

# **THE RILEY REPORT™**

## ***Oregon Voter Poll*** **Analysis & Cross Tabulations**

**June 20, 2005**

## INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

Riley Research Associates surveyed Oregon voters regarding their opinions on a variety of current subjects. The scientific telephone poll was conducted among 481 registered voters throughout the state. This sample provides accuracy to within +/- 4.47% at a 95% level of confidence. Fielding took place between June 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2005. The results were weighted slightly to achieve the targeted 52 percent to 48 percent female to male split. The cross tab banner also includes a breakout for those voters first registered in 2004.

In the geographic cross tab, the Portland Metropolitan Area includes Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, and Columbia Counties. The Willamette Valley column includes: Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton, and Lane Counties. The Southern Oregon category includes: Jackson, Douglas, Rogue, Josephine, and Klamath Counties. Central and Eastern Oregon Counties are combined, and the Coast includes all coastal counties except Lane (included in Willamette Valley).

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### Oregonians Tend to Support Civil Unions

Oregon voters tend to favor the idea of Civil Unions legislation, with 49 percent in support and 30 percent opposed (with 21 percent undecided).

- The strongest support comes from younger Oregonians, and declines markedly among those age 45 and older.
- Support is highest among registered Democrats (64 percent) and also reflects a majority of the independent / small party voters (54 percent), while only 31 percent of Republicans support the idea.

### CIM/CAM is Mystery to Most

Over half of the voters we interviewed don't know enough about the program to give it a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" (51 percent). Of those weighing in, 23% would end it, while 20% would like to see it continue.

- Interestingly, those most interested in getting rid of the CIM & CAM are the 18-24 year-olds, among whom 44 percent would like to see the program end and 26 percent would like to see it continue (only 17 percent of recent students were undecided).

### Inappropriate Annexation

A solid majority of Oregonians (60 percent) believes it is inappropriate for a city to annex public rights of way, in order to encircle and forcibly annex new areas into their boundaries. Only 16 percent consider this approach appropriate, while 24 percent are unsure.

### Suspend State Taxes for Active Duty Military

Most voters support this idea (69 percent), while 17 percent oppose it and 13 percent are undecided.

- Support is consistent across most demographic groups and highest in Southern Oregon (79 percent).

### 2006 Governor's Race

At this point in time, only 33 percent of Oregon voters would re-elect Ted Kulongoski, while 42 percent would vote for "someone else" and 25 percent are undecided.

- Among Democrats, 50 percent would re-elect their Governor, but 21 percent would vote for "someone else" and 29 percent are undecided.
- Among Republicans, 14 percent would re-elect the Governor, 68 percent would vote for someone else, and 18 percent are not sure.
- Among unaffiliated and small party voters, 36 percent support Kulongoski, 36 percent would support "someone else" and 29 percent are undecided.
- The Governor does slightly better among women (36 percent versus 30% for men).

### Congressional District 1 (n=100; +/-10% Margin of Error)

Based on our limited sample, it appears that about the same number of CD1 voters would support Wu as would support "someone else" (41 percent versus 39 percent).

- About half of Democrats support Wu (49 percent), while 20 percent would support someone else and 31% are undecided.
- Wu enjoys support among 29 percent of Republicans, with 56 percent for "someone else" and 15 percent undecided.
- Unaffiliated and small party voters are mixed, with 49 percent continuing to support Wu, 38 percent prepared to support someone else, and just 12 percent undecided.

**Q1. The Oregon legislature has been considering a “Civil Unions” bill, designed to provide legal status for couples. Do you support or oppose Civil Unions legislation?**

