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Oregon Voter Poll **Analysis & Cross Tabulations**

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INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

Riley Research Associates surveyed Oregon voters regarding their opinions on a variety of current subjects. The scientific telephone poll was conducted among 501 registered voters throughout the state. Voters needed to have voted in two out of the past three most recent elections. This sample provides accuracy to within +/- 4.38% at a 95% level of confidence. Fielding took place between August 16th and 20th 2005.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Oregon's 2006 Race for Governor – Open Ballot

When read a list of announced or likely candidates, incumbent Governor Ted Kulongoski has the current edge, with the support of 34% of Oregon voters. One fourth are undecided (25%), while 15% are currently behind Republican Kevin Mannix.

- Kulongoski has the support of 53% of Democrats, well ahead of challengers Vicki Walker (3%) and Peter Sorenson (2%).
- Mannix has the support of just 31% of Republicans, with 24% undecided and 9% lining up behind Ron Saxton; another 13% of Republicans say Kulongoski is their first choice.
- Republican State Senator Jason Atkinson announced his candidacy mid-way through this poll, but still managed to get 5% of the Republican responses.
- Non-D and non-R voters tended to support Kulongoski (34%), although almost as many remain undecided (29%); only 7% support Mannix.

Oregon's 2006 Race for Governor – Head-to-Head Choices

In a Kulongoski vs. Mannix race, 48% would support Kulongoski, while 33% would support Mannix, with 19% undecided.

Between Kulongoski and Saxton, Kulongoski wins by a larger margin (43% vs. 20%), although more are undecided (37%).

Between Democrat challenger Vicki Walker and Kevin Mannix, the race is a tie (29% each), with 42% undecided.

Between Vicki Walker and Ron Saxton, 54% are undecided, although Walker gets the current edge with 27% to Saxton's 19%.

Oregon Voters Oppose US Involvement in Iraq

By a 49% to 42% margin, Oregon voters oppose the US involvement in the war in Iraq (just 9% are unsure). The reaction was split largely along party lines

- Democrats oppose the war: 67% to 25%
- Republicans support the effort: 66% to 23%
- Non-D and non-R voters also oppose the war: 56% to 33%

Q1. In next year's race for Oregon governor, the most likely Democrat candidates include Governor Ted Kulongoski, State Senator Vicki Walker, and Lane County Commissioner Peter Sorenson. Meanwhile, the Republican candidates include former State Party Chair Kevin Mannix, Portland attorney Ron Saxton, and State Senator from Southern Oregon, Jason Atkinson.* At this point, which candidate would be your first choice?

	GENDER			AGE							REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- -29	30- -39	40- -49	50- -59	60- -69	70 +	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr	
Weighted for Gender	501	230 46%	271 54%	17 3%	36 7%	74 15%	112 22%	108 22%	154 31%	88 18%	108 22%	86 17%	105 21%	114 23%	199 40%	176 35%	126 25%	
Ted Kulongoski	171 34%	79 34%	92 34%	6 35%	14 39%	20 27%	38 34%	38 35%	55 36%	35 40%	33 31%	31 36%	34 32%	38 33%	105 53%	23 13%	43 34%	
Kevin Mannix	76 15%	36 16%	40 15%	3 18%	4 11%	11 15%	23 21%	16 15%	19 12%	17 19%	15 14%	10 12%	15 14%	19 17%	12 6%	55 31%	9 7%	
Whatever Democrat wins the primary	28 6%	11 5%	17 6%	1 6%	6 17%	4 5%	4 4%	4 4%	9 6%	8 9%	4 4%	8 9%	1 1%	7 6%	17 9%	2 1%	9 7%	
Whatever Republican wins the primary	20 4%	6 3%	14 5%	- -	- -	2 3%	2 2%	6 6%	10 6%	2 2%	7 6%	1 1%	5 5%	5 4%	2 1%	15 9%	3 2%	
Ron Saxton	19 4%	12 5%	7 3%	- -	1 3%	3 4%	1 1%	6 6%	8 5%	4 5%	5 5%	4 3%	3 3%	3 1%	2 9%	15 9%	2 2%	
Jason Atkinson*	19 4%	15 7%	4 1%	- -	1 3%	3 4%	6 5%	6 6%	3 2%	1 1%	5 5%	4 5%	5 4%	4 2%	3 5%	9 6%	7 6%	
Peter Sorenson	12 2%	9 4%	3 1%	- -	3 8%	1 1%	5 4%	- -	3 2%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	6 6%	4 4%	3 2%	5 3%	4 3%	
Vicki Walker	11 2%	4 2%	7 3%	- -	- -	4 5%	3 3%	1 1%	3 2%	1 1%	1 1%	3 3%	3 3%	3 3%	5 3%	3 2%	3 2%	
Undecided / Not sure	123 25%	48 21%	75 28%	7 41%	7 19%	20 27%	24 21%	26 24%	39 25%	17 19%	34 31%	21 24%	27 26%	24 21%	45 23%	42 24%	36 29%	
None of the above / Someone else	18 4%	10 4%	8 3%	- -	- -	5 7%	5 4%	4 4%	4 3%	2 2%	3 3%	3 3%	5 5%	5 4%	3 2%	5 3%	10 8%	
Refused	4 1%	- -	4 1%	- -	- -	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	- -	1 1%	- -	1 1%	2 2%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	
Chi Square		24.14 .007				54.61 .304						39.05 .513			147.56 .001			

