



Oregon Registered Voter Poll 3/10-12, 2014
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Q1 Thinking back on the different local, state, and federal elections in which you have been eligible to vote over the last 5 or 6 years, would you say that you...

RV

72 Always voted over the last 5 or 6 years
18 Voted in nearly every election
5 Voted in most elections
2 Voted in about half of the elections
2 Voted less than half of the time
1 Not sure

Q2 When you go to vote, there are often questions on the ballot in addition to races between two or more candidates. Many people vote for the candidates in races like President, Governor and Congress, but do not always vote on the other questions at the end of the ballot, like on amendments or elections for judges. Do you usually vote on these questions or not, and if so do you vote only when you have a good understanding of the candidates running or of both sides of the issue, when you have at least some understanding of the issue, or always on every question regardless of how much you know about it?

RV

20 Sometimes don't always vote on other matters
44 Only vote on other matters when you have a good understanding
25 Vote on other matters when you have at least some understanding
9 Always vote, regardless of how much you know about issues
2 Not sure

Q3 And looking ahead to election time this year, I know it's a long way off but how certain are you that you will vote this November here in Oregon. Are you ...

RV

92 Certain to vote this November
6 Will probably vote
1 Will probably not vote
1 Will definitely not vote
1 Not Sure



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Q4 And thinking specifically about previous elections for judges here in Oregon, would you say that you have always voted in those elections, voted in nearly every election, voted in most elections, voted in about half of the elections, or voted less than half of the time?

RV

37 Always voted in elections for judges
29 Voted in nearly every election
16 Voted in most elections
8 Voted in about half of the elections
9 Voted less than half of the time
2 Not Sure

Q5 And when you've voted in elections for judges, do you feel that you have had the information needed to make an informed decision all of the time, most of the time, only sometimes or that you have never had the information needed to make an informed decision?

RV

11 Always had the information needed
39 Had the information needed most of the time
40 Only sometimes had the information needed
8 Never had the information needed
3 Not Sure

Q6 During a campaign, candidates running for judge often raise money for their campaigns by taking contributions from individuals, attorneys, businesses and interest groups that may later have a court case in front of an elected judge. How much influence do you think campaign contributions made to judges have on their decisions ...

RV

41 Contributions have a great deal of influence on later decisions
39 Some influence
14 Only a little influence
4 No influence at all
2 Not Sure



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Q7 Now I'm going to read you a few different proposals for how Oregon might change the way judges are selected in this state. For each one, please tell me if you support that proposal or oppose it.

		<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	
A	Under one proposal, judicial candidates could run for office without needing to raise large campaign contributions. Instead, they would collect a large number of small contributions from individuals and these contributions would be matched on a five-to-one basis by a public fund. Each candidate's public funding would be capped at a certain amount, and there would be strict enforcement of campaign finance laws including disclosure of all donations. Would you support or oppose this proposal?	RV	66	17	17

Under one proposal, when an opening occurs on the bench, potential judges would apply to a nonpartisan nominating commission that conducts interviews, reviews candidates records, and sends a list of the most qualified finalists to the governor, who then appoints of them to the bench. [SPLIT SAMPLE: HALF HEAR/HALF DO NOT HEAR RETENTION] After each term, a judge would then face a retention election, where voters have the opportunity to vote yes to keep them or no to have a new judge appointed. [RESUME FULL QUESTION] Would you support or oppose this proposal?

		<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	
B	Respondents who did not hear retention language	RV	53	23	24
C	Respondents who did hear retention language	RV	56	21	23



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Q8 And all things considered, do you think implementing one of these proposals to change how we select judges would help or hurt Oregon?

RV

64 Would help Oregon
9 Would hurt Oregon
27 Not Sure

Q9 And if one of these proposals were on the ballot in Oregon this year, would it make you more interested in voting in the election, less interested, or would it not change your interest that much?

RV

38 Be more interested in voting if proposed change was on ballot
2 Be less interested in voting
57 Would not change interest much
3 Not sure

Q10 Age

RV

14 18-29
26 30-44
37 45-64
19 65 & Older
3 Refused

Q11 Gender

RV

50 Female
47 Male
3 Refused



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Q12 Ethnicity/Race

RV	
5	Hispanic Total
91	Not Hispanic
0	Not Sure on Origin
3	Refused Hispanic Answer
84	White Total
1	Black Total
3	American Indian/Alaska Native
0	Asian
1	Native Hawaii/Pacific Islander
2	Other Race
3	More Than One Race
0	Not Sure on Race
6	Refused on Race

Q13 Party

RV	
43	Democrat
29	Republican
21	Independent
3	Third Party
3	Not Sure
52	Democratic Base = Democrats + Usually Choose Dem in two-way
37	Republican Base = Republicans + Usually Choose Rep in two-way

Q14 Ideology

RV	
29	Liberal
33	Moderate
30	Conservative
7	Not Sure

Thank you for your time today. This concludes our survey.