

Public Comment and Opinion Review

Oregonians Support Protecting Wolves

There is overwhelming support from Oregonians to keep wolves protected. Listed below is a comprehensive report, detailing public comments submitted and independent polling results.

Total number of public comments submitted between October 2014 and October 2015:

- ❖ 96% of 10,671 comments submitted to and published by the ODFW Commission have been in favor of wolf conservation.
- ❖ Conservation organizations have submitted additional 24,467 comments in favor of wolf conservation and maintaining protections that are not included above including:
 - Oregon Wild members – 3,227 petition signatures, 378 e-mails to Governor Brown, 2,253 e-mails to the legislature, 1,483 e-mails to federal representatives, 1,592 e-mails to Governor Kitzhaber, and 2,413 emails to the ODFW Commission
 - Cascadia Wildlands members - 432 e-mails
 - Center for Biological Diversity – 2,361 e-mails
 - BARK – 206 e-mails and 300 petition signatures
 - Endangered Species Coalition – 473 petition signatures, 457 emails to the ODFW Commission
 - Wild Earth Guardians – 7,004 comments
 - Western Environmental Law Center – 274 petition signatures
 - Forcechange petition – 1,614 signatures
- ❖ An overwhelming majority of testimony in front of the commission has been in favor of maintaining protections but has not been well documented.

Polling Results

- ❖ **2015 Poll: Over 60% support for continued state ESA protections across all demographics**
Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. an independent research agency conducted a poll commissioned by Oregon Wild in the spring of 2015. Oregonians supported continuing state ESA protections for wolves across every demographic. Statewide support was at 66%. 60% of rural Oregonians and 64% of Republicans supported continued state ESA protection.
- ❖ **2013 Poll: Overwhelming majorities support wolf conservation, protections, and recovery**
Conducted in early September, 2013 for Defenders of Wildlife by Tulchin Research, shows that most Californians, Oregonians and Washingtonians want wolf recovery efforts to continue:
 - More than two-thirds in each state agree that wolves are a vital part of the America's wilderness and natural heritage and should be protected in their state (OR – 68%; WA – 75%; CA – 83%)
 - More than two-thirds in each state agree that wolves play an important role in maintaining deer and elk populations, bringing a healthier balance to ecosystems (OR – 69%; WA – 74%; CA – 73%)
 - At least two-thirds in each state support restoring wolves to suitable habitat in their states (OR – 66%; WA – 71%; CA – 69%)
 - Large majorities in each state agree that wolves should continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act until they are fully recovered (OR – 63%; WA – 72%; CA – 80%)
- ❖ **2011 & 2015 Poll: Eastern Oregonians support moderate positions on wolves**
In 2011 and 2015, the University of New Hampshire's Carsey School of Public Policy polled residents in Baker, Union, and Wallowa County on their views of wolves. A distinct and decreasing minority (33% and 27%) supported the elimination of wolves. While moderate views increased in a statistically significant manner.
- ❖ **1999 Poll – 70% support return of wolves to Oregon**
A 1999 poll of Oregonians cited by ODFW in the 2005 Wolf Conservation Plan (page 6) showed 70 percent support wolves returning to the state.

2010 Plan Review Comments

Over 90% of 20,000 public comments submitted during the 2010 Wolf Plan Review favored stronger protections for wolves



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HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED

This poll was conducted by Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida from May 26 through May 28, 2015. A total of 625 registered Oregon voters were interviewed statewide by telephone.

Those interviewed on land-lines were selected by the random variation of the last four digits of telephone numbers. A cross-section of exchanges was utilized in order to ensure an accurate reflection of the state. Those interviewed on cell phones were selected from a list of working cell phone numbers. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter registration by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than ± 4 percentage points. This means that there is a 95 percent probability that the "true" figure would fall within that range if all voters were surveyed. The margin for error is higher for any subgroup, such as a gender or regional grouping.

QUESTION: There are currently 77 known gray wolves in the state of Oregon that are protected under the state's endangered species act. Some are seeking to remove these protections and make it easier to kill a wolf. Do you support or oppose keeping current protections for Oregon's gray wolves?

