

WASHINGTON VOTERS, WASHINGTON POLICY CENTER, FEBRUARY 2012

1. 41 states & the District of Columbia have charter public schools, independent community-based schools that are tuition-free and take all students...Currently, state law bans such schools in Washington. After hearing this, would you support or oppose changing state law so charter public schools could be opened in Washington State?

|                  | 6.1 REGION  |              |              |             |              |            | 5. GENDER   |             | 3.1 AGE    |            |             |             | 4.1 PARTY ID |             |              |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                  | TOTAL       | Sea-<br>ttle | non-<br>Sea- | K/P/<br>S/T | misc<br>West | East       | male        | fem.        | 18-<br>44  | 45-<br>54  | 55-<br>64   | 65+         | Rep.         | Dem.        | Ind/<br>othr |
| strongly support | 158<br>39%  | 12<br>32%    | 32<br>38%    | 51<br>43%   | 36<br>44%    | 27<br>33%  | 76<br>40%   | 81<br>39%   | 31<br>40%  | 36<br>46%  | 43<br>34%   | 46<br>40%   | 58<br>55%    | 33<br>26%   | 63<br>41%    |
| somewhat support | 82<br>21%   | 7<br>19%     | 16<br>19%    | 24<br>21%   | 17<br>21%    | 18<br>22%  | 42<br>22%   | 40<br>19%   | 15<br>19%  | 18<br>23%  | 27<br>21%   | 23<br>19%   | 21<br>20%    | 29<br>23%   | 30<br>20%    |
| Total support    | 240<br>60%  | 19<br>51%    | 48<br>58%    | 75<br>64%   | 53<br>65%    | 45<br>55%  | 119<br>62%  | 121<br>58%  | 46<br>59%  | 55<br>69%  | 69<br>55%   | 69<br>59%   | 80<br>76%    | 62<br>48%   | 93<br>61%    |
| don't know       | 58<br>15%   | 6<br>16%     | 14<br>17%    | 11<br>10%   | 13<br>16%    | 14<br>17%  | 28<br>14%   | 31<br>15%   | 13<br>16%  | 10<br>13%  | 14<br>11%   | 22<br>18%   | 10<br>9%     | 20<br>16%   | 24<br>16%    |
| Total oppose     | 102<br>25%  | 12<br>32%    | 21<br>25%    | 31<br>26%   | 15<br>19%    | 23<br>28%  | 44<br>23%   | 57<br>27%   | 19<br>24%  | 14<br>18%  | 42<br>34%   | 26<br>22%   | 16<br>15%    | 46<br>36%   | 36<br>24%    |
| somewhat oppose  | 27<br>7%    | 2<br>5%      | 9<br>11%     | 6<br>5%     | 4<br>5%      | 6<br>7%    | 13<br>7%    | 14<br>7%    | 8<br>10%   | 5<br>6%    | 5<br>4%     | 9<br>8%     | 6<br>5%      | 14<br>11%   | 6<br>4%      |
| strongly oppose  | 75<br>19%   | 10<br>27%    | 12<br>15%    | 25<br>21%   | 11<br>14%    | 17<br>21%  | 32<br>17%   | 43<br>21%   | 11<br>14%  | 9<br>12%   | 37<br>30%   | 17<br>15%   | 10<br>10%    | 32<br>25%   | 30<br>20%    |
| Net support      | 138<br>34%  | 7<br>19%     | 27<br>32%    | 44<br>38%   | 38<br>47%    | 22<br>27%  | 74<br>39%   | 64<br>30%   | 27<br>35%  | 41<br>52%  | 27<br>22%   | 43<br>37%   | 64<br>61%    | 16<br>12%   | 57<br>37%    |
| TOTAL            | 400<br>100% | 37<br>100%   | 83<br>100%   | 117<br>100% | 81<br>100%   | 82<br>100% | 191<br>100% | 209<br>100% | 78<br>100% | 79<br>100% | 125<br>100% | 117<br>100% | 106<br>100%  | 128<br>100% | 153<br>100%  |

2. Would you support or oppose allowing charter public schools to open in urban neighborhoods where state officials report traditional schools are failing to adequately educate low-income and minority children?

