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**Disavowing Trump had Little Effect on Voters:
Utahns' Partisanship in Down Ballot Voting Changed Little from Prior Years.**

Provo, UT -- Utah's Republican loyalty remains high as voters cast ballots for down ballot Republicans. In a year where Republican voters in Utah were very negative in their views on Trump, it appears that down-ballot Republicans were largely unaffected. This was true even if they did not vote in support of Donald Trump. Very few voters skipped down ballot Republicans.

The criticism of Donald Trump by major Utah Republican candidates like Gov. Gary Herbert and Sen. Mike Lee proved to have little effect on voter's decisions in their candidacies on election day. 75% of voters reported that statements by Republican office holders that they would not endorse Trump had no effect on their voting decision.

Even in Utah's competitive fourth district, 62% of Mia Love's voters indicated that it did not matter if the House candidate in their district said they were not voting for Donald Trump, whereas 19% said they would view that candidate more favorably and 20% said they would view such a candidate less favorably. Overall, there was not much of a Donald Trump effect down ballot, with voters supporting Republican candidates in similar numbers to prior years.

One contentious issue in Utah has been whether to allow Syrian refugees to come to the state. Governor Herbert broke with other Republican Governors by rejecting the call to bar the entry of Syrian refugees in Utah. Among his supporters, the plurality did not want Syrian refugees to come to Utah, however, 38% agreed with Governor Herbert that Syrian Refugees should be allowed to settle here.

The 2016 Utah Colleges Exit Poll had over 2,160 students involved in conducting the survey and over 26,500 Utah voters complete the survey. The survey included samples of by-mail voters and other early voters as well as of Election Day voters statewide.

Full results and additional graphics are available at exitpoll.byu.edu

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Impact of Republican Officials withdrawal of Trump Endorsement

