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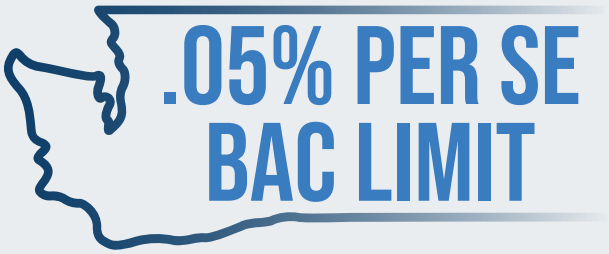


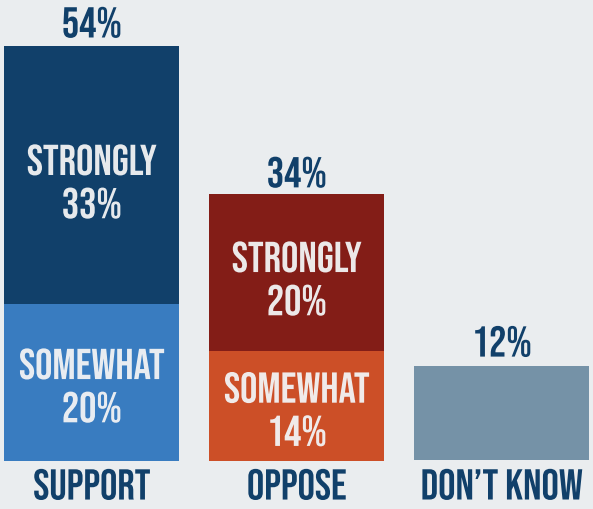
.05% PER SE BAC LIMIT

THE CONVERSATION

WASHINGTON DRIVERS WERE ASKED IF THEY SUPPORT LOWERING THE PER SE BAC LIMIT IN WASHINGTON FROM 0.08% TO 0.05%.

THEN THEY WERE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT BAC LEVELS AND IMPAIRED DRIVING.

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY WERE ASKED AGAIN.

