Majorities of Both Republicans and Democrats in New York's 3rd, 4th, 17th and 19th Congressional Districts Agree on Over 100 Policy Proposals

This sheet shows bipartisan common ground on 101 policy proposals in New York's 3rd Congressional District, 105 in the 4th, 102 in the 17th and 105 in the 19th, across 14 issue areas. Most of these proposals were drawn from Congressional legislation and some from the Executive Branch. New Yorkers 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-newyork**.

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

NY-3	NY-4	NY-17	NY-19
101	**105**	**102**	**105**

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 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Cap prescription drug prices to what other developed countries pay (would reduce prices by about half)	85	87	94	90	94	93	92	93
Ban drug companies from paying generic makers to delay putting cheaper drugs on to the market	83	80	84	78	83	85	83	85
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	78	70	85	76	90	83	78	86
Reinstate the expired enhanced ACA subsidies to lower premiums and deductibles	76	90	83	88	79	87	85	93
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more low-income people *Also listed under Low-Income Assistance; counted once in the tally.*	69	81	69	87	78	88	70	85
Let people 55–64 buy into Medicare	80	79	83	84	87	92	87	89
Create a government-run public health insurance option anyone can buy into	84	79	78	84	82	93	82	86
Spend $13 billion more on substance-use treatment so nearly everyone who needs and wants it can get it	75	68	74	84	91	89	83	91
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)	91	92	89	91	94	94	89	95
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	9		9		9		9	

SOCIAL SECURITY Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Subject income over $400,000 to the payroll tax (-61%)	71	74	83	76	74	80	78	85
Gradually raise the payroll tax from 6.2% to 6.5% (-15%)	57	66	67	68	73	81	65	70
Reduce benefits for the top 20% of lifetime earners (-11%)	61	65	64	66	68	67	71	63

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Gradually raise the full retirement age from 67 to 68 (-15%)	65	52	69	59	72	71	62	62
Raise the minimum monthly benefit to $1,630 (125% of the poverty line) (+8%)	76	79	71	81	76	84	83	74
Base cost-of-living adjustments to what older adults actually buy (+12%)	67	67	69	71	74	76	84	66
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

FAMILIES & CHILDREN Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Provide $25 billion to states and cities for to create or expand free universal preschool programs	70	75	73	85	77	92	84	87
Subsidize childcare so low- and middle-income families pay no more than 7% of income	73	81	76	84	77	93	84	91
Raise the Child Tax Credit to $3,600 and make it fully refundable for all income levels	81	77	79	84	82	91	84	84
Create a national 12-week paid family and medical leave program for all workers, funded by a 0.2% payroll tax	73	83	70	82	69	96	76	88
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4		4		4	

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Tax incentives for builders to build or repair homes affordable to low- and middle-income households	83	78	85	86	87	87	84	89
Invest $40 billion to build high-density housing affordable to very low- and low-income households	64	70	68	81	70	83	81	88
Provide $25 billion to local governments to build affordable high-density housing for low- and middle-income households	70	77	71	85	73	87	77	87
Increase funding for rental vouchers for the very low-income, elderly and disabled by $24 billion	70	81	73	85	79	92	78	92
Prohibit large corporations from owning single-family homes	76	79	80	81	82	79	84	85
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5		5		5	

LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise monthly SNAP benefits for individuals living alone above the current $170 (allowed to choose the amount)	74	83	86	80	87	85	79	89
…for single mothers above the current $530	57	65	73	73	66	80	53	73
Offer discounts on fruits and vegetables bought with SNAP	91	78	91	90	86	97	92	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.*	69	81	69	87	78	88	70	85
Raise the federal minimum wage above $7.25 (allowed to choose the amount) *Median Democrat: $15 in all four districts. Median Republican: $15 in NY-19; $14 in NY-17; $13 in NY-4; $12 in NY-3.*	84	96	88	90	91	97	88	97

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Raise the maximum Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for workers without children from $630 to $1,300	76	86	75	83	76	90	81	88
Raise the savings limit for EITC eligibility	77	84	85	89	86	88	81	89
Lower the EITC eligibility age from 25 to 21	71	62	57	70	71	78	63	74
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	8		8		8		8	

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Create a federal agency to monitor and regulate AI	83	84	77	83	84	84	81	86
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	86	78	86	86	91	86	81	86
For critical decision-making AI programs already in use, let the government audit them	74	67	68	72	80	73	70	77
Require deepfakes to be labeled as AI-generated	87	88	90	88	90	89	93	87
Prohibit campaigns and PACs from using deepfakes in ads	87	80	86	85	87	86	83	92
Work toward an international treaty regulating large-scale AI	79	72	82	84	81	87	85	85
Work toward an international treaty banning fully autonomous weapons (use AI to fire on targets without human command)	80	73	87	83	83	85	73	87
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		7		7		7	

