

## WPC SOLUTIONS SUMMIT November 12-13, 2013



## Washington Voter Party ID & Philosophy

Philosophy **Party ID** 60% 60% 39% 38% 40% 40% 35% 33% 25% 24% 20% 20% 0% 0% Conservative Moderate Liberal Republican Independent Democrat

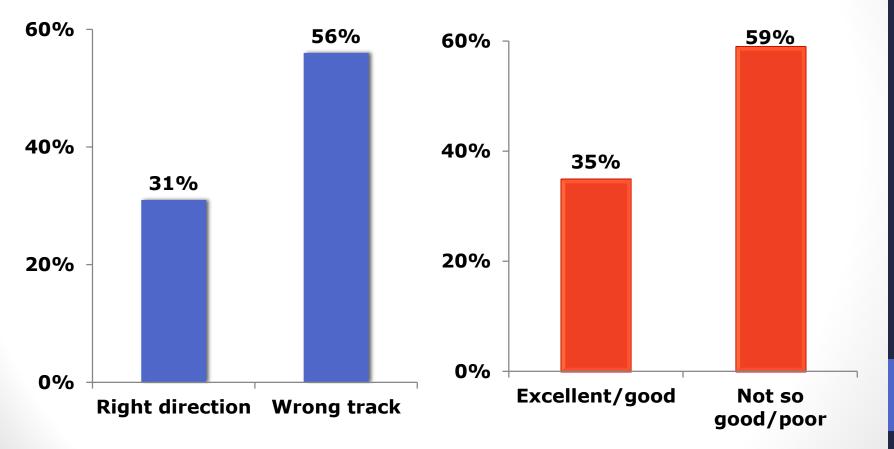
#### Washington Voter Party ID & Philosophy

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
All voters	38%	35%	24%
Party ID			
Republican	80%	17%	2%
Democrat	7%	34%	58%
Independent	38%	47%	10%

#### **Voter Mood & The Economy**

Mood

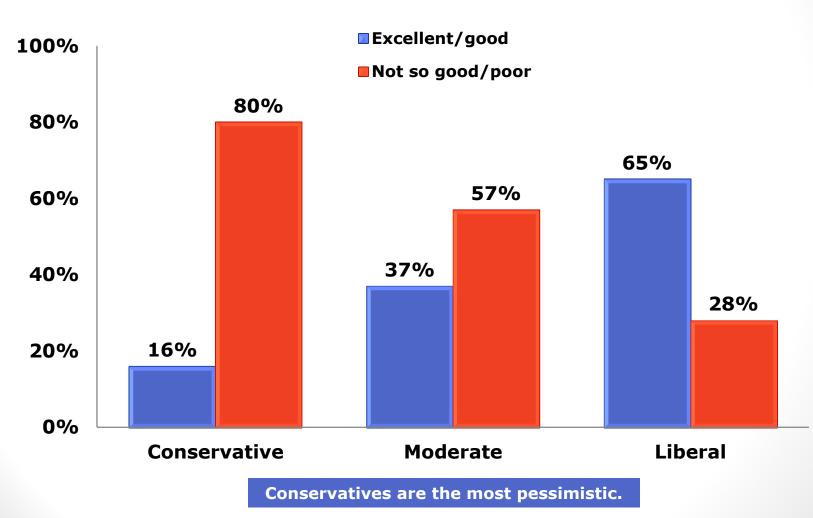
#### Perception of Washington's Economy



Source: Moore Information; August 5, 2013

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#### Perceptions of Washington's Economy & Philosophy

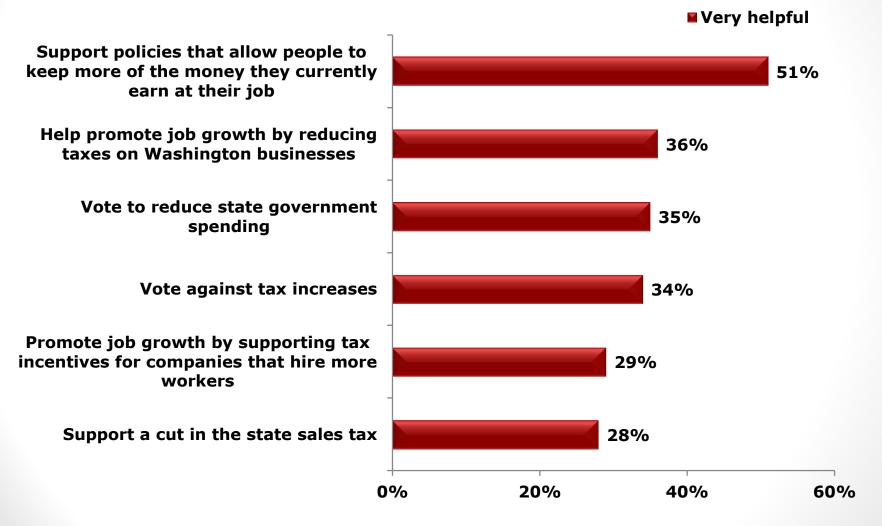


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#### **Issue Priorities:** *Philosophy*

