

# Voters have supported A1123 for over 20 years

Vote YES on Tuesday May 11, 2004. 11AM  
Children & Families Committee meeting.

In 1981 the legislature overwhelmingly passed a presumption of joint custody.

Gov. Carey did not sign the bill, citing the Court of Appeals in Braiman v. Braiman - **The Will of the People trumps the Will of the Court. You can correct the outdated and questionable judicial legislation that is “Braiman” for your voters.**

Carey also cited fear of social ills: **Since then family dissolution and family court caseloads have increased, despite a decreasing population. Carey’s predictions were wrong with the exact opposite, negative, results occurring.**

***A-1123 will reduce court caseloads and save money. It will improve quality of life and encourage people to stay in New York State.***

# New York Voter Attitudes - Child Custody/Parenting Policy - Study I

In late 2002 The Children's Rights Council asked thousands of New Yorkers the questions below. The responses from those representing themselves as registered voters were then tabulated yielding the stated results. The Results were generally consistent in all geographic areas. *Voters in the districts of Sheldon Silver, Helene Weinstein and Roger Green had responses consistent with the overall findings stated below.* The actual results are available both by zip code and telephone exchange upon request. Please contact [dave@silentmajority.info](mailto:dave@silentmajority.info).

<u>Question Asked</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>				<u>Voter's By Gender</u>					
	<b>Most Said</b>	<b>All</b>			<b>Women</b>			<b>Men</b>		
		Yes	No	Not sure	Yes	No	Not Sure	Yes	No	Not Sure
If a child has 2 fit parents, is it in their best interest to spend as much time as possible with both of them?	<b>YES</b>	<b><u>81%</u></b>	8%	11%	<b><u>78%</u></b>	10%	12%	<b><u>86%</u></b>	4%	10%
Should NY State courts be allowed to block a fit parent from participating equally in their child's life?	<b>NO</b>	17%	<b><u>69%</u></b>	15%	18%	<b><u>69%</u></b>	13%	14%	<b><u>68%</u></b>	18%
If a child has 2 fit parents, is it in their best interest for both parents to provide emotional, physical and financial support?	<b>YES</b>	<b><u>92%</u></b>	3%	5%	<b><u>91%</u></b>	4%	6%	<b><u>94%</u></b>	2%	4%
Should NY State courts be allowed to block a fit parent from providing emotional and physical support for their child?	<b>NO</b>	11%	<b><u>77%</u></b>	12%	13%	<b><u>76%</u></b>	11%	8%	<b><u>79%</u></b>	14%
After a divorce. or separation of never married parents, and when both parents are fit, should NY State place the responsibility of raising a child only on one parent?	<b>NO</b>	8%	<b><u>79%</u></b>	13%	7%	<b><u>79%</u></b>	14%	10%	<b><u>79%</u></b>	12%

Totals may not equal exactly 100% because of rounding.

After considerable analysis of data presented, Arthur Weider, Ph. D. a clinical psychologist with 60 years of psychodiagnostic assessment of inventories and statistical analysis systems states: "the differentials are statistically reliable and the conclusions drawn therefrom are valid." *Arthur Weider, Ph. D.*