IMMIGRATION Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Deport undocumented immigrants convicted of a crime	88	87	88	85	91	91	93	88
Offer legal status to long-term undocumented immigrants with no criminal record who pay a penalty and back taxes	67	75	78	84	69	84	78	87
Offer a path to citizenship to those brought here illegally as children	82	82	76	86	78	95	76	92
Require E-Verify for all new hires AND increase the number of work visas to match labor demand	78	85	85	85	84	88	89	85
Hire hundreds more asylum judges and staff to cut wait times (which are currently several years on average)	76	82	78	82	83	86	81	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5		5		5	

ABORTION & BIRTH CONTROL Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Do not make abortion a crime before fetal viability (chose between multiple options for criminalization)	82	88	80	90	82	86	87	95
Fund clinics to provide free or low-cost birth control to women who can't afford it	75	85	75	83	69	96	83	89
Prohibit states from restricting access to birth control	76	82	78	82	78	95	75	81
Continue to require that health insurance cover birth control	74	84	80	74	82	93	77	93

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4		4		4	

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make reducing air pollution a high priority	85	91	86	91	90	96	92	96
Make reducing greenhouse gas emissions a high priority	77	87	85	90	78	95	82	94
Adopt a goal of cutting U.S. emissions 2% a year	71	87	84	87	80	91	78	92
Provide tax credits for producing energy that has not greenhouse gas emissions (solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear)	74	89	80	81	77	92	72	92
Require electric companies to get a minimum share of power from zero-carbon sources	69	81	69	81	83	85	65	86
Tax credits for making homes and buildings more energy-efficient	82	81	78	83	87	94	81	94
Require new cars to get more miles per gallon	76	86	76	82	82	87	72	85
Commit with other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	74	83	76	84	84	95	82	92
Take part in international efforts to study and share climate and energy data	74	84	75	85	81	94	72	96
Provide financial assistance and job training to fossil-fuel workers who lose their jobs in the transition to clean energy	88	88	79	76	89	96	82	88
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	10		10		10		10	

FEDERAL TAXES Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Wealth tax of 2% on wealth over $50 million and 3% over $1 billion (+$200B)	69	81	76	89	68	89	79	88
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $200,000–$500,000 (+$26B)	53	65	61	73	57	70	66	62
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $500,000–$1 million (+$18B)	63	73	67	79	56	78	58	74
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $1 million or more (+$120B)	67	78	68	77	68	85	59	80
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)	*45*	56	63	64	*35*	60	57	56
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)	*43*	58	51	60	*31*	68	54	72
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)	*42*	64	55	63	*40*	71	*46*	74
Tax hedge fund managers' income like ordinary income (end the carried-interest break) (+$1B)	68	75	77	75	81	85	79	80

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
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*	69	73	64	59	69	62	66
Raise the effective corporate tax rate from 12% to at least 14% (allowed to increase, keep same, or decrease) (+$41B)	*42*	61	*49*	61	*38*	76	57	71
Impose a 0.01% tax on stock purchases (+$30B)	54	57	69	75	60	64	69	60
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		10		7		10	

