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# WA-Gov a toss up, Obama and gay marriage well ahead

**Raleigh, N.C.** – PPP's final Washington poll finds a very close race for Governor, with Democrat Jay Inslee leading Republican Rob McKenna 50-48. Although the margins have been close, Inslee has led all 4 polls we've conducted in Washington since Labor Day.

If Inslee does indeed emerge as the winner on Tuesday it will be because he was able to unify the Democratic base strongly around him. McKenna actually has a 53-42 lead with independents. But for a Republican to win in a blue state like Washington requires a healthy amount of crossover support as well and McKenna's not getting that- Inslee leads 92/6 with Democratic voters.

Barack Obama leads Mitt Romney 53-46 in the state. Although Obama's not at any real risk of losing it this is the 5th blue state along with Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Oregon where we've found him doing 10 points worse or more than he did in 2008.

Washington appears likely to approve gay marriage on Tuesday. 52% of voters say they plan to vote to approve Senate Bill 6239, while 42% are inclined to reject it. We have found that undecided voters on these marriage questions generally end up voting antiequality but even given that it looks like a favorite for passage. Every age group supports legalizing gay marriage except for seniors, who oppose it 43/51. Washington voters are also likely to legalize marijuana on Tuesday. 53% of voters support Initiative 502 to 44% who are opposed.

Maria Cantwell is headed for an easy reelection against Republican opponent Michael Baumgartner, leading him 57/39. In addition to having 95% of Democrats lined up around her she's taking 16% of the Republican vote and winning independents 54/40.

"The Washington Governor's race looks like a toss up," said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. "Beyond that it doesn't look like there will be much suspense about the major statewide contests."

PPP surveyed 932 likely voters from November 1<sup>st</sup> to 3rd. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.2%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.





# **Washington Survey Results**

Q1	The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?	Q5	The candidates for Senate are Democrat Cantwell and Republican Michael Baumgartner. If the election was today, would you vote for?	
	Barack Obama53%		Maria Cantwell	57%
	Mitt Romney46%		Michael Baumgartner	39%
	Undecided1%		Undecided	4%
Q2	The candidates for Governor are Democrat Jay Inslee and Republican Rob McKenna. If the	Q6	Do you think same-sex marriage should b legal or illegal?	
	election was today, who would you vote for?		Legal54% Not sure	5%
	Jay Inslee50%		Illegal40%	
	Rob McKenna	Q7	In general, do you think marijuana usage should be legal or illegal?	
Q3	Referendum Measure No. 74 deals with		Legal54% Not sure	4%
	Senate Bill 6239, which would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic		Illegal42%	
	partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to	Q8	Do you approve or disapprove of Presider Barack Obama's job performance?	nt
	refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate		Approve	48%
	any marriage ceremony. Do you think this bill should be approved or rejected?		Disapprove	46%
	Approved52%		Not sure	6%
	Rejected42%	Q9	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable of Mitt Romney?	pinion
	Undecided 6%		Favorable	43%
Q4	Initiative Measure No. 502 would license and regulate marijuana production, distribution, and		Unfavorable	
	possession for persons over 21; remove state		Not sure	
	law criminal and civil penalties for activities that it authorizes; tax marijuana sales; and earmark marijuana-related revenues. If the election was	Q10	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable open of Jay Inslee?	
	today, would you vote 'yes' or 'no' on Initiative		Favorable	41%
	502?		Unfavorable	
	Yes53%		Not sure	
	No44%			
	Undecided 3%			





Q11	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable op of Rob McKenna?	inion
	Favorable	48%
	Unfavorable	40%
	Not sure	12%
Q12	Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Maria Cantwell's job performance?	
	Approve53% Not sure	12%
	Disapprove35%	
Q13	Do you have a favorable or unfavorable op of Michael Baumgartner?	oinion
	Favorable	28%
	Unfavorable	23%
	Not sure	
Q14	Would you describe yourself as very liberal somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?	
	Very liberal	12%
	Somewhat liberal	20%
	Moderate	32%
	Somewhat conservative	
	Very conservative	400/

