

Statewide Survey of Likely General Election Voters in Oregon

Topline Report - February 13, 2017

Clout Research conducted a statewide telephone survey of likely general election voters in Oregon from February 10-12, 2017. The hybrid survey included 682 responses reached from landline and mobile telephones, and it carries a confidence interval of 95% and a margin of error of +/- 3.75%.

Q. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Kate Brown?

	Frequency	Percent	Total Favs
VERY FAVORABLE	201	29.5	FAV
SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE	137	20.1	49.6
SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE	84	12.3	UNFAV
VERY UNFAVORABLE	196	28.7	41.0
NO OPINION	64	9.4	
Total	682	100.0	

Q. During her campaign for Governor, Kate Brown accepted a \$250,000 contribution from gun-control activist Michael Bloomberg. After winning the election, Governor Brown issued a statewide ban that prohibits lawful concealed handgun licenses holders from carrying a gun in state-owned buildings. Do you believe the \$250,000 contribution influenced Governor Brown's decision to implement a ban on lawful gun license holders?

	Frequency	Percent
CONTRIBUTION INFLUENCED BROWN	304	44.5
NO INFLUENCE	244	35.7
NOT SURE	135	19.7
Total	682	100.0

Q. A “sanctuary city” is a municipality that has adopted a policy of protecting undocumented immigrants by not prosecuting them for violating federal immigration laws. Cities in Oregon, and some public universities, have declared themselves sanctuary cities. Do you approve of these local jurisdictions shielding undocumented immigrants from federal authorities?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT SANCTUARIES	314	46.1
OPPOSE SANCTUARIES	343	50.3
NOT SURE	24	3.6
Total	682	100.0

Q. Thinking again about sanctuary cities, do you support local cities and universities that choose to protect undocumented immigrants from federal authorities, even if those undocumented immigrants are suspected of having committed a crime?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT SANCTUARIES	171	25.0
OPPOSE SANCTUARIES	441	64.7
NOT SURE	70	10.3
Total	682	100.0

Q. Governor Brown recently signed an executive order to strengthen Oregon’s status as a sanctuary state for undocumented immigrants. Her decision may cause Oregon to lose billions in federal dollars we currently use for transportation, education, and healthcare. If you knew Oregonians would have to fill those funding gaps with local tax dollars, would you support Governor Brown’s decision?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT GOVERNOR'S ORDER	260	38.1
OPPOSE GOVERNOR'S ORDER	359	52.7
NOT SURE	62	9.2
Total	682	100.0

Q. If you knew that Governor Brown’s budget includes a \$55 million-dollar allocation to fund healthcare services for undocumented children in Oregon, would you support tax increases to fund it?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT TAX INCREASE	274	40.2
OPPOSE TAX INCREASE	332	48.7
NOT SURE	76	11.1
Total	682	100.0

Q. This biennium, Oregon’s anticipated revenue increase is \$1.3 billion dollars. But the state is forecasted to still have a \$1.8 billion dollar budget deficit. How do you believe Oregon should balance our state’s budget?

	Frequency	Percent
RAISE TAXES	86	12.6
CUT SPENDING	307	45.0
BOTH	181	26.5
NOT SURE	108	15.9
Total	682	100.0

Q. Thinking about business issues here in Oregon, which of the following statements best describes your opinion about business taxes?

	Frequency	Percent
BIG & OUT OF STATE BUSINESS SHOULD PAY MORE THAN SMALL BIZ	234	34.3
SMALL BUSINESS SHOULD HAVE TAX CUT SO THEY CAN GROW THEIR BUSINESSES	184	27.0
ALL BIZ SHOULD PAY THE SAME TAX RATE, REGARDLESS OF SIZE	167	24.5
NOT SURE	97	14.2
Total	682	100.0

Q. The legislature is discussing a revenue package to fund our statewide transportation needs. Which TWO funding options do you most support? (Multiple responses allowed):

	Frequency	Percent
GAS TAX	232	20.0
MILES TAX	207	17.8
REGISTRATION FEE INCREASE	129	11.1
SALES TAX ON CAR SALES	118	10.2
TOLL ROADS	69	6.0
BONDED DEBT	122	10.5
NO NEW TAXES	280	24.1
Total	1161	100.0

Q. In November, Oregon voters overwhelming passed Measure 96, the Oregon Veterans Lottery bill. Voters expected that these dollars would be in addition to the current general fund allocation for veterans. Governor Brown's budget cut 75% of the general fund allocation, \$10 million dollars, out of the veteran's budget. Do you believe the legislature should fully fund veterans services at the promised amount of \$30 million dollars?

