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Oregon in favor of legal gay marriage, Kitzhaber Solid

Raleigh, N.C. – While its neighbor to the south rejected legalized same-sex marriage in 2008, Oregonians would support it now 48-42. A plurality of voters also support gay marriage when civil unions, similar to Oregon's domestic partnerships, are included. 43% of Oregon voters favor gay marriage, 33% civil unions, and 22% oppose all recognition. Legalized gay marriage is most popular among 18-29 and 30-45 year olds where it receives 55% and 57% support respectively when civil unions are included. However, even those over 65 would support civil unions with 44% supporting civil unions, 28% supporting legalized gay marriage, and 26% opposing all recognition.

Oregon's newly elected and former governor, Democrat John Kitzhaber, is on solid ground with voters. 47% approve compared to 35% who disapprove. Kitzhaber garners strong ratings from Democrats 74-12, a bit of Republican support, 17-66, and breaks even with independents 38-38. This is enough for good ratings in Oregon where Democrats have a 45-33 partisan identification advantage.

Democratic Senator Ron Wyden is quite popular in Oregon with 55% approval and only 29% disapproval. Wyden locks in Democrats 75-9, earns good marks with independents 52-30, and achieves quite a bit of crossover support with Republicans, 30-52. On the other hand, Democratic Senator Jeff Merkley, who won in 2008 by only 3 points, has merely treaded water over the last two and a half years. 36% approve while 33% disapprove. 31% are still not familiar enough with Merkley to venture an opinion, so he has room to improve his rating.

Most of Oregon's congressional delegation is on positive ground with Democrat Peter DeFazio most popular at 45-28 favorability. He is followed by Democrat Earl Blumenauer at 33-21, Republican Greg Walden at 30-19, and Democrat Kurt Schrader at 22-18. There is one notable exception though. Democrat David Wu, who has had a lot of recent controversy, is only viewed favorably by 16%, and unfavorably by 50%.

PPP surveyed 701 Oregon voters from June 19th to 21st. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.7%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews. PPP is a Democratic polling company, but polling expert Nate Silver of the *New York Times* found that its surveys in 2010 actually exhibited a slight bias toward Republican candidates.



Oregon Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of Governor John Kitzhaber's job performance?

Approve 47%
Disapprove..... 35%
Not sure 17%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Ron Wyden's job performance?

Approve 55%
Disapprove..... 29%
Not sure 16%

Q3 Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Jeff Merkley's job performance?

Approve 36%
Disapprove..... 33%
Not sure 31%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of David Wu?

Favorable..... 16%
Unfavorable 50%
Not sure 34%

Q5 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Greg Walden?

Favorable..... 30%
Unfavorable 19%
Not sure 51%

Q6 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Earl Blumenauer?

Favorable..... 33%
Unfavorable 21%
Not sure 46%

Q7 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Peter DeFazio?

Favorable..... 45%
Unfavorable 28%
Not sure 27%

Q8 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Kurt Schrader?

Favorable..... 22%
Unfavorable 18%
Not sure 60%

Q9 Do you think same-sex marriage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 48%
Illegal 42%
Not sure 11%

Q10 Which of the following best describes your opinion on gay marriage: gay couples should be allowed to legally marry, or gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not legally marry, or there should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship?

Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry 43%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry 33%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship 22%
Not sure 1%

Q11 Who did you vote for President in 2008?

John McCain..... 37%
Barack Obama..... 53%
Someone else/Don't remember 10%





Q12 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

<i>Very liberal</i>	14%
<i>Somewhat liberal</i>	22%
<i>Moderate</i>	27%
<i>Somewhat conservative</i>	20%
<i>Very conservative</i>	17%

Q13 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

<i>Woman</i>	52%
<i>Man</i>	48%

Q14 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

<i>Democrat</i>	45%
<i>Republican</i>	33%
<i>Independent/Other</i>	22%

Q15 If you are white, press 1. If other, press 2.

