Majorities of Both Republicans and Democrats in Pennsylvania's 1st, 7th, 8th and 10th Congressional Districts Agree on Approximately 100 Policy Proposals

This sheet shows bipartisan common ground on 102 policy proposals in Pennsylvania's 1st Congressional District, 104 in the 7th, 99 in the 8th and 100 in the 10th, across 14 issue areas. Most of these proposals were drawn from Congressional legislation and some from the Executive Branch. Pennsylvanians 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-pennsylvania**.

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

102	104	99	100
PA-1	PA-7	PA-8	PA-10

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	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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	85	91	87	83	81	85	84
Ban drug companies from paying generic makers to delay putting cheaper drugs on to the market	81	76	80	84	76	71	74	81
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	73	82	77	83	87	78	78	82
Reinstate the expired enhanced ACA subsidies to lower premiums and deductibles	74	90	75	91	73	87	65	89
Increase federal Medicaid spending to cover more low-income people *Also listed under Low-Income Assistance; counted once in the tally.*	57	78	67	79	72	80	55	80
Let people 55–64 buy into Medicare	74	85	71	86	80	86	75	81
Create a government-run public health insurance option anyone can buy into	77	88	77	84	77	84	75	92
Spend $13 billion more on substance-use treatment so nearly everyone who needs and wants it can get it	68	82	62	86	63	82	68	77
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)	86	91	86	94	85	90	82	90
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)*	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Subject income over $400,000 to the payroll tax (-61%)	75	82	83	84	74	84	70	84
Gradually raise the payroll tax from 6.2% to 6.5% (-15%)	55	58	61	70	56	65	60	66
Reduce benefits for the top 20% of lifetime earners (-11%)	55	58	59	74	66	63	58	72

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BUDGET SHORTFALL)*	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Gradually raise the full retirement age from 67 to 68 (-15%)	57	55	60	65	59	51	57	57
Raise the minimum monthly benefit to $1,630 (125% of the poverty line) (+8%)	76	77	78	78	71	74	77	84
Base cost-of-living adjustments to what older adults actually buy (+12%)	64	62	73	74	67	70	71	71
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

FAMILIES & CHILDREN Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Provide $25 billion to states and cities for to create or expand free universal preschool programs	61	84	70	89	69	86	67	89
Subsidize childcare so low- and middle-income families pay no more than 7% of income	74	86	76	89	78	83	74	91
Raise the Child Tax Credit to $3,600 and make it fully refundable for all income levels	72	86	72	82	61	83	72	80
Create a national 12-week paid family and medical leave program for all workers, funded by a 0.2% payroll tax	68	83	63	86	69	75	61	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	4		4		4		4	

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Tax incentives for builders to build or repair homes affordable to low- and middle-income households	78	85	73	90	79	83	72	89
Invest $40 billion to build high-density housing affordable to very low- and low-income households	52	78	54	84	62	79	55	80
Provide $25 billion to local governments to build affordable high-density housing for low- and middle-income households	57	82	66	87	64	79	61	83
Increase funding for rental vouchers for the very low-income, elderly and disabled by $24 billion	69	90	69	91	72	81	67	86
Prohibit large corporations from owning single-family homes	72	81	79	78	68	76	76	85
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5		5		5	

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

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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)	72	84	71	88	73	86	70	92
…for single mothers above the current $530	*49*	69	53	70	*45*	70	56	70
Offer discounts on fruits and vegetables bought with SNAP	85	94	84	92	81	92	85	95
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.*	57	78	67	79	72	80	55	80
Raise the federal minimum wage above $7.25 (allowed to choose the amount) *Median Democrat: $15 in all four districts. Median Republican: $15 in PA-8; $12 in PA-1; $11 in PA-7; $10 in PA-10.*	89	94	90	98	92	98	92	99

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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	69	87	70	87	71	87	75	89
Raise the savings limit for EITC eligibility	71	81	75	89	77	81	73	88
Lower the EITC eligibility age from 25 to 21	55	79	59	65	63	84	61	74
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		8		7		8	

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Create a federal agency to monitor and regulate AI	77	78	70	89	77	79	80	87
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	80	79	82	80	72	78	80	84
For critical decision-making AI programs already in use, let the government audit them	70	72	68	80	62	64	74	77
Require deepfakes to be labeled as AI-generated	93	87	91	89	82	86	90	92
Prohibit campaigns and PACs from using deepfakes in ads	83	84	78	87	78	82	88	82
Work toward an international treaty regulating large-scale AI	76	77	77	83	63	78	71	89
Work toward an international treaty banning fully autonomous weapons (use AI to fire on targets without human command)	74	83	81	78	76	80	74	81
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	7		7		7		7	

