

**To:** Making Every Vote Count

**From:** Andrew Claster

**Re:** Connecticut Voter Survey on National Popular Vote

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Connecticut voters strongly support the National Popular Vote, which would ensure that the presidential candidate who wins the most votes becomes president.

Making Every Vote Count conducted a Connecticut statewide survey online from January 23-30, 2018 among n=1,202 Connecticut voters aged 18+ who voted in November 2016 and are likely to vote in November 2018 (margin of error is +/- 2.8 percentage points).

* **78%** of Connecticut voters agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president, including **92%** of Democrats, **62%** of Republicans and **76%** of independents and others.
* **77%** of Connecticut voters support changing the rules so that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide becomes president, including **92%** of Democrats, **57%** of Republicans and **76%** of independents and others.
* **76%** of Connecticut voters support the National Popular Vote, which would ensure that the winner of the national popular vote becomes president, including **93%** of Democrats, **55%** of Republicans and **74%** of independents and others.
* **74%** of Connecticut voters are more likely to vote for a candidate for Connecticut governor, state senator or state house if that candidate promises to support the National Popular Vote, including **91%** of Democrats, **53%** of Republicans and **72%** of independents and others.

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| Agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president | **78%** | **92%** | **62%** | **76%** |
| Support changing the rules so that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide becomes president | **77%** | **92%** | **57%** | **76%** |
| Support the National Popular Vote, which would ensure that the winner of the national popular vote becomes president | **76%** | **93%** | **55%** | **74%** |
| More likely to vote for a candidate for Connecticut governor, state senator or state house if that candidate promises to support the National Popular Vote | **74%** | **91%** | **53%** | **72%** |

Key demographic audiences concur by a wide margin, including men, women, youth, middle-aged, elderly, white, non-white, Fairfield County, New Haven County, Hartford County and the rest of the state.

While Connecticut Republicans overall agree with all four of the statements above, support is even stronger among key Connecticut Republican subgroups who make up a majority or a large share of Connecticut Republican voters, such as moderates (51% of Connecticut Republicans), Republicans who say they ‘lean’ towards the Republican party (52% of Connecticut Republicans), women (48% of Connecticut Republicans) and Republicans under age 40 (21% of Connecticut Republicans).

**1:** Agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president

**2:** Support changing the rules so that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide becomes president

**3:** Support the National Popular Vote, which would ensure that the winner of the national popular vote becomes president

**4:** More likely to vote for a candidate for Connecticut governor, state senator or state house if that candidate promises to support the National Popular Vote

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|  | Pct of all CT Republicans | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| All Voters | **-** | **78%** | **77%** | **76%** | **74%** |
| All Democrats | **-** | **92%** | **92%** | **93%** | **91%** |
| All Independents + Others | **-** | **76%** | **76%** | **74%** | **72%** |
| All Republicans | **100%** | **62%** | **57%** | **55%** | **53%** |
| Moderate Republicans | **51%** | **77%** | **72%** | **70%** | **71%** |
| Conservative Republicans | **45%** | **42%** | **37%** | **36%** | **32%** |
| Lean Republican | **52%** | **74%** | **71%** | **68%** | **68%** |
| Strong Republican | **48%** | **48%** | **41%** | **41%** | **37%** |
| Republican Men | **52%** | **50%** | **44%** | **42%** | **41%** |
| Republican Women | **48%** | **75%** | **71%** | **69%** | **66%** |
| Republicans 18-39 | **21%** | **79%** | **77%** | **76%** | **69%** |
| Republicans 40-64 | **60%** | **57%** | **53%** | **50%** | **50%** |
| Republicans 65+ | **18%** | **56%** | **46%** | **46%** | **45%** |
| Urban Republicans | **13%** | **74%** | **68%** | **74%** | **63%** |
| Suburban Republicans | **67%** | **56%** | **51%** | **49%** | **49%** |
| Rural Republicans | **21%** | **71%** | **67%** | **62%** | **61%** |
| Fairfield County Republicans | **24%** | **66%** | **62%** | **57%** | **57%** |
| Hartford County Republicans | **28%** | **61%** | **55%** | **54%** | **52%** |
| New Haven County Republicans | **25%** | **61%** | **57%** | **57%** | **54%** |
| Other County Republicans | **24%** | **59%** | **52%** | **51%** | **50%** |