Future 42 — Washington State Spring 2023 Priorities Survey
N=600 Registered Voters in the Washington Likely Electorate
Sample: 70% Text-to-Web, 30% Landline Live Interviews
Field Dates: June 5-7, 2023
Margin of error: ± 5.0 percentage points

LANDSCAPE

1. **[QRightDirection] Would you say things in Washington state are headed in the right direction, or is the state off on the wrong track? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
   1. Wrong track   53%
   2. Right direction   35%
   3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   12%

2. **[QStayLeave] Regardless of whether you have any plans to move or not, if you had the opportunity, would you rather…? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
   1. Stay in Washington state   54%
   2. Move away from Washington state   37%
   3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   9%

3. **[QIssues] If you had to choose just one, which would you say is the biggest issue facing Washington state today? [RANDOMIZE 1-9]**
   1. Overall cost of living   19%
   2. Homelessness   15%
   3. Political corruption   14%
   4. Crime   11%
   5. A state income tax   9%
   6. Housing prices   8%
   7. Drug addiction   7%
   8. Property taxes   4%
   9. Education   3%
   10. Something else (Please specify)   8%
   11. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   3%

4. **[QApproval] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President? [PHONE: If approve/disapprove: And would you say that you STRONGLY (approve/disapprove), or SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE		47%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE		50%
1.	Strongly approve	25%
2.	Somewhat approve	22%
3.	Somewhat disapprove	8%
4.	Strongly disapprove	42%
5.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	3%

5. **[QGovApproval] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Jay Inslee [PHONE: INZ-lee] is handling his job as Governor? [PHONE: If approve/disapprove: And would you say that you STRONGLY (approve/disapprove), or SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE		42%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE		53%
1.	Strongly approve	22%
2.	Somewhat approve	19%
3.	Somewhat disapprove	11%
4.	Strongly disapprove	42%
5.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	5%

6. **[QLegApproval] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the Washington legislature is doing its job? [PHONE: If approve/disapprove: And would you say that you STRONGLY (approve/disapprove), or SOMEWHAT (approve/disapprove)?] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT APPROVE		38%
STRONGLY/SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE		53%
1.	Strongly approve	10%
2.	Somewhat approve	29%
3.	Somewhat disapprove	19%
4.	Strongly disapprove	34%
5.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	8%

7. **[Favorability Battery] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following groups or individuals in the news lately? If you haven't heard of this person, just say so. [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS] [PHONE: If favorable/unfavorable: And would you say you have a VERY (favorable/unfavorable) view or only a SOMEWHAT (favorable/unfavorable) view? [TEXT: DISPLAY AS GRID] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

1. Very favorable	2. Somewhat favorable	3. Heard of, no opinion [DNR]	4. Somewhat unfavorable	5. Very unfavorable	6. Haven't heard of

	VERY/ SOME. FAV	VERY/ SOME. UNFAV	1. Very favorable	2. Somewhat favorable	3. Heard of, no opinion	4. Somewhat unfavorable	5. Very unfavorable	6. Haven't heard of
1. Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz	18%	20%	7%	11%	21%	9%	11%	40%
2. Democrats in the Washington legislature	43%	52%	17%	26%	5%	15%	37%	1%
3. Attorney General Bob Ferguson	31%	40%	16%	15%	13%	9%	31%	16%
4. Governor Jay Inslee	40%	56%	20%	20%	3%	12%	44%	1%
5. Republicans in the Washington legislature	34%	51%	8%	26%	11%	27%	24%	4%

8. **[QGenericStateLeg] If the election for the Washington state legislature in your district were held today, would you vote for the [ROTATE: Republican/Democratic] candidate or the [ROTATE: Democratic/Republican] candidate? [PHONE: If Republican/Democratic: And would you DEFINITELY vote for the (Republican/Democratic) candidate or only PROBABLY vote for the (Republican/Democratic) candidate?] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE, DEFINITELY/ PROBABLY	44%
THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, DEFINITELY/ PROBABLY	45%
1. The Republican candidate, definitely	29%
2. The Republican candidate, probably	15%
3. The Democratic candidate, probably	18%
4. The Democratic candidate, definitely	27%
5. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	11%

9. **[Legislature Battery] The Washington state legislature recently ended its legislative session. Do you think that the legislature focused [RANDOMIZE: too much/little or too little/much] on solving the following problems, or were they focused on them the right amount? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN BATTERY] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-3, 3-1]**

1. Focused too much 2. Focused on them the right amount 3. Focused too little 4.Don't Know/Refused [DNR] [TEXT: Unsure]

	1. Focused too much	2. Focused on them the right amount	3. Focused too little	4. Don't know/ Refused/ Unsure
1. The cost of living	3%	17%	63%	17%
2. Violent crime	6%	17%	64%	13%
3. Creating transparent and accountable government	5%	20%	59%	16%
4. Homelessness	10%	14%	62%	14%
5. High property taxes	8%	15%	58%	20%
6. Energy costs	9%	25%	46%	20%