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
STATE	66%	30%	4%

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Portland Metro	72%	25%	3%
Willamette Valley	65%	30%	5%
Rural Oregon	60%	36%	4%

<u>SEX</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Men	61%	31%	8%
Women	70%	29%	1%

<u>AGE</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
18-34	71%	26%	3%
35-49	68%	27%	5%
50-64	65%	30%	5%
65+	60%	37%	3%

<u>PARTY REGISTRATION</u>	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>UNDECIDED</u>
Democrat	74%	25%	1%
Republican	64%	30%	6%
Independent	59%	35%	6%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY REGISTRATION:

Democrat	243 (39%)
Republican	190 (30%)
Independent or Other	192 (31%)

AGE:

18-34	122 (20%)
35-49	157 (25%)
50-64	181 (29%)
65+	160 (25%)
Refused	5 (1%)

SEX:

Male	308 (49%)
Female	317 (51%)

REGION:

Portland Metro	275 (44%)
Willamette Valley	165 (26%)
Rural Oregon	185 (30%)

September 12, 2013

To: Interested Parties
From: Ben Tulchin and Ben Krompak, Tulchin Research
Re: **New Poll Finds Strong Support for Wolf Protection in Western States**

Tulchin Research recently conducted a survey on issues relating to the protection and restoration of wolves in California, Oregon, and Washington State. We interviewed 500 registered voters in California, 300 voters in Oregon, and 300 voters in Washington. Our research finds overwhelming majorities of voters in all three states are supportive of efforts to restore wolves to suitable habitat in the region and believe that wolves should continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act until they are fully recovered.

Voters Overwhelmingly Favor Wolf Restoration

We asked voters about their attitudes toward restoring wolves to the region and found strong support for these efforts in all three states. Asked whether they would support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in their state, 69 percent of California voters say they support this as do 66 percent of voters in Oregon and 71 percent of Washington State voters.

“Do you support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in your state?”			
	California Voters	Oregon Voters	Washington Voters
Total Support	69%	66%	71%
Total Oppose	15%	23%	17%
Undecided	15%	11%	12%

Support for wolf restoration is both broad and deep and extends across the political spectrum, with sizable majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents in all three states favoring the restoration of wolves. Restoration is also supported by wide majorities of both men and women and among voters both under and over age 55.

CALIFORNIA VOTERS							
“Do you support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in your state?”							
	BY PARTY			GENDER		AGE	
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Men	Women	Age 18-54	Age 55+
Support	74%	58%	74%	69%	69%	75%	65%
Oppose	12%	25%	11%	14%	16%	12%	20%
Undecided	14%	18%	15%	16%	14%	14%	15%

<u>OREGON VOTERS</u>							
“Do you support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in your state?”							
	BY PARTY			GENDER		AGE	
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Men	Women	Age 18-54	Age 55+
Support	82%	51%	61%	61%	72%	70%	63%
Oppose	11%	40%	21%	27%	19%	20%	25%
Undecided	8%	9%	18%	12%	10%	10%	12%

<u>WASHINGTON VOTERS</u>							
“Do you support or oppose restoring wolves to suitable habitat in your state?”							
	BY PARTY			GENDER		AGE	
	Democrats	Republicans	Independents	Men	Women	Age 18-54	Age 55+
Support	82%	61%	73%	69%	73%	75%	67%
Oppose	11%	21%	17%	19%	15%	16%	18%
Undecided	8%	18%	9%	12%	12%	9%	15%

Voters Support Continued Endangered Species Act Protection for Wolves

With the federal government proposing to remove wolves from the Endangered Species list and end the protections that go along with that, we asked voters their opinions about the matter. By wide margins, voters in all three states believe that “wolves should continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act until they are fully recovered.” Eight in ten California voters (80 percent) agreed with the statement, as did 72 percent of voters in Washington and 63 percent of Oregon voters.

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: <i>Wolves should continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act until they are fully recovered.</i>			
	California Voters	Oregon Voters	Washington Voters
Total Agree	80%	63%	72%
Total Disagree	13%	32%	22%
Don't Know/No Answer	7%	5%	6%

Voters See Wolves as Part of our Natural Heritage, Recognize Role in Maintaining Healthy Deer and Elk Populations

Voters broadly believe that “wolves should be protected in our state” as they are “a vital part of America’s wilderness and natural heritage,” including 83 percent of California voters, 68 percent of Oregon voters, and 75 percent of Washington voters agreeing with this statement. Additionally, strong majorities of voters in all three states agree that “wolves play an important role in maintaining healthy deer and elk populations” and thus “restoring wolves to forests and wilderness areas in our state will bring a healthier balance to our ecosystem.” This view is held by 73 percent of California voters, 69 percent of Oregon voters, and 74 percent of Washington voters.