	GENDER		AGE							REGION					PARTY			VOTER		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65- 74	75+	Port land Area	Will mtte Vlly	Sou- thrn Or	Cnt/ East Or	Coas tal Or	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Othr	Old <04	New 2004
Weighted for Gender	481	229	252	18	40	72	112	98	81	59	208	132	56	53	31	187	181	113	459	22
		48%	52%	4%	8%	15%	23%	20%	17%	12%	43%	27%	12%	11%	6%	39%	38%	24%	95%	5%
<b><u>Support</u></b>	238	113	124	12	18	39	68	49	33	18	116	61	23	27	10	120	57	62	229	9
	49%	50%	49%	69%	44%	55%	60%	50%	40%	31%	56%	46%	42%	51%	34%	64%	31%	54%	50%	40%
Strongly Support	129	57	72	6	14	23	43	22	12	8	66	37	5	15	6	75	22	32	123	6
	27%	25%	29%	35%	34%	32%	39%	22%	15%	13%	32%	28%	9%	27%	20%	40%	12%	28%	27%	27%
Somewhat Support	109	57	52	6	4	16	24	27	20	11	50	24	18	13	4	45	34	30	106	3
	23%	25%	21%	35%	10%	23%	22%	28%	25%	18%	24%	18%	33%	24%	14%	24%	19%	26%	23%	13%
<b><u>Oppose</u></b>	143	70	73	2	12	18	30	30	31	19	54	48	20	11	10	33	90	21	136	7
	30%	30%	29%	10%	31%	26%	27%	30%	39%	33%	26%	36%	36%	21%	34%	18%	50%	18%	30%	33%
Somewhat Oppose	28	16	12	-	2	3	8	5	4	6	9	10	4	2	3	11	12	5	27	1
	6%	7%	5%	-	5%	4%	7%	5%	5%	10%	4%	8%	7%	4%	10%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%
Strongly Oppose	115	53	61	2	10	15	22	25	27	13	45	37	16	9	7	22	78	15	109	6
	24%	23%	24%	10%	26%	21%	19%	25%	33%	22%	21%	28%	28%	18%	24%	12%	43%	13%	24%	28%
<b><u>Don't know / Refused / Neutral</u></b>	100	46	54	4	10	14	14	19	17	21	39	23	13	15	10	34	34	31	94	6
	21%	20%	21%	21%	25%	19%	13%	20%	21%	36%	19%	18%	23%	27%	32%	18%	19%	27%	20%	27%
Neutral	33	20	13	-	3	6	7	6	4	7	18	5	3	2	5	11	10	11	30	3
	7%	9%	5%	-	8%	9%	6%	6%	5%	11%	9%	4%	5%	4%	17%	6%	6%	10%	6%	13%
Don't know / Refused	67	26	41	4	7	8	8	13	13	15	21	18	10	13	5	24	24	20	64	3
	14%	11%	16%	21%	17%	11%	7%	14%	16%	25%	10%	14%	18%	24%	16%	13%	13%	17%	14%	14%
Chi Square		6.82				47.09						34.83				76.44			2.55	
		.234				.024						.021				.001			.769	

**Q2. The legislature has been considering legislation to end Oregon schools' CIM and CAM program. Would you prefer to see the program continue or would you like to see the program come to an end?**

