Axson should be fired immediately....” – Richard J.

“Not everyone can make it to caucus. With the primary voting I was able to vote when I had time. I feel like I was cheated out of voting this year...” – Jared J.

“Very unsatisfied. And how ironic is it that the header of your message is an image of a vote by mail ballot that we were denied this year? Deciding to hold a caucus was a terrible mistake. I feel as if my right to a private vote, unencumbered by public pressure, has been taken from me. **As a veteran**, I feel my country is, slowly but surely, leaving behind the core values for which I fought and sacrificed....” – Vicky C.

“I was extremely disappointed that I was restricted in casting my vote in a Republican primary. Shame on the decision makers for creating such a catastrophic event to replace the opportunity to go to a polling place and cast his/her constitutional rights vote for the candidate of choice....” – Charles K.

““Preference polls ” indicate the Utah Republican Party really doesn't care what it's members think and our opinions were only for show. It was clear the party already knew what it was going to do, but were afraid of letting a true vote happen, because maybe the vote would have gone against what party leadership (national or local) wanted to happen. Very disappointed in sham...” – Katie G.

“I wasn't able to vote because I was out of town. The most stupid way to vote! Hold a Primary election instead of at a caucus! ...” – Camille T.

“Whoever came up with that idea is a moron...” – Elizabeth F.

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