Majorities of Both Republicans and Democrats in Arizona's 1st and 6th Congressional Districts Agree on Nearly 100 Policy Proposals

This sheet shows bipartisan common ground on 98 policy proposals in Arizona's 1st Congressional District and 94 in the 6th, across 14 issue areas. Most of these proposals were drawn from Congressional legislation and some from the Executive Branch. Arizonans also agree that Congress would be more likely to find common ground if it were more influenced by *We the People*. The findings come from the *Common Ground in the Battlegrounds?* Survey Series, conducted by the University of Maryland's Program for Public Consultation (PPC) in the run-up to the 2026 midterm elections. Numbers are the percent of **Republicans** and **Democrats** in support. Questions are abbreviated here — full question wording and more detail are at **vop.org/battlegrounds-arizona**.

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

98	94
AZ-1	AZ-6

Of the 106 policy questions, a policy is counted as receiving bipartisan support when at least 51% of both Republicans and Democrats take the same position. Medicaid spending is listed twice, but counted once; Role of We the People questions are not counted.

HEALTHCARE COSTS Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Cap prescription drug prices to what other developed countries pay (would reduce prices by about half)	91	85	87	90
Ban drug companies from paying generic makers to delay putting cheaper drugs on to the market	82	79	79	87
When a drug is unaffordable and was developed with federal funds, let the government override the patent and license other drug companies to make it	86	73	80	84
Reinstate the expired enhanced ACA subsidies to lower premiums and deductibles	78	86	79	90
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more low-income people *Also listed under Low-Income Assistance; counted once in the tally.*	62	77	64	85
Let people 55–64 buy into Medicare	73	80	72	85
Create a government-run public health insurance option anyone can buy into	78	84	75	89
Spend $13 billion more on substance-use treatment so nearly everyone who needs and wants it can get it	57	77	70	85
Make it a high priority for the government to ensure that everyone who needs and wants substance-use treatment can get it (very or somewhat high priority)	79	93	85	92
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	9		9	

SOCIAL SECURITY Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Subject income over $400,000 to the payroll tax (-61%)	66	77	79	82
Gradually raise the payroll tax from 6.2% to 6.5% (-15%)	56	68	53	66
Reduce benefits for the top 20% of lifetime earners (-11%)	62	64	53	56
Gradually raise the full retirement age from 67 to 68 (-15%)	64	57	*47*	53
Raise the minimum monthly benefit to $1,630 (125% of the poverty line) (+8%)	68	78	80	80

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Base cost-of-living adjustments to what older adults actually buy (+12%)	66	72	60	65
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		5	

FAMILIES & CHILDREN Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Provide $25 billion to states and cities for to create or expand free universal preschool programs	60	79	69	91
Subsidize childcare so low- and middle-income families pay no more than 7% of income	75	82	79	89
Raise the Child Tax Credit to $3,600 and make it fully refundable for all income levels	69	83	62	85
Create a national 12-week paid family and medical leave program for all workers, funded by a 0.2% payroll tax	58	82	72	82
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4	

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Tax incentives for builders to build or repair homes affordable to low- and middle-income households	74	85	74	89
Invest $40 billion to build high-density housing affordable to very low- and low-income households	53	74	65	83
Provide $25 billion to local governments to build affordable high-density housing for low- and middle-income households	60	77	68	80
Increase funding for rental vouchers for the very low-income, elderly and disabled by $24 billion	60	80	67	92
Prohibit large corporations from owning single-family homes	81	82	78	85
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5	

LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise monthly SNAP benefits for individuals living alone above the current $170 (allowed to choose the amount)	61	82	72	89
…for single mothers above the current $530	*40*	73	*47*	70
Offer discounts on fruits and vegetables bought with SNAP	78	86	79	94
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more people (allowed to increase, keep the same, or decrease) *Also listed under Healthcare Costs; counted once in the tally.*	62	77	64	85
Raise the federal minimum wage above $7.25 (allowed to choose the amount) *Median Democrat: $15 in both districts. Median Republican: $13 in AZ-6; $11 in AZ-1.*	81	96	92	99
Raise the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for workers without children from $630 to $1,300	69	81	64	81
Raise the savings limit for EITC eligibility	68	78	71	88
Lower the EITC eligibility age from 25 to 21	67	74	59	81
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		7	

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Create a federal agency to monitor and regulate AI	75	82	68	85
Require new AI programs that make critical decisions (e.g. review health insurance claims) to pass a government test to: ensure they follow the law, are unbiased, have security protections	78	76	76	84
For critical decision-making AI programs already in use, let the government audit them	73	68	70	73
Require deepfakes to be labeled as AI-generated	80	86	86	93
Prohibit campaigns and PACs from using deepfakes in ads	80	84	79	89
Work toward an international treaty regulating large-scale AI	71	73	76	80
Work toward an international treaty banning fully autonomous weapons (use AI to fire on targets without human command)	70	79	75	82
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		7	