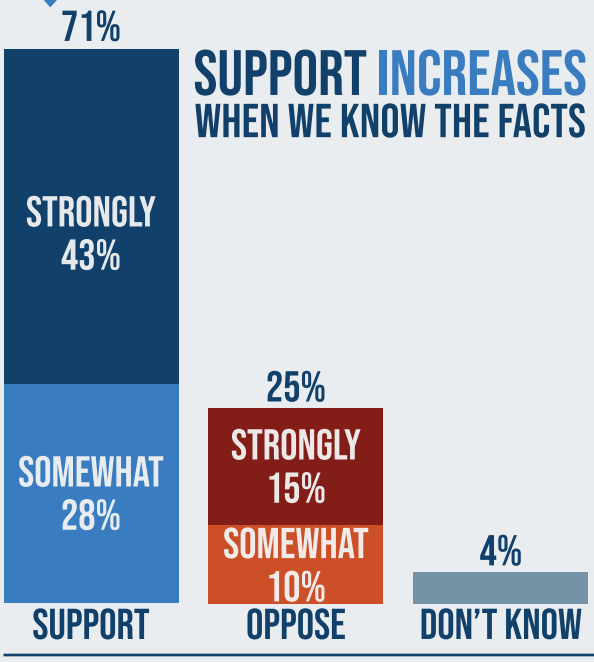


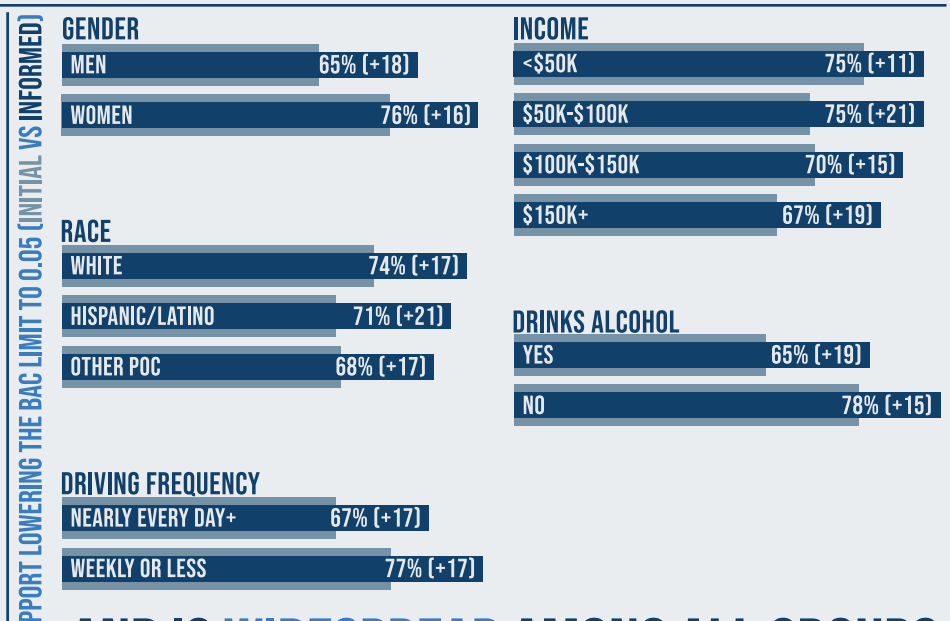
TOP FIVE

OF THE 11 MESSAGES SHARED IN THE SURVEY, THE RESPONDENTS RANKED STATEMENTS HIGHLIGHTING CRASH PREVENTION AND SAFETY AS THE MOST IMPACTFUL.

1. COUNTRIES OR STATES THAT REDUCE THE BAC LIMIT FOR DRIVING FROM 0.08% TO 0.05% SEE AN AVERAGE 11% DECREASE IN TRAFFIC FATALITIES INVOLVING ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING.
2. WITH A BAC LEVEL OF 0.05% - 0.079%, A DRIVER (AGES 21-34) IS NEARLY 5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN A FATAL CRASH COMPARED TO A DRIVER WITH NO ALCOHOL IN THEIR SYSTEM.
3. RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT DRIVING PERFORMANCE DECLINES BETWEEN 25% AND 55% FOR A PERSON WITH A BAC OF 0.05%.
4. IN STATES AND COUNTRIES THAT HAVE REDUCED THEIR BAC LEVELS, FEWER PEOPLE DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND THE LEVEL OF ALCOHOL AMONG PEOPLE WHO DO DRIVE IS REDUCED.
5. IMPAIRMENT AT 0.05% BAC MEANS THAT A PERSON'S ABILITIES TO DRIVE ARE REDUCED IN TERMS OF REACTION TIME, VISUAL FUNCTIONING, ABILITY TO SHIFT ATTENTION, STEERING, EMERGENCY RESPONSES, AND COORDINATION.

SUPPORT INCREASES WHEN WE KNOW THE FACTS





AND IS WIDESPREAD AMONG ALL GROUPS

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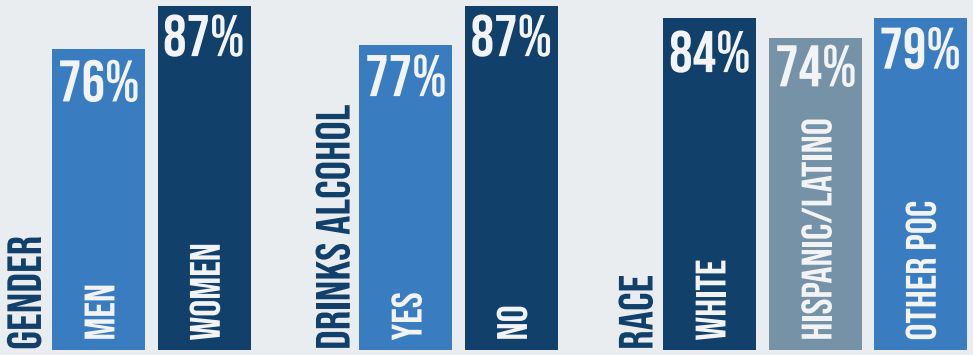
.05% PER SE BAC LIMIT

