



COALITION ON HUMAN NEEDS

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2004 Ballot Initiatives

State/Issue	Details	Results
FL – Minimum Wage (Question 5)	Would raise minimum wage to \$6.15/hr and index the wage in the future to annual increases in the cost of living. Effects on state and local revenues would be minimal.	Passed – 71%
NV – Minimum Wage (Question 6)	Would raise minimum wage to \$6.15/hr and index the wage in the future to annual increases in the cost of living.	Passed – 68%
AZ – Illegal Immigration (Proposition 200)	Would require voters to prove US citizenship, bar illegal immigrants from all public benefits and establish criminal penalties for state employees who provide public services to illegal immigrants.	Passed – 56%
CO – Electoral College Reform (Amendment 36)	Would allocate state’s Electoral College votes based on the popular vote, starting this year.	Rejected – 66%
CA – Health Care (Proposition 61)	Would allocate \$750 million in general obligation bonds from California's General Fund to finance the construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing and equipment of children's hospitals throughout the state	Passed – 58%
CA – Health Care (Proposition 63)	Would provide funds to counties to expand mental health services and to develop new programs for mentally ill children, adults and seniors. Would also require the state to develop mental health service programs including prevention, early intervention, and training programs.	Passed – 53%
CA – Health Care (Proposition 72)	Would require all businesses with more than 20 employees to provide health insurance for their employees by 2007.	Rejected – 51%
AL – Tax Revenues (Amendment 5)	Would increase property taxes in order to fund public schools.	Rejected – 55%
CO – Tax Revenues (Amendment 35)	Would raise taxes on tobacco products in order to expand health care coverage for children and low-income families.	Passed – 61%
ME – Tax Revenues (Question 1)	Would cap property taxes at 1 percent, causing the state to lose approx. \$500 million in municipal funds that could be used for social services.	Rejected – 63%
MO – Tax Revenues (Amendment 3)	Would require that all revenue from fuel and highway taxes be used only for construction and maintenance of roads, highways, and bridges. This would take away \$190 million of funding from schools and other social services.	Passed – 79%
MT – Tax Revenues (Initiative 49)	Would increase tax on cigarettes by \$1 a pack to fund state health services, especially those for low-income residents.	Passed – 63%
AR – Education (Referred Question 1)	Would increase property taxes in order to fund public schools.	Rejected – 70%
NV – Education (Question 2)	Would require the state to increase per-pupil funding of public schools to the national average (\$8,167). Currently, NV is the tenth worst state in terms of education funding, spending \$6,481 per student.	Rejected – 51%
OK – Education (Questions 705 and 706)	Would create a state lottery and use the proceeds to fund public education.	Passed – 68%
WA – Education (Initiative 884)	Would raise retail sales tax by 1 percent in order to provide an extra \$1 billion of public school funding.	Rejected – 61%
WA – Education (Referendum 55)	Would create up to 45 new charter schools by 2010 and allow an undetermined number of existing public schools to convert into charter schools.	Rejected – 58%