



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
of 800 Registered Voters in Washington  
Conducted September 18-20, 2024

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

<b>Total</b>			
	<b>Favorable</b>	<b>Unfavorable</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Senator Maria Cantwell</b>	51%	38%	+13
<b>Senator Patty Murray</b>	51%	39%	+12
<b>Attorney General Bob Ferguson</b>	41%	35%	+6
<b>President Joe Biden</b>	50%	49%	+1
<b>Governor Jay Inslee</b>	47%	49%	-2

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

Senator Maria Cantwell

- 25% Strongly approve
- 26% Somewhat approve
- 14% Somewhat disapprove
- 24% Strongly disapprove
- 11% Not sure

Senator Patty Murray

- 28% Strongly approve
- 23% Somewhat approve
- 14% Somewhat disapprove
- 25% Strongly disapprove
- 11% Not sure



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

Attorney General Bob Ferguson

20%	Strongly approve
26%	Somewhat approve
12%	Somewhat disapprove
23%	Strongly disapprove
19%	Not sure

President Joe Biden

25%	Strongly approve
25%	Somewhat approve
12%	Somewhat disapprove
37%	Strongly disapprove
1%	Not sure

Governor Jay Inslee

22%	Strongly approve
25%	Somewhat approve
12%	Somewhat disapprove
37%	Strongly disapprove
3%	Not sure



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

- 40% Republican Dave Reichert
- 48% Democrat Bob Ferguson
- 3% Some other candidate
- 9% Not sure

3\* *In terms of how you will vote in this year's presidential election, how important are each of the following issues:*

Total	
	Very important
Economy	73%
Crime	68%
Inflation	68%
Health care	65%
Gun laws	56%
Abortion	55%
Education	54%
Immigration	51%
Climate change	41%

Source: RMG Research, Inc.



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*3\* In terms of how you will vote in this year's presidential election, how important are each of the following issues:*

Economy

73%	Very important
23%	Somewhat important
3%	Not very important
0%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Crime

68%	Very important
26%	Somewhat important
5%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Inflation

68%	Very important
27%	Somewhat important
4%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*3\* In terms of how you will vote in this year's presidential election, how important are each of the following issues:*

Health care

65%	Very important
28%	Somewhat important
5%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Gun laws

56%	Very important
25%	Somewhat important
11%	Not very important
8%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Abortion

55%	Very important
22%	Somewhat important
13%	Not very important
9%	Not at all important
2%	Not sure



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*3\* In terms of how you will vote in this year's presidential election, how important are each of the following issues:*

Education

54%	Very important
34%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

Immigration

51%	Very important
30%	Somewhat important
13%	Not very important
6%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

Climate change

41%	Very important
29%	Somewhat important
15%	Not very important
14%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*4\* Okay... which of the following issues is most important?*

22%	Inflation
16%	Economy
13%	Abortion
12%	Climate change
11%	Crime
9%	Health care
8%	Immigration
6%	Gun laws
2%	Education



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*5\* Which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

Total			
	Republican Dave Reichert	Democrat Bob Ferguson	Net
<b>Crime</b>	42%	38%	R+4
<b>Economy</b>	35%	36%	D+1
<b>Immigration</b>	35%	36%	D+1
<b>Inflation</b>	35%	40%	D+5
<b>Gun laws</b>	36%	42%	D+6
<b>Education</b>	31%	45%	D+14
<b>Health care</b>	28%	46%	D+18
<b>Abortion</b>	26%	48%	D+22
<b>Climate change</b>	22%	46%	D+24

Source: RMG Research, Inc.

Crime

- 42% Republican Dave Reichert
- 38% Democrat Bob Ferguson
- 6% Both equally
- 6% Neither
- 8% Not sure





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*5\* Which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

Economy

35%	Republican Dave Reichert
36%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
10%	Both equally
7%	Neither
12%	Not sure

Immigration

35%	Republican Dave Reichert
36%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
8%	Both equally
8%	Neither
13%	Not sure

Inflation

35%	Republican Dave Reichert
40%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
7%	Both equally
7%	Neither
11%	Not sure



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*5\* Which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

Gun laws

36%	Republican Dave Reichert
42%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
6%	Both equally
6%	Neither
10%	Not sure

Education

31%	Republican Dave Reichert
45%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
9%	Both equally
5%	Neither
10%	Not sure

Health care

28%	Republican Dave Reichert
46%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
9%	Both equally
5%	Neither
12%	Not sure



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*5\* Which political party do you trust more on each of the following issues?*

Abortion

26%	Republican Dave Reichert
48%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
6%	Both equally
7%	Neither
13%	Not sure

Climate change

22%	Republican Dave Reichert
46%	Democrat Bob Ferguson
8%	Both equally
9%	Neither
14%	Not sure



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*6\* This November, a number of ballot initiatives will be on the ballot in Washington. Initiative 2124 would allow people to opt out of the state's long-term care program. The program is not like Social Security or Medicare, and it doesn't cover the average person's long-term care costs. Millions of residents will pay into this fund for their entire careers and not receive the full benefit. The state government is relying on that fact to make this program's finances work. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose Initiative 2124?*

