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Introduction & Methodology

From April 25-30, 2023, DHM Research conducted a survey of 500 Oregon voters. The purpose of the survey was to measure Oregonians' attitudes about a range of issues, including immigration and foreign trade. Where applicable, past results are included for comparison.

Research Methodology

The online survey consisted of 500 Oregon voters. This is a sufficient sample size to assess Oregonians' opinions generally and to review findings by multiple subgroups.

Respondents were contacted by using a professionally maintained online panel. A variety of quality control measures were employed, including questionnaire pre-testing and data validation. To ensure a representative sample, demographic quotas were set, and data were weighted by area of state, age, gender, race, education, and political party affiliation to match the profile of registered voters in Oregon.

Statement of Limitations

Any sampling of opinions or attitudes is subject to a margin of error. The margin of error is a standard statistical calculation that represents differences between the sample and total population at a confidence interval, or probability, calculated to be 95%. This means that there is a 95% probability that the sample taken for this study would fall within the stated margin of error if compared with the results achieved from surveying the entire population. The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 4.4\%$.

DHM Research Background

DHM Research has been providing opinion research and consultation throughout the Pacific Northwest and other regions of the United States for over 40 years. The firm is nonpartisan and independent and specializes in research projects to support public policy making.

**DHM Panel
April 25-30, 2023**

**Oregon voters
N=500; ±4.4% margin of error**

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INTRO AND SCREENER QUESTIONS

S1: What state do you live in?

Response category	n=500
Oregon	100%
All other	TERM

S2: Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Response category	n=500
Yes	100%
No	TERM

1. What is your party registration?

Response category	n=500
Democrat	34%
Republican	24%
Some other party	7%
Not affiliated with a political party	35%

2. What county do you live in?

Response category	n=500
Portland metro	42%
Willamette Valley	26%
Rest of state	31%

3. What year were you born?

Response category	n=500
18–29	17%
30–44	26%
45–64	30%
65+	27%

4. What best describes your gender?

Response category	n=500
Man	49%
Woman	49%
Transgender	1%
Non-binary or gender non-conforming	1%

5. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? **(Allow for multiple responses)**

Response category	n=500
African	1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	9%
Black/African American	6%
Hispanic/Latino/a/x	11%
Middle Eastern/North African	1%
Native American/American Indian	7%
White/Caucasian	76%
Other	3%

Response category	n=500
White Alone	72%
POC	28%

6. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Response category	n=500
Less than high school	4%
High school diploma/GED	26%
Some college/2-year degree	34%
College degree/4-year degree	20%
Graduate/professional school	16%

7. Which category best describes your gross household income, before taxes? Remember to include everyone living in your household. Your best estimate will do.

Response category	n=500
Less than \$25,000	13%
\$25,000 to less than \$50,000	19%
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	13%
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	20%
\$100,000 to less than \$150,000	21%
\$150,000 or more	13%

IMMIGRATION

The following questions are about immigration.

37. Thinking about immigrants – that is, people who come from other countries to live in the United States – in your view, should immigration be kept at its present level, increased, or decreased?

Response category	n=500
Kept at its present level	32%
Increased	23%
Decreased	32%
Don't know	13%

38. On the whole, do you think immigration is a good thing or a bad thing for the country today?

Response category	n=500
Good thing	59%
Bad thing	26%
Don't know	15%

39. In Oregon specifically, would you say that illegal immigration is a problem or is not problem?

Response category	n=500
Very/Somewhat a problem	50%
Very serious problem	24%
Somewhat of a problem	26%
Small/Not a problem	44%
Only a small problem	25%
Not a problem	19%
Don't know	6%

Since 1987, Oregon has been a "sanctuary state," meaning that state law prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from using public resources to find or arrest those whose only crime is being in the country without proper documentation.

40. Based on what you know, do you support or oppose Oregon's status as a sanctuary state?

Response category	April 2023 n=500	September 2018 n=594
NET Support	54%	56%
Strongly support	30%	40%
Somewhat support	24%	16%
NET Oppose	40%	42%
Somewhat oppose	14%	5%
Strongly oppose	26%	36%
Don't know	6%	2%

TRADE

The next topic is trade.

41. Which statement is closer to our opinion? **(Rotate)**

Response category	April 2023 n=500	April 2016 n=612
Foreign trade is more of an opportunity for economic growth through increased U.S. exports	56%	53%
Foreign trade is more of a threat to the economy through increased imports	27%	36%
Don't know	16%	10%

Looking back over the last few decades, all things considered, do you think that trade between the United States and foreign countries has been mostly positive or negative for each of the following:

[Randomize]

Response category	NET Positive	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Equally positive and negative	NET Negative	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Don't know
42. You personally								
2023, n=500	37%	12%	24%	35%	14%	10%	4%	15%
2016, n=612	32%	6%	26%	33%	23%	15%	8%	12%
43. The community where you live								
2023, n=500	32%	10%	23%	34%	16%	11%	5%	18%
2016, n=612	33%	6%	26%	23%	32%	21%	11%	12%
44. Oregon								
2023, n=500	42%	15%	27%	27%	17%	13%	4%	14%
45. The United States								
2023, n=500	42%	14%	28%	25%	24%	17%	7%	8%
2016, n=612	23%	5%	18%	20%	49%	29%	21%	8%
46. Foreign countries that trade with the United States								
2023, n=500	46%	14%	32%	27%	17%	13%	5%	10%
2016, n=612	57%	16%	41%	20%	11%	8%	2%	12%

47. **[Split A]** Generally speaking, which do you think would be better for your community?

Response category	April 2023 n=250	April 2016 n=287
A factory owned by a Canadian company that employed 2,000 workers	38%	36%
A factory owned by an American company that employed 1,000 workers	57%	55%
Don't know	6%	9%

48. **[Split B]** Generally speaking, which do you think would be better for your community?

Response category	April 2023 n=250	April 2016 n=302
A factory owned by a Chinese company that employed 2,000 workers	13%	21%
A factory owned by an American company that employed 1,000 workers	77%	72%
Don't know	10%	7%

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