




Proposals in Congressional Legislation with Bipartisan Support January 2021

The following list includes policy proposals in previously proposed Congressional legislation that elicit support from both Republicans and Democrats.

This support is more than a response to standard poll. In most cases respondents participated in an in-depth online survey, conducted by the [Program for Public Consultation](#) (PPC) at the University of Maryland, in which they received briefings on the policy proposals and evaluated pro and con arguments, only then coming to their conclusions. Expert opponents and proponents of each policy proposal reviewed the content, ensuring that the briefings were accurate and balanced, and the arguments were the strongest possible ones. In nearly all cases the survey was done with a sample of more than 2,000 registered voters, making it possible to divide the sample six ways according to the partisan orientation of the respondent's Congressional district based on Cook's PVI ratings. The views in most Republican ("very red") and the most Democratic ("very blue") sixth of the sample are shown.

Others are from a "deliberative poll" of the [Center for Deliberative Democracy at Stanford University](#). In this case respondents also participated in an in-person event with briefings and discussions, as well as evaluating arguments pro and con, before coming to their conclusions.

IMMIGRATION REFORM		PERCENT SUPPORTING				
RELATED BILLS	PROPOSALS	 National	 Republicans	 Democrats	CONG. DISTRICTS	
					VERY RED	VERY BLUE
DREAM Act (H.R. 2820, S. 874)	Provide undocumented immigrants eligible for DACA status with full legal status and a path to citizenship	80	69	92	74	85
Accountability Through Electronic Verification Act (H.R. 1399, S. 556) Legal Workforce Act (H.R. 250) E-Verify Act (S. 301)	Require that employers use the E-Verify system to establish the legal status of current employees and all new applicants	73	80	68	71	69
Prioritizing Help to Businesses Act (S. 135)	Increase the number of available temporary non-farm work visas (H2B) from 66,000 to around 200,000 a year	69	73	67	69	68



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POLICE REFORM

PERCENT SUPPORTING

RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS



CONG. DISTRICTS

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[George Floyd Justice in Policing Act](#)
(H.R. 7120, S. 3912)

Make it a duty for officers to intervene when another officer is using excessive force; provide training for when and how to intervene



Create a national database or registry of police misconduct, available to all police departments (e.g. to use when considering employing an officer) and the public



Prohibit chokeholds and other neck restraints that prevent breathing or block the flow of blood or oxygen to the brain



Require officers to receive training to address implicit bias toward minorities



Incentivize states to hire an independent prosecutor in cases against an officer who used deadly force



Require officers to be trained in de-escalation and other alternative techniques, require such techniques be exhausted before using deadly force, and make officers criminally liable if they fail to do so



Ban no-knock warrants, by which officers can break into a suspect's home without knocking, and without identifying themselves



Require police departments to get local government approval for requests for surplus military equipment, and prohibit requests for certain high-powered military equipment



Amend qualified immunity so that it is more possible to hold officers liable when civilians sue them for using excessive force



[JUSTICE Act](#)
(S. 3985)

[George Floyd Justice in Policing Act](#)
(H.R. 7120, S. 3912)

Require all officers to wear body cameras, and to turn them on when they are responding to a police call or interacting with a suspect



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HEALTHCARE

PERCENT SUPPORTING



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RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS

<p>Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3)</p> <p>Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)</p> <p>Medicare at 50 Act (S. 470)</p> <p>Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act (H.R. 1346)</p> <p>Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)</p> <p>Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)</p>	<p>Allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices (CDD)</p>	<p>92 92 92</p>	--	--
<p>CREATES Act (H.R. 965, S. 340)</p> <p>Prescription Drug Price Relief Act (H.R. 465, S.102)</p> <p>BLOCKING Act (H.R. 938)</p> <p>Stop STALLING Act (H.R. 2374, S. 1224)</p> <p>Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)</p>	<p>Change the patent system so generic drugs are more quickly introduced into the marketplace (CDD)</p>	<p>88 81 92</p>	--	--
<p>Medicare at 50 Act (S. 470)</p> <p>Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act (H.R. 1346)</p>	<p>Allow people age 55 and older to purchase Medicare (CDD)</p>	<p>79 70 88</p>	--	--
<p>Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)</p> <p>Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)</p> <p>Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)</p> <p>Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)</p>	<p>Expand federal subsidies in the Affordable Care Act that help the middle class in order to include more people (CDD)</p>	<p>72 51 87</p>	--	--
<p>Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)</p> <p>Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)</p> <p>Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)</p>	<p>Increase federal subsidies in the Affordable Care Act that help the poor (CDD)</p>	<p>60 60[†] 82</p>	--	--
<p>Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)</p> <p>Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)</p> <p>CHOICE Act (H.R. 2085)</p>	<p>Create a public option for anyone to purchase (CDD)</p>	<p>71 59 84</p>	--	--
<p>Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)</p>	<p>*Make "copper plans," a choice available in the ACA exchanges to anyone seeking individual insurance, including people over the age of 30</p>	<p>60 68 54 61 57</p>		



