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INTRODUCTION

This report for the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership is based on a telephone survey of a random sample of 400 of Rhode Island registered voters.

Interviewing was conducted by telephone between May 7 and May 10, 2022.

Interviews were completed only with Rhode Island residents who passed a screen designed to establish their registration status.

The following category of respondents were screened out of the survey, and thus not included in the final sample of 400 Rhode Island voters:

- Residents who indicated they were not registered to vote or not sure of their registration status.

SAMPLING

The sample is an area random probability sample of Rhode Island registered voters; respondents' telephone numbers were selected using a computer generated random sample of Rhode Island registered voters. Ninety two percent of the calls were made to cell phones and 8% to landlines.

(A sampling note: Several symbols are used in the tables of this report to designate groups whose sample size is too small to ensure meaningful results.)

A single + will be found next to all groups whose sample size is less than 70 respondents but at least 50.

Two +'s (++) will be found next to all groups whose sample size is less than 50.

Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding off.

In reading the data in this report and the computer's printouts provided to the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership, one should bear in mind that the results are subject to sampling error; that is, the difference between the results obtained from our sample and the results, which would be obtained by surveying the entire population of Rhode Island registered voters.

The size of a possible sampling error varies with the percentage of any group given a particular answer, and with the size of each group analyzed; i.e., ALL VOTERS, men, women, income, age, etc.

The following table outlines the range of error in samples of different sizes and at different percentages of response.

For the overall sample of 400 the sampling margin of error 95 times out of 100 is approximately 4.9%, though slightly lower (4.0%) for responses selected by very high or low percentages of the total sample.

GLOSSARY

Throughout this report, mention will be made of several different groups within the state. For the reader's benefit, a description is offered below of how these groups have been derived from specific survey questions.

SEX

Male (48%)
Female (52%)

These categories are derived by the respondent's voice.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CD 1 (50%)
CD 2 (50%)

These categories are derived from the city or town of the respondent

AGE

18-39 (25%)
40-59 (41%)
60 and older (33%)
Refused ++ (1%)

These categories are derived from Question 5

POLITICAL PARTY

Democrat (38%)
Republican + (14%)
Independent (40%)
Refused ++ (8%)

These categories are derived from Question 6

INCOME

Less than \$25,000 ++ (7%)
\$25,000 to \$74,999 (27%)
\$75,000 to \$99, 999 (20%)
\$100,000 to \$199,999 (23%)
\$200,000 or greater ++ (11%)
Refused + + (14%)

These categories are derived from Question 14

KEY TO THE SYMBOLS
USED IN THESE TABLES

*	Less than half of one percent
(Vol.)	Volunteered response
+	Groups with less than 70 but at least 50 respondents
++	Groups with less than 50 respondents
NA	Not applicable or not available

Section I

HIGHLIGHTS OF FINDINGS

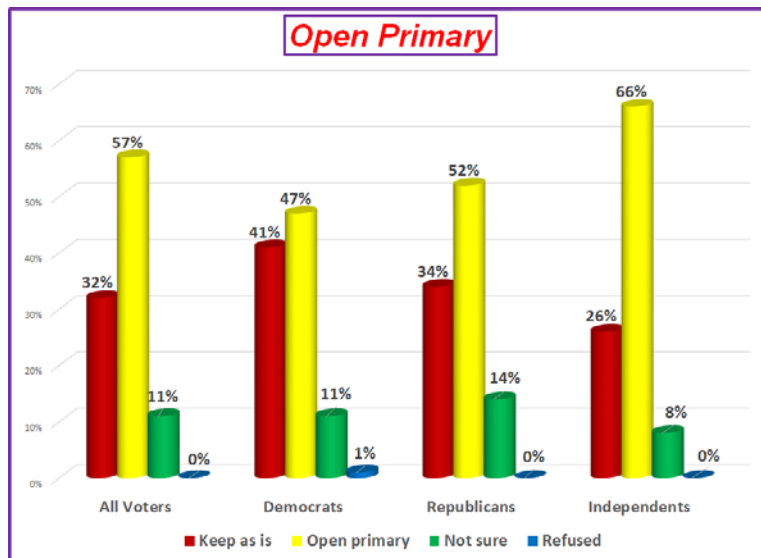
Highlights of Findings

- Findings:
 - Rhode Island voters are open to changing the ways elections are conducted in the State.
 - Eight out of ten voters are aware of the way Rhode Island's primaries are conducted.
 - A majority of Rhode Island voters favor moving to an open primary, with the strongest support coming from Independent voters.
 - Voters favor a primary where all the candidates run together and the top two vote getters move on to the general election.
 - Voters are divided on if a candidate needs to receive a majority of votes in order to win the election.
 - Most Rhode Island voters have not heard of Rank Choice Voting. When explained what it is, they oppose it.
 - Voters strongly support making Election Day a federal holiday, same day voter registration and early voting.
 - Voters are divided on support for eliminating witnesses or notary requirements on mail ballots with strong support from Democrats and strong opposition from Republicans.

