



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
of 800 Registered Voters in Washington  
Conducted January 2-7, 2026

*1\* Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is performing his job?*

- 20% Strongly approve
- 19% Somewhat approve
- 10% Somewhat disapprove
- 49% Strongly disapprove
- 2% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
January 2-7, 2026	39%	59%	-20
September 5-9, 2025	42%	56%	-14
April 9-14, 2025	41%	57%	-16
January 3-7, 2025	41%	56%	-15

Source: Napolitan News Service

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

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
Senator Patty Murray	47%	40%	+7
Senator Maria Cantwell	44%	39%	+5
Governor Bob Ferguson	44%	44%	EVEN
The state Supreme Court	41%	42%	-1

Source: Napolitan News Service

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

Senator Patty Murray

- 19% Strongly approve
- 28% Somewhat approve
- 14% Somewhat disapprove
- 26% Strongly disapprove
- 13% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
January 2-7, 2026	47%	40%	+7
September 18-20, 2024	51%	39%	+12
Source: Napolitan News Service			

Senator Maria Cantwell

- 18% Strongly approve
- 26% Somewhat approve
- 17% Somewhat disapprove
- 22% Strongly disapprove
- 16% Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
January 2-7, 2026	44%	39%	+5
September 18-20, 2024	51%	38%	+13
Source: Napolitan News Service			



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

Governor Bob Ferguson

13%	Strongly approve
31%	Somewhat approve
17%	Somewhat disapprove
27%	Strongly disapprove
13%	Not sure

Total			
	Approve	Disapprove	Net
<b>January 2-7, 2026</b>	44%	44%	EVEN
<b>September 5-9, 2025</b>	46%	40%	+6
<b>April 9-14, 2025</b>	45%	35%	+10
<b>January 3-7, 2025</b>	44%	30%	+14
<b>September 18-20, 2024</b>	46%	36%	+10

Source: Napolitan News Service

The state Supreme Court

8%	Strongly approve
33%	Somewhat approve
25%	Somewhat disapprove
17%	Strongly disapprove
17%	Not sure

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*3\* When considering voting in judicial elections, where do you get most of your information about candidates?*

41%	Voters pamphlets
13%	Social media
12%	Television and radio ads
10%	Campaign websites
7%	Friends or family
9%	Some other source
4%	I don't vote in judicial elections
3%	Not sure

*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

	<b>Very Important</b>	
	<b>Among all voters</b>	<b>Among those who vote in judicial elections</b>
<b>A candidate's character</b>	71%	75%
<b>Tough on crime positions</b>	54%	56%
<b>Education</b>	53%	55%
<b>Legal experience</b>	50%	52%
<b>Community involvement</b>	44%	46%
<b>Political party endorsements</b>	20%	21%

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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] A candidate's character

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
71%	Very important
20%	Somewhat important
3%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] A candidate's character

75%	Very important
21%	Somewhat important
3%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure



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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] Tough on crime positions

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
54%	Very important
29%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
4%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] Tough on crime positions

56%	Very important
30%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
4%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] Education

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
53%	Very important
33%	Somewhat important
7%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] Education

55%	Very important
35%	Somewhat important
7%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] Legal experience

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
50%	Very important
34%	Somewhat important
8%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] Legal experience

52%	Very important
36%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure



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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] Community involvement

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
44%	Very important
39%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] Community involvement

46%	Very important
41%	Somewhat important
9%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure



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*4\* When considering candidates in judicial elections, how important are each of the following qualifications?*

[Among all voters] Political party endorsements

4%	Not asked, do not vote in judicial elections
20%	Very important
32%	Somewhat important
27%	Not very important
14%	Not at all important
2%	Not sure

[Among those who vote in judicial elections] Political party endorsements

21%	Very important
33%	Somewhat important
29%	Not very important
15%	Not at all important
2%	Not sure

*5\* Is the Washington State Supreme Court too liberal, too conservative, or is the ideological balance about right?*

32%	Too Liberal
11%	Too Conservative
37%	About right
21%	Not sure



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*6\* When it comes to criminal cases, is the Washington State Supreme Court generally too lenient, too harsh, or about right in its rulings?*

45%	Too lenient
8%	Too harsh
29%	About right
17%	Not sure

*7\* In Washington state, we elect all our judges. However, many resign before their terms end so that the governor can appoint their replacements rather than allowing voters to fill these vacancies. Should judges continue to be allowed to do this, or should they be expected to serve their full terms so that their replacements can be chosen by voters?*