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FEDERAL POVERTY PROGRAMS

PERCENT SUPPORTING



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RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS

<p>Fight for a Modern Minimum Wage (H.R. 3728)</p>	Raise the federal minimum wage to \$9 over a two-year period	74	58	89	66	85
<p>Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education Act (H.R. 4213)</p> <p>Universal Full-Day Kindergarten Act (H.R. 1971)</p>	Make pre-kindergarten available to all 4-year-olds in low-income families and expand the availability of Early Head Start programs	72	52	90	65	83
<p>SNAP Healthy Incentives Act (H.R. 7899)</p>	Provide discounts on fruit and vegetables purchased using SNAP benefits	88	81	93	84	88
<p>114th Congress: Nutritious Options for Meals Act of 2015 (H.R. 2383)</p>	Disallow using SNAP benefits for candy	76	85	68	83	66
<p>Healthy Food Choices Act of 2016 (H.R. 4881)</p>	Disallow using SNAP benefits for sweetened sodas	73	82	67	79	67

TAXES

PERCENT SUPPORTING



CONG. DISTRICTS

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RELATED BILL

PROPOSAL

<p>Inclusive Prosperity Act (H.R. 2923, S. 1587)</p>	Adopt a 0.1% tax on financial transactions: trades of stocks, bonds & derivatives (generates \$70 billion)	63	55	71	63	70
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SOCIAL SECURITY

PERCENT SUPPORTING



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RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS

<p>Social Security 2100 Act (H.R. 860, S. 269)</p>	Eliminate the cap on income subject to the Social Security payroll tax (reduces shortfall by 66%)	59	54	64	61	59
<p>Social Security Expansion Act (H.R. 1170, S. 478)</p>	Raise the minimum benefit for those who have worked at least 30 years from \$800 to \$1,216/month (which would be above the poverty line)	58	62	67	58	61



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ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

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RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS

	A tax credit for installing a new energy-efficient heating or air conditioning system: up to \$1,500	84	75	93	82	88
	A tax credit for building a new energy-efficient home or residential building: up to \$3,000	79	70	88	80	84
	A tax credit for making energy-saving improvements such as fuel-efficient lighting, doors, windows, or insulation: up to \$6,500	78	70	87	76	80
Clean Energy for America Act (S. 1288)	A tax credit for the amount of electricity produced with clean energy: equal to up to 5-10% of the average retail cost of electricity	76	62	89	72	77
	A tax credit for the cost of equipment that produces clean energy, such as solar panels or wind turbines, or stores clean energy: up to 30%	75	58	91	66	78
	A tax credit for building new energy-efficient commercial buildings: up to \$4.75 per square foot	72	61	83	67	74
	A tax credit for making energy-saving improvements to commercial buildings that reduce energy: up to \$9.25 per square foot	66	52	78	61	72
Agriculture Environmental Stewardship Act (H.R. 3744, S. 2542)	A tax credit for building biogas facilities on farms, capturing methane and converting it into energy: up to 30% of startup costs	77	66	88	76	81
Renewable Electricity Standard Act (S. 1974)	Require electric companies to have a minimum portion of their electricity come from renewable sources	74	56	89	68	80
The Clean Air, Healthy Kids Act (S. 2505)	Require higher fuel-efficient standards for light cars and trucks: By 2025, newly built cars and light trucks would be required to emit half the carbon dioxide of a 2010 model car or truck	73	57	86	69	79
Clean and Efficient Cars Act (H.R. 978)						
GAS MONEY Saved Act (S. 1022)						
Energy Sector Innovation Credit Act (H.R. 5523)	A tax credit for an investment in the development of first-of-its-kind clean energy technology to produce, store or distribute energy: up to 30%	71	57	83	66	74
The Clean Air, Healthy Kids Act (S. 2505)	Require higher fuel-efficient standards for Heavy-duty vehicles	71	56	84	66	77
Clean and Efficient Cars Act (H.R. 978)						
Green Bus Tax Credit Act (H.R. 5163)	A tax credit for manufacturers of fully electric buses: equal to 10% of the sales price of each bus sold	69	52	84	62	76



