



Voters express frustration over presidential primaries

Following the election, IVP conducted a survey of more than 500 statewide voters gauging their satisfaction with the primary, the responses were overwhelmingly negative and bipartisan. Republican, Democrat, American Independents (many mistakenly registered AIP) and NPP voters expressed their frustrations with the Secretary of State's system. Below are some of those responses.

Question: Were you confused or unable to vote for the candidate of your choice in California's presidential primary? Tell us why:

REPUBLICAN VOTER RESPONSES

Chris M., 94526, Republican

"State changed my party affiliation, I caught it and changed it back 2 months before the primary but they still sent the wrong absentee ballot. I was out of tone on Election Day!"

Judith L., 92584, Republican

"The ballot had only Republican candidates. We should be able to choose from any and all candidates."

Robert L., 91411, Republican

"Layout was confusing - had me as a Democrat and I'm a Republican."

Donald B., 91042, Republican

"Permanent vote by mail ballots were all screwed up. I finally got mine on 2/29 and my wife got hers on 3/2."

Larry A., 94541, Republican

"Was changed from Republican to No Party Preference at DMV Renewal."

Peggy G., 93727, Republican

"Confusion at the voting poll, long lines, computer shut down, not able to print ballots, disorganized, they need a person for questions and issues, never received my ballot at home. We need to go back to an old system more organized, we need ID's."

Mary L., 92078, Republican

"There are so many choices and they all seem democratic related. I even worked the election. I was confused and I knew what was going on. A lot of the voters seemed confused by too many options."



Janet K., 95338, Republican

“UNABLE!! DMV cancelled my registration as Republican when I renewed my license. Received non partisan ballot, returned it via instructions as a mistake, re-registered Rep., got a card approving it and never got a proper ballot in mail!! I vote by mail always!! No vote from me this time!!”

Michelle H., 92882, Republican

“I've been a registered Republican since 1994, my preference to receive my ballot by mail and go to the polling location and vote. I have no idea who and how suddenly this year I received a VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT which I am not familiar with, and as I didn't request it, I didn't trust voting by mail. I wanted to SIGN MY NAME that I VOTED. I did re-register, so it won't be a problem for me in November 2020. I wrote emails asking, how could this happen, NO ONE RESPONDED to my emails regarding this specific question. I did go to the polling place and explained to them my problem, and I voted. Still I am upset to why and who changed my voting preferences!

DEMOCRAT VOTER RESPONSES

Sophia P., 95816, Democrat

“I felt unless I chose a party I did not receive candidate information. They also lumped my daughter's maillets and mine together even when we have different parties.”

Mary N., 94501, Democrat

“I could not vote in the presidential primary because I vote by mail and am registered as an independent. I did not have time to return my preference card back in December and missed my opportunity”

Sandra W., 92078, Democrat

“Registered Independent so I could choose for myself...didn't work out so well for me.”

Kevin C., 94704, Democrat

“I didn't get my vote by mail ballot and I had to vote in person with a provisional ballot.”

Stefany P., 93614, Democrat

“I signed up online to vote by mail. No materials ever arrived.”

Aletha M., 95076, Democrat

Registered as mail in but wasn't aware. Polling place switched. They had me listed in one district and my husband in a different one. We have voted at the same place for 30 years!



NO PARTY PREFERENCE VOTER RESPONSES

Sandra F., 91342, No Party Preference

"I had to re-register as a Democrat."

Darrell P., 95476, No Party Preference

"It's a bunch of BS that I couldn't vote for a candidate I wanted because I'm not affiliated with any one party!"

Glory M., 92058, No Party Preference

"Was very surprised when told that I was a mail-in voter when I never requested in writing or verbally to be one."

Fandi L., 93012, No Party Preference

"As a No Party Preference voter, I had to re-register in order to vote for any presidential candidate."

Petra K., 92056, No Party Preference

"I was unable to vote for a candidate of my choice."

Peter J., 95519, No Party Preference

"I am registered as no party preference. I received mail which asked if I wanted a democratic ballot for 3/3/2020 election. I checked the box that I did want a democratic ballot. when I received my mail in ballot it did not have the option to choose democratic candidate. I had to go into the county office of elections to receive democratic ballot."

Monica L., 91934, No Party Preference

"First off I got to my voting place and they didn't even ask for my I.D. That angers me because I don't want someone being able to just come in and take my vote for me. Second they made me pick which ballot I wanted to use. Third, I have no political affiliation and couldn't vote for the Republican candidate like I wanted to. Fourth I am disabled and I had to try to move the chair that was there for people to sit so I could get to the voting booth to vote. Finally, I have signed up 3 times to get my mail in ballot and every time it gets left so I have to go to the voting place and deal with the situation I described above."

Arthur C., 92345, No Party Preference

"Yes, I did not understand why I could not participate in the primaries due to my independent status."

John M., 95485, No Party Preference

"I can't vote for president at all."



Sav A., 92008, No Party Preference

"They told me I couldn't vote dem unless I was registered dem when I wanted to be non partisan I had to argue about it."

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT PARTY RESPONSES

Delia R., 90042, American Independent Party

"Doesn't appear that question: Which Party Candidate I want for President...my son and me vote at the same time and we were surprised why. He told me. Maybe because we're Independent???"

David M., 95035, American Independent Party

"Did not show up on my ballot."

Sheila J., 91304, American Independent Party

"I was and have been a registered Independent voter, but suddenly this year I started getting emails that I was not assigned to any party and needed to pick one in order to be able to vote for a candidate to run for President; furthermore, if I remained an Independent, I would be unable to vote for a Presidential candidate as there was not Independent candidate running."

Adrian G., 90028, American Independent Party

"Yes, I was forced to forfeit my vote due to not aligning with a major party."

Terri C., 90501, American Independent Party

"Because I wasn't allowed to vote for anyone I want to vote for and I would have to write them in. It was bs and I had to change my affiliation in order to vote for the people I wanted to vote for. California is corrupt and it needs to change!"

Sharon Z., 91367 American Independent Party

"Could not vote in CA primary for President because I am an independent."

Anna S., 92373, American Independent Party

"Never got my ballot to vote."

Gary M., 93722, American Independent Party

"Because the people I wanted to vote for were not on my ballot."