



May 2010 Washington Poll

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Do you approve or disapprove of the Tea Party movement?

	<u>All RVs</u>	<u>Puget</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>Other west</u>
Strongly approve	19%	15%	28%	22%
Somewhat approve	16%	13%	18%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	10%	8%	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%	34%	18%	23%
No Opinion	17%	16%	19%	21%
Never heard of	11%	12%	9%	10%

	<u>All RVs</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Indep/oth</u>
Strongly approve	19%	2%	43%	19%
Somewhat approve	16%	6%	23%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	14%	4%	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%	50%	4%	24%
No Opinion	17%	16%	18%	18%
Never heard of	11%	12%	8%	11%

Overall sample size = 1,695, margin of error +/- 2.3

Field dates: May 3 – May 28, 2010

In the tables that follow:

True Believers are those who strongly approve of the Tea Party (19%)

Middle of the Road are those who somewhat approve or somewhat disapprove (26%)

True Skeptics are those who strongly disapprove (27%)

Never Heard of combines voters with either no opinion or who never heard of Tea Party

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-- Attitudes toward government in Washington state by views of Tea Party --

Questions:	True Believers of Tea Party	Middle of Road	True Skeptics	Never Heard of	All Voters	Diff. True Believers v. Middle of Road
Number of Observations (N)	N=335	N=440	N=464	N=456	N=1695	
Do you think things here in Washington state are generally going in the right direction, or seriously on the wrong track? (Wrong track)	80%	46%	18%	44%	44%	+34%
Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by Governor Chris Gregoire (Disapprove)	86%	52%	19%	46%	47%	+34%
Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the WA state legislature (Disapprove)	74%	49%	29%	32%	43%	+25%
Do you approve or disapprove of the job being done by the US Congress (Disapprove)	86%	67%	50%	48%	60%	+19%
Health care reform bill passed by Congress in March (Disapprove)	88%	51%	11%	36%	41%	+37%
WA Attorney General Rob McKenna's decision to sue the federal government to block some provisions of the health care bill from taking effect (Approve)	84%	51%	10%	33%	40%	+33%
The budget passed by the Washington state legislature that includes new taxes on candy, beer, cigarettes, and bottled water to raise more than \$800 million in revenues (Disapprove)	75%	51%	24%	52%	45%	+24%
Requiring tax increases by the state legislature to be approved by a two-thirds majority (Approve)	79%	71%	42%	62%	60%	+8%
2010 U.S. Senate: Rossi vs.	81%	45%	8%	36%	40%	+36%
2010 U.S. Senate: Murray	5%	39%	83%	33%	44%	-34%
2010 U.S. Senate: "Republican" vs.	78%	46%	8%	30%	39%	+32%
2010 U.S. Senate: Murray	11%	41%	79%	38%	42%	-30%

Note: Cell entries represent the percent in each column category



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-- Attitudes on issues of race, immigration, gay rights by views of Tea Party --

Questions:	True Believers of Tea Party	Middle of Road	True Skeptics	Never Heard of	All Voters	Diff. True Believers v. Middle of Road
Number of Observations (N)	N=335	N=440	N=464	N=456	N=1695	
While equal opportunity for blacks and minorities to succeed is important, it's not really the government's job to guarantee it. (Agree)	74%	57%	31%	54%	52%	+17%
Over the past few years, blacks have gotten less than they deserve (Disagree)	78%	65%	43%	59%	59%	+13%
If blacks would only try harder, they would be just as well off as whites. (Agree)	46%	27%	14%	22%	26%	+19%
Immigration is changing the culture in the U.S. for the worse. (Agree)	54%	30%	16%	35%	32%	+24%
The immigration law in Arizona which requires police to question people they suspect are illegal immigrants for proof of legal status (Approve)	88%	54%	21%	58%	52%	+34%
Welcoming immigrants to US society, even immigrants who entered illegally makes America better off in the long run (Agree)	23%	51%	73%	47%	50%	-28%
Barack Obama's policy of engaging with Muslim countries (Disapprove)	73%	34%	7%	29%	33%	+39%
We should not single out Muslims or Middle Easterners for airport security stops (Disagree)	63%	46%	31%	41%	43%	+17%
Gay and lesbian couples should have the same legal right to marry as straight couples (Agree)	18%	39%	61%	37%	41%	-21%
Compared to the size of their group, lesbians and gays have too much political power (Agree)	52%	32%	5%	22%	25%	+20%

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