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MSNBC - McClatchy Washington Poll – 9/06

This poll was conducted by **Mason-Dixon Polling & Research, Inc.** of Washington, D.C. from September 24 through September 27, 2006. A total of 625 registered Washington State voters were interviewed statewide by telephone. All stated they were likely to vote in the November general election.

Those interviewed 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. Quotas were assigned to reflect voter turn-out by county.

The margin for error, according to standards customarily used by statisticians, is no more than plus or minus 4 percentage points. This means that 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 or regional grouping.

Do you recognize the name _____?
(IF YES) Do you have a favorable, unfavorable or neutral opinion of _____?

	MARIA CANTWELL	MIKE MCGAVICK
FAVORABLE	49%	30%
UNFAVORABLE	30%	25%
NEUTRAL	20%	38%
DON'T RECOGNIZE	0.3%	7%

If the 2006 election for Washington's U.S. Senate seat were held today, would you vote for:

CANTWELL	50%
MCGAVICK	40%
OTHER	1%
UNDECIDED	9%

Will your vote for U.S. Senate mainly be:

FOR CANDIDATE	71%
AGAINSTRONGLY OPPONENT	20%
NOT SURE	9%

Do you approve or disapprove of George W. Bush's overall job performance as President? (Is that, strongly approve/disapprove or somewhat approve/disapprove?)

STRONGLY APPROVE	21%	
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	19%	41%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	13%	
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	45%	57%
NOT SURE	2%	

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job? Is that, strongly approve, somewhat approve, somewhat disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

STRONGLY APPROVE	1%	
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	24%	26%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	26%	
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	36%	62%
NOT SURE	13%	

Which ONE of the following issues will be MOST important in determining your vote for U.S. Senate this year:

IRAQ	24%
TERRORISM/SECURITY	14%
ECONOMY/JOBS	11%
TAXES/GOVT SPNDG	13%
HEALTH CARE	11%
IMMIGRATION	11%
MORAL/FAMILY	8%
GAS PRICE/ENERGY	1%
OTHER/DK	7%

Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are heading in the right direction, or are they are off on the wrong track?

RIGHT DIRECTION	31%
WRONG TRACK	57%
NOT SURE	12%

Do you approve or disapprove of the Bush administration's policies in Iraq? (Is that strongly approve/disapprove or somewhat approve/disapprove?)

STRONGLY APPROVE	19%	
SOMEWHAT APPROVE	21%	40%
SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE	13%	
STRONGLY DISAPPROVE	45%	58%
NOT SURE	2%	

What should the U.S. do in Iraq:

SEND MORE	16%
KEEP SAME	17%
WITHDRAW SOME	13%
WITHDRAW ALL	29%
NOT SURE	25%

How worried are you about the direction of the nation's economy in the next few years? Are you:

VERY WORRIED	26%	
SOMEWHAT WORRIED	35%	61%
NOT TOO WORRIED	27%	
NOT WORRIED	11%	38%
NOT SURE	1%	

How worried are you that there will be another major terrorist attack in the U.S.? Are you:

VERY WORRIED	18%	
SOMEWHAT WORRIED	40%	58%
NOT TOO WORRIED	29%	
NOT WORRIED	12%	41%
NOT SURE	0.3%	

Should illegal immigrants working in the United States be:

CHANCE TO STAY	57%
DEPORTED	31%
NOT SURE	12%

In general, which is better for the country? (ROTATE ORDER)

SAME PARTY	33%
DIVIDED	38%
NOT SURE	29%

Demographics:

In terms of your political party identification, do you generally consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican or an independent?

DEMOCRAT	36%
REPUBLICAN	31%
INDEPENDENT	33%

Would you describe your personal political views as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative?

VERY LIBERAL	11%
SOMEWHAT LIBERAL	16%
MODERATE	34%
SOMEWHAT CONSERVATIVE	29%
VERY CONSERVATIVE	8%
DK/REF	2%

What is your age?

18-34	16%
35-49	30%
50-64	34%
65+	20%
REF	1%

Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

WHITE	88%
BLACK	2%
HISPANIC	7%
OTHER	1%
REFUSED	2%

22) NOTE SEX:

MALE	48%
FEMALE	52%

23) NOTE REGION:

KING COUNTY	32%
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	10%
PIERCE COUNTY	11%
WESTERN WASH	26%
EASTERN WASH	20%