

R. T. Rybak  
Frequency Questionnaire

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**611 Respondents**

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Q.2 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

Q.3 Are you a member of the media, an elected official, or do you work for an elected official or candidate for office?

Q.5 Many people weren't able to vote in the 2008 election for president between Barack Obama and John McCain. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

Q.6 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

Q.7 I know it is far off, but what are the chances of your voting in the election for Governor, Congress, and other offices in November, 2010: are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think that things in Minnesota are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Q.9 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and organizations, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or organization. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or organization, please say so.

9. R. T. Rybak
10. Al Franken
11. Tim Pawlenty
12. Amy Klobuchar
13. The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, the DFL
14. Chris Coleman
15. Margaret Anderson Kelliher
16. Matt Entenza
17. Mark Dayton

Q.18 Now, let me ask about the election for Mayor of Minneapolis in November of this year. If the election for Mayor of Minneapolis were held today, would you vote for R. T. Rybak, or would you vote for someone new?

- Definitely R. T. Rybak
- Probably R. T. Rybak
- Lean R. T. Rybak
- Lean someone new
- Probably someone new
- Definitely someone new
- (Don't know/refused)

Q.20 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes R. T. Rybak very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

- 20. On your side
- 21. Reformer
- 22. Trustworthy
- 23. Has changed Minneapolis for the better
- 24. Gets results
- 25. Strong leader
- 26. Stands up to special interests
- 27. Is fiscally responsible
- 28. Stands up for his beliefs

Q.29 Let me read you a series of statements that could be used to describe R. T. Rybak. For each statement, please tell me how favorable this statement makes you feel towards R. T. Rybak -- does it make you feel much more favorable, somewhat more favorable, a little more favorable, or no more favorable towards R. T. Rybak.

29. The grandson of Czech immigrants who settled in New Prague, Minnesota, R.T. Rybak worked after school to help his mother when she took over the family's neighborhood drug store after his father died. He often did his homework in the store in the evening while his mother closed the store, and it was in those years he learned the importance of family and responsibility. He earned a scholarship to attend The Breck School in Minneapolis and worked his way through college. As mayor, Rybak has been guided by hard work and commitment to family that have shaped everything he has done to make Minneapolis a good place to live, work and raise a family

30. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak put more than one hundred new police officers on the streets and provided new technologies to make the police more effective including installing cameras throughout the city and installing gun shot sensor technology in high- crime neighborhoods. Now, the crime rate is lower in every neighborhood in the city, and the city's homicide rate is now the lowest that

it has been in 25 years. Rybak will fight to make sure all of our communities' streets are safe by moving more police from behind desks and into the communities, building partnerships with people in their neighborhoods to prevent and stop crime

31. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak implemented groundbreaking juvenile crime prevention programs that have reduced juvenile crime by almost forty percent. Rybak's plan is now being used as model for other cities nationwide. Rybak will expand his crime prevention plan to all communities in the area and create after school programs to help keep our youth on the right path.

32. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak is pushing for the use of low emission hybrid buses for the city, has replaced more than 100 city cars with electric and hybrid vehicles, and has installed solar panels to city buildings, all of which use less energy and save the city money. He will expand the use of energy efficient technologies beyond Minneapolis to other parts of the metro area and will offer tax incentives for businesses and families that buy energy efficient vehicles and appliances.

33. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak created Minneapolis Promise, a program that helped put privately funded career centers in every public high school in the city, as well as helped to create a summer jobs program that has employed nearly seven thousand young people in only five years. Rybak took the lead in bringing together private businesses and government to provide free tuition for students to attend a 2-year community college or vocation school as long as they work hard and earn good grades in high school.

34. When he took office in 2002, the city was facing a multi-million dollar budget deficit and huge debt. Rybak demanded accountability from city offices, eliminating wasteful spending in every government department and cutting tough deals with public employee unions. He has balanced the city's budget every year he's been mayor and eliminated 90 million dollars of the city's debt. Rybak will work to bring the same fiscal discipline to local and state government throughout Minnesota to make sure every tax dollars is spent responsibly.

35. As mayor, Rybak has been a leader in helping people keep their homes during the foreclosure crisis. He has created successful programs to help people at risk of foreclosure, including helping them get financial counseling. He is also leading the effort to reinvest in neighborhoods by refurbishing vacant homes to help in the hardest-hit communities, so that these homes are resold and put back in the hands of homeowners. Under his leadership, the Minneapolis Advantage Program has offered affordable loans to people who buy vacant or foreclosed homes, which will provide at least 250 loans to Minneapolis homebuyers this year.

36. Rybak acted swiftly and took charge when the I-35 Bridge collapsed last

year, leading the emergency response within minutes after the collapse. He pushed the state to move quickly to rebuild a safer bridge that can also handle more mass transit. On his watch, the new bridge is now the strongest, most secure bridge possible, and the city has been internationally recognized for having the best emergency response team.

37. As Mayor, Rybak changed the way Minneapolis does business and made government more accountable. He implemented performance audits in every government department and eliminated no bid contracts that were wasting tax dollars. Rybak implemented tough ethics reforms and ended the big tax breaks that were going to developers and big corporations. Rybak will continue to fight to reform how government does business across Minnesota.

38. Rybak is working to make the greater Minneapolis region a leader in jobs and business. He traveled to China this spring, where he was the only American mayor speaking at an international business forum in Beijing. Rybak will meet with international business leaders to promote the area's tourism industry and work to build new business opportunities for Minnesota-based companies to help create jobs and will expand existing businesses like our airline industry to boost the economy here at home.

39. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak has been heavily involved in reforming the city's schools so that all graduates from Minneapolis public schools are prepared for college or good paying jobs. Rybak fought hard for the referendum that gave the school district more money, but successfully insisted that there was more accountability and efficiency in the way the school district spends money. Rybak believes that all children deserve equal access to quality education, and he is fighting to make sure that all students receive the same opportunity for success.

40. As mayor of Minneapolis, Rybak's been a hands-on leader in bringing new jobs and businesses to the area. He helped bring fourteen hundred new Allina jobs to Midtown and six hundred jobs to the new Coloplast Headquarters in North Minneapolis. He also implemented job placement programs that have helped more than ten thousand Minneapolis workers find good jobs and is expanding job opportunities through his Green Jobs Initiative that will provide job training for the jobs of the future. He will bring more jobs and attract more businesses to areas in the greater Minneapolis region

Q.41 Now that you have heard more information, regardless of your overall views, which of the following best describes R. T. Rybak?

Rybak is a hands-on leader fighting for regular people

Rybak is a fiscally responsible leader who makes sure every taxpayer dollar is spent wisely

Rybak is providing new opportunities for all people to succeed

Rybak is a reformer who is committed to getting results for families

(Other – specify)  
(Don't know/refused)  
(None)

Q.42 Now, I'd like to ask you again about your feelings towards R. T. Rybak. Please give R. T. Rybak a rating, with 100 meaning a very warm, favorable feeling; zero meaning a very cold, unfavorable feeling; and 50 meaning not particularly warm or cold.

Q.43 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, as a Democrat or what?

Strong Democrat  
Weak Democrat  
Lean Democrat  
Independent  
Lean Republican  
Weak Republican  
Strong Republican  
(Don't know/Refused)

Q.46 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

Q.47 In what year were you born?

Q.48 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

Q.49 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Q.50 From which of the following sources do you get most of your news? Cable news such as CNN, Fox News or MSNBC, local television news, the internet, radio, or your local newspaper? You can choose as many as apply.

Q.51 Do you own your own home or do you rent?

Q.52 What is your race?

Q.53 Sex of respondent