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Washington, DC 20001

January 12, 2023

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Greetings:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request (No. 22-00010):

“1. All calendars or calendar entries for Commissioner Donald Palmer and Commissioner Christy McCormick including any calendars maintained on their behalf, such as calendars maintained by administrative assistants or schedulers.”

“For request item 1, please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.”

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External Entities:

- i. Election Law Center ([electionlawcenter.com](http://electionlawcenter.com))
- ii. Judicial Watch ([judicialwatch.org](http://judicialwatch.org))
- iii. American Civil Rights Union ([theacru.org](http://theacru.org))
- iv. True the Vote ([truethevote.org](http://truethevote.org))
- v. Public Interest Legal Foundation ([publicinterestlegal.org](http://publicinterestlegal.org))
- vi. Landmark Legal Foundation ([landmarklegal.org](http://landmarklegal.org))
- vii. Republican State Leadership Committee ([rslc.gop](http://rslc.gop))
- viii. National Republican Redistricting Trust ([thenrrt.org](http://thenrrt.org))

For request item 2, please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2021, through the date the search is conducted.”

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External Entities:

- i. Alliance Defending Freedom ([adfllegal.org](http://adfllegal.org))
- ii. Allied Security Operations Group ([alliedspecialops.us](http://alliedspecialops.us), [jkeetlewis.com](http://jkeetlewis.com), [onewarrior.com](http://onewarrior.com), or [bonfiresearch.org](http://bonfiresearch.org))
- iii. American First Policy Institute ([americafirstpolicy.org](http://americafirstpolicy.org))
- iv. American Greatness Fund ([americangreatnessfund.com](http://americangreatnessfund.com))
- v. American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) ([alec.org](http://alec.org))
- vi. Americans for Prosperity ([afphq.org](http://afphq.org) or [americansforprosperity.org](http://americansforprosperity.org))
- vii. Bradley Foundation ([bradleyfdn.org](http://bradleyfdn.org))
- viii. Conservative Partnership Institute ([cpi.org](http://cpi.org))
- ix. Consovoy McCarthy ([consovoymccarthy.com](http://consovoymccarthy.com))
- x. CRC Advisors ([crcadvisors.com](http://crcadvisors.com))
- xi. CRC Strategies ([crcpublicrelations.com](http://crcpublicrelations.com))
- xii. Cyber Ninjas ([cyberninjas.net](http://cyberninjas.net))
- xiii. CyFIR ([cyfir.com](http://cyfir.com))
- xiv. diGenova & Toensing, LLP ([digenovatoensing.com](http://digenovatoensing.com))
- xv. Freedomworks ([freedomworks.org](http://freedomworks.org))
- xvi. Heartland Institute ([heartland.org](http://heartland.org))
- xvii. Holtzman Vogel Baran Torchinsky & Josefiak ([holtzmanvogel.com](http://holtzmanvogel.com), [holtzmanlaw.net](http://holtzmanlaw.net), or [hvjt.law](http://hvjt.law))
- xviii. Honest Elections Project ([honestelections.org](http://honestelections.org))
- xix. Institute for Free Speech ([campaignfreedom.org](http://campaignfreedom.org))
- xx. Judicial Crisis Network ([judicialnetwork.com](http://judicialnetwork.com))
- xxi. Liberty University ([liberty.edu](http://liberty.edu))
- xxii. Michael Best & Friedrich ([michaelbest.com](http://michaelbest.com))
- xxiii. National Republican Congressional Committee ([nrcc.org](http://nrcc.org))
- xxiv. National Republican Senatorial Committee ([nrsc.org](http://nrsc.org))
- xxv. Republican National Committee ([gop.com](http://gop.com) or [rnchq.org](http://rnchq.org))
- xxvi. Republican National Lawyers Association ([republicanlawyer.net](http://republicanlawyer.net))
- xxvii. Republican State Leadership Committee ([rslc.gop](http://rslc.gop))
- xxviii. Sidney Powell P.C. ([federalappeals.com](http://federalappeals.com))
- xxix. Standing for Freedom Center ([falkirkcenter.com](http://falkirkcenter.com) or [standingforfreedom.com](http://standingforfreedom.com))
- xxx. State Policy Network ([spn.org](http://spn.org))
- xxxi. Thomas More Society ([thomasmoresociety.org](http://thomasmoresociety.org))
- xxxii. Arizona State Senate or House of Representatives ([azleg.gov](http://azleg.gov))
- xxxiii. Georgia State Senate or House of Representatives ([senate.ga.gov](http://senate.ga.gov) or [house.ga.gov](http://house.ga.gov))
- xxxiv. Michigan State Senate ([senate.michigan.gov](http://senate.michigan.gov))
- xxxv. Pennsylvania State Senate ([pasen.gov](http://pasen.gov))

For request item 3, please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2020, through the date the search is conducted.”

Records responsive to Part 2 and 3 of your request are enclosed. Records have been redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6). No records have been withheld. The EAC has considered the foreseeable harm standard when reviewing records and applying FOIA exemptions.

If you interpret any portion of this response as an adverse action, you may appeal this action to the Election Assistance Commission. Your appeal must be in writing and sent to the address set forth below. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days from the date of the acknowledgment to your request. Please include your reasons for reconsideration and attach a copy of this and subsequent EAC responses.

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Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you have any questions please contact my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

*Camden Kelliher*

Camden Kelliher, Associate Counsel  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
[ckelliher@eac.gov](mailto:ckelliher@eac.gov)

**From:** Kylie Bongaard (b) (6)  
**Sent on:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 5:51:17 PM  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients;;  
**Subject:** Materials: Redistricting Messaging  
**Attachments:** RSLC SOCIALISM STARTS IN THE STATES.pdf (333.21 KB), Redistricting Messaging.pdf (983.67 KB)

All,

Please see the attached documents that were referenced in yesterday's webinar. Links to the articles referenced are below. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

**The Blue State Gerrymander Walk-Back**

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-blue-state-gerrymander-walk-back-11619822236>

**Controversial Census Bureau Plan that Makes Data Less Accurate Goes to Court**

<https://www.socialexplorer.com/blog/post/controversial-census-bureau-plan-that-makes-data-less-accurate-goes-to-court-11452>

**Obama's Gerrymander**

<https://www.propublica.org/article/obamas-gerrymander>

Best,  
Kylie

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Kylie Bongaardt  
Director of External Affairs

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# REDISTRICTING MESSAGE GUIDE

## GOP Redistricting Messaging

- **Republican Redistricting Principles: What We Are For:**
  1. **Constitutional Redistricting:** State legislatures are entrusted with the responsibility of redrawing their state's election districts by the Constitution. Districts must comply with the Voting Rights Act, adhere to all other federal and state laws.
  2. **Clean Redistricting:** Districts should be sufficiently compact and preserve communities of interest by respecting municipal and county boundaries. Districts should avoid combining disparate populations to the extent possible.
  3. **Commonsense Redistricting:** Redistricting impacts all Americans and all Americans should be able to look at their district and understand why it was drawn the way it was. Districts don't need to be bizarrely shaped.
  
- **Democrat Redistricting Principles: What Eric Holder and Democrats are for:**
  1. **Sue Until It's Blue:** Stack the deck through calculated, targeted litigation and constitutionally dubious redistricting reforms. Democrats are sitting back counting the cash they plan to use on their trial lawyers to fund their strategy of endless litigation. Win or lose they are happy to spend their money on lawyers just for the talking points their liberal judges and academics give them to use on cable news and social media.
  2. **Give Power to Unelected Judges:** Put redistricting in the hands of unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats and lifetime-appointed or state elected judges. Their strategy makes sense for them. There are plenty of unelected and partisan judges presiding over these redistricting cases who will enthusiastically toss out constitutionally drawn maps to help elect more Democrats.
  3. **Ignore Democracy and the Constitution:** Democrats are more interested in winning the battle of the courtroom in front of friendly judges than winning the battle of ideas before the voters. They are also more interested in hijacking the U.S. Constitution in order to make partisan gains. We can all agree that preserving the rule of law is paramount to preventing the Democrats' cynical attempt to bend the Constitution to solve their party's political problems.
    - The truth is, their only mission is to ['favorably position Democrats for redistricting'](#) - they're not fighting gerrymandering. This is clearly stated on the National Democratic Redistricting Committee's 990 tax form.

- Barack Obama [drew his own district](#) when he was in the Illinois State Senate and used that district to propel him to the White House. He gerrymandered his way to the Presidency. America's only modern gerrymanderer-in-chief is now trying to convince the American people that he's against his own redistricting practices.

### **Reapportionment Messaging Cont.**

- Five states that voted for Joe Biden will lose seats in the House, compared to only 2 Trump-voting states.
- There's no mystery why this is – Americans are leaving Blue States because of Democrats' horrible policies.
- Republicans must focus on the redistricting process because America is on the brink of sliding into a socialist agenda courtesy of the modern left – particularly in state legislatures.
- Radical ideas to upend our freedom are derived and incubated in state legislatures across the country before they're ever fought for in the halls of Congress.
- The liberal movement is no longer confined to leftist safe havens like New York and California. Funded by billionaire liberals from across the country, Democrats are working to turn once reliably conservative states into breeding grounds for socialist-style policies.
- The GOP must stop their socialist agenda where it comes from – the states.

### **Socialism Starts in the States (RSLC MESSAGING)**

- **CRIPPLED ECONOMIES**
  - Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton threatened to increase income taxes to 20 percent if voters did not approve a graduated tax amendment on the ballot in November.
  - After Democrats took the majority in the Virginia legislature, socialists forced consideration of multiple pieces of legislation to repeal Right-to-Work.
  - In Hawaii, liberal state senators passed legislation that would subject some of its citizens to the highest income tax in the nation. The legislation also increased capital gains tax, corporate tax, and taxes on real estate sales.
- **RADICAL ENVIRONMENTALISM AND THE GREEN NEW DEAL**

- In Virginia, Maine, New York, New Mexico, Washington, and many liberal-led cities, Democrats have pushed for state and local-based versions of the radical Green New Deal.
  - Colorado's Democrat trifecta recently finalized the specifics of new oil and gas industry regulations in the state, stifling growth of a key state industry. From March to October 2020, nearly 8,000 Colorado oil and gas workers filed for unemployment.
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# TOP REDISTRICTING MYTHS VS FACTS

1. **MYTH: Non-partisan redistricting commissions are the best and the only fair way to conduct the redistricting process.**

**FACT:** This is false, and Republicans should not fall for this. History proves that redistricting commissions are easily manipulated, shift politics from accountable officials to unaccountable bureaucrats, lack transparency, and produce maps that studies have shown are more gerrymandered than maps drawn through the original process.

Read this [Capital Research Center](#) briefing on the topic.

2. **MYTH: Republican redistricting is racist.**

**FACT:** This is a false and unfair attack from liberals who don't understand the redistricting process. Districts must be drawn in a way that complies with the Fourteenth Amendment and the Voting Rights Act. To do this, map drawers must consider race to comply with the law – and they risk a violation if they don't.

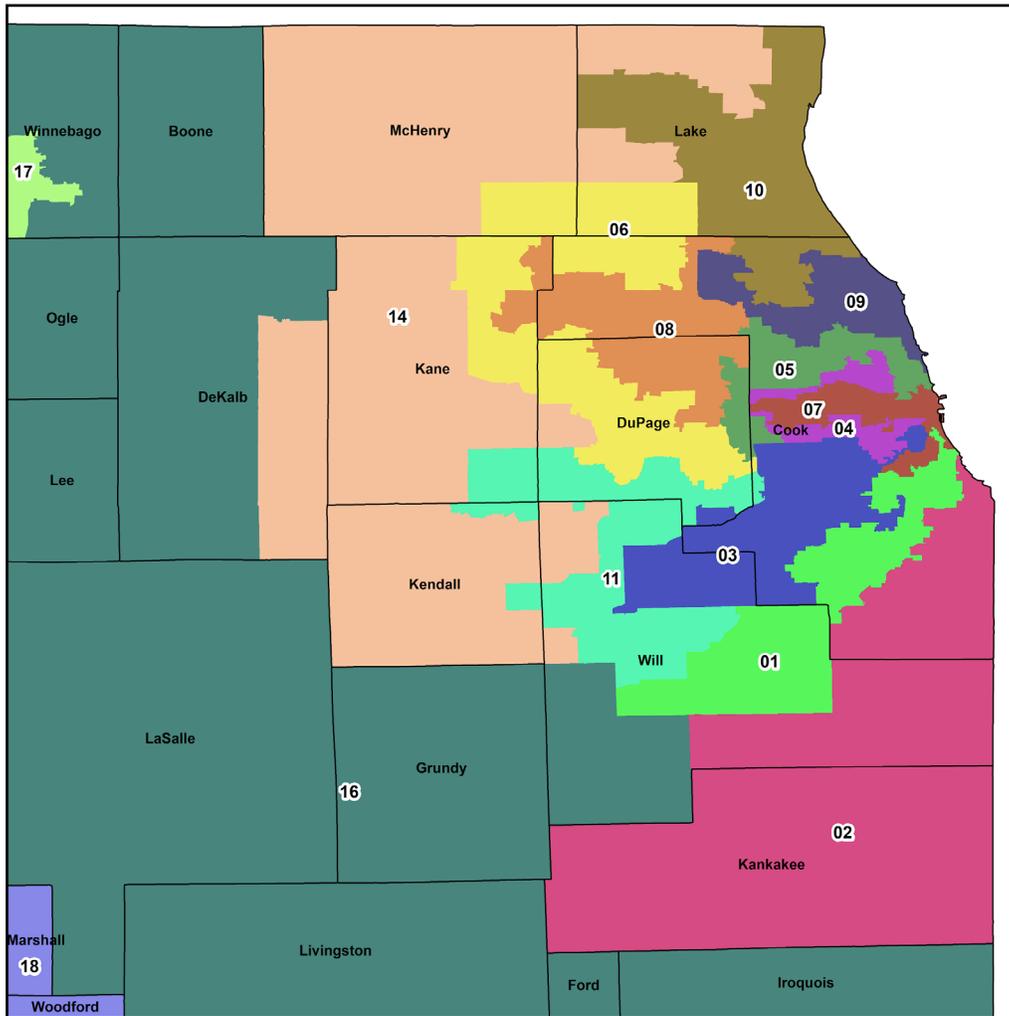
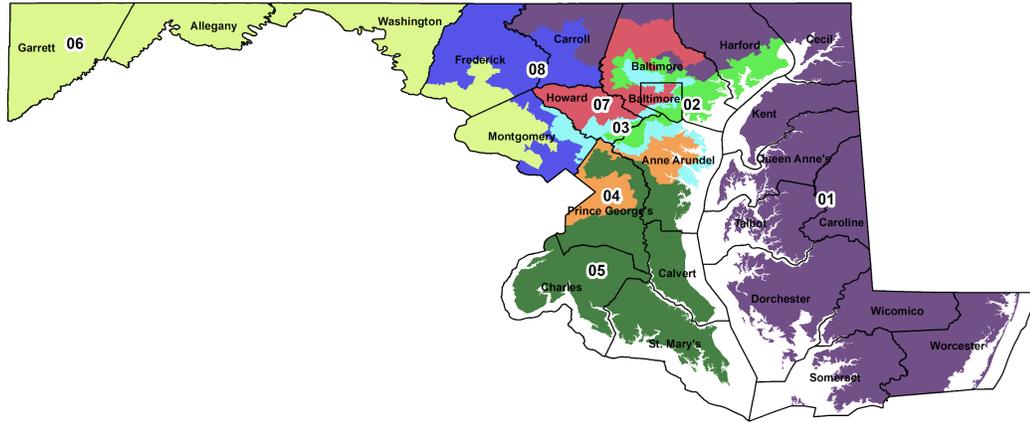
3. **MYTH: Partisan redistricting is unconstitutional.**

**FACT:** This is a false argument that Democrats make, because nearly any redistricting action taken by partisan actors has a component of partisanship. The *Rucho vs Common Cause* decision recognized there is no partisan gerrymandering claim under the U.S. Constitution, and most state courts have rejected these claims.

The Constitution protects Americans' right to vote, it does not give a voter's political party a right to win. There is no individual right in the Constitution to live in a district that elects a candidate from an individual's political party, and everyone's definition or conception or 'measure' of "partisan fairness" is different.

4. **MYTH: Only Republican maps are gerrymandered and Democrat maps are fair.**

**FACT:** This is both false and stupid. Both Republicans and Democrats draw lines that favor their political party. Just look at Chicago and Maryland.



5. MYTH: The courts only throw out Republican drawn maps.

**FACT:** Courts have routinely thrown out Democrat drawn maps. For example:

- **NC: Shaw v Reno** (1993 - Democrat Trifecta, court threw out map for Equal Protection violations)
- **GA: Miller v Johnson** (1995 - Democrat Trifecta, court threw out map for Equal Protection Violations)
- **GA: Larios v Cox** (2004 - Democrat-controlled House, lawsuit against 2001/2002 maps under Democrat Trifecta)

**6. MYTH: Redistricting should be left to the courts in order to guarantee fairness.**

**FACT:** This is false. The Constitution specifically tasks state legislatures with redistricting. There is no evidence that court created maps are any more “fair” than legislatively enacted maps.

**7. MYTH: Republicans oppose proportional representation because they know they will lose with proportional representation standards.**

**FACT:** This is false. Republicans oppose proportional representation because it is in direct conflict with our founding principles. Plus, Democrats only use it when it’s politically advantageous. If there was proportional representation in California, Republicans would have several more congressional districts and many more state legislative seats than they currently have because California (a commission state) is the most gerrymandered state in the country based on this conception of “fairness”.

**8. MYTH: Republicans can’t win without gerrymandering.**

**FACT:** This is false and unsubstantiated. Republicans were elected overwhelmingly in 2010 in districts drawn predominantly by Democrats after the 2000 elections. Americans elect Republicans because of the GOP’s commitment to low taxes, religious liberty, limited government, and a strong national defense.

**9. MYTH: Republicans are only interested in drawing maps that benefit Republican candidates.**

**FACT:** This is false. Republicans draw maps that follow the Constitution and federal law. Republican legislators have worked across the aisle, across the country, to enact redistricting plans.

Often Democrat and Republican legislators strike deals in redistricting, for example look at the bipartisan redistricting in Virginia in 2011 and Democrat votes for Republican maps in Ohio and Pennsylvania due to bipartisan compromises (all three of which were attacked by Democrat partisans in court).

**10. MYTH: Republicans have had maps struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court because their gerrymandering tactics are unconstitutional.**

**FACT:** This is false. The SCOTUS has never thrown out a Republican drawn map for partisan gerrymandering. SCOTUS has upheld Republican drawn maps repeatedly. Both Republicans and Democrats have had maps thrown out under the 14th Amendment and Voting Rights Act due to the changing interpretations of their impact on redistricting.

**11. MYTH: Democrats are fighting gerrymandering because they want fair maps.**

**FACT:** This is completely false and their own tax filing says so. The National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC) filed a tax document for their group with the expressed purpose of “positioning Democrats favorably” for reelection.

Democrats are only engaging in states where Republicans control the redistricting process. The NDRC has never brought a lawsuit or funded a ballot measure in a state controlled by Democrats. When Democrats say they want fair maps, it’s very clear from their record they only want maps that elect as many Democrats as possible.

Look at North Carolina where Democrats threatened to sue because there weren’t enough Democrat districts in a new map drawn by the legislature to create more Democrat districts. In Virginia, they pushed for a commission until they got control through lawsuits and then tried to kill the very commission they “supported” for a decade (and which ultimately was only supported by a minority of Democrats in Virginia).

# SOCIALISM STARTS **IN THE STATES**



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**From:** Tyler Herrmann<THerrmann@eac.gov>  
**Sent on:** Friday, August 6, 2021 10:40:50 PM  
**To:** ljoseph@<sup>(b) (6)</sup>; erosenberg@<sup>(b) (6)</sup>; lstein@<sup>(b) (6)</sup>;  
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**BCC:** Donald Palmer<DPalmer@eac.gov>; Christy McCormick<CMcCormick@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** 1:16-cv-00236-RJL - League of Women Voters v. Harrington - Letter from Commissioners  
Donald Palmer and Christy McCormick  
**Attachments:** League of Women Voters v. Harrington Letter to Judge Leon.pdf (190.2 KB)

All,

Please find attached to this email a letter which was sent from Chairman Donald Palmer and Commissioner Christy McCormick of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission to Judge Leon's chambers.

Kind Regards,

Tyler J. Herrmann | Special Counsel  
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August 6, 2021

The Honorable Richard J. Leon  
District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue, NW  
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VIA STANDARD MAIL

Your Honor,

In February 2016, Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Commissioner Christy McCormick and then Executive Director, Brian Newby sent a letter to this Court detailing actions taken by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in their capacity as the EAC's legal representation in the matter of *League of Women Voters of the United States v. Mona Harrington*, Case 1:16-cv-00236-RJL, that were contrary to the views of the EAC. At the time, you read the letter into the record and admonished the DOJ for their conduct. Based on recent correspondence between the DOJ and the EAC, the EAC has concerns the pattern continues.

In a recent email exchange between DOJ attorneys and the EAC's general counsel, it was revealed that at least one phone conversation between the plaintiffs and the DOJ regarding the final disposition of this case was held without the EAC's knowledge. The DOJ did not inform the EAC about this conversation in advance and failed to brief the agency after the call. In fact, the EAC only became aware that the conversation occurred when it reviewed a subsequent filing, Doc. 175, by plaintiffs in which they made representations about the content of the conversation – representations purporting to describe the position of the EAC. The filing asserts that the DOJ communicated with the EAC and that the EAC was leaning toward settling the case, which is not accurate. The EAC communicated with DOJ on more than one occasion recently that the EAC's position was not to settle the case. When the EAC General Counsel asked the DOJ about these alleged misrepresentations in the plaintiffs' brief, the DOJ stated in correspondence with the EAC that the plaintiffs mischaracterized the actual content of the conversation. Unfortunately, because the EAC was not informed about or included in the conversation, it cannot be known with certainty what was or was not said between the parties. In addition, the DOJ has communicated with the EAC that their belief is that the current Executive Director, Mona Harrington, should settle the case and rescind the form changes made by the previous Executive Director Brian Newby. The DOJ asserted that if the Executive Director does not rescind the changes, the EAC will incur a large amount of attorney fees which would not be covered by the Treasury or the DOJ and would come out of the EAC's operating budget.



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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 516, the DOJ has exclusive authority to represent the EAC in litigation and a previous request from the EAC to obtain outside counsel was denied under this authority. The EAC has and will continue to abide by the restrictions put in place by federal statute, but as named defendants with no option to select alternate representation, we want the Court to be aware of this emerging situation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald Palmer  
Chairman, U.S. EAC

Christy McCormick  
Commissioner, U.S. EAC

cc: Lawrence J. Joseph, Ezra David Rosenberg, Linda Sue Stein, Michael J. O'Neill, Jon M. Greenbaum, Galen Nicholas Thorp, Julie Straus Harris, Kaylan L. Phillips, Jonathan D. Janow, Dale E. Ho, Robert D. Popper, Jeffrey Allyn Chanay, Wendy Robin Weiser, Michael Keats, J.C. Adams, Tomas Lopez, R. Orion Danjuma, Chelsea L. Goulet, David J. Kahne, Robert Brent Ferguson

**From:** KayRee Kubat<(b) (6)>  
**Sent on:** Thursday, January 9, 2020 10:35:12 PM  
**To:** Donald Palmer<dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** Invitation to Present at Elections Committee  
**Urgent:** High

Good Afternoon Commissioner Palmer,  
Representative Townsend would like to invite you and Chairwoman McCormick to one of her upcoming Election Committees to do a presentation about your organization and findings.  
Her committee is every Tuesday, during session, at 2:00 pm. She has received approval from the Speaker to have you both visit and would like for you to come sometime in the month of January, or early February, if possible.  
Some possible days would be:  
January 21, 28 or February 4, 11.  
Could you please let me know if any of these dates might work for either one or both of you to be here?  
Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.  
Also, feel free to call me at (b) (6) if you have any questions, or prefer to schedule over the phone. We are here from 8am-5pm.

Respectfully,  
**KayRee Kubat**  
**Administrative Assistant to**  
**Representative Kelly Townsend, LD16**  
Chair of Elections Committee  
Arizona House of Representatives  
[1700 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007](http://www.azleg.gov)

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**From:** KayRee Kubat <(b) (6)>  
**Sent on:** Tuesday, February 4, 2020 5:04:22 AM  
**To:** Donald Palmer <dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**CC:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft presentation

One slight change to your itinerary for Tuesday; Speaker Bowers is able to meet with you at 1:00pm, prior to floor, in his office. When you arrive, either myself or Rep. Townsend will escort you there. Then, after the Elections Committee, Majority Leader Petersen is looking forward to meeting you!

See you soon!  
KayRee

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**From:** KayRee Kubat <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 6:39:05 PM  
**To:** Donald Palmer <dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**Cc:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft presentation

When you arrive to the House of Representatives, you'll go through Security and let them know you're there to see Rep. Townsend and they will call me up to the lobby. I can escort you where you need to go. See you Tuesday!

Best,  
KayRee

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**From:** Donald Palmer <dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2020 6:03:55 PM  
**To:** KayRee Kubat <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft presentation

Thank you for the invitation and we would be honored to attend the legislative session and meet with the leadership after the hearing. Please let me know where we should meet you in the capital building

Regards,  
Donald Palmer, Commissioner  
Election Assistance Commission

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Sent from my iPhone

> On Jan 31, 2020, at 7:29 PM, KayRee Kubat <(b) (6)> wrote:

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> Thank you Commissioner Palmer,

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> We forgot to ask you and Commissioner McCormick if you would like to be present in the gallery during Floor Session, which begins at 1:15pm. If so, Rep. Townsend would be honored to introduce you as her guests. Please confirm.

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> Also, I have requested a meet and greet with Speaker Bowers and he is able to meet you both after the Elections Committee.

> Thank you in advance, and looking forward to hearing from you.

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>  
> Respectfully,  
>  
> KayRee Kubat  
> Administrative Assistant to  
> Representative Kelly Townsend, LD16  
> Chair of Elections Committee  
> Arizona House of Representatives  
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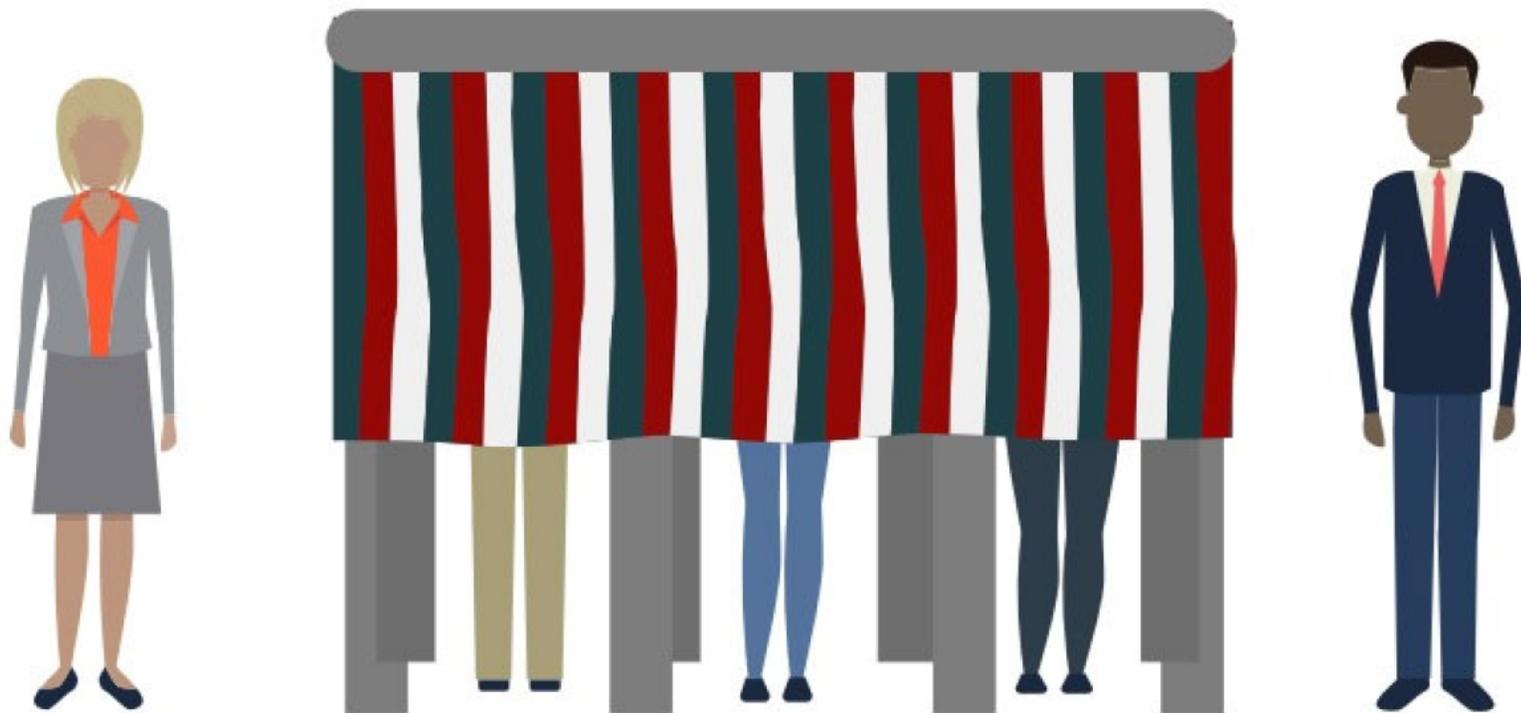
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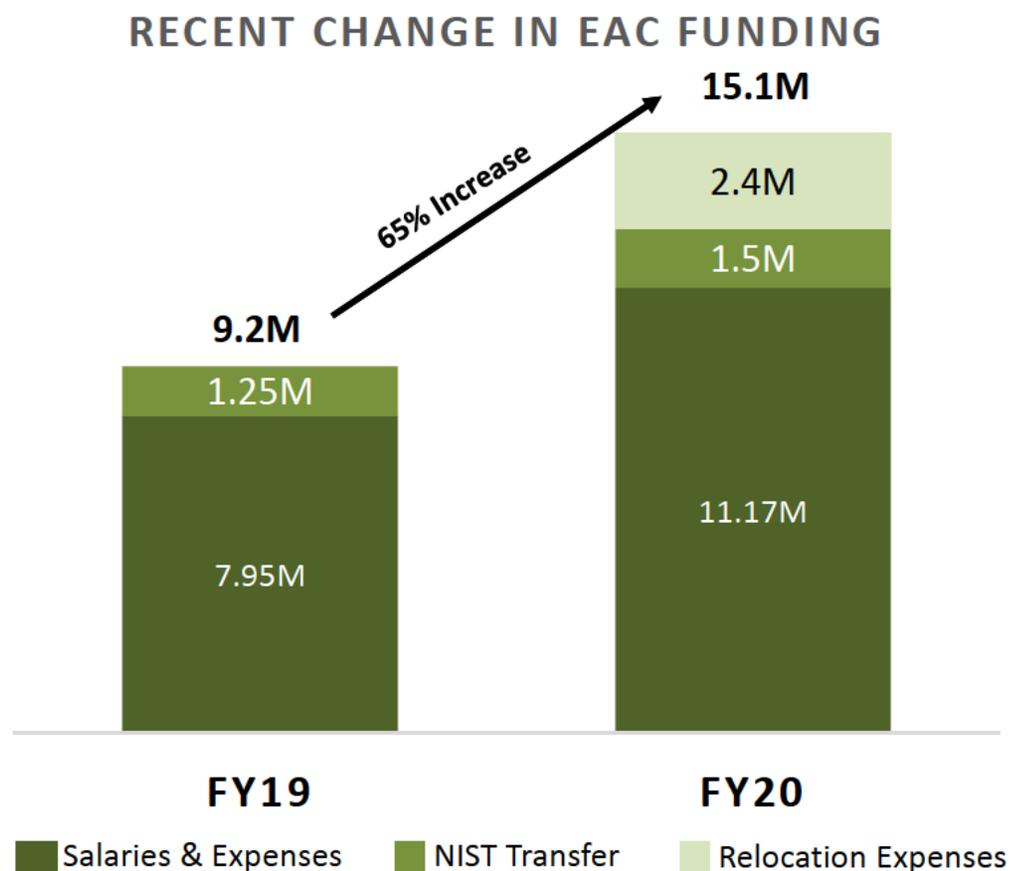


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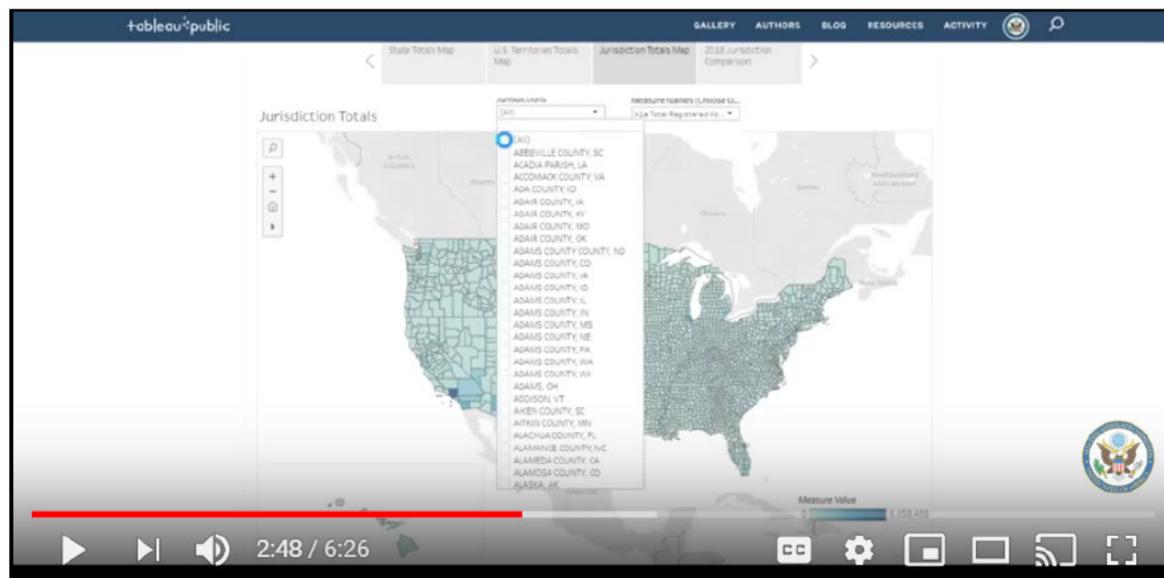
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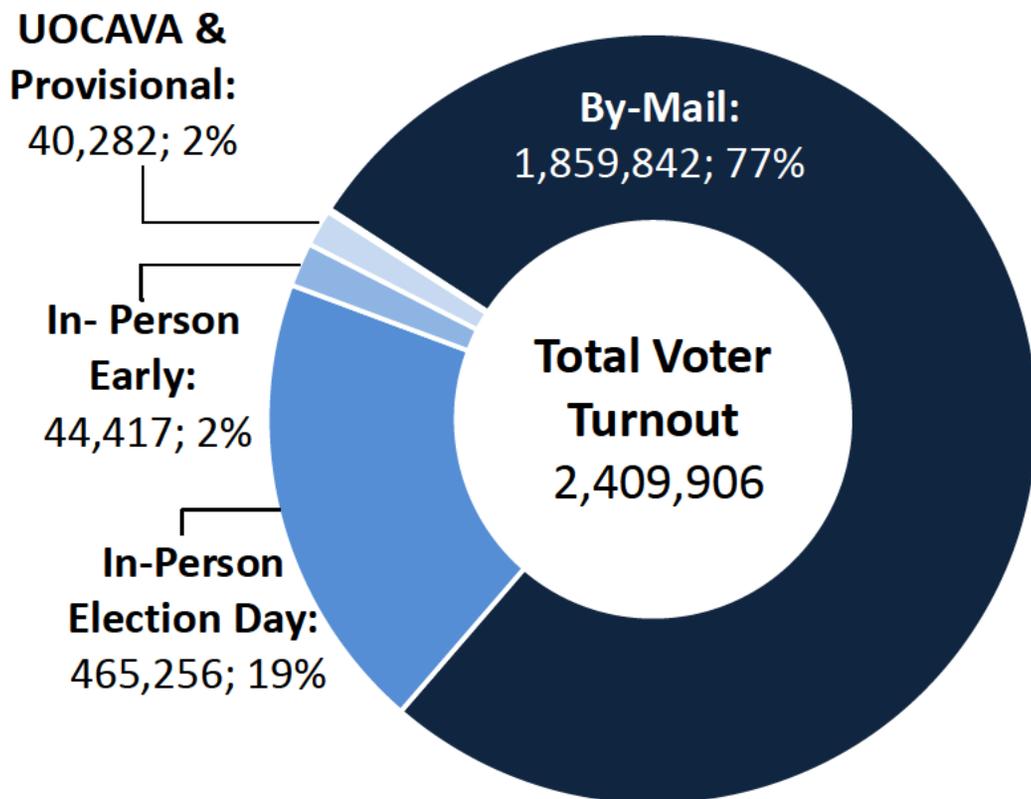


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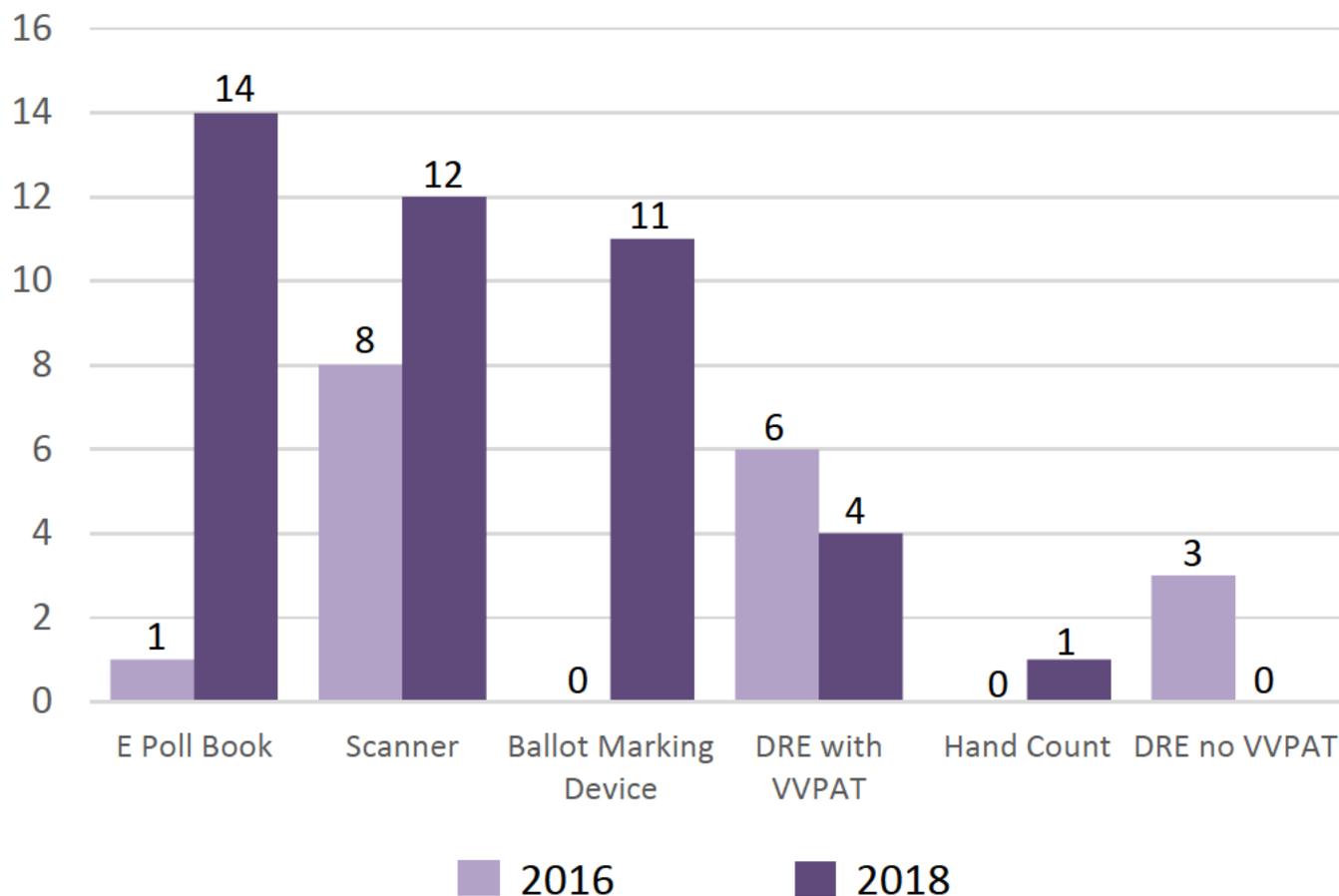


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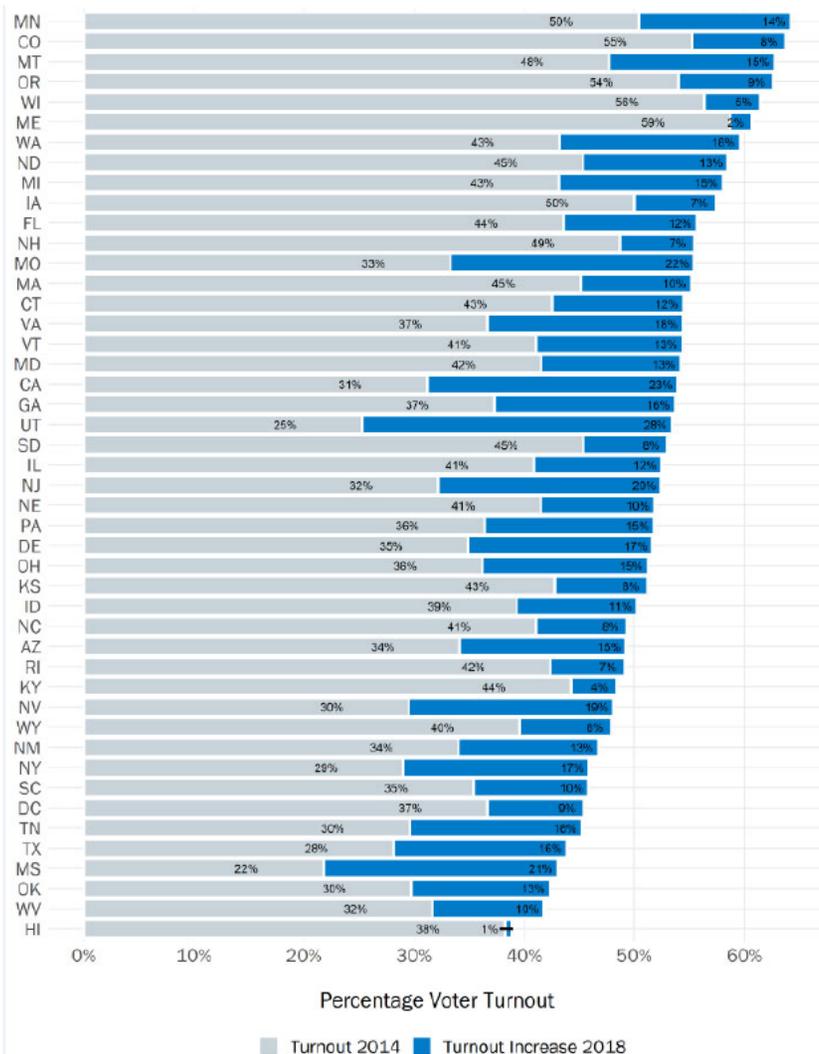


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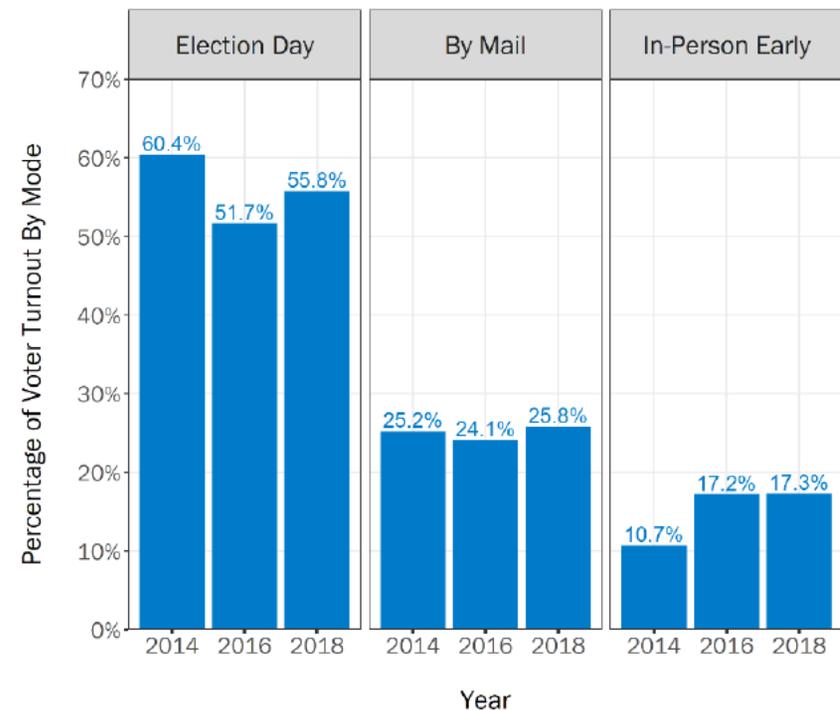
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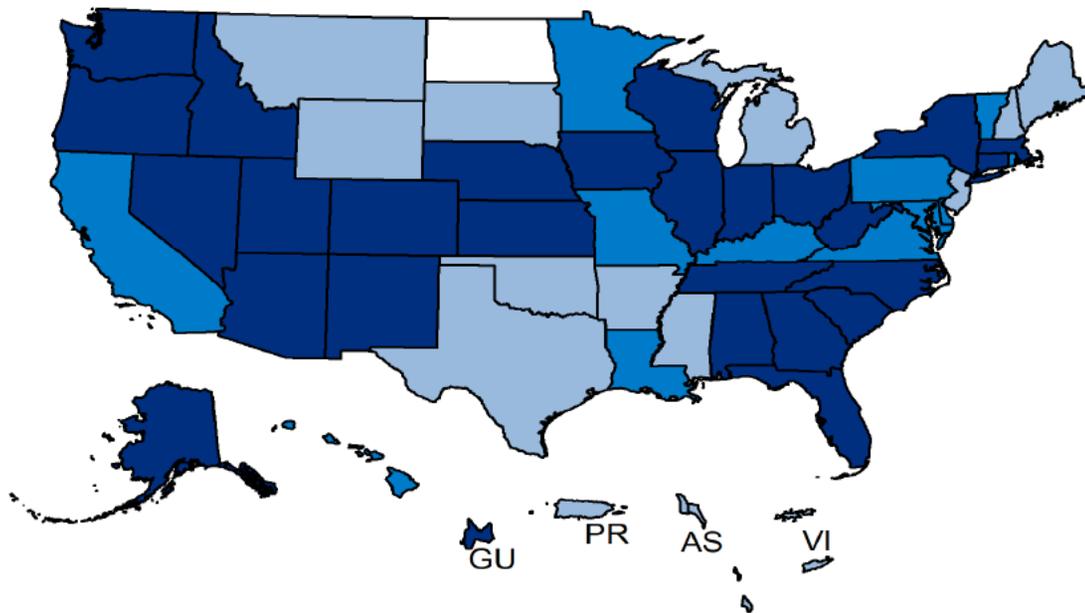
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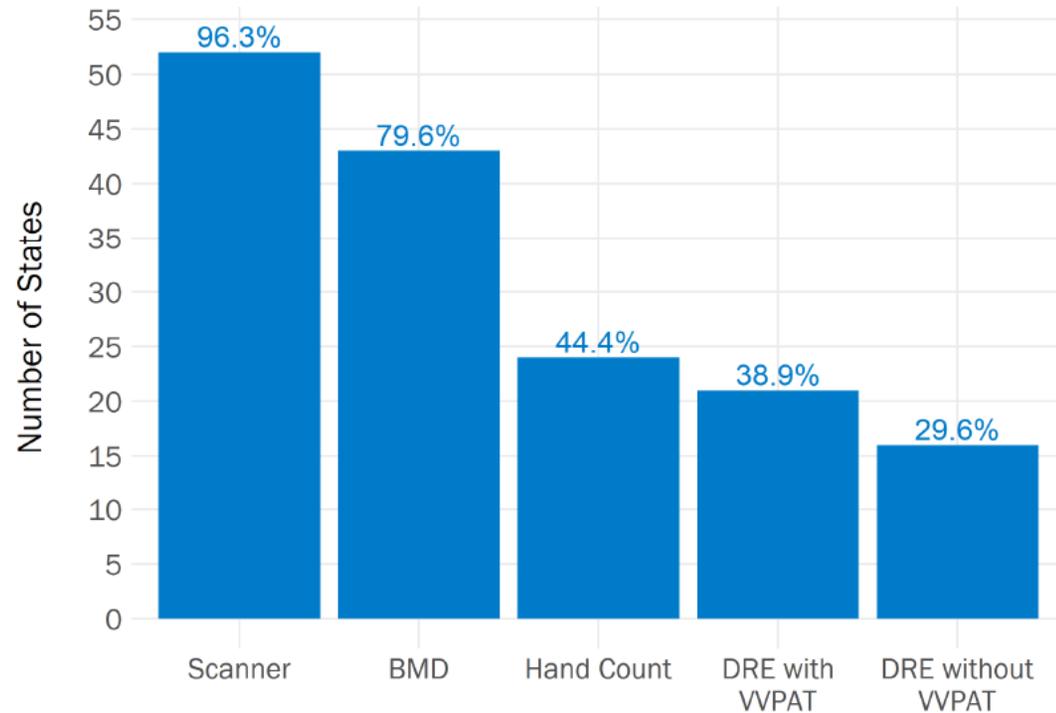


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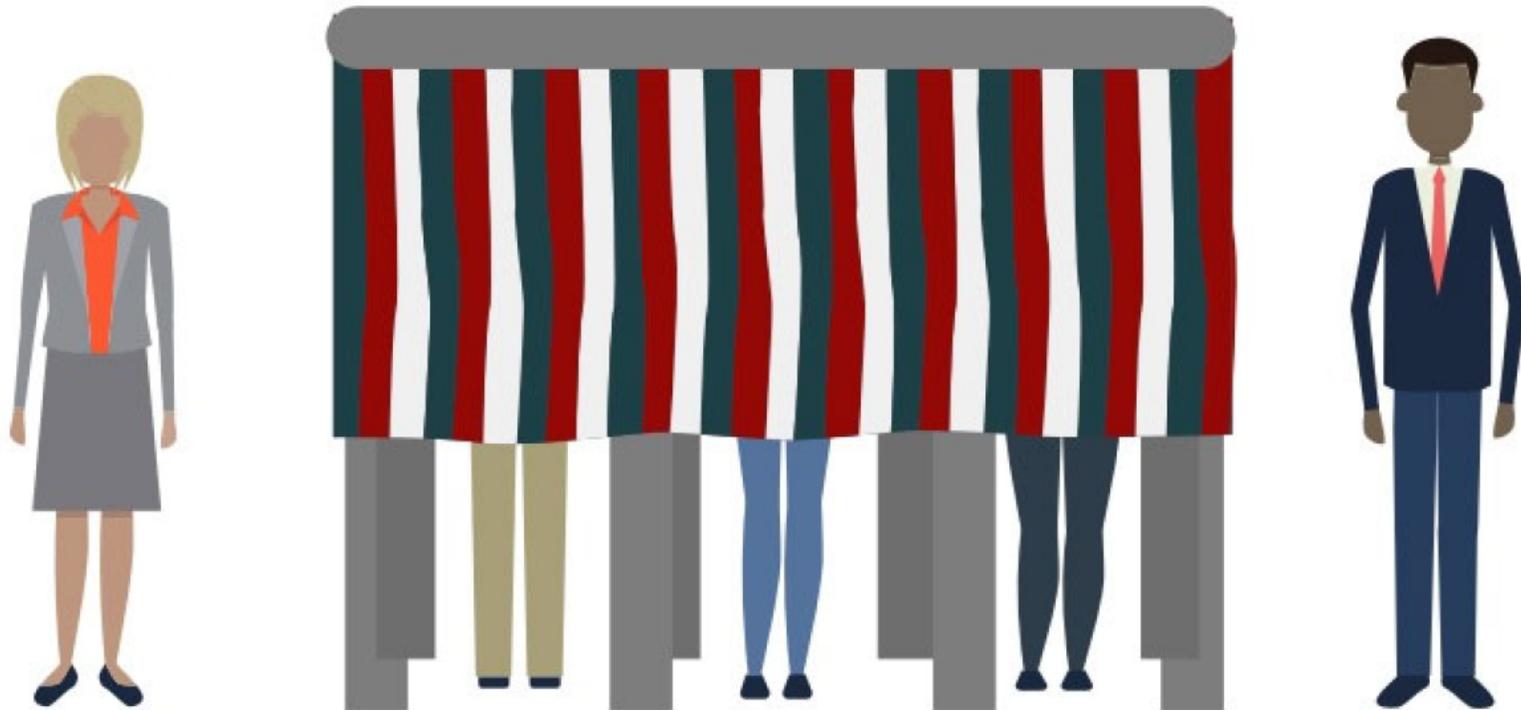
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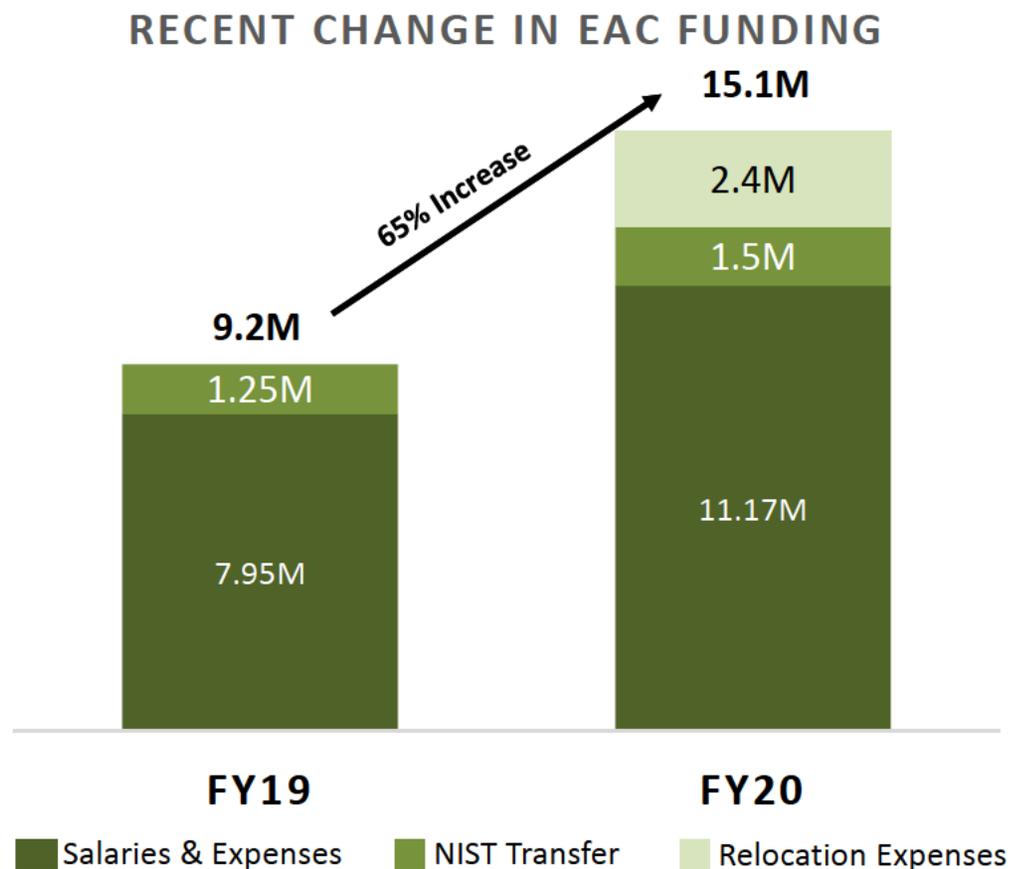


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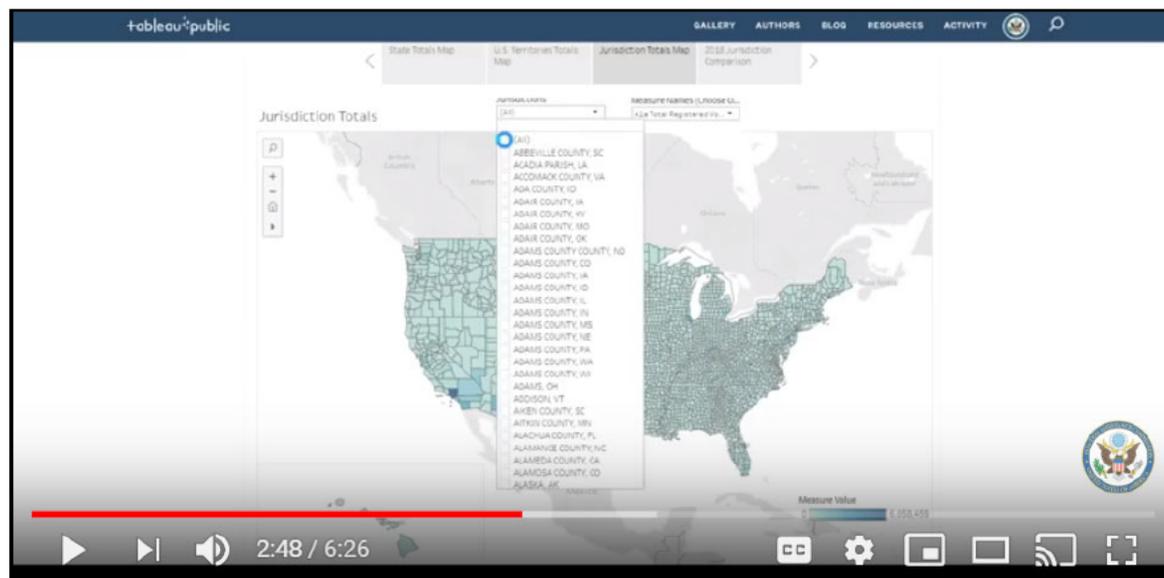
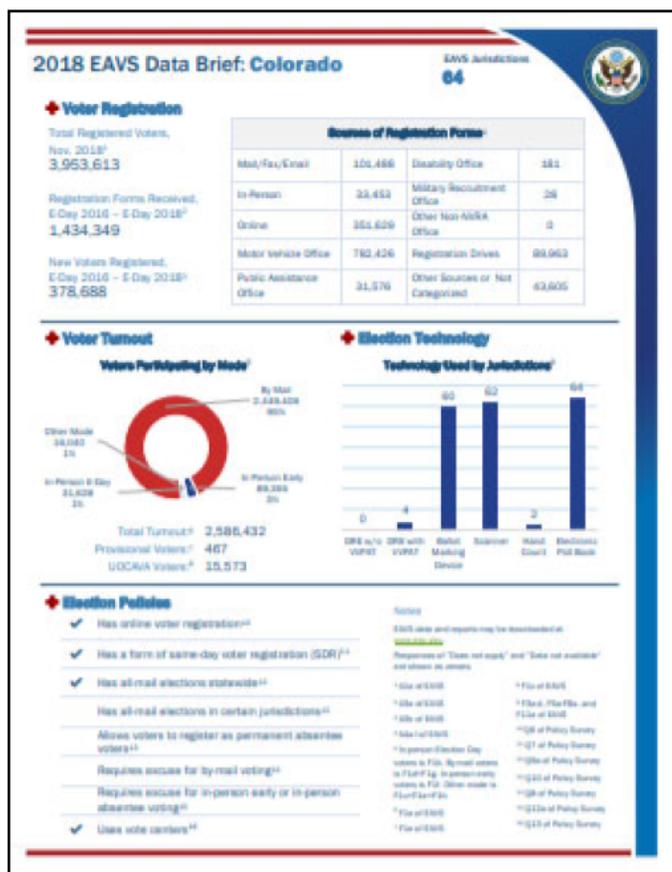
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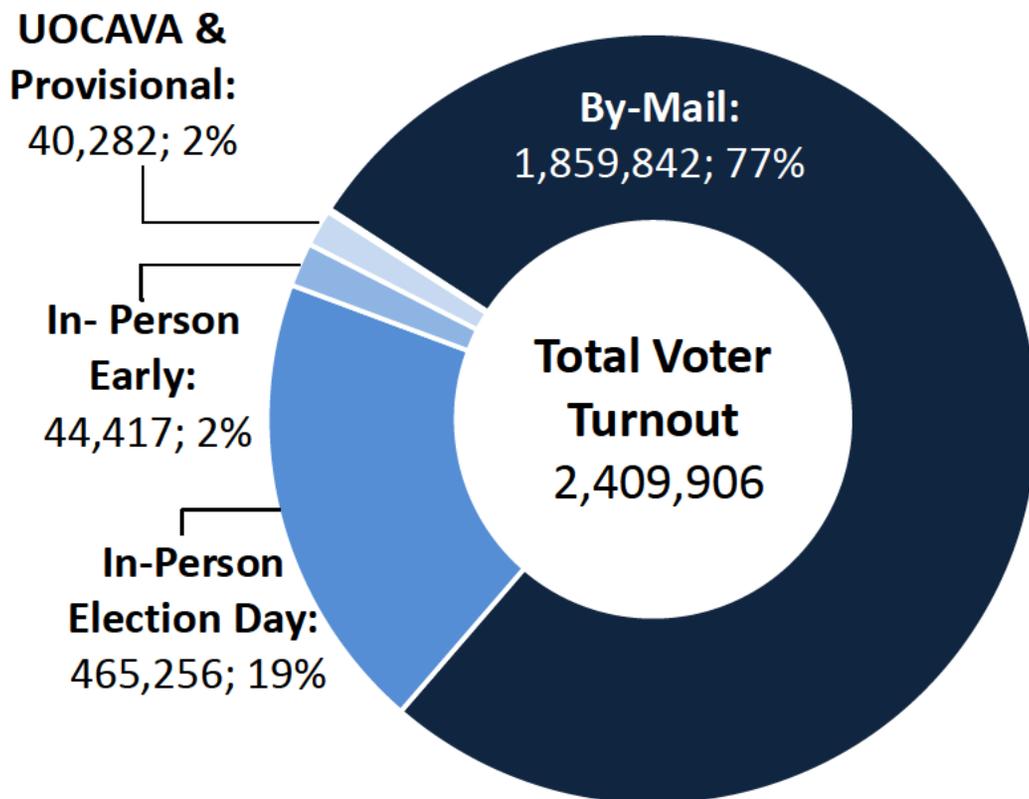


