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JOSH MANDEL'S JUNE 29 PRESS RELEASE VS. THE TRUTH

COLUMBUS, OH, June 30, 2021 – Josh Mandel continues his tradition of making statements that, while technically true, are terribly misleading and leave out important insight.

Second Quarter Fundraising

On June 29, 2021, Mandel reported that Citizens for Josh Mandel had raised \$1.3M in the second quarter. Good for Mr. Mandel. But this line, from Mandel's release, epitomizes his affinity for truth-twisting statements:

"Mandel is expected to best his first quarter fundraising total."

What was Mandel's first quarter 2021 fundraising total that he expects to beat in the second quarter?

NEGATIVE \$94,241.57!

Mandel lost and refunded more than he received in the first quarter of 2021 and had negative total receipts per the FEC¹. FEC receipt detail² shows that in the first quarter Mandel took in \$40,560.72. He lost/refunded \$134,802.29. His net, as a result, was -\$94,241.57. But, Mandel mislead back then, announcing he had taken in \$1.3m³ which was utterly false. Worse, of the miniscule first quarter money that Mandel took in, not one penny came from an Ohio address.

So, while it true that, "Mandel is expected to best his first quarter fundraising total," it is another example of how career politicians twist the truth and mislead citizens. And, given his false claim in first quarter, of \$1.3m, "trust but verify" on his new claim of \$1.3m in second quarter. A claim coming from Mandel's finance director, who he is dating⁴.

Polling Statements

Mandel's press release also states:

"Josh Mandel is the clear frontrunner in the U.S. Senate race and is leading Jane Timken by 19 points, JD Vance by 29 points, and Mike Gibbons and Bernie Moreno by 33 points."

That claim is, once again, leaving out key numbers. Mandel omits that "undecided" is equal to his polling (34% vs. 35%), showing a wide open race. The poll being used is from Remington Research Group whose home page, as of June 29, 2021, features years-old polls and their logo is broken⁵. Their top survey from "Latest Survey" is from January 30, 2020, and is about Super Bowl LIV.

¹ FEC Data: <https://www.fec.gov/data/committee/C00494930/>

² FEC Data: https://www.fec.gov/data/receipts/?committee_id=C00494930&two_year_transaction_period=2022&data_type=processed

³ Cleveland.com: <https://www.cleveland.com/open/2021/04/jane-timken-josh-mandel-fec-reports-dont-quite-support-their-big-fundraising-claims.html>

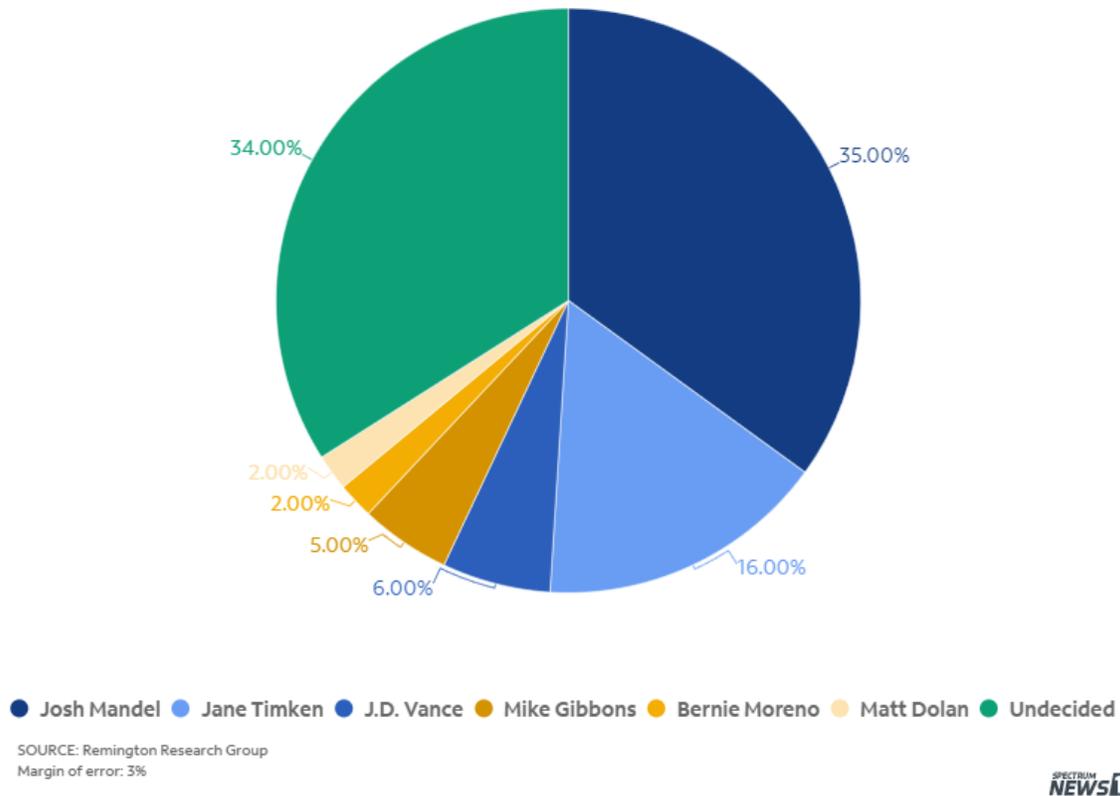
⁴ Columbus Dispatch: <https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2021/06/29/josh-mandel-campaign-toxic-work-environment-sources-say/5323272001/>

⁵ Remington Research: <https://remingtonresearchgroup.com/>

Here are Mandel's actual poll numbers, from his own poll⁶:

Poll commissioned by Mandel campaign of 1,040 likely Republican voters

Field race



The actual results paint a picture of a wide open US Senate race in contrast to Mandel's press release claim of dominance.

There is a better alternative: **Mark Pukita**. Pukita is a true citizen candidate with a job creation resume. Pukita offers a clear and powerful 7-point, BIG-7 / DISRUPT agenda (mark4ohio.com) that, unlike Mandel's, is clear and measurable. Pukita is the only US Senate candidate who stands against Ohio politics as usual.

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⁶ Spectrum News: <https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2021/06/08/internal-poll-shows-josh-mandel-maintaining-lead-ohio-senate-race>



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Josh Mandel raises over \$1.3 million in 2nd Quarter

Fundraising shows continued support and momentum for Mandel's campaign

Cleveland, Ohio – Today, Josh Mandel announced that he has already raised over \$1.3 in the 2nd fundraising quarter. Mandel is expected to best his first quarter fundraising total. The strong showing is expected to put Mandel near the top of the field nationally in Senate fundraising.

The fundraising haul is on the heels of new polling that shows Josh Mandel is the clear frontrunner in the U.S. Senate race and is leading Jane Timken by 19 points, JD Vance by 29 points, and Mike Gibbons and Bernie Moreno by 33 points. In addition to leading in the polls, Mandel continues to build a statewide coalition of faith leaders along with key endorsements from the Club for Growth, Senate Conservatives Fund, Ohio Value Voters, and Constitutional Conservative US Senator Mike Lee (R-UT).

"I am thankful for the overwhelming support I've received from Constitutional Conservatives, Trump Warriors, and faith leaders throughout Ohio. It is clear from the strong response at President Trump's rally this weekend that Ohioans want an America First, Constitutional Conservative, Trump Warrior who has the backbone to stand up to the Washington, D.C. swamp," Mandel said.

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