		Philosophy		
	All voters	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Jobs	25%	25%	26%	24%
Government spending	24%	39%	20%	6%
Education	19%	7%	22%	34%
Health care	12%	9%	14%	16%
Transportation, roads and highways	7%	3%	5%	14%
Taxes	6%	11%	5%	1%

#### **Legislative Priorities**



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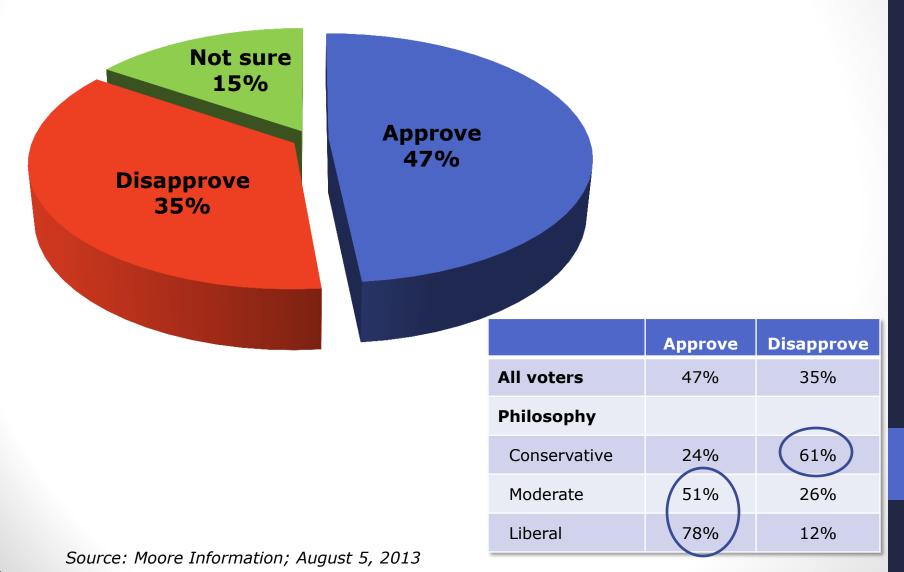
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## Legislative Priorities: Philosophy (% very helpful)

		Philosophy		
	All voters	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Support policies that allow people to keep more of the money they currently earn at their job	51%	72%	45%	30%
Help promote job growth by reducing taxes on Washington businesses	36%	63%	29%	10%
Vote to reduce state government spending	35%	57%	31%	11%
Vote against tax increases	34%	60%	27%	8%
Promote job growth by supporting tax incentives for companies that hire more workers	29%	34%	29%	26%
Support a cut in the state sales tax	28%	45%	25%	12%

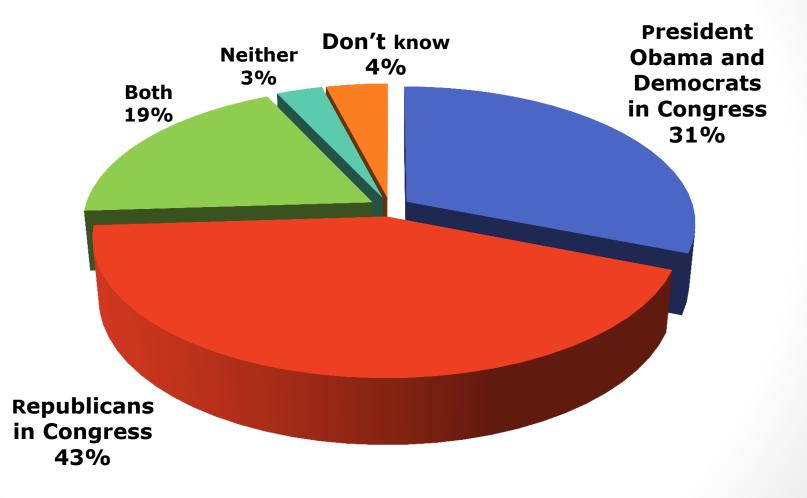
#### **Inslee Job Performance Rating**

"When it comes to the job Jay Inslee is doing as Governor..."