IMMIGRATION Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Deport undocumented immigrants convicted of a crime	91	81	94	76
Offer legal status to long-term undocumented immigrants with no criminal record who pay a penalty and back taxes	62	82	56	88
Offer a path to citizenship to those brought here illegally as children	81	84	69	90
Require E-Verify for all new hires AND increase the number of work visas to match labor demand	86	85	74	84
Hire hundreds more asylum judges and staff to cut wait times (which are currently several years on average)	74	85	76	84
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5	

ABORTION & BIRTH CONTROL Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Do not make abortion a crime before fetal viability (chose between multiple options for criminalization)	72	95	91	99
Fund clinics to provide free or low-cost birth control to women who can't afford it	72	90	60	92
Prohibit states from restricting access to birth control	62	94	60	93
Continue to require that health insurance cover birth control	78	94	67	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4	

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make reducing air pollution a high priority	71	91	70	97
Make reducing greenhouse gas emissions a high priority	65	93	61	98
Adopt a goal of cutting U.S. emissions 2% a year	67	92	65	93

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Provide tax credits for producing energy that has not greenhouse gas emissions (solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear)	66	91	*49*	92
Require electric companies to get a minimum share of power from zero-carbon sources	63	94	66	86
Tax credits for making homes and buildings more energy-efficient	74	94	75	93
Require new cars to get more miles per gallon	64	89	62	90
Commit with other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	72	94	62	94
Take part in international efforts to study and share climate and energy data	66	93	70	94
Provide financial assistance and job training to fossil-fuel workers who lose their jobs in the transition to clean energy	68	96	77	90
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	10		9	

FEDERAL TAXES Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Wealth tax of 2% on wealth over $50 million and 3% over $1 billion (+$200B)	67	87	71	91
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $200,000–$500,000 (+$26B)	*46*	64	*40*	73
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $500,000–$1 million (+$18B)	59	77	*50*	78
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $1 million or more (+$120B)	63	83	58	89
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $200,000–$500,000 income from 21% to at least 24% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$145B)	*49*	61	*49*	67
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $500,000–$1 million income from 25% to at least 28% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$48B)	53	69	*50*	74
Raise the effective income tax rate on households with $1 million+ income from 27% to at least 29% (allowed to increase, keep same or decrease tax rate) (+$73B)	52	74	52	78
Tax hedge fund managers' income like ordinary income (end the carried-interest break) (+$1B)	71	81	64	84
Apply the estate tax to more inherited wealth, by lowering the tax exemption from $15 million to $5 million (chose between multiple options, including eliminating the tax) (+$17B)	*49*	68	52	69
Raise the effective corporate tax rate from 12% to at least 14% (allowed to increase, keep same, or decrease) (+$41B)	*42*	68	52	75
Impose a 0.01% tax on stock purchases (+$30B)	*49*	67	*44*	68
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6	

GOVERNMENT REFORM Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require that all Congressional redistricting be done by non-partisan citizen commissions (equal numbers of Republicans, Democrats and independents)	83	86	92	86

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Pass a Constitutional amendment setting term limits for Congress (four terms in the House, two in the Senate)	90	87	84	90
Use ranked choice voting in Congressional elections with three or more candidates	*50*	71	55	67
Prohibit members of Congress from trading stocks in individual companies	79	78	63	82
Prohibit the President, Vice President and Supreme Court Justices from trading stocks in individual companies	71	66	55	75
Require Supreme Court Justices to follow the same ethics standards as all other federal judges	86	89	93	90
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		6	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Pass a Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and state legislatures to restrict corporate and PAC spending on elections (overturning Citizens United)	79	86	75	89
Encourage small donors by making half of small campaign contributions refundable as a tax credit	60	67	65	68
Require corporations, unions and other groups to immediately report campaign-related spending to their shareholders and members, the public and the FEC	87	88	93	89
Require the FEC to publicly disclose the names of significant donors paying for TV or radio ads about candidates or controversial issues	81	84	77	88
Require federal contractors to publicly disclose donations to groups that spend on campaign-related activities	80	86	87	92
Keep the prohibition on nonprofits that receive tax-deductible donations (e.g. churches, universities) from endorsing or funding candidates	80	84	78	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require police officers to intervene when another officer is using excessive force, and train them to do so	90	91	81	94
Prohibit chokeholds that cut off breathing or blood flow to the brain	64	83	53	92
Require police departments to have body cameras and officers to wear them and turn them on when responding to calls or interacting with suspects	84	95	87	96
Require law enforcement agencies to report officer misconduct to a national database available to other agencies making hiring decisions	83	93	76	93
Fund states to hire independent prosecutors when an officer is charged with using deadly force	74	90	71	82
Lower the mandatory minimum sentence for major drug offenses from 10 years to 5, and let the judge decide whether it should be more	58	65	*42*	61
Let federal judges release prisoners convicted as juveniles who have served at least 20 years, with 5 years of supervised release	68	87	60	79
Restrict solitary confinement so it cannot be used as punishment for minor violations, or for no more than 30 days in a row	75	82	70	88
Prohibit employers and licensing boards from disqualifying someone who was arrested but never charged or convicted	68	68	*48*	70