WASHINGTON HAS A STRONG TRAFFIC SAFETY CULTURE

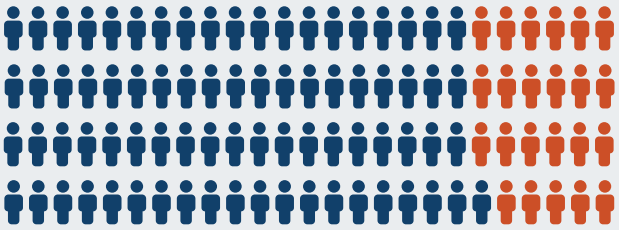
76% OF WASHINGTON DRIVERS PLAN THEIR TRANSPORTATION BEFORE AN OUTING WHEN THEY CONSUME ALCOHOL

MAJORITIES ACROSS ALL GROUPS BELIEVE SOMEONE CAN BE IMPAIRED UNDER THE 0.08 BAC LIMIT



BUT SOME DRIVERS MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT PER SE LIMITS DEFINE IMPAIRMENT

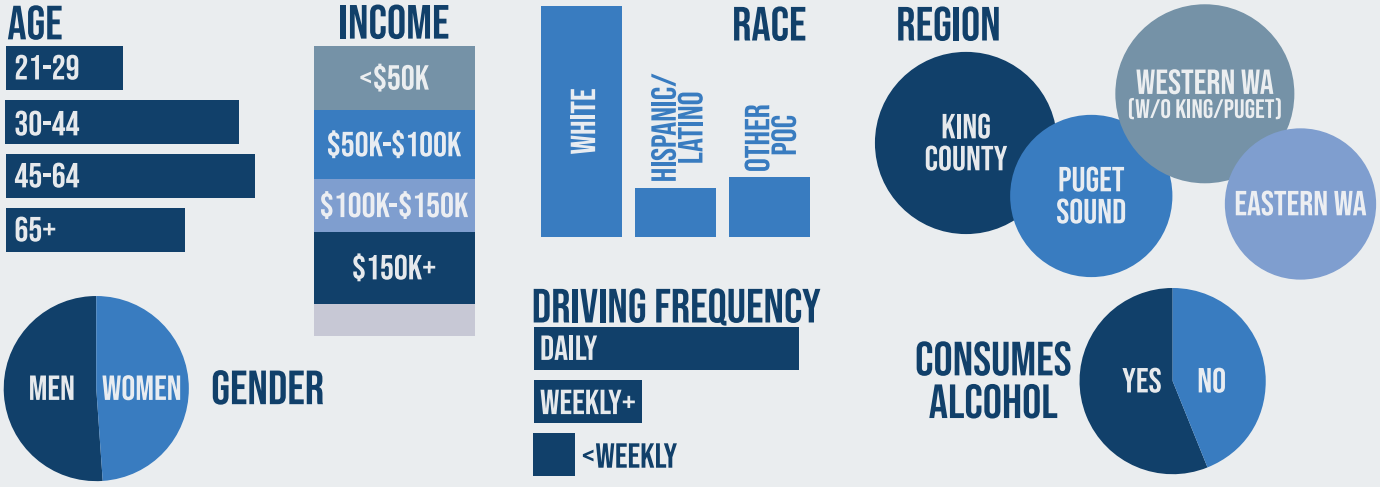
PER SE LAWS INFLUENCE PERCEPTION & BEHAVIOR



NEARLY 1 IN 4 ALCOHOL DRINKERS DO NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN BE IMPAIRED BELOW 0.08% BAC

SURVEY DEMOGRAPHICS

N=850 WASHINGTON STATE DRIVERS



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