“Now I’m going to read you a few statements about policies toward wolves. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each statement.”						
	California Voters		Oregon Voters		Washington Voters	
	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
Wolves should be protected in our state. Wolves are a vital part of America’s wilderness and natural heritage.	83%	11%	68%	26%	75%	20%
Wolves play an important role in maintaining healthy deer and elk populations. Restoring wolves to forests and wilderness areas in our state will bring a healthier balance to our ecosystem.	73%	15%	69%	23%	74%	19%

California Voters Support Protections for Wolves Crossing Over from Other States

In California, we specifically asked voters about policy regarding wolves who cross over into the Golden State from other states. Nearly eight in ten California voters (79 percent) agree that “we should take steps to protect wolves who cross over into California and ensure they reach appropriate habitat.”

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: <i>We should take steps to protect wolves who cross over into California and ensure they reach appropriate habitat.</i>	
Total Agree	79%
Total Disagree	14%
Don’t Know/No Answer	7%

Conclusion

In conclusion, this poll demonstrates that voters in California, Oregon, and Washington strongly support restoring wolves to suitable habitat in their states and believe that wolves should continue to be protected under the Endangered Species Act until they are fully recovered.

Survey Methodology: From September 4-8, 2013, Tulchin Research conducted a telephone survey among 500 registered voters in California, 300 registered voters in Oregon, and 300 registered voters in Washington. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 5.66 percentage points among voters in Oregon and Washington. The margin of error among California voters is +/- 4.38 percentage points.

Endangered Species Act Summary

Methodology

This study was commissioned by the Endangered Species Coalition and conducted by Harris Interactive, using the Harris Poll National Quorum®. A total of 1,009 telephone surveys were conducted among adults aged 18 and over within the United States between February 16th to 20th, 2011. Figures for age, sex, race/ethnicity, education, region, number of adults in the household, and number of phone lines in the household were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population.

In this summary, statistical testing was conducted between regions and between party ID. Uppercase letters indicate significant differences between the subgroups at the 95% confidence level.

Summary of Findings

- Overall, there is strong support for the Endangered Species Act (84%), with Democrats having the strongest support (93%).
- Most Americans believe the ESA is a safety net providing balanced solutions to save wildlife, plants and fish that are at risk of extinction (64%), with Democrats the most likely to believe this (76%).
 - While the majority of Republicans also believe the ESA is a safety net (49%), they are more likely than those who support other parts to believe the ESA is used by environmentalists and their lawyers to hinder growth and progress (43%).
- The majority of Americans believe decisions about whether to remove the Endangered Species Act's protections should be based on science, not politics (63%).
- The majority of Americans agree that:
 - Decisions about wildlife management and which animals needs protection should be made by scientists, not politicians (92%);
 - The ESA has helped hundreds of species recover from the brink of extinction (90%);
 - The gray wolf is a vital part of America's wilderness and natural heritage (87%);
 - The ESA is a successful safety net for protecting wildlife, plants, and fish from extinction (87%); and,
 - The ongoing recovery of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies could be one of America's greatest wildlife success stories if the Endangered Species Act is kept in place until the states have science-based management plans approved (78%).

Detailed Findings

1. As you may know, the Endangered Species Act is an environmental law established to protect all wildlife, plants and fish that are in danger of extinction. Based on what you know, would you say that you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the Endangered Species Act?

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly support	44%	44%	46%	45%	42%	31%	58% ^{EG}	41%
Somewhat support	40%	41%	39%	40%	39%	42%	35%	44%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	14% ^F	1%	7% ^F
Strongly oppose	6%	6%	4%	6%	7%	9%	4%	4%
Don't know/ refused	3%	2%	3%	1%	6% ^C	3%	2%	4%
Support (T2B)	84%	85%	85%	85%	80%	74%	93% ^{EG}	85% ^E
Oppose (B2B)	13%	12%	11%	14%	14%	23% ^{FG}	6%	11%

2. Some people say the Endangered Species Act has been used by environmentalists and their lawyers to hinder economic development, while others say it is a safety net providing balanced solutions to save wildlife, plants and fish that are at risk of extinction. Which is closer to your point of view?

