

Questionnaire

Question No. 1:

First, I have a general question about higher education. By higher education I mean any formal education after high school, including public and private four year colleges and universities, community and technical colleges, and private vocational training schools. Compared with other issues facing Washington state, such as the economy, health care, and taxes, how concerned are you about the future of higher education in Washington? Would you say that you are..

N=	404	100%
VERY CONCERNED..... 1	123	30%
SOMEWHAT CONCERNED 2	195	48%
SOMEWHAT UNCONCERNED..... 3	73	18%
VERY UNCONCERNED 4	8	2%
Don't know D	5	1%
Refuse.....R	0	0%

Question No. 2:

In your opinion, which one of these nine areas do you think should have the HIGHEST priority for tax dollars? The nine areas are:

N=	404	100%
PUBLIC EDUCATION (GRADES K THRU 12) 1	204	50%
HIGHER EDUCATION..... 2	33	8%
SOCIAL WELFARE..... 3	13	3%
HEALTH 4	45	11%
NATURAL RESOURCES 5	7	2%
THE ENVIRONMENT..... 6	31	8%
PRISONS..... 7	4	1%
TAX REDUCTIONS 8	30	7%
OR SOMETHING ELSE (please specify)..... 9 O	19	5%
Don't know D	16	4%
Refuse.....R	2	0%

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Question No. 2A:

Can you tell me why you feel this way?

N=		404	100%
Comments..... 1	O	385	95%
No comments..... 2		13	3%
Don't know D		6	1%
Refuse..... R		0	0%

Question No. 3:

Which one of these nine areas should have the LOWEST priority for tax dollars? Would you say...

N=		404	100%
PUBLIC EDUCATION (GRADES K THRU 12)..... 1		8	2%
HIGHER EDUCATION..... 2		7	2%
SOCIAL WELFARE..... 3		63	16%
HEALTH..... 4		5	1%
NATURAL RESOURCES 5		11	3%
THE ENVIRONMENT..... 6		21	5%
PRISONS..... 7		134	33%
TAX REDUCTIONS 8		98	24%
OR SOMETHING ELSE..... 9	O	30	7%
Don't know D		24	6%
Refuse..... R		3	1%

Question No. 4:

Can you tell me why you feel this way?

N=		404	100%
Comments..... 1	O	356	88%
No comments..... 2		34	8%
Don't know D		13	3%
Refuse..... R		1	0%

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Question No. 5A:

Higher education has many purposes that differ in how important they are to people. Here are some often mentioned goals of higher education. As I read each one, please tell whether you think this is an important or unimportant goal of higher education. The (first/next) one is...Giving students problem-solving skills so they are ready for a variety of careers.

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	288	71%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	99	25%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	12	3%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	5	1%
Don't know..... D	0	0%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

Question No. 5B:

Helping the state develop its economy

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	135	33%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	201	50%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	45	11%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	15	4%
Don't know..... D	8	2%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

Question No. 5C:

Advancing knowledge.

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	280	69%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	112	28%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	7	2%
VERY UNIMPORTATN..... 4	2	0%
Don't know..... D	3	1%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

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Question No. 5D:

Giving people from low-income groups opportunities to succeed.

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	273	68%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	100	25%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	17	4%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	3	1%
Don't know..... D	8	2%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

Question No. 5E:

Providing minorities opportunities to succeed. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	207	51%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	136	34%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	38	9%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	14	3%
Don't know..... D	4	1%
Refuse..... R	5	1%

Question No. 5F:

Exposing students to other cultures so they can respect diversity. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	190	47%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	145	36%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	48	12%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	19	5%
Don't know..... D	2	0%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

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Question No. 5G:

Performing basic research. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	168	42%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	196	49%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	26	6%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	5	1%
Don't know..... D	5	1%
Refuse..... R	4	1%

Question No. 5H:

Providing continuing education and other educational services. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	212	52%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	158	39%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	21	5%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	6	1%
Don't know..... D	3	1%
Refuse..... R	4	1%

Question No. 5I:

