Tusk Philanthropies
Oregon Statewide

January 13 – 15, 2025
600 Registered Voters

Q.3 Are you currently registered to vote in Oregon?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(Don't know/refused)	-

Q.4 Generally speaking, do you think that things in Oregon are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	38
Wrong track	53
(Don't know/refused)	9
Right - Wrong	**-15**

Next are the names of some people and groups. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each person or group? If you have no opinion or have never heard of that person or group, please indicate that.

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Neu-tral	Smwt Unfav	Very Unfav	Never Heard/DK/Ref	Total Fav	Total Unfav	Fav - Unfav
5 Donald Trump	25	15	3	6	47	4	**39**	**54**	**-14**
6 Tina Kotek	9	25	10	15	25	16	**34**	**40**	**-6**
7 The State Legislature in Salem	5	24	18	19	18	16	**29**	**37**	**-8**
8 Democrats in the State Legislature in Salem	9	29	12	15	26	9	**38**	**41**	**-3**
9 Republicans in the State Legislature in Salem	10	24	14	23	20	10	**33**	**43**	**-9**
10 Rob Wagner	1	7	12	5	3	71	**8**	**8**	**1**
11 Julie Fahey	1	5	9	2	3	80	**6**	**5**	**1**

Q.12 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Tina Kotek is doing as Governor?

	Total
Strongly approve	10
Somewhat approve	33
Somewhat disapprove	19
Strongly disapprove	25
(Don't know/refused)	13
Total Approve	**43**
Total Disapprove	**44**
Approve - Disapprove	**-2**

Q.13 How would you rate your personal financial situation these days?

	Total
Excellent	10
Good	44
Not so good	30
Poor	14
(Don't know/refused)	2
Excellent/Good	**54**
Not so good/Poor	**44**
Excellent/Good - Not good/Poor	**10**

Next is a list of issues. After each, please indicate how important it is to you that the Oregon state government works on this issue on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 means not at all important and 10 means extremely important.

	Mean	10	8 to 10	6 to 10	0 to 5
14 Reducing homelessness	8.2	49	72	86	14
15 Reducing crime	8.1	45	71	82	18
16 Lowering the cost of living	8.4	53	75	85	15
17 Improving schools	8.4	52	74	88	12
18 Creating good jobs	8.3	47	70	87	13
19 Reducing childhood hunger	8.3	52	74	84	16
20 Increasing access to mental health services	8.0	46	70	81	19
21 Creating more affordable housing	8.1	47	70	83	17

Next are some proposals being considered by the Oregon State Legislature. For each one, please indicate if you favor or oppose this proposal.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
22 A proposal to use $125 million to expand the state-funded program that offers free meals for SOME children in our public schools to one that offers ALL Oregon school children access to two free meals, breakfast and lunch, each school day.	61	22	9	7	1	**84**	**15**	**68**
23 (SPLIT A)[1] A proposal to use $188 million to help Oregonians transition out of homelessness into housing.	41	31	15	10	2	**72**	**26**	**47**
24 (SPLIT B) A proposal to use $217 million to maintain Oregon's homeless shelters.	32	36	16	12	4	**68**	**28**	**40**
25 A proposal to use $880 million to build new affordable housing.	38	29	15	16	3	**67**	**30**	**37**
26 (SPLIT A) A proposal to use $58 million to support first-time home buyers and Oregonians looking to buy an affordable home. Next are some proposals being considered by the Oregon State Legislature. For each one, please indicate if you favor or oppose this proposal.	41	29	15	15	1	**69**	**30**	**39**
27 (SPLIT B) A proposal to use $75 million for infrastructure needed to support new housing developments.	30	36	16	14	4	**66**	**30**	**36**
28 A proposal to use $40 million to help Oregonians transition to renewable energy.	30	27	14	25	4	**57**	**39**	**19**
29 A proposal to use $278 million to provide rent assistance to low- and moderate-income renters.	33	34	16	15	3	**66**	**31**	**35**

[1] Respondents were evenly distributed between SPLIT A and SPLIT B.

	Strng Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Opp	Strng Opp	DK/ Ref	Total Fav	Total Opp	Fav - Opp
30 A proposal to use $206 million to provide additional targeting resources to help more students get on track academically.	31	38	12	12	6	**69**	**25**	**45**
31 A proposal to use $125 million to expand mental health services including facilities and mental health professionals	49	35	9	6	1	**84**	**15**	**69**

Q.32 Would you be more likely or less likely to support your state legislator if they voted for the proposal to offer free school meals for all children at public schools in Oregon?

	Total
More likely	62
Less likely	15
No difference	20
(Don't know/refused)	3
More likely - Less likely	**47**

Next are some statements from supporters of the proposal to expand the school meals program to offer free breakfast and lunch for all children at Oregon public schools. How convincing is each of the following as a reason to support this proposal?

