



**WASHINGTON STATEWIDE SURVEY
TOPLINE RESULTS — November 14, 2012**

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling from _____. We are conducting a public opinion survey on some important local issues, and I would like to ask you some questions. Your responses will be kept entirely confidential, and we are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or donation.

May I please speak with _____ **[READ NAME FROM LIST. IF PERSON IS NOT THERE ASK FOR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER. THE OTHER PERSON'S NAME MUST ALSO BE ON THE LIST.]**

Male..... 47
Female 53

1. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, are you in a safe place where we can talk?

No, not on a cell phone 92
Yes, on a cell phone but in a safe place 9
Yes on a cell phone but not in a safe place **TERMINATE/CALL BACK**
Not sure/other/DK **TERMINATE**

2. Of all the personal telephone calls that you receive, do you get: **[READ; DO NOT ROTATE]**

All on a cell phone; 7 **[MUST REPRESENT AT LEAST 13% OF SAMPLE]**
Almost all on a cell phone; 10
Some on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone; 34
Almost all on a regular home phone; or 24
All on a regular home phone 24
DK/NA 0

3. As you may know, there was a recent vote-by-mail General Election for President, U.S. Senate and Congress, as well as other state and local offices and ballot questions. Were you able to vote in this General Election or for some reason were you unable to vote?

Voted..... 100
Did not vote **TERMINATE**
CAN'T REMEMBER/DON'T KNOW [VOL] **TERMINATE**
REFUSED [VOL]..... **TERMINATE**

4. For whom did you vote in the election for President: **[ROTATE]**

___ Barack Obama, the Democrat or
___ Mitt Romney, the Republican?

[IF REFUSES TO ANSWER:] I know your ballot is a secret, but please remember your response will remain confidential and will only be used for research purposes.

Obama 55
Romney..... 41
Other [VOL; SPECIFY: _____] 1
DK/NA [VOL]..... 1
REFUSED [VOL]..... 2

5. And for whom did you vote in the election for Governor: **[ROTATE]**

___ Jay Inslee, the Democrat or

___ Rob McKenna, the Republican?

[IF REFUSES TO ANSWER:] I know your ballot is a secret, but please remember your response will remain confidential and will only be used for research purposes.

Inslee	51
McKenna.....	47
DK/NA [VOL].....	1
REFUSED [VOL].....	1

6. One of the questions on the ballot, Referendum 74, read as follows: "The bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony." Did you vote yes to approve this bill or no to reject it?

[IF REFUSES TO ANSWER:] I know your ballot is a secret, but please remember your response will remain confidential and will only be used for research purposes.

Yes to approve.....	53
No to reject.....	46
DK/NA [VOL].....	0
REFUSED [VOL].....	1

7. When deciding how to vote on Referendum 74, the bill to allow same-sex couples to marry in Washington, was this an easy decision for you, or did you wrestle with it?

Easy decision.....	87
Wrestled with it.....	11
DK/NA [VOL].....	2

8. What is the most important thing that influenced your vote on this referendum, either in favor of or against allowing gays and lesbians to marry? **[OPEN-END; WRITE OUT; BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE]**

9. Do you favor or oppose allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK:]** Is that ___ **[FAVOR/OPPOSE]** strongly or not so strongly?

Favor, strongly	43	53
Favor, not strongly	10	
Oppose, not strongly	6	
Oppose, strongly	41	47
DK/NA [VOL].....	1	

10. Thinking back to how you voted for state legislature in your area, were you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate if they favored allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry—or did it not make a difference either way in how you voted for state legislature? **[IF "MORE LIKELY" OR "LESS LIKELY," ASK:]** Did it make you much ___ (MORE/LESS) likely or just somewhat ___ (MORE/LESS)?

Much more likely	14	30
Somewhat more likely	16	
No difference.....	36	
Somewhat less likely	12	
Much less likely	18	30
Not sure [VOL]	4	

11. Did President Obama's support for allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry make you more or less likely to vote for him—or did it not make a difference to you either way? **[IF "MORE LIKELY" OR "LESS LIKELY," ASK:]**

Did it make you much ____ (MORE/LESS) likely or just somewhat ____ (MORE/LESS)?

Much more likely	13	28
Somewhat more likely	15	
No difference.....	42	
Somewhat less likely	8	
Much less likely	20	28
Not sure [VOL]	1	

12. Over the last several years, have you become more supportive of allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry, have you become less supportive, or have your feelings not changed? **[IF "MORE" OR "LESS" SUPPORTIVE:]** Is that much **[MORE/LESS]** supportive or somewhat **[MORE/LESS]** supportive?