	GENDER			AGE							REGION					PARTY			VOTER	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Portland Area	Willamette Valley	Southern Or	Central East Or	Coastal Or	Dem	Rep	Ind/Oth	Old <04	New 2004
Weighted for Gender	481	229	252	18	40	72	112	98	81	59	208	132	56	53	31	187	181	113	459	22
		48%	52%	4%	8%	15%	23%	20%	17%	12%	43%	27%	12%	11%	6%	39%	38%	24%	95%	5%
<b>Continue</b>	96	52	44	5	8	9	24	21	18	9	48	20	14	9	4	41	28	26	93	3
	20%	23%	17%	27%	20%	13%	22%	22%	23%	15%	23%	15%	25%	18%	14%	22%	16%	23%	20%	14%
Strongly like to see program continue	64	34	30	2	8	2	15	14	16	5	35	11	6	8	3	29	17	18	60	3
	13%	15%	12%	10%	20%	3%	14%	14%	20%	8%	17%	8%	11%	14%	11%	15%	9%	16%	13%	14%
Somewhat like to see program continue	32	19	14	3	-	7	9	7	2	4	12	9	8	2	1	13	11	8	32	-
	7%	8%	6%	16%	-	10%	8%	7%	3%	6%	6%	7%	14%	3%	4%	7%	6%	7%	7%	-
<b>(Neutral)</b>	25	9	17	2	-	8	6	5	2	3	14	5	4	3	-	10	9	6	25	-
	5%	4%	7%	11%	-	11%	5%	5%	3%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	-	5%	5%	5%	6%	-
(Neutral)	25	9	17	2	-	8	6	5	2	3	14	5	4	3	-	10	9	6	25	-
	5%	4%	7%	11%	-	11%	5%	5%	3%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	-	5%	5%	5%	6%	-
<b>End</b>	113	53	59	8	6	13	35	25	20	5	41	32	14	16	10	40	51	22	108	5
	23%	23%	24%	45%	14%	19%	32%	25%	25%	8%	20%	24%	25%	30%	33%	21%	28%	19%	24%	22%
Somewhat like to see program end	38	21	18	5	2	3	13	7	6	2	14	10	5	5	4	21	12	5	36	2
	8%	9%	7%	29%	5%	4%	12%	7%	8%	3%	7%	8%	9%	9%	14%	11%	7%	5%	8%	9%
Strongly like to see program end	75	33	42	3	4	10	22	18	14	3	27	22	9	11	6	19	39	17	72	3
	15%	14%	17%	15%	9%	14%	20%	18%	17%	5%	13%	17%	16%	20%	19%	10%	22%	15%	16%	13%
<b>(Not sure/Refused)</b>	246	115	132	3	26	41	46	47	40	43	106	75	24	25	16	96	92	59	232	14
	51%	50%	52%	17%	66%	57%	41%	48%	50%	72%	51%	57%	43%	47%	53%	51%	51%	52%	51%	64%
(Not sure / Refused)	246	115	132	3	26	41	46	47	40	43	106	75	24	25	16	96	92	59	232	14
	51%	50%	52%	17%	66%	57%	41%	48%	50%	72%	51%	57%	43%	47%	53%	51%	51%	52%	51%	64%
Chi Square		4.95				65.84					19.99				16.26		3.77			
		.422				.001					.459				.092		.583			

**Q3. Some cities in Oregon have been annexing public rights of way in order to encircle and forcibly annex new areas into their boundaries. Do you think this method for expanding cities is appropriate or inappropriate?**

	GENDER			AGE							REGION					PARTY			VOTER	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Portland Area	Willamette Vly	Southern Or	Cnt/ East Or	Coastal Or	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Othr	Old <04	New 2004
Weighted for Gender	481	229	252	18	40	72	112	98	81	59	208	132	56	53	31	187	181	113	459	22
		48%	52%	4%	8%	15%	23%	20%	17%	12%	43%	27%	12%	11%	6%	39%	38%	24%	95%	5%
<b>Appropriate</b>	78	43	35	4	8	10	19	12	14	9	34	22	9	7	6	29	25	24	73	5
	16%	19%	14%	22%	20%	15%	17%	13%	18%	14%	16%	16%	13%	20%	15%	14%	21%	16%	23%	23%
Very appropriate	18	14	4	-	1	2	5	5	2	1	9	4	1	-	3	7	4	6	18	-
	4%	6%	1%	-	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	-	10%	4%	2%	5%	4%	-
Somewhat appropriate	60	28	32	4	7	8	14	7	12	8	25	17	8	7	3	21	21	18	55	5
	12%	12%	13%	22%	18%	12%	13%	7%	15%	13%	12%	13%	14%	13%	10%	11%	12%	16%	12%	23%
<b>Inappropriate</b>	289	143	146	9	21	38	67	60	55	38	121	82	35	31	20	109	116	63	280	9
	60%	62%	58%	52%	53%	53%	60%	61%	68%	65%	58%	62%	62%	58%	64%	58%	64%	56%	61%	40%
Somewhat inappropriate	89	46	43	4	8	16	18	13	18	12	35	30	10	11	2	35	37	17	88	1
	18%	20%	17%	23%	20%	23%	16%	13%	22%	20%	17%	23%	18%	21%	7%	19%	20%	15%	19%	4%
Very inappropriate	200	97	103	5	13	21	49	47	37	27	86	52	25	20	18	74	80	46	192	8
	42%	42%	41%	28%	32%	30%	44%	48%	46%	45%	41%	39%	44%	37%	57%	40%	44%	41%	42%	36%
<b>Don't know / Refused / Neutral</b>	114	44	71	5	11	24	25	26	12	12	53	28	13	16	5	49	39	26	106	8
	24%	19%	28%	27%	27%	33%	23%	27%	15%	20%	25%	21%	23%	29%	16%	26%	21%	23%	23%	37%
Neutral	25	13	12	-	3	3	9	4	3	3	11	7	2	3	2	13	7	5	24	1
	5%	6%	5%	-	7%	4%	9%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Don't know / Refused	89	31	58	5	8	20	16	22	9	9	42	21	11	13	3	37	31	21	82	7
	19%	13%	23%	27%	20%	29%	14%	22%	11%	15%	20%	16%	19%	24%	10%	20%	17%	18%	18%	32%
Chi Square		14.38				30.45					16.39				6.10		8.10			
		.013				.443					.692				.807		.151			

