

WTF ARE "THE MIDTERMS"?

10 EASY STEPS TO CHANGE THE WORLD ON NOVEMBER 6

A Guide for The 130 Million Americans Who Will Not Otherwise Vote

By Richard Greene with Chiara Greene

If you like this book, please consider making a donation to www.changeTheRef.com to carry on their work.

DEDICATION



This book is dedicated to the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School who were lost and those who rose up to found The "March For Our Lives" Movement. You have reminded us what it means to stand up against the status quo - as did the Suffragette the school was named for years before. You have demonstrated how to be a true American Citizen and voice for change.

It is my great pleasure to donate this book, without charge, to the young (and not so young) who want to learn how to play the "game" of American politics and wield their voice in The 2018 Midterm Elections. And, in honor of one of the students lost there, 17 year old Joaquin Oliver, and the efforts of his courageous parents, Manny and Patricia, I ask that any who may wish to make a donation do so to the Oliver's non-profit organization dedicated to ending gun violence, www.ChangeTheRef.org. Thank you!

"The Founding Fathers created a REVOLUTION for The United States every 2 years. It's called an "Election"

- Richard Greene, Author

"Despite the avalanche of partisanship and cynicism today, Richard Greene remains a prisoner of hope and works tirelessly to infect the population with a dose of optimism. With his latest book, Greene outlines in clear and compelling terms, why its more important than ever to understand what's going on (and helps us do that), why it's more important than ever to get involved, participate, and most of all vote."

- Mark McKinnon, media advisor to Sen. John McCain, and host of "The Circus"

SO... WTF ARE "THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS"?



Dear Friends,

I studied "CIVICS" so you don't have to. Here's all you need to know:

1.) "Midterms" are EXACTLY the same as a "Presidential Election"... except for the "President" part. But EVERYTHING else is the same. They are called "Midterms" because they come in the "middle" between Presidential Elections. For example:

2012 2014 2016 2018 2020

Presidential Midterms Presidential Midterms Presidential

2.) The 2018 "Midterms" are SUPER important. Why? Because on November 6 we elect...

- **ALL** 435 Members of The House of Representatives.
- **35** of the 100 Members of The United States Senate.
- A new "Speaker of The House" and new Committee Chairpersons depending on who wins 218 seats in The House.
- A new "Majority Leader" and new Committee Chairpersons depending on who gets 51 seats in The Senate.

- The Senators who will very possibly confirm the replacement for Ruth Bader Ginsburg, (or any other Justice who retires or dies) on **The Supreme Court.**
- **36** of the 50 Governors who will sign, or not sign, every bill in your state for the next 4 years. Did you know MIDTERMS are THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTIONS for Governors, way more than Presidential Elections!

2018 Midterms: 36 Governors. 2020 Presidential: 11 Governors. 2022 Midterms: 36 Governors.

- Almost all of the 50 State Legislatures that will determine/"Gerrymander" the Congressional and state legislative boundaries" the states.
- Pass, or reject, countless State Propositions.

Learn everything you need to know to be a super informed and powerful voter so that you can change the country the way you want November 6!

- Richard Greene

"Richard Greene's book emphasizes two important concepts: Civic learning and America's Constitutional Democracy. Both are necessary to improve the American culture and bolster the United States—through strong words.

George R. Nethercutt, Jr., Chairman the George Nethercutt Civics Foundation and former Republican Member of Congress (1995-2005).

"This is terrific! Clear and concise and hopefully will contribute to an increase in 'civic literacy' in America."

- Mel Levine, former Democratic Member of Congress (1983 - 1993)

INTRODUCTION: MANNY OLIVER FATHER OF JOAQUIN OLIVER



I took my family out of Venezuela and came to America to protect them. To keep them safe.

We had the perfect life here.

We worked hard. Our son, Joaquin, studied hard. And we all, together, become American citizens.

Proud American citizens.

And then, on Valentines Day, a troubled young man, who should never have

been even close to a gun, holds up his AR-15 and shoots Joaquin.

I still love this country. I still believe in this country.

And I pray, and trust, that American fathers, and mothers and young people will march to the polls on November 6 and vote to make America even better.

And we can make America better by voting in brave candidates who will vote for comprehensive background checks, for a ban on the kind of military assault weapons that gunned down my son, for increased mental health screening, to ban bumpstocks, to limit the size of magazines, to raise the age to buy a rifle and other common sense gun laws.

I ask, from the bottom of my heart, that you read this book, that you understand the power we have as citizens in this great country and that you register, now, and vote on November 6.

Please, vote for my son Joaquin, and to make it less likely that any other parent, any other American, should ever have to suffer the loss of a loved one . . .

or to get money out of politics or for any other thing that you care deeply about.

Thank you so much.

INTRODUCTION By Charlie Mirsky, Co-Founder, "March For Our Lives"

Over one million people came from all over the country - at considerable expense and inconvenience - to "March on Washington" in support of sane gun control measures.

The response of Congress and State Legislatures was to pass legislation that made it easier to purchase handguns and assault weapons. They also passed an insane amount of legislation to bring more handguns into schools by urging teachers and administrators to have concealed weapons in their classrooms.

Protests, letters, phone calls and marches are essential to raise public awareness, but none of it matter in the slightest unless people vote.

In the last election nearly 80% of people 65 and older voted, but less than 20% of kids under the age of 20 did so.

Even 20 - 30 year-olds voted at very, very low rates.

Had young people voted in the same proportion as the older people, large majorities in Congress would have already banned bump stocks and assault weapons and made it tougher to purchase weapons for those who mean to do harm.

Sadly, most states do not have automatic voter registration. It is something you have to do yourself - but it's not hard.

Just go to www.bit.ly/279forChange

Do it. Do it now. Just hit the link above and become a registered voter!

In some states you have to register months in advance of the election in order to be able to vote.

