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**Solid Majority Still Believe That Gregoire Did Not Win Election
Voters Relieved That The Election Contest Is At An End
Electorate Has Lost Faith In Electoral Process
Rossi Leads Cantwell In Potential Senate Match-up and Gregoire In Potential Re-Match**

Atlanta, GA/June 10, 2005 - Strategic Vision, LLC, an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency announced the results of a three-day poll of 800 registered voters in Washington on the gubernatorial contest following a court ruling upholding Democrat Christine Gregoire's victory. Despite the court ruling, the poll found an overwhelming number of voters do not believe that Christine Gregoire was the legitimate winner in November's election. The poll asked respondents now that the court has upheld Christine Gregoire's victory and Dino Rossi has conceded the election, who they believe actually won the gubernatorial election; 59% said Republican Dino Rossi; 34% said Democrat Christine Gregoire; and 7% were undecided with a margin of error of $\pm 3\%$. When asked if they approved of the court's decision that upheld Gregoire's victory, 40% approved of the decision, 43% disapproved of the decision, and 17% were undecided. When asked about a potential rematch between Rossi and Gregoire in 2008, the poll found that 58% would support Rossi; 36% would support Gregoire; and 6% were undecided.

"The good news for Gregoire is that the election controversy is over and she will be in the Governor's mansion until 2008," said David E. Johnson, CEO and Co-Founder of Strategic Vision, LLC. "The bad news for Gregoire is that even with the controversy over and a court upholding her victory, voters do not believe that she is the legitimate Governor and would be decisively defeated

in a potential rematch in 2008. While we are 3 years away from such a potential rematch, her low poll numbers raise the question will she even seek re-election and if she does, might she be challenged by a fellow Democrat?"

Dino Rossi in 'losing' to Christine Gregoire appears to have emerged as the bigger winner," continued Johnson. "He appeared statesman like in conceding the election and is viewed by voters as the real Governor and a victim of fraud."

When respondents were asked if they were relieved that the election controversy was over, 59% said yes; 29% said no; and 12% were undecided..

Christine Gregoire was viewed favorably by 32%; 60% viewed her unfavorably; and 8% were undecided. Republican Dino Rossi was viewed favorably by 57%; 38% viewed him unfavorably; and 5% were undecided.

"Gregoire's numbers are among the lowest for any sitting Governor in the nation, and I have never seen a politician with numbers this low recover and go on to win a future election," said Johnson. "Her political situation is very similar to former New Jersey Governor Jim Florio in the 1990's."

Both political parties are also suffering in the public's opinion as the election controversy continues. The Washington Democratic Party was viewed favorably by 28%; 50% viewed the Party unfavorably; and 22% were undecided. The Washington Republican Party was viewed favorably by 36%; 44% viewed the Party unfavorably; and 20% were undecided.

“Both political parties have been hurt from this controversy,” said Johnson. “Voters are disgusted with this issue and blame the parties for what has happened.”

When asked if they had more confidence; less confidence; or about the same amount of confidence in the election process as a result of the gubernatorial controversy, 13% said more; 62% said less; 10% said about the same amount of confidence; and 15% were undecided.

Voters gave Senator Patty Murray strong approval ratings. Fifty-five percent approved of her job performance; 35% disapproved; and 10% were undecided. Senator Maria Cantwell received lower approval ratings, with 48% approving of her job performance; 40% disapproving; and 12% were undecided.

President Bush’s job approval was at 40%; with 51% disapproving; and 9% undecided.

In a hypothetical 2006 Senate match-up with Republican Dino Rossi and Senator Cantwell, the results were Rossi 52%; Cantwell 40%; and 8% undecided. In a match-up with former Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn and Senator Cantwell, the results were Dunn 39%; Cantwell 50%; and 11% undecided. In a match-up with former Congressman George Nethercutt and Senator Cantwell, the results were Nethercutt 38%; Cantwell 51%; and 11% undecided. In a match-up with Washington Republican Party Chairman Chris Vance and Senator Cantwell, the results were Vance 35%; Cantwell 55%; and 10% undecided. In a match-up with former Congressman Rick White, the results were White 38%; Cantwell 50%; and 12% undecided. In a match-up with SAFECO President and CEO Mike McGavick, the results were McGavick 36%; Cantwell 50%; and 14% undecided.

“If Dino Rossi were to enter the Senate race, he would be the automatic favorite and a beneficiary of the election controversy while Senator Cantwell through no fault of her own, would be seen as the Gregoire stand-in,” said Johnson. “The question is if Rossi does not run, can any Republican act as an effective stand-in for him?”

Poll Results

1. Regardless of who you voted for in November’s gubernatorial election now that a court has ruled in favor of Christine Gregoire, who do you believe actually won the gubernatorial election, Democrat Christine Gregoire or Republican Dino Rossi?

Christine Gregoire	34%
Dino Rossi	59%
Undecided	7%

2. Regardless of who you voted for in November’s gubernatorial election, do you approve of the court’s decision upholding Christine Gregoire’s victory?

Approve	40%
Disapprove	43%
Undecided	17%

3. If there is a rematch between Christine Gregoire and Dino Rossi in 2008, whom would you support?

Christine Gregoire	36%
Dino Rossi	58%
Undecided	6%

4. Now that the court has ruled, are you pleased that the controversy is over?

Yes	59%
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No	29%
Undecided	12%

5. Regardless of who you voted for in November's gubernatorial election, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Christine Gregoire?

Favorable	32%
Unfavorable	60%
Undecided	8%

6. Regardless of who you voted for in November's gubernatorial election, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Dino Rossi?

Favorable	57%
Unfavorable	38%
Undecided	5%

7. Regardless of who you voted for in November's gubernatorial election, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Washington Democratic Party?

Favorable	28%
Unfavorable	50%
Undecided	22%

8. Regardless of who you voted for in November's gubernatorial election, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Washington Republican Party?

Favorable	36%
Unfavorable	44%
Undecided	20%

9. Do you have more confidence, less confidence, or about the same amount of confidence in the election process as a result of the gubernatorial controversy?

More Confidence	13%
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Less Confidence	62%
About the same amount	10%
Undecided	15%

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

Approve	55%
Disapprove	35%
Undecided	10%

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

Approve	48%
Disapprove	40%
Undecided	12%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's job performance?

Approve	40%
Disapprove	51%
Undecided	9%

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

Dino Rossi	52%
Maria Cantwell	40%
Undecided	8%

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

Jennifer Dunn	39%
Maria Cantwell	50%
Undecided	11%

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

George Nethercutt	38%
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Maria Cantwell	51%
Undecided	11%

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

Chris Vance	35%
Maria Cantwell	55%
Undecided	10%

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

Rick White	38%
Maria Cantwell	50%
Undecided	12%

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

Mike McGavick	36%
Maria Cantwell	50%
Undecided	14%

Strategic Vision, LLC is an Atlanta-headquartered public relations and public affairs agency.

Results are based on telephone interviews with 800 registered voters in Washington, aged 18+, and conducted June 7-9, 2005. 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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