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**Emerson Poll: Washington State Looks Safe for Democrats in the Presidential and Senate Races;
Trump Has a Wide Lead in Nebraska.**

BOSTON, MA— Two pre-debate polls released today by Emerson College show Hillary Clinton holding a 6-point lead over Donald Trump (44% to 38%) in the state of Washington, while Gary Johnson gets 7% of the vote, Jill Stein 5%, and 6% remain undecided. In historically red Nebraska, Trump leads Clinton by 27 points, 56% to 29%, with Johnson at 7% and Stein at 1%. Seven percent (7%) of Nebraskans are undecided. Each poll had a margin of error of 3.6 percentage points.

In the U.S. Senate race in Washington, 48% of those polled plan to vote for the four-term incumbent, Democrat Patty Murray, while 41% prefer Republican Chris Vance, and 8% are undecided.

Nebraska is the second state Emerson has polled where Trump has a positive favorable/unfavorable ratio (50% to 45%). Clinton has a -37 deficit (30% /67%). In the Cornhusker state, Trump leads in Congressional Districts 1 and 3, by margins of 53% to 29% and 65% to 20%, respectively. However, in District 2 he only leads by 9 points, 49% to 40%. Nebraska is one of two states that allocate their electoral votes by congressional district.

Among primary voters in Nebraska, Clinton is getting 57% of Bernie Sander primary voters while Trump is taking 15%. Trump is winning 88% of those who voted for Senator Ted Cruz but only 28% of John Kasich primary voters; 22% of Kasich voters favor Clinton. Trump is also winning Nebraska Independents, 43% to 24%, and 17% of Democrats, compared with Clinton, who has 9% of the Republican vote. Both genders are breaking for Trump by large margins. He leads Clinton 59% to 27% with men and 53% to 32% with women. Trump also leads with all age groups.

In Washington, Independents favor Trump over Clinton, 35% to 29%. However voters have a more positive view of Clinton. Four in 10 (41%) have a favorable opinion of her while 54% see her unfavorably (-13). Trump is under water by 30 points (33% to 63%).

Sanders won the Democratic Caucus in Washington by a landslide, and his voters are moving towards Clinton (60%) and Stein (17%) rather than Trump (10%). Clinton leads Trump with women by 14 points, 49% to 35%, while he holds a 3-point lead with men, 42% to 39%.

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The Emerson College Washington poll was conducted September 25-26, and the Nebraska poll was conducted September 25-27 under the Supervision of Professor Spencer Kimball. Both samples consisted of 700 likely general election voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.6%. Data was weighted by

2012 election results, age, gender, region and party affiliation. It is important to remember that subsets based on gender, age and party breakdowns carry with them higher margins of error, as the sample size is reduced. Data was collected using an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system of landlines only. The full methodology and results can be found at www.theecps.com.

Nebraska Frequency Table

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	700	100.0	100.0	100.0

Party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	197	28.1	28.1	28.1
	Republican	382	54.5	54.5	82.7
	Independent	121	17.3	17.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	337	48.1	48.1	48.1
	female	363	51.9	51.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	266	38.0	38.0	38.0
	Mitt Romney	420	60.0	60.0	98.0
	Someone else	14	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	101	14.4	14.4	14.4

Clinton	127	18.1	18.1	32.5
Cruz	86	12.3	12.3	44.8
Trump	226	32.2	32.2	77.1
Kasich	42	6.0	6.0	83.1
Rubio	32	4.5	4.5	87.7
Other	79	11.3	11.3	98.9
No vote	8	1.1	1.1	100.0
Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Rec

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid favorable	210	30.0	30.0	30.0
unfavorable	468	66.8	66.8	96.8
undecided	10	1.4	1.4	98.2
never heard of	12	1.8	1.8	100.0
Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Rec

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid favorable	349	49.9	49.9	49.9
unfavorable	316	45.2	45.2	95.1
undecided	34	4.9	4.9	100.0
Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	205	29.3	29.3	29.3
	Donald Trump	390	55.7	55.7	84.9
	Gary Johnson	51	7.3	7.3	92.2
	Jill Stein	8	1.2	1.2	93.4
	Unsure	47	6.6	6.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Intensity of vote

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Won't Change	561	80.1	85.8	85.8
	Will Listen	93	13.2	14.2	100.0
	Total	653	93.4	100.0	
Missing	System	47	6.6		
Total		700	100.0		

Presidential Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Trump	381	54.4	54.4	54.4
	Clinton	231	33.0	33.0	87.4
	Johnson	3	.5	.5	87.9
	Stein	6	.8	.8	88.7
	Unsure	79	11.3	11.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	172	24.6	24.6	24.6
	35-54	275	39.3	39.3	63.9
	55-74	197	28.1	28.1	92.0
	75+	56	8.0	8.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	16	2.2	2.2	2.2
	HS	81	11.6	11.6	13.9
	Some College	155	22.1	22.2	36.0
	Associate	93	13.3	13.4	49.4
	Bachelor	206	29.4	29.5	78.9
	Post Grad	146	20.8	20.9	99.8
	7.00	1	.2	.2	100.0
	Total	698	99.7	100.0	
Missing	System	2	.3		
Total		700	100.0		