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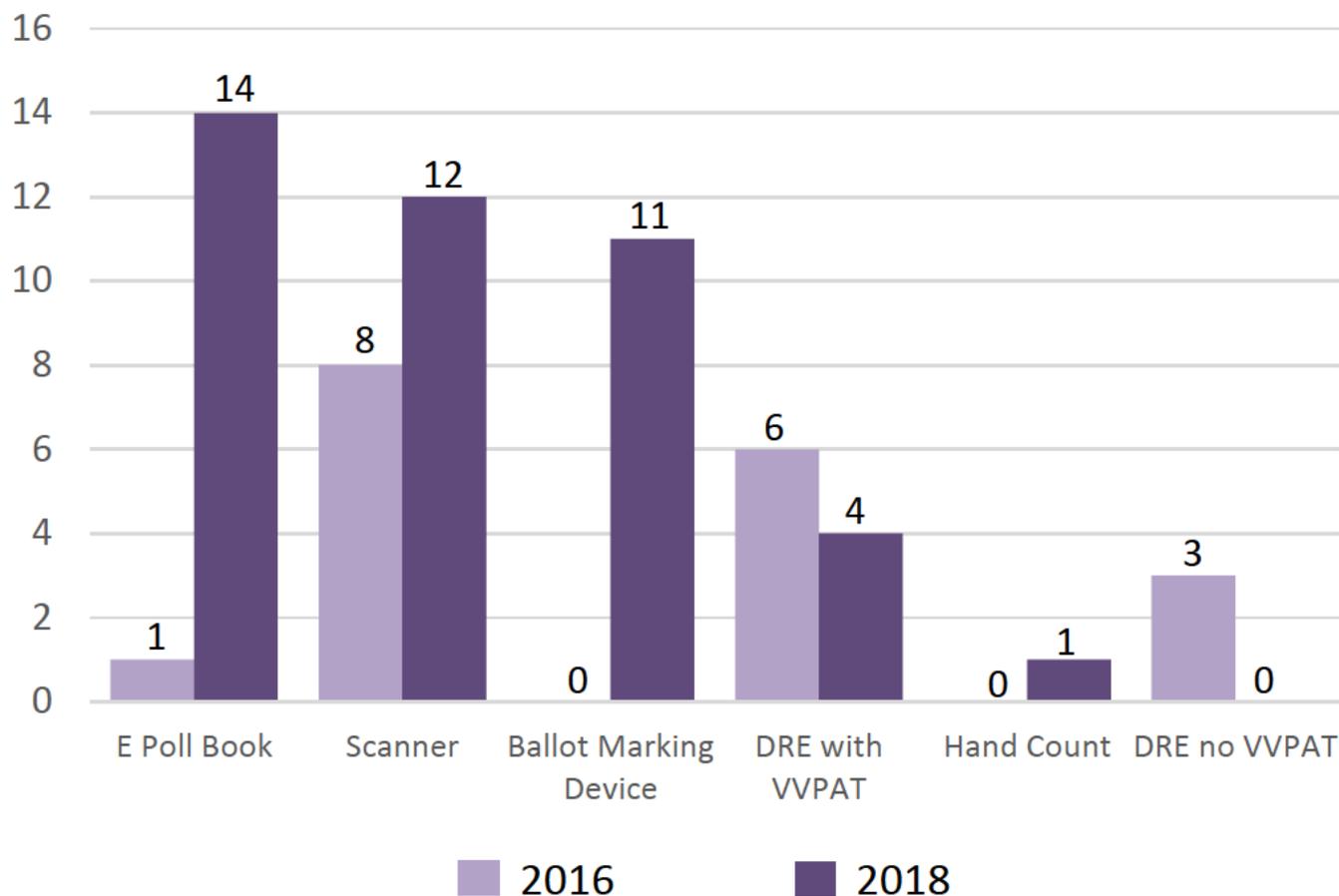


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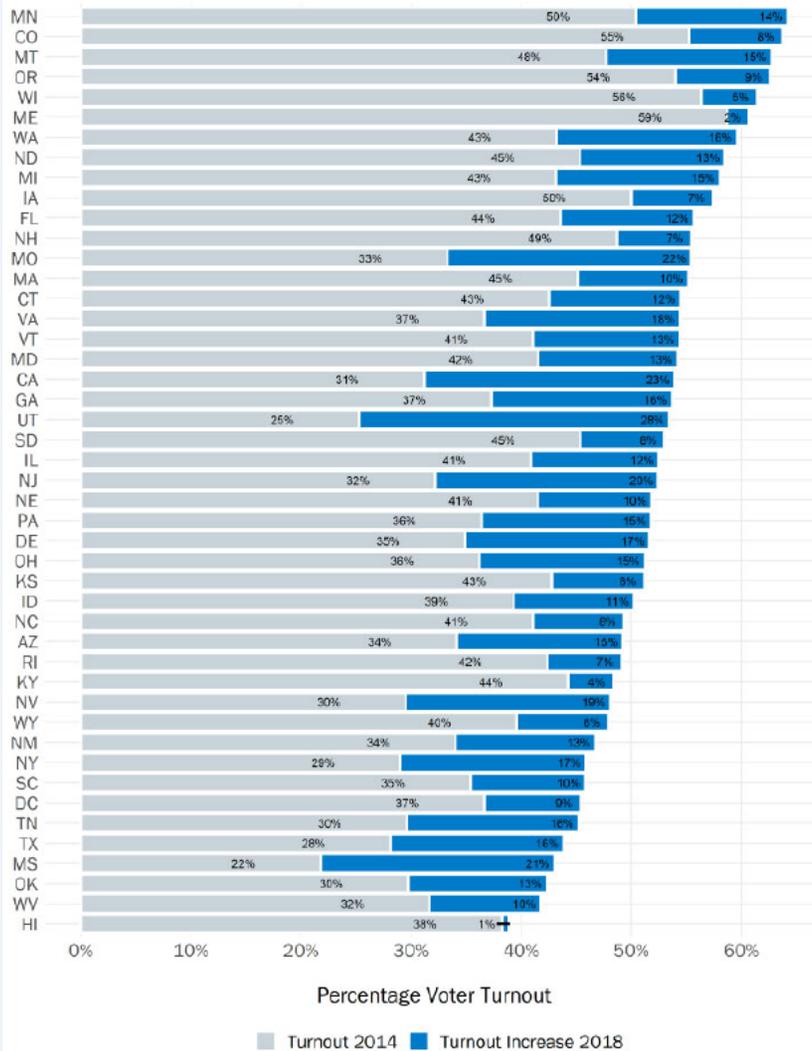


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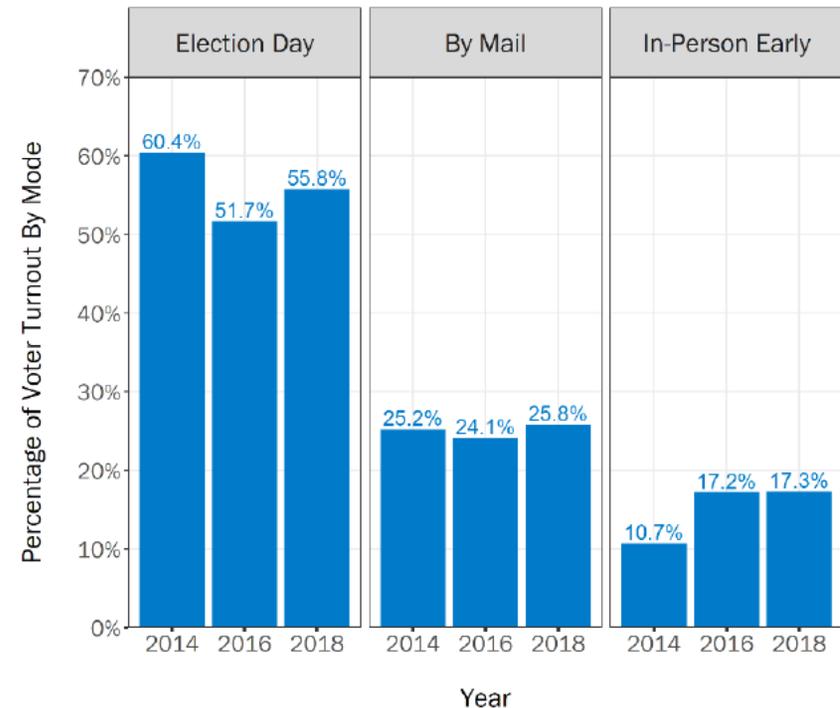
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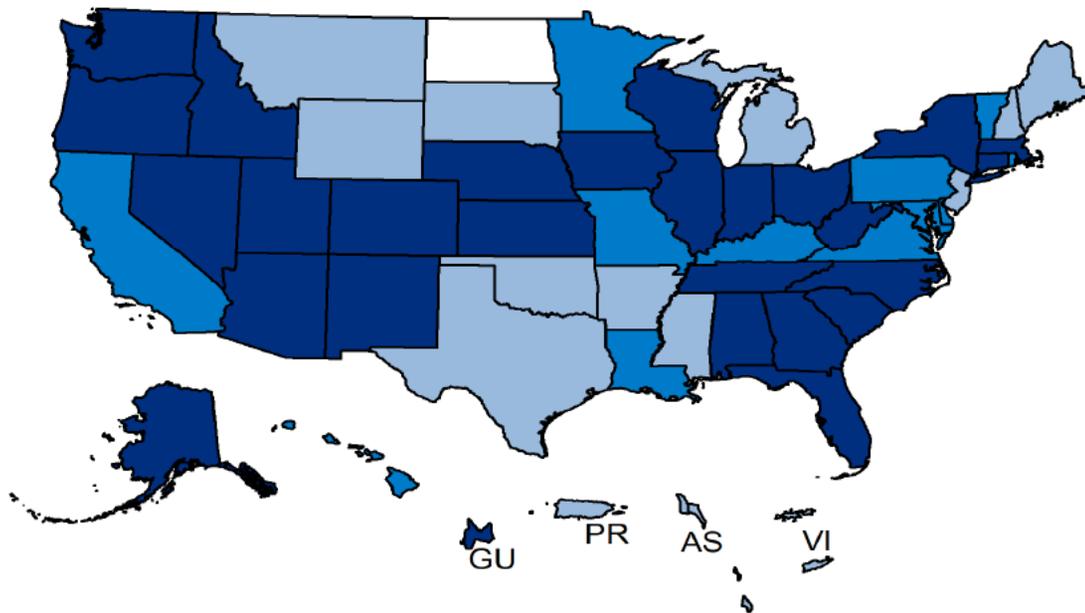
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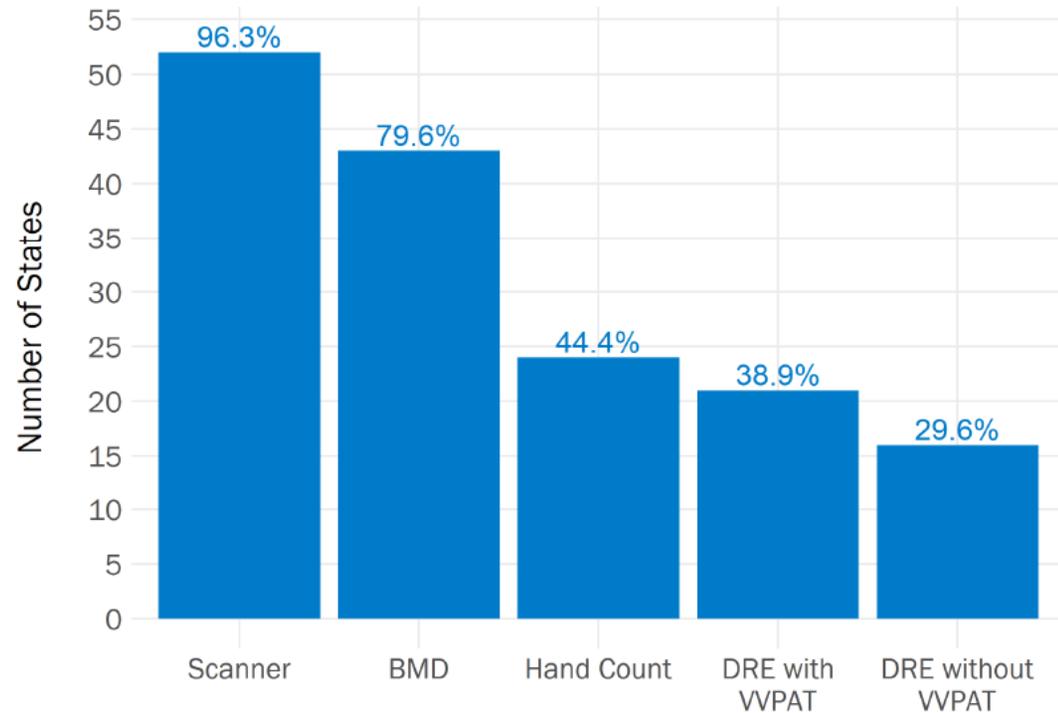


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**To:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>

**CC:** Donald Palmer<dpalmer@eac.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Greetings from ALEC

Works for me. I assume you will call my (b) (6) number Michael. If for any reason you can't get me on that number, use (b) (6). Looking forward to it!

Christy

On Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 3:26 PM Michael Bowman <(b) (6)> wrote:

Lets do 3pm! 30 minutes is more than enough on a Friday afternoon. Don and Christy I will call you. Don do I use the (b) (6) # or the (b) (6) #?

**Michael D. Bowman**

**President**

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Don and Christy:

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Any of those times work for you

Just let me know which number to call you on? I am assuming I should call both of your cell numbers?

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Hi Michael,

Don is added to this response.

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Thanks for Adam's cell number. I am planning on attending at least one of the redistricting sessions - probably Salt Lake City. I think Don is as well, but I'll let him weigh in himself.

Thanks so much! We're looking forward to working with you and the legislators.

Best,

Christy

On Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 9:50 AM Michael Bowman <(b) (6)> wrote:

(Please forward to Don – need his contact info)

Christy and Don:

I am looking forward to putting together a call with our state legislators who care about the election process. Christy I so enjoyed our talked yesterday as we

talk through the program ideas for our planning call this Friday.

Also can you let me know your availability for a one hour call on March 13 or 20 sometime between 11-3.

The call would be a 30 minute presentation with QA afterwards. EAC21-1440-A-000085

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**From:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Sent on:** Monday, March 9, 2020 1:38:49 PM  
**To:** Donald Palmer <dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**CC:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Outreach on Elections

Website was just fine.

Thanks

**Michael D. Bowman**

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<https://www.eac.gov/about/commissioners>

Are you able to use the headshots on the website. If not, let me know and I'll send directly as image.

Donald Palmer, Commissioner

Election Assistance Commission

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 5, 2020, at 2:45 PM, Michael Bowman <(b) (6)> wrote:

Can you please send me a headshot of each of you! This looks great!

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**From:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 5:50 PM

**To:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>

**Cc:** Donald Palmer <dpalmer@eac.gov>

**Subject:** Outreach on Elections

Hi Michael,

Here is the info you requested. Let us know if you need anything else. We're looking forward to working with you!

Thanks so much,

Christy

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On this call, Commissioners McCormick and Palmer will discuss: 1. Military and Overseas Voting; 2. Election Security Efforts; 3. Verification of Registrations and Accuracy of Voter Registration Rolls; 4. Ensuring Integrity of Voting, including early voting, Election Day voting, and mail voting; and 5. Hot Topics in Elections, including Automatic vs. Automated Voter Registration, Redistricting, Voting Rights, and Ballot Harvesting. They will also share a current overview of federal and state election and voting legislation.

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**To:** Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov)<Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov)>; Donald Palmer<dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**Subject:** ALEC Phone Call is On Friday the 20th  
**Attachments:** Understanding How Elections Work Call Flyer 03-20-2020 (002).pdf (153.95 KB)

Please RSVP, and we will send dial-in instructions.

**Michael D. Bowman**  
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**From:** Donald Palmer<dpalmer@eac.gov>  
**Sent on:** Sunday, March 15, 2020 12:41:20 PM  
**To:** Michael Bowman<(b) (6)>  
**CC:** Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov)<Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: ALEC Phone Call is On Friday the 20th

Look forward to the discussion on the 20th.

Regards,  
Don Palmer

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 12:10 PM Michael Bowman (b) (6) wrote:

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**From:** Gretchen Baldau (b) (6)  
**Sent on:** Friday, March 13, 2020 6:34:05 PM  
**To:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>  
**CC:** Michael Bowman (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: RSVP for Election Overview

Hi Christy,  
Thank you for RSVP'ing. I will send you the calendar invite right away.  
Please let me know if I can be any help.  
Thanks so much.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Christy McCormick <cmccormick@eac.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, March 13, 2020 12:29 PM

**To:** Gretchen Baldau (b) (6)

**Subject:** RSVP for Election Overview

Hi Gretchen,  
RSVPing on instruction of Michael.  
Thanks so much,  
Christy

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## Understanding How Elections Work

Conference Call on March 20, 2020

2:00 pm to 2:45 pm EST



Military and Overseas Voting

Election Security Efforts

Verification of Registrations & Accuracy of Voter Registration Rolls

Ensuring Integrity of Voting, Early Voting, Election Day Voting, & Mail Voting

Automatic vs. Automated Voter Registration, Redistricting, Voting Rights, & Ballot Harvesting

Overview of Federal & State: Election & Voting Legislation

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**From:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
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**To:** Lisa Nelson <(b) (6)> Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov) <Christy McCormick (cmccormick@eac.gov)>  
**CC:** Gretchen Balda <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** ALEC Script - Please Review  
**Attachments:** ALEC Script for Understanding How Elections Work.docx (480.52 KB)

Lisa and Clela:

The schedule is tight, please review and provide any suggestions. I will talk to Shawna later today. I will be working to get more states on the call.

**Michael D. Bowman**

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Conference Call on March 20, 2020, 2 pm to 2:45 pm EST

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### Program and Speaker Notes

Legislator and Staff: 4 OH, 2 MO, 2 TX, 3 NC, 1 SC, 1IN, 1WV, 1AZ, more to come

**1:55 Greeters and Welcome Participants** - Lisa Nelson and Michael Bowman

**2:02 Welcome - Lisa Nelson**

- To educate you and provide an overview of election trends and concerns
- We are hoping you will take advantage of our two speakers and their willingness to meet with you in your state
- Let me turn it over to Rep. Shawna Bolick of Arizona who will briefly share her experience with Don and Christy

**2:05 Opening Statement** - Rep. Shawna Bolick

Commissioners Palmer and McCormick are:

- Knowledgeable
- Helpful
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I strongly encourage you to invite them out to your state. I will turn it over to my Co-Moderator the Honorable Cleta Mitchel who will introduce our speakers.

### **2:09 Speaker Introductions – Cleta Mitchel**

- Endorsement of Don and Christies work
- Brief Bios of Commissioners Palmer and McCormick

Commissioner McCormick, I will let you take it from here.

### **2:12 Presentation - Commissioners Christy McCormick and Don Palmer**

A quick overview of some topics and what to watch out for:

- Military and Overseas Voting
- Election Security Efforts
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### **2:40 Q&A: Rep. Shawna Bolick**

Moderator Question (If Needed)

- What do we say when we hear the world has changed because of Corona Virus, so are mail-in ballots safe and reliable?
- Could the Federal Election be delayed for health and safety concerns?
- Other Questions?

Thank you for joining us today. We hope this has been eye-opening and informative. Please reach out to Don or Christie directly or ask Michael Bowman at ALEC to direct you. Please be safe!

## 2:50 End

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**CC:** CMitchell (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: March 20th Conference Call Invitation -- Understanding How Elections Work During a Pandemic  
**Attachments:** ALEC Script for Understanding How Elections Work.docx (480.63 KB)

Can we do a brief pre-conference call this afternoon with Cleta?  
We lightly changed the importance of tomorrow's call with the new title.

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**To:** Lisa Nelson <(b) (6)> Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: March 20th Conference Call Invitation -- Understanding How Elections Work  
Michael - we should probably do a call this afternoon with Don and Christy re topics for tomorrow's call, with their input and insights as to how to work the pandemic issues into the presentation. Let me know if you want to schedule something. Happy to assist. Thanks. Cleta

Cleta Mitchell, Esq.  
Foley & Lardner, LLP

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On Mar 19, 2020, at 11:03 AM, Lisa Nelson <(b) (6)> wrote:

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I like that and it shows that we are timely and relevant –  
Gretchen – you can amend your calendar invite and adjust in the course of outreach between now and the call

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**From:** CMitchell (b) (6) <(b) (6)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:59 AM  
**To:** Gretchen Baldau (b) (6) Lisa Nelson <(b) (6)> Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Cc:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Re: March 20th Conference Call Invitation -- Understanding How Elections Work

Before sending reminder, I think we should change the title of this call. And we should actually talk about this as:

“How Elections Work During a Pandemic”. And that should be our focus. Every crazy thing the left wants to do they will try to get done at this time, using this virus as the reason. We can get on a call with Don and Christy to discuss with them the ways to incorporate - but I think that will get us more participation and help us alert to things they need to be aware of. The left is on the move. We need to be busy pushing back. And using this to get some of OUR changes such as cleaned voter rolls if there are all mailed ballots. Etc.

Let me know what you think and how we should pivot to prepare for call. Cleta

Cleta Mitchell, Esq.

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Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lisa Nelson

**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2020 5:24 PM

**Cc:** Michael Bowman (b) (6)

**Subject:** March 20th Conference Call Invitation -- Understanding How Elections Work

Good afternoon,

You are invited to join a conference call on “Understanding How Elections Work” on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Details can be found below and in the flyer attached to this email. The call is a great opportunity to hear directly from two commissioners from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. I hope you can join the call.

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Thanks so much.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:33 AM

**To:** Gretchen Baldau (b) (6)

**Subject:** Invite

Hi Gretchen,  
Not sure why, but when I respond yes to your invites, I get a message that they are blocked. Just wanted you to know that I will be on the call.

Best,  
Christy

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- A polling site in Florida on Tuesday before voters arrive. There is a proposal in Congress to mandate that states expand vote-by-mail programs to all voters, limiting the need for in-person ballot-casting.

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By

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The Wall Street Journal

March 18, 2020 3:32 pm ET

WASHINGTON—The increasingly strict public-health measures designed to slow the spread of coronavirus are raising concerns about the feasibility of holding the remaining Democratic presidential primary contests, as well as the logistics of holding a November general election if the pandemic is still under way.

The nation’s election system is a complicated thicket of state and federal laws. The process of selecting a presidential nominee is further complicated by the fact that political parties are private organizations and can set their own internal rules.

Depending on the jurisdiction, state officials and party leaders do have some flexibility in altering the dates and possibly the formats of the remaining presidential primary contests in response to the growing pandemic, election-law experts say. Five states have already done so—including Ohio, [where there was a brief struggle between the governor and the state supreme court](#) before the voting was postponed—and more may follow.

Senators vow speedy action on a stimulus plan that includes checks for Americans, the U.S. travel industry asks for a bailout and four Brooklyn Nets players test positive: WSJ’s Shelby Holliday has the latest on the pandemic. Photo: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images

If the pandemic persists into the fall, as some public-health officials fear it could, Congress would need to step into the picture to make any significant alterations to the general election date. That date was fixed as the first Tuesday after Nov. 1 by an act of Congress in 1845 and cannot be changed—not by the president, not by state election officials—absent new legislation.

Courts have granted such strong protections to the rights of citizens to cast a ballot that even the orders of public-health officials, who have sweeping emergency authorities at all levels of government to limit gatherings or impose quarantines, could be trumped.

“While I think that states would have the authority to take reasonable measures to ensure public safety, ultimately they would have to yield to the right to vote,” said Marc Elias, a Democratic election lawyer who has worked on numerous presidential campaigns.



Sunday's live broadcast of the debate between Democratic presidential candidates former Vice President Joe Biden and Sen. Bernie Sanders.

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The Democratic primary contest has already been affected by the virus. On Tuesday, Joe Biden defeated Bernie Sanders in [a trio of states](#), but election-day turnout levels appeared to be low compared with similar contests held in the past, The Wall Street Journal reported, with [many voters venturing out of their homes for the first time in days](#) to cast ballots.

The pandemic may abate in coming weeks as it has in Asia, where life is slowly returning to normal in early outbreak sites like China. But if it doesn't diminish, or returns in the fall, election officials have already expressed concern about how they might hold a general election in the middle of a deadly virus outbreak—and whether an extremely low-turnout election would be seen as legitimate by the voters.

The logistics of holding in-person elections raise additional concerns. Some of the most reliable voters are elderly, a group most at risk for coronavirus complications. In addition, many of the poll workers and volunteers who staff elections across the country are older. The Election Assistance Commission found that 58% of all poll workers in 2018 were over the age of 60.

One proposal is for Congress to mandate that states expand vote-by-mail programs to all voters, limiting the need for in-person ballot-casting. Sens. Ron Wyden (D, Ore.) and Amy Klobuchar (D, Minn.) have proposed such a bill, which also would provide \$500 million in grants to states for prepaid postage and equipment upgrades.

“Virtually every state already today has an absentee ballot arrangement. What Sen. Klobuchar and I are doing is making available a significant amount of federal funds for states to move to ensure that this fall in the middle of the pandemic, American voters are not going to be forced to choose between their health and voting,” said Mr. Wyden on MSNBC this week.

There is ample precedent for such an action. Congress has previously mandated that all states allow military voters to cast absentee ballots by mail and that states allow voters to register while renewing or obtaining driver’s licenses, for example. Thirty-four states plus Washington, D.C., allow any voter to cast a mail-in ballot for any reason; 16 place restrictions on reasons for requesting mail-in ballots.

Vote by mail is controversial, though. Some liberal activists believe that it dampens turnout among key demographic groups, and they have concerns about programs that don’t include paid postage. Some conservatives have additional concerns about fraud with mail-in ballots, or simply support a single, nationwide election day.

Even opponents of universal vote-by-mail say that this year might be an exception and that it is particularly important for the 2020 balloting to be run in an orderly and legitimate way.

“Personally, I think extensive voting by mail is not a good idea. I’d hate to see using this crisis to sneak in permanent voting by mail,” said Bradley Smith, a former Republican appointee to the Federal Election Commission who now teaches at Capital University Law School.

But for the 2020 election? “I think it would probably be good in the current circumstances for Congress to pass limited legislation providing for some kind of vote-by-mail,” he said.

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You are invited to join a conference call on “Understanding How Elections Work” on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Details can be found below and in the flyer attached to this email. The call is a great opportunity to hear directly from two commissioners from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. I hope you can join the call.

## **A State Legislators Briefing**

# Understanding How Elections Work

Conference Call on March 20, 2020

2:00 pm to 2:45 pm EST

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**Subject:** FW: Avenues to Voter Fraud Have No Place in Coronavirus Bill

Our conference call on Understanding How Elections Work During a Pandemic last Friday discussed the problems with early voting, and now we learn that Speaker Pelosi is trying to enact it into Federal law. Please read this short and informative article in the Daily Signal.

Michael D. Bowman  
President  
ALEC Action



## Avenues to Voter Fraud Have No Place in Coronavirus Bill

J. Christian Adams / Hans von Spakovsky / March 25, 2020

We always knew that liberals considered federalizing control over elections to be an important priority. We just never dreamed it was more important than fighting the coronavirus pandemic or preserving American jobs.

For years, both of us have testified before Congress about progressive designs to take over control from state election officials. Progressives long for federal mandates over how we vote, when we vote and who gets to collect absentee ballots. Read more... <https://www.dailysignal.com/2020/03/25/avenues-to-voter-fraud-have-no-place-in-coronavirus-bill/>

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COVID-19 Call and Announcements

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## Elections and COVID-19 Call & Other RNLA News

Our nation is facing unprecedented challenges. Due to the coronavirus, several states have delayed their primary elections. Democrats in Congress are calling for nationalizing our elections through universal vote by mail, ballot harvesting, and same day voter registration.

How could all of this impact election integrity in your state?  
What does it mean for November?

Join us **tomorrow** for an exclusive call with leading experts in the field of election law for a deep dive into issues pertaining to elections. Please [become an RNLA member](#) to participate in the call and for future benefits.

[Members-Only Conference Call](#)  
**Friday, March 27**  
**How COVID-19 is Impacting Elections  
and Changes to State Election Laws**

featuring



Commissioner **Donald Palmer**, U.S. Election Assistance Commission

Author **Eric Eggers**, "*Fraud: How the Left Plans to Steal the Next Election*"

California Republican Party Counsel **Ashlee Titus**, Partner at Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk

**Friday, March 27**

**3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

*Conference call number & password to be provided one hour before call*

**[Please RSVP Here](#)**

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## Other National RNLA Events

- [RNLA's 2020 National Election Law Seminar](#) will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11. This is a unique opportunity to learn everything you need to know about election laws and to network with top Republican political leaders from across the country. [For More information or to Register Click Here](#)
- The Lawyers Reception at the RNC Convention, Tuesday, August 25 at 3 p.m. Join the RNLA for a special reception in Charlotte, North Carolina with the nation's most renowned legal and political leaders. **Sponsorship opportunities are now available:** please email Christina Norton for details at [\(b\) \(6\)](#)

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## RNLA in the News & Daily Blogs

RNLA Co-Chair Harmeet Dhillon's op-ed published in the Daily Caller

[Nancy Pelosi Is Trying To Use The Coronavirus Package To Get Ahead On Election Day](#)

[Leader McConnell Fights for Federalism; Stops Pelosi's Voting Mandate](#)

[Democrats Destroy Emergency Relief Bill for Politics](#)

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RNLA Federalism Call

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## COVID-19 Crisis: Emergency Powers v. Federalism

In times of national emergencies and pandemics, questions begin to arise regarding government's powers. As states around the country start mandating new orders to fight the pandemic, what is too far? Where is the line between exercising the police power to protect public health and impermissibly infringing on constitutional rights?

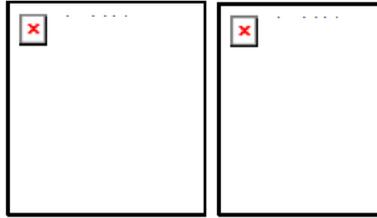
Join us **this Friday** for an exclusive call with leading experts in constitutional law who will address the sweeping measures being taken to combat COVID-19. Harmeet Dhillon is a nationally renowned lawyer and regular contributor on *Fox News*. Ilya Shapiro is the co-author of *Religious Liberties for Corporations? Hobby Lobby, the Affordable Care Act, and the Constitution*.

Please [become an RNLA member](#) to participate in the call.

**Members-Only Conference Call**

**Friday, April 3**

*featuring*



**Harmeet Dhillon**, RNLA Co-Chair and RNC Committeewoman for California

**Ilya Shapiro**, Director for Constitutional Studies at the Cato Institute

**Friday, April 3**

**3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

*Conference call number & password to be provided on Friday after noon eastern time*

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## **RNLA Featured Blog Posts**

[Where Is the Outrage Among Democrats Over Bloomberg's \\$18 Million to the DNC?](#)

[Harmeet Dhillon: Response to Coronavirus Threatens Civil Liberties](#)

[Leader McConnell Fights For Federalism; Stops Pelosi's Voting Mandate](#)

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Senator Tom Cotton Call

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## Members-Only Conference Call

### Taking on China and the Coronavirus

*featuring*



### U.S. Senator Tom Cotton

"The Senator Who Saw the Coronavirus Coming"

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**Thursday, April 9**

**1:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

*Conference call number & password to be provided on Thursday morning.*

[Please RSVP Here](#)

Republican lawyer, veteran, and United States Senator - Tom Cotton has been a national leader in tackling the coronavirus pandemic and holding China accountable. As the National Review noted: Senator Cotton was "both the first and the loudest voice in Congress to sound the alarm about the looming pandemic." Join us this Thursday to hear from Senator Cotton firsthand on his perspective concerning the global crisis. Senator Cotton will be answering questions as well. After your RSVP, please send questions to [info@republicanlawyer.net](mailto:info@republicanlawyer.net).

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## Special Announcements

We hope you and your families are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times. Please see below for some RNLA announcements.

- **Upcoming National Events.** The [National Election Law Seminar](#) in July and [The Lawyers Reception](#) in August at the Republican Convention are still scheduled as planned. Sign up today!
- **Job Opportunities.** The RNLA is working harder than ever to support its members who are seeking new employment. If you are a current member and would like to be added to the RNLA Job's Bank, email [jobs2@republicanlawyer.net](mailto:jobs2@republicanlawyer.net) with your areas of interest and resume.
- **Weekly Member Calls.** As a benefit to our members, RNLA will be hosting a call every Friday on a topic of interest to Republican lawyers. This week's call is Thursday due to Good Friday, but stay tuned for future special briefings. Future "calls" may include Zoom and CLE.

## RNLA Featured Blog Posts and Articles

[Harmeet Dhillon: Coronavirus and elections – Dems doing this to gain political edge](#)

[Another Great Judicial Nomination By President Trump](#)

[ICYMI: FBI FISA Process A Perfect Failure](#)

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**Subject:** How to Secure Federal Election Funds During a Pandemic  
**Attachments:** How to Secure Federal Election Funds During a Pandemic.pdf (208.59 KB)

Don and Christy:

Please review the Flyer and pages that follow.

Two weeks ago, we had about 30 legislators on the phone, and we made a real difference in SC and OH. More to Come.

This week it will be at 11 am EST. Please review and let me know if there are any changes.

Thank You!

Michael

**A State Legislators Briefing:**

# **How to Secure Federal Election Funds During a Pandemic**

**Conference Call on April 17, 2020, 11 AM EST**



**Debate Over Federal Legislation on Mail Ballots**

**Overview of Federal CARE Election Funding for Your State**

Commissioners Christy McCormick and Donald Palmer of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission are back by popular demand! They will provide a brief overview of these topics. They will share their expertise and their agency services to work with you in your state. Q&A Can happen on the call or after the call.

About the EAC: The EAC was created by the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and is the only federal agency tasked with improving elections across the country. It sets national voting systems standards, test and certifies voting systems, serves as a clearinghouse for best practices in election administration, distributes federal grant funds, and collects the most comprehensive data on America's elections.

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On March 27, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) into law. The Act includes \$400 million in new Help America Vote Act (HAVA) emergency funds, made available to states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus for the 2020 federal election cycle. This supplemental appropriation funding, distributed by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), will provide states with additional resources to protect the 2020 elections from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

State	Federal Share	State Share 20%	Total Award	Request Letter	Total Payment
Alabama	6,473,611	1,294,722	7,768,334	-	-
Alaska	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
American Samoa	600,000	n/a	600,000	-	-
Arizona	7,842,119	1,568,424	9,410,542	-	-
Arkansas	4,703,886	940,777	5,644,663	-	-
California	36,293,345	7,258,669	43,552,014	-	-
Colorado	6,665,335	1,333,067	7,998,402	-	-
Connecticut	5,381,732	1,076,346	6,458,079	-	-
Delaware	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
District of Columbia	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
Florida	20,152,160	4,030,432	24,182,592	-	-
Georgia	10,826,464	2,165,293	12,991,757	-	-
Guam	600,000	n/a	600,000	-	-
Hawaii	3,295,842	659,168	3,955,010	-	-
Idaho	3,396,453	679,291	4,075,744	-	-
Illinois	13,899,434	2,779,887	16,679,321	-	-
Indiana	7,980,108	1,596,022	9,576,130	-	-
Iowa	4,843,615	968,723	5,812,338	-	-
Kansas	4,607,890	921,578	5,529,469	-	-
Kentucky	6,067,275	1,213,455	7,280,730	-	-
Louisiana	6,189,147	1,237,829	7,426,977	-	-
Maine	3,292,585	658,517	3,951,102	-	-
Maryland	7,422,125	1,484,425	8,906,550	-	-
Massachusetts	8,290,676	1,658,135	9,948,811	-	-
Michigan	11,247,753	2,249,551	13,497,303	-	-
Minnesota	6,930,610	1,386,122	8,316,732	-	-
Mississippi	4,712,839	942,568	5,655,407	-	-
Missouri	7,597,405	1,519,481	9,116,886	-	-
Montana	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
Nebraska	3,676,857	735,371	4,412,229	-	-
Nevada	4,496,720	899,344	5,396,064	-	-
New Hampshire	3,262,422	652,484	3,914,906	-	-
New Jersey	10,250,690	2,050,138	12,300,828	-	-
New Mexico	3,889,527	777,905	4,667,433	-	-
New York	20,463,651	4,092,730	24,556,381	-	-

State	Federal Share	State Share 20%	Total Award	Request Letter	Total Payment
North Carolina	10,897,295	2,179,459	13,076,753	-	-
North Dakota	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
Northern Marianas	600,000	n/a	600,000	-	-
Ohio	12,800,802	2,560,160	15,360,963	-	-
Oklahoma	5,460,972	1,092,194	6,553,166	-	-
Oregon	5,636,292	1,127,258	6,763,550	-	-
Pennsylvania	14,155,505	2,831,101	16,986,605	-	-
Puerto Rico	5,461,964	1,092,393	6,554,357	-	-
Rhode Island	3,016,343	603,269	3,619,611	-	-
South Carolina	6,348,027	1,269,605	7,617,633	-	-
South Dakota	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
Tennessee	7,948,953	1,589,791	9,538,744	-	-
Texas	24,421,231	4,884,246	29,305,478	-	-
U.S. Virgin Islands	600,000	n/a	600,000	-	-
Utah	4,321,708	864,342	5,186,049	-	-
Vermont	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-
Virginia	9,540,102	1,908,020	11,448,123	-	-
Washington	8,308,437	1,661,687	9,970,124	-	-
West Virginia	3,797,620	759,524	4,557,144	-	-
Wisconsin	7,332,471	1,466,494	8,798,965	-	-
Wyoming	3,000,000	600,000	3,600,000	-	-

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FISA RNLA Zoom Webinar

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## The FISA Process and Its Abuse

*featuring*



**Andrew McCarthy**

Attorney and Senior Fellow at National Review Institute

*and*



**Ashley Baker**

Director of Public Policy, The Committee for Justice

## [RNLA Members Video Webinar](#)

**Friday, April 17**

**2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

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*This is a Zoom video webinar for current RNLA members only. Registration is required.*

*There is also an option to call in on your phone to listen to the audio.*

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### **The FISA Process and Its Abuse**

***Topics to be addressed:***

- Purpose of the FISA court
- How the process is supposed to work
- What we learned in the DOJ IG Michael Horowitz's damning report
- How Congress should reform the process

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**["But If Beer Is 'Essential,' So Is Easter"](#)**

**[RNLA Co-Chair Harmeet Dhillon Defends Religious Liberty  
Against Overreaching CA Coronavirus Orders](#)**

**[The Left Owes an Apology and The Right Owes a Thank You to Senator Cotton](#)**

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Cleta Mitchell, Esq.  
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On Apr 15, 2020, at 5:10 PM, Michael Bowman <mbowman@alec.org> wrote:

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Don and Christy:

Any chance that both of you could join Cleta and me for a pre-planning conference call on Thursday, any time before noon, or any time after three?

**Michael D. Bowman**

**President**

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Thank you

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Hi Don and Christy,

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I have also sent over a calendar invite with this information.

Please let me know if I can be any help.

Thanks so much.  
Sincerely,  
Gretchen Baldau  
Executive Assistant to the CEO & Board Liaison  
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Don and Christy, Gretchen will provide your call-in info.

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thank you Michael. You will send us the conference call info?  
regards,

Don Palmer

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**Subject:** RE: America's hidden voting epidemic? Mail ballot failures

Yes, I saw it as well and already added it.

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This is the study I was referencing yesterday. This is a very good article. Based on EAC data. Should send this to today's participants.

Cleta Mitchell, Esq.  
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## **Adams & von Spakovsky: America's hidden voting epidemic? Mail ballot failures**

By Hans von Spakovsky, J. Christian Adams

## [Fox News](#)

A new report has revealed how vulnerable voting by mail can be. It should alarm all who are pushing for all-mail elections: Based on [federal](#) data from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, millions of mail ballots were never counted as completed votes.

According to the commission's 2016 report, for example, more mail ballots were misdirected and unaccounted for than the margin of votes between Hillary Clinton and Donald J. Trump. She had 2.9 million more votes, yet 6.5 million ballots were misdirected or unaccounted for by the states. In other words, for every vote that Hillary won over the eventual president [nationally](#), more than twice as many mail ballots disappeared or went to the wrong addresses.

The data demonstrate the danger of putting the presidential [election](#) into the hands of the U.S. Postal Service, as well as the problems with inaccurate and out-of-date voter registration lists.

An analysis by the Public Interest Legal Foundation of federal election survey data draws a startling picture for any policymaker or stressed bureaucrat daring to look: 32 million mail ballots effectively disappeared, went to the wrong house, or were rejected since 2012. This includes all-mail voting states like Oregon and Washington, as well as absentee ballots in other states.

Taking into account the 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018 federal general elections, 28.3 million mail ballots disappeared after officials gave them to the U.S. Postal Service. There are numerous problems to point fingers at and many explanations as to what happened to these ballots, but the bottom line is simple: tens of millions of ballots were lost in the mail voting system on a scale not seen at polling places.

Over the same time period, federal data show that 2.7 million ballots were sent to the wrong addresses. The causes are fewer here: as more states try to automate the mail participation process by mailing ballots to all registered voters, they become increasingly reliant on voter registration rolls that are highly inaccurate. If a state is not staying on top of registrants who die or move elsewhere, they are likely sending ballots to outdated addresses by default.

And to the extent that individuals are mistakenly registered more than once in the same state — and there is plenty of evidence that such errors occur — certain voters may be receiving multiple ballots.

The third alarming trend is the rise in mail ballot rejections. These are cases where ballots are sent, completed (by someone at a particular address, not necessarily the voter), and returned to election officials — yet were rejected for various reasons, most commonly because the signature on the absentee ballot envelope does not match the signature of the voter on his or her registration form.

If you vote by mail, in contrast to polling places, there is no one to help you and fix a mistake. Mail voting mistakes are fatal to your vote.

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission's survey figures are, unfortunately, limited. Many local election officials simply ignore the questions posed to them and

decline to fill out the survey. The city of Chicago's election department has been silent about mail ballot failures for eight years running, for example. So was the state of Oregon, which withheld data for "unknown" (the category where a state doesn't know what happened to a ballot) for the 2014 and 2016 elections.

In 2018, however, Oregon mailed out over 2.8 million ballots, according to the EAC report. Roughly 60,200 were "undeliverable," raising serious questions about the accuracy of the state's voter registration list. Almost 870,000 ballots are listed in the "unknown" category. That means the failure rate of Oregon's mail balloting system was more than 32 percent.

The most recent 2018 election data show counties in California and Arizona tipping the scales in terms of missing and undeliverable ballots. Eight of the top 10 counties in terms of missing ballots are in California alone. The Phoenix, Ariz., metropolitan area comes in second, while Seattle ranks fourth. Maricopa County, Ariz., also dominated the nation in undeliverable ballots in 2018 with more than 87,000. Hillsborough County, Fla., also had nearly 12,000 ballots sent to undeliverable addresses.

California's millions of missing ballots show why ballot harvesters had an abundant harvest. Unsupervised mail ballots encourage vote-buying, intimidation and absentee ballot fraud as previously seen in North Carolina, Mississippi and Texas.

The few states that have adopted full vote-by-mail, despite its drawbacks, spent years developing their systems with the help of commercial vendors. America does not have the time or resources to attempt to undertake such a systematic, thought-through, massive effort between now and November.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo couldn't have summarized it any better: "[Vote-by-mail is] a harder system to administer, and obviously it's a harder system to police writ large ... People showing up, people actually showing ID, is still the easiest system to assure total integrity."

*J. Christian Adams is the president and general counsel for the Public Interest Legal Foundation and a former Justice Department lawyer. He also served on the Presidential Advisory Commission for Election Integrity.*

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## **Fighting Democrat Attempts to Undermine Honest Elections**

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### **Congressman Rodney Davis**

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Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration

**Friday, May 1**

**1:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

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The RNLA will hold an exclusive briefing for members on the latest developments of legislation impacting our elections with special guest speaker **Congressman Rodney Davis**.

Rep. Davis serves as Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration. He will address the work of Republicans in Congress to ensure election integrity, while fighting Democrats' attempts to nationalize our elections and institute ballot harvesting during this pandemic.

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**Ethical Issues Raised by the Coronavirus Crisis**

Friday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time



On May 8th the RNLA will host a CLE course with featured guest panelists:

- Former EAC Chairman **Gineen Bresso** of Holtzman Vogel
- Former FEC Chairman **Lee Goodman** of Wiley Rein

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### **RNLA Members Weekly Briefing**

**FBI Revelations, Michael Flynn, and Trump Haters Breaking America**

*featuring*



**Kim Strassel**

Columnist for The Wall Street Journal

Friday, May 15th

1:30 p.m. Eastern Time

The RNLA will hold an exclusive briefing for members with Kim Strassel who is a renowned journalist, frequent contributor on Fox News, and New York Time's best selling author of [Resistance \(At All Costs\): How Trump Haters Are Breaking America.](#)

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Last week, Attorney General William Barr directed federal prosecutors to dismiss their prosecution of Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, who previously served as national security adviser to President Trump.

However, just yesterday, the federal judge overseeing his case took the unusual step of inviting briefs from third parties outside the Justice Department and Flynn's attorneys before making a decision. This all comes on the heels of recently unsealed documents that Flynn's lawyers say are evidence the FBI tried to set him up in a 2017 interview that led to his subsequent indictment on a charge of lying.

Kim Strassel has been an outspoken critic on all revelations surrounding Michael Flynn's criminal case. Tune in on Friday for the latest developments and analysis.

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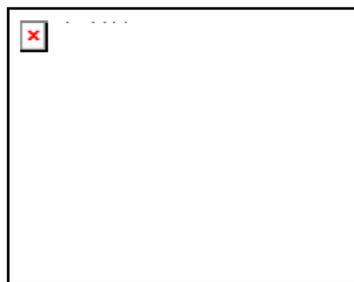
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## **RNLA National Election Law Seminar**

**July 10 - 11, 2020**



Our 2020 National Election Law Seminar **will take place** in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11. This is a unique opportunity to learn all aspects of election law and network with leading legal and political leaders from across the country. RSVP with confidence: you can be fully refunded for any reason up until a week out.

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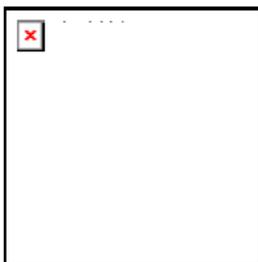
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ALEC Call with Lee Goodman and Honest Elections Executive Director Jason Snead  
Call Date: June 9th at 2 PM ET

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Dear Christy,

**This Tuesday, June 9th, former FEC Commissioner Lee Goodman and Honest Elections Executive Director Jason Snead will lead a conversation revealing exclusive polling results on mail-in voting to ALEC-member legislators and public officials.**

Join the conversation as we discuss Americans' views on mail-in voting during the critical 2020 election season.

**[RSVP for the 6/9 call at 2:00 PM ET with Commissioner Goodman and Mr. Snead, MPP](#)**

In addition to revealing the new polling data, Commissioner Goodman and Mr. Snead will address the potential impact of COVID-19-era policies on election integrity and how we can ensure that our elections in 2020 and beyond are both safe and legitimate. We look forward to an engaging and productive conversation.

Respectfully,

Michael D. Bowman  
President  
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New Location for 2020 Election Law Seminar

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### Exciting Announcements!

**This Friday, the RNLA will host an NRSC briefing on the state of the races for U.S. Senate campaigns across the map. [Register here.](#)**

**The RNLA 2020 National Election Law Seminar is still on, taking place July 10 - 11 at the beautiful Greenbrier in West Virginia. [Register here.](#)**



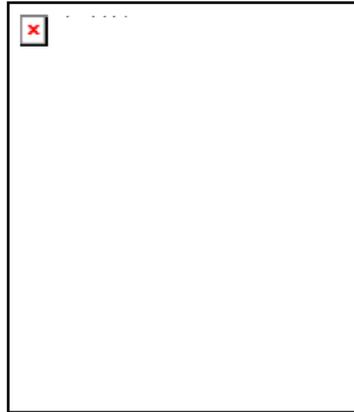
Our seminar **will take place** next month at The Greenbrier 5 Star Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. This is a unique opportunity to learn all aspects of election law and network with leading legal and political leaders from across the country. Up to 10 credit hours of continuing legal education (CLE) will be offered, including one credit hour of ethics.

Confirmed speakers include counsel to the Trump campaign, RNC, NRSC, NRCC,

Committee on House Administration, and Senate Rules Committee, along with EAC commissioners and other conservative election law experts.

[2020 National Election Law Seminar](#)

**Friday, July 10 (9am–5pm) & Saturday, July 11 (9am–3pm)**



**[Register TODAY to reserve your spot with the early-bird discount.](#)**

Registration prices will increase this Friday.

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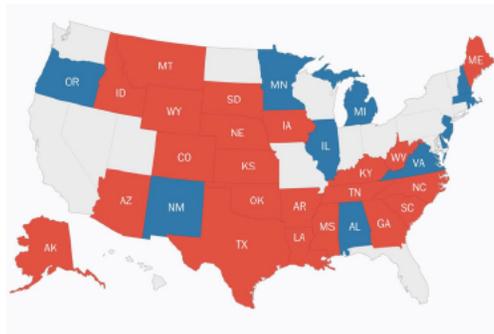
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## **RNLA Weekly Members Webinar**

[National Republican Senatorial Committee: State of the Races](#)



*featuring*

**Ryan Dollar, NRSC General Counsel**

**&**

**Matt Whitlock, NRSC Senior Advisor**

**[Click Here to RSVP](#)**

Friday, June 12th

2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

This Friday, the RNLA will host a briefing on the state of the races for U.S. Senate campaigns across the map. We will hear from both the General Counsel and Senior Political Advisor at the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

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Hello Commissioner McCormick,

Thank you very much for joining us on yesterday's ALEC Legislator Call - Exclusive Polling Results with former FEC Commissioner Lee Goodman, Honest Elections Executive Director Jason Snead, and the polling company President and CEO Brett Loyd. I hope you found this conversation as productive and informative as we did.

In the call, our panelists provided a plethora of insightful and commonsense polling data. As we sort through the results, I will continue to loop you in so that together, we can develop persuasive messaging and best practices on how to counter the march towards all-mail elections. As you saw, our ultimate goal is to ensure that it is Easy to Vote and Hard to Cheat in our 2020 elections and beyond.

To this end, I want to invite you to join our efforts, sharing your state's electoral environment as you learn about the environments in other members' states as well. The Process Working Group will be the forum for these conversations, which will ensure you have the latest news, polling data, judicial rulings, and legislative efforts from across the country. To get plugged in to the Process Working Group, please respond with your interest in the form (linked below). We hope you will be able to join for us for additional presentations and a roundtable discussion in Orlando, FL on July 16, 2020, during the ALEC National Conference – if so, please mark this option as well.

<http://go.pardot.com/l/567012/2020-06-10/gz6w6p>

Thank you again for taking the time yesterday to join us. If you have questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email so that I can quickly assist.

Thank you,

Sarah Wall

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Hi Commissioners McCormick and Palmer,

Please find attached the polling company's / Honest Elections Project's powerpoint analysis from the webinar on Tuesday. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like further information.

Thanks,

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2020 Annual Meeting – July 15-17, 2020 – Orlando, Florida

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# Honest Elections May National Messaging Survey

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N = 1,200 Respondents

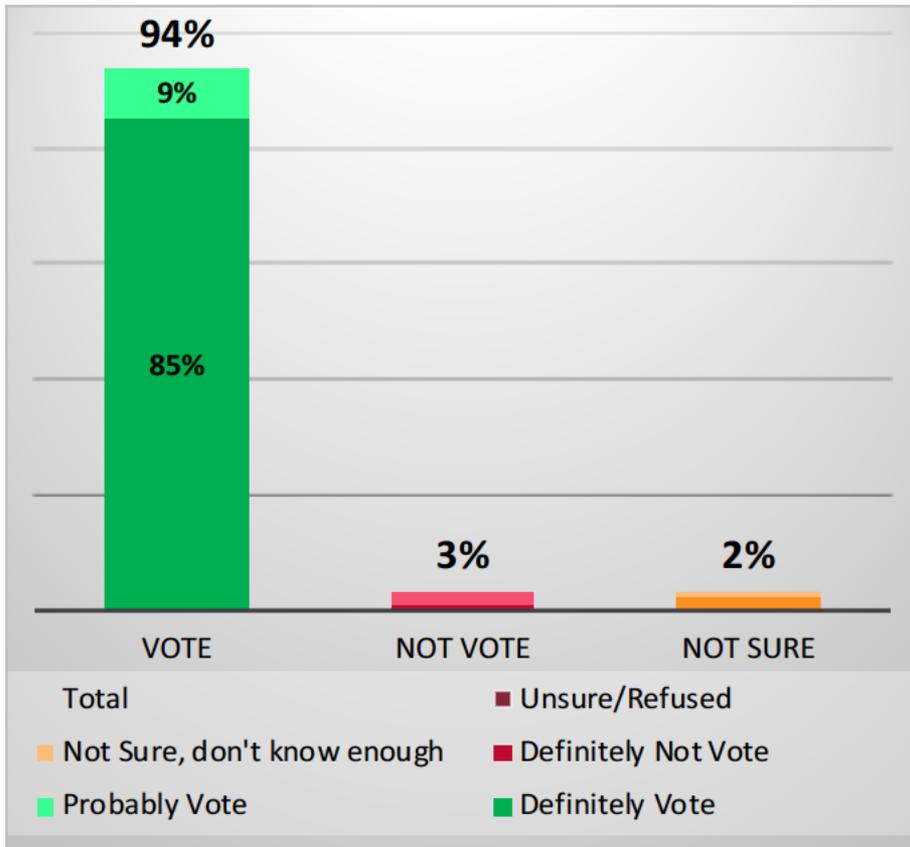
May 29 – 31, 2020

Margin of Error  $\pm$  2.83%

# Methodology

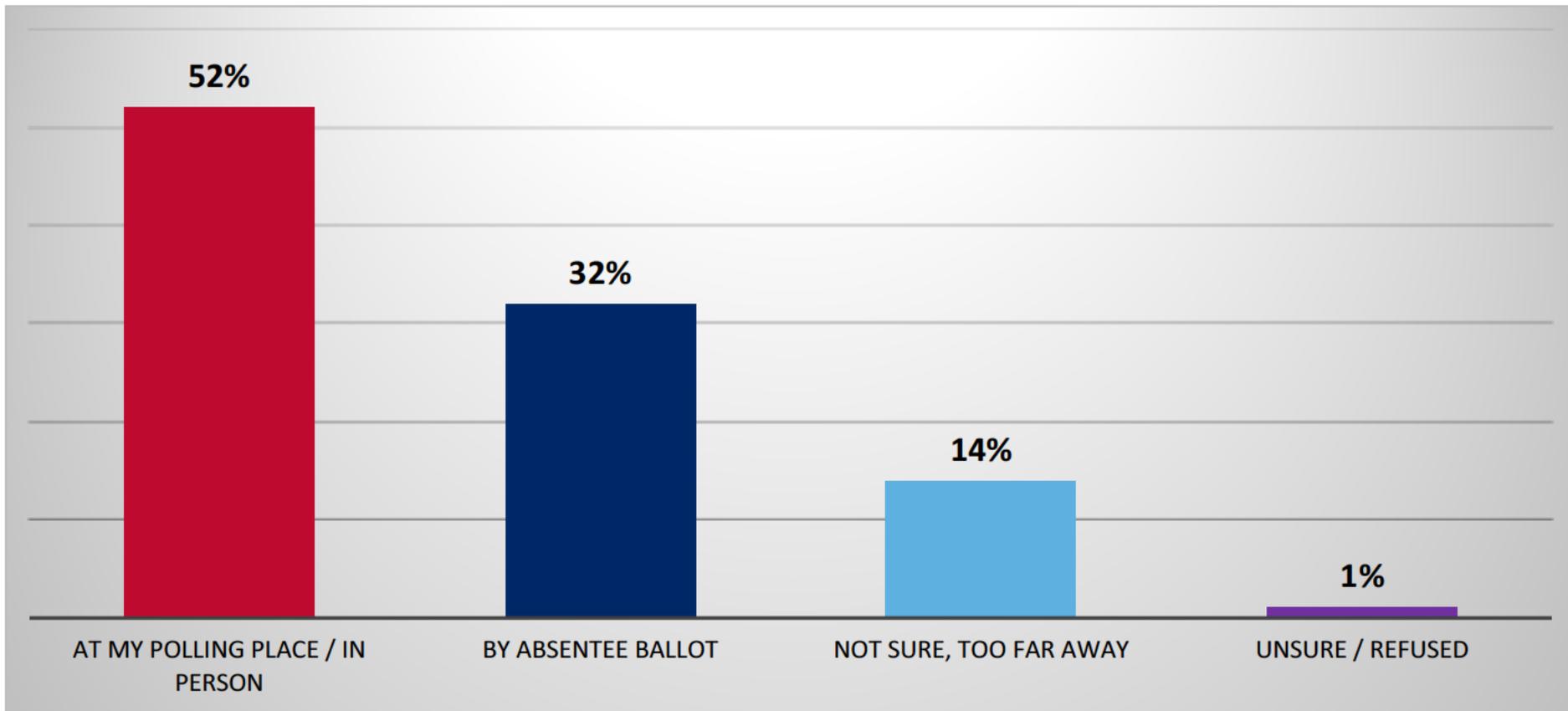
- Online survey among 1,200 registered voters nationwide conducted May 29 - 31, 2020. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants.
- Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region.
  - Gender breakdown: 48% men – 52% women
- $\pm 2.83\%$  overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for overall survey. M.O.E.s for subgroups are larger.

