

IMMIGRATION REFORM



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.

VERY VERY RELATED BILLS PROPOSALS RED BLUE Provide undocumented immigrants **DREAM Act** (H.R. 2820, S. 874) eligible for DACA status with full legal status and a path to citizenship **Accountability Through Electronic** Require that employers use the E-Verification Act (H.R. 1399, S. 556) Verify system to establish the legal Legal Workforce Act (H.R. 250)

status of current employees and all

new applicants

Prioritizing Help to Businesses Act (S. 135)

E-Verify Act (S. 301)

Increase the number of available temporary non-farm work visas (H2B) from 66,000 to around 200,000 a year







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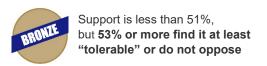




CONG. DISTRICTS







POLICE REFORM

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CONG. DISTRICTS **VERY**

RED

VERY BLUE

RELATED BILLS

PROPOSALS

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











George Floyd Justice in **Policing Act** (H.R. 7120, S. 3912) 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





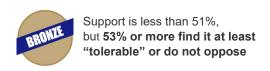












HEALTHCARE

PERCENT SUPPORTING







CONG. DISTRICTS VERY

RED

VERY BLUE

Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs

Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)

Now Act (H.R. 3)

RELATED BILLS

Medicare at 50 Act (S. 470)

Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act (H.R. 1346)

Allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices (CDD)

PROPOSALS







Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)

Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)

CREATES Act (H.R. 965, S. 340)

Prescription Drug Price Relief Act (H.R. 465, S.102)

BLOCKING Act (H.R. 938)

Change the patent system so generic drugs are more quickly introduced into the marketplace (CDD)







Stop STALLING Act (H.R. 2374, S. 1224)

Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)

Medicare at 50 Act (S. 470)

Medicare Buy-In and Health Care Stabilization Act (H.R. 1346)

Allow people age 55 and older to purchase Medicare (CDD)







Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)

Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)

Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)

Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)

Expand federal subsidies in the Affordable Care Act that help the middle class in order to include more people (CDD)

Increase federal subsidies in the







Patient Protection & Affordable Care Enhancement Act (H.R. 1425)

Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)

Affordable Care Act that help the poor (CDD)





Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261) Medicare-X Choice Act (H.R. 2000, S. 981)

Choose Medicare Act (H.R. 2463, S. 1261)

CHOICE Act (H.R. 2085)

Create a public option for anyone to purchase (CDD)



Fair Care Act (H.R. 1332)

*Make "copper plans," a choice available in the ACA exchanges to anyone seeking individual insurance, including people over the age of 30

















FEDERAL POVERTY PROGRAMS

PERCENT SUPPORTING







CONG. DISTRICTS

VERY VERY RED **BLUE**

Fight for a Modern Minimum Wage

(H.R. 3728)

RELATED BILLS

Raise the federal minimum wage to \$9 over a two-year period

PROPOSALS







Universal Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood Education Act (H.R. 4213)

Universal Full-Day Kindergarten Act (H.R. 1971)

Make pre-kindergarten available to all 4-year-olds in low-income families and expand the availability of Early Head Start programs







SNAP Healthy Incentives Act (H.R. 7899)

Provide discounts on fruit and vegetables purchased using SNAP benefits









114th Congress: **Nutritious Options for Meals** Act of 2015 (H.R. 2383)

Healthy Food Choices Act of 2016 (H.R. 4881)

Disallow using SNAP benefits for candy

Disallow using SNAP benefits for









sweetened sodas









TAXES

RELATED BILL

Inclusive Prosperity Act

(H.R. 2923, S. 1587)

PROPOSAL

Adopt a 0.1% tax on financial transactions: trades of stocks, bonds & derivatives (generates \$70







PERCENT SUPPORTING

CONG. DISTRICTS

VERY VERY RED BLUE

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SOCIAL SECURITY

RELATED BILLS

Social Security 2100 Act

(H.R. 860, S. 269)

PROPOSALS

Eliminate the cap on income subject to the Social Security payroll tax (reduces shortfall by 66%)







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VERY

BLUE

CONG. DISTRICTS

Social Security Expansion Act (H.R. 1170, S. 478)

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









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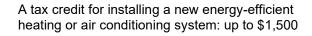




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ELATED BILLS	PROPOSAL
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A tax credit for building a new energy-efficient home or residential building: up to \$3,000









