

# PR2106 WA State Poll Toplines



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## Methodology

**Poll number:** pr2106

**Interview Dates:** March 10 - March 21, 2021

**Sample Population:** 640 registered voters in Washington State.

**Sample Selection:** Scientific online poll - stratified sample of panel respondents.

**Weighting Parameters:** The sample was weighted based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Voting and Registration Supplement to the Current Population Survey for registered voters in WA based on age, gender, race, and educational attainment. The survey was also balanced to reflect a representative sample of registered voters by media markets (regions) across the state and reported 2020 presidential vote.

This topline provides weighted percentages, as well as the unweighted N-size for the total sample. Due to the effects of weighting and rounding, figures may or may not add up to 100%. The standard deviation of the weights was: 0.2043162. The maximum weight was: 1.697336. The minimum weight was: 0.4847818. 95% of the weights were between 0.551676, 1.3634901.

**Margin of Error:** The 95% credibility interval for this survey is +/- 4%, which includes the square root of the design effect (DEFT): 1.0206272.

approveBiden...Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	34%	239
Somewhat approve	25%	168
Somewhat disapprove	9%	52
Strongly disapprove	26%	141
Not sure	6%	40

WA1...Generally speaking, would you say that things in this country are headed in the right direction or would you say that things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent	N
Right direction	47%	318
Wrong track	41%	237
Not sure	13%	85

WA2...How about in Washington state – would you say that things in Washington state are headed in the right direction or would you say things are headed off on the wrong track?

Response	Percent	N
Right direction	49%	329
Wrong track	38%	222
Not sure	14%	89

WA3...How worried are you about climate change?

Response	Percent	N
Very worried	36%	247
Somewhat worried	39%	249
Not too worried	18%	101
Not at all worried	8%	43

WA4...How much do you think climate change will harm future generations of people?

Response	Percent	N
A great deal	50%	342
A moderate amount	27%	172
Only a little	16%	86
Not at all	7%	40

WA5x1...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Washington's economy

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	15%	102
Some effect	38%	254
Just a little effect	20%	125
No real effect	21%	117
Not sure	6%	42

WA5x2...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Washington's agriculture

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	25%	170
Some effect	39%	261
Just a little effect	16%	98
No real effect	14%	78
Not sure	5%	33

WA5x3...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Washingtonians' health

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	16%	109
Some effect	36%	241
Just a little effect	19%	121
No real effect	23%	132
Not sure	5%	37

WA5x4...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Extreme weather events in Washington

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	26%	181
Some effect	37%	245
Just a little effect	17%	103
No real effect	17%	94
Not sure	3%	17

WA5x5...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Your family's health

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	11%	71
Some effect	29%	197
Just a little effect	19%	124
No real effect	35%	209
Not sure	6%	39

WA5x6...Do you think that climate change is having a large effect, some effect, just a little effect, or no real effect on the following? - Your family's financial situation

Response	Percent	N
Large effect	9%	62
Some effect	18%	121
Just a little effect	21%	137
No real effect	46%	277
Not sure	6%	43

WA6x1...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - Corporations

Response	Percent	N
Much more	42%	289
Somewhat more	31%	199
Somewhat less	9%	49
Much less	7%	37
About the same	11%	66

WA6x2...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - Everyday Washingtonians

Response	Percent	N
Much more	27%	184
Somewhat more	42%	276
Somewhat less	9%	50
Much less	6%	32
About the same	16%	98

WA6x3...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - The federal government

Response	Percent	N
Much more	43%	292
Somewhat more	25%	165
Somewhat less	7%	43
Much less	11%	61
About the same	13%	79

WA6x4...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - Washington state government

Response	Percent	N
Much more	30%	201
Somewhat more	36%	238
Somewhat less	8%	48
Much less	12%	66
About the same	14%	87

WA6x5...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - Nonprofit organizations

Response	Percent	N
Much more	23%	159
Somewhat more	37%	246
Somewhat less	8%	47
Much less	7%	38
About the same	24%	150

WA6x6...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - Your member of Congress

Response	Percent	N
Much more	31%	211
Somewhat more	33%	218
Somewhat less	9%	52
Much less	12%	64
About the same	15%	95

WA6x7...Do you think each of the following should be doing more, less, or about the same as they are now on the issue of climate change? - The media

Response	Percent	N
Much more	27%	184
Somewhat more	32%	212
Somewhat less	10%	57
Much less	17%	92
About the same	15%	95

WA7...Who do you think should be MOST responsible for paying to modernize and upgrade Washington's infrastructure to withstand the impacts of climate change?

Response	Percent	N
Everyday Washingtonians	7%	43
Federal government	20%	131
Local governments	8%	53
Oil and gas companies	18%	115
Real-estate developers	4%	26
State governments	23%	143
Not sure	20%	129

WA8...To what extent do you hold oil and gas companies responsible for climate change and its associated impacts, including sea level rise, extreme storms, flooding, and more intense and frequent heat waves?