And once you register, make sure you vote. No excuses!

Prioritize it.

Vote first thing in the morning. Be the first person in line.

Or, better still, vote before the election. In most states you can actually vote up to two weeks prior to election day.

Oh, and congratulations if you live in Oregon. There, you don't have to even go to the polls. The state mails your ballot to your home and all you have to do is put it back in your mailbox. You don't even need a stamp!

Now, before you read another word in this book, click the link above.

Do it now ... and then, on November 6, 2018, "March" to the polls and change America with us

Before we get into the 10 Steps, let's ask a really important question...

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EVERY YOUNG PERSON VOTED?

(Here are just some of the things that CAN happen because of the enormous size of the youth vote)

- Guns would only be sold to people who were fully qualified to own and use guns.
- Big money would be largely out of politics.
- America would have a renewable energy economy with millions of new renewable energy jobs.
- Dreamers would have a path to citizenship and America would have a comprehensive immigration policy with secure borders.
- Women would have full reproductive rights and full equal pay.
- College would be affordable to all.
- Quality healthcare would be affordable to all.
- Net neutrality would be the law again.
- Marijuana would be legal and regulated.
- Prisons would be fair and effective.
- Wildlife would be protected and animal torture would be outlawed.
- And just about anything else you could imagine to make the country and the world a better place!

That's how powerful you are. **But, only, if you REGISTER** www.Bit.ly/279forChange and



(T-Shirts with this message available at www.ChangeTheRef.org)

SUMMARYThe 10 Things I Want You To Know

This book was written because I want you to know that . . .

- 1. "The Midterms" are every bit as important, and in some ways MORE important than the 2016 Presidential Election. Support Donald Trump and his policies? Want to put a check on him? Nov. 6 is the time to do it.
- 2. Only 23% of 18 34 year olds voted in the last "Midterms". 59% over 65 did. If significantly more 18 34 year olds voted in Midterms they could change the country in virtually any way they wanted. That's how big and potentially powerful this demographic is!



- 3. There is a HUGE difference between the parties on virtually every major issue which makes it VERY easy to decide who to vote for!
- 4. The 2 most important things we "vote" for in The Midterms are "Senate Majority Leader" and "Speaker of The House". The Republican Senate candidates you vote for will vote for Mitch McConnell. Democrats will vote for Chuck Schumer. Republican House candidates will likely vote for Jim Jordan or Kevin McCarthy. Democrats will vote for Nancy Pelosi or a Democrat who might challenge her. These 2 positions control EVERYTHING about The United States Congress!

CANDIDATES FOR "SENATE MAJORITY LEADER"





CANDIDATES FOR "SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE"





5. The Supreme Court is on the ballot on November 6. Whichever party gets 51 Senate Members (out of 100) determines who fills EVERY vacancy on The Supreme Court (and every other Federal Court).

- 6. 36 of the 50 Governors are on the ballot on November 6 that will affect your life in your state for the next 4 years, at least.
- 7. "The System" is NOT broken. Anyone can truly get whatever they want in American Politics on either side. All that is required is to participate and "crowdsource" like-minded other voters to elect the 279 people needed to pass any piece of legislation one wants.
- 8. We need to start focusing on actual pieces of legislation that will transform the country and stop vilifying the process, the parties and the politicians. They "suck" because we don't elect people who commit to enact the legislation we want . . . largely because young people don't vote in Midterms and we don't hold our leaders accountable. "'Billify', don't Vilify!"
- 9. It's cool to vote. But not just to "vote". VOTE FOR a reason, vote for what makes you fired up, passionate, frustrated and enraged, VOTE for the thing or things that are most deeply meaningful to you, because IN ORDER TO FORM A MORE PERFECT UNION, "We The People" have to speak up.
- 10. Your vote really, really, really does count!

Ok. Now on to what is in this book and "The 10 Steps" to changing America!

So, let's get started with the essence of the new politics, "CIVICS 2.0". In the new kind of politics, it's all about YOU and what YOU care about . . . so we're going to give you a sample "Menu" – with TONS of choices - to choose from and more importantly, to CHOOSE the CAMPAIGN you want to work on to change America in the way YOU want!

STEP 1 TO CHANGE AMERICA

DON'T just VOTE! Vote FOR Something!

Pick Your Cause and Become a "Single Issue Voter" . . . and Lead or Join a Campaign!

WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT? Pick YOUR issue and become an activist for that issue . . . and JUST VOTE . . . FOR that issue! There is almost certainly a real piece of legislation, a BILL, on YOUR issue, already introduced in The United States Congress just waiting for you to adopt it and make it "The Law of The Land!" So, let's get started. With you and what YOU want.



WHY THESE BILLS? The only bills that are included in this list are bills on issues that polling shows are supported by a "significant or overwhelming majority" of the American People. In a functioning Democratic Republic "The Will of The People" will generally be followed. That so many of these popular bills sit, ignored, in The United States Congress, illustrates the need for an electoral "revolution" of the political process. Some of these "DEMOCRACY BILLS" are featured here. We start with the two issue areas championed by "March For Our Lives" and then list,

alphabetically, issue areas and bills that are extremely popular in America.

REGISTER FOR YOUR BILL: Register, specifically, for the bill you most want to become law

COMMIT TO VOTE FOR YOUR BILL: Join the Facebook Event for that bill and get millions to commit to vote FOR that bill

LOBBY YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: Hold your current Members of Congress accountable on your bill (or don't re-elect them!)

I AM REGISTERING AND VOTING...

TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE	
Want to Raise The AGE to buy long guns?	"The Age 21 Act"
Want to Ban ASSAULT WEAPONS?	"The Assault Weapons Ban"
Want EXPANDED BACKGROUND Checks on Gun Purchases?	"The Background Check Expansion Act"

For MONEY OUT OF POLITICS	
Want big money DONORS to DISCLOSE their political contributions?	"The Disclose Act"
Want to take big MONEY and big MONEY lobbyists out of politics?	"The Fair Elections Now Act"
Want to take big MONEY and big MONEY lobbyists out of politics?	"The Government BY The People Act"

"BILLIFY"... don't Vilify!"

"The new politics is smart (where we don't focus on parties or politicians,...) Instead of focusing on parties or politicians, let's focus on the real goal . . . PASSING GREAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION. Let's stop "vilifying" the process and focus on what we really want and "BILLIFY" politics by talking about – and voting FOR – the bills that will make our lives and America better!"

- Richard Greene, Author (See Chapter 7 for more on using "Billification" in The 2018 Midterms)

For ANIMAL WELFARE	
Want to help save BABY BEARS?	"Overturning H.J. Res 69"
Do you love DOGS?	"The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act"
Want to end HORSE torture?	"The PAST Act"
Want to stop the importation of TROPHY Animals and animal parts?	"Prohibiting Threatened and Endangered Creature Trophies (ProTECT) Act"

For Affordable COLLEGE	
Want COLLEGE for ALL?	"The College For All Act"
Want LOWER STUDENT loan rates?	"The Student Loan Fairness Act"

For A Stronger DEMOCRACY	
Want to end GERRYMANDERING in The US?	"The Remove Political Gerrymandering Act"
Want PRESIDENTIAL candidates to show their tax returns?	"The Presidential Tax Transparency Act"
Want AUTOMATIC voter registration in America?	"The Automatic Voter Registration Act"
Want SAME DAY voter registration in America?	"The Same Day Registration Act"

For The ENVIRONMENT	
Do you want to fight CLIMATE CHANGE?	Ask your candidates how they will vote on "The American Opportunity Carbon Fee Act"
Do you want more renewable ENERGY and renewable ENERGY jobs?	Register and Vote FOR "The Clean Energy for America Act"
Do you want more RENEWABLE Energy and renewable energy jobs?	Register and Vote FOR "The OFF Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act" (OFF Act)

For FOOD SECURITY	
Do you want FOOD Security?	Register and Vote FOR "The American Pollinators Act"
Do you want GMOs to be labeled?	Register and Vote FOR "The Biotechnology Food Labeling and Uniformity Act"

For GAY AND HUMAN RIGHTS	
Do you want GAY Rights/Equal Rights	Register and Vote FOR "The Equality Act"

For Better HEALTHCARE

Do you want to add a singlepayer HEALTHCARE option for America?

Register and Vote FOR "The Medicare for All Act"

For A BETTER IMMIGRATION SYSTEM AND BORDER	
SECURITY	
Do you want to save DACA?	Register and Vote FOR "The DREAM Act"
Do you want to keep FAMILIES together at US borders?	Register and Vote FOR "The Keep Families Together Act"
Do you support ICE?	Register and Vote FOR "H.Res.990: Supporting

For INCOME EQUALITY

the important mission of I.C.E"

Do you want INCOME equality?

Register and Vote FOR "The Carried Interest Fairness Act"

To De-Criminalize MARIJUANA

Do you want to legalize MARIJUANA federally?

Register and Vote FOR "The Marijuana Justice Act"

For NET NEUTRALITY

Do you want NET NEUTRALITY?

Register and Vote FOR "The Save Net Neutrality Act"

To Prevent NUCLEAR WAR

Do you want to restrict the 1st use of NUCLEAR weapons?

Register and Vote FOR "The Restricting 1st Use of Nuclear Weapons Act"

For NATIONAL SERVICE

Do you want to create a NATIONAL Service system?

Register and Vote FOR "The Action For National Service Act"

For Affordable PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	
Do you want lower PRESCRIPTION drug prices?	Register and Vote FOR "The Affordable Prescription Drug Importation Act"
Do you want to prevent drug companies from "Spiking" PRESCRIPTION Drug Prices?	Register and Vote FOR "The SPIKE Act"

For PRISON REFORM	
Do you want PRISON Retorm?	Register and Vote FOR "The Prison Reform and Redemption Act"

For Fairer WAGES	
Do you want to raise the Minimum WAGE for workers?	Register and Vote FOR "The Raise The Wage Act"

For WOMENS RIGHTS	
Do you want EQUAL Pay for women?	Register and Vote FOR "The Paycheck Fairness Act"

Don't like any of the above bills? Go to <u>www.Congress.gov</u> and find a bill that YOU believe will change America in the way you want and then vote for candidates who will support your bill.

That was the most important part. Now on to you actually making it happen!

STEP 2 TO CHANGE AMERICA

REGISTER TO VOTE, PREPARE TO VOTE, MAXIMIZE YOUR VOTE (OR DON'T EVER COMPLAIN!)



REGISTER: www.Bit.ly/279forChange

College Students! Be Strategic!

- Do you live in a "Swing State" or a "Swing District"? Make sure you are registered there!
- Do you go to school in a "Swing State" or "Swing District"? Check the laws to see if you can register there!

FIND WHERE TO VOTE: www.lWillVote.com

CONFIRM YOU ARE REGISTERED: www.DontGetPurged.org

ORDER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT: https://www.vote.org/absentee-ballot/

DECLARE THAT YOU ARE VOTING! https://www.facebook.com/events/ 2016845548603312/

THEN, of course... **VOTE!**

VOTING IS SO COOL IT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Women Suffragettes fought hard for the right to vote. They finally got it in 1920.



Now Congressman John Lewis being beaten in a Selma, Alabama voting rights protest.

African Americans could not really vote until The Voting Rights Act of 1965



And it took The Vietnam War to help give 18 year olds the right in 1971

Amendment XXVI: The Right to Vote at Age 18

Passed by Congress March 23, 1971. Ratified July 1, 1971. "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age."