Much more supportive	14	31
Somewhat more supportive	17	
No change.....	58	
Somewhat less supportive	2	
Much less supportive	7	9
Not sure [VOL]	3	

13. Which of the following do you believe is the main reason why gay and lesbian couples want to get married?
[ROTATE]

__ For rights and benefits, like tax advantages, hospital visitation, or sharing a spouse's pension.

Or

__ To officially acknowledge their love and commitment to each other.

Rights and benefits	35
Love and commitment	43
DK/Refused [VOL]	22

14. Regardless of how you feel about this issue, do you believe that gay and lesbian couples who want to get married are trying to change the institution of marriage or join the institution of marriage?

Change it	38
Join it	50
DK/NA [VOL].....	12

I'm going to read you a list of things that some people say were important to them in deciding how to vote on Referendum 74 allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry. For each one, please tell me how important it was to you personally in deciding how to vote on Referendum 74—was it one of the most important things, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not important at all?

	One of most imp	Very imp	S.what imp	Not too imp	Not at all	DK
[ROTATE]						
__ 15. Gay marriage goes against my religious beliefs	34	8	8	14	33	3
__ 16. Gay marriage is not a good idea because children do best with a mom and a dad	27	17	5	18	29	4
__ 17. This referendum specifically preserves the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony.....	16	21	14	19	21	9
__ 18. The freedom to marry is a basic freedom that should not be denied to anyone.....	30	19	7	16	24	4
__ 19. The government should not be in the business of telling people who they can and cannot marry.....	34	19	9	15	18	4
__ 20. Allowing gay marriage has real negative consequences that hurt all of us.		23	15	8	12	36

[ROTATE ONTO NEXT PAGE]

	One of most imp	Very imp	S.what imp	Not too imp	Not at all	DK
[ROTATE]						
__21. Gays and lesbians have a right to live as they choose, but they don't have a right to re-define marriage for the rest of us	25	16	9	15	29	6
__22. Allowing gay couples to marry follows the core principle of the Golden Rule—treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves	28	20	10	16	21	4
__23. This referendum specifically preserves domestic partnerships only for seniors.....	9	14	17	19	23	18
__24. Marriage is unique—there's nothing else like it—and domestic partnerships just aren't the same thing	21	20	11	17	23	9
__25. Allowing gay marriage would be confusing to children	23	19	10	15	29	4
__26. Marriage has always been between a man and a woman, and we need to protect traditional marriage.....	33	12	6	16	29	4
__27. Under gay marriage laws in other states, clergy, small businesses, and charities that disagree with gay marriage have faced lawsuits, fines and punishment—just for standing up for what they believe.....	19	18	10	18	25	11
__28. Gay couples in Washington already have all the rights and benefits of marriage	18	17	15	19	21	12
__29. None of us would want to be told that it is illegal to marry the person we love.....	28	20	9	17	19	6
__30. If a couple is willing to stand up in front of family and friends and make a lifetime promise of fidelity to each other, it's not for us to judge, or to deny them that opportunity	27	21	8	18	20	6
__31. Gay and lesbian couples want to marry for similar reasons as anyone—to make a lifetime promise of love, commitment and responsibility to each other .	29	19	7	15	22	8
__32. Parents are responsible for teaching their children core values, and allowing committed gay couples to marry isn't going to change that.	29	22	10	13	20	6

[ROTATE Q33/34 AND Q35/36]

__33. Regardless of how you voted, which of the following do you believe is the best reason to have approved Referendum 74 and to support marriage for gay and lesbian couples? **[READ AND ROTATE]** Before you respond, I'm going to read that list again. If you would like me to read the list a third time, I'd be happy to do so.

and lesbian couples? **[READ LIST AGAIN; ROTATE]**

First

__ Gay couples want to marry for similar reasons as anyone—to make a public promise of love, responsibility and lifetime commitment	22
__ Allowing gay couples to marry follows the core principle of the Golden Rule—treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves	21
__ Freedom means freedom to marry the person you love	8
__ Marriage is a human right that should not be denied to gay people	5
__ Marriage is unique—there's nothing else like it, and domestic partnerships just aren't the same thing.....	5
NONE OF THE ABOVE [VOL]	28
OTHER [VOL] (SPECIFY:_____)	0
DK/NA [VOL]	11

34. And which is the second best reason to have approved Referendum 74 and to support marriage for gay and lesbian couples? **[READ LIST AGAIN; ROTATE]**

Second

__ Freedom means freedom to marry the person you love	17
__ Gay couples want to marry for similar reasons as anyone—to make a public promise of love, responsibility and lifetime commitment	14
__ Marriage is a human right that should not be denied to gay people	11
__ Marriage is unique—there's nothing else like it, and domestic partnerships just aren't the same thing.....	10
__ Allowing gay couples to marry follows the core principle of the Golden Rule—treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves	6
NONE OF THE ABOVE [VOL]	26
OTHER [VOL] (SPECIFY:_____)	1
DK/NA [VOL]	15

__35. Regardless of how you voted, which of the following do you believe is the best reason to have rejected Referendum 74 and to oppose marriage for gay and lesbian couples? **[READ AND ROTATE]** Before you respond, I'm going to read that list again. If you would like me to read the list a third time, I'd be happy to do so.

