



**Independent Voting** is a national strategy, communications, and organizing center working to connect and empower the 44% of Americans who identify themselves as independents. There are many structural barriers to the full participation of all citizens in our political process. Independents have been, and continue to be, a restless engine for political and economic renewal. Our mission is to develop a movement of independent voters, in partnership with Americans of all persuasions, to reform America's political process, create unorthodox coalitions and use our democracy to develop our nation. We believe that independent voters deserve respect, recognition and reform and we work in every state—from the ground up—to make that possible.

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**2018 SURVEY**

# **9 Questions for the 44%**



1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, an Independent, or a Republican?

Democrat     Independent     Republican

2. Which of these statements best captures why you are an independent. (You can select more than one.)

I am an independent because I do not feel the Democrats or Republicans represent me.

I am an independent because I want to vote for the person, not the party.

I am an independent because I believe the two major parties are failing our country and put the interest of their own party ahead of the interest of the American people.

I am an independent because I don't want to be taken for granted by the parties.

I am an independent because I don't want to receive political calls or mail from the parties.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you think independent voters, now 44% of Americans, get the respect we deserve from the media, the political parties and the candidates?

Yes     No     Maybe

4a. Pollsters frequently ask independents whether they lean more toward the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. Do you think this reflects a bias that is designed to dissuade people from their independence?

Yes     No     Maybe

4b. Do you think this question places a higher value on being a Democrat or Republican than on being independent?

Yes     No     Maybe

5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?  
Elected officials do not care what independent voters like me think.

STRONGLY AGREE                  AGREE                  DISAGREE                  STRONGLY DISAGREE

Don't know

6. In 2016, over 26 million Americans were barred from voting in the presidential primaries. Do you think the Democratic and Republican parties should open the presidential primaries to allow independents to participate?

Yes     No     Maybe

7a. There is currently a court battle underway challenging how the presidential debates are run by the bipartisan Commission on Presidential Debates. Do you think the debates should be nonpartisan and not affiliated with the political parties at all?

Yes     No     Maybe

7b. Do you think that at least one independent presidential candidate should be included in the presidential debates?

Yes     No     Maybe

7c. Would you be willing to join a campaign to pressure the Presidential Debate sponsors to include an independent in the 2020 Debates?

Yes     No     Maybe

8. This question is in two parts and asks for demographic information.

What is your age?

18-29 years old

30-49 years old

50-64 years old

65 years and older

What is your ethnicity?

Caucasian

Hispanic or Latino

Black/African American

Native American

Pacific Islander

Asian

Other

9. Independent Voting, the largest national organization of independent voters, has an email newsletter for independents like you. Sign up for our newsletter and keep in the loop.

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**THANKS FOR TAKING OUR SURVEY**