

Washingtonians' views on abolishing "advisory votes"

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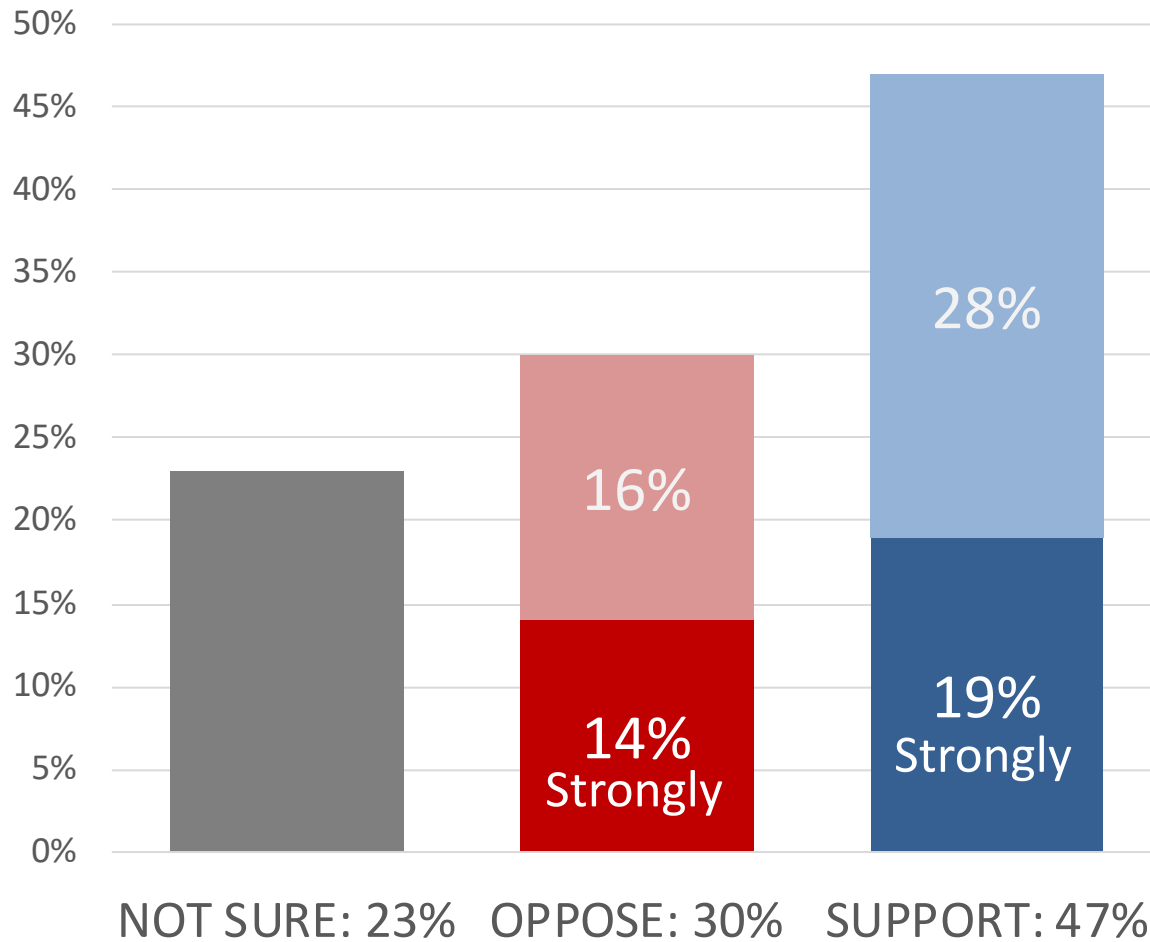
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The question we asked

