

# Choosing an Independent President - California Poll

Name of Pollster \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of person polled \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_

**Hello, is \_\_\_\_\_ there? This is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a volunteer with the Committee for an Independent Voice. We are conducting a poll of independent voters about the California Recall election and the 2004 Presidential election. Can you take a few minutes to participate?**

**Great! Just to provide you with some background – we're an association of California independents. We advocate for a bigger voice for independent voters and their interests. Right now, we're involved at two levels – the role of independents in the California Recall and the role of independents in the 2004 presidential elections.**

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| <b>1</b> | First, do you consider yourself an independent voter? (Poll is for independent voters, i.e., if no, thank them and the poll ends) <b>[circle choice, where appropriate]</b>                       | yes<br>no |
| <b>2</b> | Are you aware that 35% of Americans (including over 3 million California voters) consider themselves independent according to the latest Gallup/CNN poll? (FYI: 32% - Republican, 31% - Democrat) | yes<br>no |
| <b>3</b> | What made you decide to become an independent? _____<br>_____   |           |

**Now I'm going to ask you some questions on the Recall. A lot of people are saying that the independent voters are going to determine the outcome of the Recall Election.**

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| <b>4</b> | Are you in favor of the Recall?<br><br>I support the right to recall but not in this instance.   | yes<br>no<br>_____   |
| <b>A</b> | (If yes) Which of the following best describes why you would vote yes to recall?<br>He has not been a good governor<br>We need to teach the politicians a lesson<br>We "hired" him and we can "fire" him   | 1<br>2<br>3<br>other |
| <b>B</b> | (If no) Which of the following best describes why you would vote against the recall?<br>It is a waste of money<br>He hasn't done anything to warrant being recalled<br>It's just a fight between the Republicans and Democrats   | 1<br>2<br>3<br>other |
| <b>5</b> | As you probably know, the Recall ballot will have two questions. In addition to voting for or against the Recall, you will be asked to vote for who should succeed Davis as governor should he lose the Recall vote. I'm going to read you a list of the best known candidates for governor; if the election were held tomorrow, who would you most likely vote for?<br><br>a. Cruz Bustamonte      b. Peter Camejo      c. Larry Flint      d. Arriana Huffington<br>e. Tom McClintock      f. Arnold Schwarzenegger      g. Bill Simon      h. Peter Ueberoth<br>i. other      j. not sure |                      |

**Now I'm going to ask you some questions about the 2004 presidential elections.**

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| <b>6</b> | I'm going to read you a list of the declared candidates for President. If the election were held tomorrow, who would you most likely vote for?<br><br>a. Carol Mosely Braun      b. George Bush      c. Howard Dean      d. John Edwards<br>e. Richard Gephardt      f. Bob Graham      g. John Kerry      h. Dennis Kucinich<br>i. Joe Lieberman      j. Al Sharpton      k. other      l. not sure |  |
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<b>7</b>	Many independents are concerned with reforming the electoral process. How important do you think the following issues are for presidential candidates to address? Rate them very important (VI), important (I) or not important (NI)			
<b>A</b>	Curtail the power of special interest control of government	VI	I	NI
<b>B</b>	Open presidential debates to include independents	VI	I	NI
<b>C</b>	Make politics less partisan	VI	I	NI
<b>D</b>	Reform election laws to increase voter participation	VI	I	NI

**Now I'm going to ask you some questions about your participation as an independent in this process.**

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| <b>8</b>  | In January 2004, independents are going to hold a convention in New Hampshire – right before the NH presidential primary. It is part of a process called Choosing an Independent President. The entire country will be watching New Hampshire. A thousand independents will be coming together to insert an independent voice into the presidential process. We're inviting all the presidential candidates to be screened, and we'll decide whether we're going to endorse one of the candidates. Would you be interested in attending this event in NH? | yes<br>no<br>unsure |
| <b>9</b>  | Next month, on September 20, independents will be holding a California State meeting in San Francisco that will lead up to the January Conference. And, of course, we will also be discussing our role in the Recall election. Would you be interested in attending this meeting?   | yes<br>no<br>unsure |
| <b>10</b> | Would you consider giving this poll to two other people that you know?  | yes<br>no           |
| <b>11</b> | Which of the following is your age bracket?   |                     |
|           | 18-30                      31-40                      41-50                      51-65                      65+   |                     |

**Thank you for taking the poll. The results are being compiled and will be released. We'll keep in touch with you as things develop. I want to make sure I have your correct contact information.**

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