# In November 2020, there will be a presidential election. At this time, do you plan to...

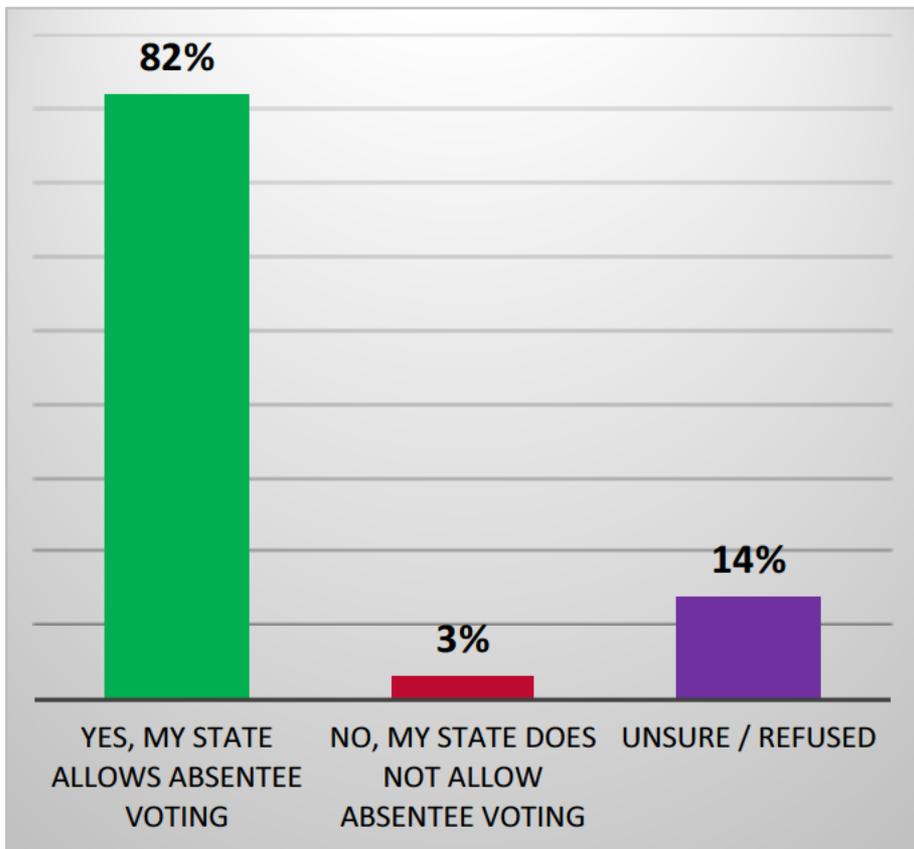


Demographics	Vote	Not Vote	Not Sure
Republican (32%)	96%	2%	2%
Independent (35%)	90%	3%	5%
Democrat (33%)	94%	4%	2%
Conservative (37%)	94%	3%	3%
Moderate (38%)	93%	3%	3%
Liberal (25%)	97%	3%	*
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	97%	2%	1%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	97%	--	3%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	96%	2%	2%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	96%	2%	1%

# And how do you intend to vote this fall? (N=1133)

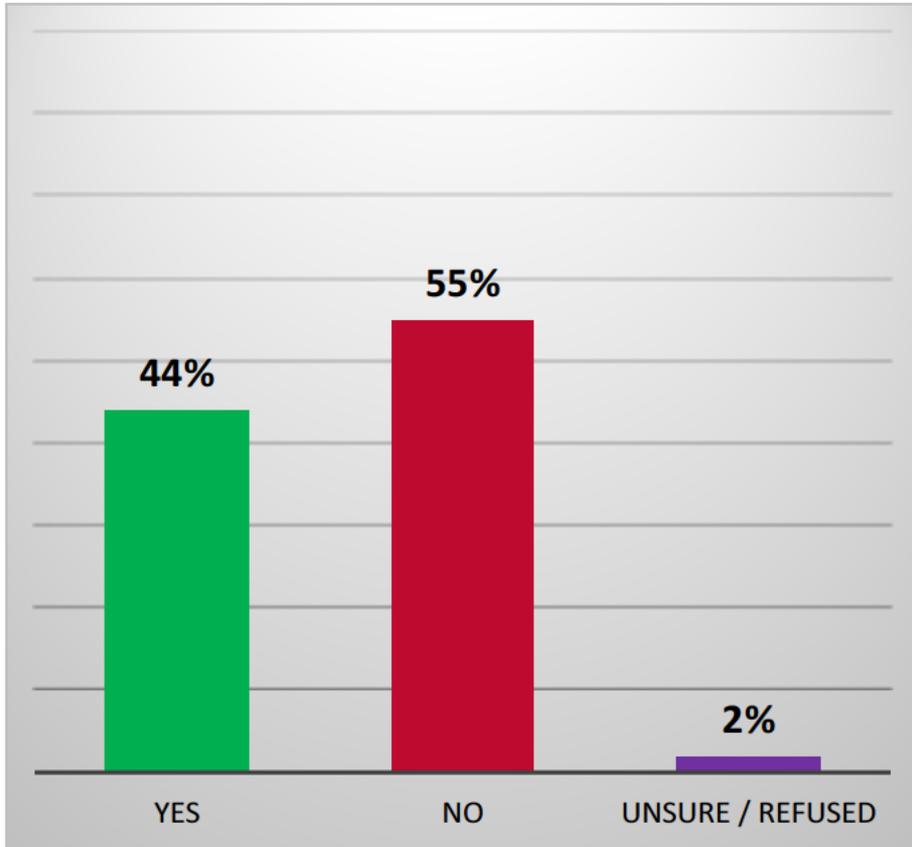


# Do you believe that your state allows for absentee voting, whereby a voter can request a ballot to be mailed-in if they are unable to attend their local in-person voting location?



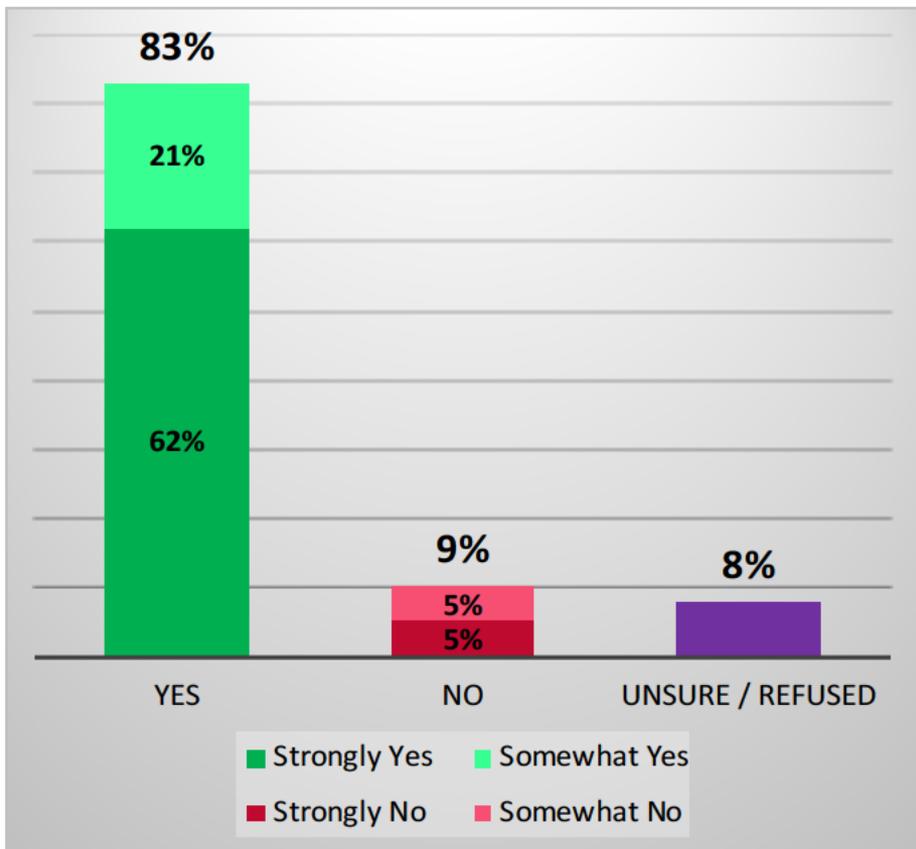
Demographics	Yes	No	Unsure
Republican (32%)	84%	3%	13%
Independent (35%)	79%	3%	17%
Democrat (33%)	81%	4%	15%
Conservative (37%)	84%	4%	12%
Moderate (38%)	81%	4%	16%
Liberal (25%)	83%	2%	15%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	87%	3%	10%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	89%	--	11%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	85%	--	15%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	86%	3%	11%

# Have you ever voted absentee?



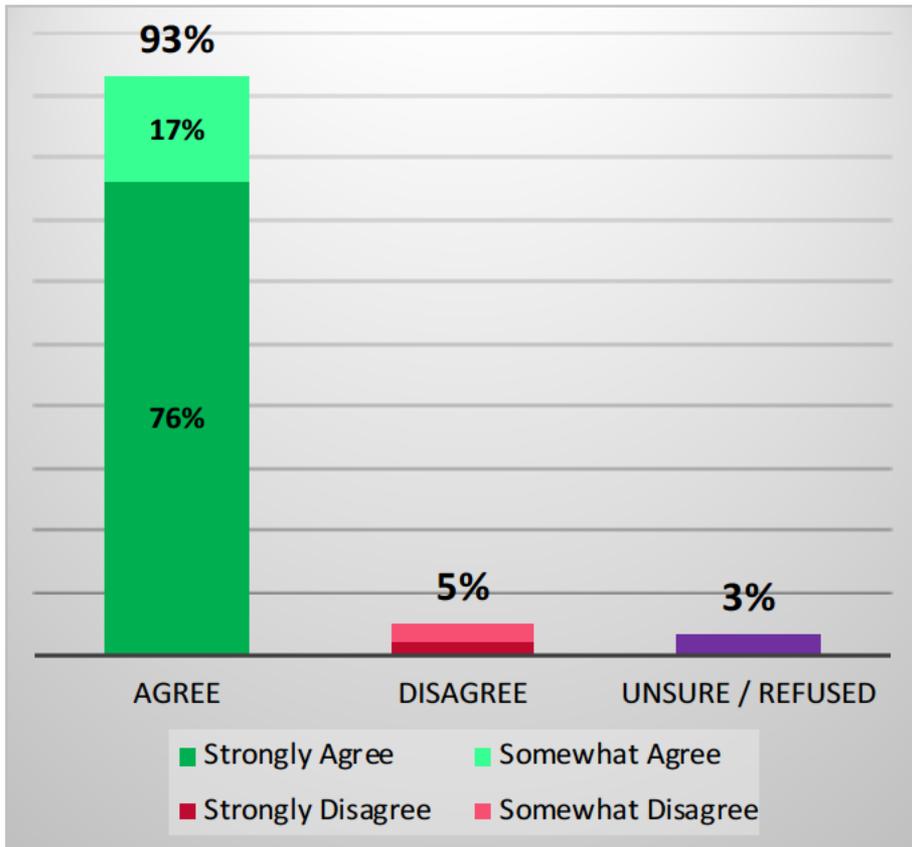
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	42%	57%	-15
Independent (35%)	41%	57%	-16
Democrat (33%)	46%	51%	-5
Conservative (37%)	45%	54%	-9
Moderate (38%)	40%	58%	-18
Liberal (25%)	47%	50%	-3
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	49%	51%	-2
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	35%	64%	-29
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	42%	58%	-16
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	43%	56%	-13

# Do you believe that voters who cast absentee ballots should have to comply with voter identification requirements, like they would at in-person voting places?



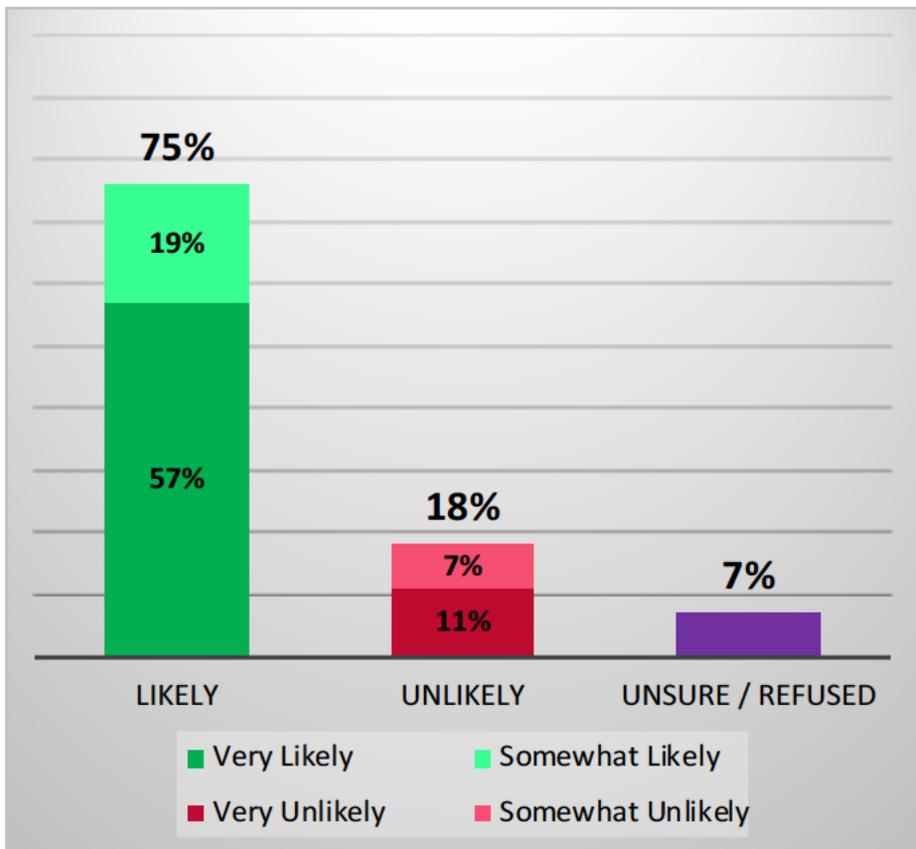
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	92%	4%	+88
Independent (35%)	79%	7%	+72
Democrat (33%)	74%	16%	+58
Conservative (37%)	91%	5%	+86
Moderate (38%)	81%	8%	+73
Liberal (25%)	72%	18%	+54
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	87%	10%	+77
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	97%	3%	+94
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	86%	8%	+78
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	89%	6%	+83

# Do you agree or disagree that only people who registered to vote in their state should be able to vote in their state's election?



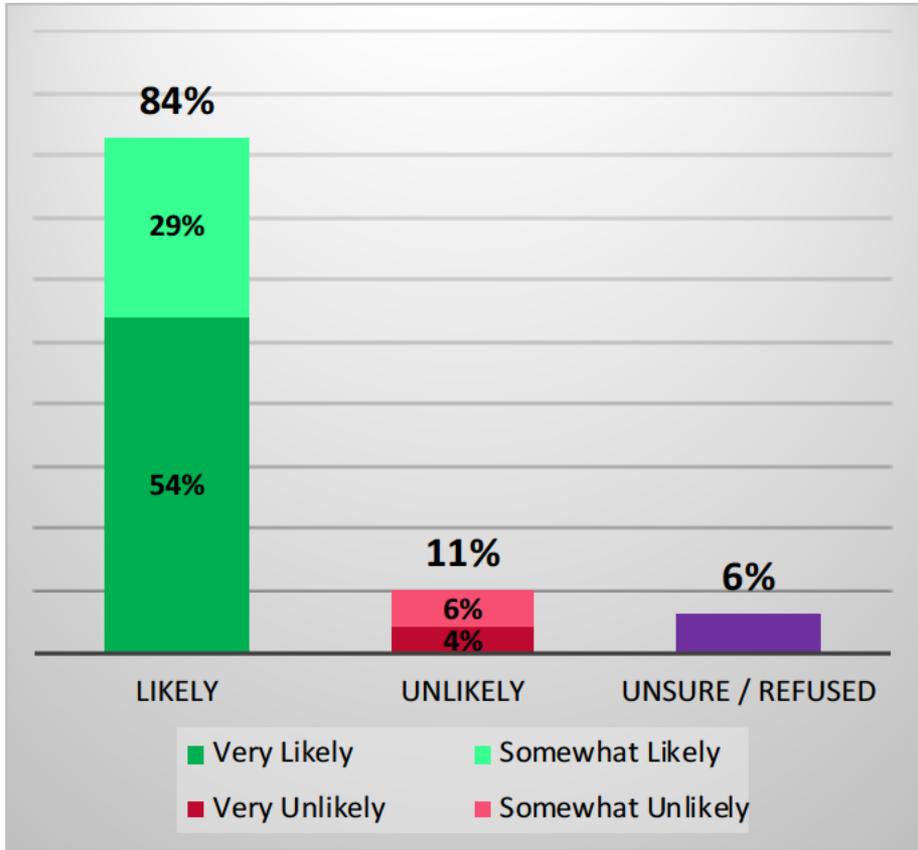
Demographics	Agree	Disagree	DIFF
Republican (32%)	98%	1%	+97
Independent (35%)	90%	4%	+86
Democrat (33%)	89%	8%	+81
Conservative (37%)	97%	2%	+95
Moderate (38%)	92%	5%	+87
Liberal (25%)	90%	8%	+82
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	95%	3%	+92
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	95%	5%	+90
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	100%	95%	+5
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	--	3%	-3

# Regardless if you were to request a ballot or not, if you received a mail-in ballot from your election board, how likely would you be to fill it out and return it?



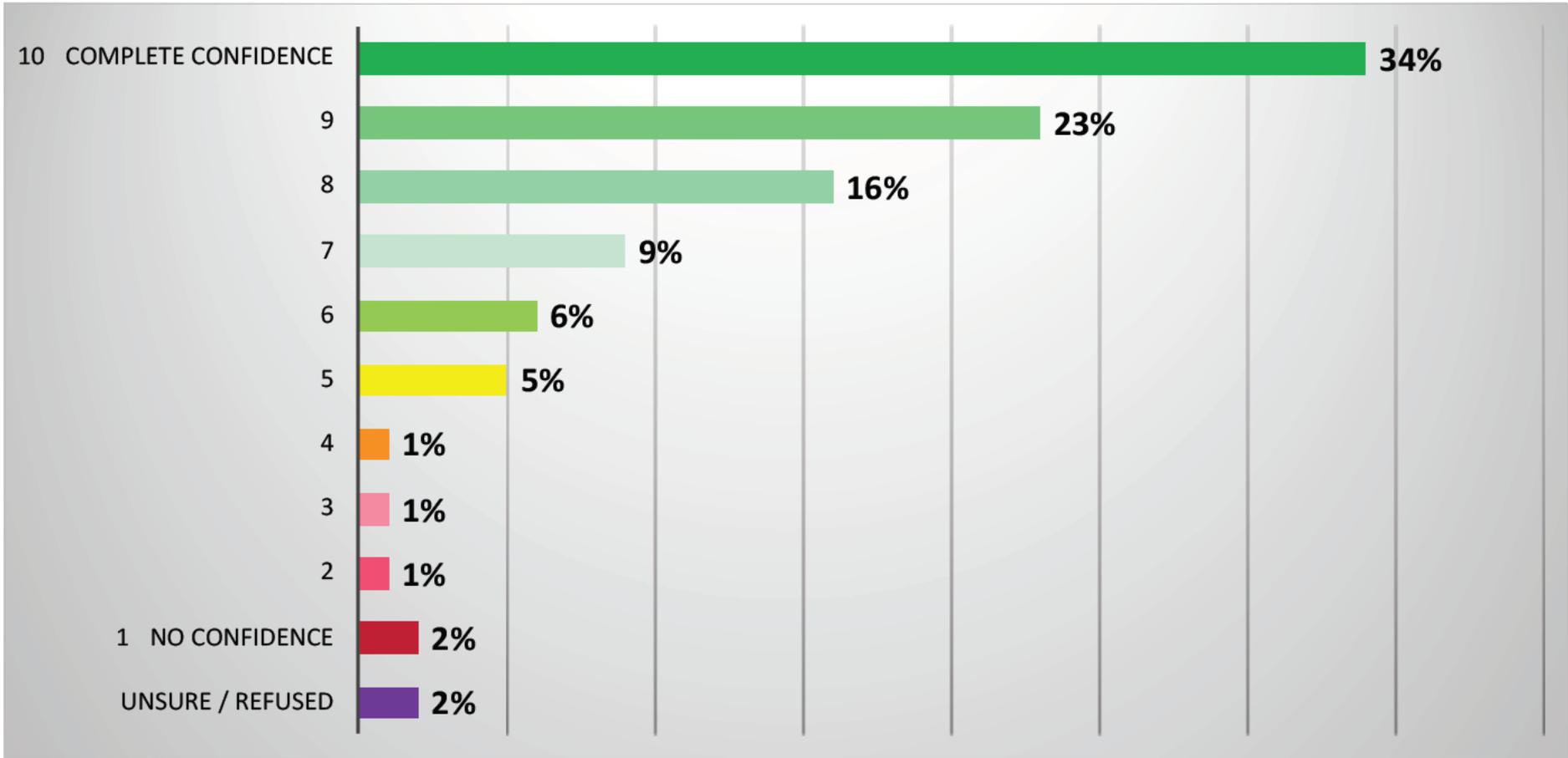
Demographics	Likely	Unlikely	DIFF
Republican (32%)	64%	28%	+36
Independent (35%)	74%	17%	+57
Democrat (33%)	87%	8%	+79
Conservative (37%)	65%	28%	+37
Moderate (38%)	78%	15%	+63
Liberal (25%)	87%	7%	+80
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	63%	30%	+33
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	65%	28%	+37
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	74%	66%	+8
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	21%	25%	-4

# If you were to mail in your election ballot, how likely do you believe it would be that the United States Postal Service (USPS) would return your ballot to election officials in a reliable and timely fashion?

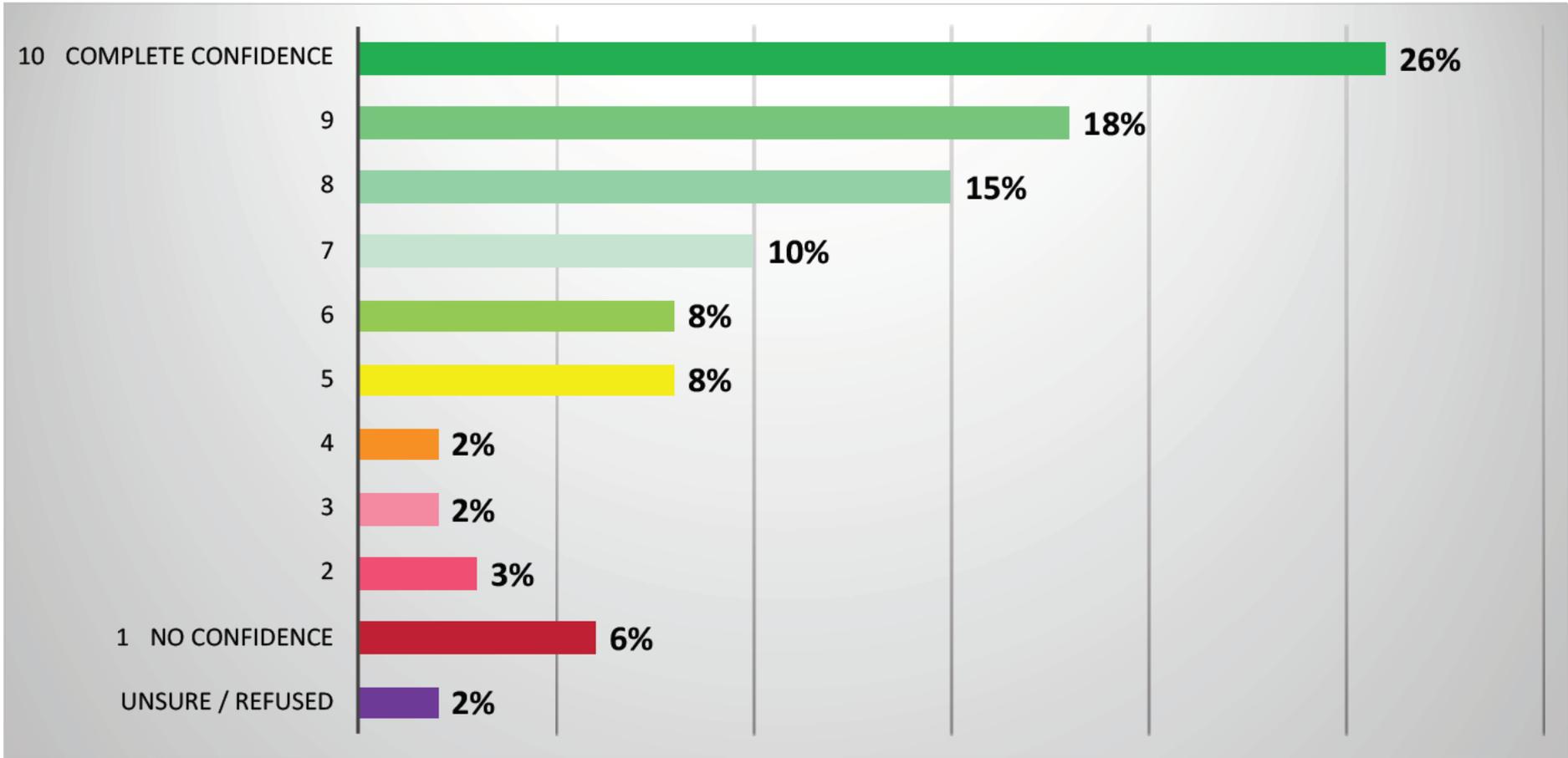


Demographics	Likely	Unlikely	DIFF
Republican (32%)	76%	16%	<b>+60</b>
Independent (35%)	83%	10%	<b>+73</b>
Democrat (33%)	91%	6%	<b>+85</b>
Conservative (37%)	77%	15%	<b>+62</b>
Moderate (38%)	84%	11%	<b>+73</b>
Liberal (25%)	93%	4%	<b>+89</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	74%	19%	<b>+55</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	79%	17%	<b>+62</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	84%	5%	<b>+79</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	80%	14%	<b>+66</b>

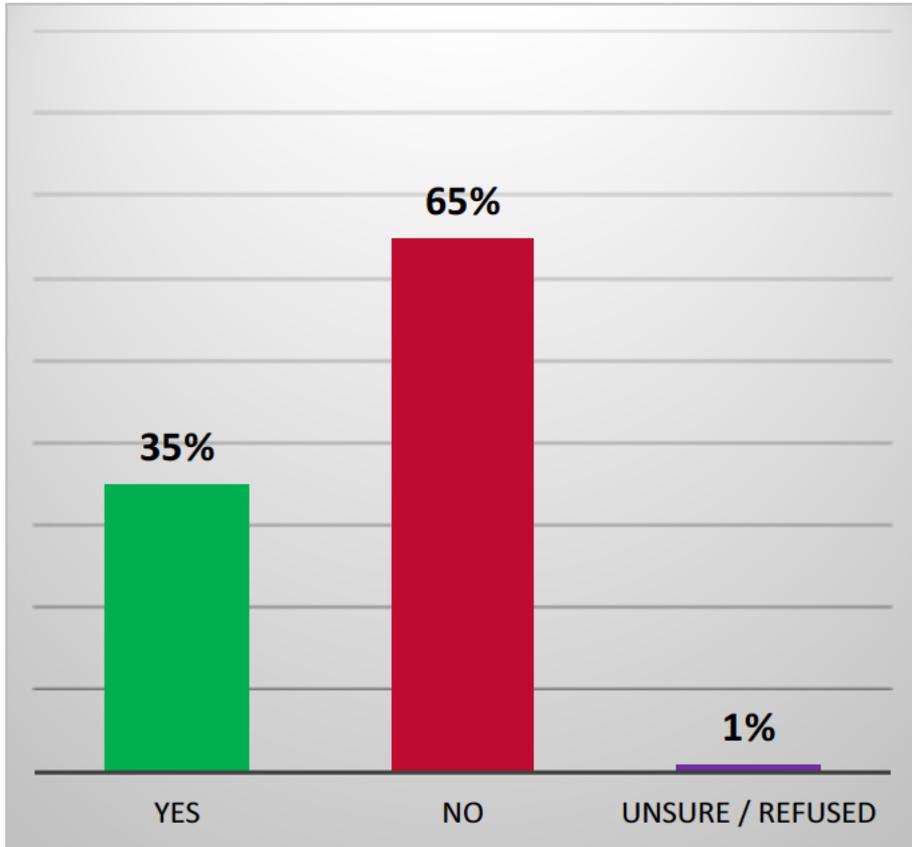
On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 indicating no confidence at all, and 10 indicating complete confidence, please rank how confident you would be that election officials accurately record your vote preference, if you were to vote in person.



On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 indicating no confidence at all, and 10 indicating complete confidence, please rank how confident you would be that election officials accurately record your vote preference, if you were to mail in your ballot.

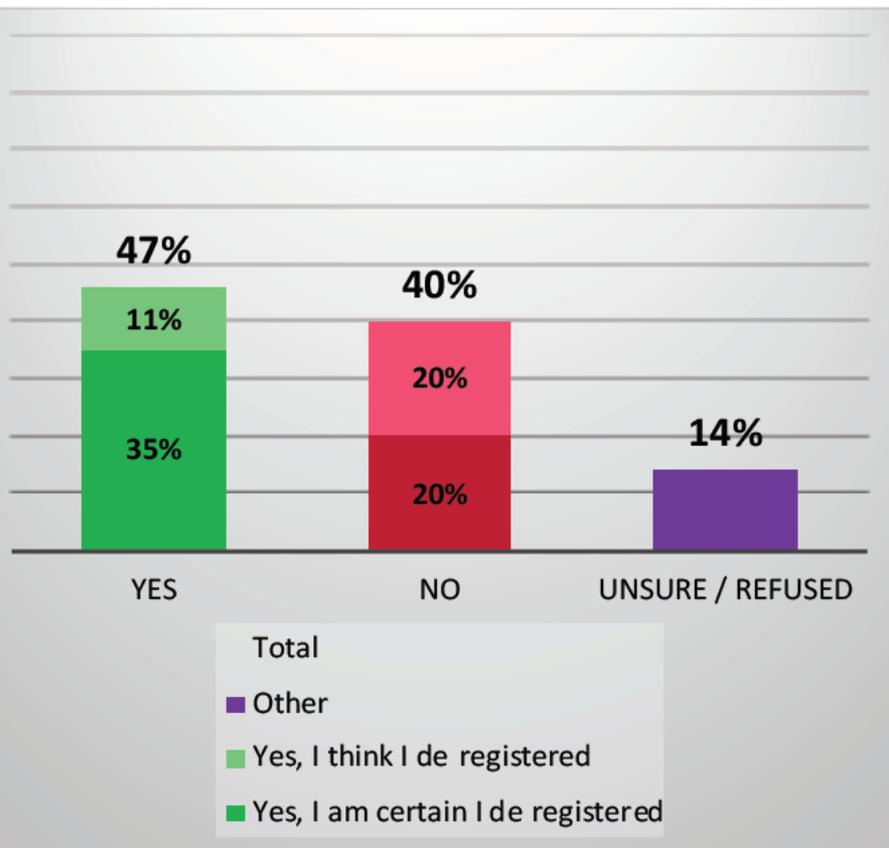


# Have you ever been registered to vote in a different state than you are currently registered?



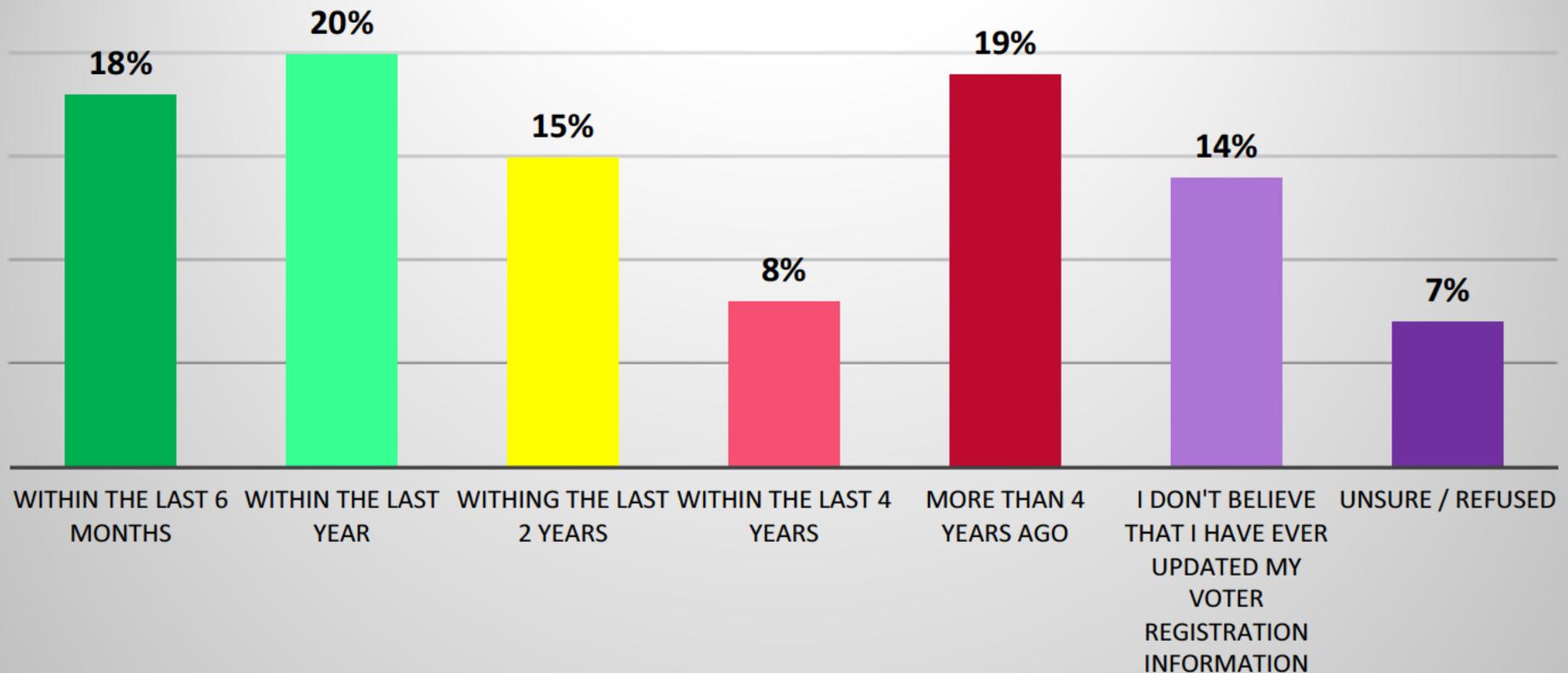
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	35%	64%	-29
Independent (35%)	39%	60%	-21
Democrat (33%)	33%	67%	-34
Conservative (37%)	37%	62%	-25
Moderate (38%)	33%	67%	-34
Liberal (25%)	35%	65%	-30
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	37%	63%	-26
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	42%	58%	-16
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	37%	63%	-26
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	32%	68%	-36

# Did you de-register yourself with the election board of that state after you moved?

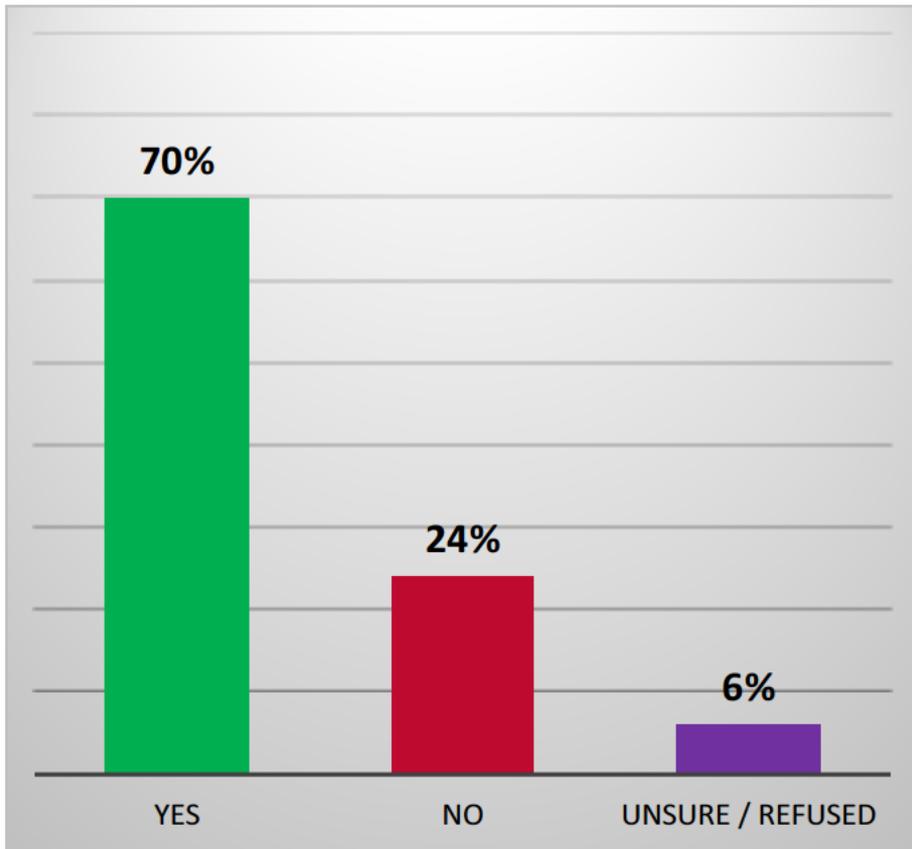


Demographics (N=416)	Yes	No	Unsure
Republican	46%	43%	12%
Independent	44%	46%	10%
Democrat	48%	35%	17%
Conservative	51%	36%	13%
Moderate	40%	48%	12%
Liberal	51%	34%	15%
Q26 Opp. Movers	45%	48%	8%
Q27 Solidifiers	59%	20%	21%
Q28 Solidifiers	44%	39%	17%
Q28 Opp. Movers	38%	46%	16%

# When was the last time that you updated your voter registration information with your state's election board?

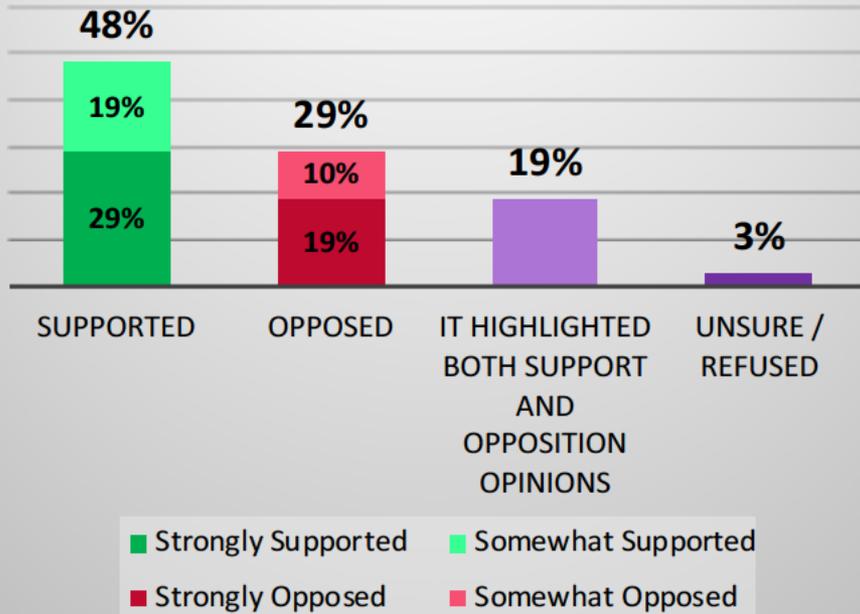


# Have you recently read, seen or heard anything about expanding mail-in voting availability for U.S. elections?



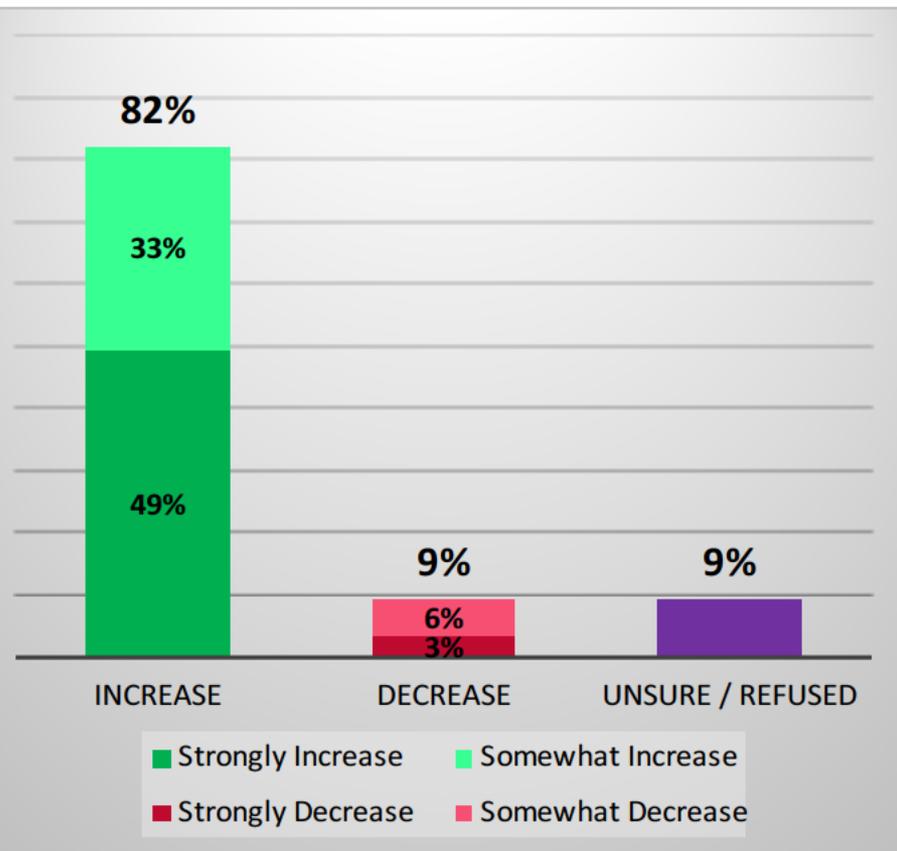
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	71%	22%	+49
Independent (35%)	69%	27%	+42
Democrat (33%)	69%	25%	+44
Conservative (37%)	70%	23%	+47
Moderate (38%)	68%	27%	+41
Liberal (25%)	75%	20%	+55
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	80%	18%	+62
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	78%	18%	+60
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	71%	23%	+48
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	75%	21%	+54

# Would you say that what you read, saw or heard generally supported or opposed expanding mail-in voting availability?



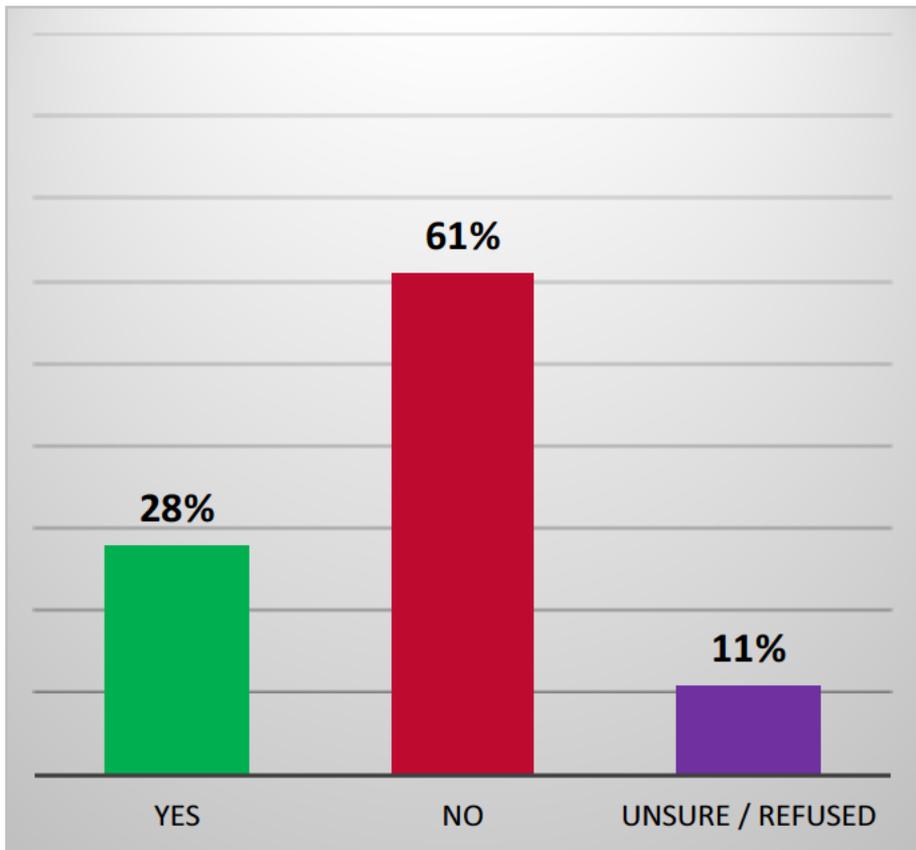
Demographics (N=839)	Supported	Opposed	Both
Republican	32%	45%	19%
Independent	42%	27%	30%
Democrat	67%	14%	16%
Conservative	35%	45%	17%
Moderate	46%	26%	25%
Liberal	71%	12%	15%
Q26 Opp. Movers	37%	41%	19%
Q27 Solidifiers	36%	31%	13%
Q28 Solidifiers	43%	20%	--
Q28 Opp. Movers	39%	38%	4%

Recently, there has been suggestions by some people to expand mail-in voting availability for U.S. elections. This would include mailing ballots to each address that the election board has on record, for people to vote by mail instead of voting in-person. Do you think states which expand the use of mail-in voting should increase or decrease election safeguards that protect against voter fraud?



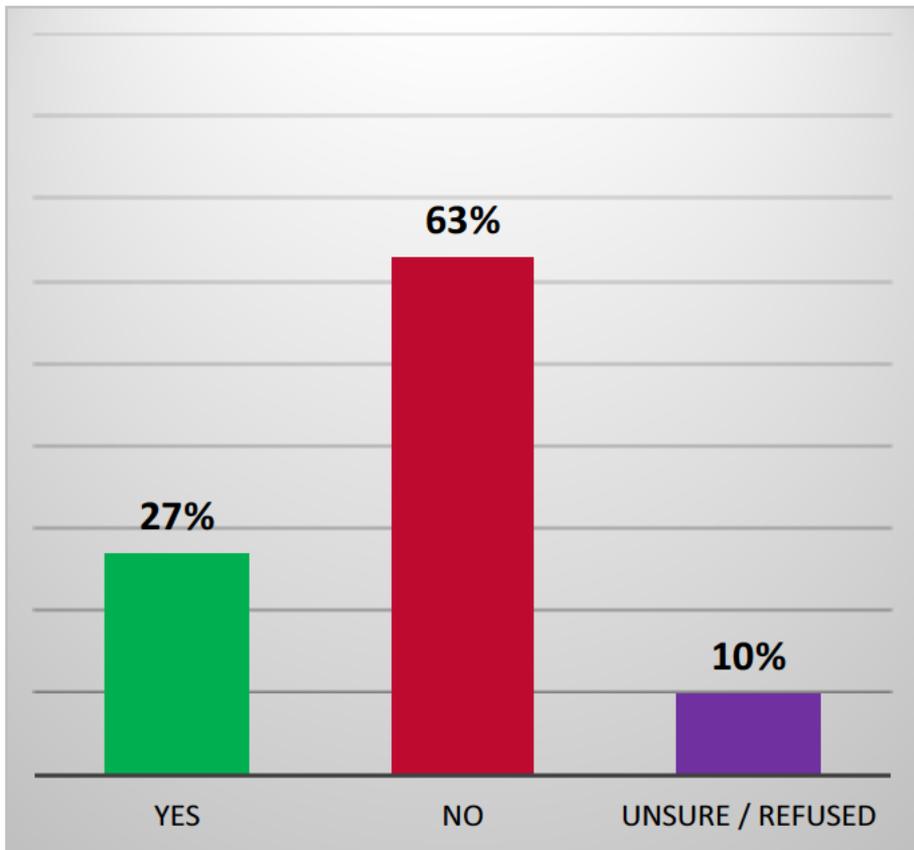
Demographics	Increase	Decrease	DIFF
Republican (32%)	86%	7%	<b>+79</b>
Independent (35%)	78%	11%	<b>+67</b>
Democrat (33%)	79%	9%	<b>+70</b>
Conservative (37%)	85%	9%	<b>+76</b>
Moderate (38%)	80%	9%	<b>+71</b>
Liberal (25%)	80%	9%	<b>+71</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	84%	13%	<b>+71</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	96%	4%	<b>+92</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	84%	14%	<b>+70</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	87%	9%	<b>+78</b>

# Would you be comfortable voting from home if it meant that candidates and their staff were allowed to come to your house and ask to mail in your ballot?



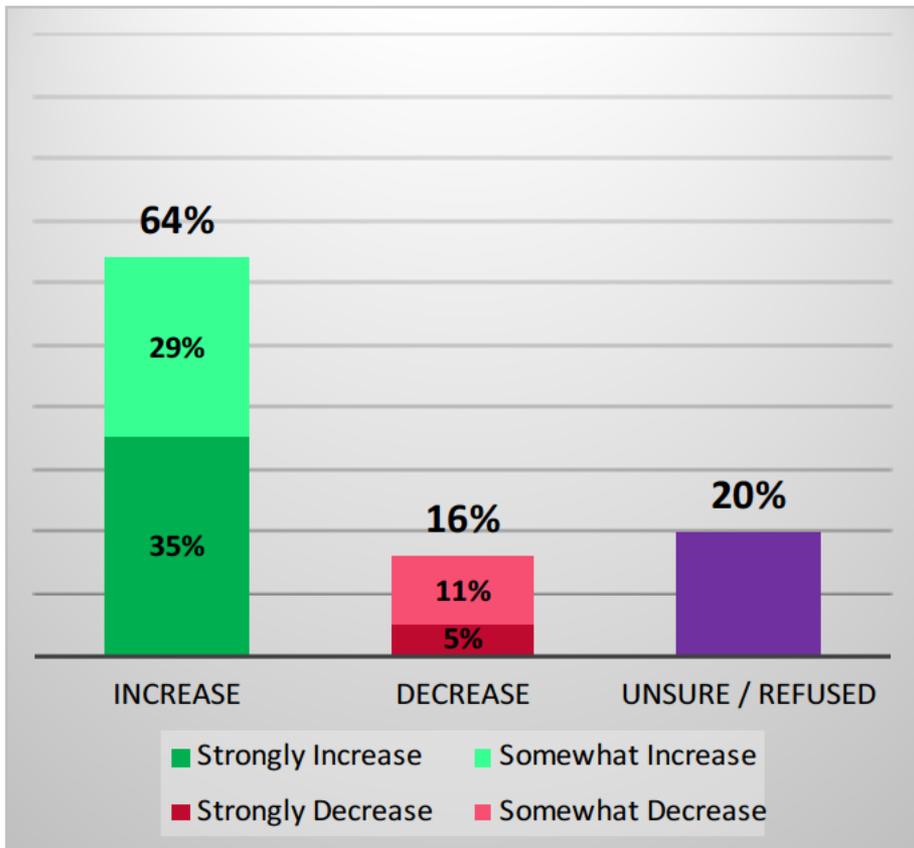
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	22%	70%	-48
Independent (35%)	20%	65%	-45
Democrat (33%)	38%	51%	-13
Conservative (37%)	22%	70%	-48
Moderate (38%)	30%	58%	-28
Liberal (25%)	34%	54%	-20
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	18%	74%	-56
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	24%	69%	-45
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	18%	23%	-5
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	71%	69%	+2

# Would you be comfortable voting from home if it meant political parties and their staff were allowed to come to your house and ask to mail in your ballot?



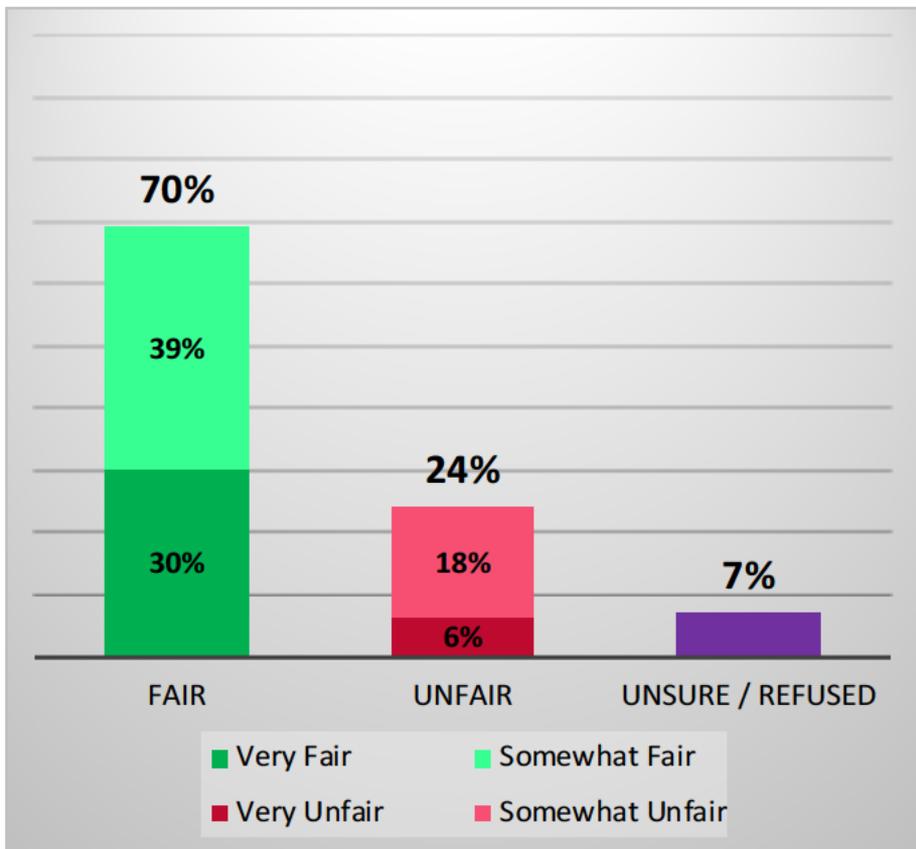
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	19%	72%	-53
Independent (35%)	18%	66%	-48
Democrat (33%)	37%	53%	-16
Conservative (37%)	21%	71%	-50
Moderate (38%)	27%	60%	-33
Liberal (25%)	34%	56%	-22
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	18%	76%	-58
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	24%	69%	-45
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	12%	80%	-68
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	24%	66%	-42

# Do you believe mailing everyone a ballot and allowing third parties to collect them would increase or decrease voter fraud?



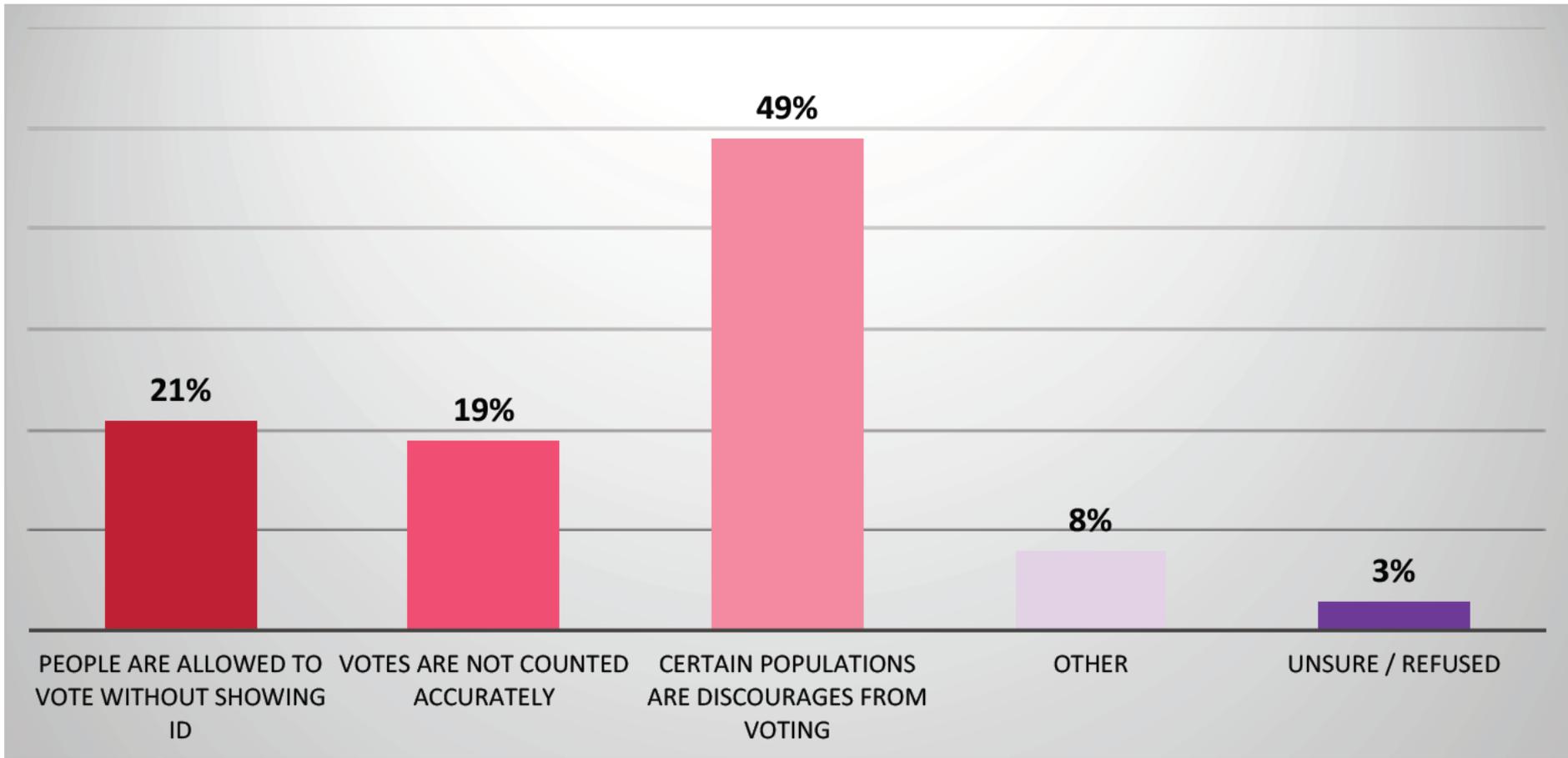
Demographics	Increase	Decrease	Unsure
Republican (32%)	79%	9%	12%
Independent (35%)	61%	13%	26%
Democrat (33%)	50%	23%	27%
Conservative (37%)	81%	10%	10%
Moderate (38%)	57%	18%	25%
Liberal (25%)	50%	21%	29%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	76%	12%	12%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	86%	6%	8%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	63%	10%	27%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	72%	11%	18%

# Thinking about the current laws and procedures that are in place for voting in the United States, do you believe that voting is currently fair or unfair?