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
The ESA is a safety net providing balanced solutions to save wildlife, plants and fish that are at risk of extinction	64%	57%	70% ^A	68%	60%	49%	76% ^{EG}	63% ^E
The ESA is used by environmentalists and their lawyers in the western United States to hinder growth and progress	26%	33% ^B	20%	24%	29%	43% ^{FG}	17%	27% ^F
Don't know/Refused	10%	11%	10%	7%	11%	9%	7%	10%

3. Some members of Congress are proposing legislation to remove the gray wolf from the Endangered Species Act's protections. Which of the following points of view is closest to your own?

Some/others say the gray wolf isn't endangered anymore and protection under the endangered species act is no longer needed. They say that since environmentalists' lawsuits and the federal courts are interfering with sound wolf management, the Congress has no choice but to turn wolf management decisions over to the states. In this view it is believed states are better equipped than the federal government to manage their own wildlife, and wolf numbers are now high enough to sustain a hunt.

Some/others say that decisions about whether to remove the Endangered Species Act's protections should be based on science, not politics. Gray wolves should continue to receive federal protection until they are fully recovered and the states have implemented effective, science-based management plans that will protect gray wolves at sustainable levels for generations to come.

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Decisions about whether to remove the Endangered Species Act's protections should be based on science, not politics	63%	61%	65%	65%	62%	54%	70% ^E	64%
The gray wolf isn't endangered anymore and protection under the endangered species act is no longer needed	29%	33%	26%	29%	31%	39% ^F	24%	29%
Don't know/Refused	7%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%

4. Please tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

a. The gray wolf is a vital part of America's wilderness and natural heritage

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly agree	50%	50%	40%	53% ^B	53%	36%	62% ^{EG}	45%
Somewhat agree	37%	40% ^D	50% ^{CD}	33%	26%	42% ^F	30%	42% ^F
Somewhat disagree	6%	3%	6%	7%	8%	10% ^F	2%	7% ^F
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	1%	2%	8% ^{BC}	8% ^{FG}	2%	3%
Don't know/ refused	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Agree (T2B)	87%	90% ^D	90% ^D	86%	80%	78%	92% ^E	87% ^E
Disagree (B2B)	10%	7%	8%	9%	16% ^A	18% ^{FG}	4%	10%

- b. The Endangered Species Act is a successful safety net for protecting wildlife, plants and fish from extinction

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly agree	48%	52%	46%	45%	50%	35%	62% ^{EG}	43%
Somewhat agree	39%	34%	42%	42%	37%	42% ^F	29%	47% ^F
Somewhat disagree	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	11% ^{FG}	2%	4%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	3%	6%	6%	9%	5%	4%
Don't know/ refused	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Agree (T2B)	87%	86%	88%	86%	87%	77%	90% ^E	90% ^E
Disagree (B2B)	10%	11%	9%	10%	11%	20% ^{FG}	7%	8%

- c. The Endangered Species Act has helped hundreds of species recover from the brink of extinction, such as the bald eagle, the gray whale, the Florida panther and gray wolves in the Northern Rockies

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly agree	55%	48%	53%	57%	59%	47%	65% ^{EG}	53%
Somewhat agree	35%	39%	37%	33%	31%	40%	30%	37%
Somewhat disagree	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	6% ^F	<1%	4% ^F
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%
Don't know/refused	4%	6% ^D	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%
Agree (T2B)	90%	88%	90%	90%	91%	87%	94% ^E	90%
Disagree (B2B)	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	10% ^F	3%	6%

- d. Decisions about wildlife management and which animals need protection should be made by scientists, not politicians

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly agree	71%	68%	72%	73%	72%	59%	82% ^{EG}	69%
Somewhat agree	21%	22%	20%	21%	19%	29% ^F	12%	24% ^F
Somewhat disagree	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%
Strongly disagree	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%	5%	2%	1%
Don't know/refused	2%	3%	2%	1%	<1%	2%	1%	2%
Agree (T2B)	92%	90%	92%	94%	92%	88%	95%	93%
Disagree (B2B)	6%	7%	6%	5%	8%	10%	5%	5%

