



Rhode Island Survey Results

Q1 Under current Rhode Island state law, it is legal for people who have cancer, AIDS, and other serious illnesses to use and grow marijuana for medical purposes, as long as their physicians approve. Overall, do you support or oppose this law?

Support72% Not sure 6%
Oppose21%

Q2 In June 2009, the Rhode Island Legislature passed a bill to allow three non-profit compassion centers to dispense medical marijuana to seriously ill patients, many of whom cannot grow their own medicine. Governor Chafee has refused to allow the dispensaries to open. Do you think the governor should allow compassion centers to open, or not?

Yes..... 70%
No..... 24%
Not sure 6%

Q3 Would you view Governor Chafee more or less favorably if he allowed the three non-profit compassion centers to open to dispense medical marijuana to the seriously ill, or would it not make a difference?

More favorably 49%
Less favorably..... 19%
Wouldn't make a difference..... 33%

Q4 Current Rhode Island law provides for a jail term of up to one year and a fine of up to \$500 for simple possession of marijuana. Would you support or oppose a change in the law to provide for a fine without jail time or the threat of arrest for those who possess an ounce or less of marijuana for personal use?

Support 65%
Oppose 24%
Not sure 11%

Q5 Would you be more or less likely to vote for your state legislator if he or she voted to replace the current criminal penalties for possession of an ounce of marijuana with a fine of \$150?

More likely..... 58%
Less likely 24%
Not sure 18%

Q6 Would you support or oppose changing Rhode Island law to tax and regulate marijuana similarly to alcohol, where stores would be licensed to sell marijuana to adults 21 or older?

Support 52%
Oppose 41%
Not sure 7%

Q7 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
Man..... 47%

Q8 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 32%
Republican..... 16%
Independent/Other..... 52%

Q9 If you are 18 to 34 years old, press 1. If 35 to 49, press 2. If 50 to 64, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 34..... 12%
35 to 49..... 32%
50 to 64..... 39%
Older than 65..... 17%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose RI Med. Marijuana Law			
Support	72%	72%	73%
Oppose	21%	20%	23%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Should Chafee Let Compassion Ctr's Open?			
Yes	70%	73%	66%
No	24%	21%	27%
Not sure	6%	6%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Would You View Chafee More/Less Favorably If He Let Compassion Ctr's Open?			
More favorably	49%	53%	43%
Less favorably	19%	15%	22%
Wouldn't make a difference	33%	31%	35%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Fine w/o Jail for 1 oz Possession?			
Support	65%	62%	68%
Oppose	24%	23%	25%
Not sure	11%	15%	6%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
More/Less Likely to Vote for Legislator if Supported Fine?			
More likely	58%	55%	61%
Less likely	24%	24%	24%
Not sure	18%	21%	15%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Support/Oppose Taxing/Regulating Marijuana Like Alcohol?			
Support	52%	45%	59%
Oppose	41%	47%	34%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose RI Med. Marijuana Law				
Support	72%	82%	61%	70%
Oppose	21%	10%	33%	24%
Not sure	6%	8%	5%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Should Chafee Let Compassion Ctr's Open?				
Yes	70%	82%	60%	65%
No	24%	12%	36%	28%
Not sure	6%	6%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Would You View Chafee More/Less Favorably If He Let Compassion Ctr's Open?				
More favorably	49%	61%	40%	44%
Less favorably	19%	11%	30%	19%
Wouldn't make a difference	33%	28%	30%	37%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Fine w/o Jail for 1 oz Possession?				
Support	65%	73%	64%	60%
Oppose	24%	16%	27%	28%
Not sure	11%	11%	9%	12%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
More/Less Likely to Vote for Legislator if Supported Fine ?				
More likely	58%	68%	55%	52%
Less likely	24%	13%	29%	29%
Not sure	18%	19%	16%	18%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Support/Oppose Taxing/Regulating Marijuana Like Alcohol?				
Support	52%	55%	54%	49%
Oppose	41%	37%	42%	44%
Not sure	7%	8%	4%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
Support/Oppose RI Med. Marijuana Law					
Support	72%	78%	73%	77%	57%
Oppose	21%	22%	20%	18%	30%
Not sure	6%	-	7%	5%	13%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
Should Chafee Let Compassion Ctr's Open?					
Yes	70%	78%	68%	73%	61%
No	24%	20%	25%	21%	34%
Not sure	6%	2%	8%	7%	6%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
Would You View Chafee More/Less Favorably If He Let Compassion Ctr's Open?					
More favorably	49%	60%	49%	46%	46%
Less favorably	19%	18%	16%	18%	27%
Wouldn't make a difference	33%	22%	36%	36%	28%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Fine w/o Jail for 1 oz Possession?					
Support	65%	67%	60%	71%	58%
Oppose	24%	27%	28%	20%	25%
Not sure	11%	7%	12%	9%	17%





Crosstabs

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		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
More/Less Likely to Vote for Legislator if Supported Fine?					
More likely	58%	71%	53%	62%	47%
Less likely	24%	22%	28%	19%	29%
Not sure	18%	7%	18%	19%	24%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	Older than 65
Support/Oppose Taxing/Regulating Marijuana Like Alcohol?					
Support	52%	64%	55%	53%	36%
Oppose	41%	27%	39%	41%	55%
Not sure	7%	9%	6%	6%	9%