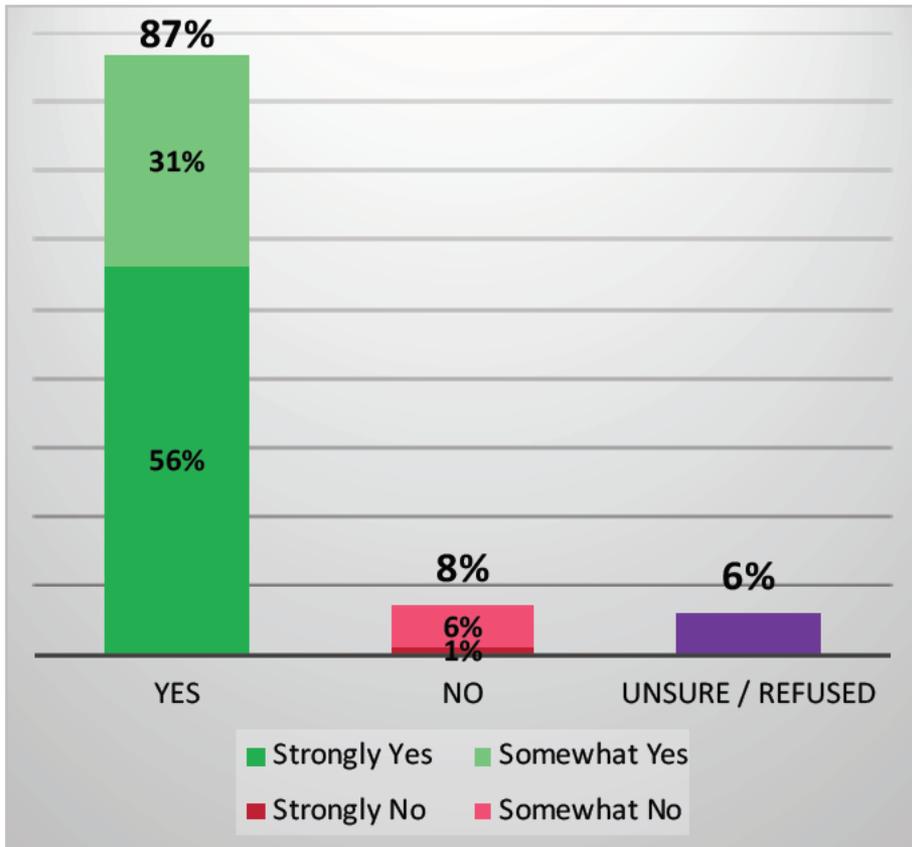


Demographics	Fair	Unfair	DIFF
Republican (32%)	79%	15%	+64
Independent (35%)	68%	20%	+48
Democrat (33%)	60%	34%	+26
Conservative (37%)	78%	16%	+62
Moderate (38%)	70%	23%	+47
Liberal (25%)	58%	37%	+21
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	72%	26%	+46
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	87%	9%	+78
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	75%	23%	+52
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	83%	15%	+68

# And why do you believe that voting in the United States is unfair? (N=284)

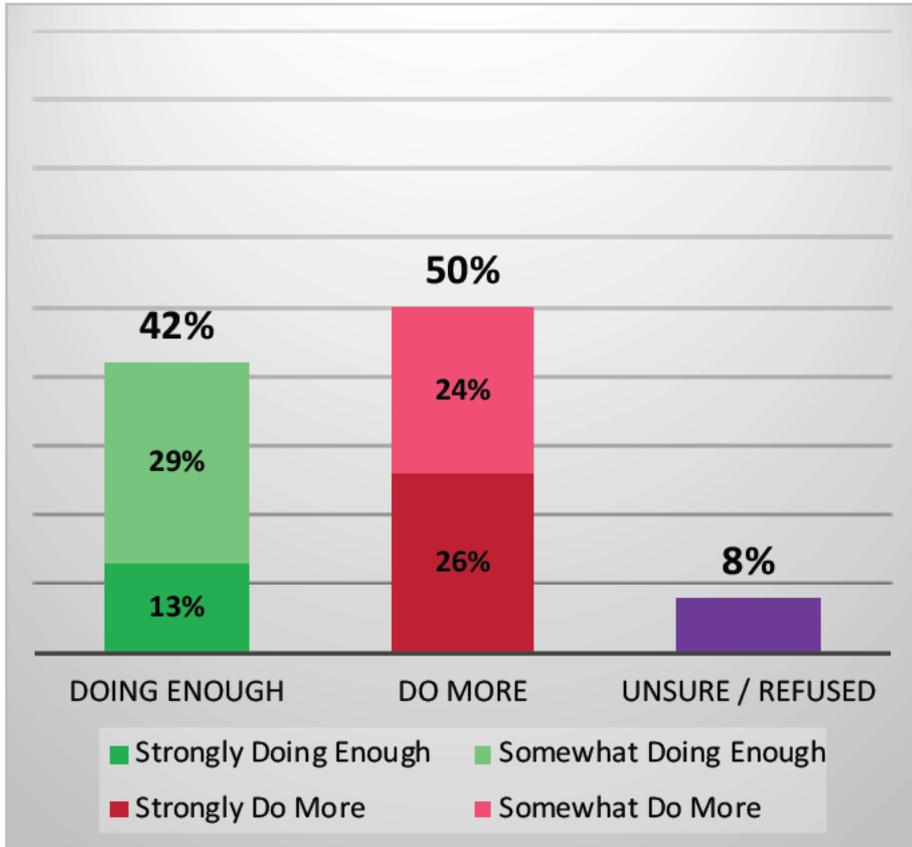


# Should actions be taken to ensure voting in the United States is done more fairly and with greater integrity?



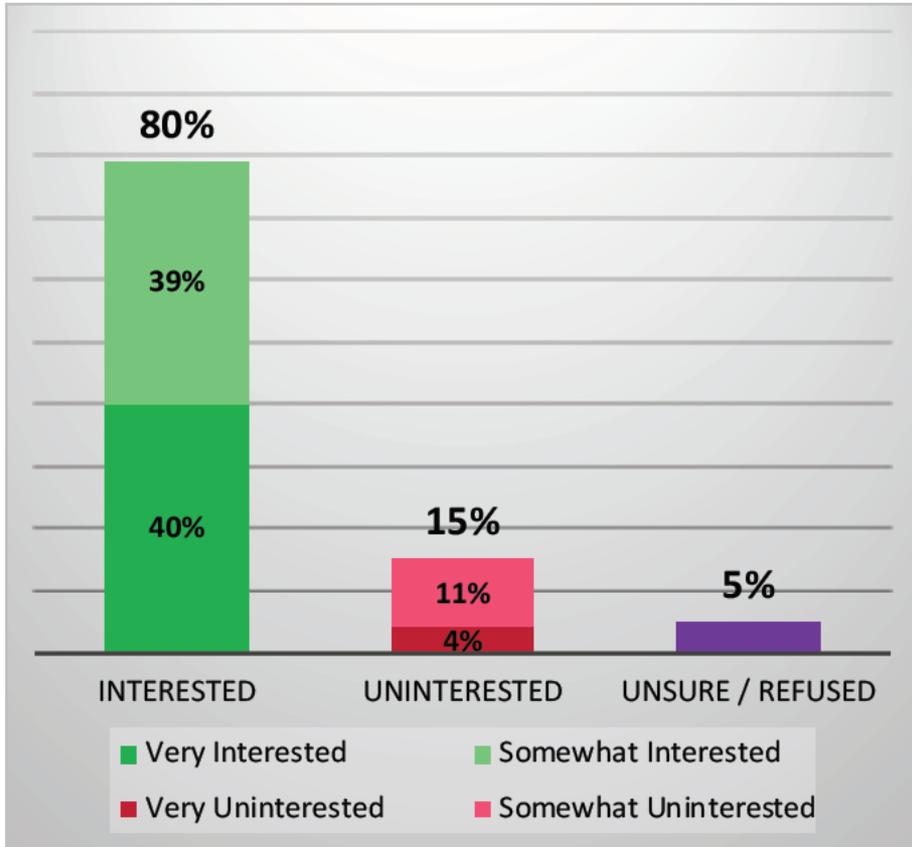
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	88%	5%	+83
Independent (35%)	83%	12%	+71
Democrat (33%)	86%	9%	+77
Conservative (37%)	88%	5%	+83
Moderate (38%)	86%	10%	+76
Liberal (25%)	86%	9%	+77
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	85%	11%	+74
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	92%	7%	+85
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	91%	4%	+87
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	87%	6%	+81

# Do you think government officials are doing enough to ensure that voting is conducted fairly and with integrity, or should government officials do more?



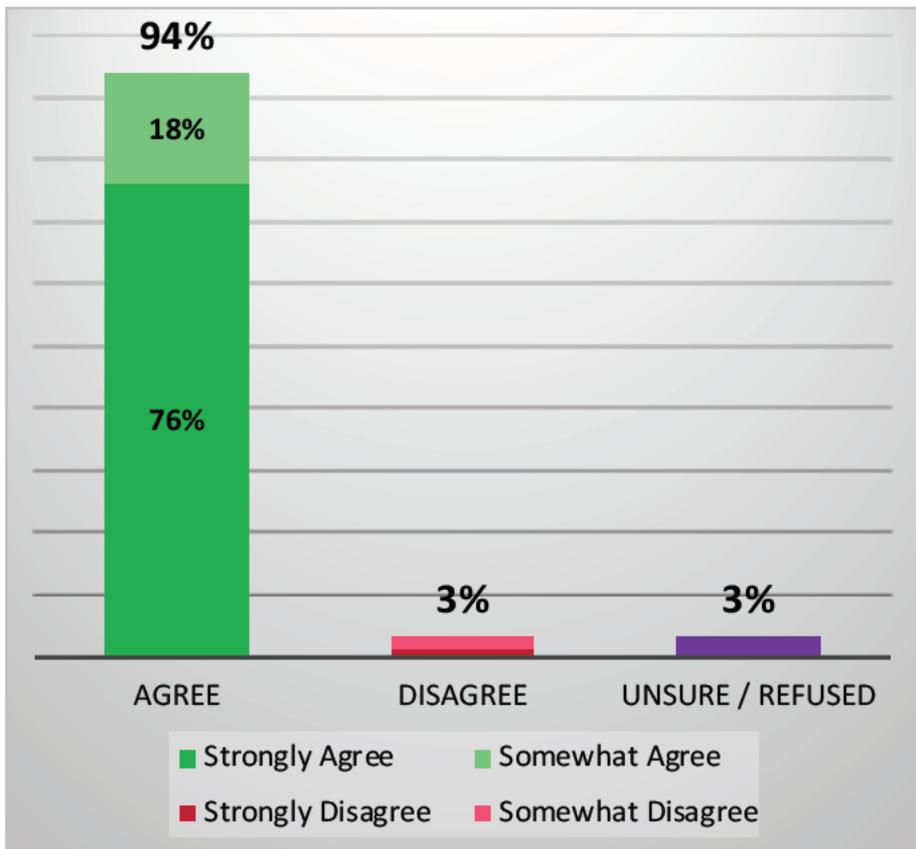
Demographics	Doing Enough	Do More	DIFF
Republican (32%)	39%	54%	-15
Independent (35%)	49%	42%	+7
Democrat (33%)	42%	49%	-7
Conservative (37%)	42%	51%	-9
Moderate (38%)	44%	47%	-3
Liberal (25%)	38%	55%	-17
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	35%	63%	-28
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	31%	63%	-32
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	37%	58%	-21
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	36%	57%	-21

# How would you rate your interest level on election integrity and voter fraud?



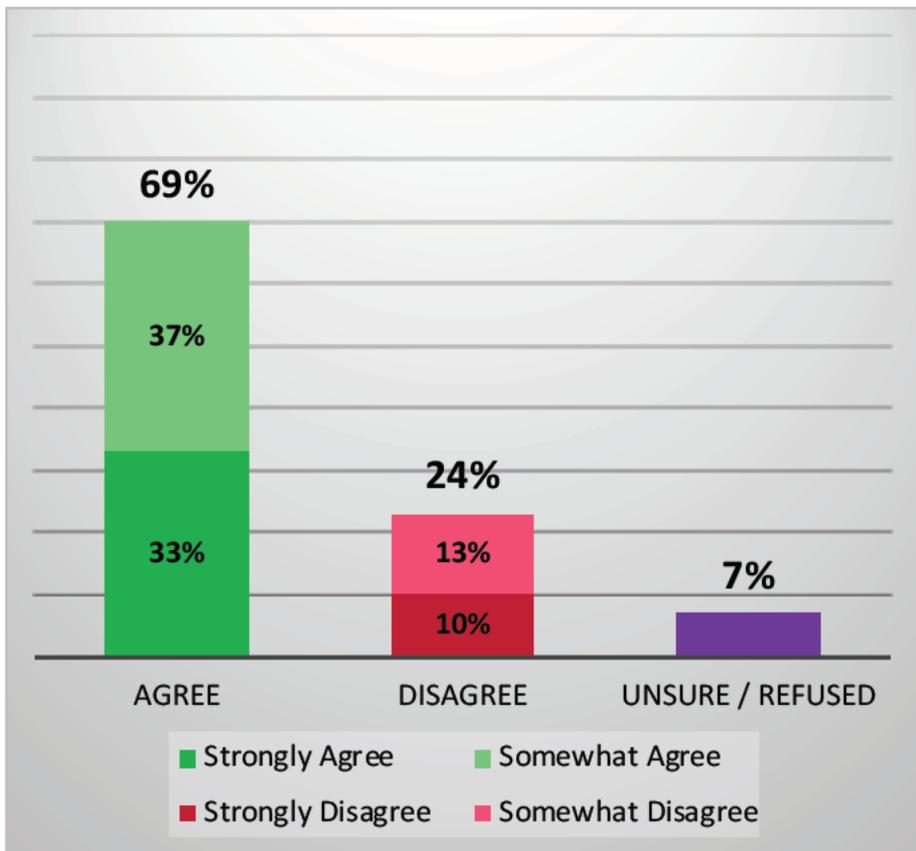
Demographics	Interested	Uninterested	DIFF
Republican (32%)	86%	11%	<b>+75</b>
Independent (35%)	72%	20%	<b>+52</b>
Democrat (33%)	76%	18%	<b>+58</b>
Conservative (37%)	85%	11%	<b>+74</b>
Moderate (38%)	75%	18%	<b>+57</b>
Liberal (25%)	81%	16%	<b>+65</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	86%	13%	<b>+73</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	92%	8%	<b>+84</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	81%	15%	<b>+66</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	86%	11%	<b>+75</b>

# Do you agree or disagree that election rules should be written and enforced fairly, and not to benefit a specific candidate or party?



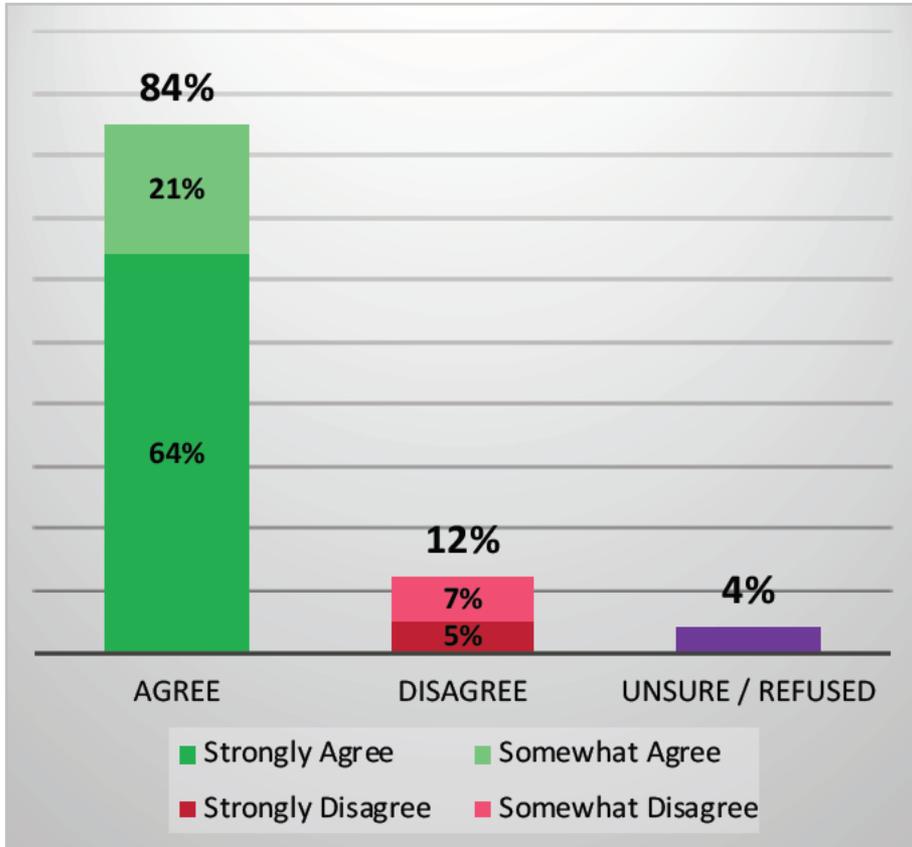
Demographics	Agree	Disagree	DIFF
Republican (32%)	96%	2%	<b>+94</b>
Independent (35%)	93%	4%	<b>+89</b>
Democrat (33%)	92%	4%	<b>+88</b>
Conservative (37%)	95%	3%	<b>+92</b>
Moderate (38%)	92%	5%	<b>+87</b>
Liberal (25%)	95%	1%	<b>+94</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	97%	3%	<b>+94</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	100%	--	<b>+100</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	100%	--	<b>+100</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	96%	3%	<b>+93</b>

# Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Voter fraud occurs in American elections.”



Demographics	Agree	Disagree	DIFF
Republican (32%)	84%	11%	<b>+73</b>
Independent (35%)	73%	20%	<b>+53</b>
Democrat (33%)	54%	38%	<b>+16</b>
Conservative (37%)	86%	9%	<b>+77</b>
Moderate (38%)	65%	27%	<b>+38</b>
Liberal (25%)	53%	40%	<b>+13</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	79%	17%	<b>+62</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	94%	4%	<b>+90</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	77%	14%	<b>+63</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	79%	14%	<b>+65</b>

# Do you agree or disagree that voters should be required to show a photo ID when they vote?



Demographics	Agree	Disagree	DIFF
Republican (32%)	96%	3%	<b>+93</b>
Independent (35%)	84%	11%	<b>+73</b>
Democrat (33%)	73%	21%	<b>+52</b>
Conservative (37%)	95%	4%	<b>+91</b>
Moderate (38%)	85%	12%	<b>+73</b>
Liberal (25%)	68%	25%	<b>+43</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	89%	9%	<b>+80</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	97%	3%	<b>+94</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	96%	4%	<b>+92</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	92%	7%	<b>+85</b>

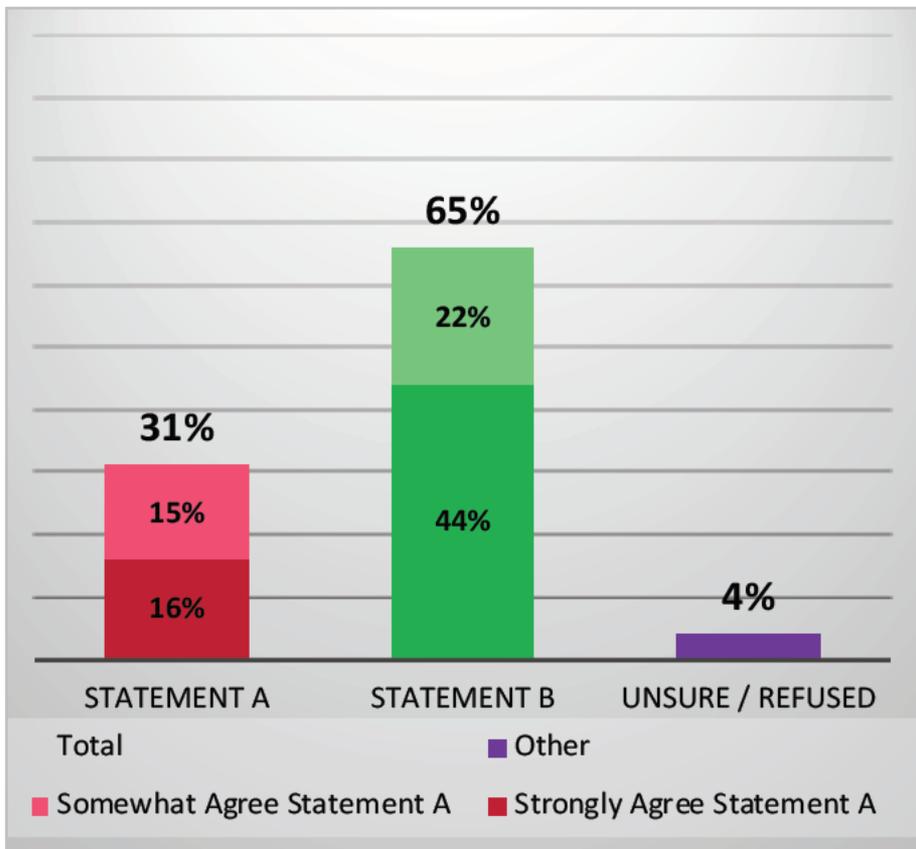
# Initial Ballots

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Please indicate which of the following comes closer to your opinion.

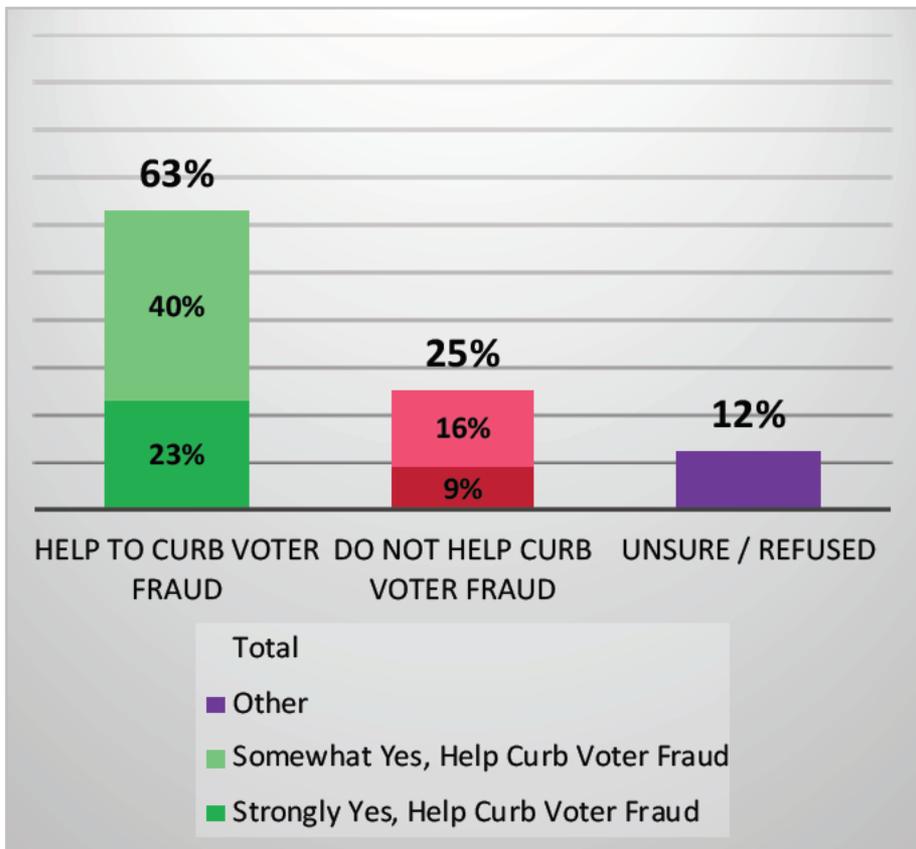
**Statement A:** Every address on the state's election file should receive a mail-in ballot, even if there are outdated registrations and no verifications procedures in place to ensure the correct person on file is receiving and casting the ballot.

**Statement B:** Only registered voters who have requested a mail-in ballot should receive a ballot, where there are verifications in place to ensure the correct person on file is receiving the ballot.



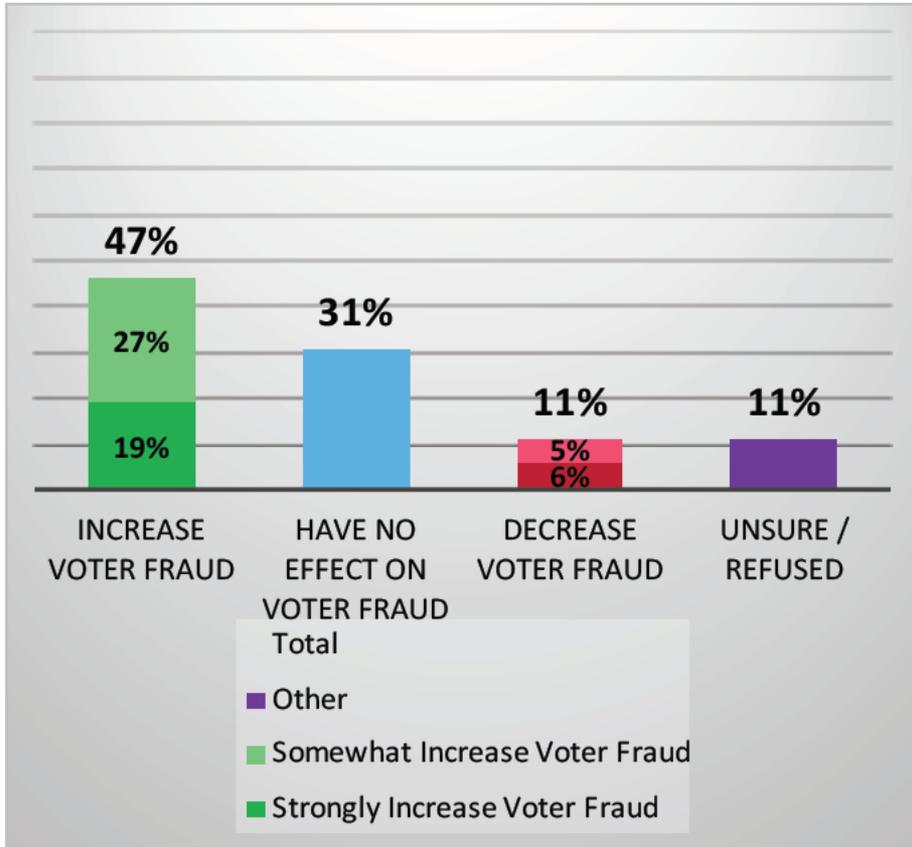
Demographics	Statement A	Statement B	DIFF
Republican (32%)	24%	74%	-50
Independent (35%)	24%	72%	-48
Democrat (33%)	41%	54%	-13
Conservative (37%)	27%	71%	-44
Moderate (38%)	30%	67%	-37
Liberal (25%)	40%	55%	-15
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	25%	74%	-49
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	25%	75%	-50
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	8%	92%	-84
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	22%	78%	-56

# As you may or may not be aware, states have absentee verification procedures, such as requiring a witness when voting and verifying signatures on the ballot. Do you believe that the current absentee verification process helps curb voter fraud?



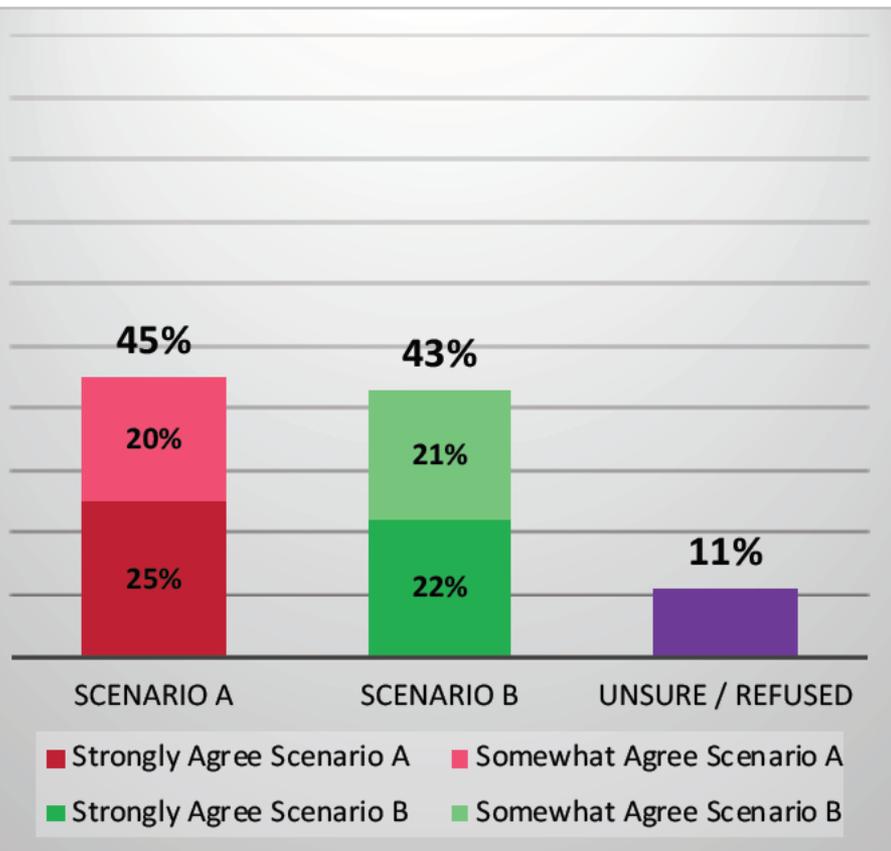
Demographics	Help	Do Not Help	DIFF
Republican (32%)	58%	31%	<b>+27</b>
Independent (35%)	62%	26%	<b>+36</b>
Democrat (33%)	68%	18%	<b>+50</b>
Conservative (37%)	56%	32%	<b>+24</b>
Moderate (38%)	67%	22%	<b>+45</b>
Liberal (25%)	66%	19%	<b>+47</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	100%	--	<b>+100</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	58%	33%	<b>+25</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	62%	28%	<b>+34</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	28%	27%	<b>+1</b>

# Do you believe that expanding mail-in voting, online voter registration and early voting will increase voter fraud, have no effect on voter fraud, or decrease voter fraud?



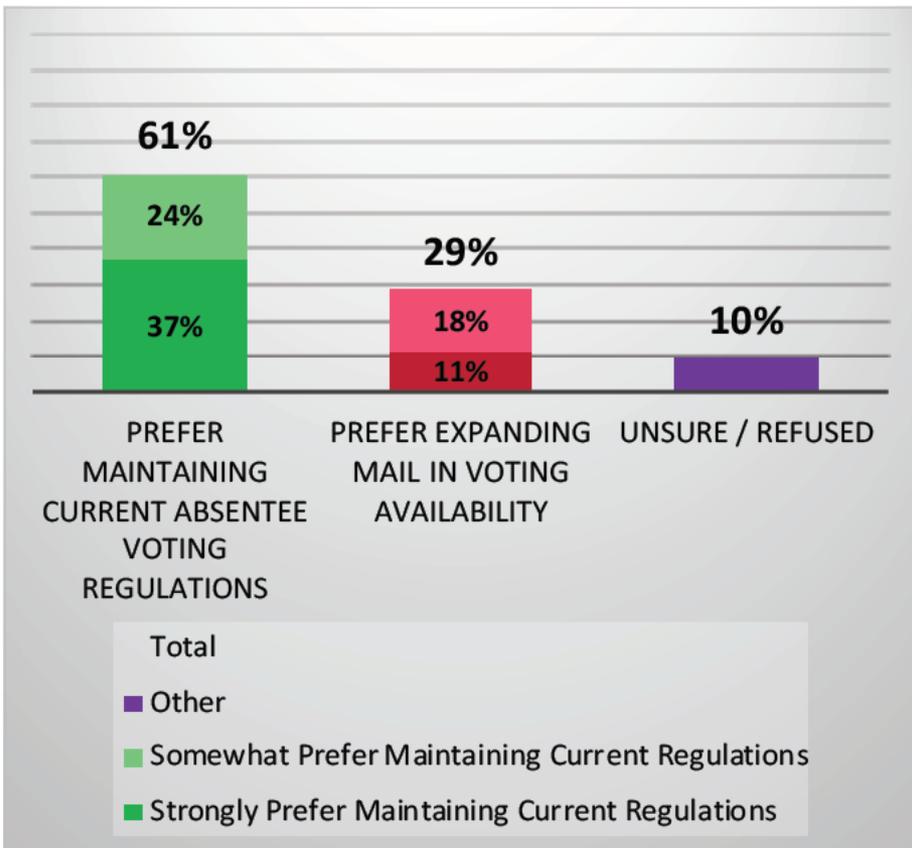
Demographics	Increase	No Effect	Decrease
Republican (32%)	67%	19%	5%
Independent (35%)	36%	41%	6%
Democrat (33%)	31%	40%	18%
Conservative (37%)	70%	17%	5%
Moderate (38%)	38%	41%	10%
Liberal (25%)	27%	40%	22%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	62%	27%	9%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	100%	--	--
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	58%	26%	14%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	56%	27%	10%

Which of the following statements do you think is the better choice for your state's elections?  
**Scenario A:** Increasing the availability of election ballots, even if that means decreasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud.  
**Scenario B:** Increasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud, even if that means decreasing the availability of election ballots.



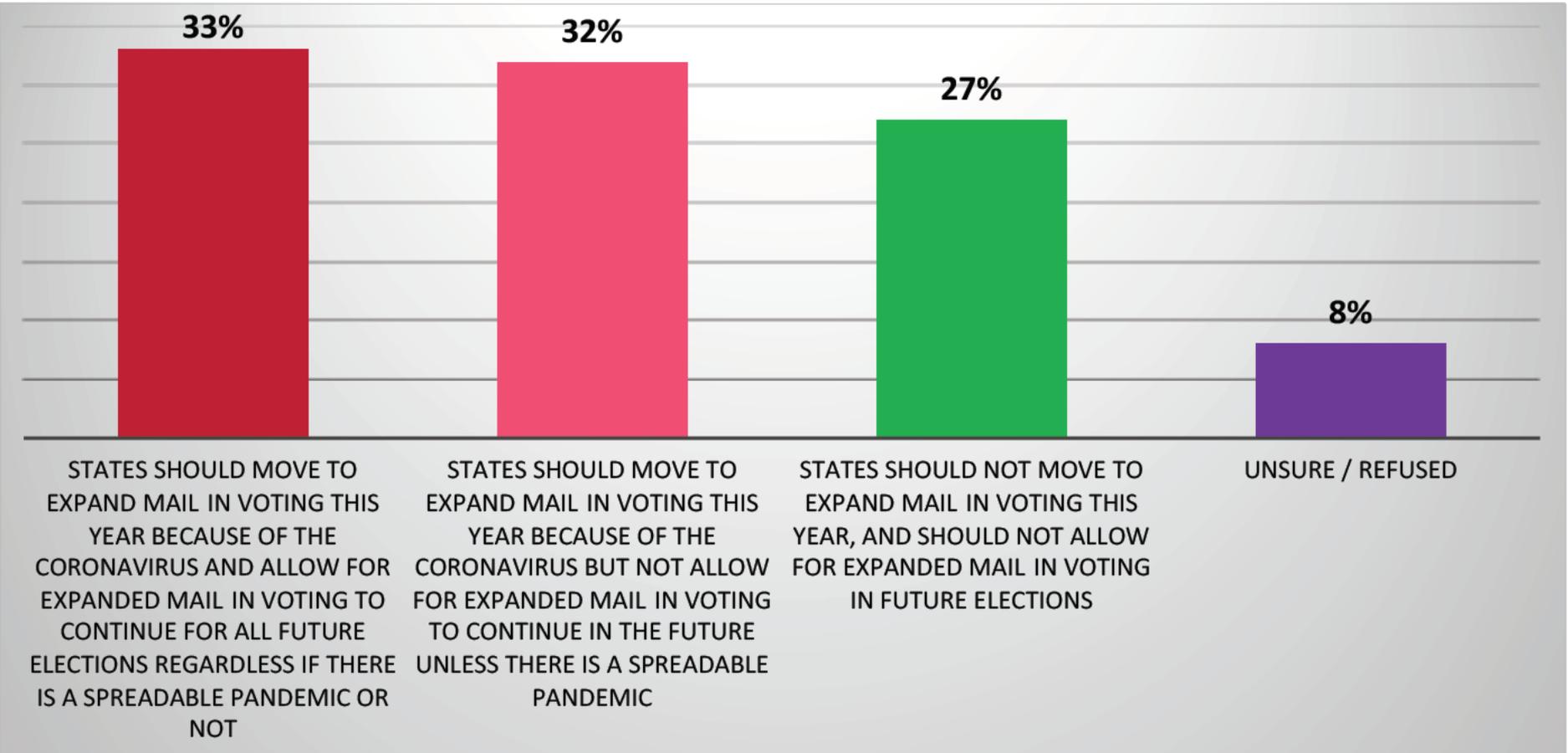
Demographics	Scenario A	Scenario B	DIFF
Republican (32%)	46%	47%	-1
Independent (35%)	43%	44%	-1
Democrat (33%)	45%	40%	+5
Conservative (37%)	46%	47%	-1
Moderate (38%)	45%	43%	+2
Liberal (25%)	46%	40%	+6
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	46%	50%	-4
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	51%	47%	+4
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	--	100	-100
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	100%	--	+100

# Which would you say is preferable: maintaining the integrity of the election, or expanding opportunities to vote by mail?



Demographics	Maintaining	Expanding	DIFF
Republican (32%)	78%	13%	<b>+65</b>
Independent (35%)	55%	31%	<b>+24</b>
Democrat (33%)	46%	44%	<b>+2</b>
Conservative (37%)	79%	13%	<b>+66</b>
Moderate (38%)	55%	33%	<b>+22</b>
Liberal (25%)	42%	49%	<b>-7</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	72%	23%	<b>+49</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	93%	4%	<b>+89</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	79%	18%	<b>+61</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	71%	22%	<b>+49</b>

# Some advocates of expanding mail-in voting cite social distancing and avoiding the spread of Coronavirus as a reason to vote by mail in November's election. In thinking about expanding mail-in voting, which of the following comes closest to your own opinion?



# Messaging Series #1

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*The majority of American voters currently vote in person at a polling location. For the next few questions, please think about two alternative methods of voting outside of a polling place.*

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*Knowing this, you will now be presented with a series of statements about elections in the U.S. After each, please indicate whether you are more likely to support absentee voting or expansion of mail-in voting.*

# Definitions of Mover Groups

- Curb Fraud Opposition Movers – voters who initially did not think absentee verifications helped curb voter fraud, and agreed that the verifications did help curb fraud on the informed ballot
- Increase Voter Fraud Solidifiers – voters who believed that the expansion of mail-in ballots would increase voter fraud on the initial ballot, and strengthened their opinion on the informed ballot
- Increase Safeguard Solidifiers – voters who supported an increase in election safeguards on the initial ballot, and strengthened their opinion on the informed ballot
- Increase Safeguard Opposition Movers – voters who initially did not support increasing election safeguards, and supported increasing election safeguards on the informed ballot

# Messaging Series by Differential

Message	Total Absentee	Total Mail-In	DIFF
Absentee voting allows people who are unable or unwilling to attend in person voting to be verified by the state and able to participate in elections. Vote by mail allows people who have not been verified by the state or did not apply for a mail in ballot to be able to participate in elections.	54%	24%	30%
Unlike many of the vote by mail proposals, absentee voting uses safeguards like requiring proof of residency and/or identification to help ensure the integrity of the vote.	54%	26%	28%
Vote by mail advocates call for ballots to be automatically sent to every voter registration on file, even if a state believes the address to be invalid or the voter to have moved or died. Supporters of absentee voting contend that requiring a voter to request a ballot prevents votes from being sent to invalid voter registrations.	50%	25%	25%
Some have argued that vote by mail measures are being pushed by certain political parties for their advantage, while absentee voting is a less partisan method.	44%	27%	17%
Critics of absentee voting say that regulations are too complex and exclude people from voting. Critics of vote by mail say there will not be enough measures in place to ensure there are not illegal or unauthorized votes counted.	43%	30%	13%
Mail in voting would be available to all voters, while absentee voting is only for those who are absent, disabled, or older than 65.	43%	36%	7%

# Messaging Series by Party ID

Message	DIFF	REP DIFF	IND DIFF	DEM DIFF
Absentee voting allows people who are unable or unwilling to attend in person voting to be verified by the state and able to participate in elections. <b>Vote-by-mail allows people who have not been verified by the state</b> or did not apply for a mail in ballot to be able to participate in elections.	30%	47%	27%	14%
Unlike many of the vote by mail proposals, <b>absentee voting uses safeguards</b> like requiring proof of residency and/or identification to help ensure the integrity of the vote.	28%	45%	29%	10%
Vote by mail advocates call for ballots to be automatically sent to every voter registration on file, even if a state believes the address to be invalid or the voter to have moved or died. Supporters of absentee voting contend that requiring a voter to request a ballot prevents votes from being sent to invalid voter registrations.	25%	42%	23%	7%
Some have argued that vote by mail measures are being pushed by certain political parties for their advantage, while absentee voting is a less partisan method.	17%	40%	18%	-5%
Critics of absentee voting say that regulations are too complex and exclude people from voting. Critics of vote by mail say there will not be enough measures in place to ensure there are not illegal or unauthorized votes counted.	13%	38%	14%	-12%
Mail in voting would be available to all voters, while absentee voting is only for those who are absent, disabled, or older than 65.	7%	29%	10%	-14%

# Messaging Series by Mover Groups

Message	DIFF	Curb Fraud Opp DIFF	Inc Fraud Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Opp DIFF
Absentee voting allows people who are unable or unwilling to attend in person voting to be verified by the state and able to participate in elections. <b>Vote-by-mail allows people who have not been verified by the state</b> or did not apply for a mail in ballot to be able to participate in elections.	30%	47%	78%	62%	47%
Unlike many of the vote by mail proposals, <b>absentee voting uses safeguards</b> like requiring proof of residency and/or identification to help ensure the integrity of the vote.	28%	47%	76%	69%	50%
Vote by mail advocates call for ballots to be automatically sent to every voter registration on file, even if a state believes the address to be invalid or the voter to have moved or died. Supporters of absentee voting contend that requiring a voter to request a ballot prevents votes from being sent to invalid voter registrations.	25%	44%	76%	61%	39%
Some have argued that vote by mail measures are being pushed by certain political parties for their advantage, while absentee voting is a less partisan method.	17%	32%	82%	52%	33%
Critics of absentee voting say that regulations are too complex and exclude people from voting. Critics of vote by mail say there will not be enough measures in place to ensure there are not illegal or unauthorized votes counted.	13%	28%	58%	34%	35%
Mail in voting would be available to all voters, while absentee voting is only for those who are absent, disabled, or older than 65.	7%	19%	75%	34%	27%

# Messaging Series #2

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*Next, you will now be presented with a series of statements about the expansion of vote-by-mail. Please indicate whether the statement makes you more or less likely to support vote-by-mail.*

# Messaging Series by Differential

	More Likely	Less Likely	DIFF
A 2018 North Carolina congressional election was thrown out because ballot harvesters collected, tampered with, or destroyed hundreds of mail-in ballots in order to steal the election. The expansion of mail-in voting will expand the opportunity and use of ballot harvesting.	24%	52%	-28%
In 2012, the Pew Center for the States estimated that one in every eight voter registrations were inaccurate or outdated, yet advocates for vote-by-mail propose sending ballots to every address listed on the state's voter registration file, regardless if a registered voter has been verified to reside at the address.	25%	52%	-27%
Vote harvesting is the legal practice where political candidates, campaigns, or paid organizers go door to door collecting mail-in ballots directly from voters, even when the voter has not asked for help casting their ballot. This could lead to vote harvesters tampering with or destroying the mail-in ballots they collect.	26%	50%	-24%
Recently, in Nevada and New Jersey, ballots were automatically mailed to every voter registration but many could not be delivered because of inaccurate registrations. Ballots were left behind in building lobbies, on sidewalks, and in trash cans. Critics of vote-by-mail say this creates the possibility that unclaimed ballots can be collected and voted, opening the door to potential election fraud.	27%	49%	-22%
Vote-by-mail proposals are largely driven by certain politicians who believe that by expanding the electorate they will be able to become reelected.	25%	46%	-21%
By some estimates, expanding mail-in voting nationwide would cost taxpayers up to four billion dollars.	26%	47%	-21%
If voter verification measures are removed, vote-by-mail risks allowing individuals who are not eligible to vote to cast ballots in local and federal elections.	29%	48%	-19%
Voting-by-mail may lead to more lawsuits following elections. This would leave elections undecided for longer periods of time.	27%	46%	-19%
Vote-by-mail expansion increases the possibility of election results being tied up in legal proceedings, costing millions of dollars and prolonging the time in which election results are verified.	28%	47%	-19%
Critics of vote-by-mail express concern over ballots becoming lost or delayed in the mail system, leading to uncounted votes.	28%	46%	-18%

# Messaging Series by Differential (cont.)

	More Likely	Less Likely	DIFF
Washington State is one of five states that currently hold all-mail elections. Washington State spent five years developing, testing, and training to prepare, after more than a decade of encouraging absentee voting. In order to move to a vote-by-mail system this November, states would have only five months to accomplish the same task.	30%	46%	-16%
Voting-by-mail may lead to a longer time before election results are finalized, as different political parties may claim that additional mail-in votes have been “found.”	30%	46%	-16%
Advocates of vote-by-mail have been criticized for preying on the public’s fear over the spread of Coronavirus as a way to bait people into supporting a vote-by-mail agenda.	30%	44%	-14%
After an all-mail election this year, a major voter fraud scandal in Paterson, New Jersey involving thousands of forged ballots was thwarted when officials couldn’t match the signatures on the ballots to the voters’ signatures on file. Voter verification laws were essential in stopping this attempt to steal an election.	32%	44%	-12%
Elections are complex operations, and any transition must be well thought out, planned, and executed with confidence. It is not realistic to expect states to overhaul their election process in less than six months.	32%	44%	-12%

# Most Effective Messaging Series by Party ID

Message	DIFF	REP DIFF	IND DIFF	DEM DIFF
A 2018 North Carolina congressional election was thrown out because ballot harvesters collected, tampered with, or destroyed hundreds of mail in ballots in order to steal the election. The expansion of mail in voting will expand the opportunity and use of ballot harvesting.	-28%	-30%	-42%	-20%
In 2012, the Pew Center for the States estimated that one in every eight voter registrations were inaccurate or outdated, yet advocates for vote by mail propose sending ballots to every address listed on the state's voter registration file, regardless if a registered voter has been verified to reside at the address.	-27%	-32%	-36%	-18%
Vote harvesting is the legal practice where political candidates, campaigns, or paid organizers go door to door collecting mail in ballots directly from voters, even when the voter has not asked for help casting their ballot. This could lead to vote harvesters tampering with or destroying the mail in ballots they collect.	-24%	-28%	-30%	-19%
Vote by mail proposals are largely driven by certain politicians who believe that by expanding the electorate they will be able to become reelected.	-21%	-30%	-35%	-7%
By some estimates, expanding mail in voting nationwide would cost taxpayers up to four billion dollars.	-21%	-21%	-35%	-20%
If voter verification measures are removed, vote by mail risks allowing individuals who are not eligible to vote to cast ballots in local and federal elections.	-19%	-30%	-28%	-7%
Washington State is one of five states that currently hold all mail elections. Washington State spent five years developing, testing, and training to prepare, after more than a decade of encouraging absentee voting. In order to move to a vote by mail system this November, states would have only five months to accomplish the same task.	-16%	-31%	-18%	1%

# Less Effective Messaging Series by Party ID

Message	DIFF	REP DIFF	IND DIFF	DEM DIFF
Recently, in Nevada and New Jersey, ballots were automatically mailed to every voter registration but many could not be delivered because of inaccurate registrations. Ballots were left behind in building lobbies, on sidewalks, and in trash cans. Critics of vote by mail say this creates the possibility that unclaimed ballots can be collected and voted, opening the door to potential election fraud.	-22%	-29%	-24%	-15%
Voting by mail may lead to more lawsuits following elections. This would leave elections undecided for longer periods of time.	-19%	-28%	-21%	-10%
Vote by mail expansion increases the possibility of election results being tied up in legal proceedings, costing millions of dollars and prolonging the time in which election results are verified.	-19%	-29%	-25%	-9%
Critics of vote by mail express concern over ballots becoming lost or delayed in the mail system, leading to uncounted votes.	-18%	-27%	-17%	-8%
Voting by mail may lead to a longer time before election results are finalized, as different political parties may claim that additional mail in votes have been “found.”	-16%	-27%	-19%	-5%
Advocates of vote by mail have been criticized for preying on the public’s fear over the spread of Coronavirus as a way to bait people into supporting a vote by mail agenda.	-14%	-29%	-16%	2%
After an all mail election this year, a major voter fraud scandal in Paterson, New Jersey involving thousands of forged ballots was thwarted when officials couldn’t match the signatures on the ballots to the voters’ signatures on file. Voter verification laws were essential in stopping this attempt to steal an election.	-12%	-23%	-15%	-1%
Elections are complex operations, and any transition must be well thought out, planned, and executed with confidence. It is not realistic to expect states to overhaul their election process in less than six months.	-12%	-24%	-18%	4%

# Messaging Series by Mover Groups

Message	DIFF	Curb Fraud Opp DIFF	Inc Fraud Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Opp DIFF
A 2018 North Carolina congressional election was thrown out because ballot harvesters collected, tampered with, or destroyed hundreds of mail in ballots in order to steal the election. The expansion of mail in voting will expand the opportunity and use of ballot harvesting.	-28%	-47%	-42%	-66%	-40%
In 2012, the Pew Center for the States estimated that one in every eight voter registrations were inaccurate or outdated, yet advocates for vote by mail propose sending ballots to every address listed on the state's voter registration file, regardless if a registered voter has been verified to reside at the address.	-27%	-47%	-49%	-59%	-43%
Vote harvesting is the legal practice where political candidates, campaigns, or paid organizers go door to door collecting mail in ballots directly from voters, even when the voter has not asked for help casting their ballot. This could lead to vote harvesters tampering with or destroying the mail in ballots they collect.	-24%	-44%	-35%	-66%	-35%
Recently, in Nevada and New Jersey, ballots were automatically mailed to every voter registration but many could not be delivered because of inaccurate registrations. Ballots were left behind in building lobbies, on sidewalks, and in trash cans. Critics of vote by mail say this creates the possibility that unclaimed ballots can be collected and voted, opening the door to potential election fraud.	-22%	-50%	-45%	-60%	-35%
Vote by mail proposals are largely driven by certain politicians who believe that by expanding the electorate they will be able to become reelected.	-21%	-47%	-44%	-52%	-41%
Voting by mail may lead to more lawsuits following elections. This would leave elections undecided for longer periods of time.	-19%	-45%	-37%	-52%	-33%
Washington State is one of five states that currently hold all mail elections. Washington State spent five years developing, testing, and training to prepare, after more than a decade of encouraging absentee voting. In order to move to a vote by mail system this November, states would have only five months to accomplish the same task.	-16%	-43%	-65%	-42%	-37%
Advocates of vote by mail have been criticized for preying on the public's fear over the spread	-14%	-40%	-55%	-33%	-35%

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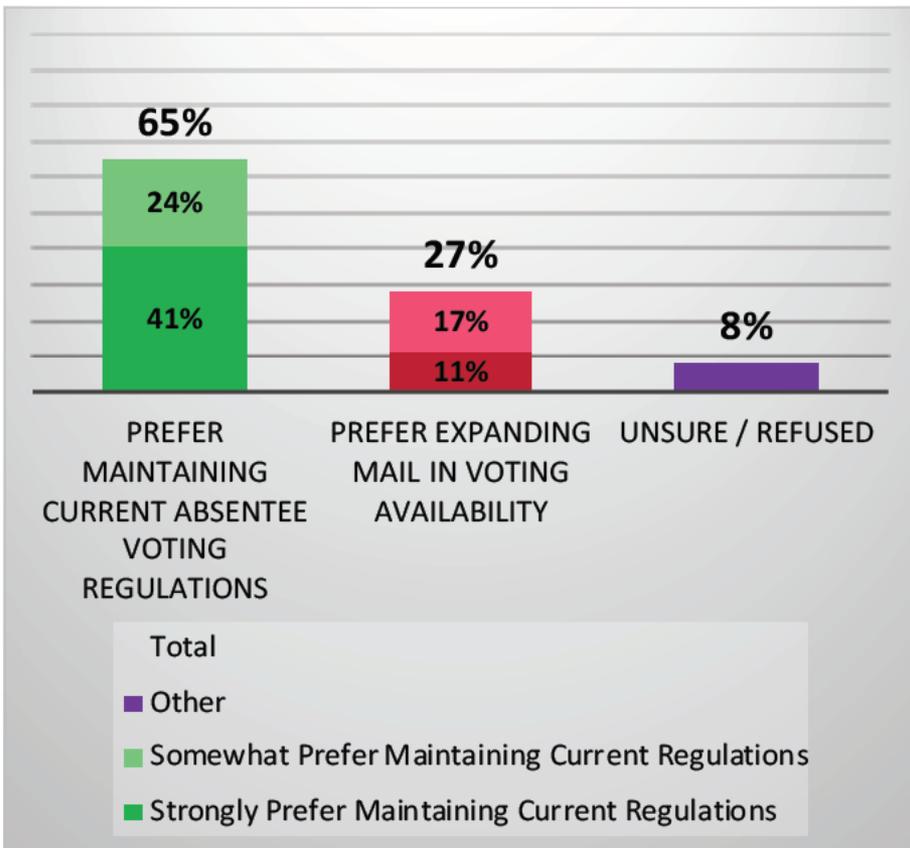
# Less Effective Messaging Series by Mover Groups

Message	DIFF	Curb Fraud Opp DIFF	Inc Fraud Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Opp DIFF
By some estimates, expanding mail in voting nationwide would cost taxpayers up to four billion dollars.	-21%	-37%	-45%	-58%	-37%
If voter verification measures are removed, vote by mail risks allowing individuals who are not eligible to vote to cast ballots in local and federal elections.	-19%	-39%	-45%	-58%	-39%
Vote by mail expansion increases the possibility of election results being tied up in legal proceedings, costing millions of dollars and prolonging the time in which election results are verified.	-19%	-42%	-47%	-50%	-34%
Critics of vote by mail express concern over ballots becoming lost or delayed in the mail system, leading to uncounted votes.	-18%	-39%	-34%	-36%	-38%
Voting by mail may lead to a longer time before election results are finalized, as different political parties may claim that additional mail in votes have been “found.”	-16%	-39%	-41%	-57%	-32%
After an all mail election this year, a major voter fraud scandal in Paterson, New Jersey involving thousands of forged ballots was thwarted when officials couldn’t match the signatures on the ballots to the voters’ signatures on file. Voter verification laws were essential in stopping this attempt to steal an election.	-12%	-29%	-35%	-42%	-29%
Elections are complex operations, and any transition must be well thought out, planned, and executed with confidence. It is not realistic to expect states to overhaul their election process in less than six months.	-12%	-26%	-37%	-40%	-27%

# Middle Ballot

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# Which would you say is preferable: maintaining the integrity of the election, or expanding opportunities to vote by mail?



Demographics	Maintaining	Expanding	DIFF
Republican (32%)	82%	12%	<b>+70</b>
Independent (35%)	58%	31%	<b>+27</b>
Democrat (33%)	51%	41%	<b>+10</b>
Conservative (37%)	81%	12%	<b>+69</b>
Moderate (38%)	63%	28%	<b>+35</b>
Liberal (25%)	44%	48%	<b>-4</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	77%	22%	<b>+55</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	99%	1%	<b>+98</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	94%	4%	<b>+90</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	76%	21%	<b>+55</b>

# Messaging Series #3

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*Next, you will now be presented with a series of statements about absentee voting. Please indicate whether the statement makes you more or less likely to support absentee voting.*

# Messaging Series by Differential

Message	More Likely	Less Likely	DIFF
In order to receive an absentee ballot, voters must be properly registered and request a ballot.	75%	13%	62%
Protecting the right to vote is about more than casting ballots, it is about protecting a fair and honest election system that ensures every lawful ballot is counted, and that is why absentee ballot regulations and voter verification measures are in place.	70%	14%	56%
It is important that each ballot that is cast comes from a valid, eligible voter. Absentee voting protections like matching signatures or requiring other ID guard against fraud and preserve the integrity of the election.	71%	15%	56%
All 50 states currently have an absentee vote program, which allows registered voters to request mail in ballots if they cannot vote in person on Election Day.	68%	15%	53%
Absentee voting can be cumbersome, requiring individuals to be registered and to find a witness to verify that the proper voter is casting the ballot.	52%	25%	27%

# Message Series by Party ID

Message	DIFF	REP DIFF	IND DIFF	DEM DIFF
In order to receive an absentee ballot, <b>voters must be properly registered</b> and request a ballot.	62%	70%	71%	52%
<b>Protecting the right to vote is about more than casting ballots, it is about protecting a fair and honest election system</b> that ensures every lawful ballot is counted, and that is why absentee ballot regulations and voter verification measures are in place.	56%	61%	55%	50%
It is important that each ballot that is cast comes from a valid, eligible voter. Absentee voting protections like matching signatures or requiring other ID guard against fraud and preserve the integrity of the election.	56%	65%	58%	48%
All 50 states currently have an absentee vote program, which allows registered voters to request mail in ballots if they cannot vote in person on Election Day.	53%	58%	49%	48%
Absentee voting can be cumbersome, requiring individuals to be registered and to find a witness to verify that the proper voter is casting the ballot.	27%	44%	25%	11%

# Messaging Series by Mover Groups

Message	DIFF	Curb Fraud Opp DIFF	Inc Fraud Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Solid DIFF	Inc Safeguard Opp DIFF
In order to receive an absentee ballot, <b>voters must be properly registered</b> and request a ballot.	62%	70%	89%	82%	74%
<b>It is important that each ballot that is cast comes from a valid, eligible voter.</b> Absentee voting protections like matching signatures or requiring other ID guard against fraud and preserve the integrity of the election.	56%	66%	92%	88%	70%
<b>Protecting the right to vote is about more than casting ballots, it is about protecting a fair and honest election system</b> that ensures every lawful ballot is counted, and that is why absentee ballot regulations and voter verification measures are in place.	56%	69%	78%	76%	69%
All 50 states currently have an absentee vote program, which allows registered voters to request mail in ballots if they cannot vote in person on Election Day.	53%	70%	76%	76%	65%
Absentee voting can be cumbersome, requiring individuals to be registered and to find a witness to verify that the proper voter is casting the ballot.	27%	36%	59%	32%	43%

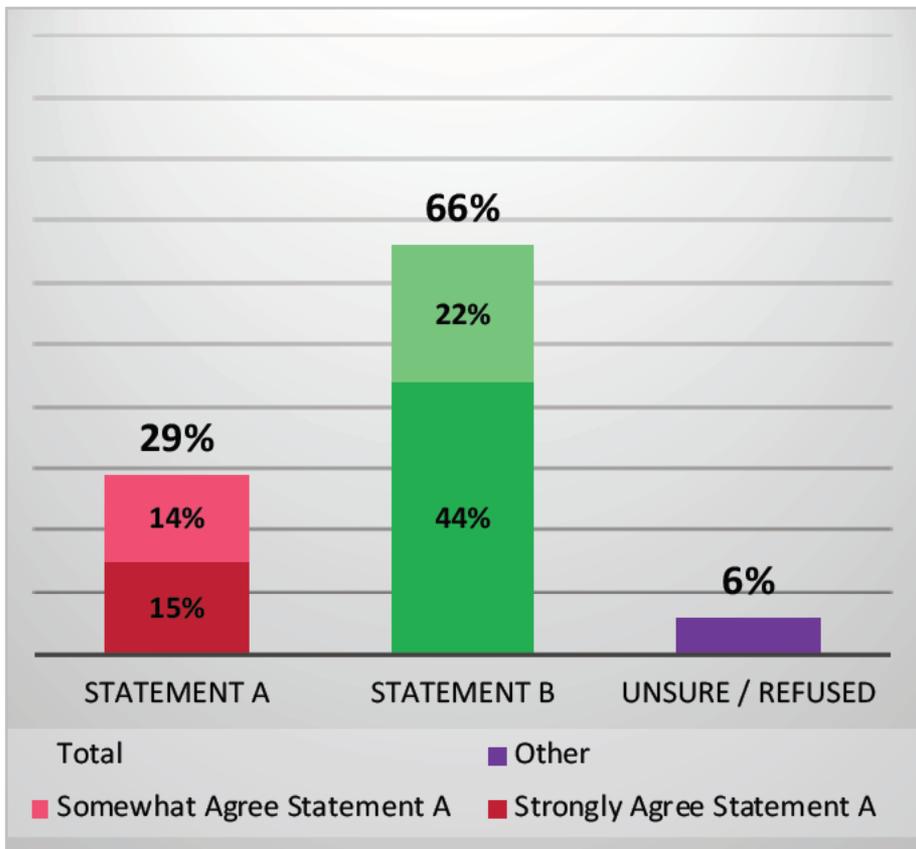
# Informed Ballots

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Please indicate which of the following comes closer to your opinion.

