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## Independent Voters Skyrocket

### *Independents Become Largest Group of Voters in 3 States in the Past Year*

**New York, NY** – Just this week, independent voters surpassed Republicans as the [largest group of registered voters in Arizona](#). Earlier this summer, [independents surpassed Democrats](#) as the largest group of registered voters in Nevada and less than a year ago [independents surpassed Democrats as the largest group of registered voters in Oregon](#)-now comprising 35% of all voters in the state. Independents voters in six more states—from Colorado and Alaska to Connecticut and Rhode Island are already the largest group of voters in the state and the second largest group of voters in a dozen more states. America is officially going independent.

Read our [report on Independent voters](#) and our [Law Review Article](#) on their legal status.

Across the country, independents are rejecting the politics of extreme partisanship, election denial, and disinformation. They are voting for candidates not parties. They are standing up for leadership, action over rhetoric, and democratic values.

Independent voters [surprised pundits](#) in the 2022 midterms. Rather than following the traditional pattern of voting against the sitting president's party, independents broke decisively for Democratic candidates in high profile races where the GOP fielded election denying candidates. They are poised to determine the outcome of the 2024 presidential election.

- Who are independent voters?
- Why did they play such an outside role in the midterm elections and how will they turn out in 2024?
- What efforts are underway to eliminate rules that ban independent voters from participating in primary elections?

We have decades-long experience in the independent voter movement and independent politics and we are available to discuss these very questions. The independent voter is THE topic of the 2024 election season and every election from now on. Learn more about them with Open Primaries.

#### **Available for interview:**

John Opdycke, President Open Primaries (Chicago)

Jeremy Gruber, SVP Open Primaries (New York)

Thom Reilly and Jackie Salit, co-authors of “The Independent Voter” (Phoenix)

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