



Rural Resentment in Montana's 2018 Election

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Literature

- Kathy Cramer, *The Politics of Resentment*
 - “People in rural areas [of Wisconsin] often perceived that government was *particularly* dismissive of the concerns of people in rural communities.”
- Donald Green, Bradley Palmquist, and Eric Schickler, *Partisan Hearts and Minds*
 - “Partisan attachments become highly influential” when it comes to political life.
- Alan I. Abramowitz and Steven W. Webster, *Negative Partisanship*
 - “Americans largely align *against* one party instead of affiliating *with* the other.”

Our Exit Poll

- Survey of Polling Places across Lewis and Clark County

3. Regardless of how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a:

- Democrat
- Independent
- Republican
- No preference

4. How would you describe the place where you live?

- Rural
- Suburban
- Urban

5. How well does the *state* government in Helena represent the values of people in your community?

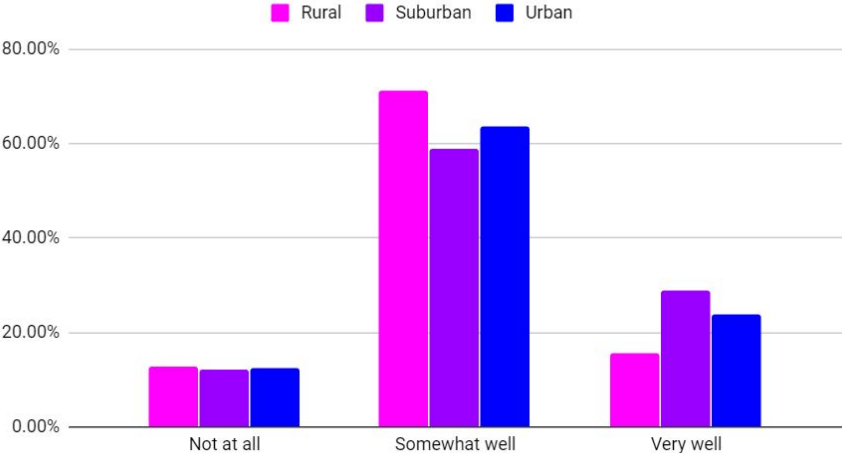
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- Somewhat well
- Not at all

6. How well does the *federal* government in Washington, D.C. represent the values of people in your community?

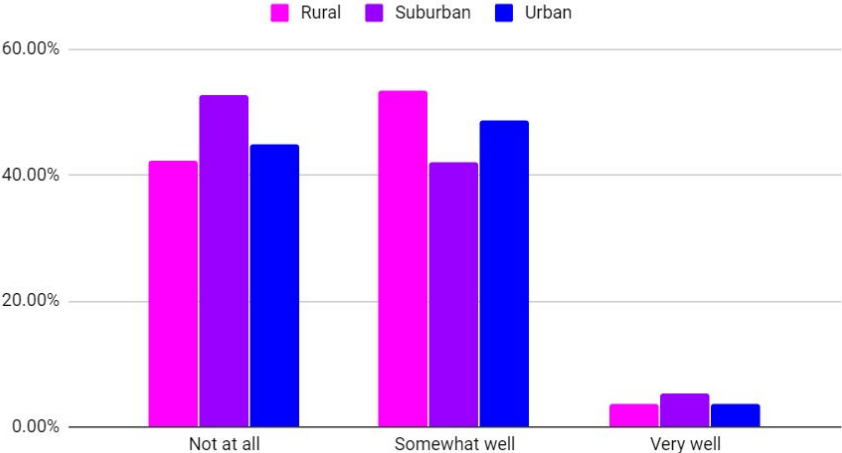
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Rural Numbers

State Representation by Rural Identity

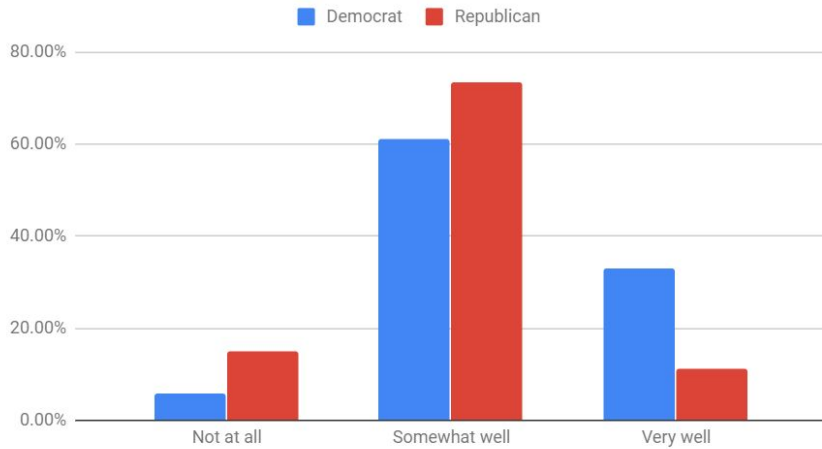


Federal Representation by Rural Identity

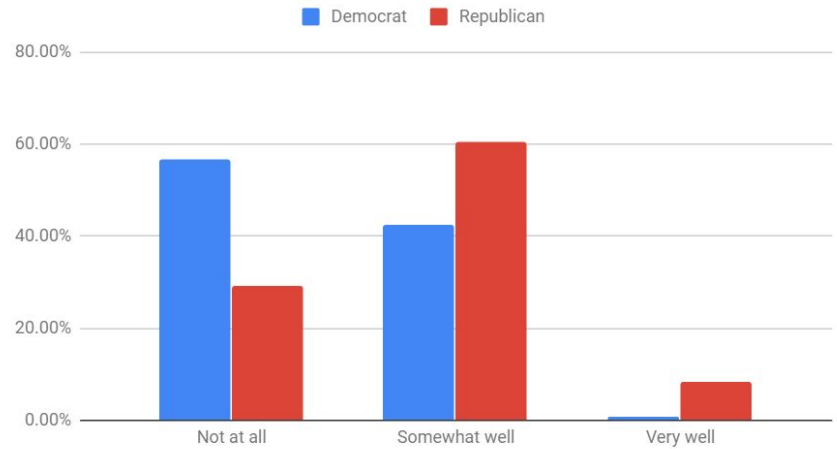


What about Party Identity?

State Representation by Party



Federal Representation by Party



In Conclusion

- Rural Identity was not as important as Party Identity
- Montana's generally feel represented by their state government, but not the federal
- Democrats felt negatively about federal representation