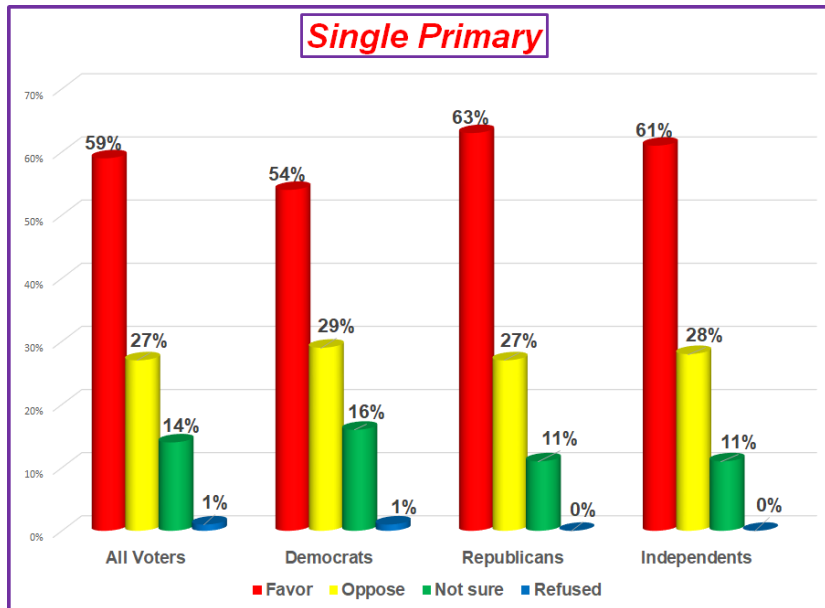
- Seventy-nine percent of voters said that they are aware of the rules for voting in primaries in Rhode Island while 18% said they did not and 3% were not sure. (Q.7).
 - Eighty-five percent males said they are aware while 74% of females are aware.
 - Eighty-four percent of CD 2 voters are aware.
 - Eighty-two percent of Democrats are aware and 77% of Independent voters are aware.
 - Twenty-five percent of Republicans are not aware.
 - Eighty-six percent of voters over the age of 60 are aware of the rules for primary voting.

- **OPEN PRIMARY:** Fifty-seven percent of voters said that they are in favor of moving to an Open Primary in Rhode Island while 32% said to keep it the same and 11% are not sure on the question (Q.8).
 - There is no difference with the sexes on this question with 57% supporting the Open Primary.

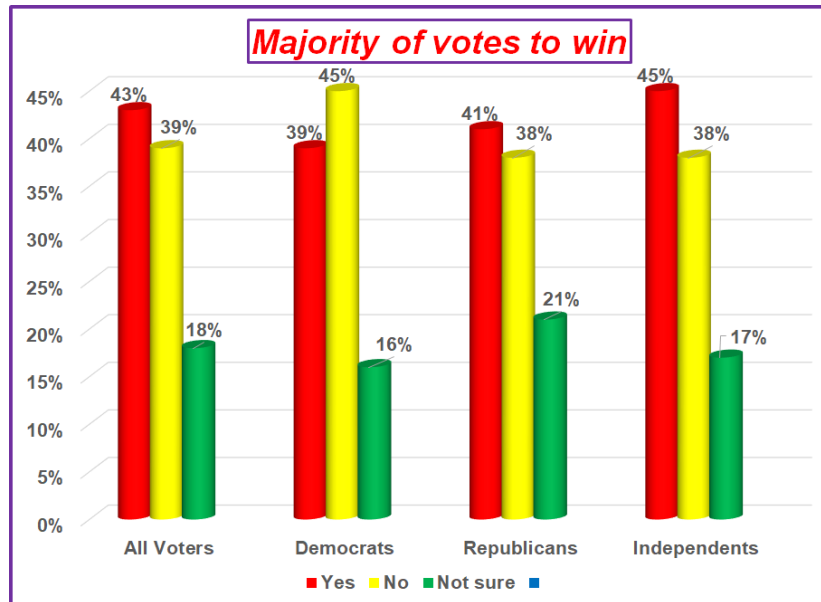
- In CD 1 36% want to keep it the way it is and 54% want to move to an Open Primary while in CD 2, 28% want to keep it the way it is and 60% want to move to an Open Primary.
- Sixty-one percent of voters under the age of 60 want to move to an Open Primary.
- Voters over the age of 60 are more divided with 38% wanting to keep it the way it is and 48% wanting to move to an Open Primary.
- Democrats are divided with 41% wanting to keep it as is and 47% moving to an Open Primary.
- Sixty-six percent of Independent voters want to move to an Open Primary.
- Fifty-two percent of Republican voters want to move to an Open Primary while 34% want to keep it the same.
- The strongest support for an Open Primary comes from voters who earn under \$75K.



- **SINGLE PRIMARY:** Rhode Island voters were asked if they would favor or oppose a primary where all the candidates would appear on one ballot. All voters are eligible to participate and vote for who they like and the top two vote getters would advance to the November Election. Fifty-nine percent of voters said that they are in favor of moving to this type of primary while 27% said they would oppose it and 14% are not sure on the question (Q.9).
 - Sixty percent of males favor a single primary while 58% of females favor it.
 - There is no difference in the Congressional districts on this issue.
 - Sixty-two percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 favor the single primary.
 - Sixty-three percent of Republican voters favor the single primary and 61% of Independent voters.
 - Among Democrats, 54% favor the open primary and 29% oppose it.
 - The strongest support for a single primary comes from voters who earn under \$75K.

