CASCADE ⏻ PBS | Elway Poll

JULY 2025

QUESTIONNAIRE WITH DATA

SAMPLE:	403 Registered Voters in WA
SAMPLE FRAME:	Registered Voter List
MARGIN OF SAMPLING ERROR:	±5% at the 95% level of confidence

DATA COLLECTION:	Multi-mode:
	  65 Landline with live interviewers
	  124 Cell phone with live interviewers
	  214 Cell phone text to online survey

FIELD DATES:	July 7-11, 2025
REGION:	King Co. **29%** Other West WA **50%** East WA **21%**
PARTY ID:	Democrat **43%** Republican **19%** Independent **38%**

- The questions are presented here as they were asked in the interview.
- The figures in **bold type** are percentages of respondents who gave each answer.
- The results were statistically weighted slightly to align with known parameters of the population.
- Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

1   In the first few questions, I would like to know – in general terms – whether you expect things will go well or not so well in the next year or so. First, over the next year, do you think things will get Much Better, Somewhat Better, Somewhat Worse or Much Worse …

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM	MB	SB	SW	MW	DK
A In the United States	16	20	16	40	8
B In Washington state	6	19	41	29	5
C In your community	8	25	37	20	10
D For you and your household	12	28	30	16	13

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2   The next questions are about Governor Bob Ferguson. As you know, Mr. Ferguson has been Governor since January. How would you rate the job he has been doing? Would you say …

FERGUSON		FIRST 6 MONTHS			
		INSLEE	GREGOIRE	LOCKE	LOWRY
4	Excellent	7	12	9	4
28	Good	33	31	43	27
22	Only Fair	11	7	6	8
31	Poor	33	24	32	35
14	[No Ans]	16	26	10	26

3   What is the main reason you rated his job performance as [Q2 ANSWER]? [**RESULTS ON P.4**]

4   Has Ferguson been better or worse than you expected? Or has he been about what you expected?

    13   BETTER
    24   WORSE
    44   AS EXPECTED
    19   NO OPINION

5   What, if anything, has surprised you so far about how Ferguson has served as governor? [**RESULTS P.5**]

6   And how would you rate the state legislature? Would you say the job the legislature is doing is …

    1   Excellent
    23   Good
    32   Only Fair
    34   Poor
    10   [No Ans]

7   How well do you think people like you are represented in <u>state government</u> these days? Would you say …

	JULY 2022	MARCH 2000	FEB 1994
10 Very well	12	19	9
31 Somewhat	35	48	51
27 Not very well	28	26	28
25 Not at all	25	10	8
6 NO OPINION	1	9	5

8   The following are some bills the Legislature passed in the recent session. There are many details, of course, but please indicate whether you are generally inclined to Favor, Strongly Favor, Oppose or Strongly Oppose each of these actions. The first item is …

SCRAMBLE		SFav	FAV	OPP	SOpp	DK
A	Requiring a gun buyer to obtain a permit and to complete State Patrol safety training before purchasing a firearm.	48	15	13	21	4
B	Limiting the amount a landlord can raise a tenant's rent to 7%, plus inflation, per year.	36	25	13	18	7
C	Providing striking workers with state-funded unemployment payments for six weeks.	25	29	16	22	8
D	Tax increases for businesses in the state that make over $250 million per year.	36	21	19	17	7
E	A 6-cent increase to the state gas tax to pay for roads and transportation construction projects.	7	27	22	38	6

9 As you know, Washington state conducts its elections by mail-in ballot. How confident are you in Washington state's mail-in voting system is secure and accurate?

