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A new Public Policy Polling survey of Nevada voters finds that Hillary Clinton leads the Presidential race in the state 48/45, and Catherine Cortez Masto leads the Senate race in the state 47/44. Key findings from the survey include:

-74% of voters in the state support prohibiting individuals convicted of committing a hate crime from buying a gun, to only 17% opposed to that. 73% of voters support prohibiting anyone convicted of stalking or domestic abuse from buying a gun, to just 17% opposed to that. And 65% of voters in the state support requiring background checks on all gun sales, to only 30% who are opposed to them.

-His record on gun issues is causing Joe Heck problems in the US Senate race. By a 30 point margin voters say his opposition to prohibiting known terror suspects from buying guns makes them less likely to vote for him, and by a 20 point margin voters say his opposition to background checks legislation makes them less likely to vote for him.

-Voters also don't like the efforts of the gun lobby to influence the Nevada Senate race on Joe Heck's behalf. Only 17% of voters say their support makes them more likely to vote for Heck, compared to 39% who say the gun lobby's support makes them less likely to vote for him.

-Despite a contentious, yearlong campaign around a statewide initiative to require background checks, support for background checks remains strong at a more than 2-to-1 margin (65/30). Undecided voters are even more in favor of background checks than the average voter—among those who are undecided in the Senate race, 75% support background checks on all gun sales to just 11% in opposition.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 688 likely voters on October 31st and November 1st. The margin of error is +/-3.7%. 80% of participants, selected through a list based sample, responded via the phone, while 20% of respondents who did not have landlines conducted the survey over the internet through an opt-in internet panel.

