

Public Opinion on Right to Work

Shown below are the findings produced by nationwide public opinion surveys conducted over a period of five decades by Opinion Research Corporation (1944-1984), the Marketing Research Institute (1993), and Mason-Dixon Polling (1995-1997), Research 2000 (2000-2004).

Question #1:

Which one of these arrangements do you favor for workers in industry?

- 1) A person can hold a job whether or not he or she belongs to a union.
- 2) A person can get a job if he or she doesn't belong, but has to join after being hired.
- 3) A person can get a job only if he or she belongs to a union.
- 4) No opinion.

1944	1948	1952	1956	1962	1964	1965	1966	1971	1972	1974	1976	1980	1984	1993	1995	1997	2001	2004
54%	50%	48%	48%	62%	67%	60%	60%	62%	62%	68%	75%	74%	75%	77%	77%	77%	77%	79%
26%	24%	30%	32%	31%	30%	32%	32%	27%	27%	24%	20%	20%	16%	17%	16%	14%	12%	10%
7%	8%	9%	6%	4%	2%	4%	0%	4%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	8%	10%	9%
13%	18%	13%	14%	3%	1%	4%	8%	7%	7%	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	6%	1%	1%	2%

Question #2:

Some states have passed Right to Work laws which provide that a worker cannot be discharged from his or her job for either joining or not joining a union. Are you in favor of Right to Work laws in states like this one, or are you opposed to Right to Work laws?

- 1) Support Right to Work laws
- 2) Oppose Right to Work laws
- 3) Uncertain

1974	1976	1980	1984	1993
69%	72%	74%	76%	82%
20%	12%	12%	16%	12%
11%	16%	14%	8%	6%