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## Hawaiians serious on sovereignty

In a poll of 413, half favor the independence

By Becky Ashizawa  
Star Bulletin

Some may brush off sovereignty as a far-out idea. But for a growing number of Hawaiians, the proposal of an independent nation is getting serious attention.

Of 413 ethnic Hawaiian residents recently contacted by the Star-Bulletin in a statewide telephone poll, half favored the idea of Hawaiian sovereignty.

At the same time, respondents identified two major obstacles: not knowing what form or structure the nation may take, and the fighting among groups in the Hawaiian community.

The respondents, surveyed Dec. 28-30 by

Political/Media Research, Inc., were randomly selected from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' voter registration lists. The margin of error is plus or minus 5 percent.

Among the key findings:

■ 50 percent favored Hawaiian sovereignty, 26 percent opposed the idea, and 24 percent were undecided.

■ Of those who supported sovereignty, 66 percent thought the Hawaiian nation should follow a "nation within a nation" model, as is the case of federally recognized Native American tribes.

Complete independence was favored by 21 percent and 13 percent said they were not sure.

■ As obstacles in achieving sovereignty, 36 percent identified "conflict among groups in the native Hawaiian community" and another 36 percent cited "a lack of

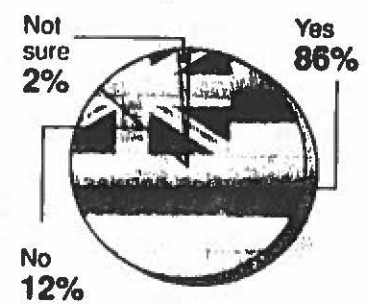
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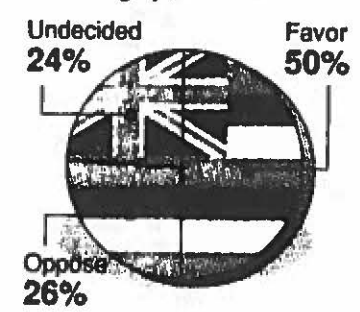
### In-justice for all?

This is how 413 registered OHA voters polled\* replied to questions concerning the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy:

■ Do you think Hawaii was unjustly taken from its indigenous people 100 years ago?



■ Do you favor or oppose native Hawaiian sovereignty?



Source: Political / Media Research, Inc.

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understanding of what sovereignty would entail, or what it would be like."

■ 73 percent had discussed sovereignty in the last year, although only 33 percent attended a seminar, lecture or forum on the topic.

■ 82 percent said they understood the concept of sovereignty, 16 percent indicated they did not, and 2 percent were not sure.

■ 86 percent felt that "Hawaii was unjustly taken from its indigenous people 100 years ago."

■ 73 percent supported the notion that Hawaiians should be given more direct control and decision-making powers over certain lands and resources, 25 percent said no to the same proposal, and 2 percent were not sure.

Kekuni Blaisdell, a physician and spokesman for Ka PaKaukau, a coalition of 14 sovereignty groups, said he was "pleasantly surprised" by the number of Hawaiians who think the overthrow was illegal. But he expressed concern that not as many people see sovereignty as the way to correct what the monarchy overthrow.

"If only 50 percent favor sovereignty, what do the rest consider to be appropriate redress?" he said.

"It sounds to me that there isn't a thorough presentation of the injustices and that many don't understand that the abuses continue today."

Natalie Kamaou is one poll respondent who doesn't believe sovereignty is the answer: "I don't think the overthrow was right, but I don't agree with what's going on."

Although she attended a session where several sovereignty versions were explained, the 24-year-old part-time teacher called the idea "silly".

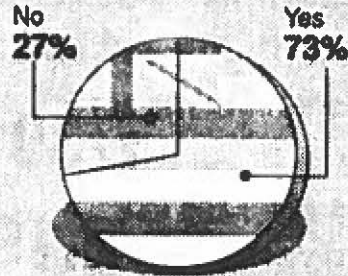
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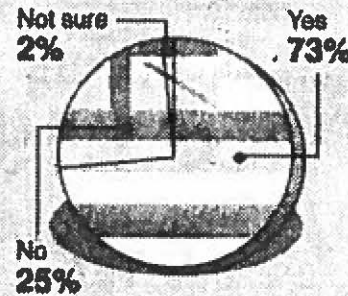
## On sovereignty

This is how 413 registered OHA voters polled\* replied to questions concerning Hawaiian sovereignty:

■ Have you, your family or friends discussed sovereignty in the last year?



■ Should Hawaiians be given more direct control and decision-making power over certain lands and resources?



Source: Political / Media Research, Inc.

\* Margin of error is plus or minus 5%.

By Kevin Hand, Star-Bulletin

"It's been good for Hawaiians to be part of the United States," Kamaou said. "We have roads, electricity and schools. If the U.S. were to pull out, I can't see myself going back to planting taro and sweet potatoes."

Kunani Nihipali, project director for Hui Na'auao, a sovereignty education coalition of 43 native groups, said the survey results confirm that the hui has taken the right path.

"I think people may know something about sovereignty but they don't understand the full range and depth of the facts."

The hui was awarded nearly \$1 million by the Administration for Native Americans for three years of sovereignty education.

In the last few months it concentrated on the overthrow but is now preparing to launch its next phase, which focuses on various

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Natalie Kamaou

About the push for sovereignty

proposed sovereignty models.

Nihipali is glad the "awareness is growing" but he said more people — including non-Hawaiians — need to learn about the subject.

Tomorrow from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin Poll: Hawaiians assess state and other agencies created to help them.

# Sovereignty special to be aired on KITV

Star-Bulletin staff

A four-hour special on sovereignty, featuring groups and individuals supporting an independent Hawaiian nation, will be televised Saturday on KITV.

The Ohana (Family) Councils, the sovereignty group planning the event, hopes the 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. special will "clear up a lot of misconceptions about the movement."

The special, "Hawaii: A Nation Reborn," to be broadcast from Iolani Palace, will feature a mixture of taped interviews with sovereignty leaders, archival film footage and live music from entertainers such as Olomana, Henry Kapon, Pandanus Club and the Makaha Sons of Niihau.

Several members of the Ohana Councils were arrested during the June 11 confrontation with police at Iolani Palace.

"We decided to use the palace because it was the turning point for the movement," said Billy Kurch, who is serving as producer for the event. "So now in cooperation with the state, we want to show that the cause is a peaceful one. The public needs to know that there is no need of violence."

The Ohana Councils received more than \$60,000 in contributions for the event, he said.

Volunteers include Kimo Kahoano and Danny Kaleikini, who was named by Mayor Frank Fasi yesterday as the city and county's representative to the Hawaiian community.

Kaleikini, who is not being paid for this appointment, will be advising Fasi on Hawaiian issues including sovereignty.

"I've been meeting with some of our Hawaiian ohana. I think most important we just gotta sit down and talk story hoooponopono ... not only with our Hawaiian families but all of our families."

Kaleikini said having a separate government for Hawaiians may make things "more difficult."

"But if we are given the chance to govern our own Hawaiian affairs, I don't see why not."