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	547	78.2	78.9	78.9
	black	70	10.0	10.1	89.0
	American Indian	3	.5	.5	89.5
	Asian	5	.8	.8	90.2
	Hawaiian	1	.1	.1	90.4
	Hispanic	40	5.7	5.8	96.1
	2+/Other	20	2.8	2.9	99.0
	refused	7	1.0	1.0	100.0
	Total	693	99.0	100.0	
	Missing	System	7	1.0	
Total		700	100.0		

Phone Status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Cell Phone Only	74	10.5	10.7	10.7
	Land Line only	72	10.3	10.4	21.1
	both	543	77.6	78.9	100.0
	Total	688	98.3	100.0	
Missing	System	12	1.7		
Total		700	100.0		

USC District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
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Valid	1.00	233	33.3	33.3	33.3
	2.00	233	33.3	33.3	66.6
	3.00	234	33.4	33.4	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Washington Frequency Table

Voting Intention

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Very likely	700	100.0	100.0	100.0

Party

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Democrat	310	44.2	44.2	44.2
	Republican	246	35.1	35.1	79.3
	Independent	145	20.7	20.7	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	male	338	48.3	48.3	48.3
	female	362	51.7	51.7	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2012 Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Barack Obama	391	55.8	55.8	55.8
	Mitt Romney	292	41.7	41.7	97.5
	Someone else	17	2.5	2.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

2016 primary

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Sanders	185	26.5	26.5	26.5
	Clinton	188	26.9	26.9	53.4
	Cruz	52	7.5	7.5	60.9
	Trump	152	21.7	21.7	82.5
	Kasich	38	5.5	5.5	88.0
	Rubio	41	5.8	5.8	93.8
	Other	41	5.8	5.8	99.7
	No vote	2	.3	.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Clinton Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	285	40.8	40.8	40.8
	unfavorable	379	54.1	54.1	94.9
	undecided	30	4.4	4.4	99.2
	never heard of	6	.8	.8	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Trump Name Rec

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	231	33.0	33.0	33.0
	unfavorable	440	62.8	62.8	95.8
	undecided	25	3.6	3.6	99.4
	never heard of	4	.6	.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Murray

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	320	45.7	45.7	45.7
	unfavorable	275	39.3	39.3	85.0
	undecided	86	12.3	12.3	97.4
	never heard of	19	2.6	2.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Vance

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	favorable	152	21.7	21.7	21.7
	unfavorable	133	19.0	19.0	40.7
	undecided	245	35.1	35.1	75.8
	never heard of	170	24.2	24.2	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Presidential Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Hillary Clinton	309	44.2	44.2	44.2
	Donald Trump	269	38.4	38.4	82.6
	Gary Johnson	49	7.1	7.1	89.7
	Jill Stein	33	4.7	4.7	94.4
	Unsure	39	5.6	5.6	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Intensity of vote

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Won't Change	547	78.1	82.8	82.8
	Will Listen	114	16.3	17.2	100.0
	Total	661	94.4	100.0	
Missing	System	39	5.6		
Total		700	100.0		

Presidential Expectation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Trump	267	38.2	38.2	38.2
	Clinton	336	48.1	48.1	86.2
	Johnson	20	2.8	2.8	89.1
	Stein	3	.5	.5	89.5
	Unsure	73	10.5	10.5	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Senate Ballot

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Vance	288	41.2	41.2	41.2
	Murray	333	47.6	47.6	88.8
	Someone Else	23	3.3	3.3	92.1
	Undecided	55	7.9	7.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	155	22.2	22.2	22.2
	35-54	271	38.7	38.7	60.9
	55-74	209	29.8	29.8	90.7
	75+	65	9.3	9.3	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Education

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	>HS	29	4.1	4.1	4.1
	HS	82	11.8	11.8	15.9
	Some College	126	18.1	18.1	34.0
	Associate	94	13.4	13.4	47.3
	Bachelor	202	28.8	28.8	76.2
	Post-grad	167	23.8	23.8	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

Race

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	white	565	80.7	80.7	80.7
	black	37	5.3	5.3	86.1
	American Indian	14	2.0	2.0	88.0
	Asian	34	4.9	4.9	92.9
	Hawaiian	1	.1	.1	93.0
	Hispanic	22	3.1	3.1	96.1
	2+/Other	21	3.0	3.0	99.1
	refused	6	.9	.9	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	

USC District

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1.00	70	10.0	10.0	10.0
	2.00	70	10.0	10.0	20.0
	3.00	70	10.0	10.0	30.0
	4.00	70	10.0	10.0	40.0
	5.00	70	10.0	10.0	50.0
	6.00	70	10.0	10.0	60.0
	7.00	70	10.0	10.0	70.0
	8.00	70	10.0	10.0	80.0
	9.00	70	10.0	10.0	90.0
	10.00	70	10.0	10.0	100.0
	Total	700	100.0	100.0	