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**NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.**

S1. Are you registered to vote at this address?

Yes.....	81
No .....	19
Refused/not sure .....	-

**Q.1-Q.12b ASKED ONLY OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

1a. If the election for Governor were held today and the candidates were Christine Gregoire, the Democrat, and Dino Rossi, the Republican, for whom would you vote? (IF UNDECIDED/ NONE/NOT SURE, ASK:) Do you lean more toward Christine Gregoire, the Democrat, or Dino Rossi, the Republican?

Dino Rossi, the Republican .....	41
Undecided, lean Rossi.....	2
Christine Gregoire, the Democrat .....	46
Undecided, lean Gregoire .....	3
(NOT READ) Neither/other candidate.....	6
Not sure .....	2
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Rossi .....</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Gregoire .....</b>	<b>49</b>

**(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SELECT A CANDIDATE IN Q.1a.)**

1b-c. In November, will you definitely vote for that candidate, probably vote for that candidate, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	Would Vote for <u>Rossi</u>	Would Vote for <u>Gregoire</u>
Definitely will vote for that candidate ...	64	64
Probably will vote for that candidate....	18	23
Could change mind .....	17	12
Not sure .....	1	1

<i>ROSSI VS. GREGOIRE: HIERARCHICAL VOTE WITH "LEANERS"</i>	
Strong Rossi .....	26
Weak Rossi .....	17
<b>TOTAL ROSSI .....</b>	<b>43</b>
Strong Gregoire .....	29
Weak Gregoire .....	20
<b>TOTAL GREGOIRE .....</b>	<b>49</b>
Undecided/other .....	8

- 2a. If the election for President and Vice President were held today and the candidates were George W. Bush for President and Dick Cheney for Vice President, the Republicans, and John Kerry for President and John Edwards for Vice President, the Democrats, and Ralph Nader for President and Peter Camejo for Vice President, the Independents, for whom would you vote? (IF UNDECIDED/ NONE/NOT SURE, ASK:) Do you lean more toward...?

	<i>WA</i>	<i>Nation- wide</i>
	<i>9/17 - 20/04</i>	<i>9/7 - 9/04</i>
Bush-Cheney, the Republicans .....	41	50
Undecided, lean Bush-Cheney .....	2	1
Kerry-Edwards, the Democrats.....	49	42
Undecided, lean Kerry-Edwards .....	2	1
Nader-Camejo, the Independents.....	2	2
Undecided, lean Nader-Camejo .....	1	-
(NOT READ) None/other candidate .....	3	2
Not sure .....	-	2
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Bush-Cheney ....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Kerry-Edwards .</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total Would Vote/Lean Nader-Camejo...</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SELECT A CANDIDATE IN Q.2a.)

- 2b-c. In November, will you definitely vote for those candidates, probably vote for those candidates, or do you think you could change your mind before the election in November?

	<i>WA 9/17-20/04</i>		<i>Nationwide 9/7-9/04</i>	
	<i>Vote for Bush- Cheney</i>	<i>Vote for Kerry- Edwards</i>	<i>Vote for Bush- Cheney</i>	<i>Vote for Kerry- Edwards</i>
Definitely will vote for candidates .....	84	83	74	72
Probably will vote for candidates.....	12	10	19	19
Could change mind .....	4	7	7	9
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-

<i>BUSH-CHENEY VS. KERRY-EDWARDS: HIERARCHICAL VOTE WITH "LEANERS"</i>		
	<i>WA</i>	<i>Nation- wide</i>
	<i>9/17 - 20/04</i>	<i>9/7 - 9/04</i>
Strong Bush-Cheney .....	34	37
Weak Bush-Cheney .....	8	14
<b>TOTAL BUSH-CHENEY .....</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>51</b>
Strong Kerry-Edwards .....	41	30
Weak Kerry-Edwards .....	10	13
<b>TOTAL KERRY-EDWARDS .....</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>
Nader-Camejo .....	3	2
Undecided/other .....	4	4

### ISSUES

3. I'm going to read you a list of issues, and I'm going to read you the list twice. Please tell me which one issue is most important to you in deciding how you will vote for President in November?

The economy and jobs .....	29
The war in Iraq .....	29
Health care .....	15
Homeland security.....	12
Taxes.....	5
Gay marriage.....	4
Education .....	3
(NOT READ) Other .....	2
Not sure.....	1

**Now, thinking again about the election for governor in Washington State....**

4. I'm going to read you another list of issues, and I'm going to read the list twice. Please tell me which one issue is most important to you in deciding how you will vote for governor in November?

The economy and jobs .....	38
Education .....	14
Taxes.....	14
Health care .....	13
Roads, highways, and bridges .....	7
The environment .....	5
Abortion .....	5
Gay marriage.....	2
(NOT READ) Other .....	1
(NOT READ) None.....	-
Not sure.....	1

**Now I have questions about measures that will be on the ballot in November...**

5. For each of the following state initiatives, tell me whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose or strongly oppose the initiative.

*THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORT*

	<u>Strongly Support</u>	<u>Some- what Support</u>	<u>Some- what Oppose</u>	<u>Strongly Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	<u>Total Support</u>	<u>Total Oppose</u>
Changing the rules to allow primary election voters to vote for a candidate from <u>any</u> party, even if that meant two candidates from the <u>same</u> party might wind up on the general election ballot .....	43	24	13	17	3	<b>67</b>	<b>30</b>
Allowing slot machine gambling, with taxes on the machines going toward property tax relief.....	25	29	13	30	3	<b>54</b>	<b>43</b>
The new law allowing the establishment of charter schools in the state's school districts .....	22	31	16	20	11	<b>53</b>	<b>36</b>
Increasing the state sales tax by 1 cent per dollar to fund public schools, colleges and universities.	26	26	15	32	1	<b>52</b>	<b>47</b>

**Now, thinking about economic issues ...**

6. Compared to four years ago, is the economy in your area...

Better today .....	19
Worse today .....	47
About the same .....	33
Not sure .....	1

7. Does state government do more to help or hurt economic growth in Washington State?

Help .....	37
Hurt .....	49
(NOT READ) Both, it depends.....	2
(NOT READ) Neither .....	5
Not sure .....	7

8. Which statement comes closest to your view?

Tax breaks for large employers help to create and keep jobs in Washington State .....	50
Tax breaks for large employers divert resources that could be better spent on state services like education and health care .....	44
(NOT READ) Both, it depends.....	-
(NOT READ) Neither .....	4
Not sure .....	2

9. Compared to four years ago, is your family's financial situation...

Better today .....	31
Worse today .....	25
About the same .....	44
Not sure.....	-

**Now, thinking about other issues ...**

10. Do you support or oppose expanding state-paid health insurance for low-income people?

Support.....	72
Oppose.....	24
Not sure.....	4

11. Do you support or oppose gay marriage?

Support.....	43
Oppose.....	50
Not sure.....	7

**Finally, I have two questions about the situation in Iraq...**

12a. All in all, thinking about how things have gone in Iraq since the United States went to war there in March 2003, do you think the United States ...

	<i>WA</i>	<i>Nation- wide</i>
	<u>9/17 - 20/04</u>	<u>4/16 - 18/04</u>
Made the right decision in going to war in Iraq .....	44	57
Made a mistake in going to war in Iraq .....	53	40
Not sure.....	3	3

12b. Looking ahead, do you favor...

Keeping U.S. troops in Iraq until a stable government is formed .....	61
Bringing home U.S. troops as soon as possible .....	37
Not sure .....	2

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

D0a. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" TO Q.D0a, Q.D0b ASKED. IF "REPUBLICAN" TO Q.D0a, Q.D0c ASKED. IF "INDEPENDENT" or "NONE OF THESE" TO Q.D0a, Q.D0d ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D0b. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Democratic Party?  
D0c. Do you lean strongly or only moderately toward the Republican Party?  
D0d. Do your beliefs tend to lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

	<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>
Strongly Republican .....	22
Moderately Republican .....	20
Definitely Independent/neither.....	7
Moderately Democrat.....	28
Strongly Democrat .....	23
Refused/not sure .....	-
<b>Total Republican .....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Democrat .....</b>	<b>50</b>

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D1c. Are you:

18-34 .....	21
35-49 .....	30
50-64 .....	32
65 and over .....	17
Refused/not sure .....	-

D2. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school.....	3
Completed high school .....	15
Some community college or university, but did not finish.....	27
Completed technical school or a community college .....	16
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree....	25
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D. ....	14
Refused/not sure.....	-

D3. What religion are you? Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, or some other religion?

Protestant .....	52
Catholic .....	16
Mormon .....	3
Jewish .....	-
Some other religion .....	10
(NOT READ) No religion .....	16
Refused/not sure .....	3

D4a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D4b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D4a.)**

D4b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White .....	88
Black.....	2
Hispanic.....	4
Asian.....	3
American Indian.....	1
Other.....	1
Refused .....	1

D5. Are you:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Refused/ Not Sure</u>
A gun owner .....	36	64	-
Someone who attends religious services once a week or more.....	35	64	1
An evangelical or born-again Christian.....	25	73	2
A military veteran or living in a household with a military veteran.....	34	66	-

D6. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2003?

Under \$15,000.....	7
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000 .....	6
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000 .....	5
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000 .....	4
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000 .....	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000 .....	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000 .....	22
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000 .....	11
\$100,000 or more .....	15
Refused/not sure .....	13

**REGION:**

Kings County .....	27
Urban Puget Sound .....	29
West .....	22
East .....	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban .....	27
Suburban .....	58
Rural .....	15

**GENDER:**

Male .....	48
Female .....	52