

Wolf Management Policies

Oregon Voter Survey

September, 2016

Methodology:

This survey was commissioned by the Pacific Wolf Coalition. Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. located in Washington, D.C., conducted this survey from September 20-22 2016. Eight hundred (800) registered Oregon voters were interviewed by telephone.

Those interviewed were selected randomly from a commercially available voter registration file. The resulting sample fairly reflects the demographic profile of voters in the State of Oregon.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 3.5-percentagepoints. This means there is a 95 percent probability that the “true” figure would fall within that range if the entire population were sampled. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender, income or race.

DEMOGRAPHICS:

PARTY REGISTRATION		Number	Percent
	DEMOCRAT	329	41.1%
	REPUBLICAN	251	31.4%
	INDEPENDENT	220	27.5%
	Total	800	100.0%
AGE	18-34	158	19.8%
	35-59	192	24.0%
	50-64	231	28.9%
	65+	212	26.5%
	REFUSED	7	0.9%
	Total	800	100.0%
SEX	MALE	398	49.8%
	FEMALE	402	50.3%
	Total	800	100.0%
REGION	PORTLAND METRO	350	43.8%
	WILLAMETTE VALLEY	210	26.2%
	RURAL OREGON	240	30.0%
	Total	800	100.0%

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO OREGON’S
CURRENT WOLF MANAGEMENT POLICIES**

Due to bounties, hunting, trapping and poisoning, wolves were killed off from their natural range in Oregon by 1947. In 1999, a lone wolf migrated from Idaho and by 2008 wolves had established a pack in Oregon. At the last official count in early 2016, the Department of Fish and Wildlife reported Oregon is home to at least 110 wolves. There were 11 breeding pairs, all but one in eastern Oregon.

I am going to read you several state policies regarding wolves and would like for you to tell me whether you support or oppose that policy.

1. The state compensates ranchers for any livestock that have been killed by wolves.

Do you support or oppose this policy?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	74.2	20.3	5.6
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	63.4	28.9	7.7
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	86.2	10	3.8
RURAL OREGON	79.2	16.7	4.2
SEX			
MALE	71.3	21.8	6.8
FEMALE	76.9	18.6	4.5
AGE			
18-34	80.3	15.9	3.8
35-59	59.4	33.9	6.8
50-64	79.7	16	4.3
65+	76.9	15.6	7.5
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	66.9	20	13.1
REPUBLICAN	85.7	13.9	0.4
INDEPENDENT	71.8	27.7	0.5

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO OREGON'S
CURRENT WOLF MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

2. Unless a wolf is in the act of killing or chasing livestock or poses an immediate threat to human life, it is illegal to kill a wolf. Wolves blamed for repeated livestock losses may be legally killed by state wildlife personnel.

Do you support or oppose this policy?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	72.2	25.9	1.9
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	69.2	28.3	2.6
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	72.9	26.2	1
RURAL OREGON	76.2	22.1	1.7
SEX			
MALE	66.6	31.4	2
FEMALE	77.9	20.4	1.7
AGE			
18-34	50.7	47.5	1.9
35-59	77.1	22.4	0.5
50-64	76.6	19.9	3.5
65+	78.8	19.9	1.4
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	69.6	27.3	3
REPUBLICAN	76.5	21.9	1.6
INDEPENDENT	71.4	28.2	0.5

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO OREGON'S
CURRENT WOLF MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

3. State wildlife officials provide resources to ranchers to prevent conflict with wolves, like using range riders, guard dogs, fencing, and cleaning up carcass piles.

Do you support or oppose this policy?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	72	19.5	8.5
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	75.7	21.1	3.1
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	63.8	21.4	14.8
RURAL OREGON	73.7	15.4	10.8
SEX			
MALE	66.8	25.1	8
FEMALE	77.1	14	9
AGE			
18-34	71.5	24.1	4.4
35-59	69.3	24.5	6.3
50-64	74.9	17.8	7.4
65+	71.7	13.2	15.1
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	79.3	10.4	10.3
REPUBLICAN	80.5	14	5.6
INDEPENDENT	51.4	39.5	9.1

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO OREGON'S
CURRENT WOLF MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