IMMIGRATION Fielded May 27 – June 24, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Deport undocumented immigrants convicted of a crime	95	83	90	82	89	79	90	82
Offer legal status to long-term undocumented immigrants with no criminal record who pay a penalty and back taxes	58	82	63	86	65	79	67	85
Offer a path to citizenship to those brought here illegally as children	73	90	70	95	66	86	67	89
Require E-Verify for all new hires AND increase the number of work visas to match labor demand	80	82	77	90	75	84	80	87
Hire hundreds more asylum judges and staff to cut wait times (which are currently several years on average)	69	84	71	81	68	82	66	83
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	5		5		5		5	

ABORTION & BIRTH CONTROL Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Do not make abortion a crime before fetal viability (chose between multiple options for criminalization)	84	90	79	96	82	95	74	96
Fund clinics to provide free or low-cost birth control to women who can't afford it	68	85	68	84	67	85	62	85
Prohibit states from restricting access to birth control	73	88	73	92	57	80	61	88
Continue to require that health insurance cover birth control	76	84	69	88	70	88	70	90

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Make reducing air pollution a high priority	77	93	85	92	80	96	72	98
Make reducing greenhouse gas emissions a high priority	78	92	73	88	74	92	61	95
Adopt a goal of cutting U.S. emissions 2% a year	74	90	78	94	66	90	68	92
Provide tax credits for producing energy that has not greenhouse gas emissions (solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear)	73	88	75	89	66	86	59	92
Require electric companies to get a minimum share of power from zero-carbon sources	67	91	72	88	62	86	60	93
Tax credits for making homes and buildings more energy-efficient	80	90	84	87	70	83	74	94
Require new cars to get more miles per gallon	79	87	81	87	82	82	69	86
Commit with other countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions	73	91	80	91	68	86	64	93
Take part in international efforts to study and share climate and energy data	74	87	77	90	66	84	72	92
Provide financial assistance and job training to fossil-fuel workers who lose their jobs in the transition to clean energy	81	89	85	89	72	86	82	92
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	10		10		10		10	

FEDERAL TAXES Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
Wealth tax of 2% on wealth over $50 million and 3% over $1 billion (+$200B)	70	84	75	87	69	90	64	91
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $200,000–$500,000 (+$26B)	58	61	59	69	62	75	52	73
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $500,000–$1 million (+$18B)	59	79	57	84	53	81	55	79
Tax capital gains like ordinary income for households earning $1 million or more (+$120B)	64	85	62	86	66	84	54	86
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)	*50*	69	52	65	*39*	60	*43*	73
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)	*46*	80	*49*	71	*39*	57	*48*	80
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)	*45*	80	*49*	72	*46*	64	53	78
Tax hedge fund managers' income like ordinary income (end the carried-interest break) (+$1B)	75	84	73	81	65	86	65	88

PROPOSAL *(AND ITS EFFECT ON FEDERAL REVENUE)*	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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)	54	70	55	69	54	71	*42*	67
Raise the effective corporate tax rate from 12% to at least 14% (allowed to increase, keep same, or decrease) (+$41B)	51	78	59	70	*49*	71	*43*	76
Impose a 0.01% tax on stock purchases (+$30B)	56	57	52	59	*44*	70	*36*	63
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	8		9		6		6	

GOVERNMENT REFORM Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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)	83	88	85	88	77	91	80	86
Pass a Constitutional amendment setting term limits for Congress (four terms in the House, two in the Senate)	86	90	80	85	76	83	83	86
Use ranked choice voting in Congressional elections with three or more candidates	65	65	61	61	64	66	58	65
Prohibit members of Congress from trading stocks in individual companies	76	75	75	69	81	79	81	77
Prohibit the President, Vice President and Supreme Court Justices from trading stocks in individual companies	70	72	67	62	70	74	75	72
Require Supreme Court Justices to follow the same ethics standards as all other federal judges	80	88	82	89	83	88	84	92
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