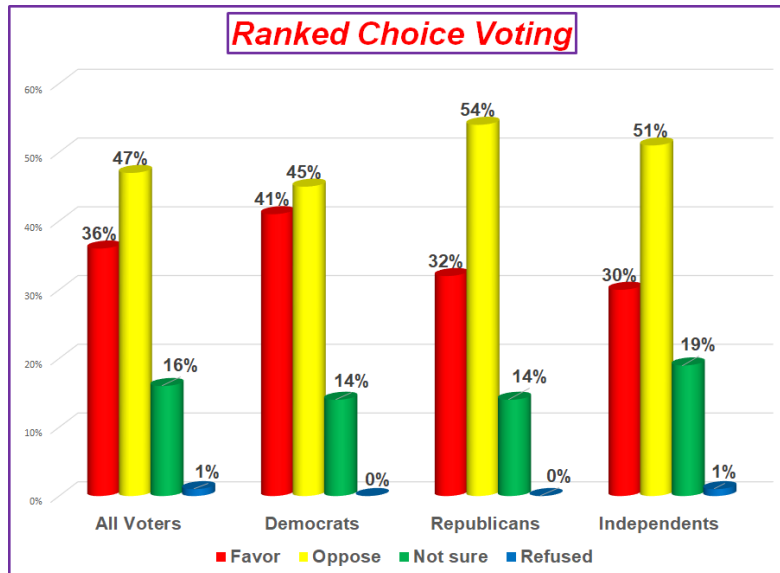


- **MAJORITY TO WIN:** Voters are divided when they were asked if they would support a system where a candidate needs to receive at least 50% of the vote to win the election compared to the current system where the winning candidate only has to receive the largest number of votes. Forty-three percent of voters said they support having a majority of votes to win while 39% said they do not and 18% are not sure on the question (Q.10).
 - Forty-seven percent of males favor this while 40% oppose it.
 - Among females 39% support it and 39% oppose it with 22% not sure on the question.
 - In CD 1, 47% favor the candidate having the majority to win.
 - In CD 2, 39% favor it while 43% oppose it.
 - Voters over the age of 60 are divided with 36% favoring it and 36% opposing it.
 - Forty-six percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 favor it while 41% oppose it.
 - **Forty-five percent of Democrats oppose it while 39% favor it and among Republicans 41% favor it and 38% oppose it.**
 - Forty-five percent of Independent voters favor it and 38% oppose it.
 - Fifty-three percent of voters who earn between \$100K and \$200K favor it.



- **HEARD OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING:** Three out of ten voters in Rhode Island have heard of ranked choice voting. Thirty percent of voters said have heard of it while 67% said they have not and 3% are not sure on the question (Q.11).
 - The sub groups that have heard about it were: voters under 40, 34%, Democrats, 41%, CD 2 voters, 36% and those who earn over \$200K, 40%.

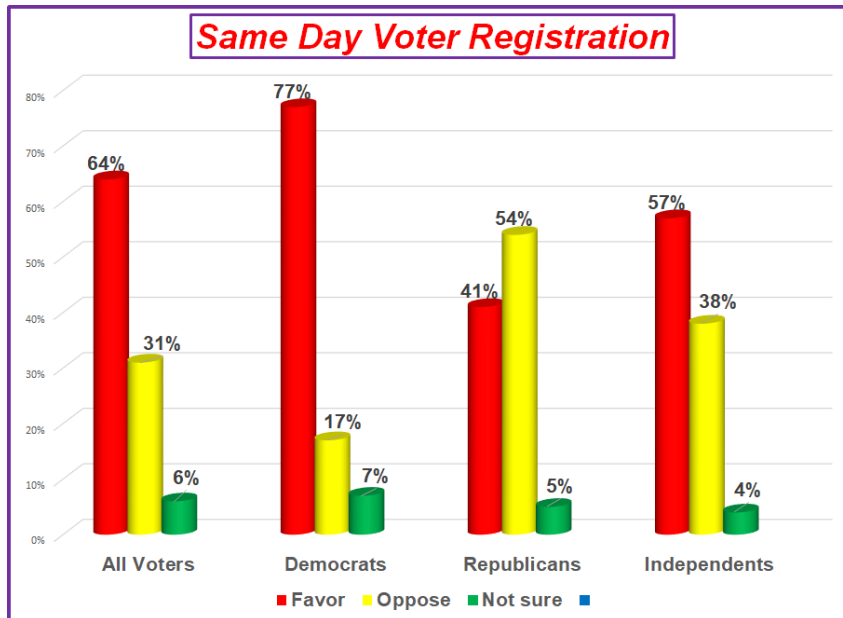
- **SUPPORT FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING:** Rhode Island voters oppose ranked choice voting by 11%. Thirty-six percent of voters support ranked choice voting while 47% said they oppose it and 16% are not sure on the question (Q.12).
 - Fifty percent of males oppose it while 35% support it.
 - Among female voters 45% oppose it and 37% support it.
 - Voters under the age of 40 favor ranked choice voting (44%) compared to 34% who oppose it.
 - Fifty-seven percent of voters over the age of 60 oppose it while 27% support it.
 - Democratic voters oppose it 45% to 41%.
 - Among Republicans 54% oppose it and 32% support it
 - Independent voters oppose the ranked choice voting 51% to 30%.



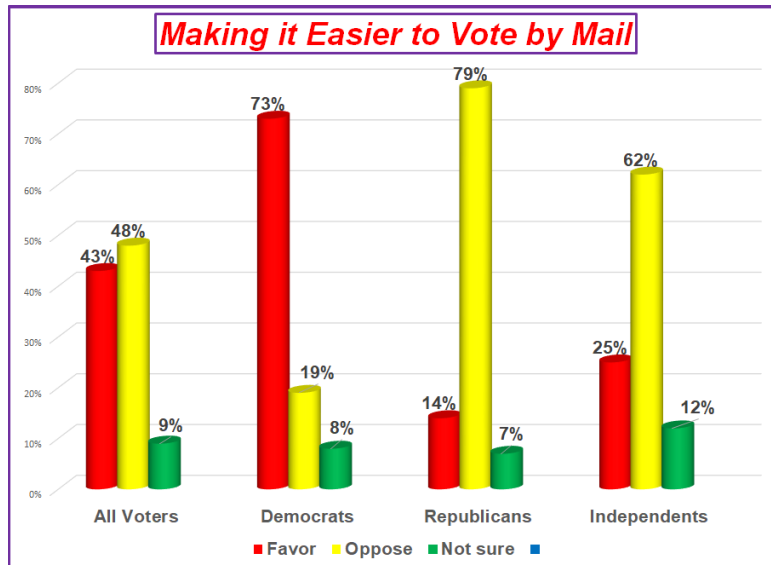
- **SUPPORT FOR MAKING ELECTION DAY A FEDERAL HOLIDAY:** Three out of four Rhode Island voters favor making Election Day a federal holiday. Seventy-five percent said they favor it while 20% said they oppose it and 5% are not sure on the question (Q.13a).
 - Among the sexes, 70% of males favor making it a holiday and 79% of females favor it.
 - Eighty-one percent of voters under the age of 40 favor it and 75% of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 favor it.
 - Among voters 60 and older 70% favor it and 24% oppose it.
 - **Eighty-three percent of Democrats favor it.**
 - Sixty-six percent of Republicans favor it while 29% oppose it.
 - Among Independent voters 72% favor it and 23% oppose it.
 - Voters who earn between \$25K and \$75K, (80%) and those who earn over \$200K, (81%) are the strongest supporters of this.