Giving students marketable skills so they can get and keep good jobs. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
VERY IMPORTANT..... 1	317	78%
SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT..... 2	75	19%
SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT..... 3	8	2%
VERY UNIMPORTANT..... 4	3	1%
Don't know..... D	0	0%
Refuse..... R	1	0%

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Question No. 6A:

Next, I am going to read some statements about higher education. As I read them, please tell me whether you agree, or disagree with each statement. The (first/next) one is... Every qualified Washington State citizen has a right to attend college regardless of income. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	251	62%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	92	23%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	35	9%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	25	6%
Don't know	1	0%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 6B:

The next one is... Higher education should be held accountable to the needs of Washington State citizens and employers. Would you say it is...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	160	40%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	160	40%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	58	14%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	15	4%
Don't know	10	2%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Question No. 6C:

Most people who want to attend college now can do so. Would you say you..

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	93	23%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	120	30%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	104	26%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	75	19%
Don't know	12	3%
Refuse.....	0	0%

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Question No. 6E:

There are many people who are qualified to go to college and want to go, but can't. Would you say you...

N=		404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	1	166	41%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	2	132	33%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	3	59	15%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	4	29	7%
Don't know	D	14	3%
Refuse.....	R	4	1%

Question No. 7:

Is there anyone in your household who wants to go to college but can't?

N=		404	100%
Yes	1	79	20%
No.....	2	=> Q9 323	80%
Don't know	D	=> Q9 2	0%
Refuse.....	R	=> Q9 0	0%

Question No. 8A:

I am going to read a list of reasons why people can't go to college. As I read each one, please tell me if it is, or is not a reason that someone in your household can't go to college. The first reason is...Can't afford the cost.

N=		79	100%
Yes	1	67	85%
No.....	2	12	15%
Don't know	D	0	0%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

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Question No. 8B:

The next reason is... Can't travel the distance to attend college. Is this a reason that someone in your household can't go to college?

N=	79	100%
Yes	17	22%
No.....	62	78%
Don't know	0	0%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 8C:

There are no opportunities available to attend college after work hours.

N=	79	100%
Yes	31	39%
No.....	47	59%
Don't Know.....	1	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 8D:

You or your family have kids to worry about.

N=	79	100%
Yes	49	62%
No.....	30	38%
Don't know	0	0%
Refuse.....	0	0%

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Question No. 8E:

The courses or degree programs wanted are not offered.

N=	79	100%
Yes	19	24%
No.....	49	62%
Don't know	11	14%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 8F:

It is too much hassle.

N=	79	100%
Yes	20	25%
No.....	56	71%
Don't know	3	4%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 9:

Some people believe that over the next ten years, it will be more difficult to get a college education. Others believe it will be less difficult. And, some people think that the situation will be about the same. What about you? Ten years from now, do you believe that getting a college education will be..

N=	404	100%
MORE DIFFICULT	213	53%
ABOUT THE SAME DIFFICULTY AS NOW	124	31%
OR LESS DIFFICULT	51	13%
Don't know	15	4%
Refuse.....	1	0%

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Question No. 10A:

It has been estimated that in the next few years about twice as many people will want to get into college as there is tax money available for. I'm going to read some ways that have been suggested to solve this problem. As I read each suggestion, please tell me whether you would strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it. The first suggestion is... Increase the number of students in college classes. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	23	6%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	113	28%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	148	37%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	105	26%
Don't know D	13	3%
Refuse..... R	2	0%

Question No. 10B:

Reduce the number of classes offered. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	25	6%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	56	14%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	129	32%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	181	45%
Don't know D	10	2%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

Question No. 10C:

Use technology to teach more students. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	228	56%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	128	32%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	26	6%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	13	3%
Don't know D	8	2%
Refuse..... R	1	0%

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Question No. 10D:

Reduce the number of administrators on college campuses. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	123	30%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	120	30%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	62	15%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	52	13%
Don't know	43	11%
Refuse.....	4	1%

Question No. 10E:

Make college professors teach more classes. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	101	25%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	118	29%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	89	22%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	61	15%
Don't know	30	7%
Refuse.....	5	1%

Question No. 10F:

Get rid of some programs to free up money for other more important ones. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	103	25%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	129	32%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	86	21%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	52	13%
Don't know	30	7%
Refuse.....	4	1%