Ok, you've heard that it is "important" to vote, but does it really make a difference? How much voting does it take to actually make something happen? How many people do we have to elect to get what we want in American politics?

"GAMIFY" POLITICS - ELECT THE 279 POLITICIANS WHO WILL BE YOUR POLITICAL ADVOCATES AND VOTE FOR (AND SIGN) YOUR BILL . . . AND YOUR BILL BECOMES LAW!



The system is not broken. "The People" just haven't spoken loudly enough. "The People" just haven't elected the 279 representatives to make the bills they want to be "The law of the land".

So... just elect 279 representatives who believe in what you believe in and you change America.

- **A.)** Get **218** Members of The House of Representatives to pass a bill.
- **B.)** Get **60** Members of The Senate to pass a bill.
- **C.) Get 1 more person** The President to sign it.

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Anything - on either side of any issue - just needs 279 elected representatives.

That's what elections are for!

So, let's show you how to get what YOU want in The 2018 Midterms

SUMMARY: The Numbers of Change for The 2018 Midterms

Everything in politics is just numbers. Here are the ones that count on November 6 and get you what you want!

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

435: Members of The House of Representatives

218: Number needed to get the Majority and pass legislation

241 Republicans currently in The House 194 Democrats currently in The House

435: Members up for election on November 6

2: Years a Member of The House serves

100: Members of The United States Senate

51: Needed to get the Majority and pass some legislation

51: Needed to confirm a Supreme Court Justice

60: Needed to pass even the most controversial pieces of legislation

51: Republicans currently in The Senate 49: Democrats currently in The Senate

34: Members up for election on November 6

6: Years a Member of The Senate serves

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- 1: Needed to sign legislation passed by The House & The Senate (The President)
- 4: Years a President serves (next election is 2020)

270: Electoral Votes to elect a President

98: Current number of additional Electoral Votes needed to eliminate The Electoral College and elect Presidents by the national popular vote

JUDICIAL BRANCH

9: Supreme Court Justices

5: Needed to approve or reject any bill passed by Congress or any State

270: Number of Members of The House (218), The Senate (51) and The White House (1) to change the number of Supreme Court Justices

STATES

36: Governorships up for election in The 2018 Midterms

4: Years a Governor serves

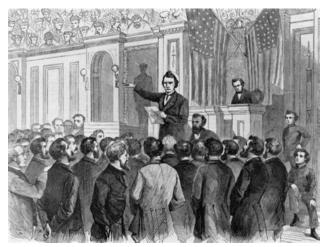
OK. Let's start with "The House of Representatives". How do I get my bill passed there . . . and WTF is "The Speaker of The House?"

STEP 4 TO CHANGE AMERICA

ELECT A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND A "SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE" WHO WANT THE CHANGE YOU WANT ON NOVEMBER 6

ALL 435 of the **435** Members of The House of Representatives are up for election on November 6, 2018. Every single one of them.

That means you and your friends can work together to elect 218 who want what you want.



218 is a Majority and whichever party gets 218 controls "The House" and their party gets to elect "The Speaker of The House"

Right NOW there are **241** REPUBLICANS. They CONTROL The House and their current leader, PAUL RYAN, is "The SPEAKER". There are **194** DEMOCRATS. They are in "The Minority" and control NOTHING. NADA! Their leader, NANCY PELOSI will be "The SPEAKER" if Democrats win **24** more seats on November 6. If not, PAUL RYAN'S successor, likely Kevin McCarthy or Jim Jordan, will be "The SPEAKER" and 3rd in line to be PRESIDENT of THE UNITED STATES!

CONTROLLING The House is a big deal...

- 1.) You get what you want almost all the time.
- **2.)** Your leader becomes "The SPEAKER" and picks ALL of the committee chairpersons. Chairpersons are also a big deal. They determine whether your favorite bill ever even gets brought up in their Committee in order to if it passes the Committee can get to "The Floor" of The Senate.
- **3.)** Whether your bill even if it does pass a Committee is ever brought up for a vote in The House!

So, Elect A SPEAKER Who Wants The Change You Want on November 6

There is a HUGE difference in the values, policies and positions of the two parties and their candidates for Speaker. Here are just some of them!

DO YOU WANT?	IF SO, VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE ON YOUR BALLOT WHO IS A
Universal Background Checks	DEMOCRAT
Wants Assault Weapon Ban	MOST DEMOCRATS
Wants 21 Age to Buy Rifles	DEMOCRAT
Single Payer Healthcare	MOST DEMOCRATS
Action to Fight Climate Change	DEMOCRAT
Want \$ Out of Politics	MOST DEMOCRATS
The Trump Tax Bill	REPUBLICAN
A Border Wall	REPUBLICAN

DACA	DEMOCRAT
To Legalize Marijuana	MOST DEMOCRATS
Renewable Energy/More Renewable Energy Jobs	DEMOCRAT
Wants Lower College Tuition	DEMOCRAT
Wants \$15 Minimum Wage	MOST DEMOCRATS
Wants Lower Drug Prices	DEMOCRAT
To be able to Shoot Bears in Dens in Alaska	REPUBLICAN
"Citizens United"	REPUBLICAN
More military spending	REPUBLICAN
Presidents to show their taxes	DEMOCRAT
Net Neutrality	DEMOCRAT

AND HERE'S THE BOTTOM LINE...

If America elects 218 (or more) Republicans on November 6 one of these Republicans becomes "Speaker of The House", controls everything in "The House" and will **work for everything Republicans want...** and against everything that Democrats want.