*Note: Atkinson announced his candidacy mid-way through this poll. For just those days his name was included, he received roughly 10% of the mentions.

Q2. If the candidate for the Democrats turned out to be governor Ted Kulongoski, and the candidate for the Republicans turned out to be Kevin Mannix, which of those candidates would you most likely support? (Strongly or somewhat?)

	GENDER			AGE						REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr
Weighted for Gender	501	230	271	17	36	74	112	108	154	88	108	86	105	114	199	176	126
		46%	54%	3%	7%	15%	22%	22%	31%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	40%	35%	25%
Support Kulongoski	240	117	123	8	25	28	55	46	78	47	39	49	54	51	148	32	60
	48%	51%	45%	47%	69%	38%	49%	43%	51%	53%	36%	57%	51%	45%	74%	18%	48%
Strongly Kulongoski	184	86	98	4	18	19	41	38	64	39	33	40	34	38	120	20	44
	37%	37%	36%	24%	50%	26%	37%	35%	42%	44%	31%	47%	32%	33%	60%	11%	35%
Somewhat Kulongoski	56	31	25	4	7	9	14	8	14	8	6	9	20	13	28	12	16
	11%	13%	9%	24%	19%	12%	13%	7%	9%	9%	6%	10%	19%	11%	14%	7%	13%
Support Mannix	167	82	85	4	6	24	44	43	46	30	42	26	31	38	26	111	30
	33%	36%	31%	24%	17%	32%	39%	40%	30%	34%	39%	30%	30%	33%	13%	63%	24%
Strongly Mannix	126	62	64	4	4	17	34	33	34	21	33	19	26	27	18	85	23
	25%	27%	24%	24%	11%	23%	30%	31%	22%	24%	31%	22%	25%	24%	9%	48%	18%
Somewhat Mannix	41	20	21	-	2	7	10	10	12	9	9	7	5	11	8	26	7
	8%	9%	8%	-	6%	9%	9%	9%	8%	10%	8%	8%	5%	10%	4%	15%	6%
Undecided	94	31	63	5	5	22	13	19	30	11	27	11	20	25	33	36	
	19%	13%	23%	29%	14%	30%	12%	18%	19%	13%	25%	13%	19%	22%	13%	19%	29%
Undecided / Refused	94	31	63	5	5	22	13	19	30	11	27	11	20	25	33	36	
	19%	13%	23%	29%	14%	30%	12%	18%	19%	13%	25%	13%	19%	22%	13%	19%	29%
Chi Square		9.08				30.30						25.22			151.34		
		.059				.065						.066			.001		

Q3. What if the race was between Ted Kulongoski and Ron Saxton?