**Statement A:** Every address on the state's election file should receive a mail-in ballot, even if there are outdated registrations and no verifications procedures in place to ensure the correct person on file is receiving and casting the ballot.

**Statement B:** Only registered voters who have requested a mail-in ballot should receive a ballot, where there are verifications in place to ensure the correct person on file is receiving the ballot.



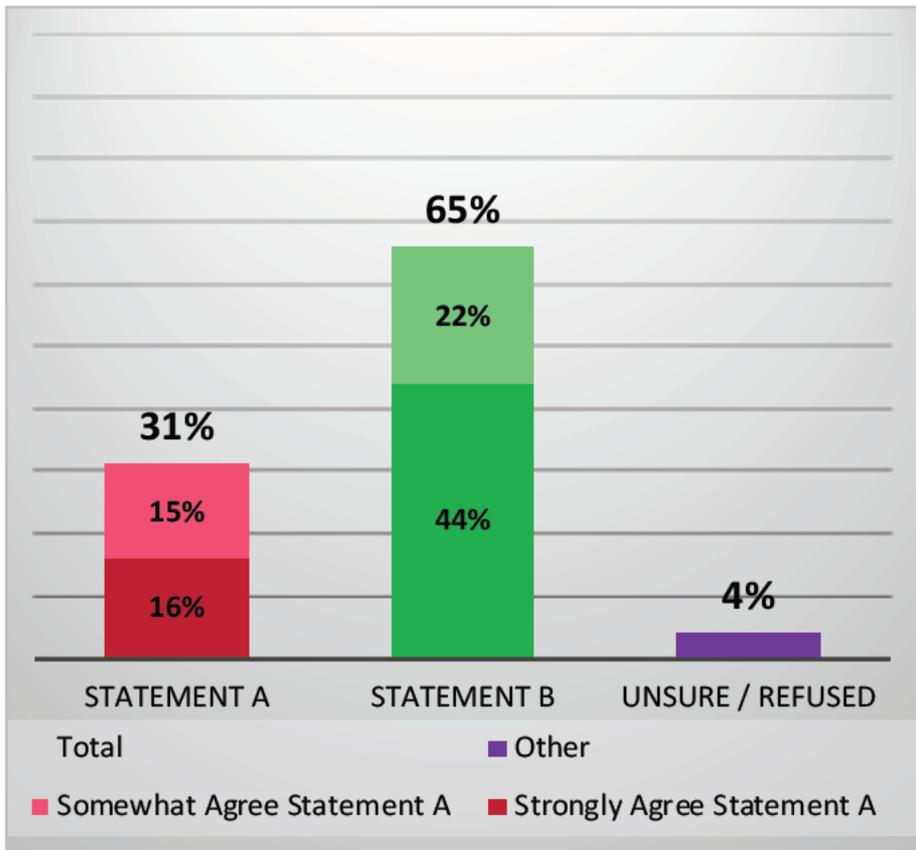
Demographics	Statement A	Statement B	DIFF
Republican (32%)	23%	74%	-51
Independent (35%)	20%	73%	-53
Democrat (33%)	38%	55%	-17
Conservative (37%)	25%	71%	-46
Moderate (38%)	26%	69%	-43
Liberal (25%)	39%	54%	-15
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	22%	75%	-53
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	22%	78%	-56
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	8%	92%	-84
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	17%	83%	-66

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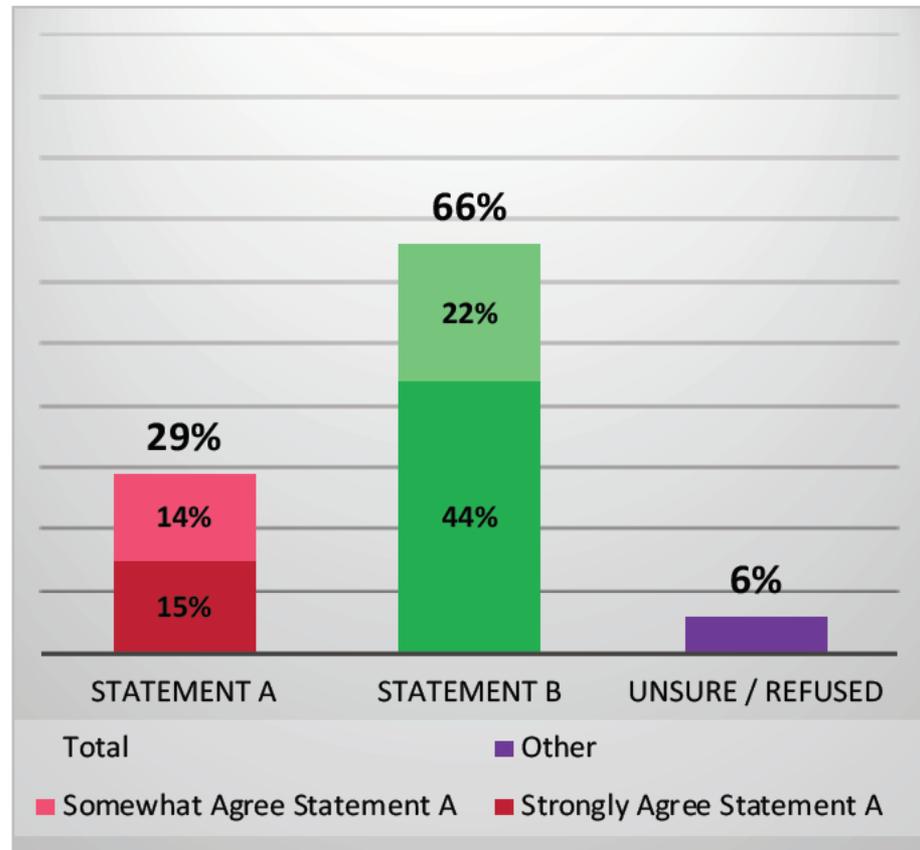
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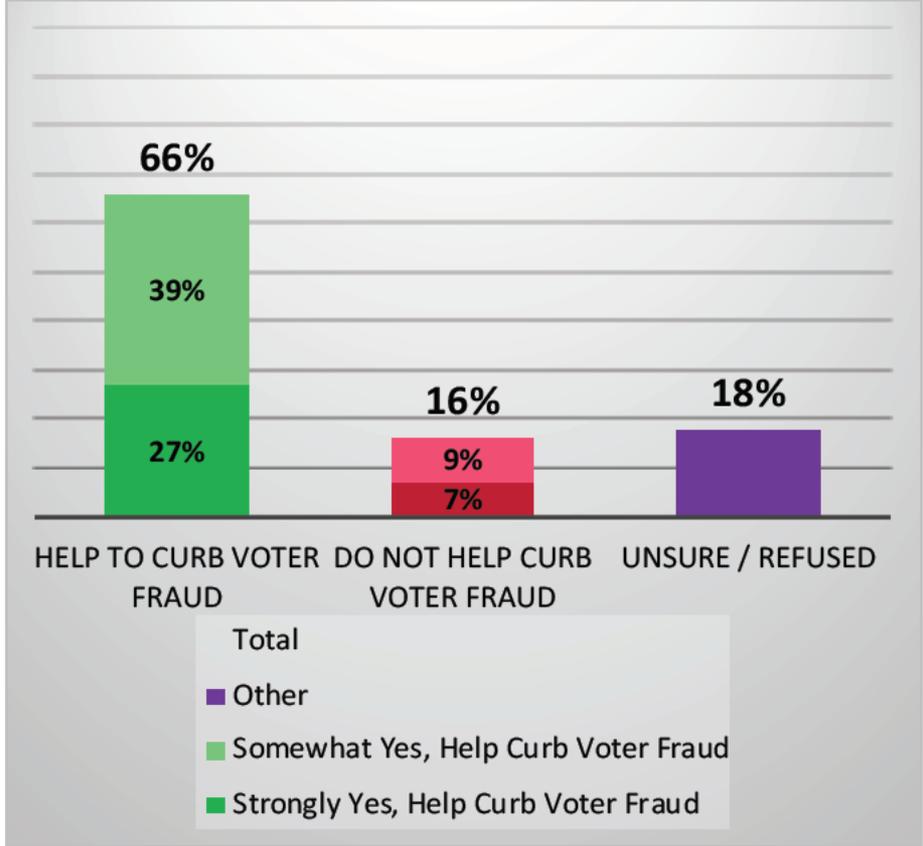
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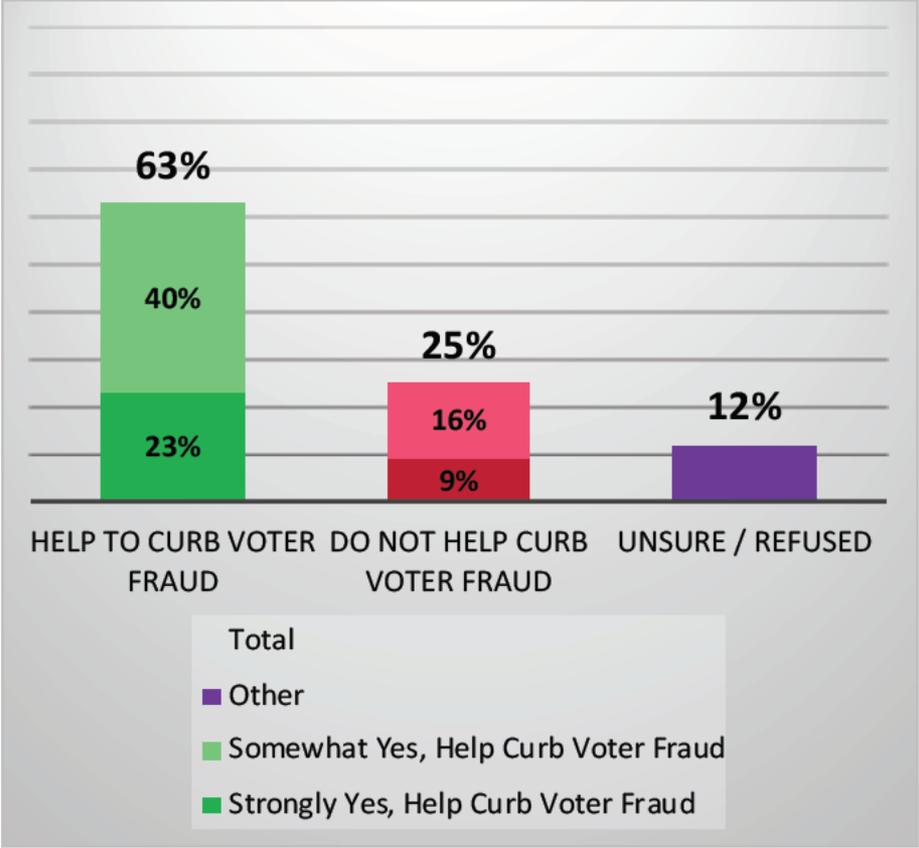
# Do you believe that your state's current absentee verification process helps curb voter fraud?



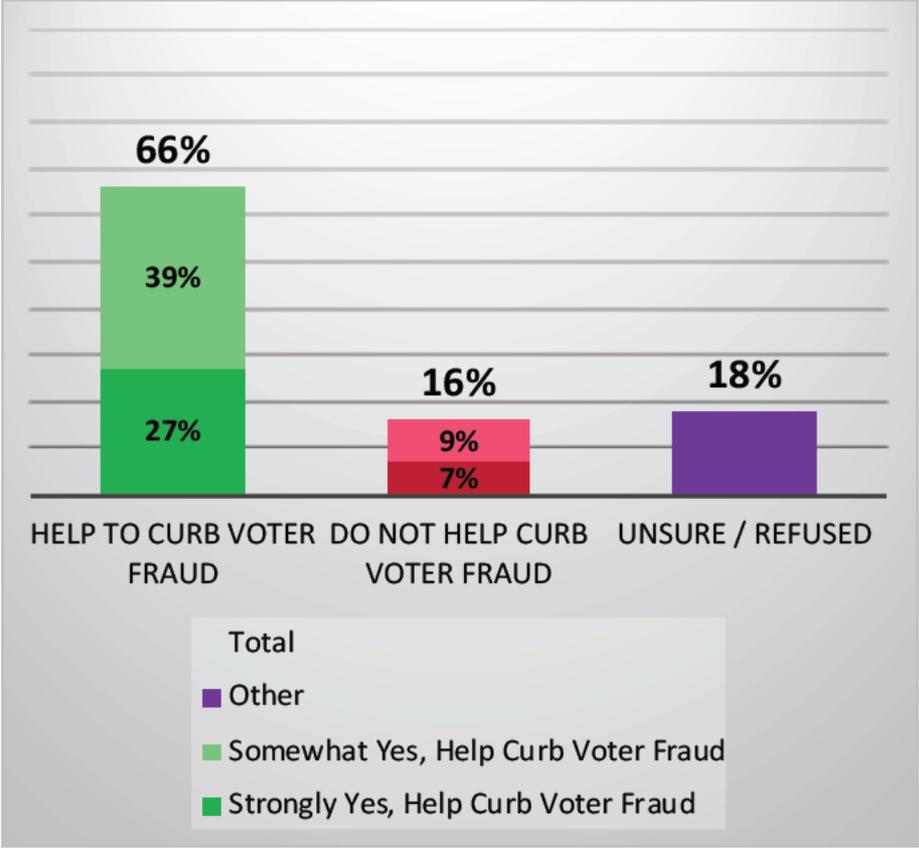
Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	66%	19%	<b>+47</b>
Independent (35%)	64%	13%	<b>+51</b>
Democrat (33%)	67%	13%	<b>+54</b>
Conservative (37%)	65%	19%	<b>+46</b>
Moderate (38%)	68%	14%	<b>+54</b>
Liberal (25%)	67%	14%	<b>+53</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	100%	--	<b>+100</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	75%	13%	<b>+62</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	70%	14%	<b>+56</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	72%	15%	<b>+57</b>

# Do you believe that your state's current absentee verification process helps curb voter fraud?

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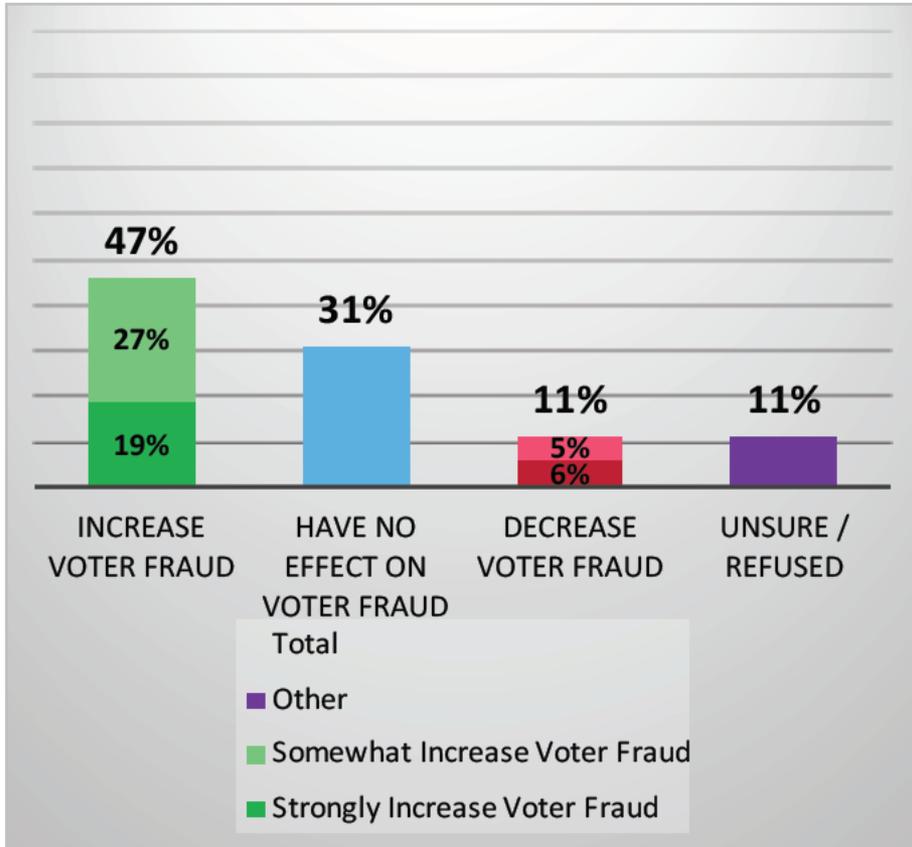
# Do you believe that expanding mail-in voting, online voter registration and early voting will increase voter fraud, have no effect on voter fraud, or decrease voter fraud?



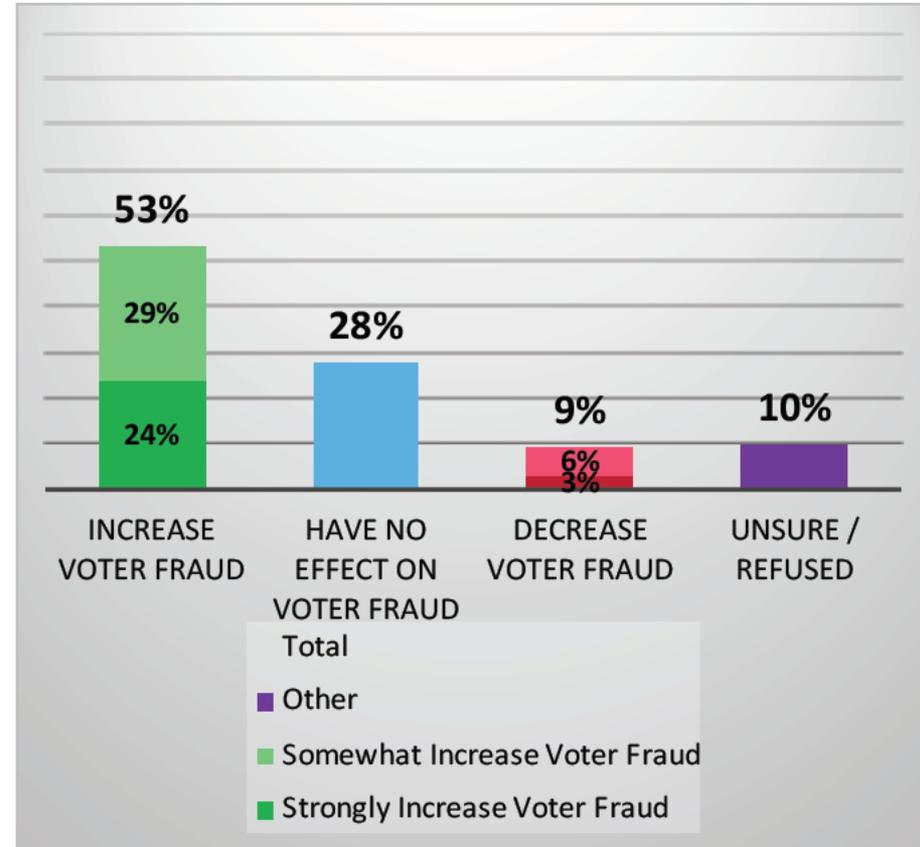
Demographics	Increase	No Effect	Decrease
Republican (32%)	72%	15%	6%
Independent (35%)	48%	32%	7%
Democrat (33%)	34%	41%	12%
Conservative (37%)	72%	14%	6%
Moderate (38%)	46%	35%	9%
Liberal (25%)	34%	40%	14%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	69%	22%	8%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	100%	--	--
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	56%	26%	13%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	68%	20%	7%

# Do you believe that expanding mail-in voting, online voter registration and early voting will increase voter fraud, have no effect on voter fraud, or decrease voter fraud?

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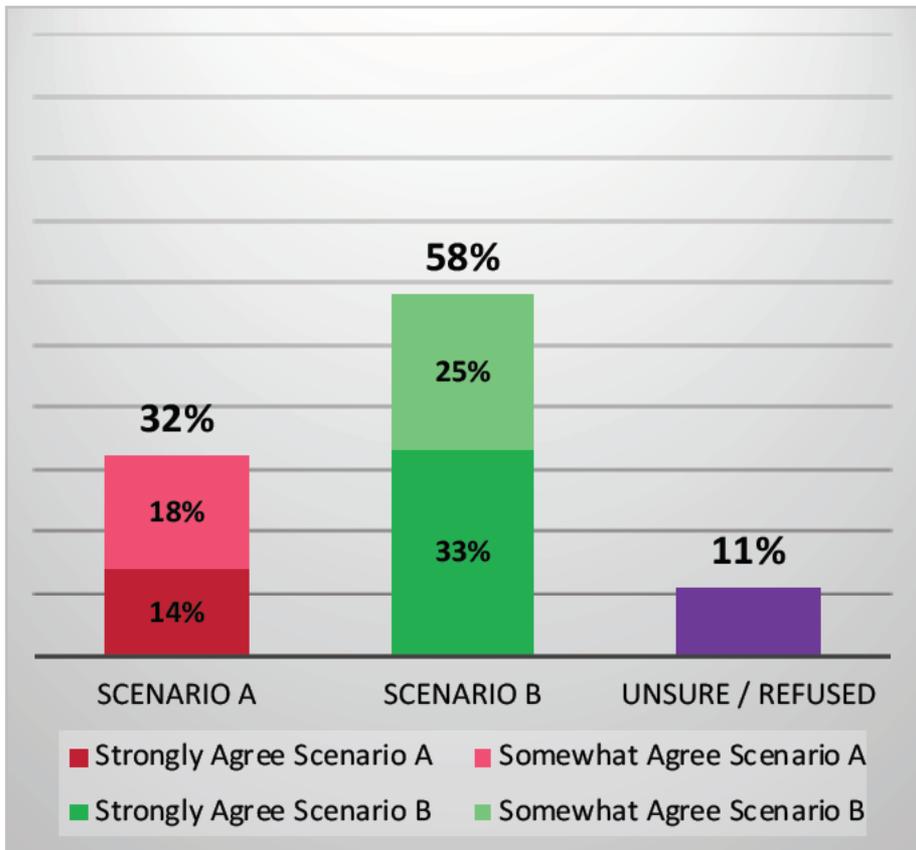


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Which of the following statements do you think is the better choice for your state's elections?  
 Scenario A: Increasing the availability of election ballots, even if that means decreasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud.

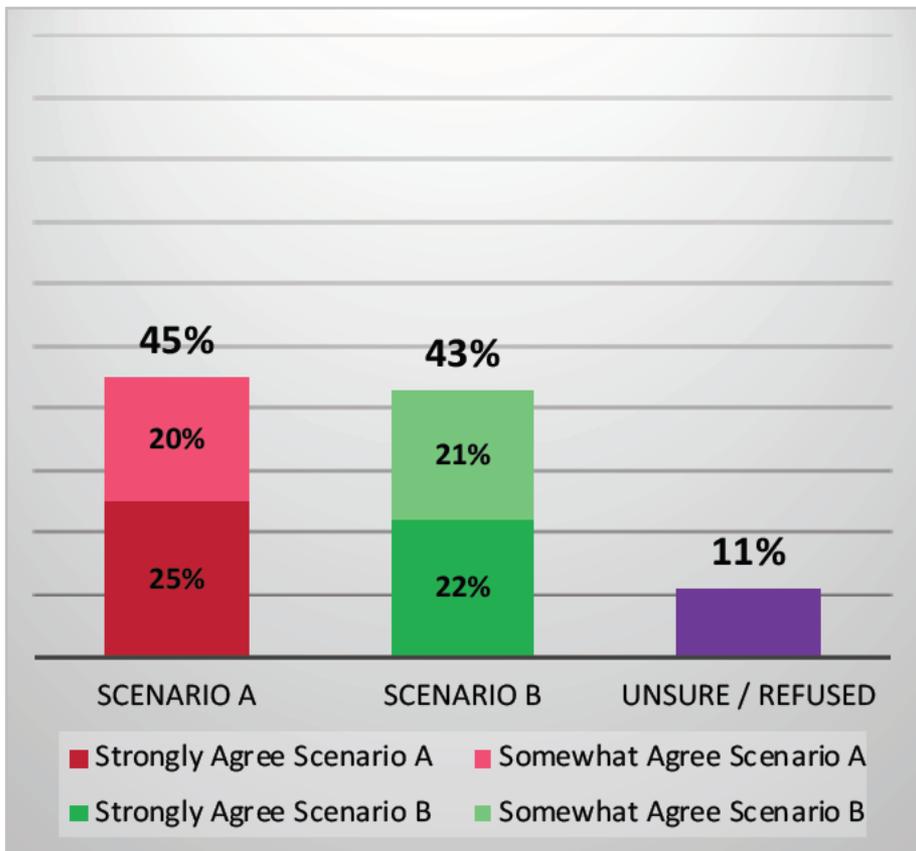
Scenario B: Increasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud, even if that means decreasing the availability of election ballots.



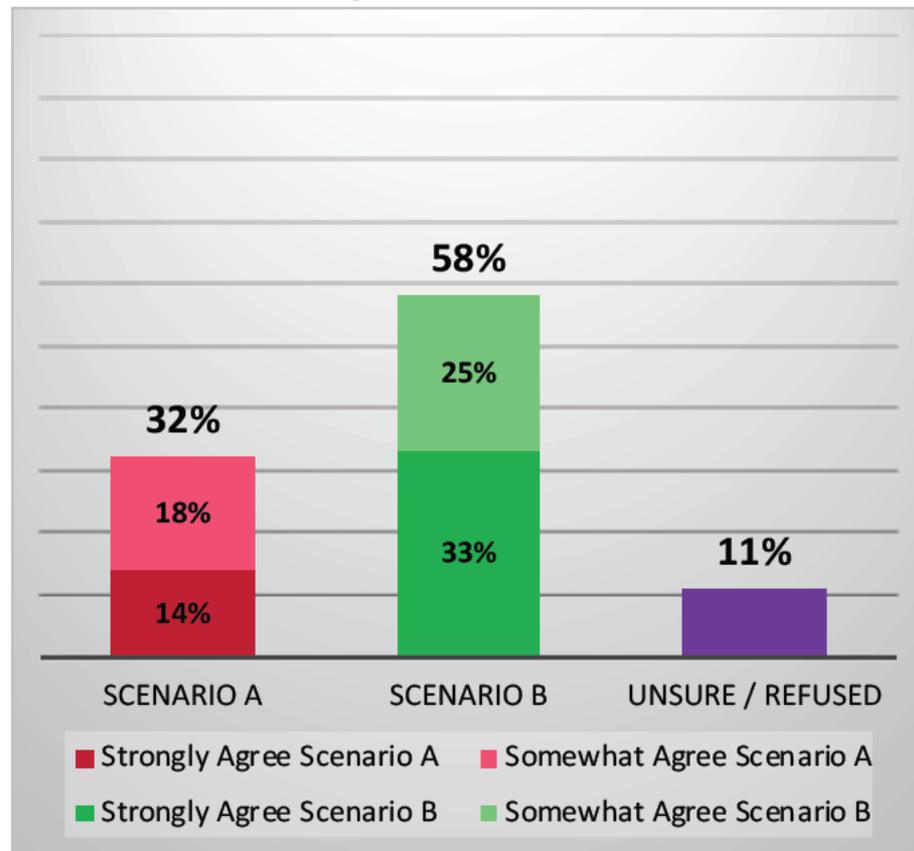
Demographics	Scenario A	Scenario B	DIFF
Republican (32%)	20%	75%	-55
Independent (35%)	26%	54%	-28
Democrat (33%)	45%	42%	+3
Conservative (37%)	24%	70%	-46
Moderate (38%)	31%	57%	-26
Liberal (25%)	47%	40%	+7
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	28%	68%	-40
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	21%	78%	-57
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	--	100%	-100
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	--	100%	-100

Which of the following statements do you think is the better choice for your state's elections?  
 Scenario A: Increasing the availability of election ballots, even if that means decreasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud.  
 Scenario B: Increasing election safeguards that protect against voter fraud, even if that means decreasing the availability of election ballots.

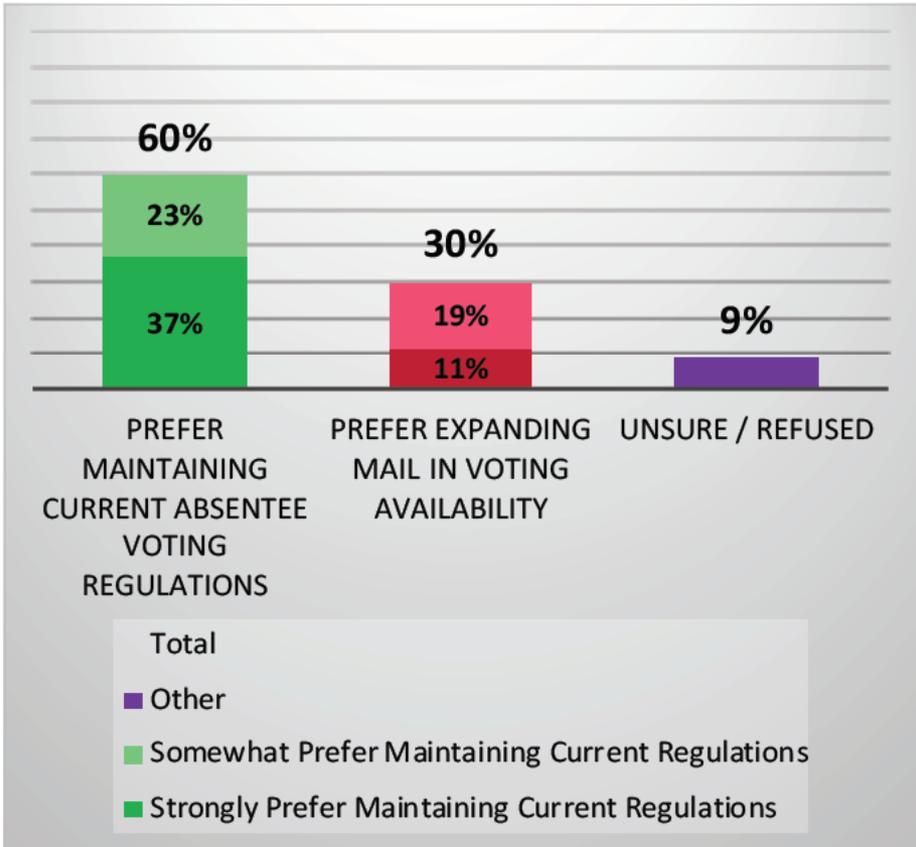
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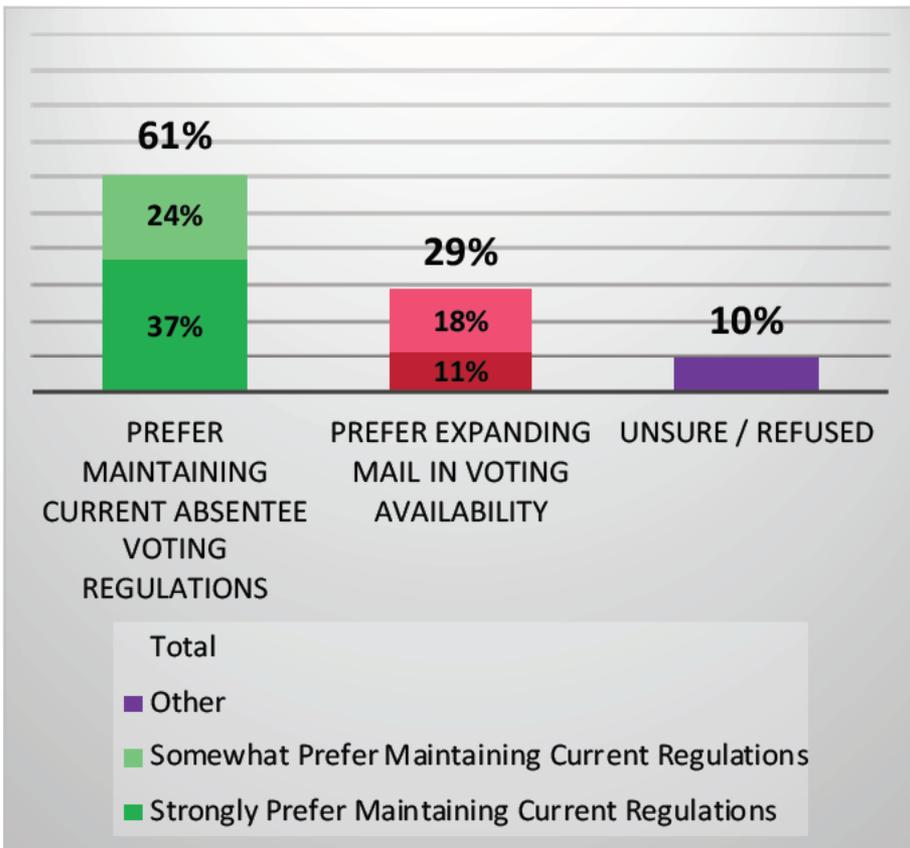
# Which would you say is preferable: maintaining the integrity of the election, or expanding opportunities to vote by mail?



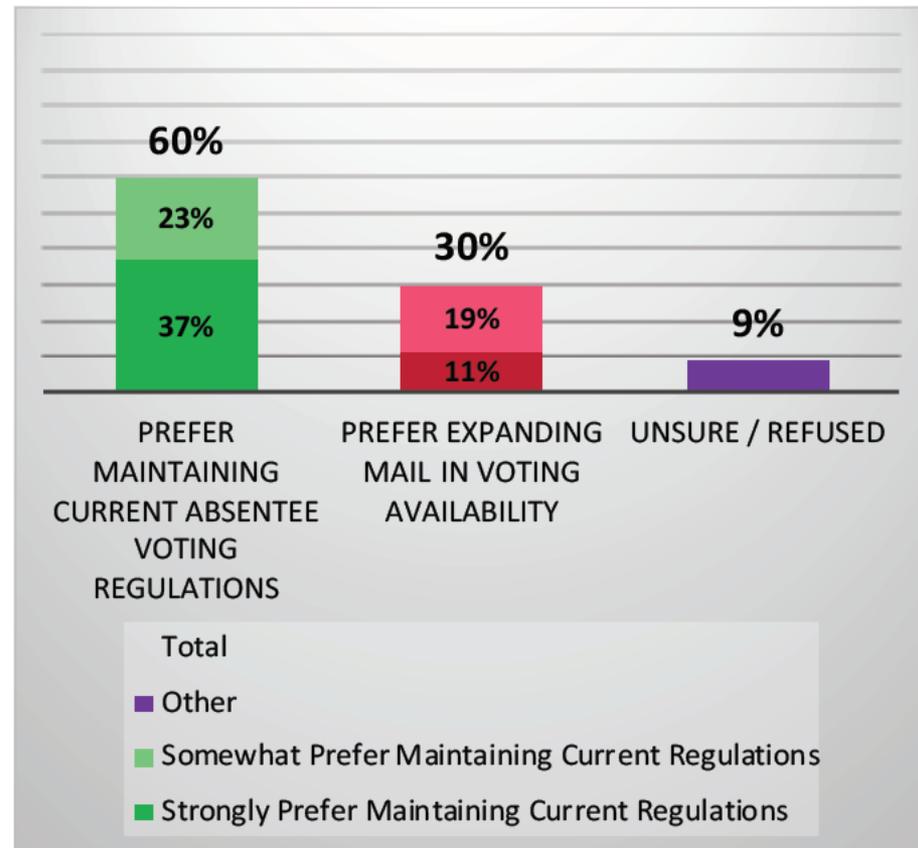
Demographics	Maintaining	Expanding	DIFF
Republican (32%)	79%	14%	<b>+65</b>
Independent (35%)	56%	32%	<b>+24</b>
Democrat (33%)	44%	45%	<b>-1</b>
Conservative (37%)	77%	15%	<b>+62</b>
Moderate (38%)	56%	35%	<b>+21</b>
Liberal (25%)	45%	46%	<b>-1</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	75%	23%	<b>+52</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	97%	3%	<b>+94</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	82%	16%	<b>+66</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	76%	20%	<b>+56</b>

# Which would you say is preferable: maintaining the integrity of the election, or expanding opportunities to vote by mail?

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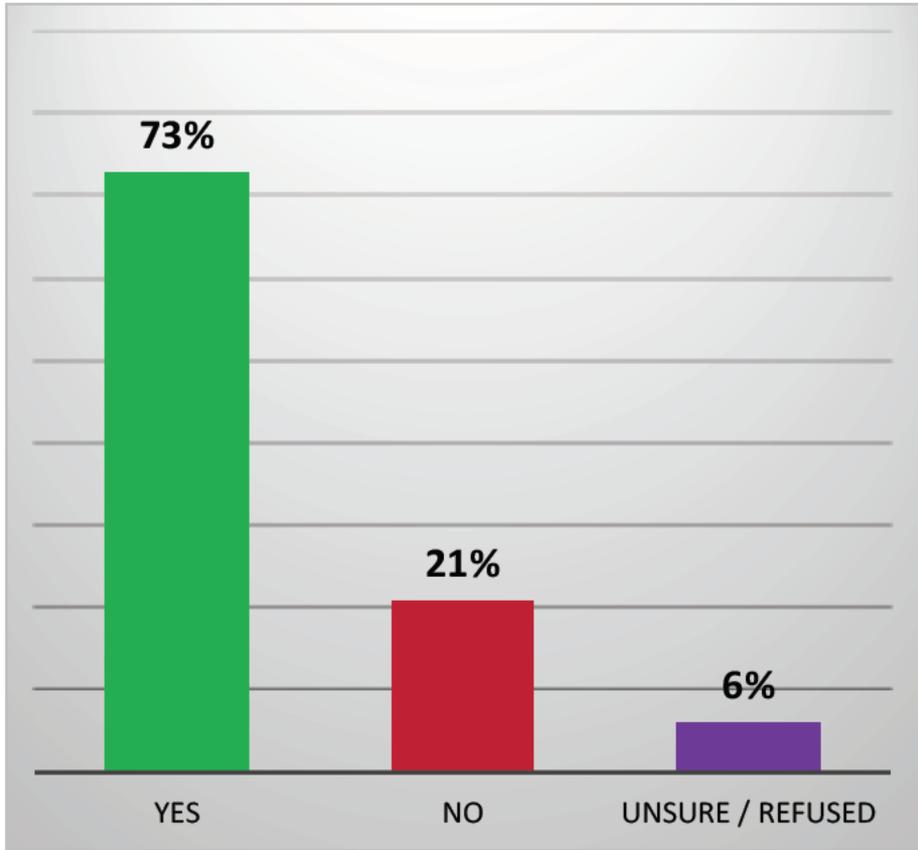
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# Voting Logistics

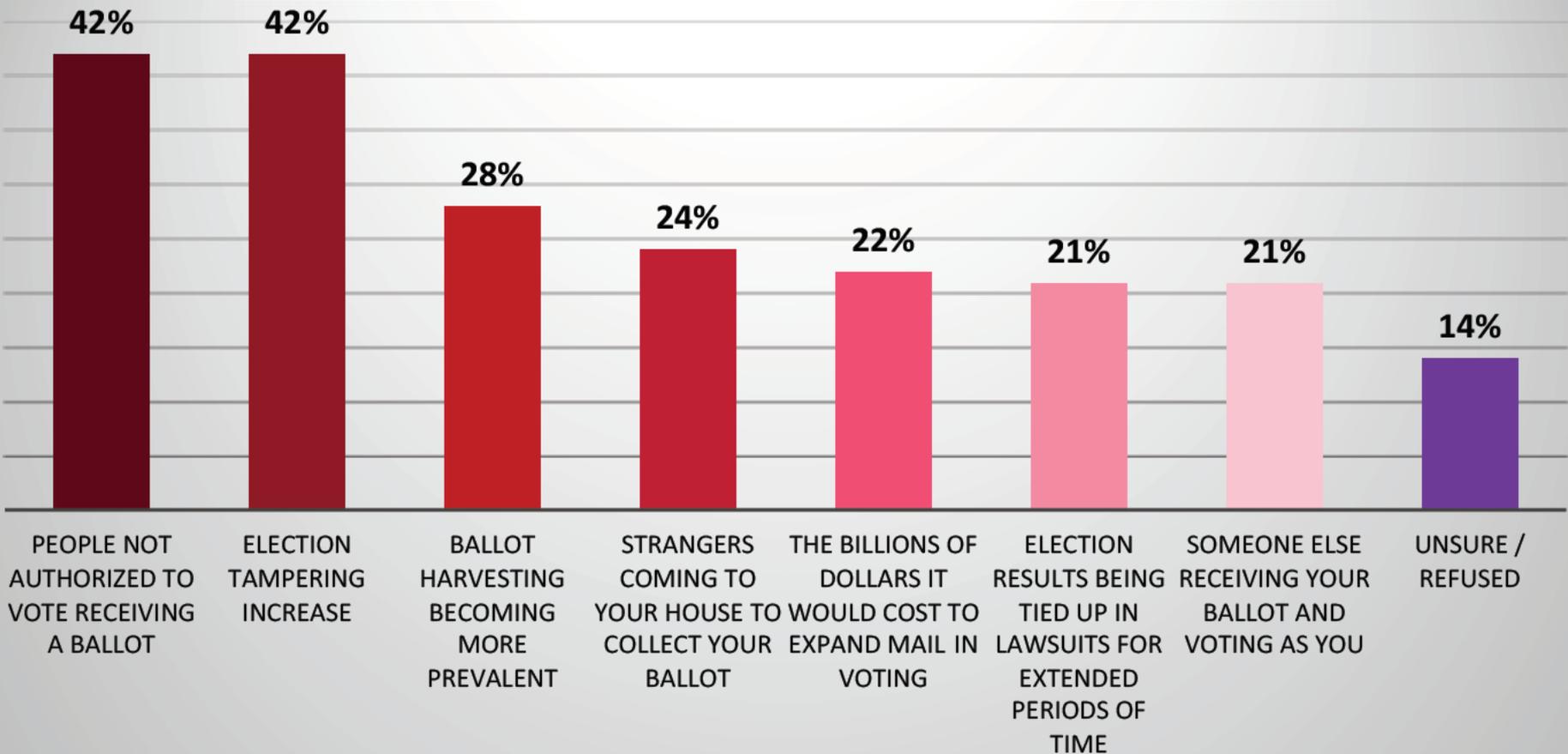
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Some absentee regulations require that you have a witness present to verify your identification and residency in order to receive a ballot. If you needed to receive an absentee ballot, do you have someone eighteen years or older in the household that could verify your identification and residency?

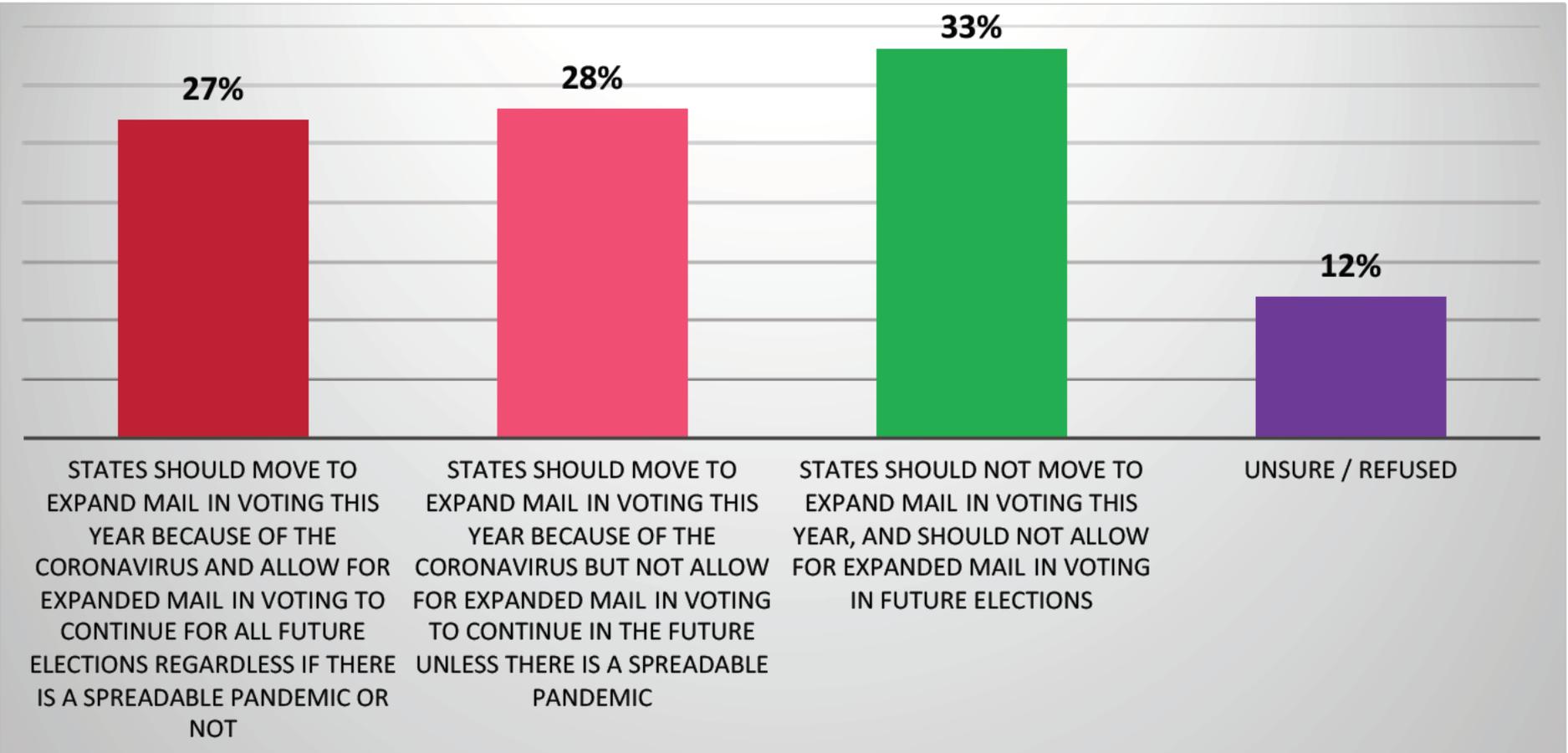


Demographics	Yes	No	DIFF
Republican (32%)	78%	17%	<b>+61</b>
Independent (35%)	80%	13%	<b>+67</b>
Democrat (33%)	65%	27%	<b>+38</b>
Conservative (37%)	74%	20%	<b>+54</b>
Moderate (38%)	74%	21%	<b>+53</b>
Liberal (25%)	70%	22%	<b>+48</b>
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	81%	17%	<b>+64</b>
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	85%	13%	<b>+72</b>
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	80%	18%	<b>+62</b>
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	79%	18%	<b>+61</b>

# Whether you support or oppose expanding mail-in voting, what do you believe your biggest fear would be if states decided to expand mail-in voting?



# Some advocates of expanding mail-in voting cite social distancing and avoiding the spread of Coronavirus as a reason to vote by mail in November's election. In thinking about expanding mail-in voting, which of the following comes closest to your own opinion?

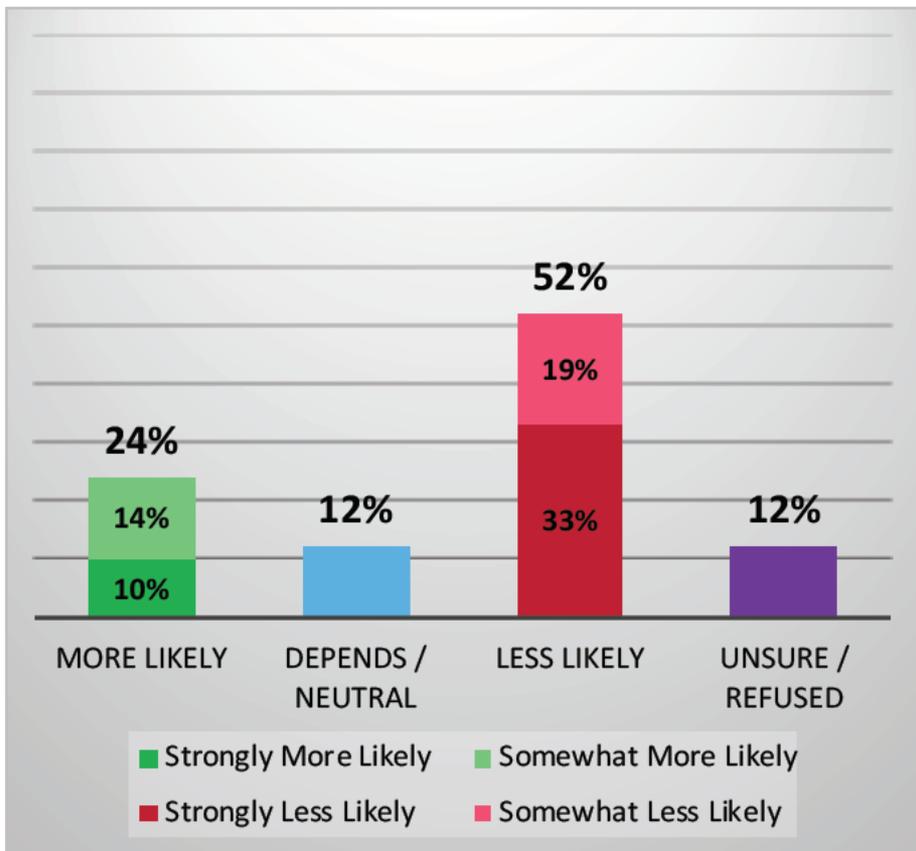


# Mail-in Voting Terms

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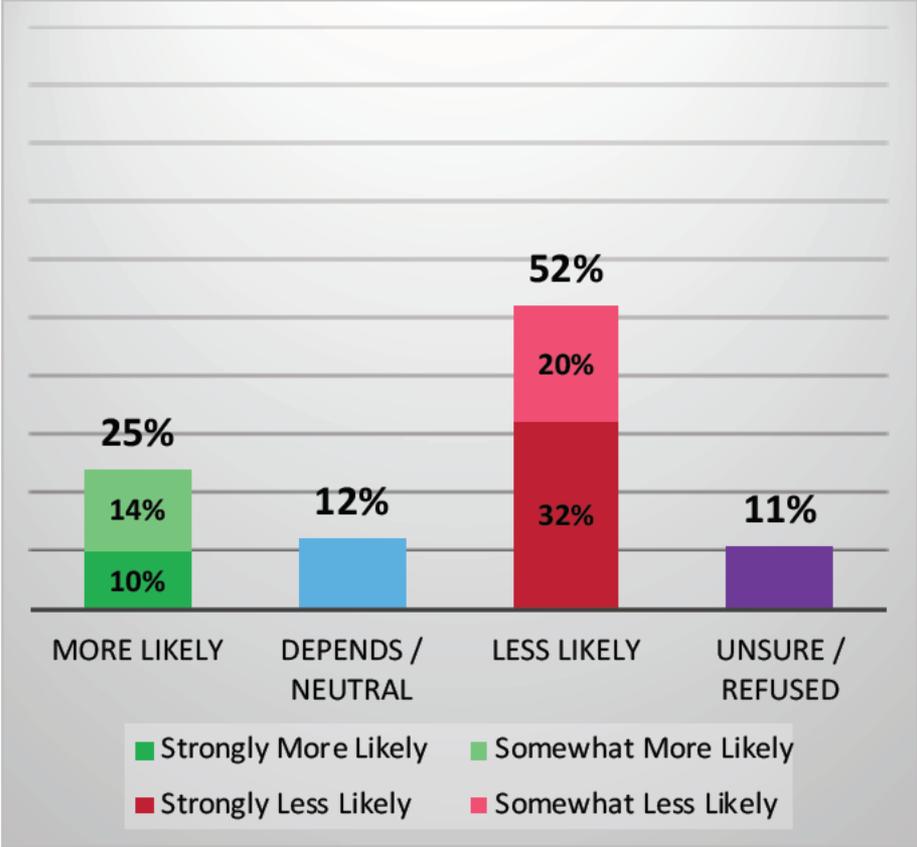
*As expanding mail-in voting is a relatively new issue, journalists have been describing the procedure several different ways. Regardless of your current opinion about mail-in voting, please indicate whether the following terms make you more or less likely to support mail-in voting.*

# Spam-Mail Voting – likely because the household address did not specifically request a ballot



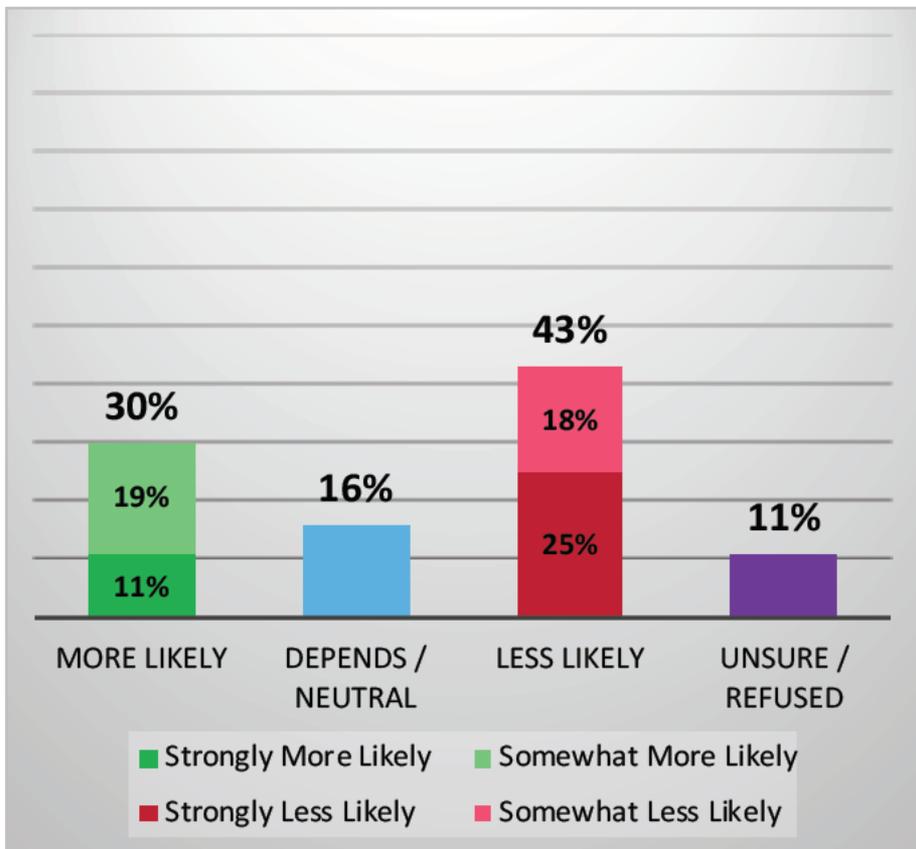
Demographics	More Likely	Neutral	Less Likely
Republican (32%)	25%	7%	60%
Independent (35%)	19%	14%	55%
Democrat (33%)	24%	17%	44%
Conservative (37%)	27%	7%	58%
Moderate (38%)	22%	13%	54%
Liberal (25%)	23%	18%	43%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	18%	7%	68%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	33%	11%	53%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	24%	6%	67%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	21%	8%	63%

# Unsolicited Voting – likely because the household address did not specifically request a ballot



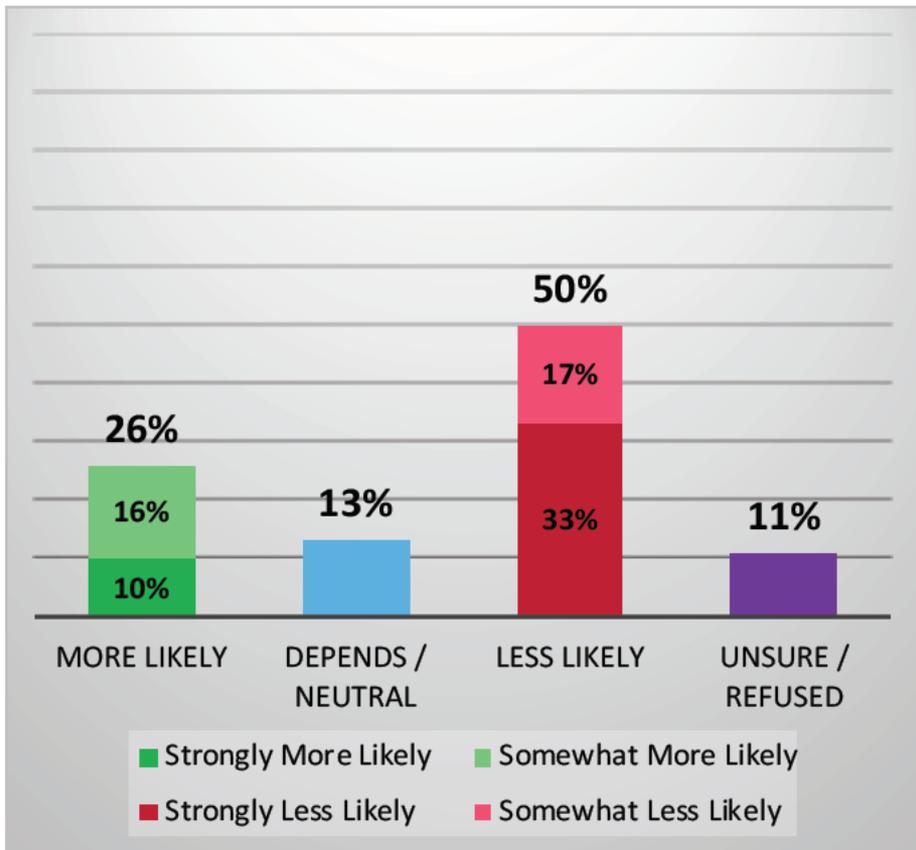
Demographics	More Likely	Neutral	Less Likely
Republican (32%)	26%	6%	60%
Independent (35%)	17%	14%	56%
Democrat (33%)	26%	17%	43%
Conservative (37%)	26%	8%	57%
Moderate (38%)	21%	12%	55%
Liberal (25%)	28%	17%	41%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	19%	4%	70%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	28%	4%	66%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	24%	6%	66%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	22%	8%	64%

# Vote-by-Snail – likely because your vote will take time to reach the election officials



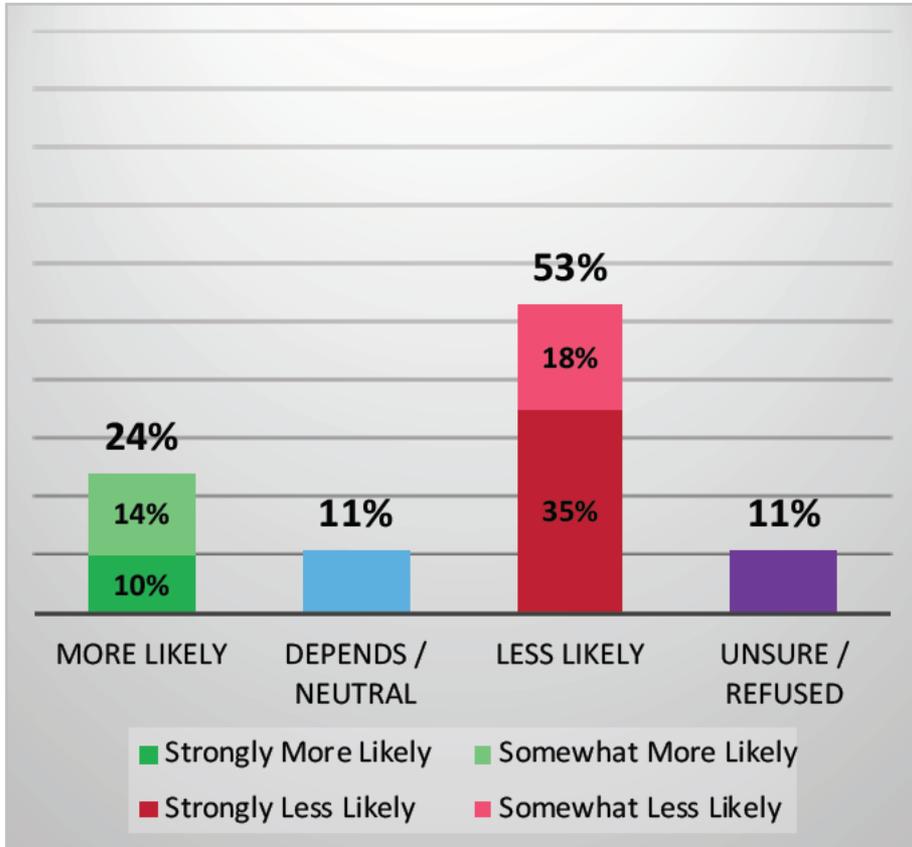
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Democrat (33%)	36%	20%	32%
Conservative (37%)	28%	10%	54%
Moderate (38%)	31%	19%	39%
Liberal (25%)	34%	20%	34%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	29%	10%	55%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	27%	5%	65%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	33%	17%	46%
Q28 Opp. Movers (26%)	26%	14%	56%

# Blind-Trust Voting – likely because a ballot must be handed off to others to be given to election officials



Demographics	More Likely	Neutral	Less Likely
Republican (32%)	23%	8%	60%
Independent (35%)	24%	18%	47%
Democrat (33%)	29%	16%	42%
Conservative (37%)	24%	8%	58%
Moderate (38%)	24%	15%	49%
Liberal (25%)	31%	16%	39%
Q26 Opp. Movers (13%)	21%	8%	65%
Q27 Solidifiers (6%)	25%	4%	68%
Q28 Solidifiers (4%)	19%	4%	71%
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# Malice Ballots – likely because an unintended recipient of a ballot could vote on someone else’s ballot



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# Executive Summary

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# Key Takeaways – National Interest

Interest levels in *election integrity* and *voter fraud* are high nationwide.