__Marriage is more than a commitment between adults—it was created for the care and well-being of children. And children do best with a mother and a father..... 20

__Gays and lesbians already have all the same legal rights as married couples through domestic partnerships..... 15

__Under gay marriage laws in other states, people who disagree with gay marriage based on deeply held religious beliefs have faced lawsuits, fines and punishment..... 9

__ Gay couples have the right to love who they choose, but do not have the right to re-define marriage for the rest of us..... 9

__Under gay marriage laws elsewhere, schools have taught gay marriage to young children, and parents had no right to object 8

NONE OF THE ABOVE [VOL] 28

OTHER [VOL] (SPECIFY: _____)..... 1

DK/NA [VOL] 10

36. And which is the second best reason to have rejected Referendum 74 and to oppose marriage for gay and lesbian couples? **[READ LIST AGAIN; ROTATE]**

__ Gay couples have the right to love who they choose, but do not have the right to re-define marriage for the rest of us..... 18

__Under gay marriage laws elsewhere, schools have taught gay marriage to young children, and parents had no right to object 13

__Gays and lesbians already have all the same legal rights as married couples through domestic partnerships..... 10

__Under gay marriage laws in other states, people who disagree with gay marriage based on deeply held religious beliefs have faced lawsuits, fines and punishment.... 10

__Marriage is more than a commitment between adults—it was created for the care and well-being of children. And children do best with a mother and a father..... 7

NONE OF THE ABOVE [VOL] 27

OTHER [VOL] (SPECIFY: _____)..... 1

DK/NA [VOL] 15

Now I am going to read you some pairs of statements and ask you to tell me whether the first statement or the second statement come closer to your own view—even if neither is exactly right. The (first/next) pair is...(RANDOMIZE AND ROTATE STATEMENTS)

(AFTER STATEMENT) Which statement, the first or the second, comes closer to your own view? **(FOLLOW UP)** Is that much closer or somewhat closer?

[ROTATE]

Much

Stat. A Smwt.	Stat. A Much	Stat. B BOTH	Stat. B NEITHER	Stat. B DK
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__37. __[STATEMENT A] Marriage exists for the benefit of children, who do best with a mom and a dad.

__[STATEMENT B] Children who have gay or lesbian parents deserve the same protections as any children—protections that only marriage provides. 36

10	10	31	3	4	5
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SPLIT SAMPLE A

__39. __[STATEMENT A] If gay couples can legally marry, teachers could be forced to teach young children about gay marriage and address the issue in the classroom, and parents will have no right to object.

__[STATEMENT B] Parents are responsible for teaching their children's most important values, and allowing committed gay couples to marry isn't going to change that. 26

15	10	38	3	3	6
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SPLIT SAMPLE B

__40. __[STATEMENT A] If gay couples can legally marry, teachers could be forced to teach young children about gay marriage and address the issue in the classroom, and parents will have no right to object.

__[STATEMENT B] Kids learn their most important values at home from their parents, and allowing committed gay couples to marry isn't going to change that. 31

15	8	34	4	4	4
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SPLIT SAMPLE A

__41. __[STATEMENT A] Christians and churches will be punished under the law if they refuse to support gay marriage.

__[STATEMENT B] The First Amendment guarantees that no pastor or priest could ever be required to perform a marriage that goes against their beliefs. 23

12	8	37	1	8	12
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SPLIT SAMPLE B

__42. __[STATEMENT A] Christians and churches will be punished under the law if they refuse to support gay marriage.

__[STATEMENT B] The marriage law includes strong protections for religious liberty to shield churches and religious organizations

29	12	9	31	3	5	11
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[ROTATE]

Much

Stat. A	Stat. A	Stat. B	Stat. B			
Smwt.	Smwt.	BOTH	NEITHER	DK		
	Much					

SPLIT SAMPLE A

__43. __[STATEMENT A] Marriage for gay couples is unnecessary because they already have equal rights in our state, under domestic partnership laws.