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|                  | Sea-<br>ttle | non-<br>Sea-<br>King | K/P/<br>S/T | misc<br>West | East       |            | male        | fem.        | 18-<br>44  | 45-<br>54  | 55-<br>64   | 65+         | Rep.         | Dem.        | Ind/<br>othr |
| TOTAL            | -----        | -----                | -----       | -----        | -----      | -----      | -----       | -----       | -----      | -----      | -----       | -----       | -----        | -----       | -----        |
| strongly support | 167<br>42%   | 15<br>41%            | 38<br>46%   | 49<br>41%    | 37<br>46%  | 28<br>34%  | 82<br>43%   | 85<br>40%   | 36<br>47%  | 33<br>42%  | 48<br>39%   | 49<br>42%   | 50<br>47%    | 43<br>34%   | 69<br>45%    |
| somewhat support | 89<br>22%    | 7<br>19%             | 17<br>20%   | 29<br>25%    | 17<br>21%  | 19<br>23%  | 45<br>24%   | 44<br>21%   | 15<br>20%  | 22<br>28%  | 26<br>21%   | 25<br>21%   | 31<br>29%    | 25<br>19%   | 30<br>20%    |
| Total support    | 255<br>64%   | 22<br>59%            | 55<br>66%   | 77<br>66%    | 54<br>67%  | 47<br>57%  | 127<br>67%  | 128<br>61%  | 51<br>66%  | 55<br>70%  | 75<br>60%   | 74<br>63%   | 81<br>76%    | 68<br>53%   | 99<br>65%    |
| don't know       | 57<br>14%    | 6<br>16%             | 14<br>17%   | 12<br>10%    | 12<br>15%  | 13<br>16%  | 24<br>12%   | 33<br>16%   | 10<br>13%  | 9<br>11%   | 12<br>10%   | 25<br>21%   | 10<br>9%     | 22<br>17%   | 23<br>15%    |
| Total oppose     | 88<br>22%    | 9<br>24%             | 14<br>17%   | 28<br>24%    | 15<br>19%  | 22<br>27%  | 40<br>21%   | 48<br>23%   | 17<br>21%  | 15<br>19%  | 38<br>31%   | 18<br>15%   | 15<br>14%    | 39<br>30%   | 31<br>20%    |
| somewhat oppose  | 32<br>8%     | 3<br>8%              | 5<br>6%     | 9<br>8%      | 6<br>7%    | 9<br>11%   | 15<br>8%    | 17<br>8%    | 11<br>14%  | 8<br>10%   | 8<br>6%     | 5<br>4%     | 6<br>6%      | 14<br>11%   | 9<br>6%      |
| strongly oppose  | 56<br>14%    | 6<br>16%             | 9<br>11%    | 19<br>16%    | 9<br>11%   | 13<br>16%  | 25<br>13%   | 31<br>15%   | 6<br>8%    | 7<br>9%    | 30<br>24%   | 13<br>11%   | 9<br>9%      | 25<br>19%   | 22<br>14%    |
| Net support      | 168<br>42%   | 13<br>35%            | 41<br>50%   | 50<br>42%    | 39<br>48%  | 25<br>30%  | 87<br>46%   | 80<br>38%   | 35<br>45%  | 40<br>51%  | 37<br>29%   | 55<br>48%   | 66<br>62%    | 29<br>23%   | 68<br>44%    |
| TOTAL            | 400<br>100%  | 37<br>100%           | 83<br>100%  | 117<br>100%  | 81<br>100% | 82<br>100% | 191<br>100% | 209<br>100% | 78<br>100% | 79<br>100% | 125<br>100% | 117<br>100% | 106<br>100%  | 128<br>100% | 153<br>100%  |

3. What is your approximate age, please?

|       | 6.1 REGION           |                      |                     |              |            |            | 5. GENDER   |             | 3.1 AGE    |            |             |             | 4.1 PARTY ID |             |              |
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|       | Sea-<br>ttle<br>King | non-<br>Sea-<br>King | K/P/<br>S/T<br>cos. | misc<br>West | East       |            | male        | fem.        | 18-<br>44  | 45-<br>54  | 55-<br>64   | 65+         | Rep.         | Dem.        | Ind/<br>othr |
| TOTAL | ----                 | ----                 | ----                | ----         | ----       | ----       | ----        | ----        | ----       | ----       | ----        | ----        | ----         | ----        | ----         |
| 18-34 | 33<br>8%             | 4<br>11%             | 4<br>5%             | 12<br>10%    | 5<br>6%    | 8<br>10%   | 17<br>9%    | 16<br>8%    | 33<br>42%  | -          | -           | -           | 7<br>7%      | 7<br>5%     | 15<br>10%    |
| 35-44 | 45<br>11%            | 2<br>5%              | 10<br>12%           | 15<br>13%    | 11<br>14%  | 7<br>9%    | 20<br>11%   | 25<br>12%   | 45<br>58%  | -          | -           | -           | 9<br>9%      | 17<br>13%   | 17<br>11%    |
| 45-54 | 79<br>20%            | 3<br>8%              | 10<br>12%           | 29<br>24%    | 17<br>21%  | 20<br>24%  | 40<br>21%   | 38<br>18%   | -          | 79<br>100% | -           | -           | 31<br>29%    | 20<br>16%   | 26<br>17%    |
| 55-59 | 61<br>15%            | 7<br>19%             | 8<br>10%            | 24<br>20%    | 11<br>14%  | 11<br>13%  | 31<br>16%   | 30<br>14%   | -          | -          | 61<br>49%   | -           | 15<br>15%    | 21<br>16%   | 23<br>15%    |
| 60-64 | 64<br>16%            | 3<br>8%              | 11<br>14%           | 14<br>12%    | 17<br>21%  | 19<br>23%  | 34<br>18%   | 30<br>14%   | -          | -          | 64<br>51%   | -           | 11<br>10%    | 22<br>17%   | 31<br>20%    |
| 65+   | 117<br>29%           | 18<br>49%            | 39<br>47%           | 24<br>21%    | 19<br>23%  | 17<br>21%  | 48<br>25%   | 69<br>33%   | -          | -          | -           | 117<br>100% | 33<br>31%    | 42<br>33%   | 40<br>26%    |
| NA    | 2<br>1%              | -                    | 1<br>1%             | -            | 1<br>1%    | -          | -           | 2<br>1%     | -          | -          | -           | -           | -            | -           | 1<br>1%      |
| TOTAL | 400<br>100%          | 37<br>100%           | 83<br>100%          | 117<br>100%  | 81<br>100% | 82<br>100% | 191<br>100% | 209<br>100% | 78<br>100% | 79<br>100% | 125<br>100% | 117<br>100% | 106<br>100%  | 128<br>100% | 153<br>100%  |