- **SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION:** Sixty-four percent of voters support same day voter registration while 31% said they oppose it and 6% are not sure on the question (Q.13b).
 - Seventy percent of female voters favor same day registration and 26% oppose it.
 - Males support it less than females with 57% supporting same day registration and 37% opposing it.
 - In the Congressional districts the strongest support comes from CD 1 with 67% favoring it and in CD 2, 60% favoring it.
 - Young voters are the strongest supporters of this with 77% favoring it.
 - Among voters over the age of 60, 53% favor it and 38% oppose it.
 - Seventy-seven percent of Democrats favor it while 17% oppose it.

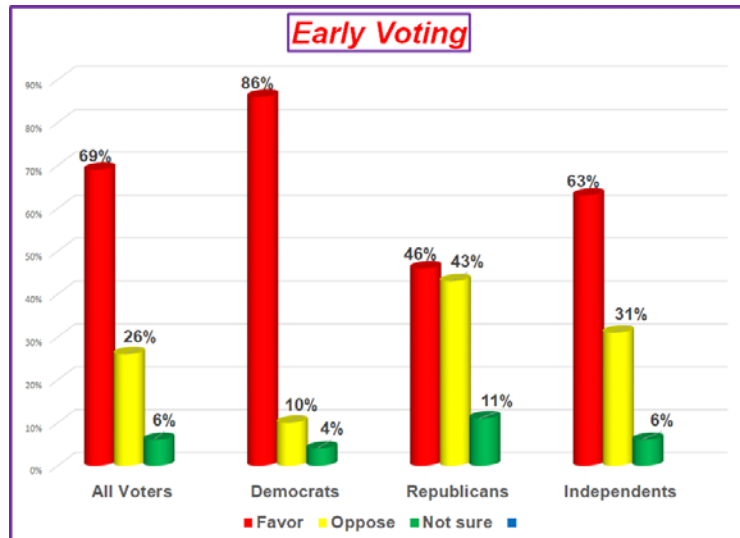
- **Fifty-four percent of Republicans oppose the same day registration while 41% favor it.**
- Fifty-seven percent of Independent voters favor it while 38% oppose it.
- In all income groups more than 63% support same day registration.



- **ELIMINATING WITNESSES OR NOTARY ON MAIL BALLOTS:** Rhode Island voters are divided on this issue. Forty-three percent favor eliminating witnesses signature on mail ballots while 48% said they oppose it and 9% are not sure on the question (Q.13c).
 - **There is a difference among the sexes on this issue with 53% of males opposing it and 37% favoring it while among female voters 48% favor it and 43% oppose it.**
 - Voters under the age of 40 favor the issue with 48% favoring it and 42% opposing it.
 - Fifty percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 oppose it and 44% support it.
 - Among voters over the age of 60, 40% support it and 48% oppose it.
 - **Democrats are the strongest supporters of it with 73% of Democrats favoring it while 19% oppose it.**
 - **Republicans strongly oppose it, with 79% of Republicans opposing it and 14% supporting it.**
 - Sixty-two percent of Independent voters oppose it while 26% support it.
 - A majority of voters who earn between \$25K and \$200K oppose it.



- **EARLY VOTING:** Two-thirds of Rhode Island voters support early voting beginning 20 days before the election. Sixty-nine percent of voters support early voting while 26% said they oppose it and 6% are not sure on the question (Q.13d).
 - Seventy-six percent of females support early voting compared to 60% of males.
 - Seventy-one percent of voters in CD 2 support early voting.
 - Seventy-three percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 favor early voting.
 - **Eighty-six percent of Democrats favor early voting.**
 - **Republicans are divided on the question with 46% favoring it and 43% opposing it.**
 - Sixty-three percent of Independent voters favor early voting while 31% oppose it.
 - Seventy-six percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$75K favor early voting and 81% of voters who earn over \$200K favor early voting.



• **DEMOCRATS:**

- Open Primary: Keep as is 41%, Open Primary 47%
- Single Primary: Favor 54%, Oppose 29%
- Majority Vote Favor 39%, Oppose 45%
- Ranked Choice Favor 41%, Oppose 45%
- Federal Holiday Favor 83%, Oppose 12%
- Same Day Registration Favor 77%, Oppose 17%
- Mail Ballots Favor 73%, Oppose 19%
- Early Voting Favor 86%, Oppose 10%

• **REPUBLICANS:**

- Open Primary: Keep as is 34%, Open Primary 52%
- Single Primary: Favor 63%, Oppose 27%
- Majority Vote Favor 41%, Oppose 38%
- Ranked Choice Favor 32%, Oppose 54%
- Federal Holiday Favor 66%, Oppose 29%
- Same Day Registration Favor 41%, Oppose 54%
- Mail Ballots Favor 14%, Oppose 79%
- Early Voting Favor 46%, Oppose 43%

• **INDEPENDENTS:**

- Open Primary: Keep as is 26%, Open Primary 66%
- Single Primary: Favor 61%, Oppose 28%
- Majority Vote Favor 45%, Oppose 38%
- Ranked Choice Favor 30%, Oppose 51%
- Federal Holiday Favor 72%, Oppose 23%
- Same Day Registration Favor 57%, Oppose 38%
- Mail Ballots Favor 26%, Oppose 62%
- Early Voting Favor 63%, Oppose 31%

Section II

TABLES OF QUESTIONS

Q.1

Phone Type

(N=400)