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Question No. 10G:

Increase college tuition and fees. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	17	4%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	72	18%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	121	30%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	183	45%
Don't know D	10	2%
Refuse..... R	1	0%

Question No. 10H:

Limit the number of students who are admitted to college. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	14	3%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	53	13%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	127	31%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	198	49%
Don't know D	9	2%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

Question No. 10I:

Increase taxes to make up the difference. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	35	9%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	138	34%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	84	21%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	139	34%
Don't know D	6	1%
Refuse..... R	2	0%

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Question No. 10J:

Allow community colleges to raise part of their budgets from local sources. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	179	44%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	177	44%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	15	4%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	14	3%
Don't know	15	4%
Refuse.....	4	1%

Question No. 10K:

Shift money from other areas of government and give it to higher education. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	168	42%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	149	37%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	40	10%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	24	6%
Don't know	19	5%
Refuse.....	4	1%

Question No. 11A:

Next, I will read a list of reasons people have given for why the cost of going to college has gone up in recent years. For each one, please tell me if you agree or disagree that it is a reason for the increase in college costs. The first one is... State government rules and regulations have increased costs. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	87	22%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	147	36%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	80	20%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	20	5%
Don't know	68	17%
Refuse.....	2	0%

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Question No. 11B:

The next one is...The price of everything is going up, and college is no different. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	153	38%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	195	48%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	34	8%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	20	5%
Don't know	2	0%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 11C:

Too much money is being spent on grounds, buildings, and equipment. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	70	17%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	126	31%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	115	28%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	49	12%
DON'T KNOW	43	11%
REFUSE	1	0%

Question No. 11D:

Cutbacks in state funding of colleges and universities have forced them to increase student tuition and fees. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	137	34%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	158	39%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	28	7%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	23	6%
Don't know	58	14%
Refuse.....	0	0%

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Question No. 11E:

College professors are paid too much. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	34	8%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	66	16%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	151	37%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	95	24%
Don't know	56	14%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 11F:

College professors don't teach enough classes. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	71	18%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	114	28%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	77	19%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	34	8%
Don't know	102	25%
Refuse.....	6	1%

Question No. 11G:

College administrators are paid too much. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	122	30%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	120	30%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	58	14%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	13	3%
Don't know	88	22%
Refuse.....	3	1%

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Question No. 11H:

Too much money is spent on unnecessary research. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	79	20%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	129	32%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	103	25%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	43	11%
Don't know	48	12%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. Q11I:

The state is spending too much of its money on other things, and not enough on education. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	170	42%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	143	35%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	50	12%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	11	3%
Don't know	26	6%
Refuse.....	4	1%

Question No. 12A:

I am going to read some opinions that people have expressed about higher education. As I read each one, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with it. The first statement is... We should not allow price to keep out students who are qualified and motivated to go to college but cannot afford the cost. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	267	66%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	103	25%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	20	5%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	8	2%
Don't know	3	1%
Refuse.....	3	1%

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Question No. 12B:

The next one is... Students will appreciate the value of a college education more if they have to pay for it. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	127	31%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	166	41%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	57	14%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	51	13%
Don't know	3	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 12C:

Students take too long to get through college. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	67	17%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	121	30%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	111	27%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	67	17%
Don't know	38	9%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 12D:

Too many people are going to college instead of learning trades, like plumbing, construction, computer repair, and so on. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	47	12%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	112	28%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	102	25%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	121	30%
Don't know	19	5%
Refuse.....	3	1%

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Question No. 12E:

Students and their families are having to borrow too much money to pay for college. Would you say you....

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	187	46%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	132	33%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	43	11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	21	5%
Don't know	20	5%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Question No. 12F:

A lot of employers hire college graduates for jobs that could be done by people without a college degree. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	137	34%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	139	34%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	69	17%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	29	7%
Don't know	28	7%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 12G:

Higher education is an important investment that contributes to the overall economic well-being of the people of our state. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	257	64%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	124	31%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	9	2%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	10	2%
Don't know	4	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

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Question No. 12H:

Higher education mostly benefits the students who graduate and the people who work at colleges and universities. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY AGREE	49	12%
SOMEWHAT AGREE.....	107	26%
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE.....	133	33%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	100	25%
Don't know	15	4%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 13:

Like other states, Washington gives money to colleges and universities to provide higher education. Some people have suggested that this money should be given directly to students as vouchers, so they could choose whatever qualified school they wish to attend. What is your opinion? Should state funds for higher education...