#### **Government Shutdown**

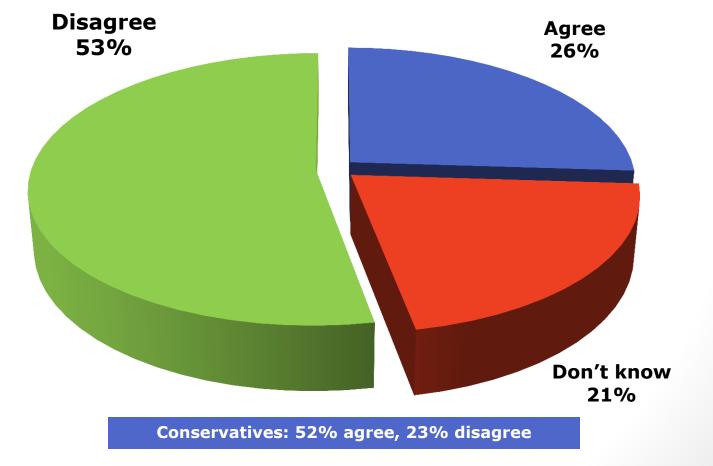
"Who do you blame most for the recent shutdown of the federal government?"



Source: Moore Information; October 23-24, 2013

# Widespread Disagreement With the Tea Party

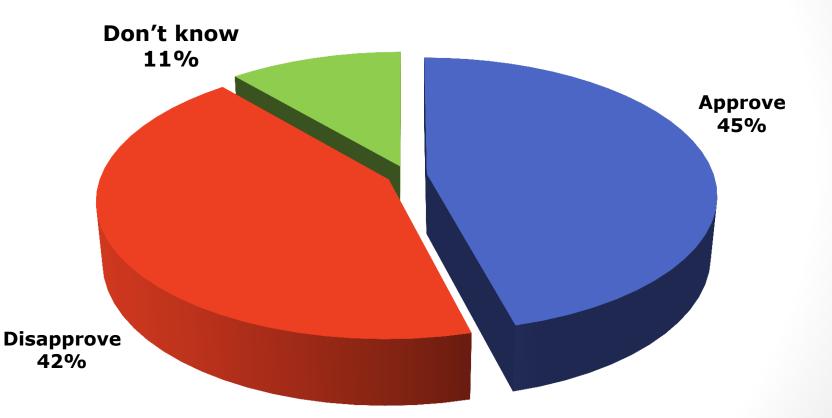
"Do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party's position during the recent negotiations to end the government shutdown?"



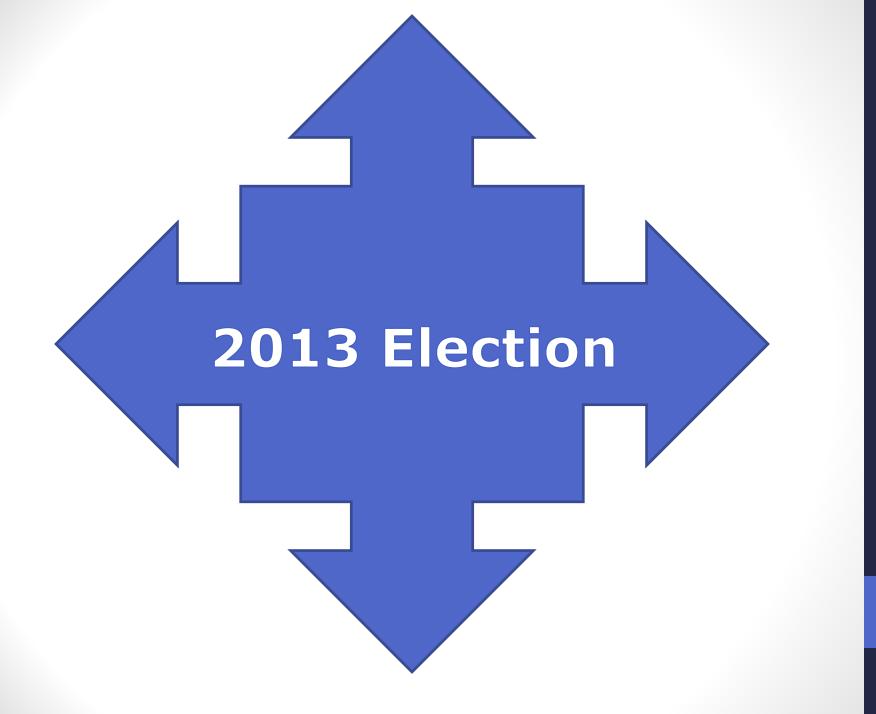
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#### **Voters Divided Over Obamacare**