14%	Judges should be able to resign whenever they want so the Governor can appoint their replacements
72%	Judges should be expected to serve their full terms so their replacements can be chosen by voters
10%	It doesn't make any difference
4%	Not sure

*8\* Measures of openness to experience*

12%	Not open to experience
48%	Somewhat open to experience
40%	Strongly open to experience

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*9\* Measures of conscientiousness*

- 8% Not conscientious
- 46% Somewhat conscientious
- 45% Strongly conscientious

*10\* In general elections for state and federal offices, do you always vote for a Republican, usually vote for a Republican, usually vote for a Democrat, always vote for a Democrat, or do you split your votes between the parties?*

- 15% Always vote for a Republican
- 19% Usually vote for a Republican
- 24% Usually vote for a Democrat
- 19% Always vote for a Democrat
- 20% Split my votes between the parties
- 3% Not sure

*11\* Do you have school-aged children at home?*

- 19% Yes
- 81% No

*12\* Should children under 18 be allowed to make medical decisions on their own about things like vaccines, prescription medications, and surgery? Or, should parental approval be required for significant medical treatments and procedures?*

- 12% Children should be able to make their own choices
- 80% Parents should be required to give consent
- 8% Not sure

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*13\* At what age is it appropriate for children to make medical decisions on their own about things like vaccines, prescription medications, and surgery?*

1%	12 or younger
7%	14
18%	16
55%	18
15%	21
4%	Not sure

*14\* How important is it for parents to have access to their children's school curriculum?*

68%	Very important
28%	Somewhat important
2%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

*15\* If parents object to particular school lessons on religious or ethical grounds, should they be able to opt their children out?*

66%	Yes
19%	No
15%	Not sure



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*16\* If a child informs his or her teacher of a desire to change gender, should the school be required to notify that child's parents?*

66%	Yes
21%	No
12%	Not sure

*17\* On a different topic... Should biological males who identify as women be allowed to compete in women's sports events?*

16%	Yes
70%	No
14%	Not sure

*18\* Currently, before being allowed to participate in sports, Washington requires all student athletes to have a physical exam that includes a declaration of the student's biological sex. This exam is used to determine whether a student can participate in girls' sports. Do you favor or oppose this requirement?*

49%	Strongly favor
25%	Somewhat favor
7%	Somewhat oppose
8%	Strongly oppose
10%	Not sure



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*19\* Thinking about the upcoming legislative session in our state, how important is it that the governor and legislature address each of the following issues:*

Total	
	Very important
<b>Inflation and cost of living</b>	82%
<b>Housing affordability</b>	73%
<b>Health care</b>	72%
<b>Crime</b>	68%
<b>Taxes</b>	66%
<b>Education</b>	64%
<b>Immigration</b>	47%
<b>Climate change</b>	37%
<b>Abortion</b>	35%

Source: Napolitan News Service

Inflation and cost of living

82%	Very important
16%	Somewhat important
2%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Housing affordability

73%	Very important
22%	Somewhat important
4%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

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*19\* Thinking about the upcoming legislative session in our state, how important is it that the governor and legislature address each of the following issues:*

Health care

72%	Very important
23%	Somewhat important
3%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

Crime

68%	Very important
24%	Somewhat important
7%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

Taxes

66%	Very important
27%	Somewhat important
5%	Not very important
2%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure



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*19\* Thinking about the upcoming legislative session in our state, how important is it that the governor and legislature address each of the following issues:*

**Education**

64%	Very important
30%	Somewhat important
4%	Not very important
1%	Not at all important
0%	Not sure

**Immigration**

47%	Very important
28%	Somewhat important
14%	Not very important
9%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure

**Climate change**

37%	Very important
28%	Somewhat important
17%	Not very important
18%	Not at all important
1%	Not sure



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*19\* Thinking about the upcoming legislative session in our state, how important is it that the governor and legislature address each of the following issues:*

**Abortion**

35%	Very important
32%	Somewhat important
18%	Not very important
11%	Not at all important
4%	Not sure

*20\* Okay, which is the most important issue for the governor and legislature to address in the upcoming session?*

35%	Inflation and cost of living
15%	Taxes
14%	Housing affordability
13%	Crime
10%	Health care
6%	Immigration
3%	Climate change
3%	Education
1%	Abortion



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**Methodology**

This survey of 800 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on January 2-7, 2026. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

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

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