	(1/N=	404	100%
GO TO COLLEGES' AND UNIVERSITIES' BUDGETS.....	149	37%	
GO TO STUDENTS' VOUCHERS	154	38%	
OR, SHOULD SOMETHING ELSE BE DONE WITH STATE FUNDS	58	14%	
Don't know	40	10%	
Refuse.....	3	1%	

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Question No. 14A:

There have been many suggestions about ways to make it possible for more Washington students to get into higher education. As I read each suggestion, please tell me if you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose it. The first suggestion is... Provide college training at job sites. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	201	50%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	152	38%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	31	8%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	13	3%
Don't know..... D	6	1%
Refuse..... R	1	0%

Questions No. 14B:

The next one is... Use technology to offer college courses away from the main campus. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	219	54%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	150	37%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	21	5%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	8	2%
Don't know..... D	6	1%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

Question No. 14C:

Build more vocational training institutions. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	128	32%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	198	49%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	50	12%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	12	3%
Don't know..... D	13	3%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

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Question No. 14D:

Establish local higher education centers in small towns. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	173	43%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	170	42%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	35	9%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	9	2%
Don't know D	14	3%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

Question No. 14E:

Increase the number of students attending main campuses. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	40	10%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	144	36%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	132	33%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	44	11%
Don't know D	40	10%
Refuse..... R	4	1%

Question No. 14F:

Offer more courses at colleges in the late evening hours. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	235	58%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	152	38%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	6	1%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	3	1%
Don't know D	8	2%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

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Question No. 14G:

Limit the number of students from out of state. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	75	19%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	107	26%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	130	32%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	72	18%
Don't know D	16	4%
Refuse..... R	4	1%

Question No. 14H:

Build new four-year colleges and branch campuses. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	82	20%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	149	37%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	100	25%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	44	11%
Don't know D	26	6%
Refuse..... R	3	1%

Question No. 14I:

Contract with private colleges to admit more Washington students. Would you say you...

N=	404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR..... 1	96	24%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR..... 2	199	49%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE..... 3	46	11%
STRONGLY OPPOSE..... 4	22	5%
Don't know D	39	10%
Refuse..... R	2	0%

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Question No. 14J:

Get universities to spend less time on research and more on teaching. Would you say you...

N=		404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	1	105	26%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	2	168	42%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	3	75	19%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	4	28	7%
Don't know	D	27	7%
Refuse.....	R	1	0%

Question No. 14K:

Find ways to measure and certify that learning was obtained in other ways, such as on the job, self-learning, and volunteer activities. Would you say you...

N=		404	100%
STRONGLY FAVOR	1	187	46%
SOMEWHAT FAVOR.....	2	173	43%
SOMEWHAT OPPOSE	3	26	6%
STRONGLY OPPOSE.....	4	8	2%
Don't know	D	8	2%
Refuse.....	R	2	0%

Question No. 15:

How likely are you to enroll in a higher education program in the next five years? Would you say you are...

N=		404	100%
VERY LIKELY	1	92	23%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	2	92	23%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	3	61	15%
OR VERY UNLIKELY.....	4	157	39%
Don't know	D	2	0%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 16:

In what kind of an educational program would you be likely to enroll? One that offered a...

N=	186	100%
CERTIFICATE..... 1	22	12%
ASSOCIATE DEGREE..... 2	28	15%
BACHELOR DEGREE..... 3	42	23%
MASTER'S DEGREE..... 4	48	26%
DOCTORAL DEGREE..... 5	5	3%
OR PROFESSIONAL DEGREE..... 6	25	13%
Don't know D	16	9%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

Question No. 17:

To get this certificate or degree, would you be most likely to go to school...