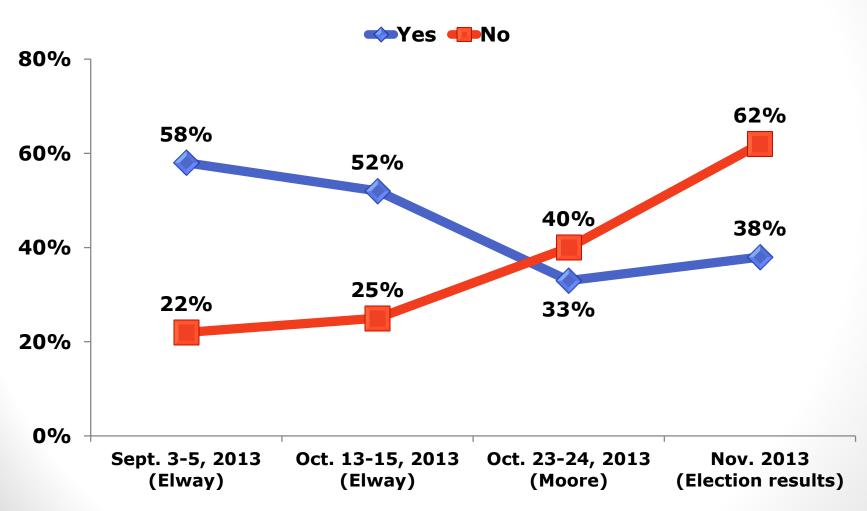
"Do you generally approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act?"



