

Survey of Likely Oregon Voters

Topline Report – Aug. 5, 2020

Clout Research conducted a telephone survey of 789 likely voters statewide in Oregon regarding the coronavirus, politics, and state issues. The survey was conducted August 4-5, 2020, and included interviews with respondents in both landline and mobile phone-only households. The survey carries a confidence interval of 95% and a margin of error of +/- 3.49 percentage points.

Q1. In March, most Oregonians supported the idea of staying home to prevent the transmission of Covid-19. The cost of shutting everything down included over 400,000 Oregonians losing their jobs, and a \$3 billion dollar budget shortfall to the state general fund. Now, even with a mandatory mask requirement, Oregon’s Covid-19 cases are rising and Governor Brown has directed some counties to shut down again. Do you agree or disagree with the approach the Governor is taking to address this public health crisis?

Q9					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	TOTALS
Valid	STRONGLY AGREE	323	41.0	41.0	TOTAL AGREE
	SOMEWHAT AGREE	106	13.5	13.5	54.5
	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE	100	12.6	12.6	TOTAL DISAGREE
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	240	30.4	30.4	43.0
	NOT SURE	20	2.5	2.5	
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

Q2. This week, the Oregon Legislature intends to convene a special session in order address budget revenue shortfalls. Democratic lawmakers are calling for tax increases on businesses and cutting tax deductions like home mortgage interest and charitable giving. Republicans are calling for reductions in non-essential spending, delaying the start of new programs created in the 2019 legislative session, and ending tax credits for special interest programs. Which of the following proposals best aligns with your views for how to address the state budget shortfall?

Q10					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	RAISE TAXES-CUT DEDUCTIONS	155	19.6	19.6	19.6
	CUT STATE SPENDING	450	57.1	57.1	76.7
	NO PREFERENCE	184	23.3	23.3	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

Q3. In 2008, when Oregon faced the last recession, public employees accepted concessions that included freezing pay levels, postponing cost of living increases and raises, and layoffs. Currently, state economists predict Oregon is facing another recession and the state budget is already \$3 billion dollars short - due to the impact of Covid-19. Prior to the Covid crisis, the legislature increased funding in state spending to cover rising costs of employee healthcare, PERS contributions, and \$200 million in public employee raises. Given the budget shortfall, do you believe that public employees should once again accept concessions to help balance the state budget?

Q11					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	FORCE UNION CONCESSIONS	414	52.5	52.5	52.5
	NO UNION CONCESSIONS	205	25.9	25.9	78.4
	NOT SURE	170	21.6	21.6	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

Q4. Thinking again to the upcoming legislative session, lawmakers are seeking to preserve the \$9 billion dollar education budget even though most students won't receive their education in a classroom this fall due to Covid-19. To maintain a fully-funded education budget means there will be likely cuts to public safety and prisons, senior services, and programs for people with disabilities. Which of the following statements best represents how you would urge lawmakers to prioritize budget cuts in the special session?

Q12					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	NO CUTS TO SCHOOLS	161	20.4	20.4	20.4
	CUT SCHOOLS W/ EVERYTHING ELSE	468	59.4	59.4	79.7
	NOT SURE	160	20.3	20.3	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

Q5. If lawmakers preserve the full \$9 billion dollar education fund, the average funding per student will be roughly \$11,000 per child. However, due to Covid-19, most Oregon students will not be attending in-person class learning, and parents will be facilitating their child’s education through online or homeschooling. Given that the \$11,000 per student funding was intended to pay for in-person learning, including program funding for things like services to children with disabilities or career technical programs, which of the following statements best represents how you believe education funding dollars should be used this year to ensure children receive a free and appropriate education?

Q13					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	ALL MONEY TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS	180	22.8	22.8	22.8
	SPLIT SCHOOL MONEY WITH PARENTS	449	56.9	56.9	79.7
	NOT SURE	160	20.3	20.3	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

PARTY					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	DEM	340	43.1	43.1	43.1
	GOP	238	30.2	30.2	73.3
	INDY	211	26.7	26.7	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

PHILOSOPHY					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	VERY LIBERAL	143	18.2	18.2	18.2
	LIBERAL	101	12.8	12.8	31.0
	MODERATE	262	33.2	33.2	64.2
	CONSERVATIVE	211	26.7	26.7	90.9
	VERY CONSERVATIVE	72	9.1	9.1	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

MILITARY					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	ACTIVE DUTY IN HH	52	6.6	6.6	6.6
	VETERAN IN HH	281	35.6	35.6	42.2
	NO MILITARY IN HH	456	57.8	57.8	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

UNION					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	PUBLIC UNION	113	14.4	14.4	14.4
	TRADE UNION	76	9.7	9.7	24.0
	SERVICE UNION	32	4.1	4.1	28.1
	NO UNION	567	71.9	71.9	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

GENDER					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MEN	372	47.1	47.1	47.1
	WOMEN	417	52.9	52.9	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

MARITAL STATUS					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	MARRIED	572	72.5	72.5	72.5
	SINGLE	154	19.6	19.6	92.1
	DIVORCED - SEPARATED	63	7.9	7.9	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

AGE					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	AGE 18-34	144	18.2	18.2	18.2
	AGE 35-49	182	23.1	23.1	41.3
	AGE 50-64	222	28.2	28.2	69.5
	AGE 65+	241	30.5	30.5	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

CONGRESS DISTRICT					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1	155	19.6	19.6	19.6
	2	154	19.5	19.5	39.1
	3	157	19.9	19.9	59.0
	4	166	21.0	21.0	80.0
	5	158	20.0	20.0	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	

PHONE TYPE					
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	LANDLINES	452	57.3	57.3	57.3
	MOBILES	337	42.7	42.7	100.0
	Total	789	100.0	100.0	