



WASHINGTON VOTERS ARE DISASTISFIED WITH DEMOCRAT-CONTROLLED OLYMPIA AHEAD OF NOVEMBER

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TO: RSLC President Dee Duncan
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RE: Survey of Likely 2022 General Election Voters in Washington

Washingtonians are exhausted by the harmful results of Democrat control at both the state and federal level and are looking at the state legislative elections this fall as an opportunity for change. Republicans are competitive on the state legislative generic ballot because Washingtonians feel Democrats in Olympia are failing them on their top issues – the economy and public safety. Even more concerning for Olympia Democrats? Their policies on those two key issues are drastically out of step with voters, which means Republicans have a chance to gain even more ground.

State Republicans have the wind at their backs as they are within the margin of error on the legislative generic ballot and Washingtonians are rejecting President Biden.

- Only **44%** of Washingtonians believe the state is headed in the right direction compared to **51%** who say it is on the wrong track.
 - Voters' pessimistic view of the state matches their negative opinion of elected Democrats in Olympia, who are underwater by **seven points (42%-49%)**.
- This dismal political environment has Republicans within just **two points** on the state legislative generic ballot (**46%-48%**).
- President Biden is also an anchor for Washington Democrats.
 - The President's image is underwater by **12 points (43%-55%)**.
 - Only **45%** of those surveyed want the Legislature to support Biden's agenda, while **48%** want the Legislature to enact opposite policies to push back on the President.

Washingtonians want their state government to focus on the economy and increasing public safety

- The top issues Washingtonians want their state government to focus on are addressing the cost of living (**25%**) as well as combatting violent crime and increasing public safety (**19%**).
 - No other issue is even above **16%**.
 - Adding creating jobs and growing the economy (**8%**) to addressing the cost of living (**25%**) shows a total of **33%** of voters cite economic issues as their top concern.

Washingtonians are turned off by Democrats in the Legislature when they learn more about their failed economic record.

- Washingtonians are **64%** less likely to vote for a state legislative candidate who voted for a tax increase that was later ruled unconstitutional.
- Washingtonians are **63%** less likely to vote for a state legislative candidate who voted for legislation that law enforcement leaders say "could put the public and police officers in jeopardy."

This survey was conducted 06/29 – 07/01 with 600 likely general election voters. It has a margin of error of $\pm 3.99\%$.

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