- Over three-fourths (80%) of voters surveyed said they were “interested” in election integrity – with 40% of those voters being “very interested”.

Biggest fears nationwide regarding an increase in mail-in voting are people not authorized to vote receiving a ballot.

- Key Terms:
  - Election Integrity
  - Fair Elections
  - Safegaurds

# Key Takeaways - Messaging

Most Persuasive Messages highlight the key differences between ***verified*** absentee ballots, and ***unverified*** mail-in ballots:

- *Absentee voting allows people who are unable or unwilling to attend in-person voting to be verified by the state and able to participate in elections. Vote-by-mail allows people who have not been verified by the state or did not apply for a mail-in ballot to be able to participate in elections.*

When Possible, Use Real-Life Examples

- Using real-life examples of voter fraud, vote tampering, data corruption make people see that an argument is not theoretical.

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## RNLA Weekly Members Webinar

[Briefing with Sidney Powell, Attorney to General Michael Flynn](#)



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Friday, June 26th  
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**Breaking News:** The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia just ordered a lower court to dismiss the case against former National Security Adviser General Michael Flynn.

This Friday, the RNLA will host an insider's briefing with renowned author, Fox News contributor, and attorney to General Michael Flynn, Sidney Powell.

As the court [ruled](#) today (citations removed):

*Whatever the precise scope of Rule 48's "leave of court" requirement, this is plainly not the rare case where further judicial inquiry is warranted. To begin with, Flynn agrees with the government's motion to dismiss, and there has been no allegation that the motion reflects prosecutorial harassment.*

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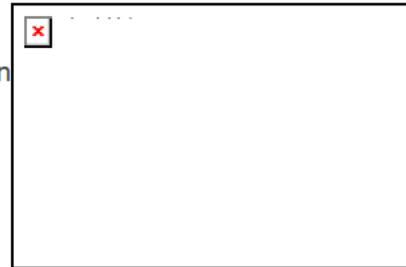
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Former Rep. Ken Ivory in is latest article on federalism.

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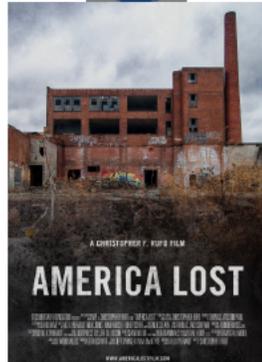


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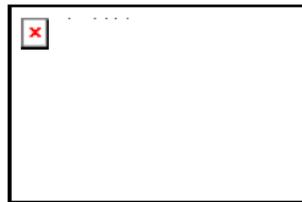
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Dear ALEC members,

The month of August has been anything but slow for Americans. The states are adjusting to the new normal as we await vaccine development, learning how to safely keep businesses open and people safe at work.

The country celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, watched the first-ever virtual Democratic and Republican National Conventions and schools are resuming classes one way or another. And at ALEC, the same rings true. Your ALEC team has been working around the clock to ensure the states are equipped with the right ideas and solutions to continue strong.

From the federal, state and local governments to right here at ALEC, the busy summer has been a true testament to the attitude and spirit from across the states: it's time to get to work, and we're here for you.

The formula for recovery and rebuilding isn't an easy lift. Discussed in [this piece](#) in the *News Watchman*, there are consequential shortcuts and quick fixes that will surely leave our states in greater economic turmoil – like a federal bailout. The correct formula is based on ALEC principles — those the ALEC family advances every day.

We know that a federal bailout might look like a quick fix. But really, a federal bailout stands to punish fiscally sound states and reward the irresponsible ones. That's why over 200 state legislators have [signed the letter](#) opposing a federal bailout of the states, and

governors like South Dakota Governor Noem and Georgia Governor Kemp have signaled that their states do not need additional federal bailout funds. The ALEC family knows that our states deserve stability now more than ever, and that is achieved by state leaders focusing on the tried and true policies that we know work.

In fact, economic outlook and competitiveness are achieved by following the [Rich States, Poor States 13<sup>th</sup> Edition](#) guidebook. You can read more about the new edition of the ALEC report and manipulate data to find your state's potential on the [official website](#), and listen to the *Across the States* special on the report [here](#).

Utah, Wyoming and Idaho lead the states in the new rankings, and those states awarded good economic outlook are already showing signs of quick economic recovery.

But even states like New York have the ability to improve its standing after falling behind for years. President Trump recently [vowed to save New York](#) from economic turmoil and its dead-last ranking in response to the data straight from *Rich States, Poor States*. The 15 policy solutions that will make that happen are outlined in the report itself, and leaders across the states are being called to answer.

Governors and state leaders have a responsibility to their constituents as unique as the state they represent. They have priorities that differ from state to state, and some have better priorities than others. The forthcoming report, [the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom](#), ranks America's governors based on those priorities and will outline the strongest path forward for our state leaders.

Our ALEC family is made up of principled leaders who value individual liberty and free enterprise, and we're in exactly the right position to act and rebuild society stronger. Saying 'no' to federal bailouts and saying 'yes' to sound, fiscally responsible solutions is the way forward. I encourage you all to keep the momentum we've seen in August and continue to find and fight for the solutions we know work. We have work to do, and I know we aren't slowing down.

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On September 7, 2020, we're encouraging everyone to #PausePolitics and #CelebrateAmerica. Participating is easy: take a picture of yourself, your family or friends celebrating America and share it in social media with the hastags #PausePolitics #CelebrateAmerica.



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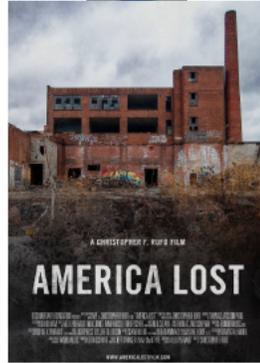


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ALEC Legislative Manager Skip Estes was recently featured in the [Washington Examiner](#) for his latest, "[No amount of money can save the Postal Service.](#)"

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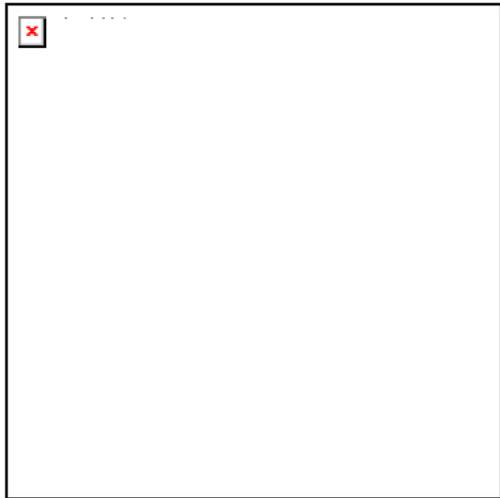
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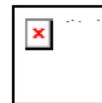
**Athletes and Doping – An**



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**Across the States**

### International Problem

This summer would have seen the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, it is timely to think about the international issues with performance enhancing drugs that are ever-present not only in the Olympics, but any international conference of elite athletes. Senior Director of the Federalism and International Relations Task Force, Karla Jones, weighs in on this and more in her latest "Elite Athletes and Doping – An International Problem with Geopolitical Roots."

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## Virtual Press Conference: Say "NO" a Federal Bailout

A [virtual press conference](#) held this week by the Save Our Country Coalition (SOCC), of which ALEC is a member. The discussion lays out why states don't need a federal bailout, and it was featured on [Fox Business](#). Event speakers included ALEC members Missouri State Rep. Justin Hill and Utah Sen.



Stuart Adams, Indiana Sen. Mike Braun, Florida Sen. Rick Scott, Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, Steve Moore, FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon, and Tea Party Patriots co-founder Jenny Beth Martin.

SOCC aims to educate and inform elected officials and policymakers at all levels of government in an effort to bring about a quick, safe and responsible reopening of US society. Since the first stimulus package, hundreds of state legislators who pass balanced budgets every year have come out [against a federal bailout of the states](#).

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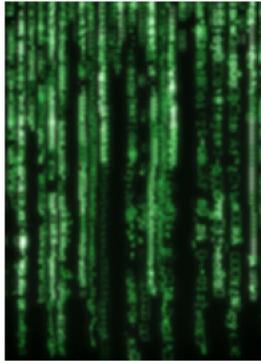
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**Considerations for Policymakers as States Launch Contact Tracing Apps**

States are releasing contact tracing apps for smart phones: programs for smartphones that allow the users and anyone with access to the data, to keep track of people with whom they come into prolonged contact. Policymakers, citizens, and others need to understand how the apps work, who has access to the data, and keep in mind the government's tendency to move goalposts relating to "temporary" programs.

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## **Briefing on the U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Battle**

Special RNLA Member's Webinar



**Friday, September 25**

2:00 p.m. ET

*Join RNLA for the latest news on the upcoming Supreme Court confirmation fight from a panel of experts . The experts will discuss the nominee or possible nominees and their backgrounds. We will also take a look at the history of Supreme Court confirmations.*

Virtual Zoom Webinar

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## **RNLA 2020 Election Events**

It's time to prepare for the 2020 election. As a lawyer or law student, your engagement is crucial to upholding election integrity and fighting any efforts that threaten it.

Many of our upcoming events include CLE trainings and receptions which provide a great opportunity to network with fellow influential lawyers and state and national leaders.

***Remember to join the Lawyers for Trump Coalition!***

*Sign up at [lawyers.donaldjtrump.com](http://lawyers.donaldjtrump.com)*

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## **North Carolina CLE Training & Reception**

Raleigh, NC



**Tuesday, September 22**

6:00 p.m.

NC Republican Party Headquarters

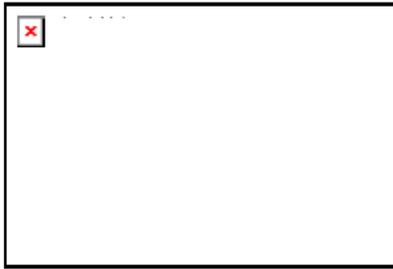
*Join the Trump campaign for an hour of election law training followed by a happy hour reception with special VIP guests.*

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## **Law School Student Briefing with RNC**

on Election Litigation & Election Integrity with Florida Focus



**Thursday, September 24**

Zoom Webinar

12:00 p.m. ET

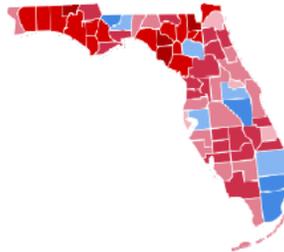
*Calling all Republican Law School Students! Join the RNLA for a special briefing on RNC litigation battles across the country and Florida Election Day Operations.*

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## **Florida CLE Election Law Training**

Zoom: 2 Hours of CLE Credit



**Tuesday, September 29**

4:00 p.m. ET

*Featuring special appearances by officials with President Trump's Campaign and renowned legal minds from around the state*

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**Virginia CLE Election Law Training  
with North Carolina Focus for Deployment**



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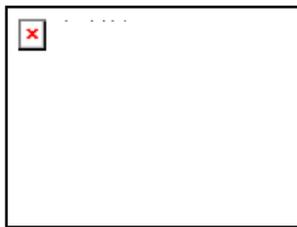
Zoom CLE Class

*Calling on lawyers in the DC Area who want to help in Virginia or are willing to deploy for the election. Featuring special appearances by officials with President Trump's Campaign and renowned legal minds.*

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**Michigan Reception with John James  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate**



**Wednesday, September 30**

5:30 p.m.

Detroit Metro Area

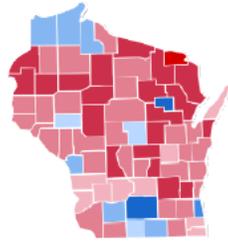
*Join us for a very special reception with John James, Republican Nominee for US Senate.*

[MI Reception: RSVP](#)

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**Wisconsin CLE Training & Reception**

Course in Milwaukee: 1.5 Hours of CLE Credit



**Thursday, October 1**

5:30 p.m. CDT

Michael Best Law Firm

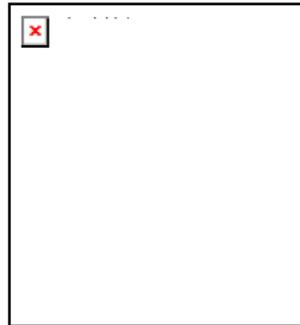
*Featuring special appearances by officials with President Trump's Campaign and renowned legal minds from around the state. Cocktail reception to follow.*

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## **Michigan Election Law Training**

Virtual Zoom Webinar



**Tuesday, October 6**

4:00 p.m. ET

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## **New York CLE Election Law Training with Pennsylvania Focus for Deployment**

## Virtual Zoom Class



**Wednesday, October 7**

5:00pm

Zoom CLE

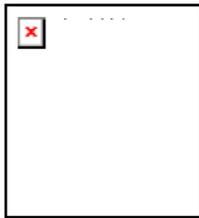
*Calling on lawyers in New York area who want to help in New York or are willing to deploy in key states for the election. The RNLA will host a New York and Pennsylvania CLE Zoom to train attendees in election law.*

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## **Georgia CLE Election Law Training**

Zoom: 1 Hour of CLE Credit



**Wednesday, October 7**

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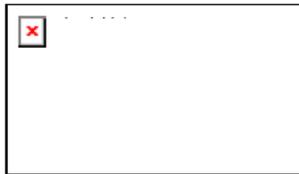
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## **Pennsylvania CLE Election Law Training**

Zoom: 1 Hour of CLE Credit



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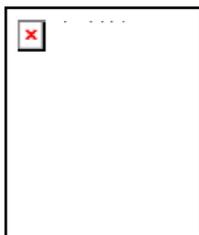
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## **Arizona CLE Election Law Training**

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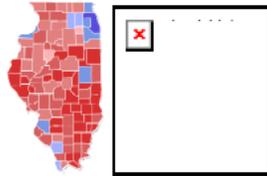
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## **Illinois CLE Election Law Training**

**with Wisconsin Focus for Deployment**

Zoom: 1.5 Hours of CLE Credit



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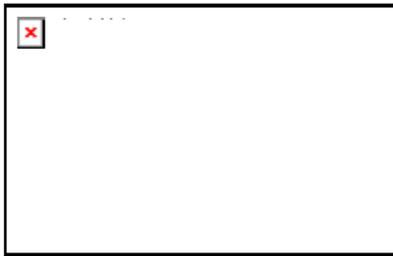
*Calling on lawyers in Illinois who are willing to volunteer in-state or deploy for the election. Featuring special appearances by officials with President Trump's Campaign and renowned legal minds from around the state.*

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## **Deploy for the 2020 Election**

Are you willing to travel to another state?



[Lawyer Deployment Team: Register Here](#)

*The RNLA is helping to identify great lawyers who can assist in targeted states for the Trump Campaign and other competitive races. Help is needed in the days leading up to and following Election Day in case of a recount.*

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Who is at the RNC who works on Election Fraud? If a voter sees suspicious election activity how do they report it? Who investigates it?

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## Jonathan Williams in Issues and Insights

ALEC Executive VP of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams was recently featured in Issues and Insights for his latest, "States Push For Bailouts While CARES Act Funds Go Unspent, IG Report Finds."

"While some state reportedly have allocated additional portions of the CRF (Coronavirus Relief Fund) support but have not yet incurred those costs, shockingly, the OIG report highlights that states have, on average, spent less one quarter of their federal CRF funds as of June 30."



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**Shapiro, Rogan, Daily Wire and Others Fleeing California**

Conservative podcast host and political influencer Ben Shapiro announces he and the entire Daily Wire media company will leave California. Shapiro and the Daily Wire are not the only recent, big names to announce they're leaving California. Podcast giant Joe Rogan announced his plan to leave California at the end of July. He wanted "somewhere where you have a little bit more freedom."

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**Watch: National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS) On Flu Vaccinations amid the Pandemic**

This fall, the nation faces the dual threat of



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CEO Update  
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Friends,

On September 17 – Constitution Day – I had the opportunity to attend the announcement of the 1776 Commission on American history education in our schools. The speakers and panelists made an impression on me, and today I want to share my experience with you.

As I sat at the National Archives with our founding documents in full view, I was reminded of what an amazing country we live in. And like you, I'm concerned for our children and young adults who may have misguided views about the future of our country because they haven't been taught about our Constitution, our first principles and the laws and documents that protect them. As a free thinking society with a great history, we've had many successes. And I hope that at this young phase in our American history, we can withstand the pressures that have befallen other great democracies.

Do we have an education system that is teaching our history—both the good and the bad—to highlight and strengthen people's trust, respect and love for our country?

We should.

While sitting in The Rotunda for the Charters of Freedom at the National Archives, scholars spoke of the need for American history education. You see, the first line of our shared charter of freedom – the Constitution – highlights the pursuit of a *more perfect union*. Those three words mean a great deal. They mean our experiment is unending and

always in pursuit of better state of being. The words acknowledge the fallibility of our human existence, but highlight our perpetual desire for betterment.

“States are the laboratories of democracy,” said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis. That’s because each state is unique, from its date of official statehood to the types of jobs its industries now provide. States’ views are equally unique, and often oppose one another. This is good. It means the laboratory is open and the experiment continues. It means eventually, the better idea will win the day – maybe not tomorrow, maybe not for another decade. That is part and parcel of our existence. With the understanding that our nation is an experiment, we are always engaged in a process of elimination where we methodically and philosophically reach the appropriate conclusion.

That begins by teaching American history accurately, fully and completely. It gives us the context of our past, which is an illustration of the relentless pursuit of a more perfect union. It’s in our principles to strive for perfection with the understanding that we may never attain it, and that’s okay. It fuels us to always be better, work harder and strive for more. It’s in that nature the term, “American Dream” was coined.

In 1776, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that we hold the right to pursue Life, Liberty and Happiness. That pursuit is what defines us, and it tells the rest of the world we are never done trying. The good and the bad that exists on our great American timeline is what makes up our shared identity – it is what unites us.

Today, I hope we have not lost sight of our ongoing pursuit. We need it to bridge our challenges and divides to come. And to ensure our children – and the generations that follow – cherish the inheritance of our shared American identity, we need to ensure that we teach them our history in full.

ALEC is committed to support the 1776 Commission and be the state-based policy foundation to reestablish education that promotes the importance of our first principles, and the laws that protect them today. I encourage you to watch last week’s panel, which discusses the current state of American history education. And I ask you to join us as we build out an education project focused solely on ensuring that we teach American History in our schools.

Your friend,



Lisa B. Nelson

Chief Executive Officer  
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**Friday, October 16**

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**John Malcolm**

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and

**Gregg Nunziata**

Former Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee & Commentator on Judicial  
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Moderated by

**Heather Heidelbaugh**

Republican Nominee for Pennsylvania Attorney General and RNLA Board of  
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**RNLA Submits Women's Leadership Letter**

In Support Of The Supreme Court Nomination Of Amy Coney Barrett

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Op-Ed by RNLA Vice Chair Joanne Young: **[Anti-Women Attacks on Judge  
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## Day 2: Judge Barrett Hits Home Run, Dems Strikeout

### Day 1 Of ACB Hearings, Democrats Try To Make It A Democrat Primary Forum On Healthcare

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CEO Update  
October 2020

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Dear ALEC family,

In just over 72 hours, Americans across the 50 states will go to the polls to determine the course of our country. In few previous elections have there been such stark differences between the policy proposals of the presidential candidates. But even as everyone's attention is focused on who will be the resident of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, we know the real action is in the states. The state legislators elected next Tuesday will be at the vanguard of public policy, creating innovative solutions that ensure a healthy economy, increase individual financial security and reduce dependence on government. From increased focus on public-private partnerships reducing the cost of government to 5G deployment increasing access to lifelong learning and career development, state and local decision makers lead the way on what really matters to the American people.

ALEC members alone represent more than 60 million people and 30 million American jobs. And what the millions of American voters have demonstrated during this election cycle is the growing confidence and trust they have in their state and local decisionmakers – much greater than the overall confidence in our federal government – to help people live the good life.

States are the laboratories of democracy, and they are where government is free to experiment and identify the tried-and-true solutions that meet the needs of the unique needs of individuals. It's exactly why the federal government took a decentralized approach to addressing pandemic response. It is also why ALEC prioritizes leadership guided by the

principles of individual liberty and free enterprise.

No matter the outcome on Tuesday night, our ALEC network will be hard at work to continue finding the solutions that Americans need most. It's what we do throughout the year and at our meetings. At the upcoming States and Nation Policy Summit, legislators will gather to chart a course for the 2021 session and the next four years. At the upcoming States and Nation Policy Summit, legislators will gather to chart a course for the 2021 session, the next four years and we'll consider dozens of model policy.

The truth is, we will always have a job to do when it comes to state policy. Promoting excellence and choice in our nation's education system, ensuring patient-centered health care and advancing policy that keeps American workers in control of their careers. Regardless of the election outcome, these will be priority issues for ALEC now and in the future.

Even with last week's release, [the 2020 Laffer-ALEC report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors](#), ALEC provided everyday Americans with an objective analysis of state executives, their policy leadership and pandemic response. The report revealed that states like Nebraska, which has the [lowest unemployment rate of any state](#) at 4%, worked hard to keep businesses safely open throughout the pandemic and it is now experiencing a strong comeback. States that enacted overly stringent lockdowns have fallen even further behind in economic competitiveness.

2020 has been a year for the history books. If it could happen it did happen. The many challenges we've all experienced together were difficult to address, but they also set the stage for incredible innovations in policy development including education, service delivery and health-related safety measures. At this moment, the consequences of failure are too great. For all the challenges of 2020, the session to come in 2021 will be one for the states to lead. We have the people's trust and the community connections to advance policies that ensure every man, woman and child can go to bed feeling secure. It's time to rev up our engines because the states will *always* have work to do. ALEC, as always, will be your ally to drive the discussion.

Your friend,



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**Upcoming Meetings:**

2020 States & Nation Policy Summit – December 2-4, 2020 – Washington, DC

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**From:** Sarah Wall <(b) (6)>  
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**To:** Michael Bowman <(b) (6)>  
**Subject:** Register Today for the SNPS Process Working Group!

Dear ALEC Process Working Group Member,

With an unprecedented election season behind us, some of you are still counting the votes and certifying the results in what's sure to be a drawn-out season. If you feel anything needs to happen differently in the next elections, it's time to start breaking down this year's processes, and what you feel must change in your state law in the future. Here's what you can do today:

1. **Register** for the all-virtual ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit! You can [register](#) for the SNPS meeting using [this link](#).
2. **Mark your calendars:** The **Process Working Group**, where we'll discuss the process issues related to the election, will be held virtually on the first day of the SNPS meeting, on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 2:00 PM to 4:45 PM. Once you've registered me, email me (b) (6) to confirm your attendance in the Process Working Group.
3. **Answer the questionnaire** attached. Your answers will guide the agenda, speakers, and panels for the SNPS Process Working Group. Please complete as much of it as you can, and return to me or ALEC Action President Michael Bowman, CC'd, by next Friday, November 20.

If you have any questions about the SNPS Process Working Group, please don't hesitate to call or email me (b) (6) or Michael Bowman (b) (6). We look forward to learning what you saw during this complicated election season, and how we can assist you, now and in the future!

Thanks,

Sarah Wall

Special Projects Coordinator

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# 2020 Post State Election Questionnaire

Insert State: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Survey Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 20, 2020\***

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**Join the discussion at the Post State Election Roundtable**

**2 PM to 4:45 PM (Eastern Time), Wednesday, December 2, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting at ALEC's State & Nation Summit**

\*Return to Michael Bowman (b) (6) (b) (6)

Sarah Wal (b) (6) (b) (6)

**(Instructions: If you do not know the answer, just skip the question.)**

1. In your state, how did the 2020 general election compare to the general election in 2016? Did you feel it was run as smoothly, more smoothly, or less smoothly, and why?

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2. What, if anything, was different in this election compared to other previous elections?

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3. How many mail-in ballots were cast in your state compared to 2016?

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4. How many mail-in ballots were rejected in your state? What were the reasons for rejection?

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5. During the election period, did you feel confident knowing who to contact if you had a concern about the conduct of the election?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unsure

6. Did you see/hear about influence from outside groups or ballot harvesters in your state?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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7. Does your state have laws to prevent ballot harvesting from third parties (e.g., ballots delivered by non-family members)?
- a. Yes, we did before COVID-19, and we still do
  - b. Yes, we did not have ballot harvesting laws before COVID-19, but we now do
  - c. No, we had laws against ballot harvesting before COVID-19, but the rules were eliminated/changed during the pandemic
  - d. No, we have never had laws preventing ballot harvesting
  - e. Other / Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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8. Did mail-in ballots/absentee voting create a partisan advantage in your state?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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9. Were military ballots handled correctly in your state?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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- 10.** Did you see any groups being targeted for ballot harvesting or illegal election activity, such as the elderly, the disabled, or non-English speakers?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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- 11.** What measures did your state take to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at the polls?

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- 12.** What were the most significant threats that your state faced in administering the election?

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- 13.** Did your state face election threats from foreign governments via computer security or other means?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

Please explain / elaborate:

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- 14.** Did non-profit organizations provide targeted manpower or grants for workers in any election offices in your state?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Unsure

If yes, where was the money given and how much was given? What was done with the funds? Please explain / elaborate:

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**15.** What rules, practices, and/or deadlines were changed by the legislature, governor and secretary of state that were different from previous elections?

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**16.** What rules, practices, and/or deadlines were changed by the courts that were different from previous elections?

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**17.** On election administration, what needs to be fixed, improved, or changed in your state?

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**18.** What advice would you pass on to legislators in other states?

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States and Nation Policy Summit

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## Registration Deadline on Wednesday Nov. 25

Time is running out and you won't want to miss the programming that we have slated for you at the ALEC [Virtual States and Nation Policy Summit](#), register by the deadline to ensure you'll get the most out of your meeting experience.



**Sneak Peek at Thursday Morning's General Session**  
*Thursday, December 3rd @ 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM ET*

The actions the aviation industry takes now will determine how strong it will be when the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us. This panel will examine, from both the government and industry perspectives, what will be needed to restore consumer confidence in air travel and return jobs to ensure the country can make a full economic recovery.



**Next Wednesday, November 25th is the last day to register to participate in your subcommittee meeting.** Join us December 2-4 for a summit full of issues that matter to you.



**Training: Digital Tools for State Legislative Campaigns**  
*Thursday, December 3rd @ 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM ET*



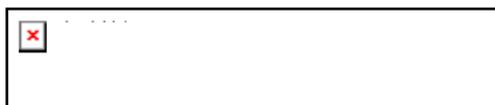
Digital should and can be a huge portion of your campaign, but it's important to remember that you aren't Donald Trump. You have to build a digital machine in ways beyond just tweeting or making Facebook posts. Through digital, we can build a base of supporters to help spread a grassroots message online, drive online donations and expand your reach so that as a more cash-strapped down-ballot candidate you can compete for the voters' attention effectively. Similarly, peer-to-peer texts, robocalls and ringless voicemails are effective supplemental forms of voter contact we have seen in 2020 as door knocking was out of the question for a good part of the campaign cycle.



**Check Out the Virtual Platform**



We are excited to announce that the 2020 Virtual States & Nation Policy Summit will be hosted via **Pathable**. Pathable is an award-winning conference app platform that creates an online event experience that combines webinars and networking. Attendees will have the opportunity to **attend live sessions, interact with speakers, visit the virtual exhibit hall and network directly with one another over video and message**. Next week, registered attendees will receive an email from Pathable and will be prompted to create a password and complete their profile. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Gwen Hodge](#). We look forward to seeing you all online!





## Health and Human Services Policy Preview

The Health and Human Services Task Force is considering a **Resolution in Support of Telehealth Modernization Principles** at the Virtual States & Nation Policy Summit. Make sure to join the Health and Human Services Task Force meeting to learn more about this exciting topic!

This resolution would allow health care providers to practice the full extent of their professional training through telehealth. Currently, laws and regulations do not support telehealth services, hindering healthcare workers from helping their patients amid this pandemic. This resolution would incentivize laws and regulations that promote telehealth innovation and facilitate telehealth service reimbursement.

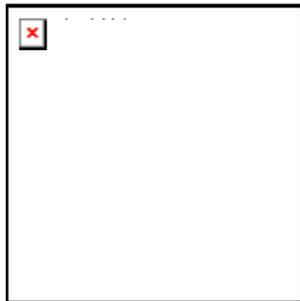


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Dear ALEC Family,

2020 has been a year to remember, with challenges and triumphs in each passing day. In such a memorable year it is easy to give thanks. It is my hope that each of these challenges brought with them an opportunity for you innovate, find solutions and even to unite – together.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the steadfast support of our ALEC family – our dedicated and enthusiastic legislative members, innovative private sector partners that came together to meet societal needs this year, and generous donors that make our work and collaboration possible.

I'm thankful for all you've done this year and for what you will do to create opportunity in 2021. Because of you, our upcoming 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit is set to be one of our most impactful meetings yet.

I find myself thankful for the free-market innovations and partnerships which make the fantastical feats of modern life possible. Most of all, I find myself thankful for a nation that fosters and defends liberty, with limitless opportunity for her citizens.

From us to you, happy Thanksgiving.



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## Welcome to the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit

Tomorrow morning officially kicks off the 2020 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit. We're so excited to share all of the engaging content we have planned for you, and can't wait to see you all online. Let ALEC be your guide through the issues that matter to you in 2021 and beyond.

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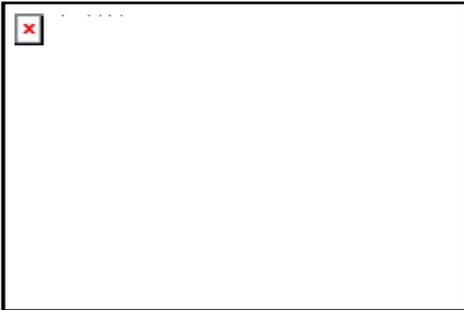
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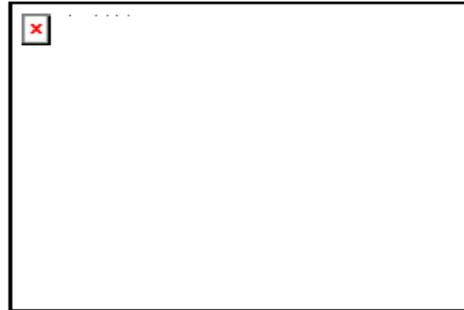
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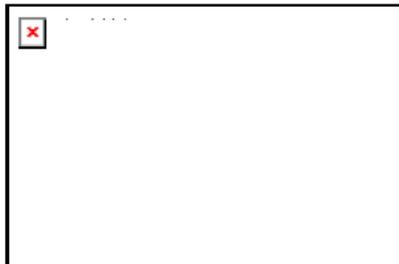
[New Education Polling Data w/ EdChoice](#)

Paul DiPerna will give a demonstration on how to use EdChoice's new Public Opinion Tracker dashboards and downloadable reports.



### [Reducing Red Tape: Lessons Learned from Successful State Strategies](#)

This virtual workshop features state and federal champions on successful strategies to cut red tape, reform the regulatory process, and permanently remove barriers to economic recovery.



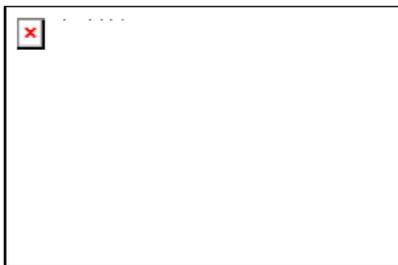
### [AB5/ABC/Prop-22...What's Happening, What's Next and What you Need to Know in the States and DC](#)

With the passage of AB5, the Golden State sent shockwaves through the business community. What does that mean for everyone, not in the gig-economy? What are other states doing? What about the new administration? Answer these questions and more in this session.



### [Post-Election Panel: The Future of Energy and Environmental Policy](#)

Following the results of the 2020 election, energy and environmental policy are at the forefront of the policy discussion in the US and all across the world. This panel will feature speakers with expert knowledge, each with slightly differing perspectives. Each speaker will offer their take on what to expect in the years to come, including their thoughts on how this election will effect the future of energy moving forward.



### [Growing Momentum for Personalize Health Care: Health Care Choices 2020](#)

The American people deserve to be in control of their health care without asking Washington politicians or health insurance bureaucrats for permission. Join the Health Policy Consensus Group for a conversation about a

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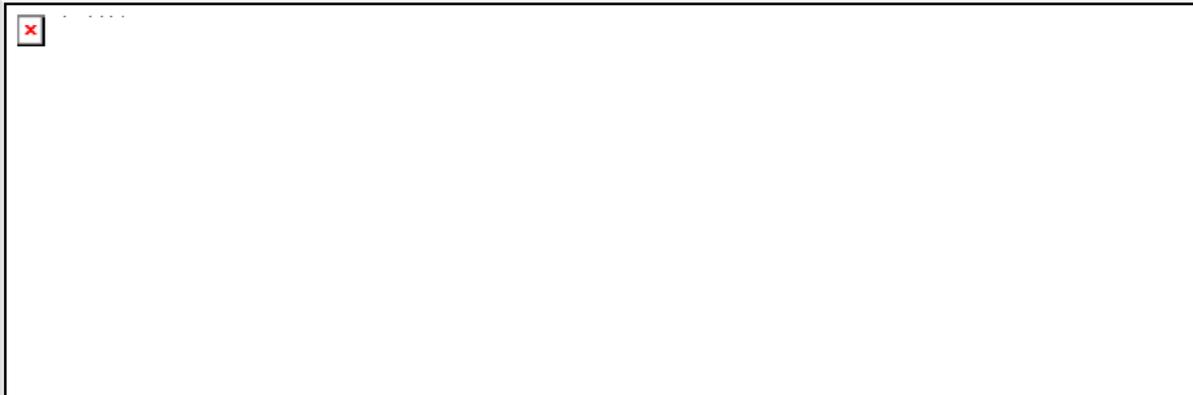
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## You're Invited: The 2020 Thomas Jefferson Awards Ceremony

Join us for the Jefferson Awards Ceremony on **Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30PM – 6:30PM (EST)** where we will be awarding outstanding individuals in the ALEC network. We will be honoring ALEC's Volunteer of the Year, State Chair of the Year, Legislator of the Year and the National Chairman as well as commending those who have fought tirelessly to defend democracy and federalism.

### Celebrate the Dedication and Impact of:

*2020 Volunteer of the Year Award – Emily Rice (AZ)*

*2020 Private Sector State Chair of the Year Award – David Picard (WY)*

*2020 Public Sector State Chair of the Year Award – Representative Arnold G. Mooney II (AL)*

*2020 National Chairman of the Year Award – Speaker Philip Gunn (MS)*

*2020 State Government Affairs Council Leadership Award – Speaker Philip Gunn (MS)*

*2020 Public Sector State Chair of the Year Award – Senator James B. Stalzer (SD)*

*2020 Legislator of the Year Award – Senator Kirk A. Cullimore (UT)*

*2020 Legislator of the Year Award – Representative Cris E. Dush (PA)*

*2020 In Defense of Democracy Award – Michigan Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield and  
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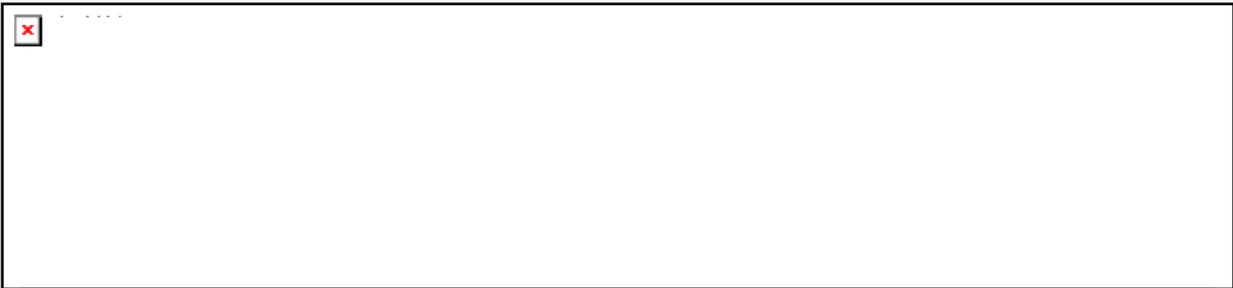
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## More to Come at the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit

After a solid start to the meeting, we have even more exciting content for you tomorrow. Check out everything available to you in the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit below and stay tuned in to make sure you don't miss a beat.

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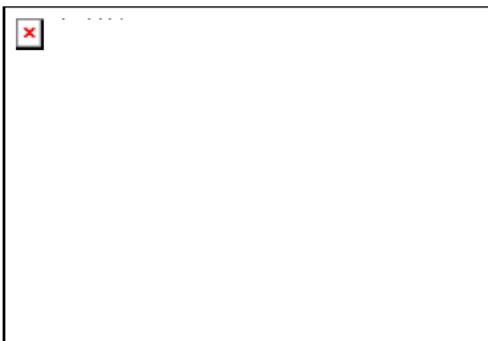


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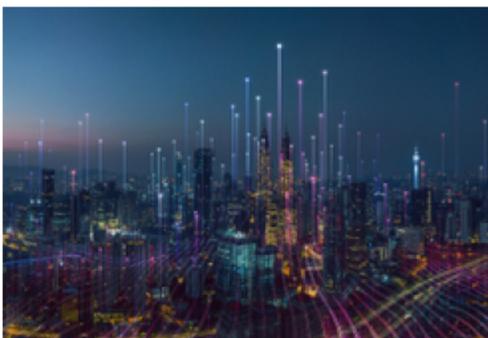
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## More to Come at the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit

After a solid start to the meeting, we have even more exciting content for you tomorrow. Check out everything available to you in the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit below and stay tuned in to make sure you don't miss a beat.

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## Trainings and Workshops



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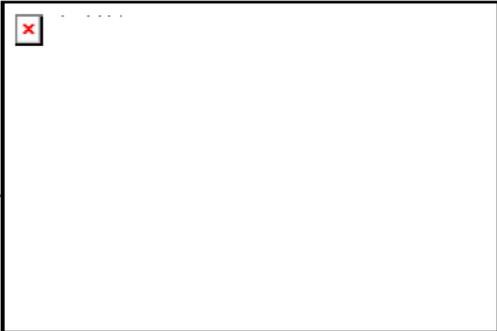
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## The 2020 Thomas Jefferson Awards Ceremony

Join us for the Jefferson Awards Ceremony on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30PM – 6:30PM (EST) where we will be awarding outstanding individuals in the ALEC network. We will be honoring ALEC’s Volunteer of the Year, State Chair of the Year, Legislator of the Year and the National Chairman as well as commending those who have fought tirelessly to defend democracy and federalism.



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## Watch the Thursday Morning General Session

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## Final Day of the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit

With day two under our belt, we're ready to round out the meeting with a final day filled with amazing speakers, informative workshops and robust task force meetings.

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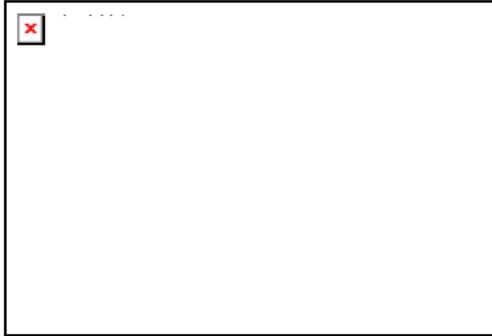
## General Sessions



[Get the latest updates from Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar on COVID-19 vaccine approval](#)



[Hear from Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf on national security during the pandemic](#)



[Join FCC Chairman Ajit Pai as he discusses technology and communications innovation during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

[Tune in to hear Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on policies that make our workforce strong and resilient in times of crisis](#)



[Find out what to expect in 2021 from our newly elected ALEC Alumni: Representative-elect Nancy Mace, Representative-elect Victoria Spartz and Representative-elect Yvette Herrell](#)

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## 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit in Review

Thank you for joining us for the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit. As we look back over all of the impactful sessions and insightful workshops, just remember that it doesn't stop here. We're looking forward to seeing you at the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City from July 28 – 30, 2021. In the meantime, enjoy the video resources here and soon to be in [ALEC Connect](#).

[Check out the Full Meeting Playlist Here](#)

Thank you again for being a part of the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit. As we work to make each event better than the last, please be sure to complete the event survey sent to your registration email.

### General Sessions in Review

Miss a general session? Catch all the speakers and their discussions here.



[Panel: Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, Donna Arduin and TX Gov. Greg Abbot on Laffer-ALEC Governor's Report](#)



[PHRMA's Lori M. Reilly on Private Sector Innovations to Combat COVID-19](#)



[Center For American Liberty Receives the Gregor G. Peterson Prize in Venture Philanthropy](#)



[Panel: Return to Flight, Safety and Consumer Confidence with Collins Aerospace and Raytheon Technologies](#)



[Hear from New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu on Business Friendly Policy, and Innovation Friendly Governing](#)



[Panel Discussion on Technology and Anti-Trust with Bartlett Cleland, Steve Houck, Carl Szabo and Former Representative Comstock \(VA\)](#)



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## Workshops and Trainings Now Available

With such a packed program it was easy to miss some of the insightful workshops and informative trainings during the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit. We've got you covered – **video recordings of every workshop and training are now available for on-demand viewing.** Be sure to check them out below, at [ALEC.org](https://ALEC.org), or at [ALEC Connect](#).

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## Workshops



[New Education Polling Data with EdChoice](#)



[Reducing Red Tape: Lessons Learned from Successful State Strategies](#)



[AB5/ABC/Prop-22... What's Happening, What's Next and What you Need to Know in the States and DC?](#)



[Growing Momentum for Personalized Health Care: Health Care Choices 2020](#)



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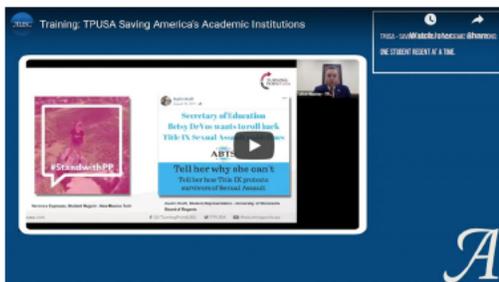


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CEO Update: Bring Your ALEC Meeting Resources into 2021

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Friends,

For years, ALEC has been friend and partner to help state legislators, industry and nonprofit leaders meet the needs of the states and their people. In 2020 we stepped up, like many others, to assume a leadership role in providing guidance and a path forward for legislative leaders in the states. As the leading convener of state legislators and creator of sound public policy models, 2020 was a time to answer the call and provided the needed resources that brought great minds together to plan for a safe reopen of society in states across the nation.

In the unprecedented months to follow, states worked hard to protect individual liberty and free enterprise. Sequentially, our educational resources, virtual networking opportunities and large numbers of tried-and-true model policies brought a new sense of meaning and importance to the crucial decision making that took place this year.

In November, Americans voted against big government and supported local control and free market legislators.

In 2021, ALEC has a mandate in the states. Your ALEC team is prepared to provide you with resources, networking opportunities and act as your ally to meet the new needs of our states in the year to come. Next year, Americans will face decisions in COVID-19 vaccine deployment plans, balanced state budgets and returning students to the classroom.

And last week, hundreds of you attended our virtual 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit. It was a busy week with discussions pointed toward 2021 priorities and issues. From top government officials, like [Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia](#), [acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf](#) and [Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai](#), to our most close-to-home leaders in the American City County Exchange ([ACCE](#)), everyone was focused on

highlighting the amazing innovations across the states in 2020, and the innovation that is still to come.

We learned of the [return-to-flight initiative](#), which makes air travel as predictable and safe as ever. And closer to the earth, we learned about the innovation happening in plastics recycling. Attendees also heard from [Laffer-ALEC 5-star Governors Greg Abbott and Chris Sununu](#), two of the fourteen ALEC Alumni [newly elected to Congress](#) and various policy experts to get us up-to-date and informed on what to expect from all levels of government in 2021.

But above all else, the ALEC educational opportunities with speakers of all backgrounds and expertise confirmed what we already know: the action should be and will be in the states.

We've created [a playlist](#) of the ALEC general sessions, workshops and trainings so you may have unlimited access to our resources. Use them to continue the conversation and the fight to protect our freedoms. I encourage you to share this with your fellow state leaders – whether they be elected officials or their partners. We are all leaders in our states, protecting our closely valued principles of limited government, free markets and federalism.

And there is still more to look forward to. Finalized model policy will be available at [ALEC.org](#) by the end of the month, and we will remain in close contact with new networking and educational opportunities in the new year.

Thank you for your commitment to the American Legislative Exchange Council. And from our family to yours, have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Your friend,



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# This Year At ALEC



## A Year Full of Policy Resources

Chart your course for 2021 with the best ALEC resources, publications and model policies from 2020. New data from publications, like the Laffer-ALEC Governor Report and Rich States Poor States, exclusive calls with top government officials and prescribed policy solutions for COVID-19 showcase the ideas and innovation of the year. Even after the close of the 2020 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit, the resources are still at your fingertips.

We look forward to more shared success with you, our friends and network in 2021. For now, let's review the best ALEC resources available to use and share today.

**47th Annual Meeting Model Policy**

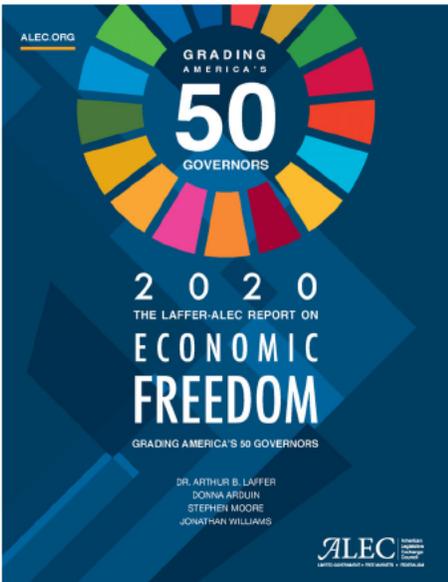
**2020 States and Nation Policy Summit Draft Model Policy**



## The Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors

This year saw the release of *the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors*, authored by Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, Stephen Moore, Donna Arduin and ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams. This one-of-a-kind report individually ranks America's 50 governors on six equally-weighted criteria, with proven economic impact. Check out the latest research found in this report, and the multitude of tools we have available to best use this information in your home state.

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### Spotlight: Members in the Media



In 2020, a number of ALEC legislators appeared in nationwide outlets defending free market and pro-liberty principles. Contact [AJarrett@alec.org](mailto:AJarrett@alec.org) to learn more about the Editorial Program.

### Recent Op-Eds from ALEC Members:

- NJ Assembly Member, Serena DiMaso: [New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy's abysmal ranking in economic leadership is no big surprise](#)
- MS Senator, Joel Carter: [How rural broadband improved in Mississippi](#)
- OH Representative, Jena Powell: [Ohio students are hurting and It's time for them to return to the classroom](#)
- WY Representative, Dan Laursen: [Wyoming leaders must oppose a federal bailout of the states](#)

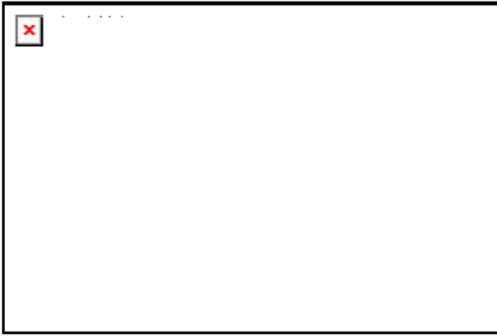


**Policy Prescriptions to Address Economic and Health Care**



**Op-Ed: States should say 'no thanks' to a federal bailout**

## Challenges in the Face of COVID-19

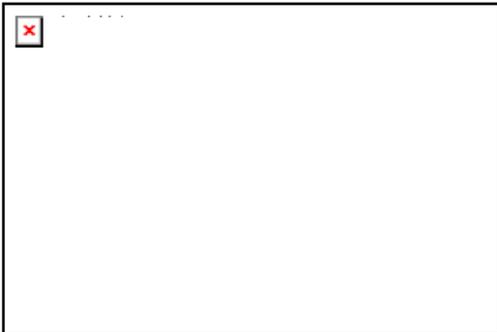


In order to provide the most effective policy solutions that empower states and localities – and more importantly, job creators, civic institutions and individuals – ALEC turns to you; state elected officials, members of the private sector, researchers at think tanks and concerned taxpayers for your ideas that will bring timely guidance to leaders in Washington and the 50 state capitals.

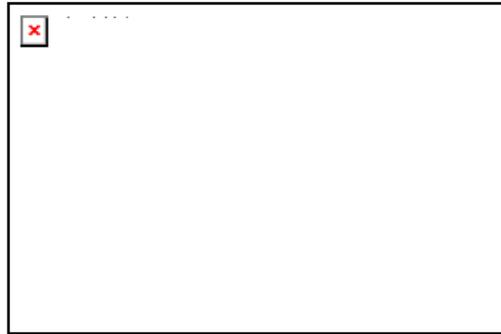
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### Op-Ed: A Way Forward for State Budgets after COVID-19



Most states close their books for fiscal year 2020 this week and continue to look at the uncertainty ahead. Every state but Vermont has some variety of a balanced budget requirement. Some are far more meaningful than others, but at least some thought goes into presenting a plan to balance revenue and expenditures. The COVID-19 pandemic and government-

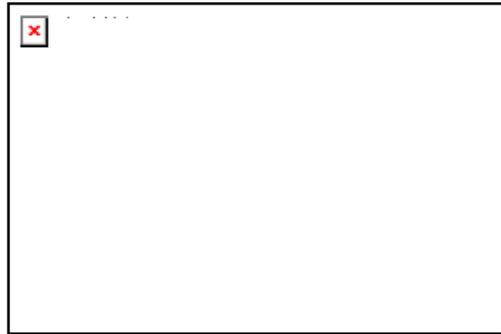


ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and Center for State Fiscal Reform Senior Director Lee Schalk explain why states should think twice before seeking federal funds to fill budget gaps during the pandemic.

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### Op-Ed: U.S. Economy Making a Comeback: Historic Growth



U.S. Department of Commerce released third quarter economic growth figures, and it is great news for Americans that have been struggling due to the pandemic and economic lockdown orders in many states. According to the report, real GDP surged by a record 33.1% in the third quarter of 2020 – the fastest GDP growth ever recorded, post-World War II.

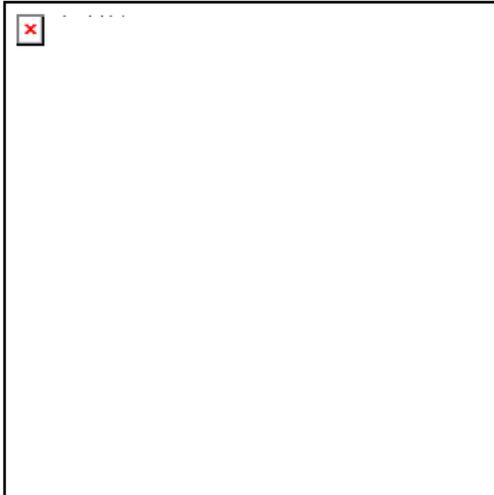
ordered economic shutdowns have created a crisis for many state policymakers – especially in states that did not save for the proverbial “rainy day.”

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**Across the States Podcast**



Check out the most-listened-to episodes of the Top 20 ALEC Across the States Podcast:

[Episode 41: A Deep Dive into Higher Education During COVID-19](#)

[Episode 51: Certificate of Need Laws](#)

[Episode 60: Wildcat PPE: A Story of American Innovation During COVID-19](#)

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Happy Holidays from your ALEC Family! Whether it be from a Zoom screen, a phone call or in person, we wish you all the best as you spend time with loved ones this season. As you hopefully enjoy some well-earned rest and relaxation, know that we are grateful for your efforts to keep this country safe, free and prosperous.

Thank you for being a friend and partner to ALEC as we map the road to 2021, and we look forward to driving the solutions in the states that give back to your communities in the New Year. From us to you, have a safe and blessed holiday season.



Your friend,



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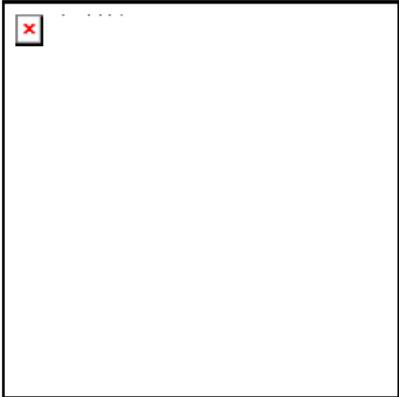
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## Policy Final: 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit Model Policy

The model policy discussed at the 2020 States and Nation Policy Summit is now final. Be sure to check it out at [ALEC.org](http://ALEC.org) as the 2021 legislative sessions get under way.

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## Jonathan Hauenschild on "Big Tech"

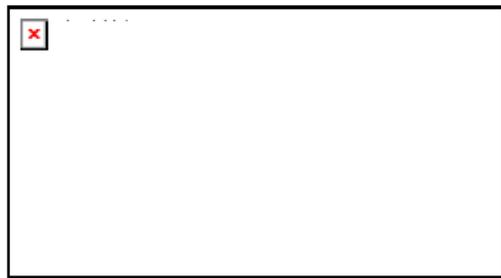


ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jonathon Hauenschild was recently featured in the *Wall Street Journal* and on *Bloomberg* with his latest opinions on the "Big Tech" controversies.

*"Right or wrong, they made a political*



## Skip Estes in *Real Clear Policy*



Tax and Fiscal Policy Associate Director Skip Estes was recently featured in *Real Clear Policy* with his latest, "New Treasury Rule Subsidizes High-Tax States."

*"As long as the SALT deduction is still on*

*decision. [Attention on the tech giants] was there to begin with. Now the spotlight is fully on."*

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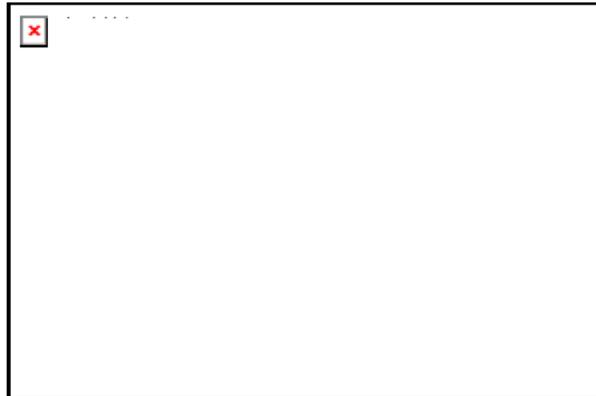
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### Statement on the Events of January 6, 2021

Following the disturbing events at the United States Capitol, ALEC has issued a statement. Coming together as a country in unity of spirit and diversity of opinion is what makes America a world leader. America has been a prospering nation because of our value for respectful discussion of complex ideas, and the invasion we saw yesterday was a rejection of those values.



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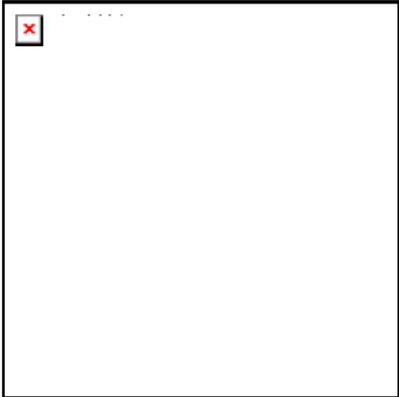
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## The History to the “Section 230”/Government Restriction of Speech on the Internet Debate

Chief Innovation Officer Bartlett Cleland weighs in on the history of Section 230 and government intervention in the digital space.

*“Once again policy makers will need to choose whether they favor growing government with rules that apply online but not on main street, or whether personal responsibility, innovation and, yes, a little chaos will once again be the choice.”*



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Jonathan Williams in the News



EVP and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams was featured this week in Splice



Lisa B. Nelson in the News



Catch ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson in the Greenville Sun.

Today on potential minimum wage repercussion for small businesses.

*"Potentially up to 3.7 million jobs would be erased by raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour, so there are real economic harms and consequences to the very groups that politicians sell the minimum wage to help."*

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Williams was also featured in Forbes for his commentary on West Virginia's plan to join nine other states in eliminating their income tax.

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*"When we empower local control and say "no thanks" to big government, we encourage the innovation and decision making of our state legislators, industry leaders and partners"*

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Nelson was also featured in The Hill for her op-ed, "Look to the states for solutions in 2021."

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### Statement on the Events of January 6, 2021

Following the disturbing events at the United States Capitol, ALEC has issued a statement. Coming together as a country in unity of spirit and diversity of opinion is what makes America a world leader. America has been a prospering nation because of our value for respectful discussion of complex ideas, and the invasion we saw yesterday was a rejection of those values.

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## National School Choice Week

Join ALEC in celebrating National School Choice Week. National School Choice Week reminds us that every child is unique, and parents must have equal access to education choices that best meet their children's needs.

