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Gregoire's Approval Rating At 39%
Cantwell Leads McGavick 49% to 39%
President's Approval Rating At 32%
56% Approve of Immediate Withdrawal From Iraq

Atlanta, GA/March 31, 2006- Strategic Vision, LLC, an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency announced the results of a three-day poll of 800 likely voters in Washington. The poll has a margin of error of ± 3 percentage points. In the poll, 368 (46%) of the respondents identified themselves as Democrats; 296 (37%) of the respondents identified themselves as Republicans; and 136 (17%) of the respondents identified themselves as Independents or other party affiliation.

The poll found that 39% of respondents approved of Governor Christine Gregoire's job performance; 52% disapproved; and 9% were undecided. The poll found that 42% approved of the job performance of the State Legislature; 47% disapproved; and 11% were undecided.

"Governor Gregoire improved her standing slightly from last month but continues to register some of the lowest approval ratings of any Governor," said David E. Johnson, CEO and Co-founder of Strategic Vision, LLC. "Voters also are not happy with how the State Legislature is performing."

President Bush's job approval was at 32%; 58% disapproving; and 10% undecided. When asked to rate the President's handling of the economy, 31% approved; 58% disapproved; and 11% were undecided. On the issue of Iraq, the poll found 26% approved of the President's handling; with 63% disapproving; and 11% undecided. On the President's handling on the war on terrorism, 43% approved; 45% disapproved; and 12% were undecided.

“The President job approval numbers continue to be dismal, and he has lost support for his handling of the war on terrorism which in the past has been one of his strong points,” said Johnson.

When Republicans were asked if they viewed President Bush as a conservative in the Ronald Reagan mode, 28% said yes; 57% said no; and 15% were undecided.

“President Bush was viewed as the heir to Ronald Reagan by conservatives,” said Johnson. “Many conservatives are voicing disappointment that he is no longer Reagan’s heir and this can be attributed to some of his polling problems.”

In a hypothetical 2008 match-up between Gregoire and 2004 opponent, Dino Rossi, the poll found that 51% said they would vote for Rossi; 38% said they would vote for Gregoire; and 11% were undecided.

“At this time should Rossi decide upon a rematch with Gregoire, he would start out as the favorite in the race,” said Johnson. “However he has lost some support and the challenge is to maintain the level of support that he has.”

When asked if they would favor the United States Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade, 23% said yes; 65% said no; and 12% were undecided.

When asked if they were confident that Washington had overcome the problems that plagued the last election; 18% said yes; 66% said no; and 16% were undecided.

When asked if they expected another terrorist attack in the United States in the next six months, 72% said yes; 10% said no; and 18% were undecided.

When asked if they thought that Washington was headed in the right direction or the wrong direction, 28% said right; 58% said wrong; and 14% were undecided.

When asked if they favored an immediate withdrawal of United States military forces from Iraq within 6 months, 56% said yes; 28% said no; and 16% were undecided.

United State Senator Patty Murray received a 55% job approval; with 31% disapproving; and 14% undecided. United States Senator Maria Cantwell received a 49% job approval; with 32% disapproving; and 19% undecided.

“Senator Cantwell’s support approval continues to hover right below the 50% range,” said Johnson. “This level has been consistent in our polling.”

In a potential match-up with Senator Cantwell and Republican Mike McGavick, the results were Cantwell 49%; McGavick 39%; and 12% undecided.

“This race has remained basically static over the past month,” said Johnson.

When Democratic voters were asked their preferences for the 2008 Presidential nomination, New York Senator Hillary Clinton led with 35%; former Vice President Al Gore received 15%; former North Carolina Senator John Edwards received 11%; Wisconsin Senator Russ Feingold received 9%; Massachusetts Senator John Kerry received 7%; former General Wesley Clark received 3%; Delaware Senator Joseph Biden received 2%; New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson received 1%; Indiana Senator Evan Bayh received 1%; Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell received 1%; Iowa Governor Tom Vilsak received 1%; California Senator Barbara Boxer received 1%; Virginia Governor Mark Warner 1%; and 12% were undecided.

“While Senator Clinton continues to lead the field, the more liberal candidates – Gore and Feingold made strong advances,” said Johnson. “The race for liberal Democrats at this point is to become the ABC (Anybody But Clinton) candidate and portray Senator Clinton as being too moderate.”