#### Q4. Do you support or oppose suspending state taxes for Oregon's active duty military?

	GENDER			AGE							REGION					PARTY			VOTER	
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65- 74	75+	Port land Area	Will mtte Vlly	Sou- thrn Or	Cnt/ East Or	Coas- tal Or	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Othr	Old <'04	New 2004
Weighted for Gender	481	229 48%	252 52%	18 4%	40 8%	72 15%	112 23%	98 20%	81 17%	59 12%	208 43%	132 27%	56 12%	53 11%	31 6%	187 39%	181 38%	113 24%	459 95%	22 5%
<b>Support</b>	332	167 69%	165 66%	9 50%	25 63%	53 73%	79 71%	73 75%	57 71%	35 59%	141 68%	91 69%	45 79%	35 66%	21 68%	124 67%	133 74%	74 66%	317 69%	15 69%
Strongly support	259	127 54%	133 53%	6 33%	19 47%	37 52%	62 55%	61 63%	46 57%	27 46%	111 53%	70 53%	35 62%	27 51%	16 53%	94 50%	106 59%	59 52%	250 55%	9 41%
Somewhat support	73	40 15%	32 13%	3 17%	6 15%	15 21%	17 15%	12 12%	11 14%	8 14%	30 15%	20 15%	10 17%	8 15%	4 14%	30 16%	27 15%	15 14%	67 15%	6 28%
<b>Oppose</b>	84	40 17%	44 17%	7 40%	9 22%	14 20%	17 15%	15 15%	12 15%	10 16%	37 18%	19 14%	8 14%	15 28%	5 16%	37 20%	24 13%	23 20%	82 18%	2 9%
Somewhat oppose	37	19 8%	19 7%	6 34%	3 7%	4 5%	4 3%	8 8%	9 12%	3 5%	16 8%	7 5%	4 7%	7 13%	3 10%	13 7%	12 7%	12 11%	36 8%	1 4%
Strongly oppose	47	22 10%	25 10%	1 6%	6 15%	10 14%	13 12%	7 7%	3 4%	7 11%	21 10%	12 9%	4 7%	8 15%	2 6%	24 13%	12 6%	11 10%	46 10%	1 5%
<b>Don't know / Refused / Neutral</b>	65	22 13%	43 17%	2 10%	6 15%	5 7%	16 14%	10 10%	11 13%	14 24%	30 15%	22 17%	4 7%	3 6%	5 16%	25 14%	23 13%	16 14%	60 13%	5 22%
Neutral	17	8 4%	9 4%	- -	1 2%	3 4%	3 3%	4 4%	5 6%	1 2%	7 3%	6 4%	- -	2 4%	2 7%	9 5%	6 3%	2 2%	15 3%	2 9%
Don't know / Refused	48	14 6%	33 13%	2 10%	5 13%	2 3%	13 11%	6 6%	6 7%	13 23%	23 11%	16 12%	4 7%	1 2%	3 9%	17 9%	17 9%	14 12%	45 10%	3 13%
Chi Square		8.13 .149					54.60 .004					15.49 .748				9.93 .446			6.39 .270	

**Q5. Regarding next year's race for Oregon Governor... At this point, would you be more likely to re-elect Ted Kulongoski or more likely to vote for someone else?**