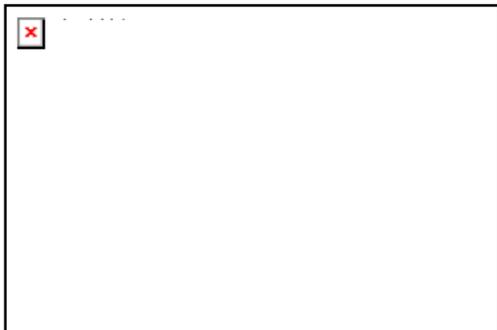
Check out [ALEC.org](http://ALEC.org) for a variety of education resources and materials, including an article and interview by the new Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director, Andrew Handel.



**Read**



## National Forum on Education Equity



## Emergency Crisis Remote Learning is not Virtual Schooling



Everyone, regardless of political persuasion, wants a good education and ample opportunities for their children. How do we get there? Tune in on **February 3 with Stride, Inc.**, a learning company, to join the discussion on how to make the future of education as bright as possible. This free event will be a timely discussion with policymakers, educators, and business leaders on critical topics around racial and education equity in America.

[Learn More](#)

Private Enterprise Advisory Council Chair Don Lee sounds off on the important difference between Virtual Schooling and the crisis remote models that conventional brick and mortar schools have been forced to adopt.

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## Upcoming Events



**48th ALEC Annual Meeting: July 28-30, Salt Lake City, UT**

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## Save the Date

We miss you! Join us in-person in Salt Lake City as we gather together for the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting, July 28 – 30, 2021.

We continue to expand freedom across our states with a focus on ensuring safety, building our communities and strengthening our society for a safer America. Now is the time to define solutions to protect our rights and freedom when faced with adversity and challenges that question our individual liberty. Your state needs innovative policy and there is no better place to explore those policies than the ALEC Annual Meeting. This meeting will include many of the beautiful outdoor spaces Utah has to offer along with space for all to feel comfortable and safe within the venue. For those of you unable to join us in-person, we are working on a solution that will allow you to join us for select sessions online. Join ALEC this July in Salt Lake City.



### Important Dates:

- ▶ Registration will open on March 3, 2021
- ▶ Early-bird registration will end on June 2, 2021
- ▶ Standard rates will begin June 30, 2021
- ▶ On-site rates will begin on July 1, 2021

The 48th ALEC Annual Meeting will take place at The Grand America Hotel. The housing block will open on March 10, 2021 and close on June 30, 2021.

The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to over 1,000 state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.



Contact [Gwen Hodge](#) for details on being an Exhibitor

### **Save the Date!**

Save the date for the ALEC 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit this December 1-3, 2021 in San Diego, CA! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the Summer of 2021.



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CEO Update: The Hill We Climb

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Dear ALEC friends,

A new year brings with it a new administration, as well as an opportunity to reflect on our role as state leaders and advocates. What should our direction be, and how can we collaboratively advance limited government, free markets and federalism in 2021 and beyond? As I look back on the inaugural ceremony, I was deeply moved by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman's poem. Her message was a sincere sentiment for 2021, and I wanted to share with you the thoughts it sparked in my first update of the year.

***"But that doesn't mean we are striving to form a union that is perfect. We are striving to forge a union with purpose..."***

On January 20, 2021, America looked to the TV and watched Amanda Gorman take the podium and capture America's attention with her poem titled "[The Hill We Climb](#)." The youngest inaugural poet in American history, Amanda left her mark as [she spoke](#) of light, hope and unity – not as a benchmark for success, but a never-ending journey of growth for our country.

People everywhere felt her words, and many of us internalized them because of our awareness of deep societal divides stretching over many years and many administrations.

ALEC strives to bring unity to all Americans through our guiding principles, and we've been the leader in nonpartisan state policy for nearly half a century. Today, America is asking for unity. We hope the new administration will fulfill their promises of

nonpartisanship and collaboration –we’ll believe it when we see it. ALEC will continue working tirelessly to ensure our government is held accountable and our policy priorities stay focused on our people.

***“And so we lift our gazes not to what stands between us, but what stands before us.”***

And Americans across the states are eager for solutions after so many unforeseen challenges in 2020. This calls for public policy collaboration across the aisle, working toward the same goal to save lives and livelihoods. The stakes are too high, and what is before us may still be one of the greatest challenges in our country’s recent history. Division will not sew success. Unity—collaboration focused on a common goal—will get the job done for today and for tomorrow. And Amanda Gorman reminds us that building a unified nation with a common cause of action will benefit today’s youth, and the generations to come.

***“We will not be turned around or interrupted by intimidation, because we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation.”***

Not only will our children inherit our world, but they will succeed us as the next leaders – of their communities, states and country. The work we do addresses the issues facing us today, so they don’t have to tomorrow. But what we can’t do for them, we must prepare them to do the job themselves. That is the responsibility of the parent or guardian. And success in this depends on parents’ right to choose the education pathway that best fits their children.

During National School Choice Week, we celebrate the many educational pathways available to parents, and the empowerment to choose their own K-12 options. Whether it be public, private, charter or [online school \(which is different than the crisis remote learning\)](#), every family has the right to decide where their child will benefit, learn, and grow so that someday they may thrive. In fact, Amanda Gorman, the star of last week’s inauguration, is a graduate of New Roads School, a private school in Santa Monica, California.

ALEC has a long history in model policy that helps parents take control of their children’s education. We know that parents are uniquely involved now more than ever before. They’re working at home and seeing firsthand what their children are being taught. At the 2020 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit in December, hundreds of state legislators worked with political messaging expert Frank Luntz on new and effective ways to conduct [messaging on education and opportunity](#).

In March, we'll be working in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Iowa to bring new energy and updates into education policy that are true to our constitution and our country's principles. The job of protecting education choices and balanced civics education is so important now more than ever before.

There is united support for good education and opportunities for children to succeed in school and life. It's something we can all get behind, and we can start now. I encourage you and your colleagues to join the first ever [National Forum on Education Equity](#) with Stride Inc., and also encourage you all to promote your educational convenings and discussions through ALEC.

***“So let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with.”***

At ALEC, we believe those who are drawn to public service and advocacy wish to leave our society better than they found it – and they have the passion and focus to achieve it. The call to make a positive, lasting impact on our country runs strong in our ALEC members.

As we venture into 2021, I hope you all bring unity, hope and growth into everything you do. ALEC is here as your ally to help you find the solutions that meet the needs of all Americans, regardless of party or ideology. We're here with you as America to the light that is before us, and the work that must be done along the way. It's a bright future we want, and it's unity that will accomplish it.

Your friend,



Lisa B. Nelson  
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# This Week At ALEC



## ALEC Policy Hour Webinar

In our first ever **ALEC Policy Hour** webinar, join CEO Lisa Nelson, EVP of Policy Jonathan Williams and Senior Director Lee Schalk on **Friday, February 12 at 2:00 PM EST** for a discussion on emerging policy issues for 2021 and beyond. From worker freedom, pro-growth tax policy and emergency powers reform to civics education, health care modernization and more, find out how states are primed to lead the way on policy this year.



Stay tuned for more ALEC Policy Hours as we take a deeper dive into these key issue areas, happening every other week.

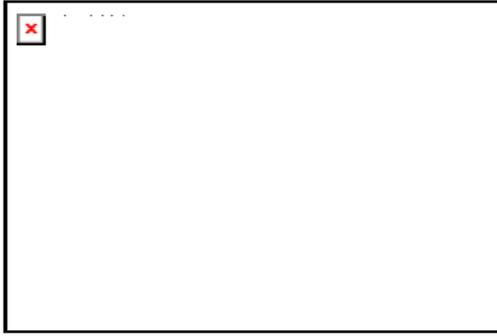
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**Across the States Podcast**



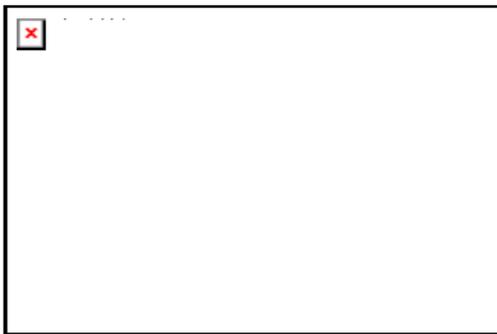
Read the latest from Center to Restore Balance to Government Chairman Rep. Ken Ivory:

"In the late 1980s, most pundits advanced that the cure for American economic and societal woes was to be more like the Japanese. The title of Fallows' book suggests that the real solution to America's challenges was to act 'More Like Us: Making America Great Again.'"

**Read**

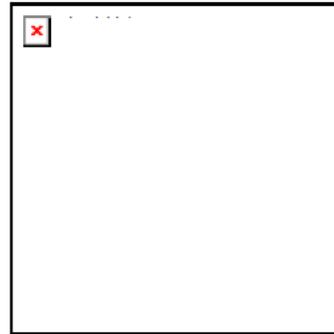


**President Biden and the Affordable Care Act**



Hear from ALEC Senior Director of the Health and Human Services Task Force, Brooklyn Roberts in her latest on the new administration and the Affordable Care Act.

"In his first week as Chief of State, the 46th President has demonstrated his desire to push health care away from the private sector and into the hands of the federal government. This will result in stifled innovation, reduced quality of care, and cost our nation trillions in wasteful



Starting the year off strong, ALEC is excited to share two episodes of Across the States this week. Tune in to make sure you don't miss this top rated podcast on your listening app of choice.

In **Episode 68**, join ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson as she discusses the success Utah demonstrates during COVID-19 with the ALEC 2021 Chairman and January State Legislator of the Month, Utah Senate President Stuart Adams.

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## TOMORROW: ALEC Policy Hour Webinar

**Don't miss out on the ALEC Policy Hour.** Join CEO Lisa Nelson, EVP of Policy Jonathan Williams and Senior Director Lee Schalk **tomorrow, Friday, February 12 at 2:00 PM EST** for a discussion on emerging policy issues for 2021 and beyond including:



- Worker freedom
- Pro-growth tax policy
- Emergency powers reform
- Civics education
- Health care modernization and more.

Find out how states are primed to lead the way on policy this year on Friday in our bi-weekly webinar series.

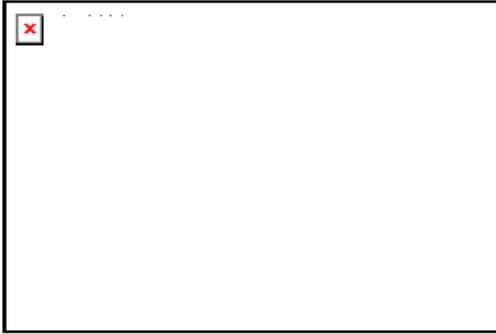
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**States Preempt Cities Almost to the Point of Irrelevance**



**36 Years and Counting: Museveni's Reign Continues in Uganda**



Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jonathon Hauenschild was featured in this week's [Governing](#) piece, "States Preempt Cities Almost to the Point of Irrelevance."

*"One of the things that this pandemic has really demonstrated is how much authority unelected bureaucrats actually possess."*

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Observers from around the world have questioned the integrity of Uganda's recent presidential elections. The US State Department is considering "a range of targeted options" to register their alarm over the erosion of liberal democracy in Uganda, and European Union representatives are "gravely concerned by the continued harassment of political actors and parts of civil society." Read to find out what happened when longtime President Yoweri Museveni faced off against popstar Bobi Wine.

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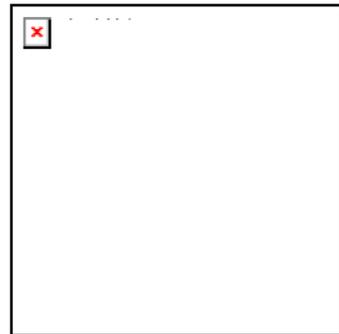
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# This Week At ALEC



## ALEC Policy Hour Webinar

In our next ALEC Policy Hour webinar, join ALEC policy experts and special guests, on **Friday, February 26 at 2:00pm EST** for a discussion on emergency gubernatorial powers. With a [win in the Michigan Supreme Court](#) and our new model [Emergency Power Limitation Act](#), we look forward to hosting this conversation as the debate continues across the states, including Florida, Iowa, Hawaii and Michigan. From courts to capitols, discover how states are addressing the balance of power between their respective legislative and executive branches, while simultaneously implementing measures aimed at protecting the public during COVID-19.



Stay tuned for more ALEC Policy Hours as we take a deeper dive into these key issue areas, happening every other week.

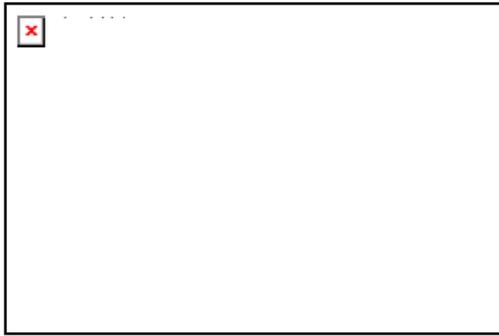
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**Jonathan Williams on Moore Money Podcast**



**Lisa Nelson in Cagle Post**



Join ALEC EVP and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and economic powerhouse Steve Moore to discuss a bailout of states, Rich States, Poor States and more.

Catch ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson in Cagle Post with her latest on the events of the stock market and the Robinhood investing app, "A Free Market Should Be Free To All, All Of The Time."

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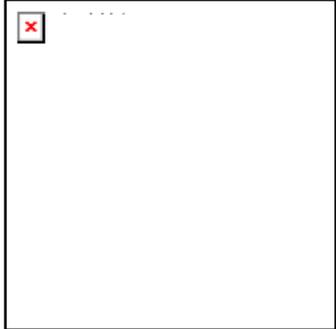
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### Across the States Podcast

Despite the financial consequences from an economic shutdown, several states are posting impressive growth numbers. Host Hunter Hamberlin is joined by ALEC Associate Director of the Tax and Fiscal Policy task force Skip Estes to discuss how the growing cities in these states are getting good results by exploring indicators such as job growth, wage growth and new residents. Listen to learn how cities implement sound fiscal policies – like no state income tax – to realize the benefits of growth and prosperity.



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Tune in to hear from key speakers:

- Jonathon Hauenschild, ALEC Task Force Director
- Representative Sage Dixon, Idaho
- Daniel Dew, Pacific Legal Foundation
- Nick Murray, Maine Policy Institute
- Senator Chris Dush, Pennsylvania

Check out [this piece in the New York Times](#) on the ongoing issues with emergency powers reform, and how some ALEC members are tackling them.

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Skip Estes and Jonathan Williams in *Issues and Insights*



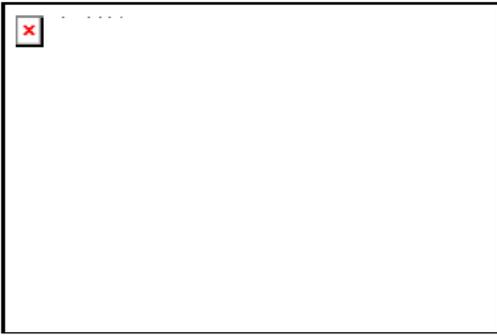
Congress Applauds ALEC Efforts to Address a Federal Bailout of States



Associate Director of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Skip Estes and EVP Jonathan Williams separate fact from fiction in their latest piece in *Issues and Insights*, "The Minimum Wage: Separating Myth from Fact."

*"President Biden is correct to look at ideas that will help Americans during the pandemic. But raising the minimum wage actually harms small businesses and Americans struggling with unemployment."*

**Read**



Last year, ALEC [released a letter](#) signed by more than 200 state lawmakers that addressed the policy concerns with a potential federal bailout of the states.

This week, Indiana Congressman Jim Banks sent a letter applauding the letter signers who stood with ALEC and addressed the policy concerns of a federal bailout of state and local governments. Congressman Banks encouraged others to reaffirm their commitment to fiscal responsibility and the rights of citizens.

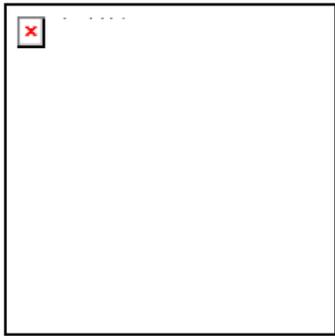
There's still time to sign the letter and commit to fiscal responsibility in the states:

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Dear members and partners,

For nearly 50 years, ALEC has been uniquely positioned to help answer the calls for an efficient, effective and accountable government that puts the people in control across all 50 states. It's an important role the entire ALEC network takes on, and in the last year our work has proven to be more important than ever.

That's why in 2021 we are thrilled to resume travelling to your states and getting to work on the ideas and solutions that best serve you and your people.

The ALEC team has been hard at work, and in February alone we've visited Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina and Tennessee. In the months to come we have several more state visits lined up, including education briefings with Dr. Frank Luntz in Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas.

Next month, we will join former Chairman Speaker Philip Gunn and legislators across the country for a Fellowship Retreat in Jackson, Mississippi at the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. With discussions on building bridges, healing and unity, legislative leaders from across the states will join the conversation about policy that holds government accountable and builds opportunity for all.

If you're interested in hosting an ALEC educational event in your state, please reach out to your [ALEC team](#). We are here to help plan, coordinate and present to ensure a safe and effective experience for all attendees.

And this summer, we're excited to see you all in Salt Lake City for perhaps the most anticipated ALEC event in years – the [2021 ALEC Annual Meeting from July 28-30](#). In one of our beautiful state capitols, the ALEC network will come with ideas and questions and leave with solutions and answers.

After a long year apart, I so look forward to seeing all of you soon. With plenty of family-friendly activities, beautiful weather and more than 60 national parks within driving distance, the ALEC Annual Meeting will be an opportunity for us to learn and engage, and then stretch our quarantine legs. **Registration opens this Wednesday, March 3** – learn more about the 2021 Annual Meeting [here](#).

In the meantime, though, our virtual educational programming continues, bringing our members timely and relevant resources to address the big issues facing the states. Last year, ALEC [released a letter](#) signed by nearly 2,000 of you against state bailout, and today [Congress noticed](#). The issue remains as Congress discusses new stimulus bills, which will reward states that have made poor financial decisions at the expense of prosperity states. [Your voice is still needed](#), you can [sign the ALEC letter here](#).

For Black History Month, ALEC hosted a conversation on curriculum focused on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent teachings, where legislators joined the discussion on the national initiative to teach Dr. King's non-violent social justice principles to a new generation of students.

Every month virtual issue briefings and task force working groups populate the ALEC calendar. And [happening in a few hours](#), we come together for ALEC Policy Hours, a new biweekly webinar series for speakers and attendees to take a deep dive into key issue areas in the states, and the ALEC policy solutions that address them. Keep on the lookout for our weekly Events and Education emails to browse and RSVP.

Whether it be in person, on Zoom or in email, the ALEC team is here to ensure you always have a grasp on what is going on across the states. Our work is too important, and state solutions guided by individual liberty and free enterprise will be vital in a swift and efficient post-pandemic recovery. If you have a need in the states, we are here as an ally to find what best serves you and your people. Our publications, virtual and in-person events and passionate team members are eager to help and are always on call.

As always, thank you for supporting the American Legislative Exchange Council. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Your friend,



**Lisa B. Nelson**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
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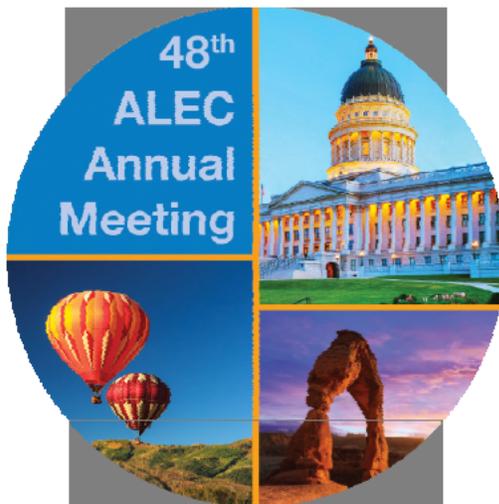
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### Important Dates:

- ▶ Registration opens today, **March 3, 2021**
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## Housing:

The 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting will take place at The Grand America Hotel. To book a room in the ALEC housing block, please register for the 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting first. A link to book a hotel room will be sent to you in your registration confirmation email.

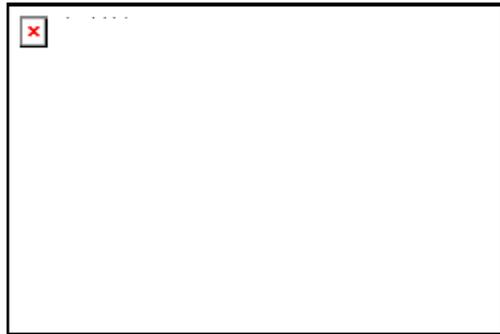


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The **Exhibit Hall** at ALEC meetings is a popular networking hub for state legislators and policy experts, making exhibiting an effective medium to get your message out to hundreds of state and local leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to grow your network.

Contact [ALEC Events Team](#) for details on being an Exhibitor.

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## Save the Date!

Save the date for the ALEC 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit this December 1-3 in San Diego, California! ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit will open this Summer.

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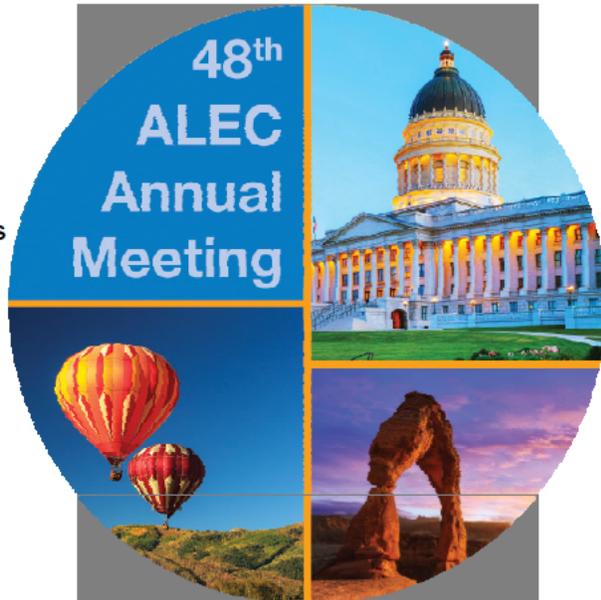
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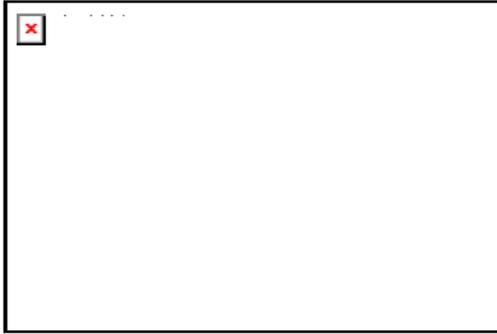
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**A Missing Piece in the Property Tax Reform Puzzle?**



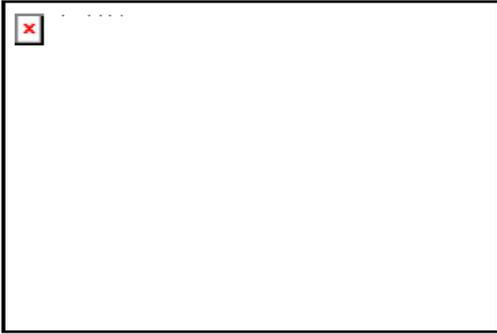
**Key Policy Ideas for 2021**



Senior Director of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Lee Schalk sounds off in his latest on "A Missing Piece in the Property Tax Reform Puzzle?"

*"Property tax reform is a difficult puzzle to solve. But one successful policy solution has been Truth in Taxation. Over time, Truth in Taxation laws have proven to aid economic competitiveness and individual liberty in states like Utah and Tennessee."*

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Our entire policy department at ALEC is busy analyzing the best free market ideas to add to the important discussions taking place across the states and at the federal level in Washington. Throughout our nearly 50-year history, ALEC has always been at the forefront of producing and exchanging ideas and will continue to provide principled solutions that benefit all Americans.

**Learn More**



**ALEC Policy Hour**



In our next ALEC Policy Hour webinar, join ALEC EVP of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams, Economist Stephen Moore of FreedomWorks and the Committee to Unleash Prosperity and other special guests on **Friday, March 12 at 2:00pm EST** for a breakdown of how current federal policy discussions on issues like labor, taxes, spending and the national debt impact the states.

Find out what every state legislator needs



**Congress Applauds ALEC Efforts to Address a Federal Bailout of States**



Last year, ALEC [released a letter](#) signed by more than 200 state lawmakers that addressed the policy concerns with a potential federal bailout of the states.

Last week, Indiana Congressman Jim Banks sent a letter applauding the letter signers who stood with ALEC and addressed the policy concerns of a federal bailout of state and local governments. Congressman Banks encouraged others to reaffirm their commitment to fiscal responsibility and the rights of citizens.

to know about what's happening in Washington.

There's still time to sign the letter and commit to fiscal responsibility in the states:

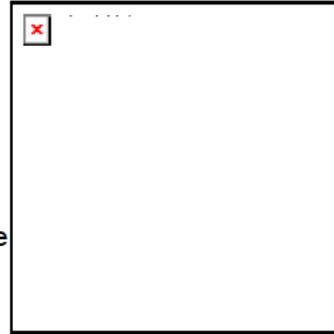
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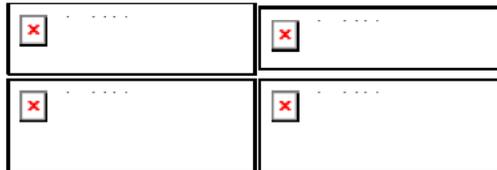


**Across the States Podcast**

Join us as we continue our discussion with Communications and Technology Task Force Director Jonathon Hauenschild on an increasingly relevant issue facing our nation's rural and urban centers: reliable, quality, cost-effective internet access. Smart Cities have existed in foreign countries for decades. Learn how barriers like government over-regulation and free-market throttling contribute to the U.S. falling behind in connecting its citizens to the web – and the solutions we can act on now.



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 **ALEC Policy Hour**

[Tune in this Friday, March 12, at 2:00 PM EST](#) to learn more about how to responsibly manage federal funds and policy that has a powerful impact on the states. From HR1 and the PRO Act to CARES funding and taxation of PPP, get the state perspective on federal policy from ALEC.

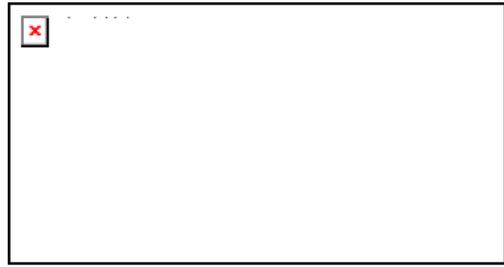


Get a sneak peek at some of the topics to be discussed in this *Wall Street Journal* article: "[Democrats to States: No New Tax Cuts](#): The Covid bill says more spending is fine, but cutting taxes is barred."

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 **Jonathan Williams on the PMA Perspective**



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Executive Vice President of Policy Jonathan Williams joined the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association to discuss the latest edition on *Rich States, Poor States*. Be on the lookout as we enter tax season for more from the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform: your one stop information shop on responsible tax policy.

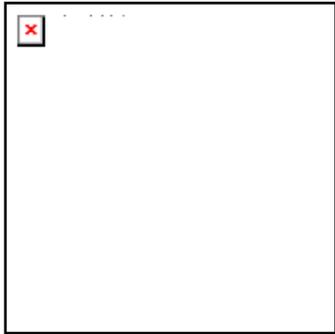
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**Across the States Podcast: Return to Flight**

It has been a difficult year for airlines as domestic and international travel is down due to the pandemic. But as we begin to leave the pandemic and lockdowns behind, Collins Aerospace is ready to help Americans take flight again with their innovation in contactless travel. Join your host Bill Meierling as he sits down with Collins Aerospace Vice President and General Manager of Information Management Solutions LeAnn Ridgeway, who charts the course to how states can build consumer confidence and return to flight.



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ALEC Files Supreme Court Brief Supporting Individual Rights

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Dear members and partners,

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, ALEC filed an [amicus curiae](#) brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitioners in *Americans for Prosperity v. Xavier Becerra*, a case considering the issue of donor privacy. More specifically, though, we told the story of what happens when donor privacy *isn't* preserved—when ideological opponents harass and intimidate people and organizations because of the causes they support.

The premise of the pending Supreme Court case is that detailed donor disclosure is *safe* when it is *only* disclosed to select public officials. But we know all too well that some people in power may weaponize private information for political gain. To highlight when the California scheme goes awry, we told the ALEC story.

In 2013, Illinois [Senator Richard Durbin sent an official letter](#) to more than 300 suspected corporate and individual ALEC supporters demanding they disclose contributions to the organization. Senator [Durbin](#) stated, "I intend to convene a hearing ... and I intend to include your responses to my letters in the hearing record."

Durbin eventually made good on his threats. During his October 2013 Senate hearing, he called out ALEC and bragged about the consequences of his intimidation tactics. Harassment, threats and retaliation ensued.

Sadly, this is but one story in the long history of groups attacking ALEC members for their support of limited government, free markets and federalism—good public policy that helps people and businesses achieve opportunity.

ALEC fights for donor privacy because it fights for people. We believe transparency is for government, privacy is for people: In order to pursue effective, accountable government, the people have the right to know the government's business. Conversely, government does not have the right to know your business; what cause or organization you support.

Today, the Supreme Court prepares to consider California's donor-disclosure laws requiring reporting of detailed donor information. Every American across the states should be concerned because if the California law stands, your name will be on a government list, and you will be susceptible to harassment.

ALEC proudly filed the *amicus curiae* brief in support of the petitioners, as we know the critical importance for all Americans – and especially closer to home, all ALEC members – to keep the ability to associate and participate in policy discussions freely and candidly without fear of government or private retaliation.

ALEC has a long history defending privacy and creating educational resources to protect privacy in state legislatures. Our [Donor Disclosure Toolkit](#) is designed for state lawmakers to help identify efforts to stifle free speech through legislation and ways to protect the First Amendment rights of your constituents.

Read the ALEC Supreme Court brief [here](#), and stay tuned for more as the Supreme Court prepares to hear the case *Americans for Prosperity v. Xavier Becerra*.

As always, thank you for supporting the American Legislative Exchange Council, and know we will do everything we can to support you.

Sincerely,



Lisa B. Nelson  
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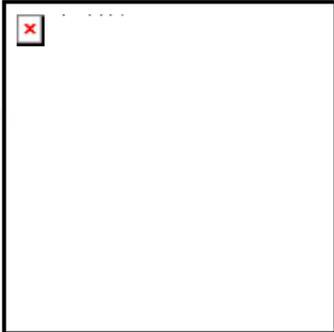


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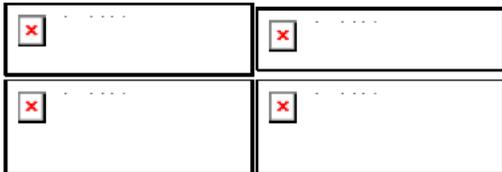


## Across the States Podcast: Universal Recognition in MS with State Legislator of the Month Rep. Becky Currie

Over 40 million Americans are employed with occupational licenses, yet the majority lose their licenses once they cross state lines. But in Mississippi, that is beginning to change with universal recognition, which helps ease the overly burdensome and duplicative licensing process that prevents workers from out of state gaining employment in their chosen profession. Since this recording, the Mississippi legislation has made its way to Governor Reeves' desk. Join host Hunter Hamberlin as he sits down with ALEC director of the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development task force Michael Slabinski and ALEC State Legislator of the Month Representative Becky Currie to discuss how she took the lead on making universal recognition a reality.



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**ALEC Policy Hour: Learning, Post Covid**



**ICYMI: Lisa B. Nelson Tells ALEC Donor Disclosure Story in CEO Update**



Join us next **Friday, March 26 at 2:00 PM EST** for an education-themed ALEC Policy Hour. The ALEC team will be joined by our friends Corey DeAngelis and Jonathan Butcher. Corey is the Director of School Choice at the Reason Foundation and an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute. He was also recently named to the Forbes 2021 30 Under 30 list in education. Jonathan Butcher is the Will Skillman Fellow in Education at the Heritage Foundation and Senior Fellow at the Goldwater Institute. The topic of conversation will focus on COVID-19 and its impact on the education landscape.

**RSVP Today**



Yesterday, ALEC Chief Executive Officer Lisa B. Nelson sent a special CEO update about the recently filed amicus brief on donor privacy in *AFP V. Becera*. Read the update and the brief below, and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

**Read**

## 48th Annual Meeting



The 48th ALEC Annual Meeting is sooner than you may think. Early registration is **NOW OPEN**. Be sure to register and catch this year's can't-miss policy event on the ground or online.

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### ALEC Policy Hour: Learning, Post Covid

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The ALEC team will be joined by our friends:

- **Don Lee:** VP of Government Affairs for Stride, Inc. (formerly K-12), and chair of the ALEC Private Enterprise Advisory Council
- **Corey DeAngelis:** Director of School Choice at the Reason Foundation and an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute, recently named to the Forbes 2021 30 Under 30 list in education.
- **Jonathan Butcher:** Will Skillman Fellow in Education at the Heritage Foundation and Senior Fellow at the Goldwater Institute.



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**It's Time to Get Off Zoom: 48th Annual Meeting**



**Appreciating the Women of ALEC During Women's History Month**



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It's Women's History Month, and at ALEC we have thousands of female state leaders to thank for leading fearlessly, committing to the principles of limited government, free market and federalism and leaving their mark on this country's great history.

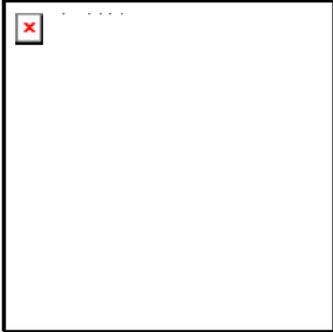
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**Across the States: EdChoice and the Future of Education**

From lockdowns and union disputes to remote learning, the past year has tested America's education system in unprecedented ways. This week on Across the States, Matthew Fisher sits down with Jason Bedrick of EdChoice and Andrew Handel of ALEC to discuss how lawmakers are taking the initiative to give parents and students more freedom in the classroom. Find out how EdChoice is working with statehouses to rebuild K-12 education in the United States.



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No Spring Break for ALEC Ideas

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Friends,

Spring has sprung across the states, and with it comes good news on decreasing COVID cases, increasing vaccinations and states reopening just in time for Summer. However, in DC, March also brought a third state bailout – one so large and costly that the road ahead will be anything but easy. The federal government has once again demonstrated their bias for spending quick fixes that will ultimately harm the states themselves with a \$1.9 trillion bill that “bails out” states at the cost of prosperity states, and goes the extra mile to ban tax cuts with the funds.

It has never been clearer that the work we do at ALEC is necessary and fundamental to the future of federalism in our country and preserving the good work so many of you do in your states. As the leading and largest nonpartisan membership organization for state legislators dedicated to limited government, free markets and federalism, [we have a role to play](#). And, we have our work cut out for us.

In light of this the ALEC team is ramping up, and we’re so excited to do so. We’re visiting your states, hosting virtual briefings and preparing for it all to come together in-person at our **2021 ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City July 28 – 30**, home of our National Chairman Utah Senate President Stuart Adams. For 14 years Utah has been ranked first in the ALEC [Rich States, Poor States](#) ranking for economic outlook, and it seems fitting to come together in Utah’s capital and learn what our prosperity states are doing right. [Registration is open](#), and we can’t wait to see you all there to map the road to pandemic recovery together. Feel free to [share the good news](#) with your friends and colleagues.

But in the meantime, there are plenty of opportunities to stay busy now. In-person in Texas and virtually in Nebraska this month, Dr. Frank Luntz discussed education messaging in the states with ALEC legislators. This past Friday, the biweekly ALEC Policy Hour featured a discussion on the impact COVID-19 has had on the education landscape with friends from the Reason Foundation, Stride, Inc. and the Heritage Foundation. And this week West Virginia passed the most expansive education savings account bill in history, an issue spearheaded by ALEC's own Senator Patricia Rucker, to ensure freedom and equal opportunity in education.

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Every month, our task forces offer regularly scheduled calls on emerging issues in their respective policy areas. Keep an eye out for our weekly Events emails with RSVP information to the Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development monthly working group and the Functional Federalism working group.

We've all been busy in the states, too. With visits to Ohio, Florida, Texas and West Virginia, we're excited to set the pace for in-state issue briefings and visits to share our past – and upcoming – educational resources. If you're interested in hosting an ALEC event in your state, contact your [Membership Team](#) to get it on the books.

We look forward to staying in contact as we gear up to meet again in Utah this summer. Our voice is needed every day, but especially now in 2021. America has its eyes on state leadership to make the right – and sometimes difficult – decisions for our communities. ALEC is here to help you navigate the road ahead.

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### ALEC Policy Hour: Free Market Wins in 2021

For our next ALEC Policy Hour on **Friday April 9 at 2:00 PM EST**, we'll host a discussion on key **free market policy wins across the states in 2021**. Join the ALEC team and special guests as we cover policy victories on education in West Virginia, liability protection in Florida, property tax reform in Kansas and more.



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### Closing Sessions and ALEC Models



As some state sessions *sine die*, many ALEC model policies have reached a Governor's desk and once signed will help increase opportunity for people across the states. Just this week, ALEC models on COVID liability protection and on school choice were signed in to law in Florida and West Virginia respectively.

Learn more about the bills and their underlying model policies:

### Florida's Covid-19 Liability Protections

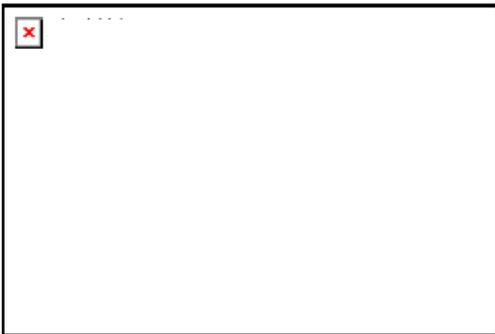
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### West Virginia's Education Reforms

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### The Damage of Right To Repair



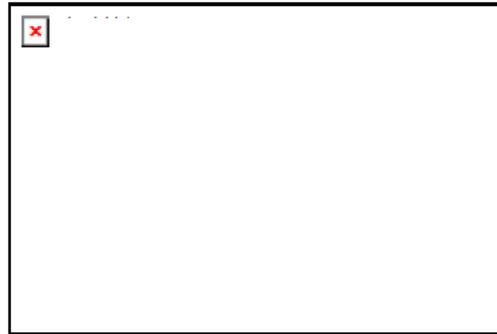
Chief Innovation Officer Bartlett Cleland sounds off on the drawbacks of "Right to repair" bills in the states in his latest.

*"While it may sound nice to provide consumers the "right" to repair a product, the question is at what price? Consumer security? Property rights? At the price of mandating that innovators to act in a certain way, and at prices decided by the government and courts?"*

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### Can State Courts Exercise Jurisdiction Over Online Marketplaces?



Catch task force director Jonathon Hauenschild in his latest on court jurisdiction in online marketplaces.

*"Because the Court signaled this willingness, online marketplaces and online sellers will likely find themselves at the center of lawsuits designed to test the limits of state court jurisdiction. State lawmakers, thus, have an incredible opportunity to protect individual sellers and online marketplaces in their states against overzealous plaintiff's attorneys and judges in other states."*

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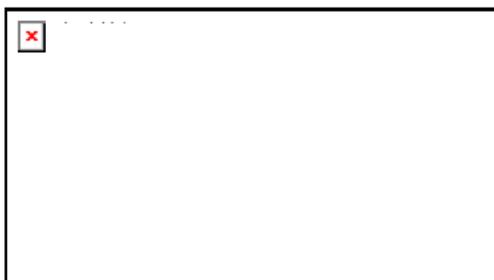
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**RNLA Weekly Webinar**

*Briefing with Governor Brian Kemp:*

*Exposing the Left's Lies on Georgia's New Election Laws*



**Thursday, April 8**

**1:00pm Eastern**

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Tune in for a special briefing with Governor Brian Kemp as he exposes the Left's lies against Georgia's new election law and explains why he's not caving to threats from the woke mob.

In March, Governor Kemp signed the "Election Integrity Act of 2021" which made it easier to vote and harder to cheat in Georgia. Unsurprisingly, the law was immediately met with criticism from liberals including President Joe Biden and woke corporate interests such as Major League Baseball, who recently announced that the All-Star Game would no longer be in Atlanta in response to the new law.

Despite the liberal backlash, Governor Brian Kemp has stood by his decision to sign these reforms into law and refuses to cower to the Left's attacks.

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### **Are You an RNLA Member?**

Sign up today to join the RNLA and support the fight to promote election integrity.

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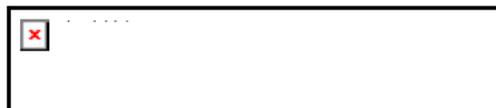
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## **We can't wait to see you in Salt Lake City this July!**

For 48 years, the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) Annual Meeting has provided an opportunity for policymakers around the globe to convene and discuss leading issues affecting hardworking Americans and the business community alike. As Utah continues to rank first in the ALEC [Rich States, Poor States](#) ranking for economic outlook, it only seems fitting for us to come together in Utah's capital and hear firsthand how states compete for economic prosperity.

[Registration is open](#), and we cannot wait to see you there in-person as we develop the road map to economic recovery. The Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City will be hosting this year's meeting from July 28-30. These unprecedented times require innovative policy solutions and ALEC is here to act as an ally as we navigate forward, guided by the principles of individual liberty and free enterprise.



## **Top 5 reasons to attend the ALEC Annual Meeting**

- Gather in-person with the best, brightest and most influential leaders in the state policy community.
- Robust and challenging sessions to help answer today's most pressing issues.
- A return to long-established events that provide a unique time of networking and connections in the beautiful outdoor spaces and scenery Utah has to offer.
- Be a part of the host states hospitality, humility and industrious spirit Utahns are famous for.
- Hear from local leaders charging the way forward and working to increase freedom across our states. Including exciting speakers like, Former Congressman Jason Chaffetz.



**Jason Chaffetz**, former Utah congressman, will be joining and speaking at the ALEC Annual Meeting.

Jason Chaffetz was elected to Congress in 2008 and selected by his peers to be a Chairman in the House of Representatives. As Chairman of the powerful Oversight & Government Reform Committee, he led investigation into various United States Departments and Agencies.

Congressman Jason Chaffetz left Congress in 2017 and is now a contributor of Fox News Networks and a past Fellow at Harvard at the Kennedy School, Institute of Politics. Jason authored the book *The Deep State* in the summer of 2018.

Feel free to [share the good news](#) with your friends and colleagues!



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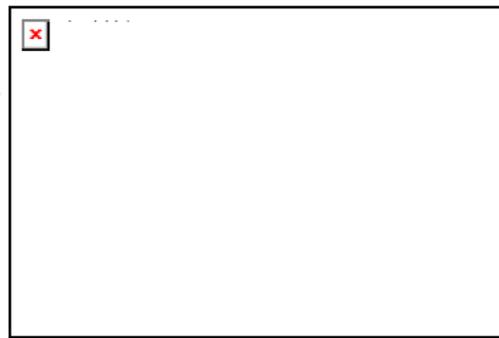
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- ▶ Standard rates will begin **June 30, 2021**
- ▶ On-site rates will begin on **July 1, 2021**

**Online registration is now open!**



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### ALEC Policy Hour: Free Market Wins in 2021

Join us this **Friday, April 9, at 2:00pm ET** for our next ALEC Policy Hour. Learn about key free market policy wins across the states in 2021.

Join the ALEC team and special guests, including:



- Jonathan Williams, ALEC EVP of Policy
- Lee Schalk, ALEC Senior Task Force Director
- West Virginia Senator Patricia Rucker
- Arizona President Pro Tempore Vince Leach, and others.

Don't miss out as we cover policy victories on education in West Virginia, liability protection in Florida, property tax reform in Kansas and more.

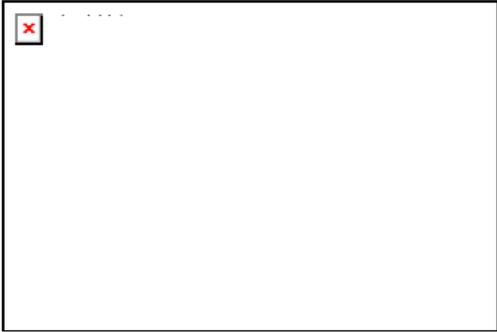
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**GameStop Stock Sales are a Big Payday for Tax Collectors**



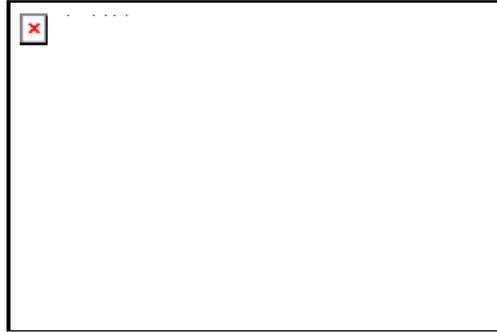
**COVID-19 Liability Reform: New Arizona Law Protects Front Line Workers and Employers**



Associate director of the Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force, Skip Estes, sounds off in his latest on the GameStop controversy: ["GameStop Stock Sales are a Big Payday for Tax Collectors"](#)

*"The saga of the GameStop short squeezers is one of the most astounding Wall Street stories since the 2008 recession. Overnight, investors become millionaires because of information learned from a Reddit thread. But before they celebrate, these traders must pay the tax man what they owe. They'll soon realize why low-tax states like Texas are in a much better position to attract investors and capital than states with more extractive tax rates."*

**Read**



ALEC Policy Analyst Lourdes Bautisa's latest covers new liability protections for front line workers and employers.

*"Economic recovery has become a top priority for states in 2021, and many governors and legislatures have set their eyes on liability protection laws to stop non-profits, healthcare professionals, and other employers from being subjected to frivolous lawsuits."*

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**Meet with us in beautiful Salt Lake City,  
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registration is open now, but it won't last forever. Register now, and check out [this video](#) for a look into some of what's available to you at the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting.



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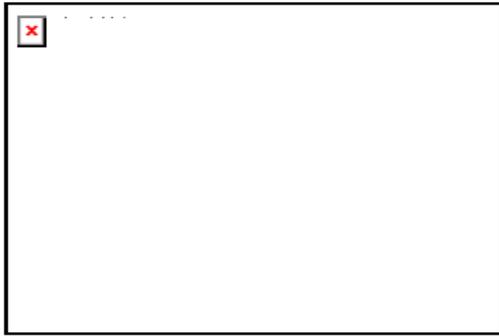
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**Infrastructure Plan Brings Suspect Benefits at High Costs**



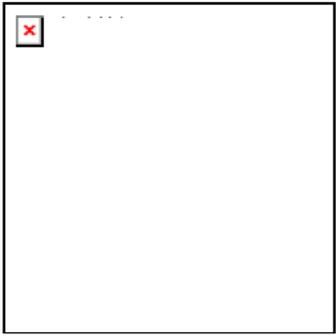
**ICYMI: Across the States Podcast**



Associate Task Force Director Skip Estes sounds off on the spending problems of the proposed infrastructure plan in his latest, *"President Biden's Infrastructure Plan Brings Suspect Benefits at High Costs"*

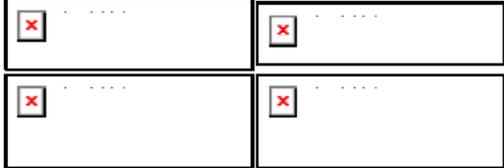
*"The massive increase in spending included in the American Jobs Plan will cost future generations of Americans dearly as spendthrift practices in the federal government only appear to be increasing. America does need revamped infrastructure, but ideas like the American Jobs Plan come with dubious infrastructure benefits and a steep price tag."*

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The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdowns have severely impacted business across America. But the state of Utah recently passed legislation to give businesses a major break from coronavirus regulations. Join James Czerniawski, Policy Analyst for Tech & Innovation at Libertas, and Jonathon Hauenschild, Director of the ALEC Communications and Technology Task Force, as they discuss how state lawmakers can use regulatory sandboxes to spur innovation and growth.

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RNLA Friday Webinar

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## **RNLA Weekly Members Webinar**

*Court-Packing:*

*Democrats' Radical Plan to Politicize the U.S. Supreme Court*



**Friday, April 23**

**2:00pm Eastern**

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Join the RNLA for a special insiders briefing by Counsels to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on the Democrats' plan to pack the court and other critical issues facing the committees.

Last week, Democrat members of Congress introduced legislation that would expand the number of members on the U.S. Supreme Court from 9 to 13 justices. Furthermore, President Joe Biden has

announced the formation of the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States which many see as a vehicle to make the idea of packing the Court more mainstream.

***Featured Speakers***

Michael Fragoso

Chief Counsel for Nominations, Senate Judiciary Committee

&

Tyler Grimm

Chief Counsel for Policy for House Judiciary Ranking Member, Rep. Jim Jordan

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[BREYER JOINS LATE COLLEAGUE RBG IN OPPOSING COURT-PACKING](#)

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**In the News: Lisa B. Nelson on Save the Nation**



**Roundtable Discussion: Tennessee and the Hall Tax**



Last week, ALEC CEO Lisa B. Nelson joined the Sunday show circuit alongside economist Stephen Moore and FreedomWorks president Adam Brandon on Save the Nation. They discussed how states are faring economically on the back end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

*"We have a lot to learn from what we've been through in the last year and a half, I would say there are a few states who have really shined."*

[Watch](#)



Learn about the history and impact of the Hall Tax in Tennessee in this special round table discussion with ALEC EVP Jonathan Williams, Senior Task Force Director Lee Schalk, Rep. Susan Lynn and Treasurer David Lillard.

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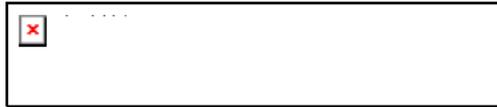
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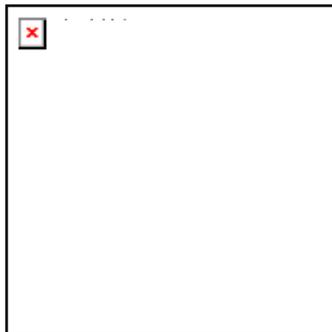


### *Rich States, Poor States* 14th Edition

Mark your calendars — **Wednesday, May 12**, ALEC will release the 14th edition of *Rich States, Poor States*. This comprehensive report from Reagan Economist Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, economic policy expert Stephen Moore and ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams ranks the economic competitiveness of states using 15 equally weighted policy variables, and projects their economic outlook. Stay tuned in the coming days to hear from the report's authors and other industry experts on this year's findings.



### Across the States Podcast: Donor Privacy and SCOTUS



The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on Monday, April 26th, for



### ALEC Policy Hour



Join us next **Friday, May 7 at 2:00 PM EST** for the next ALEC Policy Hour. Tune in

*Americans for Prosperity v. Becerra* - a case concerning donor disclosure and the First Amendment. [ALEC submitted an amicus brief](#) to the court concerning this case in early March, bringing to light what happens when donor privacy isn't preserved—when ideological opponents harass and intimidate people and organizations because of the causes they support. Today the report authors, former FEC Chairman and attorney Lee Goodman, Director for the ALEC Task Force on Communications and Technology Jonathon Hauenschild and Counsel and Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer Bartlett Cleland sit down to discuss the implications of this case and why ALEC chose to take a stand.

to hear about the potential for the education landscape post-COVID-19 and how freedom-forward policies in education can be used to promote parental choice when it comes to in-person vs online learning. RSVP today, and stay tuned for more on this can't miss webinar series.

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### Jonathan Williams on "Grounded with Jim Banks"

This week, EVP of Policy Jonathan Williams joined Congressman Jim Banks on his podcast to discuss the key policy arguments happening in the federal and state governments across the country. Tune in to get a sneak peek at some of the findings in the 14th edition of Rich States, Poor States as it relates to these issues.



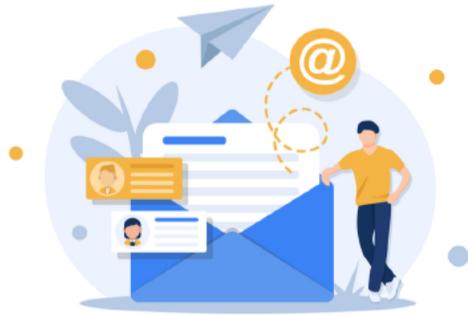
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Friends,

Sessions are coming to a close across the map, and our state legislatures are busy enacting policy that promotes growth and prosperity – policy that puts the people first. This isn't news to ALEC, though. In fact, some of the great policy derives from ALEC models and the standard our ALEC network sets in the states, guided by the principles of individual liberty and free enterprise.

If you haven't seen us in your state this year, we're on [your screens](#), in [your headphones](#) and [your inbox](#), bringing you a constant stream of educational resources on the sound policy that we know works for Americans.

The ALEC legislators are taking this year by storm and working on new ideas that bring predictability and dependability to our schools, businesses and communities. We're crafting innovative solutions, all while defending the constitutional and long-preserved rights of Americans.

Be sure to keep an eye out and RSVP for our biweekly Policy Hours, where our ALEC experts and special guests dive into the top policy issues – and wins – we're seeing in our states today.

And we have so many wins to celebrate. This month at a glance:

- [Kansas signed into law the “Truth in Taxation” property tax reform, which is based on ALEC model policy and the successes of Utah and Tennessee](#)
- [Nebraska advanced similar “Truth in Taxation” reform](#)
- Arizona Governor Ducey signed [COVID-19 liability reform legislation to protect front line workers and employers](#) and legislation [enacting state tax code conformity to the federal CARES Act](#) (similar to ALEC model [“Net Operating Loss Reform Act”](#))
- [Indiana expanded its school choice voucher program to strengthen education freedom](#)

You may remember that [in March](#), we filed an [amicus curiae](#) brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of petitioners in *Americans for Prosperity v. Xavier Becerra*, a case concerning donor privacy and the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. This week SCOTUS heard the case, and one of the plaintiffs – Thomas More Law Center – cited the ALEC brief, which tells the story of what happens when donor privacy isn’t preserved.

We’re continuing our real-time conversations on issues just like this. Listen in on the [brand-new episode](#) of *Across the States*, where our brief authors take a deep dive on the implications of the case and why the ALEC experience tells a vital story in the arguments.

All this great work will come together at this summer’s [48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, July 28-30 in Salt Lake City, Utah](#). We’re set for record attendance at the meeting, and it’s clear that people are ready to be together to craft and share solutions to bring back to the states. We are so excited to be together again in the home state of our ALEC National Chairman Senate President Stuart Adams and the capitol of the 1<sup>st</sup> rank state in [Rich States, Poor States](#).

I look forward to seeing you all soon, and we’re keeping up with the great work you do in the meantime.

Sincerely,



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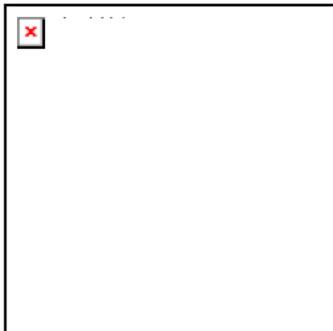
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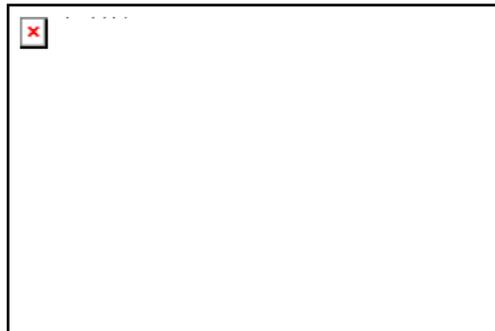
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ALEC Policy Analyst Lourdes Bautista covers the recent wins for reentry and recidivism reduction programs in Kentucky with her latest piece.

*"HB 497 will help Kentucky drive down its 41% recidivism rate and increase public safety by empowering individuals with meaningful second chances. By enacting this law, individuals who were incarcerated will have a better chance at success upon release from prison."*

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**RNLA Webinar with Senator Roger Wicker**  
***Exposing the "Corrupt Politicians Act" (S. 1/HR1)***  
***& the Democrat's Attempt to Rig U.S. Elections***



**Friday, May 14**

**11:30am Eastern**

[Click HERE to Register](#)

This week, the Senate Rules Committee held a hearing on S. 1, also known as the “Corrupt Politicians Act.” This legislation is an all-out attack by Democrats to federalize the U.S. election system and strip away every election integrity safeguard that states have put in place.

Join us tomorrow to learn why every Republican in the U.S. House and Senate is voting against this dangerous attempt by liberals to rig the process and how the RNLA is fighting alongside Republican leadership to protect our nation’s democracy.

**Special Guest Speaker**



**U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (MS)**

Member of the Senate Rules Committee

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**DC Young Lawyers Happy Hour**

Special Appearance by Congressman Andy Biggs

Member of the House Judiciary Committee



**Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00pm ET**

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**Arkansas Chapter Meeting**

Special Appearance by AR Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin



**Wednesday, May 19 at 5:00pm CT**

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**Georgia Reception**

featuring former U.S. Senator Kelly Loeffler



**Thursday, May 20 at 7:00pm ET**

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**Missouri Breakfast & CLE Course**

featuring Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft



**Saturday, June 12 at 8:00am CDT**

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### *Rich States, Poor States* 14th Edition

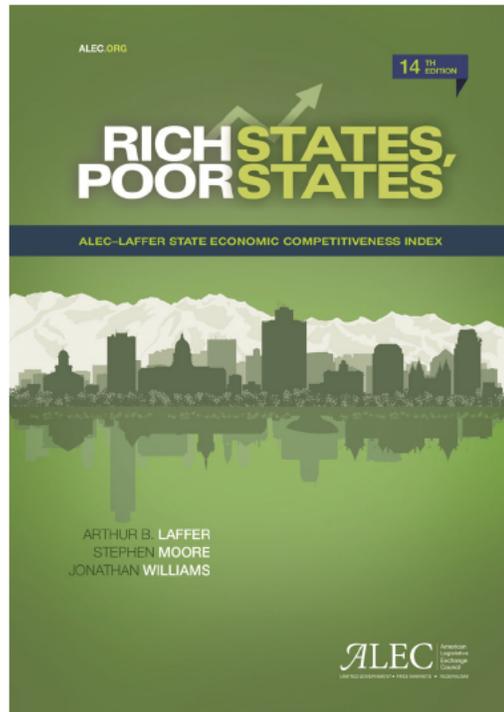
The 14th edition of *Rich States, Poor States: the ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index* Authored by Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, FreedomWorks Economist Stephen Moore, ALEC Chief Economist Jonathan Williams is out now, with new findings and powerful stories about the impact of policy in the states.

This year, *Rich States, Poor States* tells the story of the free-market ideals that build prosperous states after COVID-19 and beyond, and outlines the policy priorities that helped states stay ahead in 2020. Find out more about this report, based on 15 equally weighted policy variables, in a brief video:

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**News Features: SCOTUS and Donor Disclosure**



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ALEC Chief Innovation Officer and General Counsel Bartlett Cleland breaks down the nuance and significance in the donor disclosure SCOTUS Case, *Americans for Prosperity v. Becerra* (former CA Attorney General) on *Save The Nation* with FreedomWorks President Adam Brandon.

*(interview begins at 39:39)*

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## We want to see you in Salt Lake City this July!

Celebrate with us as we come together for the 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. [Registration is open](#), and we hope to see you there in person as we develop the road map to economic recovery. The ALEC staff along with your colleagues and friends look forward to seeing you!