Q15	If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, pres	ss 2.
	Woman	.54%
	Man	.46%
Q16	If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republi press 2. If you are an independent or identi with another party, press 3.	
	Democrat	.36%
	Republican	.32%
	Independent/Other	
Q17	If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.	
	White	.81%
	Other	.19%
Q18	If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.	
	18 to 29	.12%
	30 to 45	.26%
	46 to 65	
	Older than 65	





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obam a/Rom ney		-	-	=		
Barack Obama	53%	94%	91%	60%	14%	12%
Mitt Romney	46%	5%	9%	38%	86%	88%
Undecided	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	-

		Ideolog	ЭУ			
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Inslee/McKenna						
Jay Inslee	50%	89%	87%	53%	14%	10%
Rob McKenna	48%	6%	11%	43%	84%	90%
Undecided	2%	5%	2%	4%	1%	-

		Ideolog	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative			
Measure 74		_	<u>-</u>	_	<u>-</u>	='		
Approved	52%	89%	75%	58%	26%	13%		
Rejected	42%	10%	23%	33%	66%	80%		
Undecided	6%	1%	2%	9%	8%	7%		

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Initiative 502		-	_		-	-
Yes	53%	79%	70%	57%	34%	23%
No	44%	18%	29%	39%	62%	74%
Undecided	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Some what conservative	
Cantwell/Baumgartn- er			,			
Maria Cantwell	57%	93%	94%	66%	17%	17%
Michael Baum gartner		2%	5%	29%	78%	78%
Undecided	4%	5%	1%	5%	5%	5%

		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					•	
Legal	54%	93%	77%	62%	24%	18%
Illegal	40%	5%	20%	32%	69%	75%
Not sure	5%	2%	3%	7%	7%	6%

		Ideolo	deology					
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative			
Pot Use Legal/Illegal		_	<u>-</u>	_	-	='		
Legal	54%	87%	73%	59%	32%	24%		
Illegal	42%	10%	23%	37%	63%	73%		
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	2%		

		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval			_	-	-	
Approve	48%	87%	85%	52%	13%	13%
Disapprove	46%	10%	10%	37%	84%	86%
Not sure	6%	4%	5%	12%	3%	1%





		Ideology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	43%	4%	13%	30%	82%	81%
Unfavorable	52%	95%	85%	60%	14%	14%
Not sure	5%	1%	1%	10%	5%	5%

		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Inslee Favorability							
Favorable	41%	83%	72%	40%	13%	8%	
Unfavorable	44%	9%	15%	41%	72%	78%	
Not sure	15%	8%	12%	19%	15%	14%	

		ldeolo	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
McKenna Favorability		_	<u>-</u>	_	-		
Favorable	48%	14%	18%	45%	77%	77%	
Unfavorable	40%	79%	73%	37%	15%	12%	
Not sure	12%	7%	9%	18%	8%	11%	

		Ideolog	deology				
	Base	Very liberal	Som ew hat liberal		Somew hat conservative	Very conservative	
Cantwell Approval			-	-	-		
Approve	53%	86%	86%	60%	21%	18%	
Disapprove	35%	10%	6%	25%	65%	72%	
Not sure	12%	4%	8%	15%	14%	10%	