4. Non-lethal wolf control measures must be attempted before officials are allowed to kill wolves.

Do you support or oppose this policy?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	72.8	24.5	2.8
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	78.3	18	3.7
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	62.8	37.1	0
RURAL OREGON	73.3	23	3.8
SEX			
MALE	67.8	26.8	5.3
FEMALE	77.6	22.1	0.2
AGE			
18-34	67.7	30.4	1.9
35-59	77.6	22.4	0
50-64	73.5	23.8	2.6
65+	71.3	22.6	6.1
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	84.8	11.2	4
REPUBLICAN	60.2	39.4	0.4
INDEPENDENT	69.1	27.3	3.6

AWARENESS & ATTITUDES:
WOLF IMPACT ON CATTLE INDUSTRY

5. In 2015 there were approximately 110 known wolves and 1.3 million head of cattle in the state of Oregon.

How many cattle do you think were killed by wolves in Oregon in 2015?

	0-9	10-19	20-49	50-99	100-999	1,000+	NOT SURE
STATE	16.4	14.3	16.6	16.8	17.6	7	11.4
REGION							
PORTLAND METRO	14.9	13.4	14.6	15.7	28.9	7.7	4.9
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	18.6	11.9	20.5	21.4	4.3	2.9	20.5
RURAL OREGON	16.7	17.5	16.3	14.2	12.9	9.6	12.9
SEX							
MALE	16.8	16.6	16.1	12.8	21.4	5.3	11.1
FEMALE	15.9	11.9	17.2	20.6	13.9	8.7	11.7
AGE							
18-34	13.3	15.8	12.7	20.3	22.8	4.4	10.8
35-59	16.7	25	6.8	18.8	14.6	9.9	8.3
50-64	13.4	5.6	25.5	20.8	14.7	10.8	9.1
65+	22.2	13.2	17	8	19.8	2.4	17.5
PARTY REGISTRATION							
DEMOCRAT	17.9	10.9	13.1	18.8	16.7	7	15.5
REPUBLICAN	18.3	14.3	18.3	9.6	19.5	8.4	11.6
INDEPENDENT	11.8	19.1	20	21.8	16.8	5.5	5

AWARENESS & ATTITUDES:
WOLF IMPACT ON CATTLE INDUSTRY (CONTINUED)

6. In 2015, 4 individual cattle were confirmed to have been killed by wolves and the owners were compensated.

Do you believe that wolves do or do not pose an economic threat to the cattle industry that necessitates killing wolves?

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
STATE	28.3	67.3	4.5
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	23.7	71.1	5.1
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	32.4	67.1	0.5
RURAL OREGON	31.3	61.7	7.1
SEX			
MALE	29.1	63.8	7
FEMALE	27.4	70.6	2
AGE			
18-34	31.6	63.9	4.4
35-59	26	73.4	0.5
50-64	25.1	71	3.9
65+	30.7	60.8	8.5
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	15.8	78.1	6.1
REPUBLICAN	50.2	49	0.8
INDEPENDENT	21.8	71.8	6.4

IMPACT OF WOLVES, HUNTING & POACHING ON OREGON’S DEER & ELK HERDS

Now a few questions about elk, deer and wolves in Oregon.

In 2015, hunters legally killed 20% of the deer population and up to an additional 20% are estimated to have been illegally poached by hunters. Oregon’s wolves killed around 2%.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife does not have comparable information for elk poaching, but acknowledges elk poaching is a significant problem.

According to the agency, wolves have not impacted hunting opportunities in Oregon.

7. Which do you think poses a greater threat to the deer and elk population and hunting opportunities in Oregon -- wolves or poaching? [ROTATE ORDER]

	WOLVES	POACHERS	NOT SURE
STATE	11.5	81.9	6.6
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	10	83.1	6.9
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	17.6	72.9	9.5
RURAL OREGON	8.3	87.9	3.8
SEX			
MALE	12.8	81.4	5.8
FEMALE	10.2	82.3	7.5
AGE			
18-34	20.9	70.3	8.9
35-59	12.5	83.3	4.2
50-64	6.1	84.8	9.1
65+	9.9	85.8	4.2
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	5.5	88.1	6.4
REPUBLICAN	14.7	80.1	5.2
INDEPENDENT	16.8	74.5	8.6

IMPACT OF WOLVES, HUNTING & POACHING ON OREGON’S DEER & ELK HERDS (CONTINUED)

8. Which do you think would be more effective in promoting a healthier deer and elk population and hunting opportunities in Oregon? [ROTATE ORDER]