### Important Dates:

- ▶ Early-bird registration will end on **June 2, 2021**
- ▶ Standard registration rates will end on **June 30, 2021**
- ▶ Group rate at the host hotel will end on **June 30, 2021** (*based on availability*)
- ▶ On-site registration rates will begin on **July 1, 2021**

### Online registration is now open!





## Utah Welcome Reception

### Going for Gold

Join ALEC as we kick off festivities for the week and welcome attendees and their families to Utah by hosting the Utah Welcome Reception at the **Utah Olympic Park**. Salt Lake City was home to the XIX Olympic Winter Games and has now turned the venues used for the games into a living legacy. The park continues to celebrate the spirit of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games with hosting events that allow attendees to try their hand at the various winter sports. There will be something for everyone - from watching current and former Olympians show their downhill skiing skills to learning about the experience of Olympic athletes in various exhibits and activities. You will not want to miss this! Register today to secure your spot and enjoy one of Utah's premier destinations.

### Kids Congress in Utah



Bring the entire family! ALEC is once again partnering with ACCENT on Children's Arrangements to host the Kid's Congress Program. All children 6 months through 17 years old are welcome to participate. Special age-oriented activities will be planned with some activities scheduled on-site. Children ages 7-17 will have the opportunity go off site to see all that Salt Lake City has to offer – museums, planetariums, zoos, aquariums and more!

Feel free to [share the good news](#) with your friends and colleagues!



**Mark Your Calendars!**



**Save the date for the ALEC 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit this December 1-3, 2021 in San Diego, CA!** ALEC members and friends will gather for three days of discussion on the critical issues facing the states and nation. Registration for the 2021 States & Nation Policy Summit will open in the summer of 2021!

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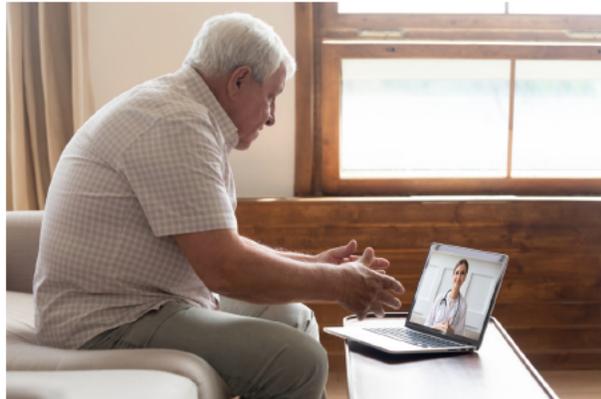


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This week's discussion will feature key insights from:

- Naomi Lopez, Director of Healthcare Policy at the Goldwater Institute
- Brooklyn Roberts, Senior Director of the ALEC Health and Human Services task force

Tune in and stay up to date on the latest developments on telehealth policy including **online prescribing of prescription drugs, remote patient monitoring and much more.**

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**New Study: The Dangers of Increased Corporate Tax**



**Truth in Taxation Comes to Nebraska**



The National Association of Manufacturers recently [released](#) a new study showing that several of proposed tax increases, including the proposal to **raise the corporate rate to 25%**, would inflict significant damage on the American economy.

Read the study to hear about the dangers like:

- **One million jobs** lost in the first two years.
- By 2023, GDP could fall by **\$107 billion**, by **\$169 billion** in 2026 and by **\$89 billion** in 2031.
- Ordinary capital, or investments in equipment and structures, would be reduced by **\$70 billion** in 2023, reduced by *another* \$70 billion in 2026, and by \$51 billion less in 2031.

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This week, the Nebraska passed LB644, which requires direct notification of property taxpayers, by mail, about proposals for local property tax increase. Nebraska follows Kansas, whose own Truth in Taxation bill was signed into law on March 26, and Utah, which has had this type of legislation in place for more than 30 years.

Check out the [ALEC Truth in Taxation Act Model Policy](#), and learn more below about Nebraska's bill.

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### Dangers of "The New Trust Busters"



Stephen Moore, FreedomWorks Economist, released a paper titled, "The New 'Trust Busters' Are A Danger To American Prosperity and Tech Dominance."

In the paper, Moore delineates how proposals like the Trust-Busting for the Twenty-First Century Act, and other populist proposals would devastate the American economy and global leadership.

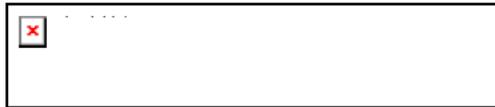
*"Following in the steps of populists will cripple America's prowess and technological leadership. We must not, cannot, and should not use the chainsaw of regulation to weaponize antitrust and tear apart the American economy."*

Moore's paper describes the threats posed to America's technological leadership on the global stage by hyper-aggressive trust-busting and anti-merger-and-acquisition activities by our federal lawmakers and agencies.

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## Less than one week to save!

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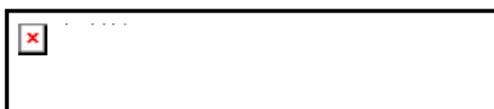
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Your state needs innovative policy solutions and there is no better place to explore those solutions than the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in-person, July 28 – 30, in Salt Lake City, UT!



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Next Sessions Ideas Start Now

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Friends,

2021 is almost half finished, but in most states legislative sessions are coming to a close. I am proud to report that many state legislatures had policy wins that promoted individual liberty and free enterprise in their states, and many of those wins are based on the policy solutions we educate on at ALEC.

The end of session doesn't mean our work here is finished, though. As we venture into the second half of the year, ALEC will continue building out the valuable resources and educational materials you need to serve your states year-round. The ideas we develop now will take center stage in the 2022 session and will be top of mind for voters as they go to the polls next year.

It is clear that state solutions rooted in the principles of individual liberty and free enterprise help our education systems, our communities, our small businesses and our taxpayers. In fact, I recently received a text from a legislator highlighting how ALEC helped during their recent session:

*"We finished up last night with what I consider a historic session. The key wins from almost one billion in tax cuts which Johnathon Williams helped us with. This year rivals our 2017 session. I want to thank you and ALEC staff for your willingness to help. Our broadband bill was gorged with help from ALEC. In fact, many of our big things have an ALEC fingerprint whether someone knows it or not. Thank you!"*

And the place we'll talk about this year's key wins, losses, pressing issues and innovative solutions is at the [ALEC Annual Meeting, in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 28-30](#). Through idea-sharing and debate, we'll map the road to 2022 with the best peer-learning and solutions from across the states. ALEC ideas are winning ideas, and it's our network of leaders and experts that get us there. As of this week, we have record numbers of overall registrations.

It's set to be a great meeting hosted by our National Chairman, Utah Senate President Stuart Adams. And, legislator registration is already through the roof. We'll be in the capitol of the economic powerhouse ranked 1<sup>st</sup> place this month in [Rich States, Poor States](#) for the 14<sup>th</sup> year in a row. It's the place and time to learn from the best, and learn the policy prescriptions you need to compete with other states across the map.

Make sure you and your colleagues join us to get early insights into the winning solutions for 2022 – [early-bird registration ends tomorrow](#).

We'll see you in Salt Lake City!

Sincerely,



Lisa B. Nelson  
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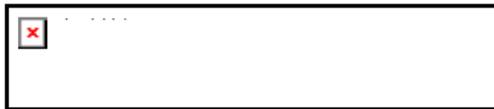
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### ALEC-Heritage Pension Reform Working Group



Join the [ALEC-Heritage Pension Reform Working Group](#) meeting at **2:00 PM EST TODAY, Thursday, June 3**, with guest speaker North Carolina State Treasurer, Dale Folwell.

Previously serving as Speaker Pro Tem of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Treasurer Folwell continues to spearhead major free market reforms in his role as state treasurer.

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### Other Post-Employment Benefits Release Call

Join the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform to preview the findings of *Other Post-Employment Benefits, 2020* on **Thursday, June 10 at 2:00 PM EST.**

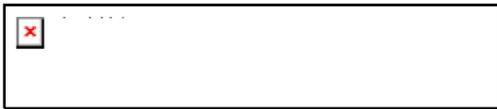
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### ALEC Policy Hour Webinar: Truth in Taxation

Join us **Friday, June 18 at 2:00 PM EST** for a Policy Hour conversation on [Truth in Taxation](#), the gold standard of property tax reform. This year, [Kansas and Nebraska](#) passed their own Truth in Taxation laws, [following the lead of Utah](#). Tune in to hear ALEC leaders from Kansas and Nebraska sound off on successes and difficulties on the journey to get this policy across the finish line, and get the latest on the opportunities and benefits this policy brings from ALEC Executive Vice President of Policy and Chief Economist Jonathan Williams and Senior Director Lee Schalk.



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**Extend Your Stay in SLC for a Special Program**



Join us on **Friday, July 30 from 2:30 PM - 6:15 PM MTD** in **Salt Lake City** for an interactive Academy where attendees will chart a sustainable fiscal path for America. The Congressional Budget Office has long warned that America's federal spending trajectory will bankrupt the nation – and this was before the recent pandemic spending spree! The national debt has topped 100% of

GDP threatening Social Security, national security and the financial security of the American family.

**Register today** to learn how an Article V amendments convention will actually play out and explore a range of proposals all aimed at putting America's fiscal sustainability to Washington, DC. Participants will cast their ballots to decide which ideas to pursue. Academy registrants will receive a complimentary digital copy of *A Fiscal Cliff* in which co-editor Dr. Barry Poulson observes, "Unless we reform our fiscal rules and institutions, we are not likely to solve the debt crisis and restore sustainable fiscal policies. Given the dysfunction in Congress, there is growing interest in a state-drafted voter-ratified constitutional amendment, such as to require a balanced federal budget." Be part of the solution – we look forward to seeing you.

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**Special Briefing: A Discussion on the Economy and Unemployment Policies by State**



**TODAY! Other Post-Employment Benefits Release Call**



**Join us this Friday, June 11 at 11:00 AM EST** for a special conversation on the U.S. economy, the latest jobs report and



how states decoupling from boosted federal unemployment benefits is impacting job creation.

Speakers include:

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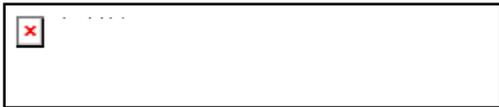
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Friday Webinar

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### **RNLA Webinar: Tomorrow!**

#### **[Fighting Against the "Corrupt Politicians Act" in the Senate](#)**



**Friday, June 18 at 2:00pm ET**

**[Register Here](#)**

Tomorrow, we will get an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look at the "Corrupt Politicians Act" – Democrats' partisan effort to federalize elections, strip away laws that safeguard election integrity, and rig the system to ensure they always have an advantage at the ballot box.

Last night, Senator Chuck Schumer employed Senate Rule 14 to bring a new version of S.1 directly to the floor. This new bill (S. 2083) is still the "Corrupt Politicians Act", only with a few tweaks. Congressional insiders will review what this means and expose how Democrats continue to make their own reelections their top priority.

#### **Featured Speakers**

**Caleb Hays**

*General Counsel, Committee on House Administration Republican Staff*

&

**Steve Donaldson**

*Policy Advisor to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell*

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### **DC Chapter Luncheon**

*featuring U.S. Senator Roy Blunt*



**Monday, June 21 at 12:15pm Eastern**

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### **Pennsylvania Chapter Reception**

*featuring PA Supreme Court Candidate Judge Brobson*



**Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00pm Eastern**

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*Time is Running Out! We're in Salt Lake Next Month*

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## All-Star Lineup of Speakers and Events

The 48th ALEC Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away. To make the most of our time together, we have a few exciting updates to the ALEC Annual Meeting agenda!

Take advantage of learning from the best as we discuss topics that are top of mind and hear from amazing speakers like:

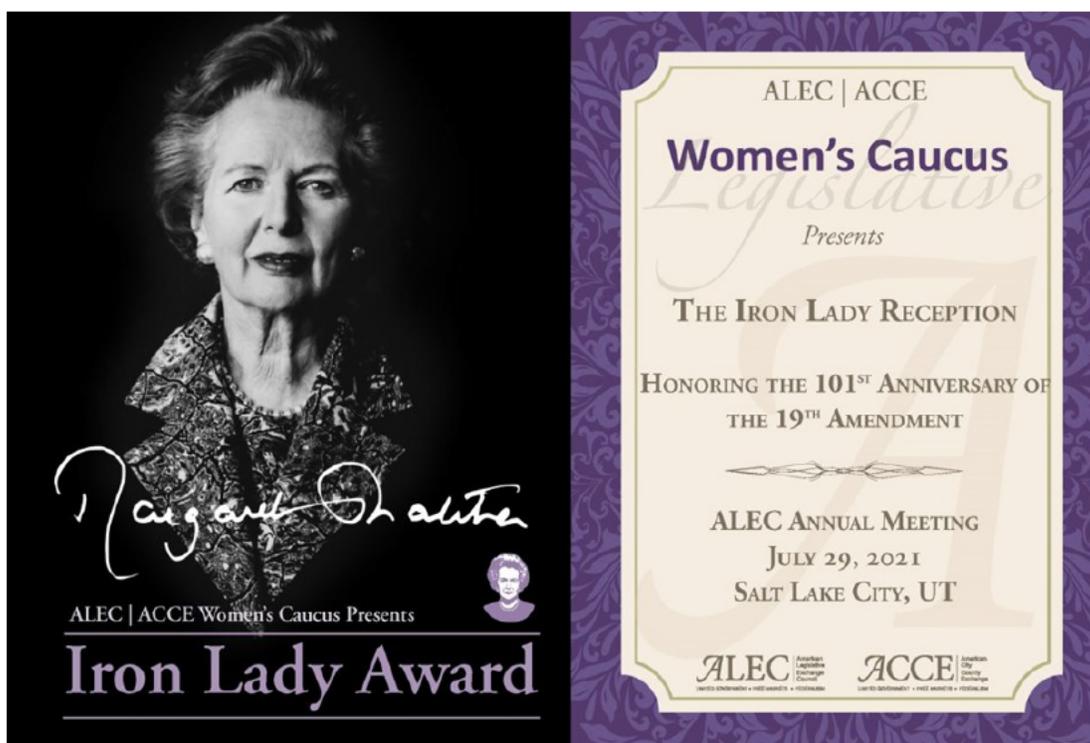
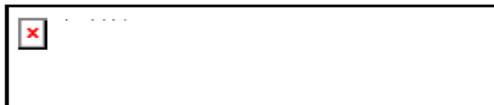
- **Governor Spencer Cox (UT)**
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- **Congressman Jason Chaffetz (UT)**
- **Economic powerhouses Dr. Arthur B. Laffer, Stephen Moore and Donna Arduin**
- **Taiwanese Ambassador H.E. Bi-khim Hsiao**
- **Journalist Rikki Schlott**

Building off the great success of our virtual Annual Meeting last summer, subcommittee meetings will be hosted virtually the week before we gather in Salt Lake City. If you are considering attending the subcommittee meetings, you **MUST** register by **Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** to receive information on joining the meetings. Those registered by Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> will receive an email on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> with links to each of the individual subcommittee meetings. These meetings will only be offered as a **LIVE** meeting. We will not offer these meetings as ON-DEMAND. All other events taking place at the ALEC Annual Meeting will be reserved for attendees who have selected to attend in-person. Please see the full agenda including subcommittee dates and times [here](#).

We are excited to announce the creation of the ALEC Task Force Town Hall. This event will be held on Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> and will offer an opportunity for all attendees to gather and learn

what is taking place in each of the ALEC Task Forces. You will have a chance to meet the leadership of each task force, as well as connect with old friends while making new ones.

Time is running out! [Register NOW](#) to make sure you get the lowest rates for the meeting. Attendees have already sold out the first block of rooms at the host hotel. Once your registration has been completed, you will receive a registration confirmation email with a link to book your hotel room. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis until sold out. Register and grab your reservation while inventory lasts!



The Iron Lady Reception is held each year at the ALEC Annual Meeting in honor of the Honorable Margaret Thatcher, where an outstanding woman policymaker is presented with the Iron Lady Award. The COVID pandemic prevented us from celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage, but it is an important milestone that should be acknowledged. We hope you will join us in celebrating the [101<sup>st</sup> anniversary](#) at the Iron Lady Reception where we will be awarding a very distinguished ALEC member. We'll even have a special cocktail to honor the occasion! The **Iron Lady Reception** will be hosted on **Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**, at ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. As a reminder, all ALEC member Task Force assignments for

Annual Meeting must be finalized by July 19th. Please be sure to renew any outstanding memberships prior to this deadline.

If you have any questions or would like to be featured at an ALEC Podcast before our **Iron Lady Reception**, please contact Brooklyn Roberts at [broberts@alec.org](mailto:broberts@alec.org). We would love to have you join us!

## Mark your calendar with these additional important dates for the 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting:



- June 3 - Standard Registration rates begin
- June 30 - Group rate for host hotel ends (*Room are available on a first-come, first-served basis until sold out.*)
- July 1 - On-site registration rates begin
- July 16 – Must be registered in order to join virtual subcommittee meetings
- July 19 – ALEC Members must have Task Force assignments confirmed
- July 25 - Online registration closes (*Registration will re-open on-site starting on July 27*)

**Deciding on if you will join us in Salt Lake City? See below for frequently asked questions.**

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Friday Webinar

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**RNLA Members Webinar**  
**[U.S. Supreme Court Round-up](#)**



**Friday, July 2 at 2:00pm ET**

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Tune in for a comprehensive round-up and substantive analysis of the key decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court's just-completed term. Scholars will review SCOTUS's rulings on important constitutional questions and recent controversial cases.

**Featured Speakers**

**John Malcolm**

*Vice President for the Institute for Constitutional Government, Director of the Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, and Ed Gilbertson and Sherry Lindberg Gilbertson Senior Legal Fellow*

&

**Josh Blackman**

*Adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute; President of the Harlan Institute; Associate Professor of Law at the South Texas College of Law*

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**2021 National Election Law Seminar**

*Atlanta, Georgia*



**August 13 - 14, 2021**

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Join the RNLA at our 2021 National Election Law Seminar this August in Atlanta, Georgia. As a nation, we witnessed an unprecedented election in 2020. This year, the RNLA will provide a platform for the nation's leading election law experts to analyze what went wrong and how we can strengthen the safeguards in our states' voting procedures moving forward to ensure election integrity. This event is for members only. Please join to attend.

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*Bring Your Ideas to the Table*

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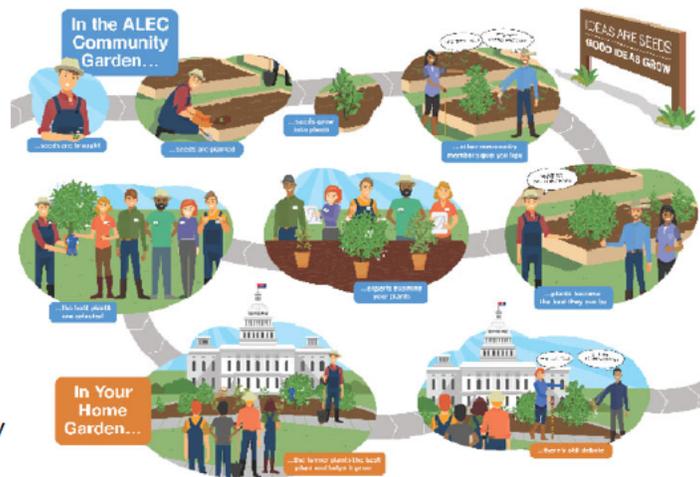


Friends,

In 1776, delegates from what would become the states signed the Declaration of Independence, marking our political separation from Great Britain and the birth of a new nation. Years after its ratification, again in Philadelphia, our Founding Fathers spent several hot summer months in even more heated debates and discussions to write what we know today as the U.S. Constitution. Still, years later, the First Federal Congress added the bill of rights to the Constitution, which among other things divides enshrined free speech rights and codified the role of states in view of the federal government.

You see, the “more perfect union” envisioned by our founders isn’t a destination. It is a process—one we revisit every day with added context encompassing various perspectives as well as new challenges brought about by societal evolution.

It is in this vein ALEC exists. We meet in an academic environment to engage in deliberative debate. Any legislator can submit a policy for consideration. This means all ideas are welcome, but only the best ideas—the ideas vetted and amended through debate—become ALEC model policies. It is why ALEC models become law with incredible frequency. It is also why so many target ALEC with uneducated attacks aimed at confusing the public about the importance of good model policy.



It is the tactic of cancel culture waged in the marketplace of ideas.

Because no one has a monopoly on good ideas, we offer a seat at the table for everyone. We are open for business, and all ideas are welcome. We exist to find consensus on an exploration on the impact of the issues. Along the way, we encounter speed bumps, challenges, arguments and ultimately, compromise—it's iron sharpening iron. And that's the point.

Every one of our task forces has a great diversity in members from across all 50 states and industry sectors. Every legislator's and entrepreneur's perspective looks completely different. Again, this is why ALEC exists.

Ten years ago, ALEC members took positions on all sides of the education/Common Core issue. Today we have members on multiple sides of issues like environmental stewardship and technology innovation. In each case—and over time—consensus is the objective.

The diversity of ideas and perspective is reflected in our [model policy library](#), and the draft policies we will consider at the [48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City](#).

Be part of developing that consensus. Participate in the debate at Annual Meeting. Thousands of state legislators and stakeholders from across the states will come together to take policy deep dives. Topics for discussion range from technology regulation and energy to direct-to-consumer sales issues and sustainable energy development. We want to find the best policy, and that's what the ALEC Annual Meeting is all about.

We're seeing record registration as people gear up to engage in these discussions, including first-time attendees who are looking forward to bringing new fuel and ideas to the table, and taking home the real solutions and results guaranteed at our meetings.

It's clear—the ALEC family is ready to come together and engage in the time-honored tradition of debate that has made our country the greatest democracy in the history of the world. The only way to make the potential for positive change into a reality is to look up from our smartphones, cross the divide built between us and put our heads together to do what our state legislators do best: make sure our government works for all.

Our states are the laboratories of democracy, and the ALEC Annual Meeting is where state leaders formulate the policy solutions to address our biggest issues. Join us in the discussion—models up for consideration at Annual Meeting went [on the website](#) yesterday.

Have a safe Fourth of July with family and friends, and remember that while we celebrate our independence, ALEC is here to ensure our founding principles of individual liberty and free enterprise live on.

Your Friend,



Lisa B. Nelson  
Chief Executive Officer  
American Legislative Exchange Council

***In Memoriam: Donald Rumsfeld (1932-2021)***

*As many of you have probably heard, Donald Rumsfeld passed away earlier this week. The former Secretary was a friend of limited government and free market causes, a long-time financial supporter of ALEC and a civil servant who will be missed. I'd like to share [this clip](#), which depicts a reenactment of the now-famous 1974 dinner between ALEC Scholar and Rich States Poor States author, Laffer, Rumsfeld, Wanniski and Cheney in which Dr. Laffer scribbled his Laffer Curve on a napkin.*

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**Atlanta, Georgia**

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***TOMORROW is the early bird deadline to receive your discount on registration.***

**Join the RNLA next month at our  
20th Annual National Election Law Seminar and earn 9 hours of CLE.**

Everyone -- right, left, and center -- is currently talking about how America runs its elections. The RNLA's Annual National Election Law Seminar has been the premier conference on elections for twenty consecutive years. Whether you are a practicing attorney in election law or simply want to learn what is really going on, this Seminar is the place for Republican lawyers to gain important insight on the most pressing legal issues in elections.

The Seminar's faculty is comprised of a who's who of political leaders and election lawyers - view the line up [here](#). They include the counsels to all the major Republican Committees, RNC, NRSC, NRCC, RGA,

RSLC, etc. We will also feature the commissioners to the Federal Election Commission and the Election Assistance Commission.

**[Register Today for the Seminar!](#)**

*NELS is for lawyers and law students.*

*Must be an RNLA Member to attend. [Join here.](#)*

*Tomorrow is the early bird deadline for discounted registration.*

The Seminar will cover a range of important topics, including: the truth about GOP state election reforms; Democrats' attempts to federalize elections; lessons learned from the 2020 election cycle; campaign finance law; and much more. The seminar provides for 9 hours of CLE, including one hour of ethics credit.

Just for this year, we have added additional sessions on how best to communicate on election and voting matters. We will also have a program by the RNC on the new landscape for Election Integrity Operations.

**For information on sponsorship opportunities, please click [here](#).** For any questions, please email Christina Norton at (b) (6)

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**RNLA Webinar Tomorrow**

**[Censorship & Deplatforming of Conservatives: How Should We Respond?](#)**



**Friday, July 16 at 2:00pm ET**

**[Register Here for the Webinar](#)**

Tune in for an in-depth discussion on the latest actions by Silicon Valley to censor conservative voices and Republican elected officials online. Our speakers will address competing perspectives on how the federal government should respond and whether further regulation of the tech industry is necessary.

Featured speakers include telecommunications lawyers Joel Thayer and Scott Blackburn.

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## This Week At ALEC



### ALEC Policy Hour: Afghanistan, National Security and the Afghan People

Join us for an ALEC Policy Hour on The Taliban's Takeover of Afghanistan – Implications for US National Security and the Afghan People on **Friday, August 27, at 2:00 EST.**

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Hear from Foreign Policy Experts including:

- [Ilan Berman](#), Sr. Vice President of the American Foreign Policy Council
- [Dr. Liam Fox](#), UK MP and former British Secretary & Shadow Secretary of State for Defence and International Trade
- [Kelley Currie](#), Center for a New American Security, Former US Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues
- [Michael O'Hanlon](#), Sr. Fellow and Director of Research in Foreign Policy at Brookings Institution
- Representative Gene Ward (HI House of Representatives)

Panelists will explore:

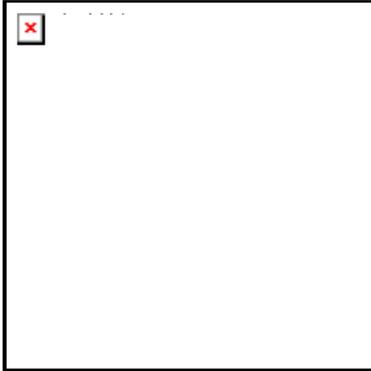
- National security implications of a Taliban-led Afghanistan, including the potential for an al-Qaeda resurgence.
- How China, which has already recognized the Taliban government, will leverage the situation.

- Implications of Taliban rule for the Afghan people – especially women.

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**Governor Abbott Talks Texas Success at ALEC Annual Meeting**



At the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Texas Governor Greg Abbott discussed economic prosperity in Texas. He noted that he was ranked first in the Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors. Texas balanced its budget with no new taxes and added to its savings account. Governor Abbott also discussed the growth of the Texas economy, becoming the 9th largest economy in the world in 2020.

[Watch](#)



**Governor DeSantis Continues to Empower Students and Families**



ALEC was thrilled to have Florida Governor Ron DeSantis join us at our 48th Annual Meeting. In his remarks, Governor DeSantis discussed Florida's unique approach to education during the COVID-19 pandemic. Across the country, school districts and policymakers are grappling with public health policies and mandates. But in Florida, parents have been empowered to make these decisions, rather than local bureaucrats or school boards.

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*End of Summer, Start of Agenda*

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Members and partners,

The 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting, held late last month, was one of the best meetings I've been to in my time as CEO. Over 1,600 attendees joined us in Salt Lake City to bring ideas and leave with solutions. There was more engagement, collaboration and deliberation than ever before, and each participant should be proud of the questions that were asked and the solutions that were found in Utah.

Now, we've all returned home, and it's that exciting time in late August where communities send their students back to school. Even though many state legislatures are out of session and our big conference has passed, ALEC is working hard to provide you with educational opportunities and resources to facilitate continuous improvement for state legislators and stakeholders.

With hundreds of amazing speakers, timely and relevant topics in workshops and trainings and enough networking and fellowship opportunities to make up for a year apart, the irreplaceable takeaways from Annual Meeting are still available.

Draft model policies were approved to generate opportunity for individuals and states. All model policies are available [on the ALEC website](#). Models that passed ranged from [deregulation in technology innovation](#) (based on a law in Arizona), [encouraging an energy efficient and cost-effective economy](#) (based on a law in Utah), [bettering international relations](#), [encouraging physician and medical school collaboration](#) to expand access to primary care services and [outlining best uses of federal ARPA funds](#) for state governments.

And at [ALECtv](#), you can find all of our plenary session speakers including:

- [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis](#)
- [Utah Governor Spencer Cox](#)
- [North Carolina Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson](#)
- [The Honorable Jason Chaffetz](#)
- [Former Secretary Rick Perry](#)
- [Taiwanese Ambassador Hsiao Bi-khim](#)
- [Laffer-ALEC Governor Scorecard Panel](#)
- [Up-and-coming writer Rikki Schlott](#)

In addition to lunch sessions, we also held intimate conversations on today's most pressing issues over at our ALECtv studio. You can check out all of the videos from the 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting [here](#).

The collaboration and fellowship that came out of the conference was one of a kind, and I've truly never seen such an impassioned, focused and determined group come through the ALEC Annual Meeting arches. I'd like to thank our National Chairman, Utah Senate President Stuart Adams for hosting us in his home state. It was so great to be together again.

Once you've caught up on all of our ALECtv programming from the meeting, the fun continues. ALEC policy experts are crisscrossing the country to provide insight and comparative policy analysis to legislators in every state. Since July, ALEC has been in South Dakota and Michigan. In the next month, we'll be in California and Maine to continue our policy briefings in the states.

If you need guidance on how a policy will create opportunity in your community, ALEC policy experts should be your first stop. Reserve your state briefing [here](#).

As this summer comes to a close and the states prepare for 2022, remember that ALEC is here as your ally in finding the best solutions for your people. In fact, registration for the 2021 ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit opened today – [join us in San Diego, CA December 1–3](#).

And as always, thank you for your support of the American Legislative Exchange Council. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Your friend,



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States and Nation Policy Summit Registration is OPEN!

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**The Time is NOW!**

**Registration is OPEN for the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit!**



The 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit will be hosted **December 1-3 in San Diego, CA!**

Coming off the heels of the 48th Annual Meeting, American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) members and friends are looking forward to joining together again in-person to plan and discuss the critical issues facing the states and nation. We will host this year's meeting at The Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, CA. With the downtown location and waterfront views, there is plenty to do and see.

[Registration is open](#), and we cannot wait to see you there! Take advantage of registering early and save on your registration cost as well as secure your spot in the hotel room block. Act quickly as this will be a can't miss meeting!

**Just a few reasons to join ALEC in San Diego...**



- ▶ Gather in-person with the best, brightest and most influential leaders in the state policy community.
- ▶ Join robust and challenging sessions to help answer today's most pressing issues.
- ▶ Hear from leaders charging the way forward and working to increase freedom across our states.



### Important Dates and Information:

- ▶ Early-bird registration ends on **October 27, 2021**
- ▶ On-site rates begin on **October 28, 2021**
- ▶ Hotel Room Block ends on **November 3, 2021** (*Rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until sold out.*)

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Contact [ALEC Events Team](#) today to secure your spot in the upcoming **Exhibit Hall**.

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Relive the fun from the 48th ALEC Annual Meeting. From the outstanding plenary sessions to content-filled task force meetings and workshops, to candid moments of fun and fellowship - we have it all. Login to [ALEC CONNECT](#) today to view videos and photos from the meeting. Contact [Stephen Rupp](#) with any questions.

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## This Week At ALEC



### ALEC Policy Hour: Back to School - Education and the Supreme Court

Join us for an ALEC Policy Hour on recent activity the Supreme Court has taken on key cases concerning education in America on **Friday, September 10, at 2:00 EST.**

The Supreme Court's ruling last year in *Espinoza v. Montana* has thrown Blaine Amendments around the country into legal question. With 37 state constitutions containing such language, we will discuss the practical implications of the ruling and solutions that are available to policymakers. We will also talk about a similar case pending before the Supreme Court, *Carson v. Makin*, and how it could impact the school choice landscape.

Hear these insights from top legal and education experts from the **Institute for Justice and the Center for Education Reform.**



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## New ALEC Model Policies



At the ALEC Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, the ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force approved two model policies, the [Statement of Principles on ARPA Aid to State Governments](#) and the [Resolution Urging Congress to Let States Cut Taxes](#). In total, 26 model policies were passed at Annual Meeting.

[Read](#)



## Governor Cox Talks Utah Success at ALEC Annual Meeting



Governor Spencer Cox addressed the ALEC 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City. He cheered on Utah's successes, including earning a number 1 ranking in the ALEC-Laffer Annual Report *Rich States, Poor States* for [14 years in a row](#). Governor Cox noted that the "secret sauce" to Utah's success is, "the ability to work together and collaborate on very divisive issues," also known as "The Utah Way."

[Watch](#)



## Special Webinar: The Afghanistan Evacuation



As the situation in Afghanistan continues to develop, learn about the issues at play in the evacuation from ALEC policy experts including:

- **Former Ambassador-at-Large, Kelley Currie of CNAS**
- **Former British Secretary & Shadow Secretary of State for Defence and International Trade, Dr. Liam Fox**
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**Jonathan Williams on *American Radio Journal***



ALEC Chief Economist, Jonathan Williams, was featured on the *American Radio Journal* with key insights telling the story of Utah's 14 consecutive years at the top of the Economic Outlook index in *Rich States, Poor States*. Listen to find out more.

**Listen**



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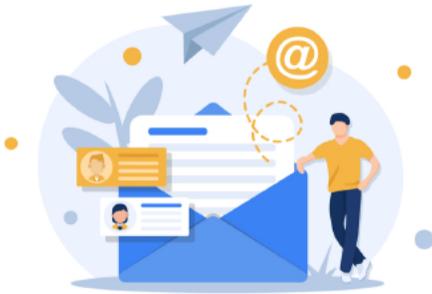


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ALEC Policy Hour:  
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Join the ALEC Policy Hour **tomorrow, Friday, September 24, at 2:00 EDT** on the pressing issues facing the economy across the states head into the upcoming congressional sessions, including:

- Recent unemployment numbers
- Inflation
- The infamous Infrastructure Bill (now the Reconciliation Bill, read the bill and see what the fuss is)
- and more

Hear these insights from the ALEC Policy Team and **FreedomWorks Economist, Steve Moore**.

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Members and Partners,

As summer fades, children head back to school, legislators head back to session and offices across the country get to work, we have the unique opportunity to capitalize on the momentum from our 48<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting. When you open your sessions and begin new projects, remember to take tools from the one of most successful meetings in ALEC history. The engagement, collaboration, and innovation we all discovered together in Salt Lake City only create impact if you embrace them and incorporate them in your daily lives.

At the Salt Lake City Annual Meeting, legislators and partners discussed, amended, and voted on 34 policies with 24 policies passed and [now available online](#). Each new policy has a foundation in free enterprise and individual liberty and cover such important policy areas as providing primary medical care to underserved communities, taking steps toward universal licensing for cosmetic workers and others, and safeguarding the right to try experimental treatment for terminal illnesses. ALEC ideas are here to make life better for *everyone*. This meeting saw over 1,600 legislators, stakeholders, advocates and concerned citizens – including more democrats than ALEC has seen in years.

The policy discussions don't stop at the ALEC meetings either. We're well on our way to accomplishing our goal to have [50 policy briefings in 50 states by our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration](#), having five academies in just 2 months. We've covered a full range of topics from life sciences and health innovation, to cutting edge communications and technology developments, to the tried-and-true principles of smart taxation. If it's an issue you care about, we're talking about it. Please let us know what topics you want to learn more about,

we'd be happy to meet you where you are. There's no time like the present to explore free-market, small-government solutions to the issues facing our states.

And what an interesting moment in time we're in. As some of our state legislatures begin to reconvene, Washington is considering a colossal expansion of the federal government. The notorious 2,465 page, 5.5 trillion-dollar budget reconciliation bill is currently being considered in the House of Representatives. In typical Washington fashion, this bill mortgages the future of generations to come in an effort to create more top-down big-government solutions. Not only is spending of this magnitude an imminent danger to the taxpayer, as discussed in our recent [Policy Hour with Freedom Works Economist Steve Moore](#), but the tax incentives provided for unionized automotive plants for the production of electric vehicles are an act of cronyism that, as stakeholders like [Honda, Toyota and Tesla have said in public statements](#), makes "the deployment of electrified vehicles secondary to discriminating against American autoworkers" who choose not to unionize. This rapid expansion of federal programming threatens the federalist values that lay at the foundation of American government. Instead of throwing incomprehensible piles of money at one-size-fits-all quick fixes, we should be empowering communities throughout the country to solve their own issues with tailor made solutions to address their specific needs.

At just over 60 days before the [2021 States and Nations Policy Summit](#), we are preparing to bring ideas and partnerships that foster empowerment of states and communities regardless of what happens in Washington, D.C. If the Annual Meeting was any indicator, 2021 is the year of ALEC and you won't want to miss our powerful line up in San Diego Dec. 1st-3rd. We are looking forward to a schedule packed with A-list presentations from some of the best policy minds and political leaders in the nation – stay tuned in coming weeks for several big announcements.

In the meantime, remember that ALEC is always here as your resource in finding the best policy solutions for states and local governments. Thank you for your support of the American Legislative Exchange Council and we look forward to seeing you in San Diego.

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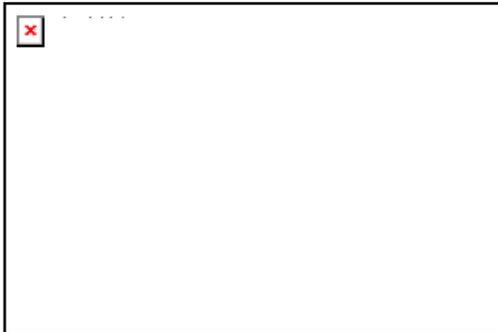


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### Universal Pre-K and Tuition-Free College Risk Student Outcomes



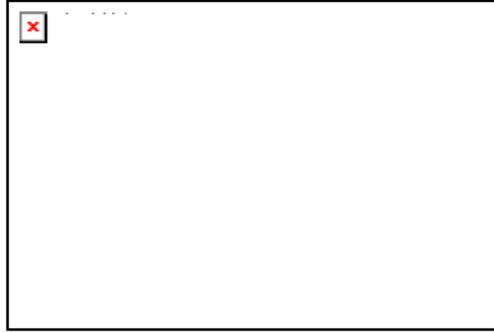
President Biden made tuition-free community college and universal pre-k the cornerstone issues of his 2020 campaign. And now, these programs are part of budget reconciliation discussions happening in Washington. These proposals tend to focus on universality and maximum enrollment instead of prioritizing student performance and outcomes (especially among minority and low-income students).

Learn more with Education and Workforce Development Task Force Director Andrew Handel in his latest article.

Read



### Learn About the Dangers of the Reconciliation Bill



Congress is considering a spending package of 5 trillion dollars this week. Learn more about this colossal budget reconciliation bill's pitfalls and dangers, and why we need to read the whole 2,465 page bill in the recent ALEC Policy Hour Webinar from **FreedomWorks Economist Steve Moore, the ALEC Policy Team, and Pennsylvania Rep. Seth Grove.**

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### Webinar – Recovery Done Right: Using ARPA Funds Wisely

Texas has received tens of billions of dollars from Congress through the American Rescue Plan Act signed by President Biden earlier this year. The Texas Legislature is meeting during the third special session to determine how to allocate these funds. Join TPPF Chief Economist Vance Ginn and his guests Jonathan Williams of the American



Legislative Exchange Council and Patrick Gleason of Americans for Tax Reform **TODAY at 1:00 PM EST**, as they discuss how to allocate the funds in a manner that doesn't create dependency or future budget crunches.

### Speakers

- [Vance Ginn, Ph.D.](#) (Moderator) – Chief Economist, Texas Public Policy Foundation
- [Patrick Gleason](#) – Vice President of State Affairs, [Americans for Tax Reform](#)

- [Jonathan Williams](#) – Chief Economist and Executive Vice President of Policy, American Legislative Exchange Council

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### ICYMI: Special Webinar On US-Israel Relations



Join Karla Jones, Director of the ALEC Federalism and International Relations Task Force, sits down with Aryeh Lightstone, Senior Advisor to former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and Special Envoy for Economic Normalization, to discuss the relationship between the United States and Israel.

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### Embracing Parole Reform Across the States



*"Over the past few years, many states have enacted new laws reforming parole and probation. These reforms tackle a myriad of problems, but their main objective is to improve public safety through reducing recidivism rates and overcrowded facilities – while also ensuring victims' needs are met and limiting costs to taxpayers."*

- Nino Marchese

Learn more about the issues at play in parole and probation policy with Nino Marchese, the new ALEC Criminal and Civil Justice Task Force Director, in his latest article on [ALEC.org](#).

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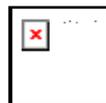
 Webinar – They’re Taking My Stuff

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 Bilateral Trade with Taiwan

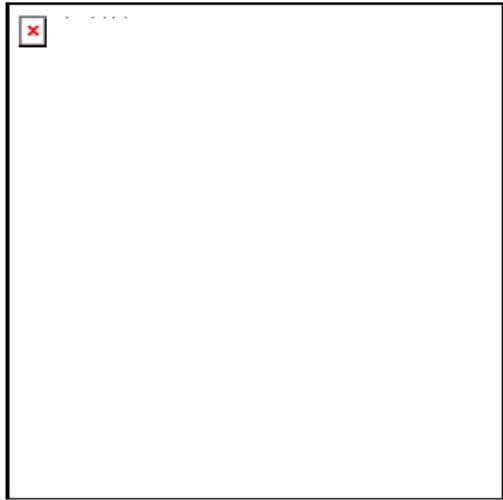
 Across the States Podcast



Today, ALEC Action released a letter signed by 215 state lawmakers representing 39 states urging the Biden Administration to prioritize negotiations on a US-Taiwan Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA).

*"America's economic partnership with Taiwan is a job creation engine – 373,000 jobs in the US were supported by bilateral trade between our two democracies in 2019 – and the US is Taiwan's second largest import market and the third largest provider of energy to the island nation."  
-Lisa B. Nelson*

**Read**



The Abraham Accords constituted a historic leap forward in Israel's relations with the Arab world. But what does the future hold for the United States and Israel after the Trump presidency? And how can local lawmakers get involved? Join Karla Jones, Senior Task Force Director for Federalism and International Relations, as she sits with Aryeh Lightstone, advisor to former United States Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and Special Envoy for Economic Normalization, to discuss where both nations go from here.

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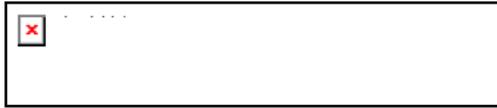


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A circular collage for the 'States & Nation Policy Summit' featuring three images: palm trees, a panda, and a coastal scene.

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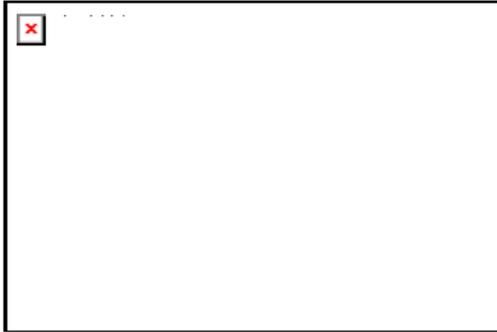
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### Alleviating Poverty and Freeing the American Dream



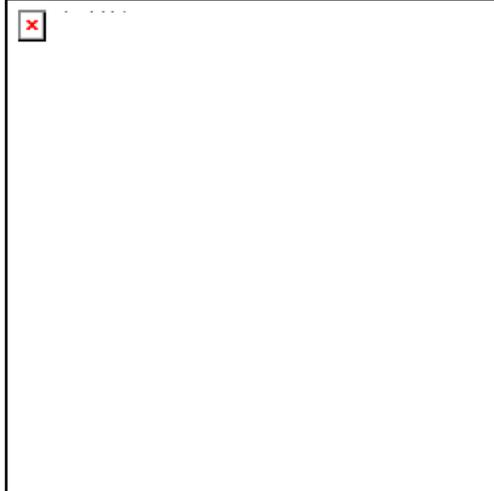
October 17<sup>th</sup> was [World Poverty Day](#). First observed in 1987, World Poverty Day recognizes the challenges facing those struggling with poverty, and it provides an opportunity to discuss reforms to help the impoverished. Last month, ALEC's Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force hosted a webinar series called *Free Market Ways to Promote Opportunity and Alleviate Poverty*, featuring discussions on three key policy areas: housing affordability, benefit cliffs, and fines and fees reform.

Learn more with Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Director, Gretchen Baldau.

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### Across the States Podcast



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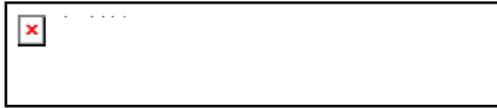


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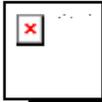
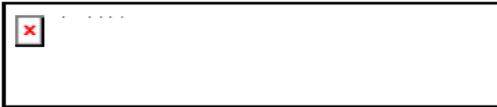
Don't Miss Out on Early Bird Registration Rates!

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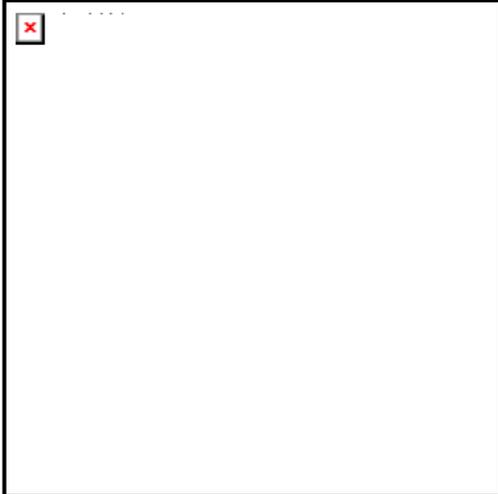
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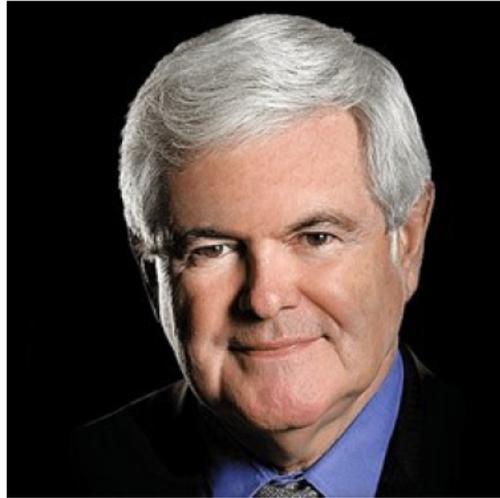


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### Former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich Joining ALEC in San Diego



Former Speaker of the House and friend of ALEC Newt Gingrich joins the all-star lineup of speakers for the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit. [Hear Speaker Gingrich's remarks from the 47<sup>th</sup> ALEC Annual Meeting](#) and register today!



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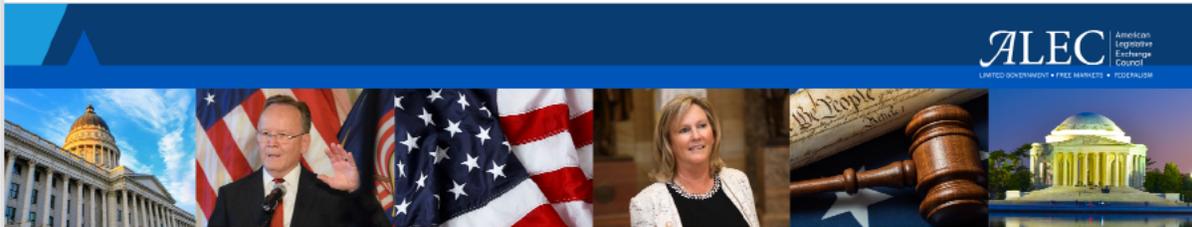
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Members and Partners,

As Fall settles in across the states and we prepare for changing weather, the conversation in Washington has turned as well to the [scary prospect of an IRS with expansive monitoring capabilities](#) and [spending proposals of truly terrifying proportions](#) on the horizon. However, while DC may be horrific, we all know that the states are where the real solutions will be found. Fall may be the time of Halloween, but it's also the beginning of the holidays – a time for coming together. I know that there's room for unity, collaboration, and fellowship in the service of our communities in state capitols across the country. That's why I'm so excited to see you all in sunny San Diego, CA in *less than a month* for our [2021 States and Nation Policy Summit](#) – the place to come together on these issues. I'd like to share just a few of the festivities we have planned for you.

In addition to the timely policy discussions at our Task Force Meetings and Workshops, I'm happy to announce that we'll be joined by my good friend Newt Gingrich. As a best-selling author, Newt's most recent project [Beyond Biden](#) cuts to the heart of the issues facing the states right now.

*"The struggle between the defenders of American exceptionalism and the forces of anti-Americanism is reaching a fever pitch. These forces have grown so large,*

*so well-financed, so entrenched and aggressive that they must be studied closely and understood completely.”*

*-Newt Gingrich*

Newt's track record speaks for itself, as former Speaker of the House, Presidential candidate, internationally recognized expert on world history, military issues, and international affairs Newt is a true visionary who has played a leading role in shaping policy over the past 30 years. We're truly honored to have such a fount of knowledge and experience with us.

We'll also be joined by one of America's top governors, [Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt](#). Since taking office, Gov. Stitt has worked together with his Legislature to produce historic reform in five of the largest state agencies, allowing him to identify and recruit the best talent to serve in critical leadership positions. Governor Stitt has taken a groundbreaking approach to his administration by appointing one of the most diverse cabinets in state history – himself the first ever tribally enrolled Native American to be elected as governor in the United States. He is committed to delivering taxpayers more for their money, and his growth friendly leadership helped the state build its largest savings account in history, earning him one of the top rankings in the 2020 Laffer-ALEC Report Grading America's Governors.

It's going to be a content packed meeting, with almost 30 model policies up for consideration on spanning the full spectrum of critical issues facing the country. Outside of task force meetings, you'll also have an opportunity to hear from top industry experts on bleeding edge developments that can help inform your policy discussions for years to come.

All of this and more awaits you in San Diego December 1-3 and [we hope that you can join us](#). While all of these speakers and events are exciting, I encourage you to remember that the value of an ALEC meeting is in the fellowship and communion that you bring to the meeting. The 2021 States and Nations Policy Summit is a testament to how we can work together to solve our common challenges, and prepare for productive sessions in 2022 and beyond.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and let us know how ALEC can be a partner and ally to you as we head into this holiday season. See you soon!

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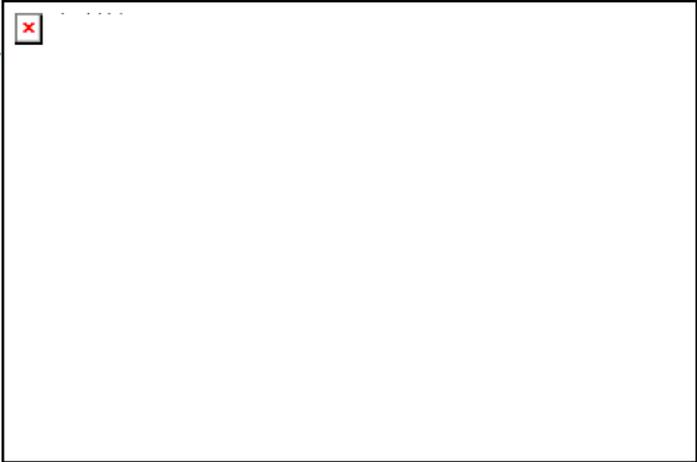
 **Draft Model Policies Now Online-  
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The draft model policies that are up for discussion at the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit are now live on [ALEC.org](http://ALEC.org). For questions about the policies listed, please email the Director of the appropriate Task Force.

While we hope to see each of you in-person, please remember that in order to participate in the virtual sub-

committees, you must be registered by November 17<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Task Force selections must be finalized by November 22. [Subcommittee dates and times can be found here.](#)

Join us December 1-3 in beautiful San Diego, California. For more information on the States and Nations Policy agenda, please visit our [meetings website](#).



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### Winsome Sears Joining ALEC in San Diego



Former ALEC Legislator Winsome Sears is joining us in San Diego! Winsome is the Virginia Lt. Governor Elect, making history as the first black woman elected to the office. After immigrating to the United States at the age of six and proudly serving in the United States Marines, Lt. Gov. Elect Sears' story is nothing short of inspiring. Learn about Lt. Gov. Elect Sears and more at the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit.



### Stay Tuned for More Exciting Speakers



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### Plan to Join the Article V Discussion in San Diego

ALEC will host an Article V Academy featuring the nation's largest Article V organizations who will discuss potential constitutional amendments aimed at restoring federal fiscal responsibility; addressing campaign money corruption and instituting congressional term limits. Join us at the onset of the ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit in San Diego or virtually on **Wednesday, December 1 from 7:00 AM - 11:15 AM PST**. State lawmaker attendees both virtual and in-person will be able to cast their ballots for the ideas they believe are best suited to meet America's challenges. Registration is required.



Contact Karla Jones at [kjones@alec.org](mailto:kjones@alec.org) for more information about this groundbreaking event. If interested, please [Register here](#).

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### Don't miss your chance to hear from South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem!

Ranked as one of the top 5 Governor's in the first ever Governors ranking from the [2020 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom](#), Governor Kristi Noem is setting the bar for how to lead well.

In 2010, after serving in the South Dakota legislature for several years, Noem was elected to serve as South Dakota's lone member of the U.S. House of Representatives. During her time in Congress, in addition to many other successes, Governor Noem helped pass the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which put \$2,400 back in the pockets of the average South Dakota family.

In 2018, with the platform of protecting South Dakotans against tax increases, government growth, federal intrusion and government secrecy, she was elected as South Dakota's first-ever female Governor.

As Governor, Noem has been a champion of individual liberty, helping the people of South Dakota to make the best decisions for themselves, their loved-ones, and – in turn – their



communities. This approach has been most evident in her response to the COVID-19 pandemic: Governor Noem never ordered a single business or church to close and never issued a statewide shelter-in-place order.

**Register before November 22 to make sure you guarantee your ability to vote in your task forces!**



**Winsome Sears  
Joining ALEC in San  
Diego**



Former ALEC Legislator Winsome Sears is joining us in San Diego! Winsome is the Virginia Lt. Governor Elect, making history as the first black woman elected to the office. After immigrating to the United States at the age of six and proudly serving in the United States Marines, Lt. Gov. Elect Sears' story is nothing short of inspiring. Learn about Lt. Gov. Elect Sears and more at the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit.



**Learn More about the Wounded Warrior  
Project in San Diego**



Learn more about America's veterans with the Wounded Warrior Project, and the various ways we can support those who have proudly served.

More than 52,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in recent military conflicts. 500,000 live with invisible wounds, from depression to post-traumatic stress disorder. 320,000 experience debilitating brain trauma. Wounded Warrior Project's mission is improving the quality of life for those who gave all that they could for our country.



**The Bradley Forum: Harnessing Parental  
Engagement in Education**



**Learn from Fox News Analyst Ned Ryun at the 2021 States and Nation Policy Summit**



Among our all-star line up of speakers and experts is **Ned Ryun**, with a special training on data driven messaging. He is the founder and CEO of American Majority, a non-partisan political training institute whose mission is to identify and mold the next wave of liberty-minded candidates, grassroots activists and community leaders.

A former presidential writer for President George W. Bush and the son of former Olympic medalist and U.S. Rep. Jim Ryun (R-KS), Ned has frequently appeared on Fox News, Fox Business, MSNBC and CNN and has been quoted in numerous print publications including Time Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, Politico, The Washington Post, and The Washington Times. He also contributes opinion pieces for American Greatness.

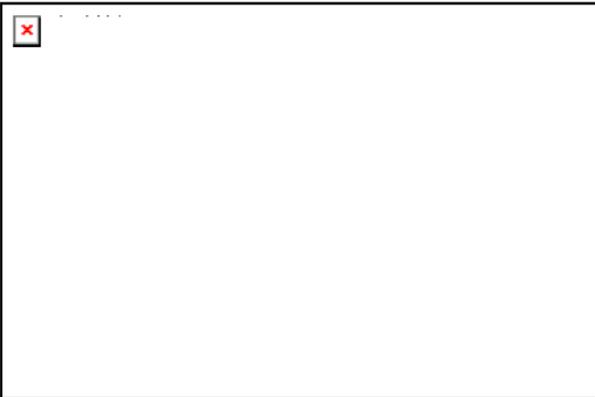
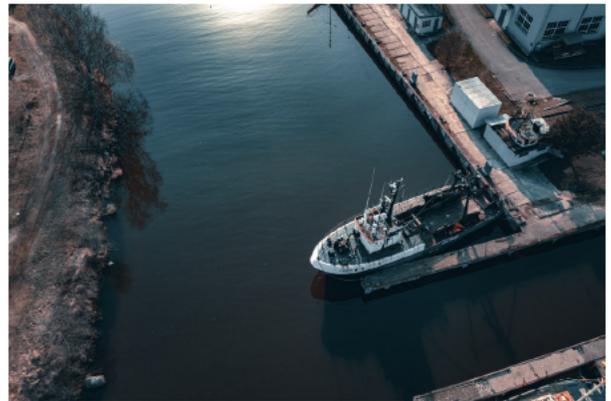


The environment has never been more ripe for long needed reform in education. School lockdowns, the promotion of divisive curricula, and efforts to demonize and silence parents who seek to have a voice in how their children are educated are driving parental engagement in education. Parents who once sat on the sidelines of education policy are now running for school boards, lobbying state legislatures, and are opting for alternatives to traditional education models. In this session, we will hear from leaders in this space who can show you how to harness the unprecedented momentum to reform education, from what's being taught in the classroom, to legislation that can open opportunity for all students.



**Join the Tour: Port of Long Beach**

Christmas... in March? ALEC legislators are invited to join us for an exclusive supply chain issue briefing and boat tour at the Port of Long Beach. Visit the ground zero of the supply chain crisis to learn about and witness firsthand the complicated challenges, regulations, and contracts facing ports and port workers in the midst of COVID restrictions. Email Gretchen Baldau at [gbaldau@alec.org](mailto:gbaldau@alec.org) to RSVP today.



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Thank You

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ALEC Family,

2021 has been a banner year for ALEC, with triumphs like our Annual Meeting and upcoming [States and Nation Policy Summit](#) leaving us filled with gratitude. In such a memorable year it is easy to give thanks. It is my hope that each and every one of you found an opportunity to innovate, find solutions and even to come together in collaboration this year.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for the steadfast support of our ALEC family – our dedicated and enthusiastic legislative members, innovative private sector partners that come together time and time again to help ALEC be the best it can, and generous donors that make our work and collaboration possible.

I'm thankful for all you've done this year, and for all that we can achieve together in 2022. Because of you, our upcoming [2021 States and Nation Policy Summit](#) is set to be one of our most impactful meetings yet, building on [the success of our Annual Meeting from this summer](#). I'm thankful for those who have already registered and committed to spending time with us next week in San Diego, and hope that [more of you will join in](#).

I find myself thankful for the free-market innovations and partnerships which make the fantastical feats of modern life possible. Most of all, I find myself thankful for a nation that fosters and defends liberty, with limitless opportunity for her citizens.

From us to you, happy Thanksgiving.

Your friend,



**Lisa B. Nelson**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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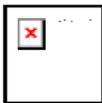
### States and Nation Policy Summit Recap

What a meeting! Coming off of recent elections, more than 800 attendees gathered in San Diego last week for ALEC's annual States and Nation Policy Summit. Thank you to the legislators, the private sector members and everyone who took the time to invest in stronger policies and healthier communities.

To watch a playlist of the speakers from the event, click below!



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**Across the States Podcast**



**50 Policy Briefings In 50 States**



The crisis of homelessness is spreading throughout the United States, impacting over half of a million Americans. But organizations like the Switchpoint Community Resource Center are working to address the problem and make a difference. Join Matthew Fisher as he sits down with Carol Hollowell, Executive Director of Switchpoint, and Andre Cushing of the American City County Exchange as they discuss remedies to homelessness that empower and uplift communities.

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### 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom, Grading America's Governors

Congratulations to Governor Kristi Noem of South Dakota for ranking first in *The 2021 Laffer-ALEC Report on Economic Freedom: Grading America's 50 Governors*. This report ranks each governor on their current economic performance and their fiscal and executive policies over their term in office. Governors who were inaugurated into high-performing states and continue positive policies may not be able to improve as much as others but receive credit for their positive performance.

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