<i>White</i>	90%
<i>Other</i>	10%

Q16 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

<i>18 to 29</i>	12%
<i>30 to 45</i>	30%
<i>46 to 65</i>	38%
<i>Older than 65</i>	20%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Kitzhaber Approval				
Approve	47%	15%	73%	31%
Disapprove	35%	67%	11%	46%
Not sure	17%	17%	17%	23%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Wyden Approval				
Approve	55%	28%	77%	40%
Disapprove	29%	57%	9%	35%
Not sure	16%	15%	14%	25%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Merkley Approval				
Approve	36%	12%	54%	30%
Disapprove	33%	58%	15%	31%
Not sure	31%	29%	31%	39%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Wu Favorability				
Favorable	16%	9%	22%	10%
Unfavorable	50%	63%	43%	42%
Not sure	34%	28%	35%	47%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Walden Favorability				
Favorable	30%	45%	24%	10%
Unfavorable	19%	12%	24%	16%
Not sure	51%	42%	52%	75%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Blumenauer Favorability				
Favorable	33%	10%	52%	14%
Unfavorable	21%	40%	9%	17%
Not sure	46%	51%	39%	68%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
DeFazio Favorability				
Favorable	45%	19%	66%	28%
Unfavorable	28%	54%	9%	32%
Not sure	27%	27%	25%	40%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Schrader Favorability				
Favorable	22%	9%	32%	15%
Unfavorable	18%	27%	11%	24%
Not sure	60%	64%	58%	61%





Crosstabs

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	48%	13%	73%	39%
Illegal	42%	79%	15%	44%
Not sure	11%	8%	11%	17%

	Base	2008 Vote		
		John McCain	Barack Obama	Someone else/Don't remember
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	10%	68%	37%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	51%	22%	28%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	39%	8%	34%
Not sure	1%	-	2%	1%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Kitzhaber Approval						
Approve	47%	83%	77%	51%	18%	10%
Disapprove	35%	5%	12%	25%	58%	79%
Not sure	17%	12%	12%	24%	24%	11%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Wyden Approval						
Approve	55%	81%	76%	63%	35%	19%
Disapprove	29%	10%	5%	20%	48%	67%
Not sure	16%	9%	19%	17%	17%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Merkley Approval						
Approve	36%	70%	58%	33%	16%	9%
Disapprove	33%	5%	12%	26%	55%	66%
Not sure	31%	24%	31%	40%	29%	25%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Wu Favorability						
Favorable	16%	33%	22%	14%	11%	4%
Unfavorable	50%	36%	38%	51%	59%	66%
Not sure	34%	31%	40%	35%	30%	29%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Walden Favorability						
Favorable	30%	14%	16%	37%	29%	52%
Unfavorable	19%	33%	24%	13%	16%	13%
Not sure	51%	53%	59%	50%	55%	35%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Blumenauer Favorability						
Favorable	33%	54%	56%	32%	18%	3%
Unfavorable	21%	13%	8%	16%	28%	46%
Not sure	46%	33%	37%	52%	54%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
DeFazio Favorability						
Favorable	45%	69%	67%	49%	26%	13%
Unfavorable	28%	5%	6%	23%	45%	60%
Not sure	27%	26%	27%	28%	29%	26%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Schrader Favorability						
Favorable	22%	31%	29%	29%	12%	5%
Unfavorable	18%	12%	10%	15%	22%	34%
Not sure	60%	58%	61%	57%	66%	61%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal						
Legal	48%	88%	71%	53%	25%	2%
Illegal	42%	7%	17%	30%	64%	94%
Not sure	11%	4%	12%	17%	11%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition						
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	86%	68%	47%	19%	1%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	10%	22%	36%	51%	43%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	4%	9%	16%	30%	55%
Not sure	1%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Kitzhaber Approval			
Approve	47%	50%	45%
Disapprove	35%	31%	39%
Not sure	17%	19%	16%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Wyden Approval			
Approve	55%	59%	51%
Disapprove	29%	21%	37%
Not sure	16%	20%	12%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Merkley Approval			
Approve	36%	38%	34%
Disapprove	33%	23%	43%
Not sure	31%	39%	23%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Wu Favorability			
Favorable	16%	16%	16%
Unfavorable	50%	45%	57%
Not sure	34%	39%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Walden Favorability			
Favorable	30%	26%	35%
Unfavorable	19%	16%	22%
Not sure	51%	58%	44%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Blumenauer Favorability			
Favorable	33%	34%	31%
Unfavorable	21%	13%	30%
Not sure	46%	53%	39%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
DeFazio Favorability			
Favorable	45%	46%	44%
Unfavorable	28%	21%	35%
Not sure	27%	33%	21%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Schrader Favorability			
Favorable	22%	23%	20%
Unfavorable	18%	12%	24%
Not sure	60%	65%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	48%	49%	46%
Illegal	42%	40%	44%
Not sure	11%	12%	10%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	44%	42%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	32%	35%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	23%	21%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Kitzhaber Approval				
Approve	47%	74%	17%	38%
Disapprove	35%	12%	66%	38%
Not sure	17%	15%	17%	24%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Wyden Approval				
Approve	55%	75%	30%	52%
Disapprove	29%	9%	56%	30%
Not sure	16%	16%	14%	18%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Merkley Approval				
Approve	36%	54%	16%	30%
Disapprove	33%	13%	55%	38%
Not sure	31%	33%	29%	32%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Wu Favorability				
Favorable	16%	25%	11%	6%
Unfavorable	50%	40%	63%	52%
Not sure	34%	35%	26%	42%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Walden Favorability				
Favorable	30%	23%	47%	20%
Unfavorable	19%	20%	13%	25%
Not sure	51%	56%	41%	55%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Blumenauer Favorability				
Favorable	33%	51%	11%	28%
Unfavorable	21%	9%	41%	18%
Not sure	46%	40%	49%	55%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
DeFazio Favorability				
Favorable	45%	64%	23%	37%
Unfavorable	28%	8%	52%	32%
Not sure	27%	28%	24%	30%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Schrader Favorability				
Favorable	22%	31%	10%	21%
Unfavorable	18%	10%	27%	19%
Not sure	60%	58%	63%	61%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal				
Legal	48%	68%	15%	53%
Illegal	42%	19%	78%	35%
Not sure	11%	13%	7%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition				
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	65%	12%	45%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	23%	45%	38%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	11%	42%	16%
Not sure	1%	1%	1%	1%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Kitzhaber Approval			
Approve	47%	48%	42%
Disapprove	35%	35%	38%
Not sure	17%	17%	19%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Wyden Approval			
Approve	55%	54%	68%
Disapprove	29%	29%	25%
Not sure	16%	17%	7%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Merkley Approval			
Approve	36%	35%	44%
Disapprove	33%	32%	40%
Not sure	31%	33%	16%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Wu Favorability			
Favorable	16%	16%	18%
Unfavorable	50%	50%	54%
Not sure	34%	34%	28%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Walden Favorability			
Favorable	30%	31%	26%
Unfavorable	19%	17%	35%
Not sure	51%	52%	39%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Blumenauer Favorability			
Favorable	33%	32%	41%
Unfavorable	21%	21%	24%
Not sure	46%	48%	35%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
DeFazio Favorability			
Favorable	45%	43%	60%
Unfavorable	28%	28%	27%
Not sure	27%	29%	13%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Schrader Favorability			
Favorable	22%	20%	35%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	15%
Not sure	60%	61%	51%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal			
Legal	48%	47%	55%
Illegal	42%	43%	33%
Not sure	11%	10%	12%

