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Voters in Washington will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 98 seats in the House will be on the ballot as well as half (25) of the Senate. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Loren Culp \(R\)](#)

Loren Culp (R) secured a top-two spot in the state's primary and will seek to unseat Democratic Governor Jay Inslee. Culp served in the military and a former police chief and former narcotics detective. Culp has gained fame within the state for his stance against a ballot initiative that increased restrictions on the purchase of firearms.

Culp has been highly critical of the Governor's response to the coronavirus pandemic which included myriad executive orders that placed restrictions on and closed businesses, and issued facemask mandates.

Culp wants to see the state cut its spending and he opposes the state's "prototypical school" budget model. He has pledged to never implement a state income tax and would refuse to sign a bill that increases the property tax. Culp also [believes](#) that too many state agencies have rulemaking authority.

He favors local school districts having more [control over](#) the curriculums and textbooks they choose, the administrators they hire or fire, the teacher and staff mixes they use.

Culp has also made policing an issue in his campaign [criticizing](#) the Governor's response to the recent social justice demonstrations that have turned into riots in some parts of the nation.

According to the [most recent](#) campaign finance filings, Culp has raised north of \$2 million. Culp and the Governor will [debate](#) on October 7.

***Trivia:** Culp served as a Sergeant in the famous 101st Airborne Division and the 2nd Infantry Division.*