When Republicans were polled on whom they would support in 2008 for the Republican Presidential nomination, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani received 34%; Senator John McCain received 28%; Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich 7%; Senator Bill Frist received 4%; Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney received 3%; Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum received

1%; Virginia Senator George Allen received 1%; New York Governor George Pataki received 1%; Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel received 1%; and 20% were undecided.

“The Republican race at this point is wide open, with the Giuliani and McCain standings most attributable to name recognition,” said Johnson. “The key for other Republicans is to become the viable alternative to McCain or Giuliani.”

When Republicans were asked if they would like to see Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice run in 2006, 48% said yes; 30% said no; and 22% were undecided.

When Secretary Rice was included the poll, the results were, Guliani with 33%; McCain 18%; Rice 12%; Gingrich 5%; Frist 2%; Romney 2%; Pataki 1%; Santorum 1%; Allen 1%; Hagel with 1%; and 24% undecided.

Poll Results

1. Do you approve or disapprove of Governor Christine Gregoire’s job performance?

Approve	39%
Disapprove	52%
Undecided	9%

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the State Legislature’s job performance?

Approve	42%
Disapprove	47%
Undecided	11%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush’s job performance?

Approve	32%
Disapprove	58%
Undecided	10%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush’s handling of the economy?

Approve	31%
Disapprove	58%
Undecided	11%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush’s handling of the war in Iraq?

Approve	26%
Disapprove	63%
Undecided	11%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the war on terrorism?

Approve	43%
Disapprove	45%
Undecided	12%

7. Do you view President Bush as a conservative in the mode of Ronald Reagan? **(Republicans only)**

Yes	28%
No	57%
Undecided	15%

8. If the Election for Governor in 2008 was between the Democrat Christine Gregoire and the Republican, Dino Rossi, whom would you vote for?

Dino Rossi	51%
Christine Gregoire	38%
Undecided	11%

9. Would you favor the United States Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

Yes	23%
No	65%
Undecided	12%

10. Are you confident that Washington has overcome the problems that hindered the 2004 Election and that there will be no problems with the 2006 Election?

Yes	18%
No	66%
Undecided	16%

11. Do you expect another terrorist attack in the United States in the next six months?

Yes	72%
No	10%
Undecided	18%

12. Do you think Washington is headed in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Right	28%
Wrong	58%
Undecided	14%

13. Do you favor an immediate withdrawal United States military forces from Iraq, within six months?

Yes	56%
No	28%
Undecided	16%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Patty Murray's job performance?

Approve	55%
Disapprove	31%
Undecided	14%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of Senator Maria Cantwell's job performance?

Approve	49%
Disapprove	32%
Undecided	19%

16. If the election for United States Senate were held today and the candidates were Maria Cantwell, the Democrat or Mike McGavick, the Republican, whom would you vote for?

Maria Cantwell	49%
Mike McGavick	39%
Undecided	12%

17. For the 2008 Democratic Presidential Nomination whom would you support? (**Democrats Only**)

Hillary Clinton	35%
Al Gore	15%
John Edwards	11%
Russ Feingold	9%
John Kerry	7%
Wesley Clark	3%
Joseph Biden	2%
Bill Richardson	1%
Evan Bayh	1%
Ed Rendell	1%
Tom Vilsak	1%
Barbara Boxer	1%
Mark Warner	1%
Undecided	12%

18. For the 2008 Republican Presidential Nomination whom would you support? (**Republicans Only**)

Rudy Giuliani	34%
John McCain	28%
Newt Gingrich	7%
Bill Frist	4%
Mitt Romney	3%
Rick Santorum	1%
George Allen	1%
George Pataki	1%
Chuck Hagel	1%
Undecided	20%

19. Would you like to see Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice run for President in 2008?

(Republicans only)

Yes	48%
No	30%
Undecided	22%

20. If Condoleeza Rice were to run for President in 2008, whom would you support for the Republican nomination in 2008? **(Republicans only)**

Rudy Giuliani	33%
John McCain	18%
Condoleezza Rice	12%
Newt Gingrich	5%
Bill Frist	2%
Mitt Romney	2%
George Pataki	1%
Rick Santorum	1%
George Allen	1%
Chuck Hagel	1%
Undecided	24%

Strategic Vision, LLC is an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency. Results are based on telephone interviews with 800 likely voters in Washington, aged 18+, and conducted March 24-26, 2006. The margin of sampling error is ± 3 percentage points. Additional information on Strategic Vision, LLC may be obtained at www.strategicvision.biz.

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