22%	Strongly favor
18%	Somewhat favor
20%	Somewhat oppose
25%	Strongly oppose
15%	Not sure

*7\* Two years ago, the state legislature imposed a capital gains tax on Washington residents. The IRS defines any capital gains tax as an income tax, so some say this is a backdoor income tax on all Washingtonians. Ballot Initiative 2109 this November would repeal the capital gains tax. Since voters have overwhelmingly rejected income taxes in Washington 11 times, do you favor or oppose this Initiative 2109 to repeal the capital gains tax?*

35%	Strongly favor
21%	Somewhat favor
13%	Somewhat oppose
18%	Strongly oppose
12%	Not sure



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*8\* Ballot Initiative 2117 would repeal Washington’s cap and trade carbon tax, which has created higher gas and utility prices across Washington. These higher costs hit low and middle income communities the hardest, and the program isn’t working to help the environment, as there is no proof that carbon emissions have been reduced. Knowing this, do you favor or oppose Initiative 2117 repealing the cap and trade carbon tax?*

35%	Strongly favor
16%	Somewhat favor
13%	Somewhat oppose
25%	Strongly oppose
11%	Not sure

*9\* Initiative 2066 would protect consumers from being forced by the government to convert from natural gas to electric appliances. Conversion costs could be \$30,000-50,000 per home - much more than most working families can afford. Do you favor or oppose Initiative 2066 to protect consumers from being forced to convert to electric appliances?*

42%	Strongly favor
17%	Somewhat favor
12%	Somewhat oppose
20%	Strongly oppose
9%	Not sure



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*10\* Suppose you had a choice between two candidates for governor. One candidate supported repealing the cap and trade system that has led to increased gas prices. The other wanted to keep and strengthen the cap and trade system. For whom would you vote?*

- 50% The one who supported repealing the cap and trade system
- 29% The one who wanted to keep and strengthen the cap and trade system
- 21% Not sure

*11\* Okay, suppose one candidate had pledged to maintain current abortion laws in the state which mirror Roe v Wade, while the other wanted to actively expand abortion access up until the moment of birth. For whom would you vote?*

- 56% The one who wanted to maintain current abortion laws
- 33% The one who wanted to actively expand abortion access
- 11% Not sure

*12\* If you had a choice between a candidate who wanted to allow local governments to introduce policies that would ban natural gas, and one who wanted to require utilities companies to provide natural gas to anyone who wanted it in areas where the infrastructure exists, for whom would you vote?*

- 17% The one who wanted to allow local governments to ban natural gas
- 65% The one who wanted to require companies to provide natural gas
- 18% Not sure



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*13\* What if your choice was between a candidate who wanted to lower taxes including eliminating the capital gains tax and one who wanted to maintain current levels of taxation. For whom would you vote?*

- 68% The one who wanted to lower taxes including eliminating the capital gains tax
- 24% The one who wanted to maintain current levels of taxation
- 9% Not sure

*14\* Generally speaking, how much do you trust news from each of the following sources?*

Total	
	A lot
Local newspapers	17%
Local television	17%
Major network television	17%
National newspapers	14%
Online news sites	13%
Social media	11%
Radio	11%
Source: RMG Research, Inc.	

Local newspapers

- 17% A lot
- 48% Somewhat
- 21% Not very much
- 12% Not at all
- 2% Not sure



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*14\* Generally speaking, how much do you trust news from each of the following sources?*

Local television

17%	A lot
47%	Somewhat
22%	Not very much
12%	Not at all
2%	Not sure

Major network television

17%	A lot
37%	Somewhat
25%	Not very much
19%	Not at all
3%	Not sure

National newspapers

14%	A lot
40%	Somewhat
22%	Not very much
20%	Not at all
3%	Not sure





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14\* Generally speaking, how much do you trust news from each of the following sources?

Online news sites

13%	A lot
41%	Somewhat
26%	Not very much
14%	Not at all
5%	Not sure

Social media

11%	A lot
21%	Somewhat
34%	Not very much
33%	Not at all
2%	Not sure

Radio

11%	A lot
45%	Somewhat
28%	Not very much
11%	Not at all
6%	Not sure



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*15\* From what sources do you get most of your state and local news?*

39%	Local television
24%	Online news sites
12%	Social media and podcasts
9%	Local newspapers
6%	Local radio
9%	Some other source

*16\* Think for a moment about the public schools in your area. How would you rate the way those schools teach students to read, write, and possess other basic skills needed to get a good job and function as an adult in society?*

11%	Excellent
37%	Good
31%	Fair
16%	Poor
6%	Not sure

*17\* How would you rate the way the state is currently handling the juvenile justice system?*

4%	Excellent
17%	Good
25%	Fair
38%	Poor
17%	Not sure



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*18\* Who should be primarily responsible for the mental health of children?*

- 85% Parents
- 8% Local and state agencies
- 8% Not sure

**Methodology**

The survey of 800 Registered Voters was conducted online on September 18-20, 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.

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