A tax credit for making energy-saving improvements such as fuel-efficient lighting, doors, windows, or insulation: up to \$6,500











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









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%







A tax credit for building new energy-efficient commercial buildings: up to \$4.75 per square foot





A tax credit for making energy-saving improvements to commercial buildings that reduce energy: up to \$9.25 per square foot









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







Renewable Electricity Standard Act (S. 1974)

Require electric companies to have a minimum portion of their electricity come from renewable sources









The Clean Air, Healthy Kids Act (S. 2505)

Clean and Efficient Cars Act (H.R. 978)

GAS MONEY Saved Act (S. 1022)

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









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%









The Clean Air, Healthy **Kids Act** (S. 2505) **Clean and Efficient Cars**

Act (H.R. 978)

Require higher fuel-efficient standards for Heavyduty vehicles









Green Bus Tax Credit Act (H.R. 5163)

A tax credit for manufacturers of fully electric buses: egual to 10% of the sales price of each bus sold



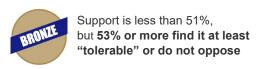








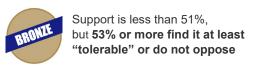




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RELATED BILLS	PROPOSALS	National	Republicans	Democrats	VERY RED	VERY BLUE
Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)	Have the President require federal contractors to disclose their donations to campaign-related activities	85	84	89	87	86
For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949) DISCLOSE Act (H.R. 2977, S.1147)	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	85	83	88	88	90
	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	82		88	84	80
	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	81	74	89	85	80
Ballot Fairness Act (H.R. 1680)	Make it more possible for independent and third- party candidates to compete in Congressional elections	74	71	75	75	74
For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949) Stop Foreign Donations Affecting Our Elections Act (H.R.1422)	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	79	85	11	84	71
H.J. Res. 2 H.J. Res. 57	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	75	66	85	74	76
H.R. 290 H.R. 2234	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	66	79	53	63	60
Fair Elections Now Act (S. 2257) Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)	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	66	58	73	64	69
Similar proposal in For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949) Democracy Dollars Act (H.R. 1613)	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	60	53	67	59	58
Public Service Integrity Act (H.R. 1021)	Extend the waiting period before lobbying to two years for former senior Congressional staffers	11	79	74	75	72
Cleaning Up Washington's Act (S. 1158) Public Service Integrity Act (H.R. 1021)	Extend the waiting period to five years before lobbying of all former Members of Congress	7	80	73	11)	72





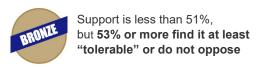


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RELATED BILLS	PROPOSALS				VERY RED	VERY
H.R. 2101		National	Republicans	Democrats	KED	BLUE
Cleaning Up Washington's Act (S. 1158)	Extend the waiting period before lobbying to five years for all senior Executive Branch officials	75	11)	71	74	73
H.R. 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
<u>S.J. Res. 1</u>	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) For the People Act (H.R. 1, S. 949)	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
	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	641	66	671	58
115th Congress: Stop Act (H.R. 528)	Prohibit direct person-to-person fundraising by Members of Congress	55)	51)	58)	57)	54

PERCENT SUPPORTING SENTENCING REFORM CONG. DISTRICTS **VERY VERY RELATED BILLS PROPOSALS** RED **BLUE** Reduce mandatory minimums for serious drug offenses for 1st offense from 10 years to 5 years Next Step Act (H.R. 1893, S. 697) **Smarter Sentencing Act** Eliminate mandatory minimums for offenders (S. 2850) whose role is limited to transporting or storing illegal drugs or money related to drug deals Allow federal judges the discretion to release **Next Step Act** early on to parole prisoners who were convicted (H.R. 1893, S. 697) as juveniles and who have served at least 20 years in prison







NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

PERCENT SUPPORTING







CONG. DISTRICTS

VERY VERY RED BLUE

RELATED BILL

PROPOSAL

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







CONG. DISTRICTS

VERY RED VERY BLUE

RELATED BILLS

Include enforceable labor standards in new trade agreements











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

Include enforceable environmental standards in new trade agreements

PROPOSALS











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

PROPOSAL







PERCENT SUPPORTING

CONG. DISTRICTS

VERY RED VERY BLUE

H.R. 3577

RELATED BILL

Allow USPS to offer a wider range of products and services







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