

Fulcrum Strategy Group

The FSG team brings more than 150 years of combined public opinion research experience to deliver expert strategic guidance to campaigns, corporations, non-profits, and public sector organizations.

FSG Founding Partner Andrew Thibault - the Lead Researcher for this project - has more than 35 years of experience designing, conducting, and analyzing opinion research. Andrew is deeply trusted by the region's civic, business, non-profit, and government leaders because he provides highly accurate data and critical insights and analysis that help clients tackle big challenges.

Andrew was the Lead Researcher on the team that created The Index - an ongoing quality of life study for the Seattle Metro Chamber - which has become the go to public resource for understanding the attitudes, behaviors, and priorities of Seattle voters.

Most recently, Andrew led the research for the Seattle Public Library Levy. That research showed that Seattle voters understand the critical role public libraries play in our current environment as a civic institution that builds community and helps fight censorship and misinformation. The survey correctly predicted that even in this highly cost-sensitive environment, voter support for a significant library levy was quite strong. FSG's poll accurately predicted the exact "yes" vote.

Methodology

- ▶ Online survey (email and text to web) of registered voters in the City of Seattle
- ▶ 500 completed interviews; Margin of Error ± 4.4 points
- ▶ Conducted August 10–13, 2026
- ▶ Data weighted by key demographics to reflect the actual registered voter population in Seattle

Key Demographics

Nearly three-quarters (73%) of Seattle voters self-identify as left-of-center (Democrat or Socialist) and only 10% identify as Republican.

Gender	
Male	47%
Female	51%
Non-binary	2%

Age Group	
18-29	14%
30-39	23%
40-49	17%
50-64	23%
65 or over	22%

City Council District	
District 1	18%
District 2	13%
District 3	14%
District 4	12%
District 5	16%
District 6	14%
District 7	12%

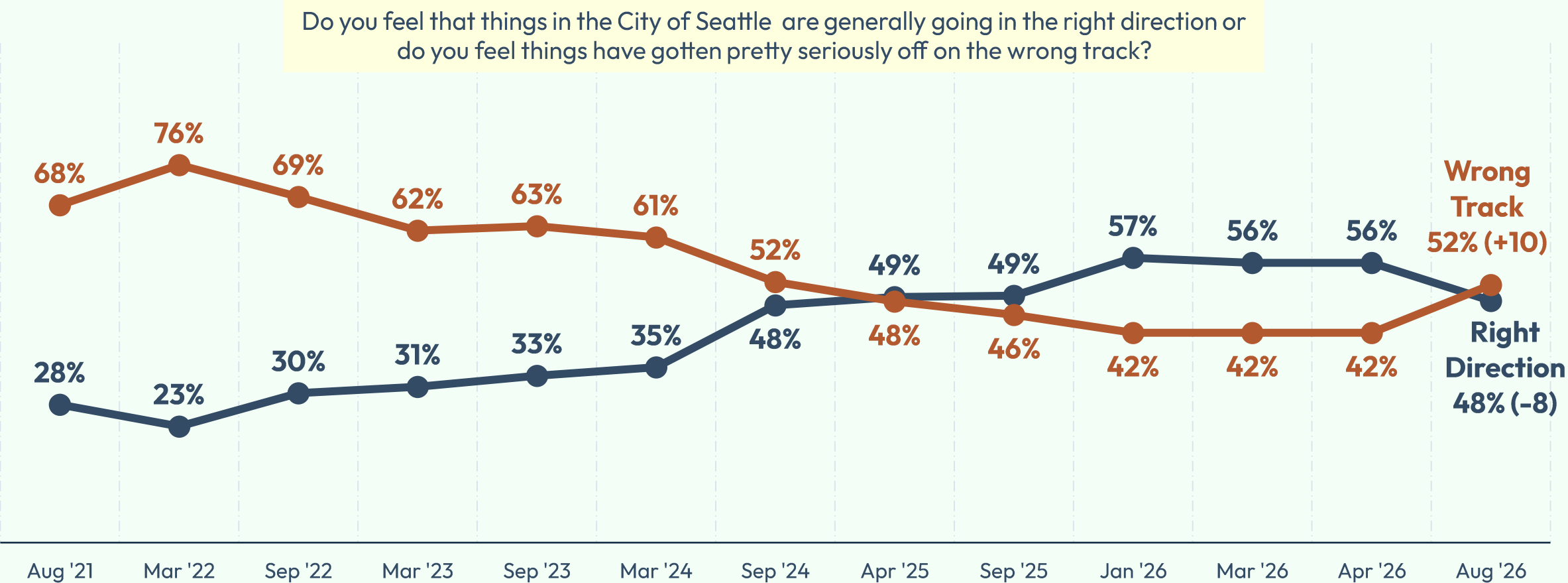
Homeowner/Renter	
Homeowner	52%
Rent/Else	48%