CAMPAIGN FINANCE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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)	84	87	88	88	78	91	82	90
Encourage small donors by making half of small campaign contributions refundable as a tax credit	63	75	68	69	62	66	62	72
Require corporations, unions and other groups to immediately report campaign-related spending to their shareholders and members, the public and the FEC	85	89	90	87	82	90	86	91
Require the FEC to publicly disclose the names of significant donors paying for TV or radio ads about candidates or controversial issues	82	88	77	81	86	83	84	83
Require federal contractors to publicly disclose donations to groups that spend on campaign-related activities	77	88	85	85	77	84	85	84
Keep the prohibition on nonprofits that receive tax-deductible donations (e.g. churches, universities) from endorsing or funding candidates	76	81	75	74	76	74	77	82
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	6		6		6		6	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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	80	94	85	91	77	93	86	93
Prohibit chokeholds that cut off breathing or blood flow to the brain	65	84	68	81	61	83	56	82
Require police departments to have body cameras and officers to wear them and turn them on when responding to calls or interacting with suspects	85	90	86	85	80	92	89	91
Require law enforcement agencies to report officer misconduct to a national database available to other agencies making hiring decisions	75	92	84	86	82	92	86	93
Fund states to hire independent prosecutors when an officer is charged with using deadly force	72	84	78	87	64	78	62	83
Lower the mandatory minimum sentence for major drug offenses from 10 years to 5, and let the judge decide whether it should be more	61	67	63	64	64	70	53	69
Let federal judges release prisoners convicted as juveniles who have served at least 20 years, with 5 years of supervised release	60	79	70	76	60	80	62	83
Restrict solitary confinement so it cannot be used as punishment for minor violations, or for no more than 30 days in a row	82	94	82	90	73	87	78	93
Prohibit employers and licensing boards from disqualifying someone who was arrested but never charged or convicted	66	67	67	69	65	74	62	72
…or convicted of a petty, nonviolent crime (e.g. littering, jaywalking, loitering)	68	66	70	70	64	67	55	65
…or convicted of a crime unrelated to their ability to do the job	59	64	58	67	59	67	54	60
Limit how long employers and licensing boards can disqualify a person: one year after a misdemeanor sentence, five years after a felony	72	79	76	81	66	85	77	86
Automatically seal the record of a non-violent drug conviction five years after the sentence is completed	65	77	77	83	66	78	70	86
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		13		13		13	

AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD Fielded July 21 – Aug. 5, 2026

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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	81	82	84	73	77	83	80	79
Continue to be part of NATO	74	84	73	87	64	80	75	91
Continue to provide military assistance to Ukraine (equipment, ammunition, training and intelligence)	59	78	60	73	54	67	53	77
Have nuclear arms control treaties with Russia that limit both arsenals and require inspections	77	83	81	78	78	80	82	80
Continue to abide by the moratorium on testing nuclear weapons	80	92	79	80	69	84	79	82
Require the President to get a Congressional declaration of war before using nuclear weapons first (sole authority kept for responding to a nuclear attack)	76	73	81	70	68	69	69	68
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)	64	80	63	80	*44*	75	*50*	81
Provide foreign aid for humanitarian relief (food, medical care and shelter for victims of famine, floods or war)	91	91	85	90	82	95	88	97
…for global health (treating and preventing disease, training doctors and nurses, clean water)	82	91	82	89	79	91	86	88

PROPOSAL	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM	REP	DEM
…for economic development (food production, infrastructure, private enterprise and financial systems)	72	80	66	87	66	82	67	82
…for education (training teachers, school attendance, literacy)	77	85	78	91	70	81	73	90
…for the environment (reducing pollution, cleaner energy, preparing for natural disasters)	75	90	72	85	64	87	65	91
…for democracy (free and fair elections, human rights, a free press and the rule of law)	80	87	80	90	79	88	83	91
Common ground positions (majorities of both parties in favor)	13		13		12		12	

THE COMMON GROUND

Policies supported by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats

PA-1	PA-7	PA-8	PA-10
102	104	99	100

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

POSITIONS	PA-1		PA-7		PA-8		PA-10	
	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	89	89	88	92	86	89	89	82
…more likely to serve the common good	85	87	81	87	88	82	84	84
Listening to the people would help break the logjam in Congress, because the people are less polarized than members of Congress	80	71	70	62	68	74	74	80
News stories on policy should include relevant public opinion data most of the time or always	72	74	76	81	80	78	80	74
When Congress is going to vote on a bill, it's very important for news to report whether a majority favors the law	65	73	71	75	73	65	71	73
Estimated share of the time federal elected officials do what the majority of the public wants (*mean %)*	*39*	*31*	*37*	*36*	*36*	*32*	*36*	*33*

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.

Pennsylvania's 1st, 7th, 8th and 10th 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 PA-1, 500 in PA-7, 500 in PA-8 and 500 in PA-10; confidence intervals range from ±6.1 to 6.4%.

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 5, 2026, to 500 adults in PA-1, 503 in PA-7, 504 in PA-8 and 501 in PA-10; confidence intervals range from ±5.6 to 6.7%.

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.

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