



2012 SURVEY OF REGISTERED AND ACTIVE VOTERS IN WASHINGTON
SURVEY RESULTS

Obtained Sample: 400 registered voters with at least nominal voting history, randomly selected from the Washington State voter file.

INCLUDE ALL VARIABLES FROM SAMPLE FILE ON COMPLETED DATA FILE

[ASK FOR LISTED INDIVIDUAL]

Hello, this is (interviewer name), and I'm calling from the Washington Survey Research Center. We're calling to learn your opinions regarding some important issues of the day. This is not a sales call; we won't ask you to buy or do anything, and we are not calling on behalf of a candidate or political party. My questions should take only about 5 minutes.

1. We are looking to speak today with people who are registered to vote in Washington state. Are you currently registered to vote in Washington?

100% YES (CONTINUE)
0% NO (ASK IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE AT HOME WHO IS REGISTERED TO VOTE)
0% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE (THANK AND TERMINATE)

2. How would you say things going today in the state of Washington: would you say Washington is generally headed in the right direction, or have things gotten off on the wrong track?

30% RIGHT DIRECTION
59% WRONG TRACK
11% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

3. How would you rate the job performance of Governor Chris Gregoire [greg-WOW-er]: has her job performance been excellent, good, only fair or poor – or have you not heard enough to say one way or the other?

7% EXCELLENT
27% GOOD
23% ONLY FAIR
33% POOR
9% HAVE NOT HEARD ENOUGH TO SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER
1% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE



4. And how would you rate the job performance of the state Legislature of Washington: has the job performance of the legislature been excellent, good, only fair or poor – or have you not heard enough to say one way or the other?

0% EXCELLENT
17% GOOD
37% ONLY FAIR
29% POOR
16% HAVE NOT HEARD ENOUGH TO SAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER
1% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

5. As you probably know, since 2010 Washington has had a civil union law which gives gay couples all the legal rights of married couples. Now some people want to pass a new law, which changes the definition of marriage, so that it is no longer between a man and a woman, but between any two people. Do you feel it is necessary or not necessary to pass now a new law which changes the definition of marriage in this way?

36% NECESSARY
57% NOT NECESSARY
7% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

6. Who do you think should decide what the definition of marriage is in Washington state: should it be defined by the courts, or should it be defined by the state legislature, or should it be defined by the voters of the state?

8% DEFINED BY THE COURTS
9% DEFINED BY THE LEGISLATURE
71% DEFINED BY THE VOTERS
12% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

7. If you were able to speak today with your local state legislator, would you tell him or her that passing a new which charges the definition of marriage is something you want the state legislature to work on at this time, or would you tell him or her that the state legislature should work on solving other problems?

23% WORK ON MARRIAGE LAW
72% WORK ON SOLVING OTHER PROBLEMS
4% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

8. And if you were able to speak today with your local state legislator, would you tell him or her to vote for this new law which changes the definition of marriage, so that it is no longer between a man and a woman but between any two people, or to vote against this change?

42% VOTE FOR NEW MARRIAGE LAW
49% VOTE AGAINST MARRIAGE CHANGE
10% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE



9. Do you personally agree or disagree that marriage should only be between a man and a woman? Do you feel that way strongly or not strongly?

- 48% AGREE STRONGLY
- 4% AGREE NOT STRONGLY
- 10% DISAGREE NOT STRONGLY
- 30% DISAGREE STRONGLY
- 8% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

I have just a few more questions to ask you for statistical purposes ...

10. Gender [BY OBSERVATION, DO NOT READ UNLESS UNCERTAIN]

- 49% MALE
- 51% FEMALE
- 0% NO RESPONSE

11. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or as something other than these?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/ Democrat)?

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democrat Party?

- 19% REPUBLICAN/STRONG
- 8% REPUBLICAN/NOT STRONG
- 8% INDEPENDENT LEAN REPUBLICAN
- 18% INDEPENDENT NO LEAN
- 8% INDEPENDENT LEAN DEMOCRAT
- 9% DEMOCRAT/NOT STRONG
- 20% DEMOCRAT/STRONG
- 11% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

12. When thinking about fiscal issues, like taxes and government spending, do you consider yourself to be ...

- 25% VERY CONSERVATIVE
- 25% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 28% MODERATE
- 16% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 4% VERY LIBERAL
- 3% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE



13. When thinking about social issues, like abortion and gay marriage, do you consider yourself to be ...

- 26% VERY CONSERVATIVE
- 10% SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE
- 25% MODERATE
- 17% SOMEWHAT LIBERAL
- 17% VERY LIBERAL
- 5% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

14. May I know your age, please? [RECORD ACTUAL AGE]

- 34% 18-44
- 21% 45-54
- 22% 55-64
- 23% 65+
- 0% 5% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

15. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1% SOME GRADE SCHOOL (1-8)
- 2% SOME HIGH SCHOOL (9-11)
- 14% GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL (12)
- 2% TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL (12)
- 22% SOME COLLEGE (13-15)
- 36% GRADUATED COLLEGE (16)
- 24% GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (16 OR MORE)
- 1% DON'T KNOW/NO RESPONSE

16. Are you currently married or are you single? [IF SINGLE] Have you ever been married?

- 76% MARRIED
- 10% SINGLE, PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
- 12% SINGLE, NOT PREVIOUSLY MARRIED
- 2% NO RESPONSE

17. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

- 34% YES
- 66% NO
- 1% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]



18. Which of the following best describes your religious preference: are you ... [READ OPTIONS]

- 12% CATHOLIC;
- 53% A CHRISTIAN OTHER THAN CATHOLIC;
- 7% OF ANOTHER FAITH, OR
- 25% NOT A MEMBER OF A RELIGIOUS FAITH?
- 3% DON'T KNOW/REFUSED [DO NOT READ]

19. And in a typical month, how often do you attend Church or a religious service? [RECORD ACTUAL RESPONSE]

- 53% 0
- 18% 1 - 3
- 15% 4
- 15% 5+

That's the last of my questions. Thank you very much for your time and participation in this research.