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Poll Analysis: WA Voters Reject Heywood Initiatives

A recent survey of likely voters in Washington finds voters rejecting hedge fund owner Brian Heywood's slate of ballot initiatives. All three measures (Initiatives 2109, 2117, and 2124) are well below 50% percent support and each has more voters opposed than in favor.

These are key findings from a survey of 600 Washington likely voters in the November election, conducted April 11 – 14, 2024 on behalf of Defend Washington, via live calls to cellphones and landlines and text-to-web interviews. The sample was pulled from a voter file. The survey carries a +/- 4.0 percentage-point margin of error at the 95% confidence interval.

Key Findings

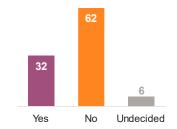
• Each Heywood initiative starts in a losing position. Far fewer than half of voters support each initiative and less than a quarter of voters say they are 'definitely' going to vote 'yes' on each initiative (19% on 2109; 23% on 2117; 21% on 2124). A majority or plurality opposes each initiative.

Initiative 2109

Initiative measure 2109 concerns taxes.

This measure would repeal an excise tax imposed on the sale or exchange of certain long-term capital assets by individuals who have annual capital gains of over \$250,000.

This measure would decrease funding for education, early learning and childcare, and school construction.

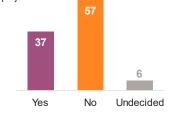


Initiative 2117

Initiative measure 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading.

This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

This measure would decrease funding for transportation programs, renewable energy investments, and climate impact resilience projects.

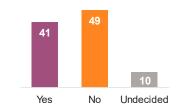


Initiative 2124

Initiative measure 2124 concerns state long term care insurance.

This measure would provide that employees and self-employed people must elect to keep coverage under RCW50B.04 and could opt-out at any time. It would also repeal a law governing an exemption for employees.

This measure would decrease funding for long-term care services.



- There is no power in the slate. Only 18% of voters are voting 'yes' on all 3 initiatives versus 32% who reject all 3 initiatives.
- Even non-Democrats are skeptical. Independents reject Initiative 2109 by 21 points and Initiative 2117 by 10 points. Less than 50% of Republicans support 2124.



