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Starting June 18th, only registered voters asked
On August 2-7, asked of "likely" voters only
No "leaners" included

65% Carter, the Democratic candidate
65% Reagan, the Republican candidate
31% Anderson, the Independent candidate

31% 40% 39% 39% 39% 22% 22% 37% 37% 41% 31%
65% 58% 38% 33% 34% 25% 28% 28% 37% 17%

All respondents are "likely" voters
No "leaners" included

Starting March 25th, only registered voters asked

63% Carter, the Democratic candidate
32% Reagan, the Republican candidate
22% Anderson, the Independent candidate

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All percentages include "leaners"