

**Oregon Statewide
TOPLINE RESULTS – August 3, 2009**

Hello. My name is _____. I'm calling from _____. We are conducting a public opinion survey and I would like to ask you some questions. We are not selling anything, and I will not ask you for a contribution or a donation.

May I please speak with _____ **[READ NAME FROM LIST. IF PERSON IS NOT THERE ASK FOR ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER. THE OTHER PERSON'S NAME MUST ALSO BE ON THE LIST.]**

Male 48
Female..... 52

1. On January 26, 2010, there will be a vote-by-mail special election for local offices and ballot initiatives. How likely would you say you are to vote in the 2010 special election — are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote?

almost certain.....	74
probably	20
50-50.....	5
probably not	TERMINATE
definitely not.....	TERMINATE
dk	TERMINATE

2. A lot of times things will come up and people do not have the chance to vote. Thinking ahead to the January 26, 2010 vote-by-mail special election, what are the chances that something comes up at work or at home and you just won't be able to vote this one time – do you think it is very likely that you will not vote, somewhat likely that you will not vote, not too likely, or not likely at all?

Very likely	TERMINATE
Somewhat likely.....	28
Not too likely	22
Not at all likely.....	47
Not sure	3

3. How much have you heard or seen about this year's Oregon state budget -- a great deal, some but not a lot, not very much, or nothing at all?

A great deal	22	65
Some, but not a lot.....	43	
Not very much.....	27	
Nothing at all.....	8	35
(Don't know/refused).....	0	

4. Which of the following is more important to you? **[IF IMPORTANT, ASK:]** Is that much more important or only somewhat more important? **[ROTATE]**

__ Preventing tax increases or new fees.

__ Preventing cuts in areas like education, public safety, and health care.

Preventing tax increases much more important	26	35
Preventing tax increases somewhat more important.....	9	
Preventing cuts in services somewhat more important	16	
Preventing cuts in services much more important	44	60
(Don't know/refused).....	6	

Because of the national economic crisis, a large number of states, including Oregon, have had significant budget deficits. I'm going to read you a list of ideas that some people have proposed to balance Oregon's state budget. After I read each item, please tell me whether or you favor or oppose that proposal. If you are not sure, you can tell me that, too. **[IF "FAVOR" OR "OPPOSE," ASK:]** Do you _____ (FAVOR/OPPOSE) that proposal strongly or not so strongly? **[ROTATE]**

	Favor strongly	Favor not strongly	Oppose not strongly	Oppose strongly	DK
__5. Cut \$750 million dollars in state spending, 93 percent of which goes to education, health care and public safety.	11	15	13	54	7
__6. Institute a five percent state sales tax for all goods except groceries, clothing, prescription drugs and home heating.	20	22	13	40	4
__7. Increase state income taxes on income above \$125 thousand dollars per year for single people, and income above \$250 thousand dollars per year for couples filing jointly, from 9 percent to a new rate of 10.8 [TEN POINT EIGHT] percent. Also, increase the rate to 11 percent on income above \$250 thousand dollars for single people and on income above \$500 thousand dollars per year for couples filing jointly.....	42	21	9	24	4
__8. Increase the minimum state income tax corporations pay from \$10 dollars to \$150 dollars and increase the tax rate corporations pay on profits above \$250 thousand dollars from 6.6 [SIX POINT SIX] to 7.9 [SEVEN POINT NINE] percent.	41	19	8	22	9

[ROTATE Q9 AND Q10]

__9. I'm going to read you two statements and ask which one you would prefer more: **[ROTATE]**

__A temporary one percent personal income tax increase on all Oregon taxpayers

__An increase in the Oregon income tax only on personal income above \$125 thousand dollars for single people or \$250 thousand dollars for couples filing jointly, which temporarily begins at one point eight percent, then goes down to half that amount in the year 2013

Having heard these, which one would you prefer more even if neither is exactly right? **[IF ONE PERCENT ON ALL TAXPAYERS/ONLY ON INCOME ABOVE \$125/\$250 THOUSAND, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Prefer a temporary one percent personal income tax increase, strongly	13	20
Prefer a temporary one percent personal income tax increase, not strongly	7	
Prefer increase only on incomes above \$125/\$250 thousand, not strongly	16	
Prefer increase only on incomes above \$125/\$250 thousand, strongly	45	61
NEITHER [VOL].....	16	
DK/NA/REFUSED.....	4	

__10. I'm going to read you two statements and ask which one you would prefer more: **[ROTATE]**

__A temporary 1.3 [ONE POINT THREE] percent tax increase in the tax rate corporations pay on all profits.

__A temporary 1.3 [ONE POINT THREE] percent tax increase in the tax rate corporations pay on profits above \$250 thousand dollars and a permanent one percent increase in the tax rate corporations pay on profits above \$10 million dollars.

Having heard these, which one would you prefer more even if neither is exactly right? **[IF TEMPORARY/ TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Prefer a temporary corporate tax increase, strongly.....	12	19
Prefer a temporary corporate tax increase, not strongly.....	7	
Prefer a temporary 1.3 percent <u>and</u> permanent 1 percent corporate tax increase, not strongly	14	
Prefer a temporary 1.3 percent <u>and</u> permanent 1 percent corporate tax increase, strongly	41	55
NEITHER [VOL].....	18	
DK/NA/REFUSED.....	8	

11. We've talked about several proposals that have been discussed for how to balance the budget. Now I'm going to ask your opinion about what the legislature actually did.

In order to fund \$750 million dollars in state services, the legislature passed an increase in Oregon's \$10 dollar corporate minimum tax, raising it to a sliding scale from \$150 dollars on small businesses to a cap of \$100 thousand dollars on corporations with annual sales above \$100 million dollars. The legislature also raised the tax on corporate profits from 6.6 [SIX POINT SIX] percent to 7.9 [SEVEN POINT NINE] percent and increased the tax rate on personal income above \$125 thousand dollars for single people and \$250 thousand dollars for couples filing jointly.

Now opponents of this plan are working to repeal these laws. If an election were held today, would you vote "yes" to uphold tax increases on corporations and the wealthy, or vote "no" to overturn the laws, resulting in increased cuts to education, health care and public safety programs? **[IF YES/NO, ASK:]** Do you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Yes, strongly	48	62
Yes, not strongly	14	
No, not strongly.....	7	
No, strongly.....	19	26
DK.....	11	