

To: Interested Parties  
From: Future Majority  
Re: Public sentiment on the For the People Act  
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From March 19 to 22, Future Majority and our partners at Change Research surveyed 993 likely voters with an online instrument in the 37 Congressional Districts that were decided by 5 points or less in the 2020 election. The survey's purpose was to gauge public sentiment on The For the People Act (HR1/SB1). This is the battleground for 2022. Yes, some national polling makes us feel good, but to keep the House and Senate, this is the terrain. It is tough.

**Headline:**

- Only 52% of voters believe Joe Biden was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election. 42% believe Trump won. Only 45% of Independents and 10% of GOP believe Biden won legitimately.
  - Noteworthy numbers include that just 9% of White Evangelical voters and 10% of Fox News viewers believe Joe Biden is the legitimate winner.
  - Additionally, only 41% of veteran households believe Joe Biden is the legitimate president.

**Lay of Land:**

- **41% of voters know that the House passed The For the People Act.** This is up from 12% in our October survey. (43% Dems, 42% GOP, 24% Independents)
- 66% support the federal government setting national standards for conducting elections in America. (92% Dems, 56% Independents, 42% GOP)
- 52% believe “the Democratic Party’s effort to reform voting is little more than an effort to steal future elections and make it easier for people to vote illegally.” (60% Independents, 94% GOP)
- “If you had to choose one, what do you think should be the highest priority for the US Congress?” 51% fight corruption / 45% protecting voter rights. 70% of Independents and 69% of GOP say corruption whereas 67% of Dems say protecting voter rights.

**Voters overwhelmingly support the For the People Act:**

- **Corruption is the stronger argument across the board.** When presented as a bill aimed at cracking down on corruption by ending dark money in politics and putting in places tough new ethics and conflicts of interest laws for Members of Congress, 68% of voters support the bill, and 23% oppose it. (98% Dems, 57% Independents, 42% GOP)

- **Not surprisingly, expanding and securing the vote receives less GOP support.** When presented as a bill that would end partisan gerrymandering, automatically register eligible citizens to vote, expand early voting, simplifying mail-in voting, and enhancing election security, 58% of voters support the bill, and 40% oppose. (97% Dems, 61% Independents, 23% GOP)

**Expanding access to in-person voting is an incredibly popular proposal across party lines.**

- 73% of voters support increasing early vote locations and times for in-person early voting, and 26% oppose.
- 77% of voters support requiring employers to give paid time off to vote or allowing employees to vote during working hours. Just 21% oppose.
  - When broken down by party, Democrats, Independents, and Republicans support this proposal by 92%, 65%, and 64%, respectively.

**Democrats respond positively to most efforts to increase voter access and security, with a few proposals only resonating with Democrats.**

- 76% of Democrats support mailing every voter a ballot in every election, compared to just 26% of Independents and 8% of Republicans.
  - Similarly, 87% of Democrats are opposed to restricting the use of secure drop boxes, compared to 48% of Independents and 12% of Republicans.
- 82% of Democrats support automatically restoring voting rights to former felons, compared to 38% of Independents and 24% of Republicans.

**Independents are compelled by proposals aimed at making voting easier and more accessible.**

- 70% of Independent voters support increasing early vote locations and times for in-person early voting
- 65% of Independent voters support requiring employers to give paid time off to vote or allowing employees to vote during working hours.
- 86% of Independent voters support requiring a paper trail for every ballot.
- 59% of Independent voters support prohibiting states from arbitrarily dropping people from the voting rolls.

**Despite increased opposition generally, GOP voters are compelled by a few issues**

- 64% of GOP voters support requiring employers to give paid time off to vote or allowing employees to vote during working hours.
- 74% of GOP voters support ending partisan gerrymandering to prevent politicians from picking their voters.
- 96% of GOP voters support requiring a paper trail for every ballot.
- 91% of voters agree that “the right to vote is sacred and fundamental to democracy. The government needs to do what it takes to protect this right for everyone.”