LIKELY REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR SPEAKER



REP. JIM JORDAN



REP. KEVIN MCCARTHY

If America elects 218 (or more) Democrats on November 6 one of these Democrats becomes "Speaker of The House", controls everything in "The House" and will **work for everything Democrats want...** and against everything that Republicans want.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKER



REP. NANCY PELOSI

THE POSITIONS OF:

JIM JORDAN / KEVIN MCCARTHY VS. NANCY PELOSI

SUPREME COURT

Wanted Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court Wanted to BLOCK Obama's Nominee Merrick Garland		No No
Wants NRA Supported Justices for Courts	Yes Yes	No
Agrees with "Citizens United"	Yes	No
GUNS Wants Universal Background Checks Wants Assault Weapon Ban Wants 21 Age to Buy Rifles Grade from The NRA		Yes Yes Yes F

HEALTHCARE

Single Payer Healthcare	No	Likely
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ENVIRONMENT		
*Believes in Man Made Climate Change	No	Yes
*Wants Renewable Energy	No	Yes
MONEY & POLITICS		
*Wants \$ Out of Politics	No	Yes
*Wants Big \$ Donors to Disclose Contributions	No	Yes
IMMIGRATION		
*Wants a Border Wall	Yes	No
*Wants DACA	No	Yes
Wants to Legalize Marijuana	No	Yes
Wants Lower College Tuition	No	Yes
Wants \$15 Minimum Wage	No	Yes
Wants Lower Drug Prices	No	Yes
MILITARY		
*More Military Spending	Yes	No
TRUMP		
*Wants Trump to show taxes	No	Yes
*Voted for Trump Tax Bill	Yes	No
ANIMAL WELFARE		
*Supports Banning Horse Torture	No	Yes
*Voted to Ban Shooting Bears in Dens		
in Alaska (H.J.Res. 69)	No	Yes
NET NEUTRALITY		
Wants Net Neutrality	No	Yes

NOW, ON TO "THE UPPER HOUSE", "THE UNITED STATES SENATE"! HOW DO I GET MY BILL PASSED THERE . . . AND WTF IS "THE SENATE MAJORITY LEADER?"

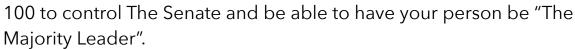
STEP 5 TO CHANGE AMERICA

ELECT A SENATE MAJORITY AND "MAJORITY LEADER" WHO WANTS THE CHANGE YOU WANT ON NOVEMBER 6

34 of the **100** Members of The Senate are up for election on November 6, 2018

That means you and your friends can work together to elect 34 Senators who want what you want.

That is more than enough to determine who has the Majority, **51** or more, of the





Right NOW there are 51 REPUBLICANS. They CONTROL The Senate and their leader, MITCH MCCONNELL, is "The Majority Leader". There are 49 DEMOCRATS. They are in "The Minority" and control NOTHING. NADA! Their leader, CHUCK SCHUMER will be "The Majority Leader" if Democrats win 2 more seats on November 6. If not, Sen. McConnell remains.

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- **3.)** Whether your bill even if it does pass a Committee is ever brought up for a vote in The Senate!
- **4.)** And most importantly in The Senate, the Majority gets to confirm or reject ALL Presidential appointments, determine who goes on The Supreme Court, who gets to be a District or Circuit Court Judge and even who becomes a Cabinet Member in any President's cabinet!

So, Elect A Senate Majority Leader Who Wants The Change You Want on November 6

YOU will, indirectly, elect the fourth most powerful person in the country in The 2018 Midterms, the person who will determine what bills get voted on, what Supreme Court and other Presidential nominees get voted on, who chairs every one of the committees and pretty much everything about The Senate for the next two years. If you help elect 50 or more Republicans to The Senate (plus the Republican Vice President) then Republican Mitch McConnell will remain as Senate Majority Leader. If you help elect 51 or more Democrats, then Democrat Chuck Schumer becomes Majority Leader.

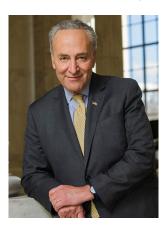
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IF REPUBLICANS GET 50

Mitch McConnell STAYS as Majority Leader Chuck Schumer BECOMES Majority Leader

IF DEMOCRATS GET 51





THE POSITIONS OF:

MITCH MCCONNELL VS. CHUCK SCHUMER

SUPREME COURT

Wanted Neil Gorsuch for Supreme Court	Yes	No
Wanted to BLOCK Obama's Nominee Merrick Garland	Yes	No
Wants NRA Supported Justices for Courts	Yes	No
Agrees with "Citizens United"	Yes	No

GUNS

Wants Universal Background Checks	No	Yes
Wants Assault Weapon Ban	No	Yes
Wants 21 Age to Buy Rifles	No	Yes
Grade from The NRA	A	F

HEALTHCARE

Single Payer Healthcare	No	Yes
		

ENVIRONMENT

*Believes in Man Made Climate Change	No	Yes
*Wants Renewable Energy	No	Yes

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*More Military Spending	Yes	No
TRUMP		
*Wants Trump to show taxes	No	Yes
*Voted for Trump Tax Bill	Yes	No
ANIMAL WELFARE		
*Supports Banning Horse Torture	No	Yes
*Voted to Ban Shooting Bears in Dens		
in Alaska (H.J.Res. 69)	No	Yes
NET NEUTRALITY		
Wants Net Neutrality	No	Yes

And, as with The House, the same general guidelines apply...

DO YOU WANT?

IF SO, VOTE FOR THE

Universal Background Checks	DEMOCRAT
Wants Assault Weapon Ban	MOST DEMOCRATS
Wants 21 Age to Buy Rifles	DEMOCRAT
Single Payer Healthcare	MOST DEMOCRATS
Action to Fight Climate Change	DEMOCRAT
Want \$ Out of Politics	MOST DEMOCRATS
The Trump Tax Bill	REPUBLICAN
A Border Wall	REPUBLICAN
DACA	DEMOCRAT
To Legalize Marijuana	MOST DEMOCRATS
Renewable Energy/More	DEMOCRAT
Wants Lower College Tuition	DEMOCRAT
Wants \$15 Minimum Wage	MOST DEMOCRATS
Wants Lower Drug Prices	DEMOCRAT
To be able to Shoot Bears in Dens	REPUBLICAN
"Citizens United"	REPUBLICAN
More military spending	REPUBLICAN
Presidents to show their taxes	DEMOCRAT
Net Neutrality	DEMOCRAT

We've done with "The Legislative Branch"/"CONGRESS". Now let's see how you are also voting for "The Judicial Branch" (and most importantly "The Supreme Court") on November 6!