- e. The ongoing recovery of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies could be one of America's greatest wildlife success stories if the Endangered Species Act is kept in place until the states have science-based management plans approved

		Region				Party ID		
	Total	North-East (A)	Midwest (B)	South (C)	West (D)	Total GOP (E)	Total DEM (F)	Total IND (G)
Strongly agree	37%	32%	30%	44% ^B	41%	24%	51% ^{EG}	35% ^E
Somewhat agree	40%	46% ^D	49% ^D	37%	33%	43%	36%	41%
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%	10%	8%	13%	16% ^F	4%	12% ^F
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	3%	4%	9%	9%	4%	4%
Don't know/refused	7%	8%	9%	8%	4%	8%	6%	7%
Agree (T2B)	78%	78%	78%	80%	73%	67%	86% ^{EG}	77%
Disagree (B2B)	15%	14%	13%	12%	23% ^C	25% ^F	8%	17% ^F

Blue Mountain Wolf Poll Results

On April 6 - 8, 1999, the polling firm of Davis & Hibbitts conducted a telephone poll of 600 registered Oregon voters. Questions focused on the possible return of wolves to Oregon. The results have an error rate of +/- 4%.

Below are highlights of the poll results:

- 61% of those surveyed had heard or read about a gray wolf crossing into Oregon from Idaho.
- In all, 70% of survey respondents favored the recovery of wolves in Oregon, either through active reintroduction by wildlife agencies or by allowing wolves entering Oregon from other states to remain here.
- 57% of respondents felt that wild wolves should be allowed to stay in Oregon when they return here on their own; 13% believed that wild wolves should be actively reintroduced into Oregon; only 23% felt that wolves should not be allowed in Oregon at all.
- On a region-by-region basis, there was little variance among those favoring active wolf reintroduction in Oregon:

Metropolitan Portland = 14%
Willamette Valley = 12%
North Coast = 11%
Southwestern Oregon = 13%
Eastern Oregon = 13%

- On a region-by-region basis, there was also surprisingly little variance among those agreeing that wolves who enter Oregon on their own should be allowed to remain here.

Metropolitan Portland = 60%
Willamette Valley = 56%
North Coast = 61%
Southwestern Oregon = 54%
Eastern Oregon = 45%

- Two-thirds (66%) of those surveyed felt that the best reason to support the return of wild wolves to Oregon is, "We owe it to future generations to leave the most complete ecosystem possible, including predator species like wolves."
- When told that the non-profit conservation organization Defenders of Wildlife will compensate ranchers for any livestock losses caused by wild wolves, 66% of those polled said they would favor having wild wolves in Oregon.

For more information, please contact the Oregon Natural Desert Association at (503) 525-0193 or glyons@onda.org.

In April 1999 the firm Davis & Hibbitts completed a public opinion poll demonstrating that the majority of Oregonians support wolves in Oregon. Over 600 people participated in the poll, representing all regions of the state and a diversity of ages and political persuasions. The poll was conducted not long after a wild gray wolf from Idaho, known as B-45, had migrated into Oregon and was subsequently captured and returned to Idaho.

- "Have you heard or read anything recently about a wolf that crossed over from Idaho into eastern Oregon?"
Yes: 61% No: 38% Don't know: 1%
- "Which one of the following comes closer to your point of view?"
Wildlife officials made the right decision to capture the wolf and return it to Idaho: 40%
The wolf should have been left alone and allowed to continue to roam freely: 48%
Don't know: 12%
- "Which one of the following options do you think is best when it comes to having wild wolves in Oregon?"
Wild wolves should be actively reintroduced in Oregon by having wildlife agencies transplant them into the state: 13%
Wild wolves should be allowed to stay in Oregon when they return to Oregon on their own: 57%
Wild wolves should not be allowed in Oregon, and if they do come into the state, they should be removed: 23%
Don't Know: 7%
- "Rate the following reason [for allowing wolves to stay in Oregon]:"
 - "Elk and Deer Populations would be healthier and stronger, because wolves prey on older and weaker animals."
Very Good: 14% Good: 45% Poor: 23% Very Poor: 8% Don't Know: 10%
 - "Wolves belong here because they were part of Oregon's ecosystem for thousands of years before being exterminated. They belong here so that we can have the most natural and complete ecosystem possible."
Very Good: 19% Good: 43% Poor: 22% Very Poor: 8% Don't Know: 9%
 - "Wolves have a right to exist in Oregon, even if they occasionally prey on livestock."
Very Good: 11% Good: 46% Very Poor: 12% Don't Know: 6%
 - "We owe it to future generations in Oregon to leave the most complete ecosystem possible, including predator species like wolves."
Very Good: 21% Good: 45% Poor: 20% Very Poor: 8% Don't Know: 6%
 - "Even though I might never see a wolf, it would be nice to know wolves are living in Oregon."
Very Good: 16% Good: 43% Poor: 25% Very Poor: 11% Don't Know: 5%
 - "Wolves would increase tourism in areas of Oregon where they exist."
Very Good: 4% Good: 17% Poor: 43% Very Poor: 26% Don't Know: 11%
- "If wild wolves are allowed in Oregon, should livestock ranchers be compensated for any loss they have because of wolf predation?"
Yes: 53% No: 36% Don't Know: 12%
- "If you knew that Defenders of Wildlife, a private, non-profit organization, will compensate ranchers for any livestock losses caused by wild wolves, would you favor or oppose having wild wolves in Oregon?"
Total Favor: 62% Total Oppose: 32% Don't Know: 6%