10. **[QPoliceChase] In 2021, Washington state raised the threshold for vehicular pursuit, or car chases, of criminal suspects. This year, the Washington legislature passed and the governor signed a new law lowering the threshold, but only for the most serious crimes.**

    Proponents of raising the threshold argue that limiting car chases protects driver safety, while opponents argue they make it harder for police to go after suspects and investigate crime. Which approach to this do you prefer? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]
    1. The law should go back to the way it was before 2021, when police had more flexibility to chase suspects   60%
    2. The new law allowing car chases in some cases but not others is the right approach   22%
    3. The limits on car chases enacted in 2021 should have remained in place   9%
    4. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   9%

11. **[QDrugProsecute] Recently, the Washington legislature passed a law to create gross misdemeanors for drug possession with the option for defendants to have the charge dropped if they complete drug treatment. Do you believe this law is… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. A good idea   54%
    2. A bad idea   32%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   13%

12. **[QPropertyTax] Is the amount Washington state residents pay in property taxes too high or too low? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Too high   73%
    2. Too low   8%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   19%

13. **[QTaxServices] Which of these statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right? The amount I pay in property taxes and other state and local taxes is… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Not worth the cost because they don't provide the same value in public services and benefits in return.   60%
    2. Worth the cost because they provide necessary funding for vital public services.   30%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   10%

14. **[QTaxRepeal] Under Federal law, capital gains are considered income, and the state constitution of Washington prohibits an income tax. Recently, the State Supreme Court ruled that a capital gains tax is permissible if it is called an "excise tax". Was the Supreme Court right or wrong to revise the definition of income to allow for this new tax? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Wrong   62%
    2. Right   24%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   14%

15. **[QSB5770] Some Washington politicians favor allowing the state and local property tax increases up to 3% per year, replacing the 1% annual cap established in 2001? Do you believe this is a… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Bad idea   76%
    2. Good idea   12%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   11%

16. **[QGasComparison] How much do you think Washington state residents pay for gasoline compared to Americans in other states? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]**
    1. More   79%
    2. About the same   14%
    3. Less   1%
    4. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   6%

17. **[QCapandTrade] Washington State conducted its first Cap and Trade auction earlier this year, setting a price on carbon emissions. Energy companies paid $300 million to the state, allowing them to continue selling gasoline and engage in other activities that result in carbon emissions. Thinking about the price of gasoline lately, do you think this has resulted in higher gas prices? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Yes   60%
    2. No   19%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   21%

18. **[QGasTax] Washington State currently has a gas tax of 49.4 cents per gallon. Advocates for a higher tax on gas say it raises needed revenue for the state and fights climate change. Those who want to disapprove say the state gas tax is the third highest in the nation and we need to lower the cost of living in Washington. Should the state gas tax be higher or lower? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Lower   71%
    2. Higher   16%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   13%

19. **[Homelessness Battery] For each of the following strategies, do you…? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN BATTERY] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

1. Strongly support	2. Somewhat support	3. Somewhat oppose	4. Strongly oppose	5. Don't Know/Refused [DNR] [TEXT: Unsure]

	STRONGLY/ SOME. SUPPORT	STRONGLY/ SOME. OPPOSE	1. Strongly support	2. Somewhat support	3. Somewhat oppose	4. Strongly oppose	5. Don't know/ Refused/ Unsure
1. **Enact a zero-tolerance policy to prohibit camping in parks and public spaces**	**66%**	**30%**	49%	18%	13%	17%	3%
2. **Enact tougher penalties for homeless people with untreated mental illness or drug addiction who leave treatment and rehabilitation programs**	**64%**	**28%**	43%	21%	12%	16%	8%
3. **Changing the zoning code to allow more duplexes and apartments to be developed**	**51%**	**43%**	21%	30%	19%	24%	6%

20. **[QHB1474] Governor Inslee will decide whether to sign legislation that would place a $100 tax on all homebuyers. This tax will create a pool of $100 million of loans to help communities affected by past racially restrictive homeowner covenants. When it comes to this legislation, do you think it… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Should not pass   63%
    2. Should pass   27%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   10%

21. **[QSB5599] Governor Inslee recently signed legislation that requires shelters and other homes for runaway children to no longer notify parents or legal guardians of minors who are seeking an abortion or gender-reassignment surgery or therapy. When it comes to this new law, would you say that this is a… [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Bad idea   56%
    2. Good idea   34%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   10%

22. **[QTransparency] Should K-12 public schools be required to post the curriculum in use on a school or district website for parents to access? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Yes   76%
    2. No   15%
    3. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   9%

Now, a few final questions for statistical purposes...