N=	186	100%
DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY..... 1	36	19%
DURING EVENINGS OR WEEKENDS..... 2	73	39%
A COMBINATION OF REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS AND EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS OR SOME OTHER WAY..... 4 O	3	64 34%
Don't know D	8	4%
Refuse..... R	4	2%
..... 7	0	0%
..... 7	1	1%

Question No. 18A:

I am going to read some ways that people pay for college. Please tell me which of these ways you would use to pay for college, if you were to attend would you... use personal finances

N=	186	100%
Yes..... 1	134	72%
No..... 2	47	25%
Don't know D	5	3%
Refuse..... R	0	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 18B:

get loans

N=	186	100%
Yes	93	50%
No.....	87	47%
Don't know	6	3%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 18C:

Get Financial aid Scholarships or grants

N=	186	100%
Yes	121	65%
No.....	63	34%
Don't know	2	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 18D:

Get Part-time employment

N=	186	100%
Yes	118	63%
No.....	67	36%
Don't know	1	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 18E:

Get Work-Study assistance

N=	186	100%
Yes	91	49%
No.....	79	42%
Don't know	15	8%
Refuse.....	1	1%

Question No. 18F:

Get help from family or relatives

N=	186	100%
Yes	56	30%
No.....	128	69%
Don't know	2	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 18G:

Get financial help from an employer.

N=	186	100%
Yes	99	53%
No.....	86	46%
Don't know	1	1%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 18H:

Some other ways (please specify)

N=		186	100%
Yes	1 O	33	18%
No.....	2	149	80%
Don't know	D	4	2%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Question No. 19:

How willing would you be to take all or some college courses through some form of distance education, such as over the Internet, by mail or television? Would you say you are...

N=		186	100%
VERY WILLING.....	1	72	39%
SOMEWHAT WILLING	2	71	38%
SOMEWHAT UNWILLING.....	3	18	10%
OR VERY UNWILLING	4	24	13%
Don't know	D	1	1%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Question No. 20:

If the college courses that you wanted to take were only available through distance education, how would this affect your decision to enroll? Would you be..

N=		186	100%
MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL.....	1	44	24%
LESS LIKELY TO ENROLL.....	2	58	31%
OR IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE.....	3	81	44%
Don't know	D	3	2%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 21:

On average, the cost of providing a four-year college degree education to one student at a public university in Washington State is about \$40,000. Students pay about one-fourth to one-third of this cost. In your view should students be required to pay...

N=	404	100%
MORE OF THIS COST	69	17%
LESS OF THIS COST	90	22%
OR ABOUT WHAT THEY PAY NOW	222	55%
Don't know	21	5%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 22A:

Here are some things that people think will happen to higher education in the future. As I read each on please tell me how likely you think it is that this will happen. Development of virtual public universities that do not have a physical presence but only electronic interactive media.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	134	33%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	167	41%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	63	16%
OR VERY UNLIKELY.....	28	7%
Don't know	12	3%
Refuse.....	0	0%

Question No. 22B:

Measurement of individual competencies rather than student credit hours and grades.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	68	17%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	179	44%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	104	26%
VERY UNLIKELY	30	7%
Don't know	21	5%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 22C:

Creation of local higher education centers in most communities.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	82	20%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	193	48%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	85	21%
VERY UNLIKELY	27	7%
Don't know	16	4%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Question No. 22D:

The use if vouchers that students can use to select programs and institutions.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	55	14%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	170	42%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	98	24%
VERY UNLIKELY	43	11%
Don't know	36	9%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 22E:

Educational services available on the Internet.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	257	64%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	117	29%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	14	3%
VERY UNLIKELY	5	1%
Don't know	10	2%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 22F:

More opportunity for students to take college courses during their junior and senior years of high school.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	226	56%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	142	35%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	24	6%
VERY UNLIKELY	4	1%
Don't know	7	2%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Question No. 22G:

More continuing education opportunities throughout life.

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	239	59%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	145	36%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	13	3%
VERY UNLIKELY	3	1%
Don't know	2	0%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 22H:

More on-the-job training

N=	404	100%
VERY LIKELY	201	50%
SOMEWHAT LIKELY.....	165	41%
SOMEWHAT UNLIKELY	25	6%
VERY UNLIKELY	10	2%
Don't know	2	0%
Refuse.....	1	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 23:

Are there any other changes that you believe will happen to higher education over the next 20 years?

