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INDEPENDENT POST-ELECTION WRAP UP: WHO WON, WHO LOST, WHO'S GROWING.

IndependentVoting.org President Jackie Salit spoke with over 150 independents from around the country on her national conference call entitled **Independent Post-Election Wrap-up: Who Won, Who Lost, Who's Growing** last week:



"No matter who we vote for, no matter who comes out the winner in any particular election cycle, no matter how much we vote for change, everything pretty much stays the same," said Salit. "What are we going to do about the fact that we are trapped in a self-perpetuating system of enduring partisanship, intractable gridlock and political narrow-mindedness? Surely getting out of that trap involves some systemic changes. Otherwise the system will ensure that things simply don't change."

Salit ended with an appeal to those on the call:

"There are millions of independents in this country—actually tens of millions. They are, for the most part, disaffected, distressed and disillusioned. We gotta go find them. We gotta go talk to them. We must inspire them. We must let them know there are independent leaders such as yourselves, that are fighting for them, and that we want to get them out of their disillusionment and distress and have them help us build our movement."

[Listen to the full call here.](#)

ATTEND THE BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INDEPENDENTS

Saturday, March 14, 2015

"It's very important that the grassroots activist leaders of the independent movement, with all of your viewpoints, and all of your experience, and all of your inspiration and aspiration come together at this time to learn from one another, to spend time together and show that there is a solid base of support in America from every walk of life, for the independent and nonpartisan reform

movement." (Jackie Salit on the upcoming National Conference of Independents).

To register for the conference, view video of past conferences or to get housing information, go to ConferenceofIndependents.org or call 1-800-288-3201



A MESSAGE FROM CHARLES YOUNG AND DAVE ELLIS

Co-founders of Independent Voters of Oregon (IVOO)

Independent Voters of Oregon (IVOO) co-leaders Charles Young and Dave Ellis sent a post-election message about Oregon's Yes on 90 election results. The initiative was defeated despite the coming together of an unusual new coalition and a valiant on-the-ground effort.

[Read the full message here.](#)



The Yes on 90 campaign coalition at the Oct. 4th Equal Vote Conference at the U of O law school. From left to right: Jim Kelly, Chief Petitioner; John Opdycke, Open Primaries; Dave Ellis, co-founder IVOO; Sarah Lyons, IndependentVoting.org; Barbara Dudley, Working Families Party; Steve Hughes, Working Families Party; Jackie Salit, IndependentVoting.org; Mark Frohnmayer, Equal Vote Coalition; Charles Young, co-founder IVOO, Freddy Gompf, IVOO, Alex Ivey, IVOO. (Photo credit: Cathy L. Stewart.)

INDEPENDENT VOTER GROUPS FILE AMICUS BRIEF IN NEW JERSEY CLOSED PRIMARY CASE

A number of state organizations representing independent voters submitted an Amicus Brief in support of EndPartisanship.org's [appeal with the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals](#). The Appeal, which was filed in Philadelphia on November 3, maintains that the current primary system denies 47% of the electorate meaningful access to the voting process. The **Amicus Brief** was co-authored by Independent Ohio leader and Attorney Rick Robol and Virginia Independent Voters Association (VIVA) chair Steve Richardson, and was filed by Robol on behalf of the Massachusetts Coalition of Independent Voters, Independent Pennsylvanians, North Carolina Independents, the Utah League of Independent Voters, Independent Ohio and VIVA. It urges the court to reverse the original decision of the New Jersey federal district court that dismissed the case.



Rick Robol



Steve Richardson

[Read the complete Amicus Brief here.](#)

A PROFILE IN INDEPENDENCE

Anthony Del Signore, New York

Anthony Del Signore is a senior political science student at Pace University in New York City. He is currently an intern with the New York City Organizations of the Independence Party and IndependentVoting.org where he has worked on a variety of projects. He is a regular contributor to the **Independent Voter Network (IVN)** and the **Politics for the People Book Club** blog.



"I guess I'm an independent because I'm a pragmatist first and foremost. But more importantly my views don't fit neatly into a box....I like interning for IndependentVoting.org because it provides me with a hands-on experience campaigning and researching in a casual atmosphere with like-minded individuals. I hope to continue working and advocating for the voting rights of 42% of the population, whom voting rights are not afforded to, for years to come."

HIGHLIGHTS FROM POLITICS FOR THE PEOPLE

Book Club Conversation with Danielle Allen

On Sunday, October 19th, the Politics for the People book club led by Cathy Stewart, spoke with Danielle Allen about her book, *Our Declaration: A Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Defense of Equality*.



For the full book club conversation or to hear excerpts, click this link to the Politics For the People Blog.

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