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	36%	249
Somewhat responsible	38%	247
Not too responsible	11%	62
Not at all responsible	9%	51
Not sure	5%	31

WA9...To what extent do you hold everyday Washingtonians responsible for climate change and its associated impacts, including sea level rise, extreme storms, flooding, and more intense and frequent heat waves?

Response	Percent	N
Very responsible	10%	67
Somewhat responsible	47%	316
Not too responsible	23%	141
Not at all responsible	14%	77
Not sure	6%	39

WA10...Do you think oil and gas companies should pay for all, most, some, or none of the costs related to protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States?

Response	Percent	N
Oil and gas companies should pay for all of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	11%	72
Oil and gas companies should pay for most of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	28%	188
Oil and gas companies should pay for some of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	44%	283
Oil and gas companies should pay for none of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	8%	46
Not sure	9%	51

WA11...As you may know, research shows that oil and gas companies' pollution caused climate change, and the oil and gas industry lied to the public for decades about the impact of their pollution on the climate instead of taking steps to stop it. Cities and states are already spending money and developing innovative projects to protect themselves from the impacts of climate change, such as upgrading flood control systems, fortifying roads, bridges, and sewer infrastructure, and protecting drinking water.

Some say that because of this, oil and gas companies should pay at least some of the costs related to protecting communities from the impacts of climate change, including upgrading infrastructure in those communities. Others say that oil and gas companies have done nothing wrong and shouldn't be held financially liable for the effects of climate change, nor should they pay for individual community projects to upgrade infrastructure.

What do you think? Do you think oil and gas companies should pay for all, most, some, or none of the costs related to protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States?

Response	Percent	N
Oil and gas companies should pay for all of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	11%	76
Oil and gas companies should pay for most of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	30%	201
Oil and gas companies should pay for some of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	41%	258
Oil and gas companies should pay for none of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	10%	57
Not sure	8%	48

WA12...Would you say that oil and gas companies are currently paying their fair share of costs related to the impacts of climate change in the United States, or not?

Response	Percent	N
No, they are NOT currently paying their fair share	73%	482
Yes, they are currently paying their fair share	27%	158

WA13...Do you support or oppose suing oil and gas companies to hold them accountable for their pollution and to pay for damages related to climate change?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	28%	188
Somewhat support	33%	214
Somewhat oppose	15%	87
Strongly oppose	12%	68
Not sure	12%	83

WA14x1...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts?- Since the 1960s, oil and gas executives have led a multi-billion dollar disinformation campaign to avoid accountability for the climate change their products caused, all while they continued to pollute.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	41%	275
Somewhat convincing	27%	173
Not too convincing	15%	89
Not at all convincing	10%	58
Not sure	7%	45

WA14x2...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts?- Cities and states across the country are facing millions in costs to adapt to rising sea levels, climbing temperatures, and more severe wildfires. Taxpayers shouldn't be left holding the bag – oil and gas executives should pay to help clean up the mess.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	35%	236
Somewhat convincing	35%	225
Not too convincing	12%	74
Not at all convincing	12%	66
Not sure	6%	39

WA14x3...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts?- Thanks to climate change, you're already paying more on your utility bills and insurance premiums, and soon your taxes could go up to help pay for improvements to roads, bridges, schools, and increased firefighting capacity. You shouldn't have to pay any more to address a problem that oil and gas executives caused.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	32%	215
Somewhat convincing	34%	218
Not too convincing	16%	99
Not at all convincing	12%	67
Not sure	7%	41

WA14x4...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts?- Climate change is causing asthma rates to spike and leading to more frequent heat-related hospitalizations. As we recover from the coronavirus pandemic, it's even more important to hold oil and gas executives accountable for the damage they inflicted on our climate and our health.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	27%	182
Somewhat convincing	34%	224
Not too convincing	18%	110
Not at all convincing	15%	84
Not sure	6%	40

WA14x5...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts?- Chinook salmon – and the orca that prey on them – are at risk because of climate change. Protecting our precious heritage and natural resources means holding the oil and gas executives responsible for the warming Salish Sea accountable.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	32%	219
Somewhat convincing	32%	209
Not too convincing	17%	102
Not at all convincing	13%	72
Not sure	6%	38

WA15x1...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons NOT to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts? - Suing oil and gas companies to hold them accountable for misleading the public about the impacts their products had on the climate will cost a lot of Americans their jobs, something we desperately cannot afford in our current economic crisis.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	19%	114
Somewhat convincing	31%	197
Not too convincing	24%	160
Not at all convincing	17%	111
Not sure	9%	58