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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	Portland Area	Willmette Vly	Southern Or	Cnt/ East Or	Coastal Or	Dem	Rep	Ind/ Othr	Old <'04	New 2004
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<b>Re-Elect Kulongoski</b>	159	68 33%	91 36%	7 39%	13 32%	20 28%	40 36%	33 34%	24 30%	20 35%	70 34%	43 32%	18 32%	20 38%	7 24%	93 50%	25 14%	40 36%	152 33%	7 31%
Strongly Kulongoski	81	38 17%	43 17%	4 22%	5 13%	11 16%	17 15%	16 16%	16 20%	11 20%	40 19%	22 17%	6 10%	12 22%	1 3%	49 26%	10 6%	21 19%	79 17%	2 10%
Somewhat Kulongoski	78	29 16%	48 19%	3 17%	8 19%	9 12%	23 20%	17 18%	8 10%	9 15%	30 15%	20 15%	12 21%	9 16%	6 21%	44 24%	15 8%	19 17%	73 16%	5 22%
<b>Support Someone Else</b>	202	110 42%	92 37%	5 28%	18 46%	28 39%	40 35%	44 45%	47 58%	19 33%	83 40%	60 45%	28 49%	19 36%	12 40%	39 21%	122 68%	41 36%	191 42%	11 51%
Somewhat Support Someone Else	61	31 13%	31 12%	2 12%	7 18%	7 10%	15 13%	10 10%	12 15%	8 13%	23 11%	20 15%	7 13%	5 9%	6 20%	18 10%	26 14%	18 16%	58 13%	3 14%
Strongly Support Someone Else	141	80 29%	61 24%	3 16%	11 28%	21 29%	25 22%	34 35%	34 43%	11 19%	60 29%	40 30%	20 36%	14 27%	6 20%	21 11%	97 54%	23 20%	133 29%	8 37%
<b>Don't know / Refused / Neutral</b>	120	51 25%	69 27%	6 33%	9 22%	24 33%	32 29%	20 21%	10 12%	19 33%	55 26%	30 23%	11 19%	14 26%	11 36%	54 29%	33 18%	32 29%	116 25%	4 17%
Neutral	31	16 6%	15 6%	- -	2 5%	7 10%	8 8%	8 4%	3 5%	3 8%	17 5%	7 5%	2 4%	1 2%	4 14%	11 6%	10 6%	10 9%	29 6%	2 9%
Don't know / Refused	89	35 18%	54 21%	6 33%	7 18%	17 23%	24 21%	12 12%	7 8%	16 28%	38 18%	23 17%	9 15%	13 24%	7 22%	44 23%	23 13%	22 19%	87 19%	2 8%
Chi Square		10.29 .067					35.86 .213					21.24 .383				106.91 .001			3.15 .677	



**Q7. (1st CD Only) In next year's race for Congress in Congressional District One, are you more inclined to support David Wu for re-election, or more inclined to support someone else? (Margin of Error: +/-10%)**

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Weighted for Gender	100	50	50	5	6	20	24	15	19	9	76	17	0	0	7	35	39	26	94	6
		50%	50%	5%	6%	20%	24%	15%	19%	8%	76%	17%	0%	0%	7%	35%	39%	26%	94%	6%
Support David Wu	41	22	19	2	3	11	8	7	6	3	33	5	-	-	3	17	11	13	38	3
	41%	43%	39%	39%	50%	55%	33%	46%	33%	33%	44%	29%	-	-	45%	49%	29%	49%	41%	50%
Support someone else	39	20	19	1	3	7	8	6	10	3	26	9	-	-	4	7	22	10	36	3
	39%	39%	39%	18%	50%	35%	33%	41%	52%	35%	34%	54%	-	-	55%	20%	56%	38%	38%	50%
Don't know / Refused	20	9	11	2	-	2	8	2	3	3	17	3	-	-	11	6	3	20	-	
	20%	17%	22%	43%	-	9%	34%	14%	14%	33%	22%	18%	-	-	31%	15%	12%	21%	-	
Chi Square		0.42				11.41					4.32				12.04		1.55			
		.809				.494					.365				.017		.461			