23. **[QGender] Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way? [PHONE: BY OBSERVATION] [TEXT: RANDOMIZE 1-2]**
    1. Woman   52%
    2. Man   48%
    3. In some other way   -

24. **[QRace] What is your race or ethnicity? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]**
    1. White   74%
    2. Asian   8%
    3. Hispanic or Latino   7%
    4. Black or African American   6%
    5. Native American or Alaska Native   5%
    6. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander   1%
    7. Something else (Please specify)   1%
    8. Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say   -

25. **[QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?**
    1. High school or less   25%
    2. Some college   22%
    3. Associate's degree   12%
    4. Bachelor's degree   25%
    5. Graduate degree   15%
    6. Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say   -

26. **[QAge] What is your age?**
    1. 18-29   14%
    2. 30-39   17%
    3. 40-49   16%
    4. 50-64   25%
    5. 65+   27%

27. **[QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, independent, or something else?**
    1. Republican   24%
    2. Democrat   33%
    3. Independent   35%
    4. Something else (Please specify)   6%
    5. Don't know/Refused/Unsure   2%

IF INDEPENDENT, MEMBER OF ANOTHER PARTY, OR UNSURE [QPARTY = 3,6,7], ASK:

28. **[QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you? [RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-4, 4-1]**

TOTAL VOTES FOR REPUBLICANS	38%
TOTAL VOTES FOR DEMOCRATS	27%
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	15%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	23%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	17%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	10%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	28%
6. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	7%

Party Consolidated: QParty + QPartyLean

1. Total Republican+Republican- leaning Independents	40%
2. Total Democratic+Democratic- leaning Independents	46%
3. Total Independent	13%

29. **[QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be [PHONE: conservative, moderate, or liberal] [TEXT:…]? [PHONE: If conservative/liberal: And would you consider yourself to be VERY (conservative/liberal) or SOMEWHAT (conservative/liberal)?] [PHONE: RANDOMIZE SCALE 1-5, 5-1]**

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	34%
VERY/SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	35%
1. Very conservative	17%
2. Somewhat conservative	17%
3. Moderate	28%
4. Somewhat liberal	19%
5. Very liberal	16%
6. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	3%

30. **[Q2020Ballot] For which candidate did you vote in the 2020 presidential election? If you did not vote in the 2020 presidential election, just say so. [RANDOMIZE 1-2]**

1. Joe Biden	56%
2. Donald Trump	38%
3. Someone else	3%
4. I did not vote	2%
5. Don't know/Refused/Unsure	2%

31. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

1.	Employed full-time	50%
2.	Employed part-time	5%
3.	Freelance, contract, or temporary work	2%
4.	"Gig economy" work like ride shares, food delivery, or dog walking	*%
5.	Unemployed and looking for work	2%
6.	Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	2%
7.	Full time student	*%
8.	Retired	32%
9.	Something else	5%
10.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	*%

32. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

1.	Less than $30,000 per year	8%
2.	$30,000 to $49,999 per year	10%
3.	$50,000 to $74,999 per year	16%
4.	$75,000 to $125,000 per year	22%
5.	More than $125,000 per year	32%
6.	Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say	12%

33. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?

1.	City	32%
2.	Suburb near a city	31%
3.	Small town not near a city	13%
4.	Rural or country area	24%
5.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	-

34. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?

1.	Single, never married	16%
2.	Married	61%
3.	Separated	2%
4.	Divorced	11%
5.	Widowed	6%
6.	Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say	4%

35. [QKids] Do you currently have children under the age of 18 in your home?

1.	Yes	22%
2.	No	75%
3.	Don't know/Refused/Prefer not to say	3%

INTERVIEWER PRE-CODES

36. VOTER FILE COUNTY PRE-CODE

1.	PUDGET SOUND	29%
2.	SEATTLE/KING COUNTY	29%
3.	EASTERN	12%
4.	PENINSULA	12%
5.	SOUTHWEST	10%
6.	CENTRAL	8%

37. 2024 TURNOUT BUCKET PRE-CODE

1.	0-0.5	2%
2.	0.51-0.75	15%
3.	0.76-1	83%

SCREENERS / DEMOGRAPHIC QUOTAS

38. [QIndustryPhone] Do you or does anyone in your household work in journalism, the news media, market research, or public relations?

1.	No		100%
2.	Yes	TERMINATE	-
3.	Don't know/Refused/Unsure	TERMINATE	-

39. [QRegVote] Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote in Washington state?

1.	Yes		100%
2.	No	TERMINATE	-
3.	Unsure	TERMINATE	-

METHODOLOGY

Echelon Insights conducted a survey on behalf of Future 42 to understand awareness and perceptions of Washington's recent state legislative activity. The survey was fielded from June 5-7, 2023 in English among a sample of 600 registered voters in Washington state using probability sampling. Thirty percent of respondents were interviewed via live caller on landline and the remaining 70% were contacted via text message to complete the survey online.

The sample was weighted to population benchmarks for registered voters in the 2024 Likely Electorate in Washington state on gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, region, party, turnout probability, and 2020 vote. All benchmarks for the 2024 Likely Electorate in Washington state were adjusted for turnout estimates based on a probabilistic model of the likely 2024 electorate derived from the L2 voter file.

Estimates for gender, age, region, and party were derived from the L2 voter file. Estimates for race/ethnicity and education were derived from the US Census Bureau's American Community Survey demographic data adjusted to match voter registration estimates from the November 2020 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement.

Calculated the way it would be for a random sample and adjusted to incorporate the effect of weighting, the margin of sampling error is ± 5.0 percentage points.