

# Where the Presidential Candidates Stand on Racial Justice Issues

2004 Racism Watch was established to bring racial justice issues into the elections debates. We have looked into the positions of the six Presidential candidates who are expected to be on the ballot in enough states that they could win in November. Here they are (1 is terrible, 2 is poor, 3 is fair, 4 is good, 5 is very good):

Issues Asked About	Badnarik/ Libertarians	Bush/ Republicans	Cobb/ Greens	Kerry/ Democrats	Nader/ Independent	Peroutka/ Constitution
Addresses race/class bias in legal system	3	1	5	1-2	5	1
Addresses unequal resources for public schools	2	1	5	3	4	1
Supports strong jobs and human needs programs	1	1	5	2-3	5	1
Supports drug use treated as public health, not criminal, problem	4	1	5	1	5	1
Supports moratorium on death penalty	5	1	5	4-5	5	1
Supports reform of voting system so its truly fair and democratic	5	1	5	2-3	5	1
Supports repeal of USA Patriot Act	5	1	5	1	5	5
Opposes scapegoating of immigrants and immigrants rights	3-4	2	5	3	4	1
Supports affirmative action & national reparations commission	1	1	5	2-3	5	1
Supports stronger environmental justice policies	3-4	1	5	2-3	5	1
Supports Native American sovereignty and treaty rights	5	1	5	Not Addressed	3-4	1
Supports new foreign policy of social/economic justice for all	3	1	5	2	5	2

This information was obtained either by candidates' responding to our questionnaire or by our looking on their public websites. We chose a number to summarize their positions, to the best of our ability.

To access the specific answers of those who responded to our questionnaire (Cobb, Nader, Badnarik), go to [www.racismwatch.org](http://www.racismwatch.org). You can find out more about 2004 Racism Watch there, or by calling 973-338-5398 or writing P.O. Box 1041, Bloomfield, N.J. 07003.

2004 Racism Watch and other organizations are organizing a  
**“Vote for Racial Justice Week”**  
 October 18-24. We urge you to participate with us during this week!