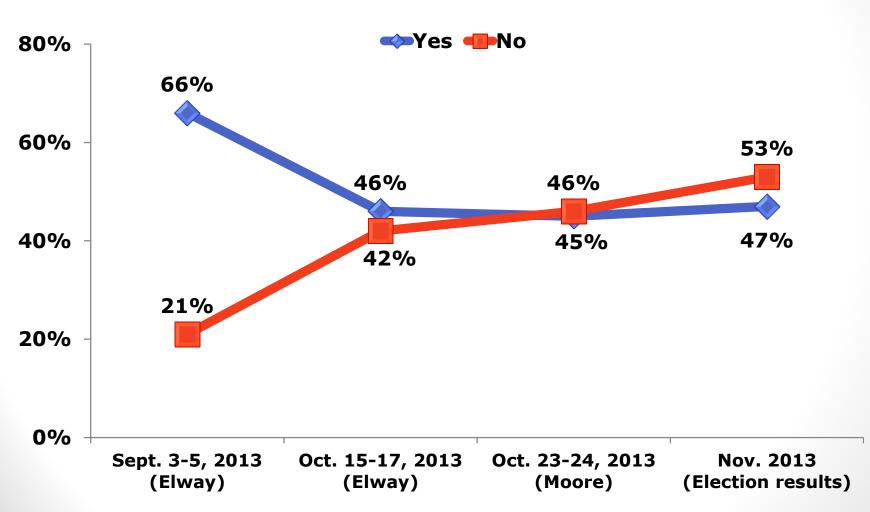
Source: Elway Poll; September 3-5, 2013



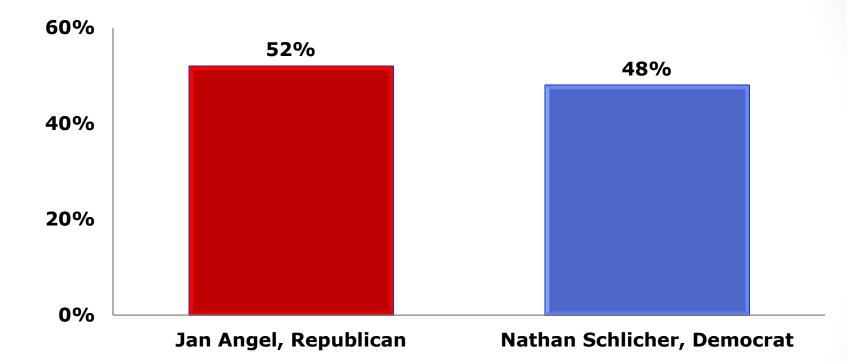
#### I-517: Polling & Results



#### I-522: Conservative Win

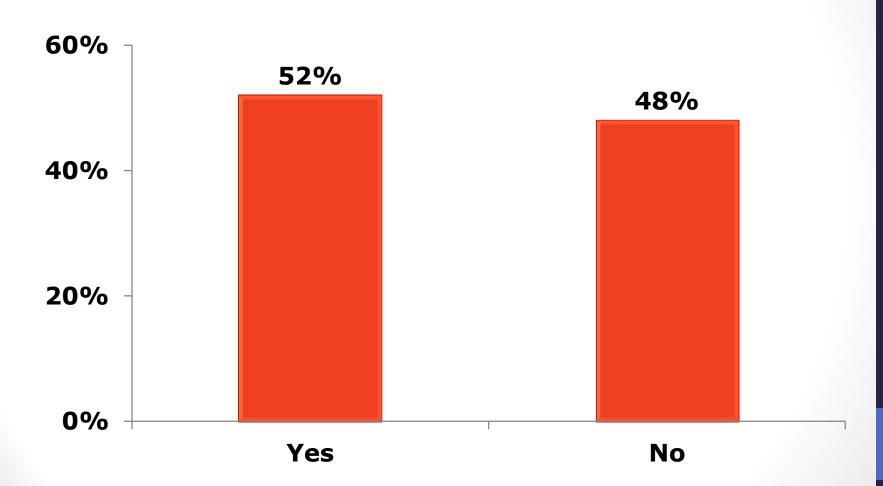


#### Kitsap State Senate Election: Victory for Angel



2012 L.D. 26 Election Results				
President		Governor		
Romney	Obama	McKenna	Inslee	
47%	49%	54%	43%	

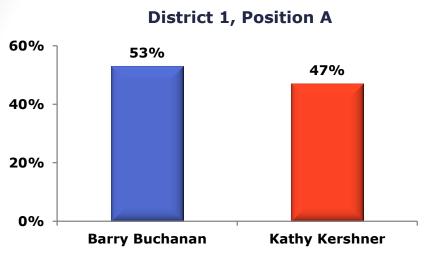
## SeaTac Prop 1: \$15 Minimum Wage



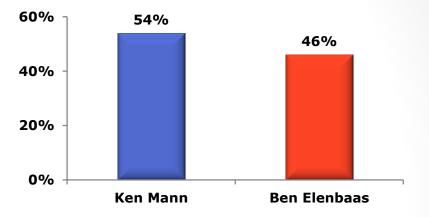


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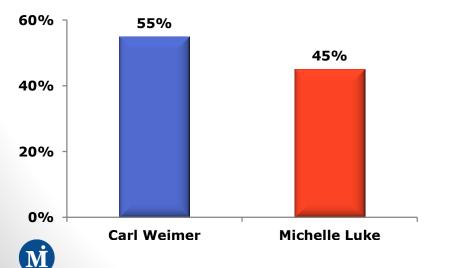
#### Whatcom County Council: A Conservative Loss



