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Sample Online sample of 600 registered voters in Delaware from March 07 to March 14, 2025.
 Margin of Error ±4.6%

1. Next, you will see the names of some people, groups, and institutions. For each of those, please say if you have a [favorable or unfavorable] view, or if you haven't heard of them.

	Strongly favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Strongly unfavorable	Haven't heard of or don't have an opinion
Elon Musk	21%	16%	11%	49%	4%
The Working Families Party	18%	21%	4%	4%	53%
Unions	31%	37%	16%	8%	8%
Teachers	62%	26%	6%	2%	3%
Corporations	9%	36%	32%	11%	12%
Lawyers who represent corporate executives	7%	23%	32%	17%	21%
Lawyers who represent investors	9%	37%	22%	7%	25%

2. Even if it isn't exactly right, which of the following comes closer to your view:

Delaware should design policies to benefit the residents of Delaware. That means standing up to powerful corporations and billionaires when they try to write laws to benefit them at the expense of ordinary people	68%
The best way to benefit the residents of Delaware is to change the law when companies ask us to in order to ensure that Delaware remains a place where they want to establish their businesses	21%
Not sure	11%
Totals	100%
N	600

3. Even if it isn't exactly right, which of the following comes closer to your view:

Delaware should change its laws to be more favorable to large shareholders like Elon Musk to ensure they want to stay in Delaware	12%
Delaware should change its laws to give more rights to shareholders to protect themselves against executives who take advantage of investors	50%
Delaware laws are working fine as they are, we should keep them the same	24%
Not sure	14%
Totals	100%
N	600

4. Next, you will see the names of some people and groups who may have influence over changes to the laws regarding the governance of companies and shareholders here in Delaware. For each of those, please say if you believe they should have [more influence or less influence] over changes to these laws, or if you are unsure.

	Much more influence than they have now	Somewhat more influence than they have now	Somewhat less influence than they have now	Much less influence than they have now	Not sure
Elon Musk	16%	15%	12%	45%	12%
Public pension funds and other public investors	13%	37%	15%	6%	29%
CEOs and other corporate executives	8%	19%	29%	27%	18%
The Delaware State Legislature	16%	36%	18%	7%	23%
Unions	22%	31%	17%	12%	18%

5. SB21 is proposed legislation being considered by the Delaware State Legislature that will help shield founders and other controlling shareholders from investor lawsuits over conflicts of interest and will limit shareholders' rights to inspect corporate documents. Do you [support or oppose] SB21?

Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	24%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	34%
Totals	100%
N	600

6. Next, consider some additional details about SB21. SB21 would shield founders and other controlling shareholders from investor lawsuits over conflicts of interest and will limit shareholders' rights to inspect corporate documents. With that information in mind, do you [support or oppose] SB21?

Strongly support	8%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	32%
Not sure	24%
Totals	101%
N	600

7. Next, you will read some statements from [supporters and opponents] of SB21. [First], you will read statements from supporters. For each, please indicate if the statement is [very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, not at all convincing] at getting you to support the plan, or if you think the statement is false.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	Statement is false	Don't know
Delaware needs to protect its reputation as a pro-business state. Companies are starting to leave the state because of the burden from lawsuits and court battles. SB21 will keep Delaware the best place to start a business	18%	27%	19%	14%	5%	17%
If SB21 doesn't pass, more businesses will leave the state, which will lead to cuts to vital services like public schools, healthcare and police. If SB21 doesn't pass, Delaware will need to implement a sales or income tax to make up the lost revenue	18%	27%	17%	15%	8%	15%
Businesses need clarity and stability. SB21 will end capricious decisions made by courts and establish clear rules of the road for businesses in Delaware	13%	29%	19%	15%	4%	19%

8. Next, you will read some statements from [supporters and opponents] of SB21. [Now], you will read statements from opponents. For each, please indicate if the statement is [very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, not at all convincing] at getting you to support the plan, or if you think the statement is false.

	Very convincing	Somewhat convincing	Not too convincing	Not at all convincing	Statement is false	Don't know
SB21 was drafted by Elon Musk's lawyers to destroy the rights of shareholders in Delaware. Musk is mad because judges didn't approve a bloated \$56 billion pay package	32%	22%	12%	13%	6%	15%

SB21 will make it easier for companies to take advantage of pensioners, leaving teachers, firefighters and police officers with fewer ways to protect their retirement	29%	25%	13%	9%	6%	17%
SB21 will make it easier for executives to take advantage of investors in a way that benefits them and makes it harder for shareholders to protect themselves	30%	27%	13%	10%	4%	16%

9. Some lawmakers have proposed an alternative to SB21 that would seek to balance shareholder rights with the need to ensure companies want to come to Delaware. Do you think lawmakers should [push forward with SB21, or craft an alternative bill]?

Move forward with SB21	16%
Craft an alternative bill	61%
Not sure	22%
Totals	99%
N	600

10. Are you [more or less] likely to support your state legislator if they voted in favor of legislation crafted by Elon Musk's lawyers to help him receive a \$56 billion compensation package?

Much more likely to support	6%
Somewhat more likely to support	9%
Would not change my support	22%
Somewhat less likely to support	19%
Much less likely to support	44%
Totals	100%
N	600

11. Are you [more or less] likely to support your state legislator if they voted in favor of legislation crafted by Elon Musk's lawyers that could harm pension investors in Delaware?

Much more likely to support	6%
Somewhat more likely to support	8%

Would not change my support	22%
Somewhat less likely to support	24%
Much less likely to support	41%
Totals	101%
N	600

This survey is based on 600 interviews conducted by YouGov and commissioned by Americans for Financial Reform and American Association for Justice on the internet of Delaware registered voters. Some questions withheld for future release. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and Delaware state region based on voter registration lists, the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote, 2022 midterm election turnout, and approximate 2024 Presidential vote based on available results. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.1 to 4.54 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.58.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the subsetted sample is approximately 4.6%. It is calculated using the formula:

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.