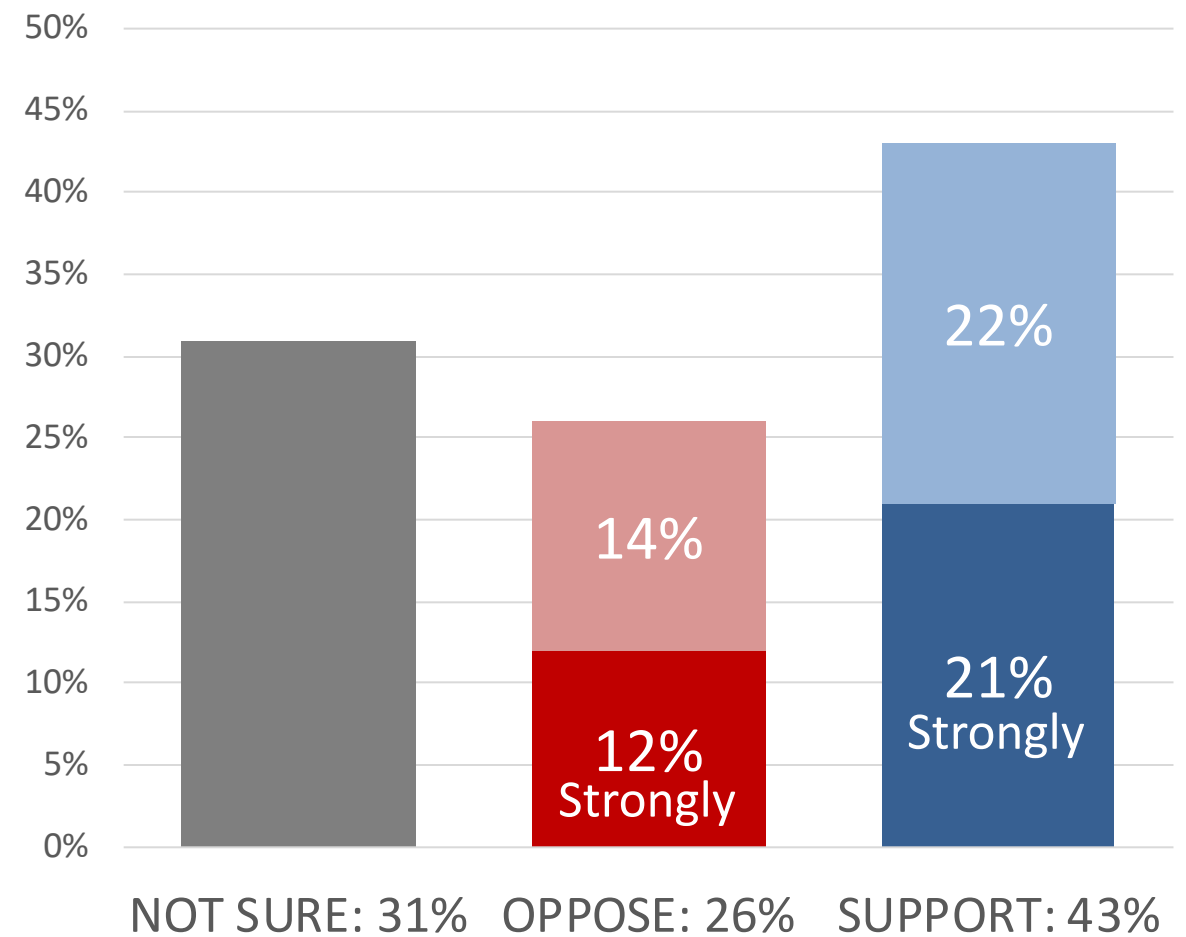
QUESTION: The Washington State Legislature is considering legislation that would abolish the non-binding statewide advisory votes that are triggered whenever a bill is passed that increases state revenue. Proponents of advisory votes say they allow voters to vote on tax increases and transform the voter's pamphlet into a tax increase report card, enabling voters to find out what Olympia is doing to them. Opponents say that advisory votes are actually costly push polls designed to confuse the public, which ought to be eliminated to save valuable tax dollars and prevent legitimate measures and candidate elections from being pushed to the back of the ballot. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose abolishing non-binding advisory votes?

Responses (Five Months Apart)

May of 2019



October of 2019



Methodology

May

- Survey conducted May 21st-22nd, 2019 by Public Policy Polling
- 886 likely 2019 Washington State voters participated
- Blended methodology (landlines + online responses)
- Margin of error: +/-3.3% at the 95% confidence level

October

- Survey conducted October 22nd-23rd, 2019 by Public Policy Polling
- 900 likely 2019 Washington State voters participated
- Blended methodology (landlines + text responses)
- Margin of error: +/-3.3% at the 95% confidence level