



RONALD REAGAN

California's Governor

CLOSE COVER OF FOR SAFETY

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The earliest known Political cover, as far as I know, is "Al Smith for President, 1928". That gives Political collectors some 88 years to play with, so far. Within those almost nine decades are some quite historical and especially collectible covers. There's a 1940 Wilkie Pull-Quick, for example, which is a good example of the oldies that exist in this category. On the newer side, there are patriotic sets issued for Goldwater, Nixon, JFK, and others. There are at least two different "sticky backs" issued for Eisenhower, etc.

Dave Kennaday, PA, reported 1,108 Major, as of October 1987; Dave later reported a total of 7,535 for all Political covers as of December 2000. Although there is no Political listing, as such, there *is* at least a Presidential listing (Pat Griffiths, 1987-1988). I don't believe it's ever been updated, though.

What constitutes "Major Political"? Presidents, Senators, Congressmen...but I also include governors, since there are only 50.

































