

Can the Independent win?

The independent can win if, as in the 11th, moderate voters from both parties decide it is less risky to vote for the independent and get half of what they want instead of voting for their party candidate and risking a complete loss.

This scenario could occur in the 11th because the major candidates are polling the same while independent voters are attracted to the ‘Not for Sale’ message of the independent candidate.

The combination of a lack of leading candidate, a distrust of the status quo, an interest in trying an alternative and the limited risk associated with voting independent have created the possibility for an unprecedented upset.