

1. Gender		2. Region	
	Male 48%		King County 30%
	Female 52		Southwest / Peninsula 30
			Northwest 18
			Eastern 22

DNR = Volunteered response, do not read
*** indicates responses totaled 0.4% or less**

Hello, may I please speak with (NAME ON LIST)? My name is _____ from _____, a public opinion polling firm. We are conducting a short survey about some issues here in Washington. We're not selling anything and I will not ask for a donation at any time. It will take only a few minutes and all responses will be anonymous and used only for research purposes.

SCREEN

3. First, have I reached you on a landline or mobile telephone?

Landline	60%	GO TO Q5
Mobile	40	

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4. Are you in a place where you can safely take this survey?

Yes	CONTINUE
No	SCHEDULE CALL BACK

5. Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? **(READ LIST)**

Politics	TERMINATE
Media or news	TERMINATE
Law enforcement	3%
Tourism	1
Public education	12
None of these	85

6. Are you 18 years or older and registered to vote at your home address in Washington? **(IF YES)** Which of the following best describes your age? **(READ LIST)**

18-24	6%
25-34	16
35-49	25
50-64	30
65+	23
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DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE
Younger than 18 / Not registered / Not in WA	TERMINATE

7. As you may know, there will be an election in November of this year for several federal and state offices including President, US Congress, Governor and others. I know it's a long ways off but how likely would you say it is that you will vote in that election? Would you say... **(READ LIST)**

Almost certain	91%
Probably	5
About 50-50	5
Not too likely	TERMINATE
Not likely at all	TERMINATE
DK/NA/REFUSED	TERMINATE

ELECTION

To start...

8. If the election were held today and the candidates for Governor were... **(ROTATE)**

- Democrat Jay Inslee
- Republican Bill Bryant

...for whom would you vote?

(PROBE) Will you definitely vote for that candidate or only probably? **(PUSH TO CHOOSE)** I understand. But if the election were held today, towards which candidate would you be leaning?

INSLEE	48%
BRYANT	31%
Definitely Inslee	29%
Probably Inslee	16
Lean Inslee	3
Lean Bryant	4
Probably Bryant	6
Definitely Bryant.....	21
Other (DNR)	1
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	20

9. And if the election were held today and the candidates for Governor were... **(ROTATE)**

- Democrat Jay Inslee
- Independent Randy Dorn
- Republican Bill Bryant

...for whom would you vote?

(PUSH TO CHOOSE) I understand. But if the election were held today, towards which candidate would you be leaning?

INSLEE	43%
DORN	12%
BRYANT	23%
Inslee.....	35%
Lean Inslee	7
Dorn.....	9
Lean Dorn.....	3
Bryant	21
Lean Bryant	3
Other (DNR)	1
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	22

10. And generally speaking, when you vote in elections for state legislators and state officials, do you tend to... **(PINWHEEL ROTATE)**

- Always vote for the Democratic candidate
- Mostly vote for the Democratic candidate
- Vote for the Democrat and the Republican about 50-50
- Mostly vote for the Republican candidate
- Always vote for the Republican candidate

DEMOCRATIC39%
REPUBLICAN29%

Always Democratic 12%
 Mostly Democratic 28

 About 50-50 26

 Mostly Republican 22
 Always Republican..... 7

 Other (DNR) 3
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 DK/NA/REFUSED..... 2

BASELINE ATTITUDES TOWARDS CHARTERS

Turning now to some issues...

11. Just based on your current understanding and what you might have heard or read, do you generally support or oppose public charter schools? **(PROBE)** Do you feel strongly about that or not so strongly? **(IF UNSURE)** I understand. Would you say you lean more towards supportive or opposed?

SUPPORT57%
OPPOSE25%

Support, strongly..... 33%
 Support, not strongly..... 17
 Support, lean 7

 Oppose, lean 3
 Oppose, not strongly..... 8
 Oppose, strongly..... 14
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 DK/NA/REFUSED..... 18

I'd like to give you a little more information about charter schools.

12. Charter schools are a type of public school. Each charter school is managed by a non-profit, non-religious organization and must be approved by a school district or state commission. Just like all public schools, charter schools do not charge tuition, they are open to all students, and they are publicly funded. However, charter schools are held more accountable for showing improved student achievement. In exchange for greater accountability, teachers and principals are given more flexibility to customize their teaching methods and curriculum.

After hearing a little more, would you say you generally support or oppose public charter schools? **(PROBE)** Do you feel strongly about that or not so strongly? **(IF UNSURE)** I understand. Would you say you lean more towards supportive or opposed?

SUPPORT71%
OPPOSE24%

Support, strongly..... 46%
 Support, not strongly..... 13
 Support, lean 11

 Oppose, lean 3
 Oppose, not strongly..... 6
 Oppose, strongly..... 15
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 DK/NA/REFUSED..... 5

COURT DECISION

I'd like to give you a little more information regarding public charter schools in Washington.