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Table Q.1a

Q.1. AREA

	AGE			GENDER		DEV REP	PARTY	LNU/ OTHER/ NONE	AREA			
	18-34 35-54 55+			MALE FE-					VALLEY	MILL- COUNTY METE	NORTH SCOTT- COAST	EAST DOWN 100%
	TOTAL			TOTAL								
TOTAL	600 100%	75 100%	265 100%	314 100%	294 100%	266 100%	221 100%	113 100%	250 100%	162 100%	36 100%	84 100%
TRI-COUNTY	250 43%	33 44%	85 41%	126 43%	126 43%	125 47%	80 36%	53 47%	250 100%	-	-	-
SCILAMETTE VALLEY	162 27%	27 36%	62 33%	80 27%	80 27%	73 26%	62 28%	20 27%	-	162 100%	-	-
NORTH COAST	36 6%	-	12 5%	18 6%	16 5%	15 7%	5 2%	5 4%	-	36 100%	-	-
SOUTHWEST	84 14%	8 12%	25 12%	41 14%	43 14%	33 12%	43 19%	10 9%	-	-	84 100%	-
EAST	60 10%	6 8%	16 8%	29 10%	31 10%	22 8%	23 10%	15 13%	-	-	-	50 100%

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101. HAVE YOU HEARD OR READ ANYTHING RECENTLY ABOUT A WOLF THAT CROSSED OVER FROM TOHO TOHO EASTERN CHECONG?

BM WOLF - APRIL 1999
DAVIS & HILBERTS, INC.

[illegible]

EM WOLF - APRIL -999
DAVIS & HENNING, INC.

Table 3C2A

Q2. WHICH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR POINT OF VIEW? A-WILDLIFE OFFICIALS MADE THE RIGHT DECISION TO CAPTURE THE WOLF AND RETURN IT TO IDAHO, OR B-THE WOLF SHOULD HAVE BEEN LEFT ALONE AND ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO ROAM FREELY.

	AGE		GENDER		DEP RES	PARTY	IND/ OTHER/ NONE	AREA				
	18-34	35-54	55+	MALE				FEMALE	TRAIL COUNTY	MILLER VALLEY	SOUTH- COAST	EAST
TOTAL	600 100%	75 100%	205 100%	324 100%	294 100%	266 100%	271 100%	113 100%	258 100%	162 100%	76 100%	84 100%
STATEMENT A	241 40%	21 28%	68 33%	150 48%	113 38%	128 42%	96 36%	108 40%	37 33%	95 37%	67 41%	14 39%
STATEMENT B	365 48%	47 63%	109 53%	126 40%	146 50%	139 45%	138 52%	88 40%	59 52%	133 53%	71 44%	18 50%
DON'T KNOW	74 12%	7 9%	28 10%	39 12%	35 12%	32 11%	25 11%	17 15%	33 12%	24 15%	4 13%	9 11%

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Q4C. RATING OF THE FOLLOWING REASON: WOLVES HAVE A RIGHT TO EXIST IN OREGON, EVEN IF THEY OCCASIONALLY PREY ON LIVESTOCK.