Party	
Democrat	64%
Independent	17%
Republican	10%
Socialist	9%

Education	
Less than college	25%
Graduated college	42%
Graduate/Prof. degree	33%

Voter Mood

After a period of optimism that started in September of 2024 and peaked this April, Seattle voters have once again become pessimistic about the city’s direction with just over half now saying things in the city are “pretty seriously off on the wrong track.”

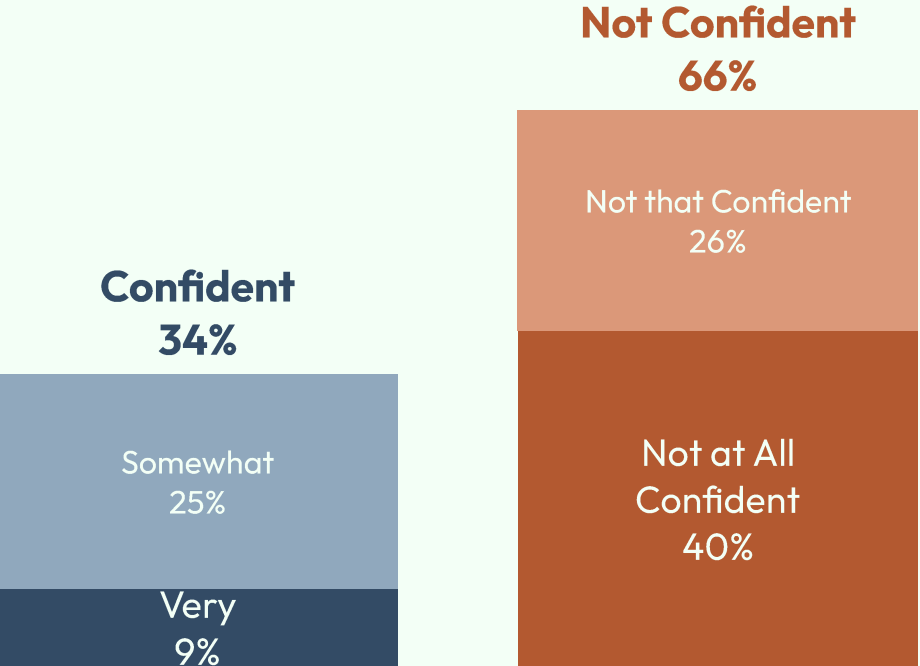


Confidence About Public Safety Plan

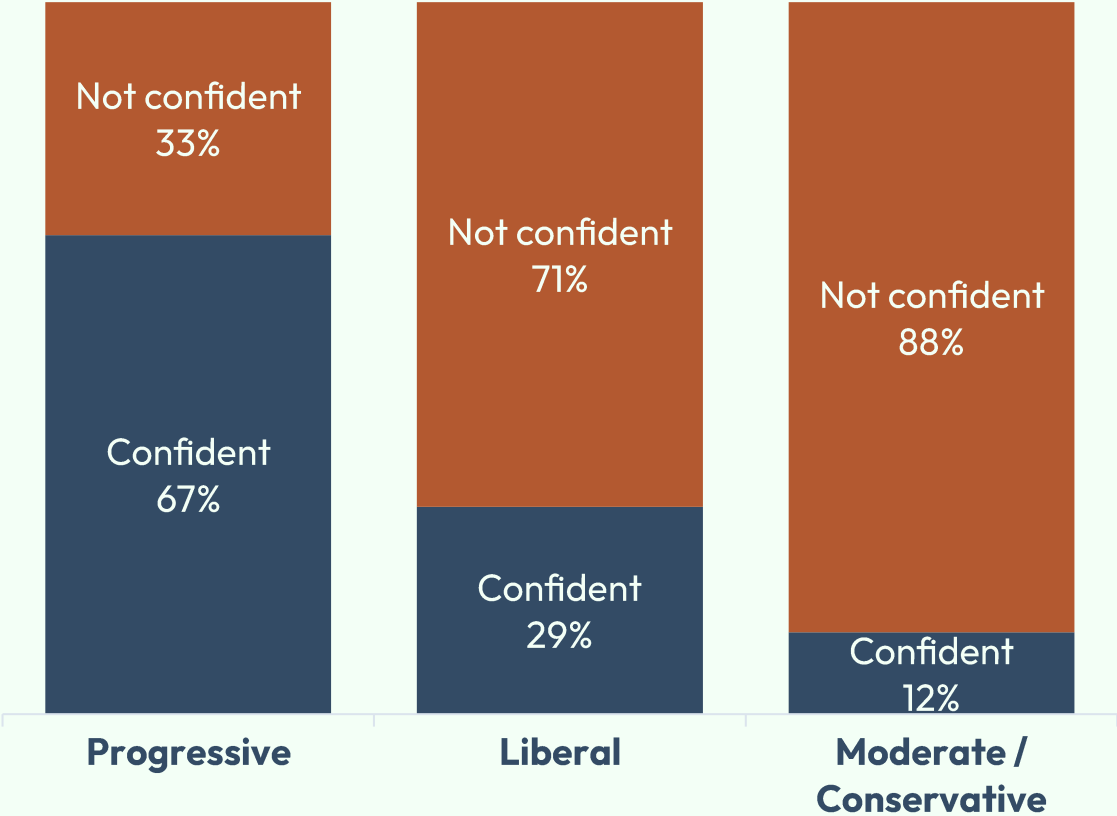
Two-thirds of Seattle Voters are not confident that Mayor Wilson and her administration have an effective plan in place to improve public safety in Seattle – 4-in-10 are not at all confident.

How confident are you that Mayor Wilson and her administration have an effective plan in place to improve public safety in Seattle?