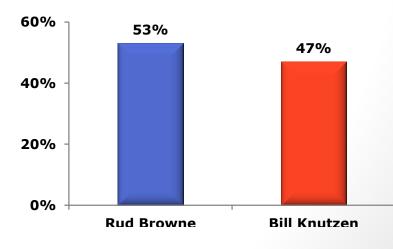
**District 2, Position A** 



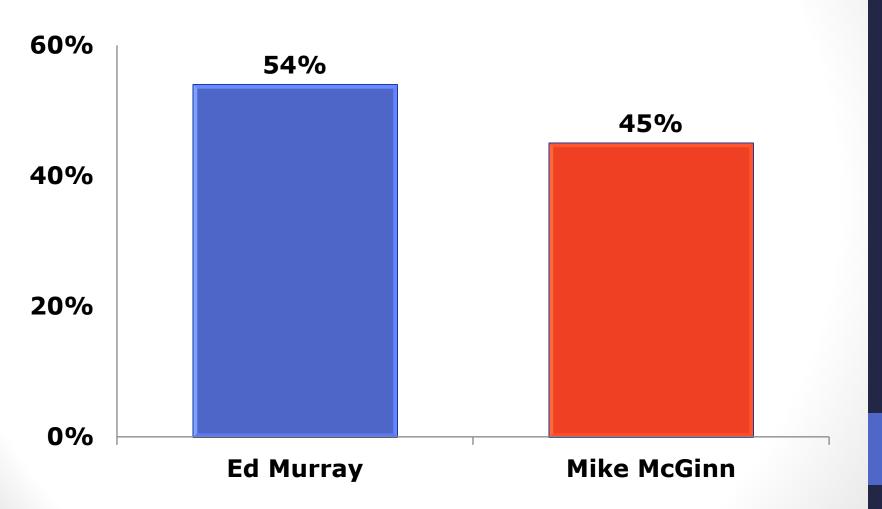
**District 3, Position A** 



**Council At-Large** 



#### Seattle Mayor: A Win for Business?

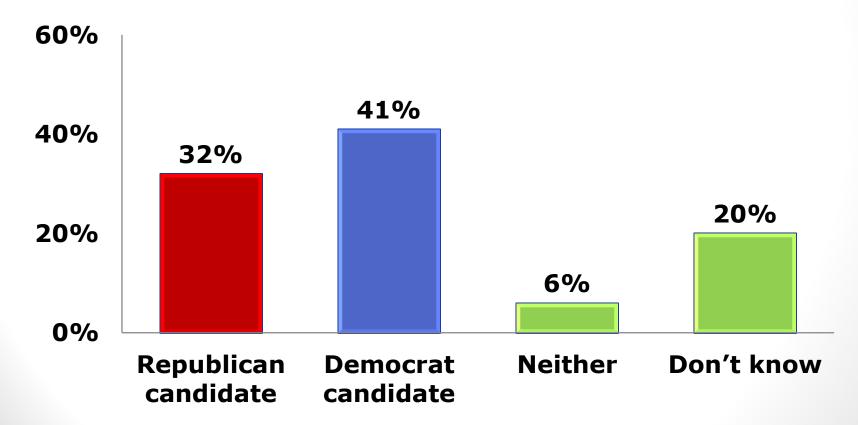


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# **Election Outlook**

#### Legislative Candidate Party Preference

"As you know, in November 2014 you will be voting for Congress, the state legislature and ballot measures. If that election was held today, would you be more likely to vote for a Republican candidate or a Democrat candidate for state legislature?"



Source: Moore Information; October 23-24, 2013

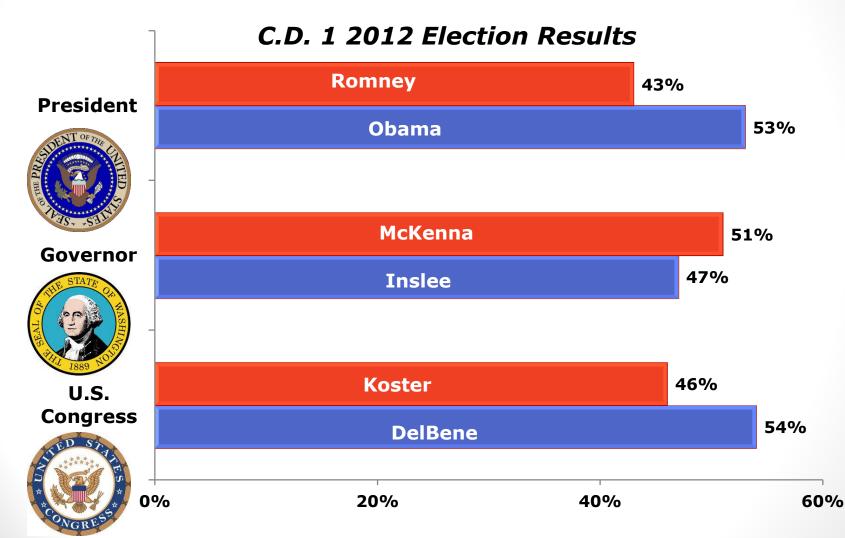
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## Legislative Candidate Party Preference & Philosophy

	Republican	Democrat	Neither/don't know
All voters	32%	41%	27%
Philosophy			
Conservative (36%)	62%	12%	26%
Moderate (38%)	20%	50%	30%
Liberal (19%)	4%	84%	12%



#### Potentially Competitive U.S. House Race: *C.D. 1*



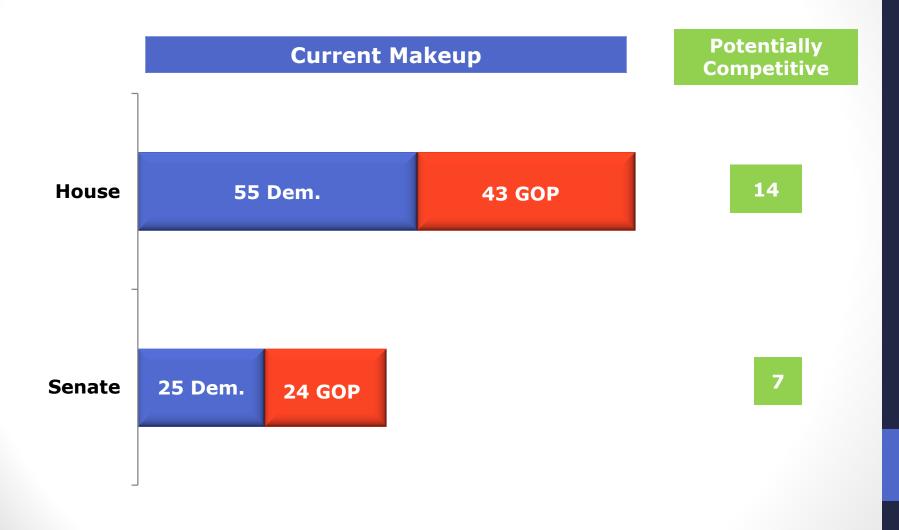
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#### **Potentially Competitive State Senate Races**