ELECT A SUPREME COURT ON NOVEMBER 6



A Supreme Court Justice sits on The Supreme Court FOR LIFE, meaning 20 or 30 or maybe even 40 or more years.

It's a big deal because 5 of these 9 Justices determine what is legal, and NOT legal, in America. Everything.

5 out of 9 made Gay Marriage legal.

5 out of 9 made unlimited corporate money in politics legal (in "Citizens United")

6 out of 9 made abortion legal (in "Roe v. Wade")

BUT GUESS WHAT? A NEW SUPREME COURT CAN OVERTURN EVERYTHING...

Abortion can once again be illegal

Gay marriage can once again be illegal.

Big money in politics can once again be illegal.

ANY TIME THEY WANT!!! WHATEVER A SUPREME COURT DECIDES IS THE LAW OF THE LAND. PERIOD!

And how do these 9 Justices get there? Two steps:

STEP ONE: A President nominates STEP TWO: 51 Senators confirm

And YOU get to determine who these 51 Senators are. ON NOVEMBER 6!

REPUBLICAN Senators tend to confirm Justices who share their positions (See Chapter 7)

DEMOCRATIC Senators tend to confirm Justices who share their positions (See Chapter 7)

Whichever party has 51 Senators (or 50 and The Vice-President to break a tie) gets to have the Justice they want. it's good to be in "The Majority"!

Right now there are **51** Republicans and 49 Democrats in The Senate.

If you help elect 2 more Democratic Senators on November 6 then Democrats will determine who the next Supreme Court Justices are for the next 2 years, regardless of The President's party.

If you help Republicans stay at 51 (or 50), they will determine who the next Supreme Court Justices are for the next 2 years.

MEET THE CURRENT JUSTICES ON THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

"THE LIBERAL 4"



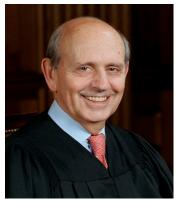
RUTH BADER GINSBURG, 85

Appointed by Bill Clinton

Votes FOR Common Sense Gun Laws

Does NOT Support NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation

Voted AGAINST "Citizens United"



STEPHEN BREYER, 79
Appointed by Bill Clinton
Votes FOR Common Sense Gun Laws
Does NOT Support NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation
Voted AGAINST "Citizens United"



SONIA SOTOMAYOR, 64
Appointed by Barack Obama
Believes in Common Sense Gun Laws
Does NOT Support NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation
Does NOT Support "Citizens United" or Money in Politics



ELENA KAGAN, 58

Appointed by Barack Obama

Believes in Common Sense Gun Laws

Does NOT Support NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation

Does NOT Support "Citizens United" or Money in Politics

"THE CONSERVATIVE 4"



JOHN ROBERTS (Chief Justice), 63
Appointed by George W. Bush
Does NOT Support Common Sense Gun Laws
DOES Support The NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation
Voted FOR "Citizens United"



CLARENCE THOMAS, 70
Appointed by George H.W. Bush
Does NOT Support Common Sense Gun Laws
DOES Support The NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation
Voted FOR "Citizens United"



SAMUEL ALITO, 68

Appointed by George W. Bush

Does NOT Support Common Sense Gun Laws

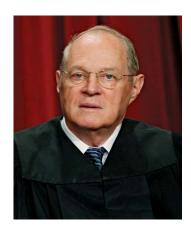
DOES Support The NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation

Voted FOR "Citizens United"



NEIL GORSUCH, 50
Appointed by Donald Trump
Does NOT Support Common Sense Gun Laws
DOES Support The NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation
Supports "Citizens United" and Money in Politics

"THE MODERATE SWING VOTE" (* Retiring)



ANTHONY KENNEDY, 81

Appointed by Ronald Resgan

Does NOT Support Common Sense Gun Laws

DOES Support The NRA's 2nd Amendment Interpretation

Supported "Citizens United"

Deciding Vote on Gay Marriage



With the retirement of the "moderate swing vote" on The Supreme Court, Donald Trump announced the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, 53, a "Conservative". Confirmed on October 6, exactly 1 month before The Midterms, Justice Kavanaugh will be the 5th "Conservative" vote on The Court, likely ensuring a strong Conservative majority for many years, especially on the issues of abortion, gay rights, immigration, money in politics, gun legislation and many other things.

Don't like political parties or politicians? You're going to like this next STEP! You're never going to have to be angry at a politician again! There's a whole new way to participate in politics and CIVICS 2.0.

STEP 7 TO CHANGE AMERICA

"BILLIFY", DON'T VILIFY! DO POLITICS A WHOLE NEW WAY AND MOVE BEYOND POLITICIANS AND PERSONALITIES. JUST FIND CANDIDATES AND PARTIES THAT ARE COMMITTED TO YOUR ISSUE

Vilifying political parties is "CIVICS 1.0"

"Billifying" is "CIVICS 2.0"



"bill*i*fi*ca*tion"

noun

A new, non-partisan, process of choosing candidates to vote for based, not on political party or personality, but rather their position on a particular bill or number of bills that are deeply meaningful to the voter

"bill*i*fy"

Verb

Something done to the political process; to choose candidates for elective office based on their commitments to particular pieces of legislation.