	GENDER			AGE						REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70+	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr
Weighted for Gender	501	230	271	17	36	74	112	108	154	88	108	86	105	114	199	176	126
		46%	54%	3%	7%	15%	22%	22%	31%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	40%	35%	25%
Support Kulongoski	216	102	114	8	22	24	47	45	70	42	32	47	49	46	130	34	52
	43%	44%	42%	47%	61%	32%	42%	42%	45%	48%	30%	55%	47%	40%	65%	19%	41%
Strongly Kulongoski	161	76	85	3	15	17	35	30	61	34	26	34	34	33	107	20	34
	32%	33%	31%	18%	42%	23%	31%	28%	40%	39%	24%	40%	32%	29%	54%	11%	27%
Somewhat Kulongoski	55	26	29	5	7	7	12	15	9	8	6	13	15	13	23	14	18
	11%	11%	11%	29%	19%	9%	11%	14%	6%	9%	6%	15%	14%	11%	12%	8%	14%
Support Saxton	100	51	49	3	4	16	18	28	31	17	29	12	20	22	13	68	19
	20%	22%	18%	18%	11%	22%	16%	26%	20%	19%	27%	14%	19%	19%	7%	39%	15%
Somewhat Saxton	34	20	14	2	2	7	7	6	10	5	10	3	8	8	7	20	7
	7%	9%	5%	12%	6%	9%	6%	6%	6%	6%	9%	3%	8%	7%	4%	11%	6%
Strongly Saxton	66	31	35	1	2	9	11	22	21	12	19	9	12	14	6	48	12
	13%	13%	13%	6%	6%	12%	10%	20%	14%	14%	18%	10%	11%	12%	3%	27%	10%
Undecided / Refused	185	77	108	6	10	34	47	35	53	29	47	27	36	46	56	74	55
	37%	33%	40%	35%	28%	46%	42%	32%	34%	33%	44%	31%	34%	40%	28%	42%	44%
Undecided / Refused	185	77	108	6	10	34	47	35	53	29	47	27	36	46	56	74	55
	37%	33%	40%	35%	28%	46%	42%	32%	34%	33%	44%	31%	34%	40%	28%	42%	44%
Chi Square		3.83				33.14						18.71			115.65		
		.429				.033						.284			.001		

Q4. What if it was between Vicki Walker and Kevin Mannix?

	GENDER			AGE						REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- -29	30- -39	40- -49	50- -59	60- -69	70 +	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr
Weighted for Gender	501	230	271	17	36	74	112	108	154	88	108	86	105	114	199	176	126
		46%	54%	3%	7%	15%	22%	22%	31%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	40%	35%	25%
Support Walker	145	68	77	6	14	20	39	23	43	31	23	33	24	34	90	16	39
	29%	30%	28%	35%	39%	27%	35%	21%	28%	35%	21%	38%	23%	30%	45%	9%	31%
Strongly Walker	100	46	54	2	7	14	29	18	30	22	18	20	15	25	69	10	21
	20%	20%	20%	12%	19%	19%	26%	17%	19%	25%	17%	23%	14%	22%	35%	6%	17%
Somewhat Walker	45	22	23	4	7	6	10	5	13	9	5	13	9	9	21	6	18
	9%	10%	8%	24%	19%	8%	9%	5%	8%	10%	5%	15%	9%	8%	11%	3%	14%
Support Mannix	147	74	73	5	7	22	30	36	47	22	33	27	32	33	31	91	25
	29%	32%	27%	29%	19%	30%	27%	33%	31%	25%	31%	31%	30%	29%	16%	52%	20%
Somewhat Mannix	51	24	27	1	3	9	7	14	17	6	8	13	13	11	21	20	10
	10%	10%	10%	6%	8%	12%	6%	13%	11%	7%	7%	15%	12%	10%	11%	11%	8%
Strongly Mannix	96	50	46	4	4	13	23	22	30	16	25	14	19	22	10	71	15
	19%	22%	17%	24%	11%	18%	21%	20%	19%	18%	23%	16%	18%	19%	5%	40%	12%
Undecided / Refused	209	88	121	6	15	32	43	49	64	35	52	26	49	47	78	69	62
	42%	38%	45%	35%	42%	43%	38%	45%	42%	40%	48%	30%	47%	41%	39%	39%	49%
Undecided / Refused	209	88	121	6	15	32	43	49	64	35	52	26	49	47	78	69	62
	42%	38%	45%	35%	42%	43%	38%	45%	42%	40%	48%	30%	47%	41%	39%	39%	49%
Chi Square		2.88		19.87						20.54					119.40		
		.578		.466						.197					.001		

Q5. What if it was between Vicki Walker and Ron Saxton?