Confident Mayor Has an Effective Public Safety Plan



Confidence by Ideology

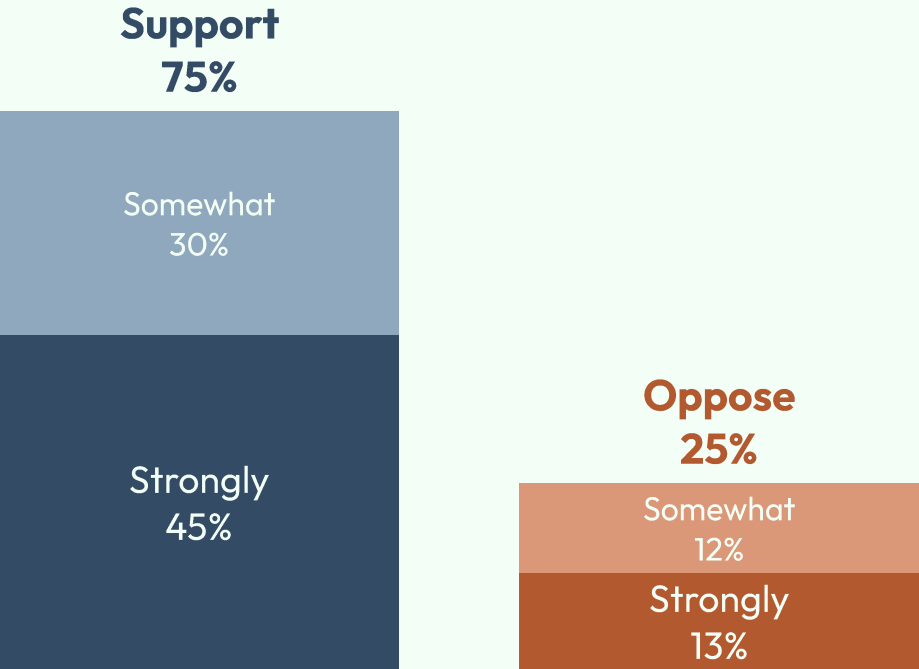


Support for Public Camera Program

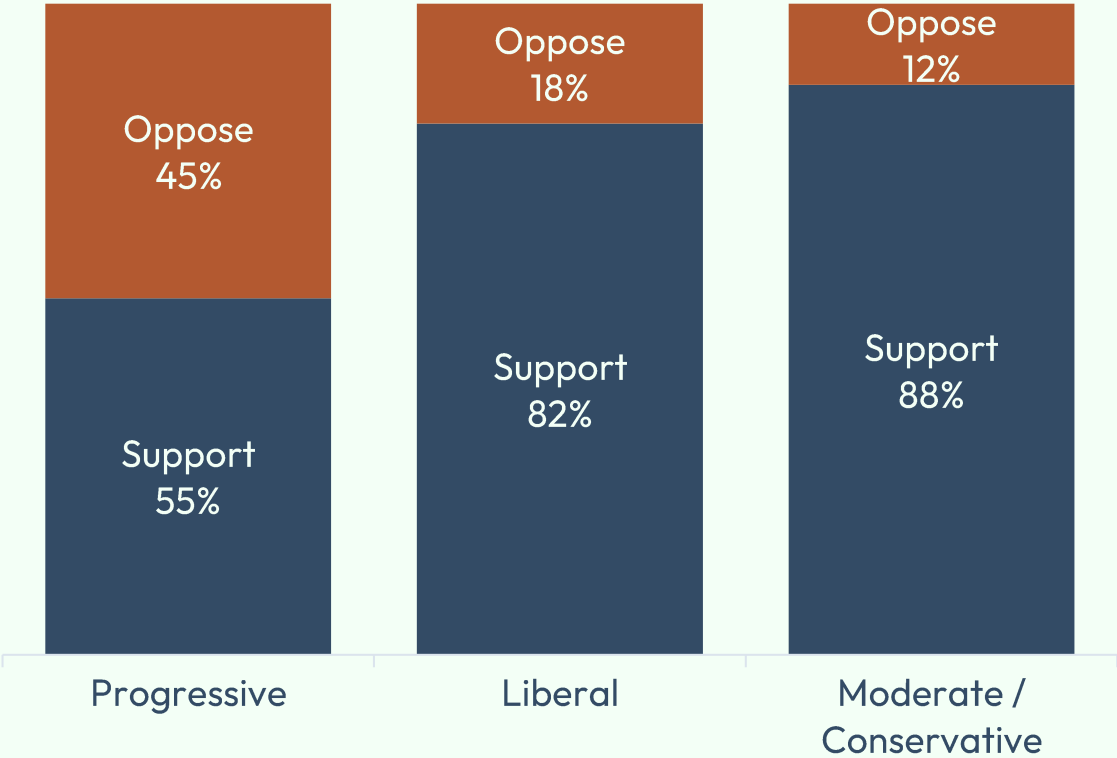
Three-quarters of Seattle voters support allowing the use of cameras after a 9-1-1 call to assist in an active investigation. Only 13% are strongly opposed. Even among Progressives, a majority support public cameras.

The Seattle Police Department sometimes uses cameras in designated public spaces after a 911 call to assist in an active investigation. These cameras do not use facial recognition technology or AI and are monitored by civilian employees, not police officers. Supporters of this policy say that it has helped catch suspects who have committed violent crimes and helps reduce crime rates. Opponents say that this kind of surveillance infringes on civil liberties and invades privacy. Knowing this, do you support or oppose allowing the use of cameras after a 911 call to assist in an active investigation?