	Base	Race	
		White	Other
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition			
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	43%	42%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	34%	31%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	22%	27%
Not sure	1%	1%	-

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Kitzhaber Approval					
Approve	47%	54%	50%	46%	42%
Disapprove	35%	32%	30%	38%	39%
Not sure	17%	14%	20%	16%	18%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Wyden Approval					
Approve	55%	46%	52%	58%	61%
Disapprove	29%	36%	28%	29%	27%
Not sure	16%	18%	21%	13%	12%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Merkley Approval					
Approve	36%	41%	29%	40%	37%
Disapprove	33%	38%	28%	34%	34%
Not sure	31%	21%	43%	26%	29%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Wu Favorability					
Favorable	16%	17%	17%	15%	15%
Unfavorable	50%	52%	45%	53%	53%
Not sure	34%	31%	38%	32%	32%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Walden Favorability					
Favorable	30%	18%	26%	34%	38%
Unfavorable	19%	21%	17%	18%	21%
Not sure	51%	61%	57%	48%	41%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Blumenauer Favorability					
Favorable	33%	36%	31%	32%	33%
Unfavorable	21%	18%	13%	26%	27%
Not sure	46%	46%	56%	42%	40%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
DeFazio Favorability					
Favorable	45%	36%	42%	48%	47%
Unfavorable	28%	29%	24%	29%	30%
Not sure	27%	36%	34%	22%	23%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Schrader Favorability					
Favorable	22%	25%	18%	26%	17%
Unfavorable	18%	18%	16%	18%	21%
Not sure	60%	57%	66%	56%	62%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Same-Sex Marriage Legal/Illegal					
Legal	48%	55%	59%	45%	30%
Illegal	42%	28%	31%	47%	57%
Not sure	11%	17%	9%	8%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Gay Marriage/Civil Unions/No Recognition					
Gay couples should be allowed to legally marry	43%	55%	57%	37%	28%
Gay couples should be allowed to form civil unions but not marry	33%	31%	26%	35%	44%
There should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship	22%	14%	16%	27%	26%
Not sure	1%	-	1%	1%	2%