	AGE				GENDER		DEM	PARTY		IND/ OTHER/ NONE	AREA			
	18-24	25-34	35-44	55+	MALE	FEMALE		REP	DEM		TRI- COUNTY	WILLA- METTIC VALLEY	NORTH COAST	SOUTH- EAST
TOTAL	606 100%	75 100%	265 100%	314 100%	294 100%	306 100%	266 100%	221 100%	113 100%	113 100%	258 100%	162 100%	84 100%	48 100%
VERY GOOD	1	65	10	28	41	24	35	14	16	8	35	18	2	5
GOOD	2	278	43	99	131	128	150	127	93	58	128	68	17	41
POOR	3	151	11	54	65	69	82	62	65	24	58	43	11	16
VERY POOR	4	72	8	12	52	28	34	30	32	10	23	24	5	10
DK/NA	64	48	68	68	68	58	58	88	48	58	68	68	38	118

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Q4D. NATING OF THE FOLLOWING REASON: WE CAME UP TO FUTURE GENERATIONS IN OREGON TO LEAVE THE MOST COMPLETE ECOSYSTEM POSSIBLE, INCLUDING PRECARIOUS SPECIES LIKE WOLVES.

	AGE			GENDER		DEN	PARTY REP	INL/ OTHER/ NONE	TEL- COMPT- KETTE	AREA					
	18-34	35-54	55+	MALE	FE- MALE					WILLA- NORTH	SOUTH- EAST				
TOTAL	600	75	205	314	294	306	266	221	313	258	162	36	84	60	
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
VERY GOOD	1	125	24	51	50	70	55	68	32	25	67	33	4	12	9
		21%	32%	25%	16%	24%	18%	26%	14%	22%	26%	20%	11%	14%	15%
GOOD	2	268	39	97	126	142	111	102	55	122	63	16	49	24	
		45%	52%	47%	46%	43%	46%	42%	49%	47%	39%	44%	51%	40%	
POOR	3	122	9	36	77	57	65	50	51	21	42	41	11	17	
		20%	12%	8%	25%	19%	21%	19%	23%	16%	25%	31%	13%	28%	
VERY POOR	4	49	2	10	37	20	19	18	20	11	12	14	4	12	7
		8%	3%	5%	12%	6%	6%	7%	9%	10%	8%	9%	11%	14%	12%
DE/NA	36	1	13	24	31	25	19	16	1	1	1	1	6	3	
		6%	1%	5%	8%	4%	8%	7%	7%	1%	6%	7%	3%	7%	5%

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Q4E. RATING OF THE FOLLOWING REASON: EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT NEVER SEE A WOLF, IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW WOLVES ARE LIVING IN OREGON.

	AGE		GENDER		PARTY REP	IND/ OTHER/ NONE	AREA				
	18-34		35-54				WILCO- NORTH COAST WEST				
	55+	55+	MALE	FEMALE			WILCO- NORTH COAST WEST	SOUTH- EAST			
TOTAL	600 100%	75 100%	314 100%	294 100%	306 100%	266 100%	221 100%	113 100%	256 100%	162 100%	36 100%
VERY GOOD	1	96 100%	36 100%	40 100%	53 100%	21 100%	104 100%	22 100%	56 100%	24 100%	3 100%
GOOD	2	258 43%	57 18%	120 38%	120 41%	21 5%	88 40%	49 43%	110 43%	66 41%	17 47%
POOR	3	187 31%	12 4%	87 28%	78 26%	53 20%	73 33%	24 21%	55 21%	45 28%	9 23%
VERY POOR	4	68 11%	6 8%	15 5%	47 15%	29 9%	25 11%	14 12%	22 9%	22 14%	4 13%
DK/NA	5	21 3%	2 3%	9 3%	10 3%	14 5%	13 6%	4 4%	15 6%	5 3%	3 8%

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Q47. RATING OF THE FOLLOWING REASON: WOLVES WOULD INCREASE TOURISM IN AREAS OF OREGON WHERE THEY EXIST.