Row%	Phone Type	
	Cell	Land
Total	91.8%	8.2%
Gender		
Male	92.7%	7.3%
Female	90.9%	9.1%
District		
1	91.5%	8.5%
2	92.0%	8.0%
Age		
18-39	96.0%	4.0%
40-59	95.2%	4.8%
>60	85.5%	14.5%
Refused	60.0%	40.0%
Party		
Dem	93.5%	6.5%
Rep	94.6%	5.4%
Ind	89.9%	10.1%
Refused	87.5%	12.5%
Income		
<\$25k	89.3%	10.7%
\$25k-\$75k	91.5%	8.5%
\$75k-\$100k	92.3%	7.7%
\$100k-\$200k	92.2%	7.8%
>\$200k	97.7%	2.3%
Refused	87.3%	12.7%

Q.2

Registered to Vote

(N=400)

Row%	Registered to vote		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Total	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Gender			
Male	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Female	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
District			
1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Age			
18-39	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
40-59	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>60	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Party			
Dem	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rep	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ind	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Income			
<\$25k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>\$200k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Q.3

Sex

(N=400)

Row%	Gender	
	Male	Female
Total	48.0%	52.0%
Gender		
Male	100.0%	0.0%
Female	0.0%	100.0%
District		
1	48.5%	51.5%
2	47.5%	52.5%
Age		
18-39	51.5%	48.5%
40-59	46.7%	53.3%
>60	45.8%	54.2%
Refused	80.0%	20.0%
Party		
Dem	32.7%	67.3%
Rep	57.1%	42.9%
Ind	55.3%	44.7%
Refused	68.8%	31.2%
Income		
<\$25k	39.3%	60.7%
\$25k-\$75k	39.6%	60.4%
\$75k-\$100k	46.2%	53.8%
\$100k-\$200k	56.7%	43.3%
>\$200k	58.1%	41.9%
Refused	49.1%	50.9%

Q.4

Congressional District

(N=400)

Row%	District	
	1	2
Total	50.0%	50.0%
Gender		

Male	50.5%	49.5%
Female	49.5%	50.5%
District		

1	100.0%	0.0%
2	0.0%	100.0%
Age		

18-39	52.5%	47.5%
40-59	50.9%	49.1%
>60	47.3%	52.7%
Refused	40.0%	60.0%
Party		

Dem	53.6%	46.4%
Rep	44.6%	55.4%
Ind	49.1%	50.9%
Refused	46.9%	53.1%
Income		

<\$25k	57.1%	42.9%
\$25k-\$75k	50.9%	49.1%
\$75k-\$100k	48.7%	51.3%
\$100k-\$200k	45.6%	54.4%
>\$200k	55.8%	44.2%
Refused	49.1%	50.9%

Q.5

Age

(N=400)

Row%	Age			
	18-39	40-59	>60	Refused
Total	24.8%	41.2%	32.8%	1.2%
Gender				
Male	26.6%	40.1%	31.2%	2.1%
Female	23.1%	42.3%	34.1%	0.5%
District				
1	26.0%	42.0%	31.0%	1.0%
2	23.5%	40.5%	34.5%	1.5%
Age				
18-39	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
40-59	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>60	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Party				
Dem	30.1%	38.6%	31.4%	0.0%
Rep	28.6%	30.4%	39.3%	1.8%
Ind	19.5%	47.8%	32.1%	0.6%
Refused	18.8%	40.6%	31.2%	9.4%
Income				
<\$25k	32.1%	32.1%	32.1%	3.6%
\$25k-\$75k	29.2%	25.5%	45.3%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	30.8%	48.7%	20.5%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	24.4%	47.8%	27.8%	0.0%
>\$200k	18.6%	62.8%	18.6%	0.0%
Refused	9.1%	38.2%	45.5%	7.3%

Q.6

Political Party

(N=400)

Row%	Party			
	Dem	Rep	Ind	Refused
Total	38.2%	14.0%	39.8%	8.0%
Gender				
Male	26.0%	16.7%	45.8%	11.5%
Female	49.5%	11.5%	34.1%	4.8%
District				
1	41.0%	12.5%	39.0%	7.5%
2	35.5%	15.5%	40.5%	8.5%
Age				
18-39	46.5%	16.2%	31.3%	6.1%
40-59	35.8%	10.3%	46.1%	7.9%
>60	36.6%	16.8%	38.9%	7.6%
Refused	0.0%	20.0%	20.0%	60.0%
Party				
Dem	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rep	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Ind	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Income				
<\$25k	32.1%	14.3%	50.0%	3.6%
\$25k-\$75k	42.5%	14.2%	34.9%	8.5%
\$75k-\$100k	39.7%	11.5%	42.3%	6.4%
\$100k-\$200k	40.0%	16.7%	36.7%	6.7%
>\$200k	37.2%	11.6%	46.5%	4.7%
Refused	29.1%	14.5%	40.0%	16.4%

Q.7

The Rhode Island statewide primary is coming up on September 13th. Different states conduct primaries in different ways. Here in Rhode Island, Democrats can vote in the Democratic primary, Republicans can vote in the Republican primary, and Independent voters can choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot. Were you aware that these are the rules for voting in Rhode Island primaries?

(N=400)

Row%	Aware of voting rules		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Total	79.2%	18.0%	2.8%
Gender			

Male	85.4%	12.5%	2.1%
Female	73.6%	23.1%	3.4%
District			

1	75.0%	21.0%	4.0%
2	83.5%	15.0%	1.5%
Age			

18-39	70.7%	25.3%	4.0%
40-59	80.0%	18.2%	1.8%
>60	86.3%	10.7%	3.1%
Refused	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%
Party			

Dem	81.7%	15.0%	3.3%
Rep	71.4%	25.0%	3.6%
Ind	76.7%	20.8%	2.5%
Refused	93.8%	6.2%	0.0%
Income			

<\$25k	78.6%	14.3%	7.1%
\$25k-\$75k	80.2%	17.0%	2.8%
\$75k-\$100k	78.2%	21.8%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	86.7%	12.2%	1.1%
>\$200k	74.4%	23.3%	2.3%
Refused	70.9%	21.8%	7.3%

Q.8

Currently in Rhode Island when voting in a primary, Democrats have to vote in a Democratic Primary and Republicans in a Republican primary and Independent voters can vote in either Primary. There is a suggestion that Rhode Island have what is called an “Open Primary” system where voters can choose to vote in a party’s primary whether or not they are a registered member of that party or an independent? Would you favor keeping the primary system the way it is or moving to an “Open Primary”?