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GOVERNMENT REFORM

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PROPOSALS

<p>Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)</p>	<p>Have the President require federal contractors to disclose their donations to campaign-related activities</p>	85	84	89	87	86
<p>For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)</p>	<p>Require corporations, unions, and other groups, when spending money on campaign-related activities to immediately report this to their shareholders and members, the public and the FEC</p>	85	83	88	88	90
<p>DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 2977, S.1147)</p>	<p>Require all individuals or organizations that donate or receive at least \$10,000 in campaign-related donations to register with the FEC and be publicly listed</p>	82	77	88	84	80
<p>Ballot Fairness Act (H.R. 1680)</p>	<p>Require the FEC to publicly disclose the names of significant donors paying for TV or radio ads in support of candidates or related to controversial public issues</p>	81	74	89	85	80
<p>Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (H.R.1422)</p>	<p>Make it more possible for independent and third-party candidates to compete in Congressional elections</p>	74	71	75	75	74
<p>For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)</p>	<p>To ensure that those making campaign donations from abroad are registered US voters, require all campaigns to get the address and CVV code of all credit card donors</p>	79	85	77	84	71
<p>H.J. Res. 2 H.J. Res. 57</p>	<p>Pass a new Constitutional amendment that would allow governments greater freedom to regulate campaign financing and to restrict corporations more than individuals, thus overturning the Citizens United decision</p>	75	66	85	74	76
<p>H.R. 290 H.R. 2234</p>	<p>End existing program for public financing of Presidential campaigns funded by checkoffs on tax returns and redirect that money to pediatric research or deficit reduction</p>	66	79	53	63	60
<p>Fair Elections Now Act (S. 2257) Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)</p>	<p>Provide support to Senate candidates who only take small donations (up to \$150) with a 6-to-1 match of those donations and other support, funded by a new 0.5% on government contracts over \$10 million</p>	66	58	73	64	69
<p>Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949) Democracy Dollars Act (H.R. 1613)</p>	<p>Make half of a campaign donation up to \$50 refundable in the form of a tax credit; limit to people who have donated \$300 or less to a candidate</p>	60	53	67	59	58
<p>Public Service Integrity Act (H.R. 1021)</p>	<p>Extend the waiting period before lobbying to two years for former senior Congressional staffers</p>	77	79	74	75	72
<p>Cleaning Up Washington's Act (S. 1158) Public Service Integrity Act (H.R. 1021)</p>	<p>Extend the waiting period to five years before lobbying of all former Members of Congress</p>	77	80	73	77	72



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GOVERNMENT REFORM (continued)

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H.R. 2101 Cleaning Up Washington's Act (S. 1158)	Extend the waiting period before lobbying to five years for all senior Executive Branch officials	75	77	71	74	73
H.R. 2101	Prohibit former senior Executive Branch officials from lobbying on behalf of a foreign government for the rest of their life	75	81	70	73	67
In all of the bills below:	Pass a constitutional amendment to limit how many terms Members of Congress can stay in office	80	88	73	82	71
H.J. Res. 14	Pass a constitutional amendment to limit House Members to 4 terms and Senators to 2 terms	73	79	66	74	68
H.J. Res. 29 H.J. Res. 86	Pass a constitutional amendment to limit House Members to 6 terms for House Members and Senators to 2 terms	72	80	66	73	64
S.J. Res. 1	Amend the constitution to limit House Members to three 2-year terms and Senators to two 6-year terms	71	76	66	72	74
Fair Representation Act (H.R. 4000)	Rather than state legislatures, have Congressional redistricting done by a citizen commission that is representative of the state's demographics and partisan affiliations	66	53	80	59	70
For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)	Adopt ranked choice voting in federal elections to counter the potential spoiler-effect of independent or third-party candidates	55	62 ^T	64	56	55
Fair Representation Act (H.R. 4000)	Create multi-member districts to better reflect the partisan distribution of the state	55	64 ^T	66	67 ^T	58
115th Congress: Stop Act (H.R. 528)	Prohibit direct person-to-person fundraising by Members of Congress	55	51	58	57	54

SENTENCING REFORM

PERCENT SUPPORTING

RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS



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Next Step Act (H.R. 1893, S. 697)	Reduce mandatory minimums for serious drug offenses for 1st offense from 10 years to 5 years	83	76	90	78	85
Smarter Sentencing Act (S. 2850)	Eliminate mandatory minimums for offenders whose role is limited to transporting or storing illegal drugs or money related to drug deals	74	64	83	70	75
Next Step Act (H.R. 1893, S. 697)	Allow federal judges the discretion to release early on to parole prisoners who were convicted as juveniles and who have served at least 20 years in prison	78	68	87	75	83



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NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

PERCENT SUPPORTING

RELATED BILL

PROPOSAL



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[Restricting First Use of Nuclear Weapons](#)
(H.R. 669, S. 200)

Require the President to consult Congress and request a declaration of war before making first use of nuclear weapons



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INTERNATIONAL TRADE

PERCENT SUPPORTING

RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS



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[Labor, Human and Civil Rights Trade Policy Act](#)
(H.R. 2996)

Include enforceable labor standards in new trade agreements



Include enforceable environmental standards in new trade agreements



[Apprenticeship and Jobs Training Act](#)
(H.R. 3368)

Encourage employers to have more extensive apprenticeship programs by offering them a tax credit up to \$5,000 for each apprentice



[21st Century Workforce Act](#)
(H.R. 398)

Increase the amount spent on training programs for jobs in the energy industry



[New Collar Jobs Act](#)
(H.R. 334)

Increase the amount spent on training programs for cybersecurity jobs



U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

PERCENT SUPPORTING

RELATED BILL

PROPOSAL



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[H.R. 3577](#)

Allow USPS to offer a wider range of products and services



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