(Winner 55% or less)

Senate District	Incumbent	GOP % 2010	Romney % 2012	McKenna % 2012
SD 6	Baumgartner (R)	53.7%	50.0%	54.2%
SD 30	Eide (D)	47.9%	38.6%	46.3%
SD 41	Litzow (R)	50.2%	37.8%	49.2%
SD 44	Hobbs (D)	49.2%	43.0%	50.9%
SD 45	Hill (R)	51.0%	39.2%	48.9%
SD 47	Fain (R)	55.0%	41.7%	50.1%
SD 48	Tom (D)	47.4%	35.5%	45.5%

#### 2014 Legislative Campaign Outlook



## Is Washington Conservative or Liberal?

### **Conservative Ballot Measure Wins 2010-2013 (8)**

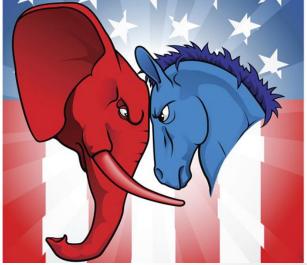
I-1098 - Income taxes, 2010 (64% no)



- I-1053 Reinstating law requiring tax increases be adopted by a two-thirds vote in Legislature, 2010 (64% yes)
- I-1107 Repeal higher taxes on candy, soda pop and bottled water, 2010 (60% yes)
- I-1183 Privatization of beer, wine and spirits, 2011 (59% yes)
- I-1125 State expenditures on transportation, 2011 (53% no)
- I-1240 Creation of public charter schools, 2012 (51% yes)
- I-1185 Two-thirds majority vote to increase taxes, 2012 (64% yes)
- I-522 Labeling of genetically-engineered food, 2013 (53% no)

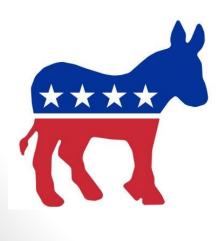
## **Conservative Ballot Measure Losses 2010-2013 (4)**

- I-1082 Workers comp. insurance reform, 2010 59% no)
- I-1163 Training for long-term home care providers, 2011 (65% yes)
- Referendum 74 Legalizing same-sex marriage, 2012 (54% approve)
- I-502 Legalizing marijuana, 2012 (56% yes)

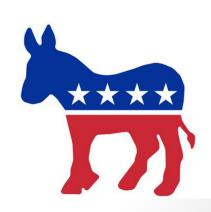


## Candidate Elections: Many Conservative Losses

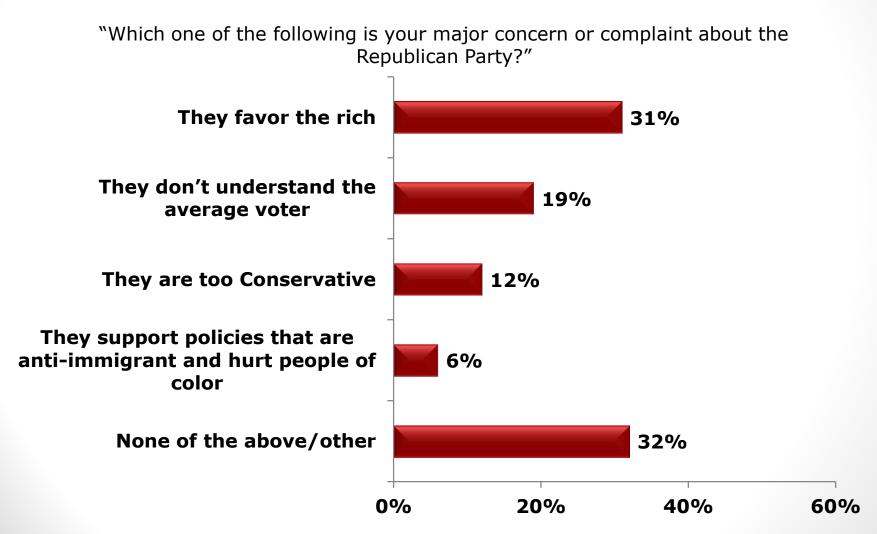
- No GOP candidate for President has won the state since 1984.
- No GOP candidate for Governor has won since 1980.
- No GOP candidate for U.S. Senate has won since 1994.
- Six-of-ten Congressional seats are held by Democrats.
- The GOP has not controlled either legislative chamber since 1998.