(N=400)

Row%	Primary System			
	Keep as is	Open Primary	Not Sure	Refused
Total	32.0%	57.0%	10.8%	0.2%
Gender				
Male	33.3%	56.8%	9.4%	0.5%
Female	30.8%	57.2%	12.0%	0.0%
District				
1	36.0%	54.0%	10.0%	0.0%
2	28.0%	60.0%	11.5%	0.5%
Age				
18-39	28.3%	60.6%	11.1%	0.0%
40-59	30.3%	60.6%	9.1%	0.0%
>60	38.2%	48.1%	13.0%	0.8%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Party				
Dem	41.2%	47.1%	11.1%	0.7%
Rep	33.9%	51.8%	14.3%	0.0%
Ind	25.8%	66.0%	8.2%	0.0%
Refused	15.6%	68.8%	15.6%	0.0%
Income				
<\$25k	32.1%	60.7%	7.1%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	29.2%	61.3%	8.5%	0.9%
\$75k-\$100k	29.5%	57.7%	12.8%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	33.3%	56.7%	10.0%	0.0%
>\$200k	34.9%	58.1%	7.0%	0.0%
Refused	36.4%	45.5%	18.2%	0.0%

Q.9

Some states no longer have a Democratic Primary or a Republican Primary. Instead, there is one single public primary. All the candidates appear on the same ballot, and all voters are eligible to participate and vote for who they like. Then, the top two vote getters, regardless of party, advance to the November election. Would you favor or oppose this type of primary for Rhode Island?

(N=400)

Row%	Single primary			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	59.0%	26.8%	13.8%	0.5%
Gender				
Male	60.4%	26.6%	12.5%	0.5%
Female	57.7%	26.9%	14.9%	0.5%
District				
1	59.0%	25.5%	15.5%	0.0%
2	59.0%	28.0%	12.0%	1.0%
Age				
18-39	58.6%	21.2%	20.2%	0.0%
40-59	62.4%	27.9%	9.7%	0.0%
>60	55.0%	29.8%	13.7%	1.5%
Refused	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Party				
Dem	53.6%	29.4%	16.3%	0.7%
Rep	62.5%	26.8%	10.7%	0.0%
Ind	61.0%	27.7%	11.3%	0.0%
Refused	68.8%	9.4%	18.8%	3.1%
Income				
<\$25k	64.3%	21.4%	14.3%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	65.1%	20.8%	13.2%	0.9%
\$75k-\$100k	59.0%	26.9%	12.8%	1.3%
\$100k-\$200k	56.7%	33.3%	10.0%	0.0%
>\$200k	62.8%	23.3%	14.0%	0.0%
Refused	45.5%	32.7%	21.8%	0.0%

Q.10

Would you support an electoral system where the winning candidate had to receive a majority of votes cast, meaning 50% of all votes plus one, as opposed to the current system where the winning candidate only has to receive the largest number of votes?

(N=400)

Row%	Support required majority to win		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Total	42.8%	39.2%	18.0%
Gender			
Male	47.4%	39.6%	13.0%
Female	38.5%	38.9%	22.6%
District			
1	47.0%	35.5%	17.5%
2	38.5%	43.0%	18.5%
Age			
18-39	45.5%	42.4%	12.1%
40-59	46.1%	40.6%	13.3%
>60	35.9%	35.9%	28.2%
Refused	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Party			
Dem	39.2%	45.1%	15.7%
Rep	41.1%	37.5%	21.4%
Ind	45.3%	37.7%	17.0%
Refused	50.0%	21.9%	28.1%
Income			
<\$25k	28.6%	39.3%	32.1%
\$25k-\$75k	44.3%	34.0%	21.7%
\$75k-\$100k	42.3%	39.7%	17.9%
\$100k-\$200k	53.3%	35.6%	11.1%
>\$200k	37.2%	51.2%	11.6%
Refused	34.5%	45.5%	20.0%

Q.11

Have you heard of ranked choice voting?

(N=400)

Row%	Heard of ranked choice voting		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Total	29.5%	67.2%	3.2%
Gender			
Male	32.8%	64.6%	2.6%
Female	26.4%	69.7%	3.8%
District			
1	23.0%	72.5%	4.5%
2	36.0%	62.0%	2.0%
Age			
18-39	34.3%	62.6%	3.0%
40-59	29.1%	68.5%	2.4%
>60	26.7%	68.7%	4.6%
Refused	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%
Party			
Dem	40.5%	56.9%	2.6%
Rep	21.4%	75.0%	3.6%
Ind	23.9%	73.0%	3.1%
Refused	18.8%	75.0%	6.2%
Income			
<\$25k	17.9%	82.1%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	25.5%	72.6%	1.9%
\$75k-\$100k	26.9%	67.9%	5.1%
\$100k-\$200k	37.8%	58.9%	3.3%
>\$200k	39.5%	58.1%	2.3%
Refused	25.5%	69.1%	5.5%

Q.12

In a ranked-choice system, voters rank their preference of candidates; first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on. If a candidate receives more than 50 percent of first-choice votes, they would be declared the winner. If not, the candidate who received the fewest first-choice votes would be eliminated, and the voters who ranked that candidate first would have their second choice counted when the ballots are tabulated again until a candidate receives a majority of votes. Would you favor or oppose this type of voting called rank choice voting in Rhode Island?

