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## Statewide Polls Measure Perot Party Base

When Ross Perot announced he would form a third party for the 1996 presidential race, he set into motion a series of events that may have a major impact on the upcoming elections.

To provide a quantified portrait of the potential strength of the base of this new party, Ralph Hallow and Brad O'Leary in their book, *Presidential Follies*, published by Boru Books, disclose results from 25 statewide surveys taken by a variety of polling firms that measured the relative strength of voters committed to the Democratic and Republican parties in comparison to United We Stand, America, the grassroots organization founded by Perot that constitutes the basis for his new political movement.

Results indicate that UWSA had a stronger committed base than both the Democratic and Republican parties in Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, New York, and Oklahoma, a stronger base than the Democrats in New Jersey, and a stronger base than the Republicans in Pennsylvania.

The polling question asked of voters in each of these states was:

*I am going to name a number of organizations, and I want you to tell me if this organization speaks for you (1) all of the time, (2) most of the time, (3) some of the time, or (4) never.*

The chart to the right is a comparison of the "hard base" (those who selected "all of the time") of each.

STATE	POLLSTER	POLL DATE	PEROT 'S		
			GOP	DEM	UWSA
AL	ISSR	6/95	5.9%	7.2%	8.5%
AK	P&S	10/94	5.0%	5.0%	7.0%
CA	LRC	7/94	7.0%	8.0%	5.0%
CT	RC	11/94	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%
FL	M-D and P/MR	5/94	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%
GA	M-D and P/MR	5/94	5.0%	6.0%	2.0%
ID	MI	5/94	3.0%	4.0%	2.0%
IL	P/MR	10/94	8.0%	7.0%	4.0%
IA	M-D	9/94	3.0%	3.0%	4.0%
MA	M-D and P/MR	10/94	7.0%	7.0%	5.0%

MI	MRG	10/94	5.0%	5.0%	3.0%
MN	M-D	6/94	6.0%	8.0%	4.0%
MO	M-D and P/MR	7/94	7.0%	5.0%	2.0%
MT	MI	5/94	4.0%	5.0%	3.0%
NV	P&S	10/94	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%
NJ	LRC	7/94	5.0%	3.0%	4.0%
NY	PO&S	10/94	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%
OK	LRC	7/94	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%
OR	MI	5/94	6.0%	6.0%	1.0%
PA	LRC	7/94	6.0%	11.0%	7.0%
SC	M-D and P/MR	6/94	5.0%	4.0%	2.0%
TN	M-D and P/MR	9/94	9.0%	6.0%	2.0%
TX	M-D and P/MR	9/94	5.0%	7.0%	5.0%
VT	DSJW	10/94	5.0%	6.0%	3.0%
VA	M-D and P/MR	10/94	7.0%	7.0%	2.0%

**KEY:** ISSR = Institute for Social Science Research at University of Alabama; P&S = Penn+Schoen; LRC = Luntz Research Co.; RC = Roper Center; M-D = Mason-Dixon; P/MR = Political/Media Research, Inc.; MI = Moore Information; MRG = Marketing Research Group; DSJW = Dresner, Sykes, Jordan & Wickers.

