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Scott Rasmussen Washington Survey of 800 Registered Voters Conducted May 20-23, 2024

1* Do you approve or disapprove of the way each of the following is performing his or her job?

Total			
	Favorable	Unfavorable	Net
Senator Maria Cantwell	48%	34%	+14
Senator Patty Murray	51%	38%	+13
Attorney General Bob Ferguson	41%	34%	+7
Governor Jay Inslee	48%	49%	-1
President Joe Biden	47%	52%	-5

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

Senator Maria Cantwell

- 21% Strongly approve
- 27% Somewhat approve
- 14% Somewhat disapprove
- 20% Strongly disapprove
- 17% Not sure

Senator Patty Murray

- 24% Strongly approve
- 27% Somewhat approve
- 13% Somewhat disapprove
- 25% Strongly disapprove
- 12% Not sure





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Attorney General Bob Ferguson

17%	Strongly approve
24%	Somewhat approve
13%	Somewhat disapprove
21%	Strongly disapprove
25%	Not sure

Governor Jay Inslee

19%	Strongly approve
29%	Somewhat approve
15%	Somewhat disapprove
34%	Strongly disapprove
4%	Not sure

President Joe Biden

19%	Strongly approve
28%	Somewhat approve
16%	Somewhat disapprove
36%	Strongly disapprove
1%	Not sure





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2 If the election for governor were held today, for whom would you vote?*

31%	Republican Dave Reichert
4%	Republican Semi Bird
33%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
5%	Democrat Mark Mullet
5%	Someone other candidate
21%	Not sure

3 Regardless of who you want to win, who is most likely to be elected governor?*

17%	Republican Dave Reichert
3%	Republican Semi Bird
49%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
3%	Democrat Mark Mullet
4%	Someone other candidate
24%	Not sure

4 This year, the state Republican party has endorsed a number of candidates for several statewide offices. Generally speaking, are the candidates endorsed by the state Republican party more conservative, more liberal, or about the same as most Washington Republicans?*

16%	Much more conservative
30%	Somewhat more conservative
14%	Somewhat more liberal
3%	Much more liberal
23%	About the same
14%	Not sure





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5 The Washington Republican party has endorsed Semi Bird for governor. Knowing this to be true, are you more or less likely to vote for him in the primary election?*

10%	Much more likely
20%	Somewhat more likely
17%	Somewhat less likely
30%	Much less likely
24%	Not sure

6 This November, a number of ballot initiatives will be on the ballot in Washington. One would allow people to opt out of the state's long-term care program. Employees who opt out would no longer have payments deducted from their paychecks, but would be ineligible for the state's long-term care program. Would you favor or oppose this proposal?*

25%	Strongly favor
33%	Somewhat favor
17%	Somewhat oppose
12%	Strongly oppose
14%	Not sure

7 Two years ago, the state legislature imposed a capital gains tax on Washington residents. A ballot initiative this November would repeal the capital gains tax. Do you favor or oppose repealing the capital gains tax?*

31%	Strongly favor
26%	Somewhat favor
17%	Somewhat oppose
15%	Strongly oppose
12%	Not sure

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Margin of Sampling Error: +/- 3.5 percentage points





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8 Capital gains taxes tax income from investments. Because of this, some argue that Washington's capital gains tax is an unconstitutional income tax. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose repealing the capital gains tax?*

33%	Strongly favor
22%	Somewhat favor
18%	Somewhat oppose
17%	Strongly oppose
9%	Not sure

9 Under Washington's cap and trade program, the state government sets a limit on total CO₂ emissions, and companies must purchase allowances to cover their emissions. The total limit on CO₂ emissions automatically decreases each year. Do you favor or oppose a ballot initiative repealing the cap and trade program?*

21%	Strongly favor
24%	Somewhat favor
18%	Somewhat oppose
21%	Strongly oppose
16%	Not sure





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10 Since the cap and trade program was implemented, Washington's gas prices have become some of the highest in the country. Currently, gas prices in Washington are about a dollar a gallon higher than the national average of \$3.65. If it would significantly reduce gas prices for families, would you favor or oppose repealing Washington's cap and trade program?*

45%	Strongly favor
22%	Somewhat favor
13%	Somewhat oppose
13%	Strongly oppose
7%	Not sure

11 Suppose you had a choice between two candidates for governor. One candidate supported repealing the cap and trade system and the other wanted to keep and strengthen the system. For whom would you vote?*

51%	The one who supported repealing the cap and trade system
28%	The one who wanted to keep and strengthen the system
21%	Not sure

12 The legislature also recently passed a bill that allows Puget Sound Energy, the largest provider of natural gas service in the state, to stop providing natural gas to both new and existing customers. Should PSE be allowed to stop providing natural gas if that would cause customers' costs to increase?*

23%	Yes
60%	No
18%	Not sure





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13 Some people who own small businesses, including hotels, grocery stores, and restaurants, have expressed concerns that being forced to use something other than natural gas could increase their costs, drive up prices for customers, and possibly cause their businesses to close. Which is more important, decreasing the use of natural gas, or keeping costs manageable for small businesses?*

- 20% Decreasing the use of natural gas
- 69% Keeping costs manageable for small businesses
- 11% Not sure

14 In the current war, which side should the United States support?*

- 38% Israel
- 11% The Palestinian groups
- 40% Neither
- 11% Not sure

15 How closely have you followed recent news stories about protests on college campuses supporting the Palestinians in their war against Israel?*

- 22% Very closely
- 44% Somewhat closely
- 24% Not very closely
- 10% Not at all closely
- 1% Not sure





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16 Do you approve or disapprove of the recent protests on college campuses supporting the Palestinians?*

10%	Strongly approve
19%	Somewhat approve
22%	Somewhat disapprove
39%	Strongly disapprove
10%	Not sure

17 Generally speaking, have colleges been too lenient in dealing with the protesters or have they dealt with the protesters too harshly?*

28%	Much too lenient
17%	Somewhat too lenient
9%	Somewhat too harsh
6%	Much too harsh
18%	About right
22%	Not sure

18 Have most of the UW campus protests been peaceful, or have they been marred by violence?*

51%	Peaceful
23%	Marred by violence
26%	Not sure





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Methodology

The survey of 800 Registered Voters in the state of Washington was conducted on May 20-23, 2024. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by gender, age, and race. Likely voters were determined by a screening process within the survey.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.5 percentage points.