Watching partisans yell and debate on television news shows, or in negative campaign ads might be sensational and fun but it may not be the best way to find out what the two main political parties really believe. Or really do.

Here's a much smarter, and cooler way to know exactly what the parties stand for and who to vote for...

check out the ACTUAL BILLS that the parties themselves sponsor, cosponsor and vote for. In other words, focus on BILLS (and especially the bill or bills YOU really care about), not on vilifying either side.

Here are just a few of the very dramatic differences between the parties that might be of interest!

39 BILLS THAT PROVE THE SHOCKINGLY MASSIVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS

*The differences between the parties are really this dramatic. The numbers below represent the actual numbers of sponsors and cosponsors for bills currently waiting for a vote in The United States Congress.

	REPUBLICAN	DEMOCRATIC
1. GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION BILLS	SPONSORS	SPONSORS
a. The Background Check Expansion Act	0	41
b. The Assault Weapon Ban Act	0	207
c. Authorize CDC to study gun violence	0	35
d. Banning Undetectable Firearms	0	11
e. "No Fly, No Buy"	0	6
f. Firearm owner licensing and record of sale act	0	2
g. Want to raise the age to buy a rifle to 21?	1	2

h. Banning Undetectable 3D Printed Guns i. Anti-GVP Bill: Make it easier to buy silencers for guns	0 163	33 3
2. GETTING MONEY OUT OF POLITICS a. The Fair Elections Now Act b. The Government BY The People Act c. The DISCLOSE Act	0 1 0	28 162 183
3. EQUAL PAY FOR WOMEN	2	245
4. FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE - PUTTING A PRICE ON CARBON	9	213
5. IMMIGRATION a. Protecting "Dreamers" and Passing DACA b. Resolution to support the work of I.C.E c. The Keep Families Together Act	10 115 Zero	205 0 Every
6. CREATING MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY	0	64
7. PRESERVING NET NEUTRALITY	0	37
8. SINGLE PAYER HEALTHCARE OR MEDICARE FOR ALL?	0	140
9.COLLEGE "Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act" "The College For All Act"	0 0	178 55
 10. ENDING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS? a. Ending Trophy Hunting of Elephants "The CECIL Act" b. Ending Horse Torture c. Ending Shark Torture d. Ending The Yulin Dog Meat 'Festival' e. Ending The Importation of Elephant and Lion Trophies f. Ending The Killing of Bears in Their Sleep in Alaska (H.J. Res. 69) 	0 92 82 48 0 10	55 189 239 128 8 230

44 VOTING DIGUTS		
11. VOTING RIGHTSa. "The Automatic Voter Registration Act"b. "The Voter Empowerment Act"	0 0	142 197
12. REQUIRING ALL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SHOW THEIR TAXES	3 4	186
13. LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES	0	9
14. ENDING POLITICAL GERRYMANDERING	2	18
15. STOPPING PESTICIDES FROM KILLING BEES AND OUR FOOD SUPPLY	0	46
16. INCOME EQUALITY - ENDING THE CARRIED INTEREST EXEMPTION	0	54
17. PRISON REFORM	Largely Bipart	isan Issue
18. THE FEDERAL LEGALIZATION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA	0	47
19. WOMEN'S HEALTH FREEDOM ACT (PRO-CHOICE LEGISLATION)	0	199
20. ENDING THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE (STATE LEGISLATORS)	Almost None	Most

ASK YOUR CANDIDATES HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THESE ISSUES!

A • Alabama • Alaska • Arizona • Arkansas • C • California • Colorado • Connecticut • D • Delaware •
F • Florida • G • Georgia • H • Hawaii • I • Idaho • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • K • Kansas • Kentucky • L
• Louisiana • M • Maine • Maryland • Massachusetts • Michigan • Minnesota • Mississippi • Missouri •

Montana • N • Nebraska • Nevada • New Hampshire • New Jersey • New Mexico • New York • North

Carolina • North Dakota • O • Ohio • Oklahoma • Oregon • P • Pennsylvania • R • Rhode Island • S •

South Carolina • South Dakota • T • Tennessee • Texas • U • Utah • V • Vermont • Virginia • W •

Washington • West Virginia • Wisconsin • Wyoming

But wait! There's more! There's really important stuff to vote for in your own state as well!

FACTORY FARM CRUELTY AND EVEN END THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE BY VOTING IN YOUR STATE ON NOVEMBER 6

Midterms are HUGELY important for your state. In every Midterm Election we elect Governors in 36 of the 50 states! We also elect many of the people (legislators) who pass the laws in each state and pass (or not pass) "Propositions" on everything from ending animal cruelty to building bridges and funding educational programs.

And, this year, you can elect enough state legislators and Governors to effectively eliminate "The Electoral College". (See below).

Here's the map of states where Governors are being elected on November 6, 2018. 36 of the nation's 50 Governors are up for reelection. Policies across the country will be affected by the decisions made in these races. 26 Republican Governors (or seats) are up for reelection while only 1 Independent and 9 Democratic are.

36 Governorships On

The Ballot In 2018

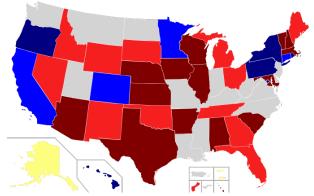
Democratic incumbent eligible for re-election Term-limited or retiring Democrat

Republican incumbent eligible for re-election

Term-limited or retiring Republican

Independent incumbent eligible for re-election

No election



WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR GOVERNORS ON NOVEMBER 6? 5 REASONS

Governors, like Presidents, serve for 4 years and are enormously powerful. Here are just some of the things a Governor does...