		JULY 2022
43	Very confident	52
19	Somewhat confident	14
14	I have my doubts	12
21	Not at all confident	19
2	NO OPINION	2

10 Finally, I have just a few questions for our statistical analysis. How old are you?

- 26 18-35
- 25 36-50
- 24 51-34
- 26 65+
- 1   NO ANSWER

11 What is the last year of schooling you completed?

- 13 High school
- 41 Some college or vocational school
- 27 College degree
- 18 Postgraduate school
- 1   NO ANSWER

12 If you had to register by party in order to vote, would you register as a…

- 43 Democrat
- 19 Republican
- 38 Independent/No Answer

12.1 **IF INDEPENDENT OR NO ANSWER:** In the last election, did you end up supporting more Republicans or more Democrats?

% BASED ON INDEPENDENTS (N=154)

- 27 Democrats
- 40 Republicans
- 26 About Equal
- 6   NO ANSWER/DID NOT VOTE

13 Which of the following broad categories best describes your approximate household income – before taxes – for this year.

ROTATE TOP/BOTTOM

- 14 $50,000 or less
- 28 $50 to 99,000
- 23 $100 to 149,000
- 21 $150,000 or more
- 14 NO ANSWER

14 Finally, what is your gender?

- 48 Male
- 50 Female
- 2   Non-binary

Thank you very much. You have been very helpful.

Q3: REASON FOR RATING OF GOVERNOR FERGUSON

<u>POSITIVE (Excellent/Good)</u>

    19 Fights With Trump
    12 Hardworking
    12 Specific Issues (not listed below)
    10 Philosophy: Progressive/Centrist/Dem
     9 State Budget
     9 Housing Issue
     8 Heard Nothing Bad
     7 Listens to/Represents the People
     5 Leadership/Articulate
     5 Have Confidence in Him
     4 Job Performance (non-specific)
     3 Law Enforcement
     3 Experience
     4 Too Soon to Tell
     4 NO REASON GIVEN

<u>NEGATIVE (Only Fair/Poor)</u>

    41 Raised Taxes
    16 Ideology: Liberal/Woke/Radical/Dem
    13 Specific Issues (not listed below)
    12 State Budget
     6 Gas Tax
     6 Cost of Living
     6 Crime/Law Enforcement
     4 Housing
     5 Does Not Listen to the People
     4 Not Trustworthy/Broke Promises
     3 Program Cuts
     4 Too Soon to Tell
     4 NO REASON GIVEN

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Q5: SURPRISED BY GOVERNOR FERGUSON

30% NOT SURPRISED
28 "Nothing"
5 Matches My Expectation
1 Too Soon to Tell
* Standard Fare/Same Old Politics

12% BUDGET/TAXES, SPENDING
5 Raised Taxes
4 Kept Spending Down
2 Increased Spending
1 Gas Tax
1 Taxes – General
1 Wealth Tax

11% EXPERIENCE/JOB PERFORMANCE
2 Job Performance
2 Strong Leadership
2 Fights With Trump
1 Experience
1 Good/Bad Administrator
1 "Doing a good job"

10% PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES
4 Hardworking /Energetic
4 Broke Promises
2 Decisiveness/Courage
2 Intelligence/Knowledge
1 Communicative/Clear
1 Greedy

9% PHILOSOPHY/PARTY
3 Liberal/Progressive
2 Conservative
1 "Stands on Issues" (nonspecific)
1 Democrat
1 Moderate/Centrist
1 Values
* "Woke" Ideology
* Independent
* Radical/Socialist

6% SPECIFIC ISSUES
1 Cost of Living
1 Crime/Law Enforcement
1 Housing
1 Infrastructure
1 Other Specific Issues
1 Child Care
* Abortion
* Environment
* Gun Issues
* Transportation
* Homeless
* Jobs/Employment

4% REPRESENTATION (Good/Bad For:)
3 For the People
1 Listens to the People
1 … Seattle
* … Eastern WA

2% RELATIONSHIP TO LEGISLATURE
1 Work With Legislature
1 Work With Republicans
1 Signed Bills I Didn't Like
* Fights With Republicans

1% POSITIVE General

5% NEGATIVE. General

4% MISCELLANEOUS
3 Compare to Inslee
1 "OK" – Mixed

13 NO ANSWER

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