		ldeology				
	Base	Very liberal	Somew hat liberal	Moderate	Som ew hat conservative	Very conservative
Baum gartner Favor ability						
Favorable	28%	4%	10%	17%	53%	57%
Unfavorable	23%	61%	33%	21%	9%	9%
Not sure	49%	35%	57%	61%	38%	34%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama/Romney		-	
Barack Obama	53%	58%	48%
Mitt Romney	46%	42%	51%
Undecided	1%	1%	1%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Inslee/McKenna		-	
Jay Inslee	50%	54%	44%
Rob McKenna	48%	43%	54%
Undecided	2%	3%	2%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Measure 74		-	
Approved	52%	53%	51%
Rejected	42%	40%	44%
Undecided	6%	7%	5%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Initiative 502		-	
Yes	53%	53%	52%
No	44%	43%	46%
Undecided	3%	5%	2%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cantwell/Baum gartn- er			
Maria Cantwell	57%	62%	51%
Michael Baumgartner	39%	33%	45%
Undecided	4%	5%	4%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	54%	58%	50%
Illegal	40%	38%	43%
Not sure	5%	4%	7%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Pot Use Legal/Illegal		-	
Legal	54%	54%	55%
Illegal	42%	42%	42%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Obama Approval		-	
Approve	48%	54%	41%
Disapprove	46%	39%	54%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	43%	37%	49%
Unfavorable	52%	56%	48%
Not sure	5%	7%	3%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Inslee Favorability		-		
Favorable	41%	46%	36%	
Unfavorable	44%	37%	52%	
Not sure	15%	17%	13%	

		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
McKenna Favorability		-	
Favorable	48%	44%	52%
Unfavorable	40%	42%	38%
Not sure	12%	14%	9%





		Gender	
	Base	Woman	Man
Cantwell Approval		-	
Approve	53%	58%	49%
Disapprove	35%	29%	42%
Not sure	12%	14%	9%

		Gender		
	Base	Woman	Man	
Baumgartner Favorability				
Favorable	28%	22%	34%	
Unfavorable	23%	21%	26%	
Not sure	49%	56%	40%	

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Obama/Romney		='		•		
Barack Obama	53%	97%	9%	47%		
Mitt Romney	46%	3%	90%	51%		
Undecided	1%	-	0%	2%		

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Inslee/McKenna		=			
Jay Inslee	50%	92%	9%	42%	
Rob McKenna	48%	6%	91%	53%	
Undecided	2%	2%	0%	5%	





		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Measure 74		='		•	
Approved	52%	78%	26%	48%	
Rejected		19%	67%	43%	
Undecided	6%	3%	7%	9%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Initiative 502		='	•		
Yes	53%	70%	34%	52%	
No	44%	28%	64%	44%	
Undecided	3%	3%	2%	5%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Cantwell/Baumgartn- er					
Maria Cantwell	57%	95%	16%	54%	
Michael Baum gartner	39%	3%	79%	40%	
Undecided	4%	1%	6%	6%	

		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal		•			
Legal	54%	81%	27%	51%	
Illegal	40%	16%	68%	41%	
Not sure	5%	3%	6%	8%	





		Party			
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other	
Pot Use Legal/Illegal		•	•	•	
Legal	54%	73%	32%	55%	
Illegal	42%	24%	66%	39%	
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	6%	

		Party	Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Obama Approval							
Approve	48%	91%	7%	41%			
Disapprove	46%	4%	90%	49%			
Not sure	6%	5%	3%	10%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Romney Favorability		<del>-</del>	•	-			
Favorable	43%	5%	82%	47%			
Unfavorable	52%	91%	15%	46%			
Not sure	5%	5%	3%	7%			

		Party					
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other			
Inslee Favorability		='					
Favorable	41%	76%	11%	32%			
Unfavorable	44%	10%	75%	52%			
Not sure	15%	15%	13%	16%			





		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
McKenna Favorability		='				
Favorable	48%	15%	81%	52%		
Unfavorable	40%	74%	13%	30%		
Not sure	12%	11%	6%	18%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Cantwell Approval		='				
Approve	53%	89%	17%	49%		
Disapprove	35%	4%	70%	36%		
Not sure	12%	7%	13%	15%		

		Party				
	Base	Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other		
Baum gartner Favorability						
Favorable	28%	5%	57%	26%		
Unfavorable	23%	40%	12%	16%		
Not sure	49%	54%	31%	58%		

		Race		
	Base	White	Other	
Obam a/Rom ne y		='		
Barack Obama	53%	52%	56%	
Mitt Romney	46%	47%	42%	
Undecided	1%	1%	2%	