__[STATEMENT B] In addition to offering important protections, marriage is a unique promise of commitment and fidelity, and no other relationship can substitute for it..... 31 8 13 33 3 4 8

SPLIT SAMPLE B

__44. __[STATEMENT A] Marriage for gay couples is unnecessary because they already have equal rights in our state, under domestic partnership laws.

__[STATEMENT B] Domestic partners have been denied access to their loved ones in the hospital. Only marriage provides the protections families need in a crisis..... 36 10 9 31 2 4 9

45. Before voting, did you talk with anyone about Referendum 74 and the issue of marriage for gay and lesbian couples?

Yes..... 43

No [SKIP TO Q47] 53

DK/NA [VOL]..... [SKIP TO Q47] 4

[ASK Q46 ONLY IF CODE 1 IN Q45]

46. And who did you talk to? **[READ; ROTATE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

__ Your spouse or partner..... 61

__ Your immediate family..... 18

__ People at your church 4

__ Your children 3

__ Your colleagues at work..... 3

__ Gay or lesbian friends or family members..... 3

__ Your minister or priest or other religious leaders..... 1

SOMEONE ELSE (SPECIFY: _____)..... 2

ALL OF THESE [VOL]..... 6

NONE OF THESE [VOL]..... 1

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

Thank you. The following questions are for classification purposes only.

47. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else? **[IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT, ASK:]** Do you consider yourself a strong (Republican/Democrat) or a not so strong (Republican/Democrat)?

Strong Republican 28

Not so strong Republican..... 9

Independent..... 24

Not so strong Democrat..... 12

Strong Democrat..... 25

DK/NA/OTHER/REF 2

48. Do you consider yourself liberal, moderate or conservative?

Liberal	25
Moderate	39
Conservative	34
DK/NA [VOL]	3

49. What is your age? [CODE ACTUAL AGE. REFUSED= 99] _____

18-29	15
30-39	14
40-49	16
50-59	18
60-69	18
70+	18
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

50. What was the last level of schooling you completed?

high school graduate or less	18
some college or vocational school	27
college graduate	44
post graduate training	11
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

51. Are you married, single, living with a partner in a civil union or domestic partnership, living with a partner outside a legally recognized relationship, separated, divorced, or widowed?

Married	69
Single	15
Living with a partner, civil union or domestic partnership	2
Living with a partner, NO civil union or domestic partnership	2
Separated/Divorced	4
Widowed	7
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

52. Do you have any children? [IF YES, ASK:] And are your children under 18 or are they over 18?

Yes, under 18	26
Yes, over 18	40
No	33
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

53. Do you or does any member of your household belong to a labor union?

Yes	18
No	81
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

54. What is your race?

White	93
Hispanic	3
Black	2
Native American	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	1
Other	0
DK/NA/REF [VOL]	1

55. What is your religion -- Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, another Christian religion, another religion, or do you not have a religious affiliation?

Protestant (such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran).....	56
Catholic.....	15
Jewish.....	1
Muslim/Islam.....	0
Mormon.....	2
Other Christian.....	5
Other religion (not Christian).....	1
Not affiliated/Nothing in particular/Atheist/Agnostic.....	15
DK/NA/REF [VOL].....	4

[ASK Q56 ONLY AMONG Q55 CODES 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 OR 9:]

56. **[IF PROTESTANT/CATHOLIC/MORMON/ORTHODOX/OTHER CHRISTIAN/OTHER/DK, ASK:]**

Would you describe yourself a born-again or Evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes.....	27
No.....	67
DK/NA/REF [VOL].....	6

[RESUME ASKING ALL]

57. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services, more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, hardly ever, or never?

More than once a week.....	10
Once a week.....	33
Once or twice a month.....	15
A few times a year.....	15
Hardly ever.....	10
Never.....	14
DK/NA/REF [VOL].....	4

58. In which of the following ranges does your family income fall? Just stop me when I get to the right category.

[READ; DO NOT ROTATE]

Below \$30 thousand;.....	11
Above 30 but less than 50 thousand;.....	16
Above 50 but less than 75 thousand;.....	23
Above 75 but less than 100 thousand;.....	17
Above 100 but less than 200 thousand.....	9
Above 200 thousand;.....	6
DK/NA/REF [DO NOT READ]	18

59. For statistical reasons only, do you consider yourself to be heterosexual or straight, or do you consider yourself to be gay, lesbian or homosexual or bisexual?

Heterosexual/straight.....	93
Gay/lesbian/homosexual.....	1
Bisexual.....	1
OTHER [VOL].....	0
DK/NA/REF [VOL].....	4

That completes our public opinion survey. Thank you very much for your time and cooperation, and have a pleasant (day/evening).