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
…or convicted of a petty, nonviolent crime (e.g. littering, jaywalking, loitering)	63	70	*45*	70
…or convicted of a crime unrelated to their ability to do the job	58	65	*48*	58
Limit how long employers and licensing boards can disqualify a person: one year after a misdemeanor sentence, five years after a felony	70	83	66	78
Automatically seal the record of a non-violent drug conviction five years after the sentence is completed	62	84	69	81
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		9	

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD Fielded July 21 – 29, 2026

PROPOSAL	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make upholding collective security a high priority — contributing to collective military operations or using economic sanctions in response to aggression	83	84	76	73
Continue to be part of NATO	76	89	62	91
Continue to provide military assistance to Ukraine (equipment, ammunition, training and intelligence)	56	81	60	74
Have nuclear arms control treaties with Russia that limit both arsenals and require inspections	77	85	77	79
Continue to abide by the moratorium on testing nuclear weapons	82	84	71	78
Require the President to get a Congressional declaration of war before using nuclear weapons first (sole authority kept for responding to a nuclear attack)	74	68	77	63
Automatically cut off funding for a military action started by the President if Congress does not approve it within 60 days (except in response to a direct attack)	*48*	82	55	88
Provide foreign aid for humanitarian relief (food, medical care and shelter for victims of famine, floods or war)	84	93	88	96
…for global health (treating and preventing disease, training doctors and nurses, clean water)	82	97	79	97
…for economic development (food production, infrastructure, private enterprise and financial systems)	70	88	70	89
…for education (training teachers, school attendance, literacy)	69	90	83	95
…for the environment (reducing pollution, cleaner energy, preparing for natural disasters)	62	88	67	94
…for democracy (free and fair elections, human rights, a free press and the rule of law)	83	90	78	95
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	12		13	

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

98	94
AZ-1	AZ-6

THE ROLE OF "WE THE PEOPLE" Fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026

POSITIONS	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
If Congress were more influenced by the people, it would be more likely to find common ground	87	88	91	87

POSITIONS	AZ-1		AZ-6	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
…more likely to serve the common good	85	84	84	85
Listening to the people would help break the logjam in Congress, because the people are less polarized than members of Congress	73	72	70	76
News stories on policy should include relevant public opinion data most of the time or always	80	79	80	73
When Congress is going to vote on a bill, it's very important for news to report whether a majority favors the law	78	75	71	76
Estimated share of the time federal elected officials do what the majority of the public wants (*mean %)*	*33*	*39*	*36*	*36*

ABOUT THE SURVEYS

The surveys were conducted by the University of Maryland's Program for Public Consultation (PPC) as part of the *Common Ground in the Battlegrounds?* series covering 11 competitive states and 28 competitive U.S. House districts.

The 106 policy proposals included in these surveys were chosen because national surveys by PPC and others had found majorities of both Republicans and Democrats in support. The battleground survey series sought to see whether that common ground holds in competitive states and districts. Project partners are PPC, the Civic Innovation Center at the University of Maryland, and Voice of the People. None advocates for policy positions or endorses candidates.

Arizona's 1st and 6th Congressional Districts were surveyed in two waves. Wave 1 (Healthcare, Social Security, Families & Children, Housing, Low-Income Assistance, Artificial Intelligence, Immigration, The Role of *We the People*) was fielded May 27 – June 17, 2026, to 500 adults in AZ-1 and 500 in AZ-6; the confidence intervals are ±6.6 and 7.0%.

Wave 2 (Abortion & Birth Control, Energy & Environment, Federal Taxes, Government Reform, Campaign Finance, Criminal Justice, America's Role in the World) was fielded July 21 – 29, 2026, to 501 adults in AZ-1 and 500 in AZ-6; the confidence intervals are ±6.6 and 7.3%.

Samples were drawn from multiple online opt-in panels, including Cint, Dynata, and Prodege. Samples were pre-stratified and/or weighted to match the adult population of each geography by key demographics (gender, age, race/ethnicity, income and education). The distributions of partisan affiliation were within expectations based on voter registration for non-leaners or the Cook Partisan Voting Index for leaners, or weighted to be so.

Arizona press releases and questionnaires: **vop.org/battlegrounds-arizona**
All states and districts surveyed: **vop.org/battlegrounds-aggregate**