		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Inslee/McKenna		3	
Jay Inslee	50%	49%	53%
Rob McKenna	48%	49%	43%
Undecided	2%	2%	4%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Measure 74			
Approved	52%	53%	48%
Rejected	42%	41%	45%
Undecided	6%	6%	8%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Initiative 502			
Yes	53%	54%	48%
No	44%	44%	46%
Undecided	3%	3%	6%

		Race		
	Base	White	Other	
Cantwell/Baum gartn- er		-		
Maria Cantwell	57%	57%	56%	
Michael Baumgartner	39%	38%	40%	
Undecided	4%	5%	4%	





		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	54%	56%	48%
Illegal	40%	40%	41%
Not sure	5%	4%	11%

		Race	
	Base White Ot		Other
Pot Use Legal/Illegal			
Legal	54%	54%	55%
Illegal	42%	43%	37%
Notsure	4%	3%	8%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Obama Approval		_	
Approve	48%	48%	49%
Disapprove	46%	47%	40%
Not sure	6%	5%	10%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Romney Favorability		='	
Favorable	43%	43%	41%
Unfavorable	52%	52%	51%
Notsure	5%	5%	8%





		Race		
	Base	White	Other	
Inslee Favorability		_		
Favorable	41%	41%	38%	
Unfavorable	44%	45%	42%	
Not sure	15%	14%	20%	

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
McKenna Favorability			
Favorable	48%	48%	46%
Unfavorable	40%	42%	35%
Not sure	12%	10%	19%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Cantwell Approval			·
Approve	53%	56%	43%
Disapprove	35%	34%	38%
Not sure	12%	10%	19%

		Race	
	Base	White	Other
Baumgartner Favorability			
Favorable	28%	29%	23%
Unfavorable	23%	25%	17%
Notsure	49%	46%	60%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	53%	66%	49%	53%	50%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	49%	46%	49%
Undecided	1%	-	2%	1%	0%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65
Inslee/McKenna					
Jay Inslee	50%	63%	46%	49%	47%
Rob McKenna	48%	32%	51%	49%	52%
Undecided	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Measure 74					
Approved	52%	53%	59%	52%	43%
Rejected	42%	42%	34%	42%	51%
Undecided	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%

		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Initiative 502					
Yes	53%	47%	53%	56%	48%
No	44%	50%	44%	41%	48%
Undecided	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Cantwell/Baumgartn- er					
Maria Cantwell	57%	64%	54%	57%	56%
Michael Baum gartner	39%	30%	38%	40%	41%
Undecided	4%	6%	8%	3%	3%

		Age					
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65		
Same-sex Marriage Legal/Illegal							
Legal	54%	61%	62%	53%	43%		
Illegal	40%	36%	31%	41%	53%		
Not sure	5%	3%	7%	6%	4%		

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Pot Use Legal/Illegal						
Legal	54%	52%	58%	57%	45%	
Illegal	42%	45%	40%	39%	48%	
Not sure	4%	3%	2%	4%	7%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Obam a Approval						
Approve	48%	64%	46%	45%	47%	
Approve Disapprove	46%	33%	44%	49%	50%	
Not sure	6%	3%	10%	6%	3%	





		Age			
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	43%	25%	39%	47%	49%
Unfavorable	52%	66%	54%	49%	48%
Not sure	5%	9%	7%	4%	3%

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29		46 to 65	Older than 65	
Inslee Favorability						
Favorable	41%	50%	40%	39%	40%	
Unfavorable	44%	34%	48%	44%	45%	
Not sure	15%	16%	11%	17%	15%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
McKenna Favorability						
Favorable	48%	44%	45%	50%	49%	
Unfavorable	40%	41%	41%	41%	38%	
Not sure	12%	16%	14%	9%	13%	

		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65	
Cantwell Approval						
Approve	53%	44%	52%	56%	56%	
Disapprove	35%	38%	34%	35%	34%	
Not sure	12%	19%	14%	10%	9%	





		Age				
	Base	18 to 29	30 to 45		Older than 65	
Baum gartner Favorability						
Favorable	28%	19%	22%	30%	35%	
Unfavorable	23%	31%	29%	20%	19%	
Not sure	49%	50%	48%	50%	46%	

