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KCTS 9/CROSSCUT/WASHINGTON POLL RESULTS

Inslee leads Bryant 51% to 45%.

Clinton leads Trump 53% to 39%.

Majority of state voters lean towards approving Initiatives 1433 and 1491.

SEATTLE—With less than two weeks to go until the November 8 election, the first results of the KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll indicate that the Democrat incumbents in the Governors and U.S. Senate races are leading their Republican challengers.

The Poll finds that Democrat incumbent Jay Inslee is leading Republican Bill Bryant 51% to 45% in the race for Governor of Washington state. Democrat incumbent U.S. Senator Patty Murray has a comfortable lead at 55% over her opponent, Republican Chris Vance at 39%, and Hillary Clinton is leading at 53% to Donald Trump's 39%. A large majority of voters are in favor of approving Initiative 1491 (Firearm Restriction) and Initiative 1433 (Minimum Wage), but Initiative 732 (Carbon tax) could go either way. It is noteworthy that the majority of Washington state voters polled feel that Washington state is "generally going in the right direction."

"Perhaps the most arresting findings in the KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll of 2016 are the extent to which partisanship divides the state's electorate, more so than race, class, even region," said University of Washington Political Science professor Christopher Sebastian Parker, Ph.D., who directed the poll. "The way in which voters weigh their options with respect to races (e.g., presidential, gubernatorial, and senate contests), and issues (e.g., the carbon tax, school funding, gun control), has far more to do with whether he or she is a Democrat, Independent, or Republican, rather than social class, race, or where someone resides. It's a sign that the political science literature has it right: that partisanship is the principal source of one's political identity."

The KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll is a comprehensive, scientific poll covering the major races and issues on the November ballot, including President of the United States, Washington state's Governor and U.S. Senate races, Initiative 732 (Carbon Tax), Initiative 1433 (Minimum Wage), and Initiative 1491 (Firearm Restriction). More results from the exclusive KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll results will be released as we get closer to election day, looking at critical issues such as race and police relations, the environment, immigration, and voter concerns about the direction of the country.

Polling for the KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll was conducted between October 6 and October 13, 2016. The poll sampled 750 registered voters and has a +/- 4.4% margin of error.

Some KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll Highlights

Washington Governor *

- Jay Inslee (D) 51%
- Bill Bryant (R) 45%

U.S. President *

- Hillary Clinton (D) 53%
- Donald Trump (R) 39%

U.S. Senate – Washington *

- Patty Murray (D) 55%
- Chris Vance (R) 39%

Initiative 732 – Carbon Tax

- Yes 51%
- No 44%
- Didn't answer 5%

Initiative 1433 – Minimum Wage

- Yes 62%
- No 36%
- Didn't answer 2%

Initiative 1491 – Firearm Restriction

- Yes 70%
- No 29%
- Didn't answer 1%

(*These figures do not include those voters polled who did not respond to this question.)

For detailed KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll results including information about the issues that are important to Washington state voters, results about how voters feel about the Washington state Legislature and U.S. Congress, whether voters support the funding of public education, and what people here in Washington state think about immigration and race relations, visit kcts9.org/Vote2016-election-poll. Join the conversation online [@KCTS9](https://twitter.com/KCTS9), [#waelex](https://twitter.com/waelex), [#Election2016](https://twitter.com/Election2016), [#Vote2016](https://twitter.com/Vote2016).

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About the KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll

Professor Christopher Sebastian Parker, Ph.D., Department of Political Science at University of Washington, is the Director of the KCTS 9/Crosscut/Washington Poll. Between 10/6 and 10/13, YouGov completed 750 interviews in the state of Washington. Respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, race, education, ideology, and political interest. The sampling frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file). Data on voter registration status and turnout were matched to this frame using the November 2010 Current Population Survey (CPS). Data on interest in politics and party identification were then matched to this frame from the 2007 Pew Religious Life Survey. These matched cases were then weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined, and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, race, gender, years of education, non-identification with a major party, and ideology. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified consistent with these deciles.

For questions about the methodology, or content of the Poll, please call Professor Christopher Sebastian Parker: 206.543.2947.

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