(N=400)

Row%	Ranked choice system			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	36.2%	47.0%	16.2%	0.5%
Gender				

Male	35.4%	49.5%	14.1%	1.0%
Female	37.0%	44.7%	18.3%	0.0%
District				

1	35.5%	48.0%	15.5%	1.0%
2	37.0%	46.0%	17.0%	0.0%
Age				

18-39	44.4%	34.3%	21.2%	0.0%
40-59	39.4%	47.3%	12.7%	0.6%
>60	26.7%	56.5%	16.0%	0.8%
Refused	20.0%	40.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Party				

Dem	40.5%	45.1%	14.4%	0.0%
Rep	32.1%	53.6%	14.3%	0.0%
Ind	29.6%	50.9%	18.9%	0.6%
Refused	56.2%	25.0%	15.6%	3.1%
Income				

<\$25k	32.1%	50.0%	17.9%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	41.5%	46.2%	12.3%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	37.2%	44.9%	17.9%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	37.8%	51.1%	11.1%	0.0%
>\$200k	37.2%	44.2%	18.6%	0.0%
Refused	23.6%	45.5%	27.3%	3.6%

Q.13a

Do you favor or oppose making Election Day a Federal holiday?

(N=400)

Row%	Making Election Day a Federal holiday			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	74.8%	19.5%	5.2%	0.5%
Gender				
Male	70.3%	22.9%	5.7%	1.0%
Female	78.8%	16.3%	4.8%	0.0%
District				
1	72.0%	21.0%	6.0%	1.0%
2	77.5%	18.0%	4.5%	0.0%
Age				
18-39	80.8%	13.1%	6.1%	0.0%
40-59	74.5%	20.0%	5.5%	0.0%
>60	70.2%	24.4%	4.6%	0.8%
Refused	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%
Party				
Dem	83.0%	11.8%	5.2%	0.0%
Rep	66.1%	28.6%	5.4%	0.0%
Ind	71.7%	22.6%	5.0%	0.6%
Refused	65.6%	25.0%	6.2%	3.1%
Income				
<\$25k	67.9%	25.0%	7.1%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	80.2%	17.0%	2.8%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	75.6%	19.2%	5.1%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	72.2%	22.2%	5.6%	0.0%
>\$200k	81.4%	14.0%	4.7%	0.0%
Refused	65.5%	21.8%	9.1%	3.6%

Q.13b

Do you favor or oppose same day voter registration, where you can register to vote on Election Day and vote that day?

(N=400)

Row%	Same day voter registration			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	63.5%	30.8%	5.8%	0.0%
Gender				
Male	56.8%	36.5%	6.8%	0.0%
Female	69.7%	25.5%	4.8%	0.0%
District				
1	67.0%	30.0%	3.0%	0.0%
2	60.0%	31.5%	8.5%	0.0%
Age				
18-39	76.8%	20.2%	3.0%	0.0%
40-59	64.2%	31.5%	4.2%	0.0%
>60	53.4%	38.2%	8.4%	0.0%
Refused	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%
Party				
Dem	76.5%	17.0%	6.5%	0.0%
Rep	41.1%	53.6%	5.4%	0.0%
Ind	57.2%	38.4%	4.4%	0.0%
Refused	71.9%	18.8%	9.4%	0.0%
Income				
<\$25k	67.9%	28.6%	3.6%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	64.2%	29.2%	6.6%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	65.4%	26.9%	7.7%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	63.3%	31.1%	5.6%	0.0%
>\$200k	65.1%	34.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	56.4%	36.4%	7.3%	0.0%

Q.13c

Do you favor or oppose making it easier to vote by mail by eliminating witnesses or notary requirements on mail ballots?

(N=400)

Row%	Easier to vote by mail			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	42.8%	48.0%	9.2%	0.0%
Gender				

Male	37.0%	53.1%	9.9%	0.0%
Female	48.1%	43.3%	8.7%	0.0%
District				

1	43.0%	48.5%	8.5%	0.0%
2	42.5%	47.5%	10.0%	0.0%
Age				

18-39	47.5%	42.4%	10.1%	0.0%
40-59	43.6%	50.3%	6.1%	0.0%
>60	39.7%	48.1%	12.2%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%
Party				

Dem	73.2%	19.0%	7.8%	0.0%
Rep	14.3%	78.6%	7.1%	0.0%
Ind	25.8%	62.3%	11.9%	0.0%
Refused	31.2%	62.5%	6.2%	0.0%
Income				

<\$25k	35.7%	39.3%	25.0%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	39.6%	50.0%	10.4%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	41.0%	50.0%	9.0%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	44.4%	51.1%	4.4%	0.0%
>\$200k	55.8%	39.5%	4.7%	0.0%
Refused	41.8%	47.3%	10.9%	0.0%

Q.13d

Do you favor or oppose early voting, beginning 20 days before the election?

(N=400)

Row%	Early Voting			
	Favor	Oppose	Not Sure	Refused
Total	68.5%	25.5%	6.0%	0.0%
Gender				
Male	60.4%	31.2%	8.3%	0.0%
Female	76.0%	20.2%	3.8%	0.0%
District				
1	66.0%	26.0%	8.0%	0.0%
2	71.0%	25.0%	4.0%	0.0%
Age				
18-39	68.7%	23.2%	8.1%	0.0%
40-59	72.7%	22.4%	4.8%	0.0%
>60	65.6%	28.2%	6.1%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Party				
Dem	86.3%	9.8%	3.9%	0.0%
Rep	46.4%	42.9%	10.7%	0.0%
Ind	62.9%	30.8%	6.3%	0.0%
Refused	50.0%	43.8%	6.2%	0.0%
Income				
<\$25k	53.6%	42.9%	3.6%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	76.4%	17.9%	5.7%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	67.9%	28.2%	3.8%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	63.3%	28.9%	7.8%	0.0%
>\$200k	81.4%	16.3%	2.3%	0.0%
Refused	60.0%	29.1%	10.9%	0.0%