	GENDER			AGE						REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- -29	30- -39	40- -49	50- -59	60- -69	70 +	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr
Weighted for Gender	501	230	271	17	36	74	112	108	154	88	108	86	105	114	199	176	126
		46%	54%	3%	7%	15%	22%	22%	31%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	40%	35%	25%
Support Walker	133	65	68	6	13	18	32	22	42	28	25	32	22	26	82	15	36
	27%	28%	25%	35%	36%	24%	29%	20%	27%	32%	23%	37%	21%	23%	41%	9%	29%
Strongly Walker	83	42	41	-	5	14	22	17	25	16	19	18	12	18	58	8	17
	17%	18%	15%	-	14%	19%	20%	16%	16%	18%	18%	21%	11%	16%	29%	5%	13%
Somewhat Walker	50	23	27	6	8	4	10	5	17	12	6	14	10	8	24	7	19
	10%	10%	10%	35%	22%	5%	9%	5%	11%	14%	6%	16%	10%	7%	12%	4%	15%
Support Saxton	97	53	44	3	6	14	20	24	30	15	23	14	23	22	15	67	15
	19%	23%	16%	18%	17%	19%	18%	22%	19%	17%	21%	16%	22%	19%	8%	38%	12%
Strongly Saxton	58	28	30	2	4	8	11	14	19	11	15	7	13	12	2	48	8
	12%	12%	11%	12%	11%	11%	10%	13%	12%	13%	14%	8%	12%	11%	1%	27%	6%
Somewhat Saxton	39	25	14	1	2	6	9	10	11	4	8	7	10	10	13	19	7
	8%	11%	5%	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%	7%	5%	7%	8%	10%	9%	7%	11%	6%
Undecided / Refused	271	112	159	8	17	42	60	62	82	45	60	40	60	66	102	94	75
	54%	49%	59%	47%	47%	57%	54%	57%	53%	51%	56%	47%	57%	58%	51%	53%	60%
Undecided / Refused	271	112	159	8	17	42	60	62	82	45	60	40	60	66	102	94	75
	54%	49%	59%	47%	47%	57%	54%	57%	53%	51%	56%	47%	57%	58%	51%	53%	60%
Chi Square		8.36		27.30						15.61					109.47		
		.079		.127						.480					.001		

Q6. Now on the national front, with regard to the US involvement in the war in Iraq, do you currently support or oppose that war? (Strongly or somewhat?)

	GENDER		AGE							REGION					PARTY		
	Total	Male	Fe- male	18- -29	30- -39	40- -49	50- -59	60- -69	70 +	CD1	CD2	CD3	CD4	CD5	Dem	Rep	Othr
Weighted for Gender	501	230	271	17	36	74	112	108	154	88	108	86	105	114	199	176	126
		46%	54%	3%	7%	15%	22%	22%	31%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	40%	35%	25%
<u>Support involvement</u>	208	99	109	6	12	34	49	53	54	37	51	29	40	51	50	117	41
	42%	43%	40%	35%	33%	46%	44%	49%	35%	42%	47%	34%	38%	45%	25%	66%	33%
Strongly support	127	67	60	4	6	18	28	39	32	20	30	18	28	31	23	80	24
	25%	29%	22%	24%	17%	24%	25%	36%	21%	23%	28%	21%	27%	27%	12%	45%	19%
Support somewhat	81	32	49	2	6	16	21	14	22	17	21	11	12	20	27	37	17
	16%	14%	18%	12%	17%	22%	19%	13%	14%	19%	19%	13%	11%	18%	14%	21%	13%
<u>Oppose involvement</u>	246	114	132	9	21	31	56	44	85	46	46	48	53	53	134	41	71
	49%	50%	49%	53%	58%	42%	50%	41%	55%	52%	43%	56%	50%	46%	67%	23%	56%
Oppose somewhat	45	24	21	3	4	8	8	8	14	5	7	8	15	10	21	11	13
	9%	10%	8%	18%	11%	11%	7%	7%	9%	6%	6%	9%	14%	9%	11%	6%	10%
Strongly oppose	201	90	111	6	17	23	48	36	71	41	39	40	38	43	113	30	58
	40%	39%	41%	35%	47%	31%	43%	33%	46%	47%	36%	47%	36%	38%	57%	17%	46%
<u>Unsure / Refused</u>	47	17	30	2	3	9	7	11	15	5	11	9	12	10	15	18	14
	9%	7%	11%	12%	8%	12%	6%	10%	10%	6%	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	10%	11%
Unsure / Neutral	40	15	25	2	3	7	7	11	10	5	9	9	9	8	10	16	14
	8%	7%	9%	12%	8%	9%	6%	10%	6%	6%	8%	10%	9%	7%	5%	9%	11%
Refused	7	2	5	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	2	-	3	2	5	2	-
	1%	1%	2%	-	-	3%	-	-	3%	-	2%	-	3%	2%	3%	1%	-
Chi Square		6.82				28.38					18.49				97.03		
		.234				.291					.555				.001		