WA15x2...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons NOT to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts? - Suing oil and gas companies will make out-of-state lawyers rich while doing little to help cities and the state lessen the impacts of climate change.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	19%	112
Somewhat convincing	29%	188
Not too convincing	24%	161
Not at all convincing	17%	113
Not sure	10%	66



WA15x3...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons NOT to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts? - Climate change is a legislative issue and should be dealt with by our state legislature and the federal government. It is not a legal one and we shouldn't allow it to become one.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	14%	85
Somewhat convincing	29%	184
Not too convincing	25%	166
Not at all convincing	22%	143
Not sure	10%	62

WA15x4...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons NOT to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts? - Suing oil and gas companies is the dream of the radical far left in this country who push the "Green New Deal" to put oil companies out of business and the Americans they employ out of work.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	19%	108
Somewhat convincing	23%	145
Not too convincing	21%	141
Not at all convincing	28%	190
Not sure	8%	56

WA15x5...How convincing do you find each of the following statements as reasons NOT to hold oil and gas companies accountable for climate change and its associated impacts? -If oil and gas companies are sued and held accountable for climate change, they will pass on the cost to customers in the form of higher energy costs and increased fees on their energy bills.

Response	Percent	N
Very convincing	30%	183
Somewhat convincing	33%	217
Not too convincing	18%	120
Not at all convincing	12%	75
Not sure	7%	45

WA16...After learning more about the issue, who do you think should be MOST responsible for paying to modernize and upgrade Washington's infrastructure to withstand the impacts of climate change?

Response	Percent	N
Everyday Washingtonians	5%	33
Federal government	15%	91
Local governments	5%	30
Oil and gas companies	37%	248
Real-estate developers	4%	23
State governments	16%	100
Not sure	18%	115

WA17...After learning more, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Response	Percent	N
Oil and gas companies should pay for all of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	11%	75
Oil and gas companies should pay for most of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	34%	226
Oil and gas companies should pay for some of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	41%	260
Oil and gas companies should pay for none of the costs of protecting communities from the impacts of climate change in the United States	7%	36
Not sure	7%	43

WA18...After learning more, do you support or oppose suing oil and gas companies to hold them accountable for misleading the public about the impacts their products had on the climate?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly support	25%	170
Somewhat support	36%	236
Somewhat oppose	13%	79
Strongly oppose	15%	84
Not sure	11%	71

WA19...After learning more, would you approve or disapprove of the Attorney General of Washington suing oil companies to hold them accountable for misleading the public about the impacts their products had on the climate?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	28%	190
Somewhat approve	32%	208
Somewhat disapprove	12%	77
Strongly disapprove	17%	92
Not sure	11%	73

WA20...If residents in your community organized to sue oil and gas companies, how likely is it that you would get involved?

Response	Percent	N
Very likely	13%	86
Somewhat likely	29%	197
Somewhat unlikely	24%	158
Very unlikely	33%	199

WA21...Do you approve of the job the federal government in doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	19%	128
Somewhat approve	41%	268
Somewhat disapprove	19%	117
Strongly disapprove	15%	92
Not sure	5%	35

WA22...Do you approve of the job the Washington state government in doing in handling the coronavirus pandemic?

Response	Percent	N
Strongly approve	24%	169
Somewhat approve	39%	259
Somewhat disapprove	14%	82
Strongly disapprove	20%	109
Not sure	3%	21

WA23...Scientists say we should be treating climate change with the same urgency as coronavirus. What do you think? Should we be treating climate change with the same urgency as coronavirus?

Response	Percent	N
Yes	48%	326
No	33%	189
Not sure	19%	125

WA24...Has the coronavirus pandemic made you more likely or less likely to support aggressive government action to address climate change? Or has it not had an impact either way?

Response	Percent	N
Much more likely	15%	104
Somewhat more likely	25%	164
Somewhat less likely	7%	41
Much less likely	10%	57
No impact either way	43%	274

## Sample Statistics

<b>Var1</b>	<b>Freq</b>
Age18-34	24%
Age35-54	34.8%
Age55+	41.1%
Gender-Female	52.6%
Gender-Male	47.4%
Race-Black	3%
Race-Other	9.9%
Race-White	87.1%
Education-Advanced	14%
Education-Bachelors	27.2%
Education-LessThanBachelors	58.8%
party-ID: Democrat	39%
party-ID: Independent	24.6%
party-ID: Republican	32.1%
party-ID: Something else	4.3%
Hispanic-No	93.8%
Hispanic-Yes	6.2%
Region (DMA-810): Tri-Cities	7.5%
Region (DMA-819): SEATTLE-TACOMA	72.5%
Region (DMA-881): SPOKANE	11.2%
Region (DMA-Other): Other	8.8%
Vote2020: Biden	53%
Vote2020: Didn't Vote	8%
Vote2020: Someone else	3%
Vote2020: Trump	36%