Q.14

Household Income

(N=400)

Row%	Income					
	<\$25k	\$25k-\$75k	\$75k-\$100k	\$100k-\$200k	>\$200k	Refused
Total	7.0%	26.5%	19.5%	22.5%	10.8%	13.8%
Gender						
Male	5.7%	21.9%	18.8%	26.6%	13.0%	14.1%
Female	8.2%	30.8%	20.2%	18.8%	8.7%	13.5%
District						
1	8.0%	27.0%	19.0%	20.5%	12.0%	13.5%
2	6.0%	26.0%	20.0%	24.5%	9.5%	14.0%
Age						
18-39	9.1%	31.3%	24.2%	22.2%	8.1%	5.1%
40-59	5.5%	16.4%	23.0%	26.1%	16.4%	12.7%
>60	6.9%	36.6%	12.2%	19.1%	6.1%	19.1%
Refused	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%
Party						
Dem	5.9%	29.4%	20.3%	23.5%	10.5%	10.5%
Rep	7.1%	26.8%	16.1%	26.8%	8.9%	14.3%
Ind	8.8%	23.3%	20.8%	20.8%	12.6%	13.8%
Refused	3.1%	28.1%	15.6%	18.8%	6.2%	28.1%
Income						
<\$25k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$25k-\$75k	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$75k-\$100k	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$100k-\$200k	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>\$200k	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

APPENDIX

FILLED IN SURVEY

FLEMING & ASSOCIATES

Rhode Island – May, 2022

HELLO, MY NAME IS _____, I'M CONDUCTING A SURVEY FOR FLEMING & ASSOCIATES, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS. We are not selling anything and the information will be completely confidential.

- Q.1 Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone or a landline? (If cell, is it safe to talk)
Cell phone...**92%** Landline...**8%**
- Q.2 Are you currently registered to vote in the State of Rhode Island, or are you not registered to vote at this time?
Yes, registered...**100% (Continue)** No, not registered...**0% (Terminate)** Not Sure...**0% (Terminate)**
- Q.3 Record respondent's gender (**DO NOT ASK**) Male.....**48%** Female.....**52%**
- Q.4 Congressional District: (**DO NOT ASK**) District....**50%** District 2.....**50%**
- Q.5 Could you tell me which age group you belong to? (**READ LIST**)
18 to 39...**25%** 40 to 59....**41%** 60 or older.....**33%** Refused....**1%**
- Q.6 Would you consider yourself a Democrat or a Republican?
Democrat.....**38%** Republican...**14%** Independent (Vol).... **40%** Refused.....**8%**
- Q.7 The Rhode Island statewide primary is coming up on September 13th. Different states conduct primaries in different ways. Here in Rhode Island, Democrats can vote in the Democratic primary, Republicans can vote in the Republican primary, and Independent voters can choose either a Republican or Democratic ballot. Were you aware that these are the rules for voting in Rhode Island primaries?
Yes**79%** No**18%** Not sure....**3%**
- Q.8 Currently in Rhode Island when voting in a primary, Democrats have to vote in a Democratic Primary and Republicans in a Republican primary and Independent voters can vote in either Primary. There is a suggestion that Rhode Island have what is called an "Open Primary" system where voters can choose to vote in a party's primary whether or not they are a registered member of that party or an independent? Would you favor keeping the primary system the way it is or moving to an "Open Primary"?
Keep as it**32%** Open Primary ...**57%** Not sure....**11%** Refused...***%**
- Q.9 Some states no longer have a Democratic Primary or a Republican Primary. Instead, there is one single public primary. All the candidates appear on the same ballot, and all voters are eligible to participate and vote for who they like. Then, the top two vote getters, regardless of party, advance to the November election. Would you favor or oppose this type of primary for Rhode Island?
Favor**59%** Oppose ...**27%** Not sure...**14%** Refused....**1%**
- Q.10 Would you support an electoral system where the winning candidate had to receive a majority of votes cast, meaning 50% of all votes plus one, as opposed to the current system where the winning candidate only has to receive the largest number of votes?
Yes**43%** No**39%** Not sure...**18%**

Q.11 Have you heard of ranked choice voting?

Yes**30%** No**67%** Not sure...**3%**

Q.12 In a ranked-choice system, voters rank their preference of candidates; first choice, second choice, third choice, and so on. If a candidate receives more than 50 percent of first-choice votes, they would be declared the winner. If not, the candidate who received the fewest first-choice votes would be eliminated, and the voters who ranked that candidate first would have their second choice counted when the ballots are tabulated again until a candidate receives a majority of votes. Would you favor or oppose this type of voting called rank choice voting in Rhode Island?

Favor**36%** Oppose ...**47%** Not sure...**16%** Refused....**1%**

Q.13 Please tell me if you would favor or oppose the following:

Making Election Day a Federal holiday Favor**75%** Oppose ...**20%** Not sure...**5%** Refused....**1%**

Same day voter registration, where you can register to vote on Election Day and vote that day Favor**64%** Oppose ...**31%** Not sure...**6%** Refused.... **0%**

Making it easier to vote by mail by eliminating witnesses or notary requirements on mail ballots Favor**43%** Oppose ...**48%** Not sure...**9%** Refused....**0%**

Early voting, beginning 20 days before the election Favor**69%** Oppose ...**26%** Not sure...**6%** Refused.....**0%**

Now I have a quick question for statistical purposes.

Q.14 And could you please tell me which group your total household income for last year was in? **(READ LIST)**

Less than \$25,000.....**7%** \$25,000 to \$74,999.....**27%** \$75,000 to \$99,999..... **20%**
\$100,000 to \$199,999.....**23%** \$200,000 and greater.....**11%** Refused (don't read)..... **14%**

That is the end of our interview. Thank you very much.