



Fred Nathan, Executive Director of *Think New Mexico*, an influential non-partisan think tank, is urging both parties to open up the primaries to independents. Read Nathan's *Albuquerque Journal* Op Ed, [New Mexico Primary Voting Reform is Long Overdue](#).



Activists in the IndependentVoting.org network are calling independent voters in Colorado, Michigan, Delaware, Nebraska and Nevada and asking them to take a poll to gauge their support for top two non partisan open primaries and ask them to collect 5 petition signatures in support of this key reform. If you'd like to help on this project and make calls from your home, call 800-288-3201 or email us at national@independentvoting.org.



Frosty Montgomery, an IndependentVoting.org supporter in New York City, held a successful event at her home last week to introduce her network of friends and colleagues to Jackie Salit. Said Frosty, *"I'm a born and raised Democrat, but I began gingerly putting my toe in the independent waters after the last election, which was so disheartening. What Jackie and IndependentVoting.org are talking about is a whole new way of thinking about how we can get Washington to unfreeze itself."* Twenty-five people attended, purchased copies of Jackie's book *Independents Rising*, and one participant offered to hold a similar gathering at his home this summer.

Dr. Lenora Fulani, co-founder of IndependentVoting.org and of the All-Stars Project, which has pioneered innovative programs for young people, has written a ground breaking paper called [The Development Line: Helping the Poor to Grow. A Special Report on Solving the Poverty Crisis in America](#). Says Fulani, *"In writing this paper, I am hoping to stimulate a new conversation that clears up some of the confusion of social scientists and politicians who ponder the intractability of generational poverty in the Black community."*

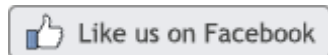


Check out [Party Leadership Shaken by Non-Partisan Top Two Primary](#), by Chad Peace of Independent Voter Network (IVN), which talks about shifting power dynamics under the new top two system in California. The article says: *"As a result of these new dynamics, party leadership faces new challenges. They have to compete for votes against organizations who represent alternative interests that have otherwise lost their voice in the old partisan-based arena."*

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