#### Why Do Conservative Ballot Measures Pass, While the More Conservative Party (the GOP) Continues to Lose Most Races?

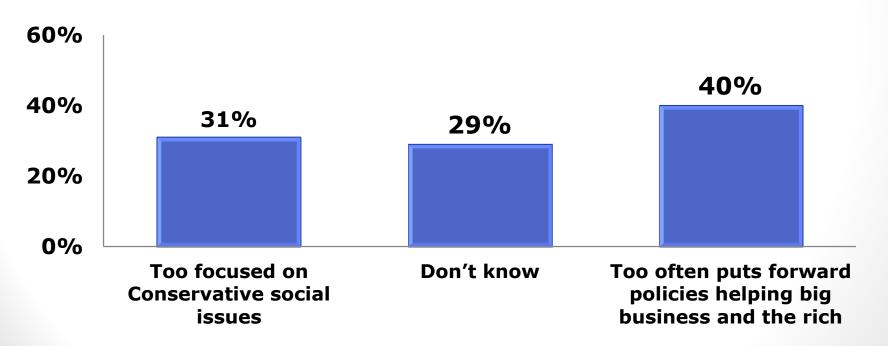


Source: Moore Information Nationwide Poll; March 5, 2013

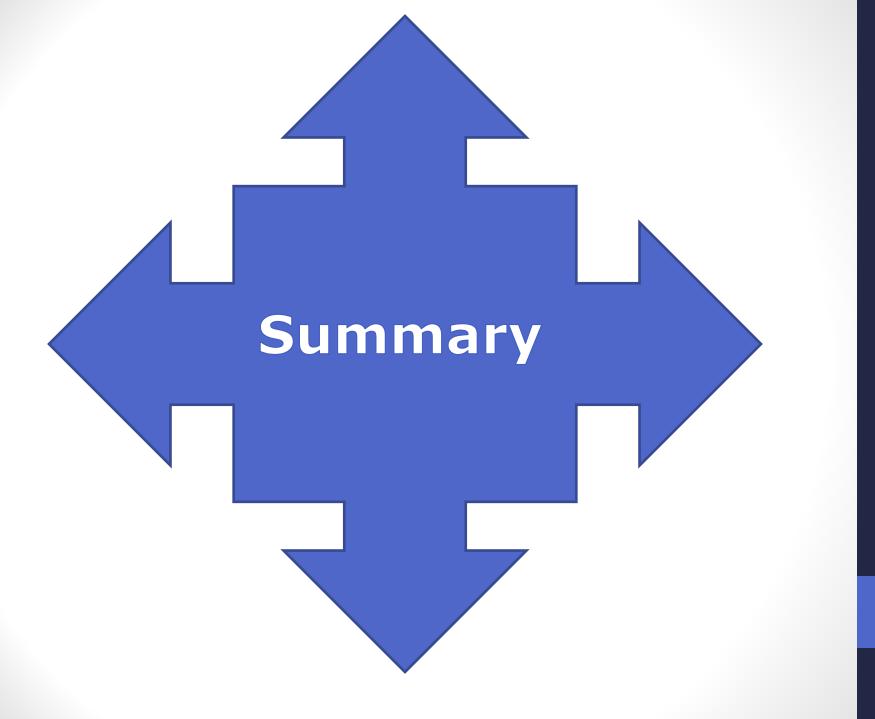
## Why Hasn't Washington Elected a GOP Governor in Over 30 Years?

"Here are two points of view as to why the Republican Party has not elected a governor in Washington State since 1980. Which of these two views is closer to your own?

The Republican Party has become too focused on pushing Conservative social issues, OR The Republican Party too often puts forward policies that help big business and the rich instead of backing policies to help average Washington workers and families."



Source: Moore Information; January 10 & 12, 2013

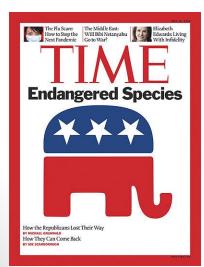




Washington voters consistently approve Conservative ballot measures, yet the more Conservative party faces problems at the polls.

#### **Problems:**

The GOP's national image The GOP is the "party of the rich"







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