4. Do you consider yourself a Republican, a Democrat or an Independent?

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| TOTAL          | King         | cos.         |             |              |            |            |             |             |            |            |             |             |              |             |              |
| Republican     | 106<br>26%   | 5<br>14%     | 21<br>25%   | 33<br>28%    | 16<br>20%  | 31<br>38%  | 55<br>29%   | 51<br>24%   | 16<br>21%  | 31<br>39%  | 26<br>21%   | 33<br>28%   | 106<br>100%  | -           | -            |
| Democrat       | 128<br>32%   | 18<br>49%    | 34<br>41%   | 37<br>32%    | 21<br>26%  | 18<br>22%  | 40<br>21%   | 88<br>42%   | 24<br>30%  | 20<br>26%  | 43<br>34%   | 42<br>36%   | -            | 128<br>100% | -            |
| Independent    | 136<br>34%   | 12<br>32%    | 21<br>25%   | 41<br>35%    | 34<br>42%  | 28<br>34%  | 84<br>44%   | 52<br>25%   | 27<br>35%  | 21<br>27%  | 52<br>42%   | 36<br>31%   | -            | -           | 136<br>89%   |
| something else | 17<br>4%     | 1<br>3%      | 4<br>5%     | 3<br>3%      | 6<br>7%    | 3<br>4%    | 9<br>5%     | 8<br>4%     | 5<br>6%    | 5<br>6%    | 2<br>2%     | 4<br>3%     | -            | -           | 17<br>11%    |
| don't know     | 13<br>3%     | 1<br>3%      | 3<br>4%     | 3<br>3%      | 4<br>5%    | 2<br>2%    | 3<br>2%     | 10<br>5%    | 6<br>8%    | 2<br>3%    | 2<br>2%     | 2<br>2%     | -            | -           | -            |
| TOTAL          | 400<br>100%  | 37<br>100%   | 83<br>100%  | 117<br>100%  | 81<br>100% | 82<br>100% | 191<br>100% | 209<br>100% | 78<br>100% | 79<br>100% | 125<br>100% | 117<br>100% | 106<br>100%  | 128<br>100% | 153<br>100%  |

5. Gender

|        | 6.1 REGION   |              |             |              |            |            | 5. GENDER   |             | 3.1 AGE    |            |             |             | 4.1 PARTY ID |             |              |
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|        | Sea-<br>ttle | non-<br>Sea- | K/P/<br>S/T | misc<br>West | East       |            | male        | fem.        | 18-<br>44  | 45-<br>54  | 55-<br>64   | 65+         | Rep.         | Dem.        | Ind/<br>othr |
| TOTAL  | King         | cos.         |             |              |            |            |             |             |            |            |             |             |              |             |              |
|        | -----        | -----        | -----       | -----        | -----      | -----      | -----       | -----       | -----      | -----      | -----       | -----       | -----        | -----       | -----        |
| male   | 191<br>48%   | 13<br>35%    | 37<br>45%   | 58<br>49%    | 41<br>51%  | 42<br>51%  | 191<br>100% | -           | 37<br>48%  | 40<br>51%  | 65<br>52%   | 48<br>41%   | 55<br>52%    | 40<br>31%   | 93<br>61%    |
| female | 209<br>52%   | 24<br>65%    | 46<br>55%   | 60<br>51%    | 40<br>49%  | 40<br>49%  | -<br>100%   | 209         | 41<br>52%  | 38<br>49%  | 59<br>48%   | 69<br>59%   | 51<br>48%    | 88<br>69%   | 60<br>39%    |
| TOTAL  | 400<br>100%  | 37<br>100%   | 83<br>100%  | 117<br>100%  | 81<br>100% | 82<br>100% | 191<br>100% | 209<br>100% | 78<br>100% | 79<br>100% | 125<br>100% | 117<br>100% | 106<br>100%  | 128<br>100% | 153<br>100%  |