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Support by Ideology



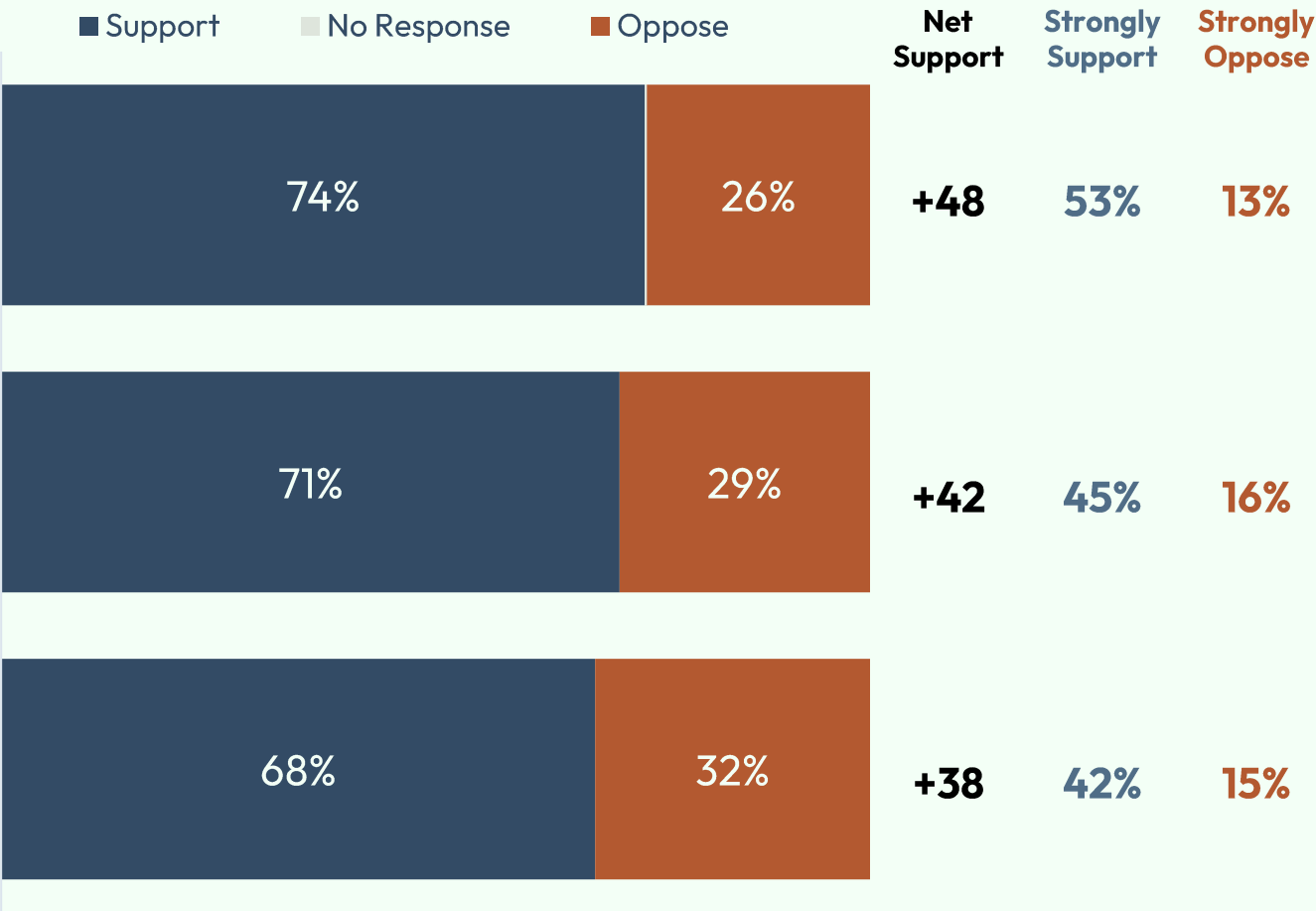
Expanding the Public Camera Program

Three quarters support expanding the Seattle’s public camera program to large event spaces and areas with open-air drug markets/high levels of street disorder and two-thirds support real-time civilian monitoring in designated high-crime areas and during large events. Strong support is significantly higher than strong opposition.

In the wake of the Seattle Center shootings, a coalition of Seattle’s largest festivals, event spaces, sports teams and organizations called for Mayor Wilson to expand the camera program to areas that host large public gatherings – like Seattle Center – to help deter crime and aid investigations. Do you support or oppose expanding Seattle’s camera program to public spaces like Seattle Center, where large gatherings are regularly held?

As she promised in her campaign, Mayor Wilson turned off cameras in public spaces in Pioneer Square and near the stadiums and stopped plans to add more cameras because of concerns about civil liberties, privacy, and misuse. Supporters of using cameras in designated public spaces point out that there are already significant privacy protections in place and that in the program’s first 11 months, investigations assisted by Seattle’s Real Time Crime Center were nearly three times as likely to result in an arrest. Knowing this, do you support or oppose expanding Seattle’s camera program to public areas with open air drug markets and high levels of street disorder?

Do you support or oppose allowing civilian public safety officials to actively monitor cameras in real-time in designated high crime areas and during large events in areas like Seattle Center and the stadiums?



Public Safety Proposals

All seven public safety proposals tested are supported by three quarters or more Seattle voters. Regular foot and bicycle patrols in high crime areas has the highest intensity of support. Banning camping in city parks and near schools/playgrounds has the second highest intensity of support.