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not At All Conv	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
33 Studies show that providing school meals improves student performance in school, from higher attendance to more attentiveness in class to higher graduation rates	44	32	12	11	1	**76**	**23**
34 (SPLIT A) Oregon faces a homelessness crisis and for homeless families, school meals may be the only good meals children get. If we want to address homelessness, we need to address child hunger.	43	27	10	18	1	**71**	**28**
35 (SPLIT B) Nearly 1-in-6 kids go hungry in Oregon. From Portland to rural communities, providing school meals can be the only reliable source of food and nutrition from many of our children.	51	25	12	11	2	**75**	**23**
36 (SPLIT A) In states that offer school meals for all children, families are saving $1,200 per child each year on groceries. When the cost of living is so high, this can help so many families struggling with rising costs.	41	31	11	17	1	**71**	**28**
37 (SPLIT B) In Oregon, a family that makes $1 over the limit of qualifying for free school meals gets no support, effectively punishing parents for making more money and trying to get ahead. With record inflation making it harder for working families, providing school meals for all kids will help those families keep up with rising costs and make sure we reward hard work rather than punishing it.	51	28	8	13	1	**79**	**20**

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not At All Conv	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
38 Many children currently eligible for free school meals don't use them because they are ashamed or afraid of being shamed. Providing school meals for all children removes the stigma and results in more children getting the nutrition they need	40	28	11	19	2	**68**	**30**
39 We already pay for and supply to all students the critical things they need for a good education, like books, desks, teachers, playground equipment, and transportation, but good nutrition is just as necessary for a quality education. If a child is hungry, they can't learn.	50	28	10	11	0	**78**	**22**

Next are some statements from opponents of the proposal to expand the school meals program to offer free breakfast and lunch for all children at Oregon public schools. How convincing is each of the following as a reason to oppose this proposal?

	Very Conv	Smwt Conv	A Little Conv	Not At All Conv	DK/ Ref	Very/ Smwt Conv	Little/ Not Conv
40 Expanding free meals to all students costs too much money – over $60 million a year in taxpayer money. We have other more important priorities like public safety and affordable housing.	13	19	21	46	2	**32**	**66**
41 Oregon already provides free meals for students from low-income families. Expanding free meals to all students is costly and unnecessary	19	20	13	45	3	**40**	**57**
42 Feeding children is the job of parents, not schools or government. The government should stay out of this and let parents do what they're responsible for.	11	12	12	63	1	**24**	**75**

Q.43 Now that you have heard more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to expand the school meals program to offer free breakfast and lunch for all children at Oregon public schools?

	Total
Strongly favor	51
Somewhat favor	22
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	11
(Don't know/refused)	3
Total Favor	**74**
Total Oppose	**24**
Favor - Oppose	**50**

Finally, a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.44 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 to 24	9
25 to 29	8
30 to 34	9
35 to 39	7
40 to 44	8
45 to 49	10
50 to 54	8
55 to 59	7
60 to 64	6
Over 64	25
(No answer)	3

Q.45 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1st - 11th grade	5
High school graduate	26
Vocational or technical school	5
Some college, but no degree	20
Associate degree	10
4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	20
Graduate school or advanced degree	13
(Refused)	1

Q.46 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

	Total
Strong Democrat	21
Weak Democrat	11
Independent-lean Democrat	15
Independent	14
Independent-lean Republican	14
Weak Republican	7
Strong Republican	17
(Don't know/refused)	2
Total Democrat	**32**
Total Independent	**43**
Total Republican	**24**
Democrat/Lean Democrat	**46**
Republican/Lean Republican	**38**

Q.49 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are...?

	Total
Liberal	28
Moderate	36
Conservative	29
(Don't know/refused)	7

Q.50 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White or Caucasian	77
Hispanic or Latino	11
Asian or Pacific Islander	4
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	3
Black or African American	2
Other	2
Refused	3

Q.52 What is your gender?

	Total
Women	48
Men	50
Other	2

Q.53 Are you the parent or guardian of a child under eighteen years of age who is living with you at least part of the time?

	Total
Yes	26
No	73
(Refused)	1
Yes - No	**-46**

Q.54 (PARENTS)[2] What type of schools are your children enrolled in?

	Total
Neighborhood public school	66
Homeschooling	11
Private school	8
Other public non-charter school	6
Charter school	6
(Other)	6
(Refused)	3

Q.55 Are you married, single, living with a partner, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	43
Single	26
Living with a partner	10
Divorced	9
Widowed	7
Separated	2
(Refused)	3

Q.56 Last year, that is in 2024, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? This is only for research purposes and your personal information will not be shared with anyone else.

	Total
Less than $20,000	8
$20,000 to under $30,000	9
$30,000 to under $50,000	14
$50,000 to under $75,000	13
$75,000 to under $100,000	13
$100,000 to under $200,000	23
$200,000 or more	8
(Don't know/refused)	12

[2] 158 Respondents.

Q.57 Thinking back to the 2024 Presidential election, for whom did you vote?

	Total
Kamala Harris	50
Donald Trump	37
(Other)	3
(Did not vote)	6
(Refused)	4
Kamala Harris - Donald Trump	**13**