N=		404	100%
Yes	1	151	37%
No.....	2 => Q25	214	53%
Don't know	D => Q25	36	9%
Refuse.....	R => Q25	3	1%

Question No. 24:

What are those things?

N=		151	100%
(Please specify)	1 O	143	95%
Don't know	D	8	5%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Question No. 25:

Finally, I have just a few background questions. (IF NECESSARY, ASK: "For survey purposes I need to ask, are you male or female?"

N=		404	100%
Male	1	164	41%
Female.....	2	239	59%
Don't know	D	0	0%
Refuse.....	R	1	0%

Question No. 26(M):

In what month and year were you born? {month}

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N=		404	100%
Don't know	D	2	0%
Refuse.....	R	4	1%

Questionnaire

Question No. 26(Y):

{year}

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N=	404	100%
Don't know	2	0%
Refuse.....	4	1%

Question No. 27:

What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?

N=	404	100%
Less than grade school	1	0%
Some high school.....	12	3%
High school degree or GED.....	82	20%
Some college.....	129	32%
Associate degree	33	8%
Bachelor's degree	93	23%
Master's degree	35	9%
Doctorate degree	7	2%
Or Professional degree	7	2%
Don't know	3	1%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 28:

In what year did you complete your highest level of schooling?

\$E 00 98

N=	404	100%
Don't know	7	2%
Refuse.....	3	1%

Questionnaire

Question No. 29:

Are you currently attending school?

N=		404	100%
Yes	1	35	9%
No.....	2 => Q31	367	91%
Don't know	D => Q31	1	0%
Refuse.....	R => Q31	1	0%

Question No. 30:

Are you attending school in Washington state or somewhere else?

N=		35	100%
In Washington state	1	32	91%
Or somewhere else	2	2	6%
Don't know	D	1	3%
Refuse.....	R	0	0%

Question No. 31:

Which of the following best describes your current working situation. Are you...

N=		404	100%
WORKING FULL-TIME	1	216	53%
WORKING PART-TIME.....	2	50	12%
NOT WORKING	3	11	3%
RETIRED	4	67	17%
A FULL-TIME STUDENT	5	5	1%
A FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER.....	6	31	8%
OR DOING SOMETHING ELSE	7 O	21	5%
Don't know	D	1	0%
Refuse.....	R	2	0%

Questionnaire

Question No. 32:

How many years have you lived in Washington State? (INTERVIEWER PROBE: " Please round to the nearest whole year.")

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N=	404	100%
Don't know	0	0%
Refuse.....	2	0%

Question No. 33:

Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

N=	404	100%
Yes	15	4%
No.....	385	95%
Don't know	1	0%
Refuse.....	3	1%

Question No. 34:

What race or ethnic background do you consider your main heritage to be? Is it...

N=	404	100%
AMERICAN INDIAN	3	1%
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	10	2%
ASIAN AMERICAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER	12	3%
WHITE.....	334	83%
SOME OTHER RACE OR ETHNIC BACKGROUND	9	2%
OR MULTI RACIAL AND ETHNICITY.....	18	4%
Hispanic.....	9	2%
Don't know	2	0%
Refuse.....	7	2%

Questionnaire

Question No. 35:

I am going to read a list of income categories. Please tell me which category best describes the total amount of income before taxes, received by all of the members in your household, last year during 1997. Please stop me when I get to your income category.

N=	404	100%
UNDER \$10,000..... 1	26	6%
OVER \$10,000 TO \$20,000..... 2	35	9%
OVER \$20,000 TO \$30,000..... 3	58	14%
OVER \$30,000 TO \$40,000..... 4	53	13%
OVER \$40,000 TO \$50,000..... 5	44	11%
OVER \$50,000 TO \$60,000..... 6	42	10%
OVER \$60,000 TO \$70,000..... 7	22	5%
OR OVER \$70,000 8	84	21%
Don't Know..... D	9	2%
Refuse..... R	31	8%