	AGE				GENDER		DIV	PARTY		IND/ OTHER/ NONE	AREA			
	18-34				35-54			55+			THU- COUNTY VALLEY			
	TOTAL				MALE			FEMALE			THU- COUNTY VALLEY			
TOTAL	400	95	205	210	294	306	266	221	113	238	162	36	84	50
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
VERY GOOD	1	2	5	7	9	13	8	12	5	4	13	3	1	4
	4%	7%	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%	1%	5%
GOOD	2	10	16	35	46	53	47	52	29	19	43	23	7	15
	17%	21%	17%	17%	15%	18%	15%	20%	13%	17%	17%	14%	19%	18%
POOR	3	25	27	85	43	123	135	103	105	50	106	69	20	40
	43%	36%	41%	46%	42%	40%	40%	39%	48%	44%	41%	42%	56%	40%
VERY POOR	4	15	18	55	83	79	69	69	57	32	68	52	7	14
	26%	24%	27%	27%	27%	26%	26%	26%	26%	28%	28%	32%	9%	17%
DK/NA	63	9	23	31	27	34	30	25	8	29	16	1	11	7
	11%	12%	11%	10%	9%	12%	11%	11%	7%	15%	10%	3%	13%	12%

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Q5. IF WILD MOVIES ARE ALLOWED IN CROWD, SHOULD LIVESTOCK RANCHERS BE COMPENSATED FOR ANY LOSS THEY HAVE BECAUSE OF WOLF PRELATION?

	AGE			GENDER		DEM. REP	IND/ OTHER/ NONE	YRI COUNTY	MILLA- NORTH VALLEY	AREA				
	18-34	35-54	55+	MALE	FEMALE					COAST WEST	SOUTH- EAST			
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%			
TOTAL	600	75	205	314	294	306	266	72	113	258	162	36	84	60
YES	315	50	87	174	158	127	126	123	56	136	85	27	37	40
	53%	67%	42%	55%	54%	51%	51%	56%	50%	53%	52%	47%	44%	67%
NO	214	20	87	106	109	105	96	74	54	97	60	31	38	14
	36%	27%	42%	34%	37%	34%	36%	33%	39%	35%	37%	31%	45%	23%
DON'T KNOW	75	5	31	34	27	41	34	24	13	31	17	8	9	6
	12%	7%	25%	11%	9%	14%	13%	11%	12%	12%	10%	22%	11%	10%

Table 007A

Q7. AGE

	AGE		GENDER		TEN REP	IND/ OTHER/ NONE	TAL COUNTY	AREA			
	18-34	35-54	55+	MALE				FEMALE	WILLA- MILLA- NORTH SOUTH- EAST COAST WEST*		
TOTAL	603	75	294	306	221	113	254	162	36	84	63
	100%	103%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
18 - 34	75	75	-	36	37	23	33	27	-	9	6
	13%	103%	-	13%	12%	23%	13%	17%	-	11%	10%
35 - 54	205	-	105	100	84	71	50	67	12	25	11%
	34%	-	36%	33%	32%	32%	44%	41%	33%	33%	27%
55 OR OLDER	314	-	148	166	159	118	138	55	24	50	37
	52%	-	50%	54%	59%	53%	53%	40%	67%	60%	62%
REFUSED	6	-	3	3	1	3	2	3	-	-	1
	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	-	2%

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Q9. PARTY

	AGE			GENDER		PARTY	AREA							
	18-34 35-54 55+			MALE FE-			TWT- COUNTY NETTE VALLEY							
	TOTAL			NONE			EAST							
TOTAL	603	75	205	314	294	306	266	221	113	258	162	36	84	60
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
DEMOCRAT	266	23	84	158	127	139	266	-	-	125	70	16	33	22
	44%	31%	41%	50%	43%	45%	100%	-	-	48%	43%	44%	39%	37%
REPUBLICAN	221	29	71	118	97	114	-	221	-	80	62	15	41	23
	37%	39%	35%	38%	33%	37%	-	100%	-	31%	38%	42%	49%	38%
INDEPENDENT / OTHER / NONE	113	23	50	38	60	53	-	-	113	53	30	5	10	15
	19%	31%	24%	12%	20%	17%	-	-	100%	21%	19%	14%	12%	25%

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DO FOR ANY LOSS THEY HAVE BECAUSE OF WOLF PREDATION?

AREA			
ALLA- NORTH SOUTH- EAST	162	36	94
SETTE COAST WEST	100%	100%	100%
VALLEY	85	17	37
	52%	47%	40%
	60	11	28
	37%	31%	45%
	17	8	9
	10%	22%	11%