	HUNT WOLVES	PROSECUTE POACHERS	NOT SURE
STATE	12.8	81.1	6.1
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	6.3	89.1	4.6
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	17.1	73.8	9
RURAL OREGON	18.3	75.8	5.8
SEX			
MALE	14.6	79.1	6.3
FEMALE	10.9	83.1	6
AGE			
18-34	17.1	72.2	10.8
35-59	8.3	90.6	1
50-64	10.8	81.8	7.4
65+	15.6	78.8	5.7
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	6.7	88.8	4.6
REPUBLICAN	14.3	79.3	6.4
INDEPENDENT	20	71.8	8.2

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO
HUNTING WOLVES AS MANAGEMENT TOOL**

9. Do you support or oppose hunting wolves as a tool to maintain deer and elk populations?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	27.8	67.3	5
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	25.4	71.4	3.1
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	26.7	67.1	6.2
RURAL OREGON	32.1	61.3	6.7
SEX			
MALE	25.9	68.6	5.5
FEMALE	29.6	65.9	4.5
AGE			
18-34	36.7	60.8	2.5
35-59	21.4	70.3	8.3
50-64	25.5	73.2	1.3
65+	29.2	62.7	8
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	17.6	78.4	4
REPUBLICAN	43.4	47.4	9.2
INDEPENDENT	25	73.2	1.8

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO TROPHY HUNTING
OF WOLVES BLAMED FOR REPEATED LIVESTOCK LOSSES**

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is considering changing current regulations to allow trophy hunting of wolves blamed for repeated livestock losses rather than leaving the job to agency wildlife personnel. Conservationists are concerned that trophy hunting could endanger Oregon’s small wolf population and encourage more poaching of the animals.

10. Do you support or oppose changing Oregon law to allow trophy hunting of wolves?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	22.9	72.4	4.8
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	19.7	78.3	2
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	25.7	61	13.3
RURAL OREGON	25	73.8	1.3
SEX			
MALE	25.1	67.6	7.3
FEMALE	20.6	77.1	2.2
AGE			
18-34	22.8	65.8	11.4
35-59	20.8	78.6	0.5
50-64	22.5	74.9	2.6
65+	24.5	69.3	6.1
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	9.4	86.3	4.3
REPUBLICAN	39.8	59.4	0.8
INDEPENDENT	23.6	66.4	10

VOTER PREFERENCE OF WOLF CONTROL STRATEGIES

11. Oregon is currently revising its wolf conservation and management plan. Which of the following wolf control strategies do you think Oregon should emphasize? (ROTATE ORDER)

	NON-LETHAL	LETHAL	NOT SURE
STATE	69.8	26	4.3
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	70.3	26	3.7
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	71.9	27.1	1
RURAL OREGON	67.1	25	7.9
SEX			
MALE	58.8	34.7	6.5
FEMALE	80.6	17.4	2
AGE			
18-34	56.3	40.5	3.2
35-59	72.4	21.9	5.7
50-64	74.9	24.2	0.9
65+	72.2	20.3	7.5
REFUSED	57.1	42.9	0
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	83.6	10.6	5.8
REPUBLICAN	60.2	36.7	3.2
INDEPENDENT	60	36.8	3.2

**SUPPORT/OPPOSITION TO NEW OREGON LAW
 DECLARING EMERGENCY AND THAT WOLVES POSE IMMEDIATE
 THREAT TO THE “PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH AND SAFETY”**

In response to ranching and hunting interests, in March of this year Oregon passed a law that removed the endangered species protections of the wolf. The law declared that an emergency exists because wolves are an “immediate” threat to the “preservation of the public peace, health and safety”.

Do support or oppose the Oregon’s declaration of emergency that wolves are an “immediate” threat to the “preservation of the public peace, health and safety” and the removal of endangered species protections for Oregon’s wolves?

	SUPPORT	OPPOSE	NOT SURE
STATE	31.3	63	5.8
REGION			
PORTLAND METRO	25.7	64.6	9.7
WILLAMETTE VALLEY	31	68.6	0.5
RURAL OREGON	39.6	55.8	4.6
SEX			
MALE	32.2	59.5	8.3
FEMALE	30.4	66.4	3.2
AGE			
18-34	40.5	51.9	7.6
35-59	26	70.3	3.6
50-64	31.6	65.4	3
65+	28.3	62.7	9
PARTY REGISTRATION			
DEMOCRAT	17.3	77.2	5.5
REPUBLICAN	49.4	40.2	10.4
INDEPENDENT	31.4	67.7	0.9