13. A few years ago, voters passed a law to approve charter schools in Washington. But last fall, the state's Supreme Court ruled that the charter school law was unconstitutional because of the funding mechanism in the voter approved law. As a result, all public charter schools in Washington will have to close unless the funding mechanism is fixed. In your opinion, should the governor and legislature take action to keep public charter schools open or should they allow charters to close?

(PROBE) Do you feel strongly about that or not so strongly? **(IF UNSURE)** I understand. Which way would you say you lean?

TAKE ACTION TO KEEP OPEN	71%
ALLOW TO CLOSE	24%
Take action to keep open, strongly.....	52%
Take action to keep open, not strongly.....	11
Take action to keep open, lean	7
Allow to close, lean	4
Allow to close, not strongly.....	6
Allow to close, strongly	13
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	6

GOVERNOR ACTION

14. As you may know, the legislature recently passed a bill that addresses the court's legal concerns and would prevent charter schools from closing. The Governor must now decide whether to sign or veto the bill. In your opinion, should the governor **(ROTATE)** <sign the bill and allow charter schools to stay open> or should he <veto the bill and allow charter schools to close>?

(PROBE) Do you feel strongly about that or not so strongly? **(IF UNSURE)** I understand. Which way would you say you lean at this time?

GOVERNOR SHOULD SIGN BILL	69%
GOVERNOR SHOULD VETO BILL	20%
Sign and stay open, strongly.....	51%
Sign and stay open, not strongly	11
Sign and stay open, lean.....	7
Veto and allow charters to close, lean.....	2
Veto and allow charters to close, not strongly	3
Veto and allow charters to close, strongly	15
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	11

I'm going to read you a perspective on this and then ask your opinion again. Here it is...

15. Some say that two-thirds of charter school students in Washington are from low-income families and over 70% are students of color. They say charter schools are already showing evidence of closing achievement gaps for these students and the governor should sign the bill to keep charters open. In your opinion, should the governor **(ROTATE)** <sign the bill and allow charter to stay open> or should he <veto the bill and allow charter schools to close>?

(PROBE) Do you feel strongly about that or not so strongly? **(IF UNSURE)** I understand. Which way would you say you lean at this time?

GOVERNOR SHOULD SIGN BILL	73%
GOVERNOR SHOULD VETO BILL	20%
Sign and stay open, strongly.....	55%
Sign and stay open, not strongly	10
Sign and stay open, lean.....	8
Veto and allow charters to close, lean.....	2
Veto and allow charters to close, not strongly	3
Veto and allow charters to close, strongly	15
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	7

DEMOGRAPHICS

I have just a few questions left for statistical purposes.

16. In politics, as of today, do you consider yourself **(ROTATE:)** <a Republican>, <a Democrat>, or an independent? **(IF DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN:)** Would you say you are a strong <Democrat/Republican> or a not strong <Democrat/Republican>? **(IF INDEPENDENT:)** As of today, do you lean more to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

DEMOCRATIC	41%
REPUBLICAN	31%
Strong Democrat.....	28%
Not strong Democrat.....	5
Independent, lean Democratic	7
Independent.....	23
Independent, lean Republican.....	9
Not strong Republican	4
Strong Republican	18
Other (DNR)	2
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	4

17. What is the highest level of education you have fully completed? **(READ LIST)**

Some high school	2%
High school graduate or GED	14
Some college or Associates degree	31
Bachelors degree.....	28
Postgraduate or advanced degree	24
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	2

18. Are you the parent or guardian of a child younger than 19? **(IF YES)** Do any of your children currently attend a public school in Washington?

PARENT	35%
Parent or guardian, child in public schools	25%
Parent or guardian, <u>not</u> in public schools.....	11
Not a parent or guardian	63
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	2

19. When it comes to politics, do you consider yourself to be... **(READ AND ROTATE LIST)**

Conservative.....	29%
Moderate	39
Liberal.....	26
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	6

20. Are you of a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF NO)** How would you describe your race? **(READ LIST)**

White or Caucasian.....	80%
Hispanic or Latino	6
Asian or Pacific Islander.....	4
Black or African American.....	2
Native American	1
Something else	3
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	4

21. Please estimate your combined household income in 2015. Your best guess is fine. I don't need to know your exact income. I'll read you some categories and you can stop me when I get to the right one. **(READ LIST)**

Less than \$25,000	9%
At least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000	16
At least \$50,000 but less than \$75,000	16
At least \$75,000 but less than \$100,000	17
At least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000	17
At least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000	6
\$200,000 or more	7
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	13

22. How would you describe the type of community you live in? Would you say...?

A big city	19%
Suburban	35
A small town	23
Rural.....	20
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	3

23. In the 2012 election for president, did you vote for Democrat Barack Obama or Republican Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama.....	53%
Mitt Romney	34
Other (Do not read)	3
Did not vote (Do not read)	4
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DK/NA/REFUSED.....	6

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24. Is there currently a functioning landline telephone in your household?

Mobile phone only.....	25%
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That completes our survey. Thank you VERY MUCH for your time.