



5 APRIL 17

Most WA Voters Disapprove of Trump's Style; Plurality Disapprove of His Policy Direction

Washington is certainly not Trump country. But so far, Washington voters' objections appear to be more about style than substance. More voters disapprove of Donald Trump's "style of leadership," than with the "changes he is bringing to the country."

A 56% majority of Washington voters interviewed for *The Elway Poll* disapproved of Donald Trump's "style of leadership," including 40% who "strongly disapproved." Just 46% said Trump is bringing the "wrong kind of change" to the country.

On the other side, 40% approved of Trump's style and 34% said he was bringing the "right kind of change." Some 20% said he is "not really bringing much change" to the country or had no opinion.

These findings are slightly lower than Trump's 38% of the Washington vote and lower than national Quinnipiac poll taken 6 weeks ago (45% "wrong"; 38% "right").

Taken together:

43% disapproved of both his style and direction;

30% approved of both.

Opinions about Trump's presidency break predictably along party lines, with greater intensity among Democrats:

- Among Democrats,
 - 89% disapproved of this style and
 - 81% disapproved of his policy directions;
 - 77% disapproved of both.
- Among Republicans,
 - 79% approved of his style and
 - 75% approved of his policy directions;
 - 68% approved of both.
- Among Independents,
 - 54% disapproved of his style (39% approved);
 - 44% disapproved of his policy directions (33% approved);
 - 40% disapproved of both his style and policy directions;
 - 29% approved of both.

TRUMP COUNTRY

One of the election surprises was the Washington counties carried by Trump that had not voted for a Republican in 4 or 5 generations. How do voters in the Trump counties size up the new President? The electorate in Trump counties still lean his way, but is somewhat more divided than the electorate in counties carried by Hillary Clinton.

Of *all* voters living in Trump counties (not just Trump voters):

43% said he is making the "right kind of changes";

37% disagreed.

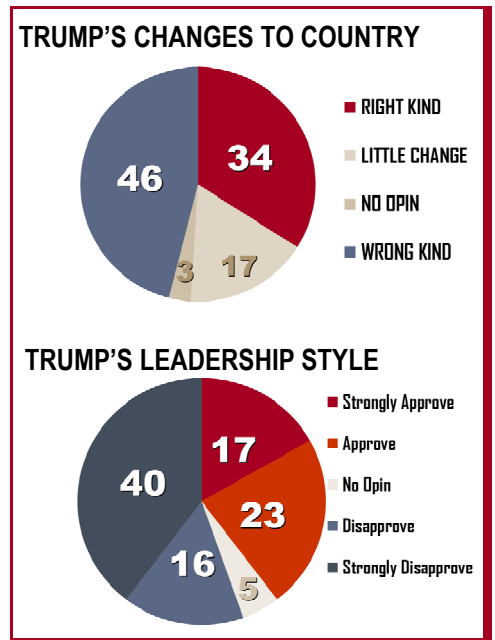
51% approved of his leadership style;

45% disapproved.

Among voters in Clinton counties:

50% said Trump is making the "wrong kind" of changes; and

60% disagreed with his style of leadership (42% "strongly").



APPROVAL OF TRUMP LEADERSHIP STYLE & DIRECTION OF POLICY CHANGES

STYLE	CHANGES		
	RIGHT	WRONG	NONE
APPROVE	30%	3%	7%
DISAPPROVE	2%	43%	11%
NO OPINION	2%	0	3%

Sample Profile

503 registered voters, selected at random from registered voter lists in Washington state, were interviewed Mar 30–Apr 3, 2017 by live, professional interviewers. 32% of the interviews were conducted on cell phones. The margin of sampling error is ±4.5% at the 95% level of confidence. This means, in theory, had this same survey been conducted 100 times, the results would be within ±4.5% of the results reported here at least 95 times.

REGION	
Seattle	7%
King County	23%
Pierce/Kitsap	17%
No. Puget Sound	16%
Far West	17%
Eastern WA	20%
GENDER	
Male	48%
Female	52%
VOTE HISTORY	
0-1 Votes cast in previous 4 elections	34%
2-3 Votes cast in previous 4 elections	39%
4 Votes cast in previous 4 elections	27%
PARTY ID	
Democrat	32%
Republican	24%
Independent	44%
AGE	
18-35	10%
36-50	20%
51-64	38%
65+	30%
EDUCATION	
High School	15%
Some College / Voc-Tech	24%
College Degree	36%
Graduate Degree	23%
INCOME	
\$50,000 or less	25%
\$50 to 74,000	14%
\$75 to 99,000	15%
\$100,000+	26%
No Answer	21%

The Elway Poll

The Elway Poll is an independent, non-partisan analysis of public opinion in Washington and the Northwest, published since 1992.

PROPRIETARY QUESTIONS: Each quarter, space is reserved in the questionnaire for organizations to insert their own, proprietary questions. Sponsors are thus able to ask their own questions for a fraction of the cost of a full survey. Results, with demographic crosstabulations, are provided within three days after the interviews are completed.

The Elway Poll

Seattle, WA
206/264-1500 FAX: 264-0301
epoll@elwayresearch.com

Trump Presidency Stimulates Civic Engagement (especially among Democrats)

One thing about the Trump Presidency: people are talking about it. Nearly half of these respondents (45%) reported having been in an argument about politics since the election. This included:

- 50% of Democrats;
- 44% of Independents; and
- 39% of Republicans.

Democrats, especially, have been active in other ways as well. They are twice as likely as Republicans to have taken action since the election:

- 49% of Democrats said they have either donated money or attended a political event; vs.
- 24% of Republicans; and
- 28% of Independents.

Infrequent voters were more argumentative than consistent voters, possibly indicating a political awakening, which has been the subject of speculation by national commentators.

51% of those who vote less than half the time had been in an argument, compared to 35% of those who vote in every election.

Overall, 21% of respondents had attended a political event since the election. Most likely to have done so were:

- Seattle voters (39%);
- Democrats (37%);
- Voters with graduate degrees (34%);
- Earning more than \$100,000 a year (30%).

This profile may not be surprising, but it does indicate energy among the Trump opposition. ☒

POLITICAL ACTIVITY SINCE THE ELECTION BY PARTY IDENTIFICATION