GOVERNMENT REFORM Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require that all Congressional redistricting be done by non-partisan citizen commissions (equal numbers of Republicans, Democrats and independents)	87	80	89	75	81	92	91	88
Pass a Constitutional amendment setting term limits for Congress (four terms in the House, two in the Senate)	83	80	82	81	83	83	82	86
Use ranked choice voting in Congressional elections with three or more candidates	68	71	72	58	71	70	59	67
Prohibit members of Congress from trading stocks in individual companies	78	73	84	78	88	77	80	77
Prohibit the President, Vice President and Supreme Court Justices from trading stocks in individual companies	70	54	77	66	82	77	74	78
Require Supreme Court Justices to follow the same ethics standards as all other federal judges	83	83	84	84	84	95	84	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Pass a Constitutional amendment allowing Congress and state legislatures to restrict corporate and PAC spending on elections (overturning Citizens United)	83	81	76	86	87	88	79	90
Encourage small donors by making half of small campaign contributions refundable as a tax credit	72	68	66	70	70	79	68	60
Require corporations, unions and other groups to immediately report campaign-related spending to their shareholders and members, the public and the FEC	86	82	82	80	86	88	93	85
Require the FEC to publicly disclose the names of significant donors paying for TV or radio ads about candidates or controversial issues	77	78	72	77	86	87	80	90
Require federal contractors to publicly disclose donations to groups that spend on campaign-related activities	83	76	72	79	83	90	88	82
Keep the prohibition on nonprofits that receive tax-deductible donations (e.g. churches, universities) from endorsing or funding candidates	79	72	78	69	85	83	75	79
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Require police officers to intervene when another officer is using excessive force, and train them to do so	84	90	87	88	83	95	82	92
Prohibit chokeholds that cut off breathing or blood flow to the brain	70	80	75	78	76	95	68	87
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	86	80	85	87	93	76	90
Require law enforcement agencies to report officer misconduct to a national database available to other agencies making hiring decisions	82	89	76	83	78	93	85	87
Fund states to hire independent prosecutors when an officer is charged with using deadly force	69	80	82	80	78	90	82	89
Lower the mandatory minimum sentence for major drug offenses from 10 years to 5, and let the judge decide whether it should be more	64	72	78	67	63	83	73	72
Let federal judges release prisoners convicted as juveniles who have served at least 20 years, with 5 years of supervised release	68	67	61	73	70	83	72	75
Restrict solitary confinement so it cannot be used as punishment for minor violations, or for no more than 30 days in a row	75	95	91	94	89	96	83	91
Prohibit employers and licensing boards from disqualifying someone who was arrested but never charged or convicted	69	67	76	71	77	82	76	69
…or convicted of a petty, nonviolent crime (e.g. littering, jaywalking, loitering)	64	60	69	60	67	73	78	67
…or convicted of a crime unrelated to their ability to do the job	58	61	63	56	69	71	57	61
Limit how long employers and licensing boards can disqualify a person: one year after a misdemeanor sentence, five years after a felony	76	84	77	80	80	84	82	80
Automatically seal the record of a non-violent drug conviction five years after the sentence is completed	66	73	69	76	75	89	67	82
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		13		13		13	

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD Fielded July 21 – Aug. 4, 2026

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make upholding collective security a high priority — contributing to collective military operations or using economic sanctions in response to aggression	86	71	73	76	87	85	85	70
Continue to be part of NATO	78	80	76	82	73	95	72	88
Continue to provide military assistance to Ukraine (equipment, ammunition, training and intelligence)	69	70	69	65	66	81	68	66
Have nuclear arms control treaties with Russia that limit both arsenals and require inspections	76	73	79	73	81	84	87	79
Continue to abide by the moratorium on testing nuclear weapons	78	80	81	72	83	84	84	83
Require the President to get a Congressional declaration of war before using nuclear weapons first (sole authority kept for responding to a nuclear attack)	75	65	69	57	89	68	69	60
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)	69	72	60	73	73	82	65	81
Provide foreign aid for humanitarian relief (food, medical care and shelter for victims of famine, floods or war)	89	91	86	84	89	97	88	94
…for global health (treating and preventing disease, training doctors and nurses, clean water)	88	91	73	85	85	96	87	98

PROPOSAL	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
…for economic development (food production, infrastructure, private enterprise and financial systems)	83	80	72	74	72	92	68	86
…for education (training teachers, school attendance, literacy)	83	83	74	86	78	96	68	89
…for the environment (reducing pollution, cleaner energy, preparing for natural disasters)	78	88	72	83	84	95	80	90
…for democracy (free and fair elections, human rights, a free press and the rule of law)	82	84	73	82	81	96	76	93
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		13		13		13	

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

NY-3	NY-4	NY-17	NY-19
101	105	102	105

THE ROLE OF "WE THE PEOPLE" Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

POSITIONS	NY-3		NY-4		NY-17		NY-19	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
If Congress were more influenced by the people, it would be more likely to find common ground	95	90	89	86	89	97	94	93
…more likely to serve the common good	94	86	94	85	90	93	94	94
Listening to the people would help break the logjam in Congress, because the people are less polarized than members of Congress	80	72	77	81	75	88	75	87
News stories on policy should include relevant public opinion data most of the time or always	84	80	87	84	89	76	89	83
When Congress is going to vote on a bill, it's very important for news to report whether a majority favors the law	79	72	85	69	74	75	74	84
Estimated share of the time federal elected officials do what the majority of the public wants (*mean %)*	*41*	*36*	*48*	*36*	*47*	*35*	*39*	*34*

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.

New York's 3rd, 4th, 17th and 19th 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 24, 2026, to 500 adults in NY-3, 501 in NY-4, 500 in NY-17 and 500 in NY-19; confidence intervals range from ±5.5 to 6.7%.

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 – August 4, 2026, to 510 adults in NY-3, 545 in NY-4, 523 in NY-17 and 502 in NY-19; confidence intervals range from ±5.6 to 8.1%.

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.

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