	Frequency	Percent
FULLY FUND VETS	498	73.1
KEEP GOV'S CUTS	68	10.0
NOT SURE	116	17.0
Total	682	100.0

Q. Governor Kate Brown's budget includes a 28% tax increase on small business owners. If you knew that this tax increase would result in small businesses paying a higher tax rate than large corporations, would that make you more or less likely to support a tax increase on small businesses?

	Frequency	Percent
MORE LIKELY	41	6.1
LESS LIKELY	538	78.9
NO DIFFERENCE	103	15.1
Total	682	100.0

Q. The Oregon legislature recently passed an increased minimum wage and mandatory paid sick leave for employees. In 2017, the legislature is contemplating further employer mandates, including mandatory paid family leave. Local counties have sued the state, calling these policies unfunded mandates, and non-profits like Head Start have reported not having enough money in their operating budgets to follow the law without cutting services. Knowing this, do you support the legislature's plan to require employers to pay for family leave?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT PAID LEAVE	234	34.3
OPPOSE PAID LEAVE	322	47.3
NOT SURE	126	18.4
Total	682	100.0

Q. Every 10 years, Oregon participates in a redistricting process to redraw congressional and legislative district lines. Would you support a constitutional amendment that would create an independent redistricting committee to remove partisanship and gerrymandering from the redistricting process?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT NON-PARTISAN CMTE	440	64.6
OPPOSE NON-PARTISAN CMTE	67	9.8
NOT SURE	175	25.6
Total	682	100.0

Q. This year, nearly half of the increase in the Oregon state budget will be spent to pay higher pension costs to public employees through PERS. Do you support raising taxes in order to cover increased PERS costs?

	Frequency	Percent
SUPPORT PERS TAX INCREASE	154	22.5
OPPOSE PERS TAX INCREASE	414	60.6
NOT SURE	115	16.8
Total	682	100.0

Q. You responded that you would oppose a tax increase to support the increase in PERS costs. Which one of the following reforms would you support instead of raising taxes?

	Frequency	Percent
REQUIRED EMPLOYEE CONTRIB	110	26.7
\$100,000 CAP	62	15.0
RETIREMENT AGE 67	26	6.2
STOP COST OF LIVING INCREASES	14	3.4
ALL OF THE ABOVE	149	36.0
NOT SURE	53	12.8
Total	414	100.0

PARTY

	Frequency	Percent
DEMOCRAT	319	46.8
REPUBLICAN	243	35.6
INDEPENDENT	120	17.6
Total	682	100.0

PHILOSOPHY

	Frequency	Percent
VERY LIBERAL / PROGRESSIVE	136	19.9
LIBERAL	115	16.8
MODERATE	182	26.8
CONSERVATIVE	204	29.9
VERY CONSERVATIVE / LIBERTARIAN	45	6.6
Total	682	100.0

UNION

	Frequency	Percent
PUBLIC / TEACHERS' UNION	121	17.8
TRADE UNION	56	8.3
SERVICE SECTOR UNION	37	5.4
NO UNION	467	68.5
Total	682	100.0

MILITARY

	Frequency	Percent
CURRENTLY SERVING	64	9.5
MILITARY VETERAN	215	31.5
NO MILITARY	402	59.0
Total	682	100.0

**PRIMARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN IN
HOUSEHOLD**

	Frequency	Percent
YES	213	31.2
NO	469	68.8
Total	682	100.0

GENDER

	Frequency	Percent
MALE	325	47.7
FEMALE	356	52.3
Total	682	100.0

MARITAL STATUS

	Frequency	Percent
MARRIED	484	70.9
SINGLE	138	20.2
DIVORCED / SEPARATED	60	8.9
Total	682	100.0

AGE

	Frequency	Percent
18-34	146	21.5
35-49	172	25.2
50-65	194	28.5
OVER 65	170	24.9
Total	682	100.0

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

	Frequency	Percent
CD1	130	19.1
CD2	133	19.5
CD3	150	22.0
CD4	129	19.0
CD5	140	20.5
Total	682	100.0

PHONE TYPE

	Frequency	Percent
LANDLINE	459	67.3
MOBILE	223	32.7
Total	682	100.0