- **1.)** Signs or vetoes every single piece of legislation passed by the state legislator.
- 2.) Appoints Judges to the State Supreme Court and lower courts
- **3.)** Decides whether to stay (stop) the execution of a prisoner on Death Row and pardon anyone else he or she wants to
- **4.)** Appoints a successor for any vacancy in Congress. This could, literally, change the entire country. For example, if The United States Senate is 50 50 Republicans and Democrats and one of the Republican Senators retires or dies in the middle of their term, a Democratic Governor could (and would if allowed by state law) appoint a Democratic Senator to make it 51 Democrats and 49 Republicans. This one thing would change control of the entire United States Senate. Similarly, a Republican Governor could (and would if allowed by state law) do the reverse.
- **5.)** Carries out the 2020 Census in their state which will determine the shape of all congressional districts.

WHAT ARE BALLOT PROPOSITIONS AND WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR THEM IN MY STATE ON NOVEMBER 6?

Many states also have ballot Propositions to vote for (or against). For example, most of the states that have legalized recreational marijuana have done so by putting forth and passing Propositions.

Sometimes these Propositions can be very significant and accomplish things that politicians are afraid to do, (like legalize pot!).

A recent Proposition in Massachusetts, for example, proposed that it actually be illegal to sell any eggs, pork products or veal where the hens, pigs or veal calves had been raised in small cages. That Proposition, "Question 3", passed by 77% and is now the law of the land in Massachusetts. A similar Proposition – "Prevent Cruelty California", PROPOSITION 12 - will be on the ballot across the state in California on November 6. If passed this one new law in America's largest state and the globe's 5th largest economy will change animal agriculture throughout the country and even the world.

Propositions also deal with things like raising or lowering taxes, changing criminal justice laws, including outlawing capital punishment, and authorizing major projects in the state and are a great example of what is called "Direct Democracy". A majority of the people in the state (who show up at the polls) get to pass whatever laws they want, by a direct vote, without politicians having any say.

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR STATE - YOUR VOTE MAKES LAW!

There are 100s of Ballot Propositions ON YOUR BALLOT in many states... that will, all by themselves, CHANGE AMERICA

For example,

ARIZONA: Do you want RENEWABLE ENERGY to make up 50% of energy in Arizona? If so, vote FOR <u>Proposition 127</u>

CALIFORNIA: Do you care about the torture of animals on factory farms? If so, you can make a HUGE difference in their lives by going to the polls in CALIFORNIA to vote FOR <u>Proposition 12</u>

CALIFORNIA: Do you want "Daylight Savings Time" to be permanent in California? If so, vote FOR **Proposition 7**

FLORIDA: Do you want to ban oil and gas drilling off the coast of Florida? If so, vote FOR <u>Amendment 9</u>

FLORIDA: Do you want felons who have completed their sentence be able to vote again? If so, vote FOR <u>Amendment 4</u>

INDIANA: Do you want the state to balance its budget every year? If so, vote FOR <u>Public Question 1</u>

MISSOURI: Do you want to legalize Medical Marijuana? If so, vote FOR **Proposition C**

NEVADA: Do you want to expand the rights of VICTIMS of crime? If so, vote FOR <u>Question 1</u>

NEVADA: Do you want to stop paying sales tax on feminine hygiene products? (Yes, this is a real thing!) If so, vote FOR <u>Question 2</u>

SEE THE APPENDIX FOR A LIST OF ALL OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON EVERY STATE BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018

(Special thanks to Ballotpedia, https://ballotpedia.org/2018_ballot_measures)

DO YOU WANT TO END THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE ON NOVEMBER 6?

Really. It's a thing!

Another example of the power of state elections in 2018 is the possibility of effectively eliminating "The Electoral College". Yes, this can be done in this election, by something called . . . The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

- In 2000, George W. Bush lost the popular vote by 540,520 votes but was Inaugurated as The 43rd President of The United States because he defeated Al Gore 271 266 in The Electoral College.
- In 2016, Donald Trump lost the popular vote by 2,9868,686 votes but was Inaugurated as The 45th President of The United States because he defeated Hillary Clinton 304 227 in The Electoral College.

Many believe that The Electoral College is outdated and suggest a Constitutional Amendment to eliminate it and to have Presidents elected by the popular vote of all of the people.

But amending The Constitution is a very, very difficult thing.

But, alas, there is another, MUCH easier solution that can be done right now so that the 2020 Presidential Election can be won by the popular vote.

It's called "The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact". (Let's just call it The NPVIC)

The NPVIC is a legal agreement between the states to give their votes to the winner of the national popular vote and NOT to the candidate who may win their individual state!

This is a very legal "workaround"... and it is really close to happening.

Here's how it would work. It's super simple.

Once we reach agreement from states with the required 270 Electoral Votes we're done. That's it. These states would send 270 or more Electors to Washington to formally elect the winner of the popular vote.

That's it. And it is only 98 votes away from happening

On May 5, the Connecticut Legislature passed The NPVIC and pledge their 7 Electoral Votes to whichever candidate receives the most votes.

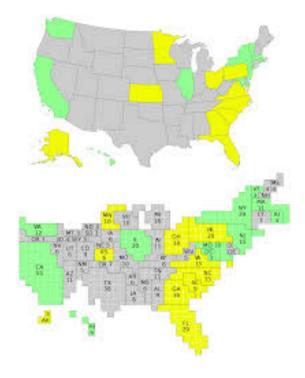
That made 172 Electoral Votes pledged. Here are the other states and the number of votes they are pledging and the states that are currently considering it.

Green: States that have passed The NPVIC - 172 Electoral Votes

Yellow: States that have bills that can be passed - 221 Electoral Votes

Grey: States that do not currently have bills

Number of Additional Votes Needed - 98



So, if you live in,

Texas

Florida

<u>Pennsylvania</u>

Ohio

Georgia

<u>Virginia</u>

<u>Indiana</u>

<u>Arizona</u>

<u>Missouri</u>

<u>Minnesota</u>

South Carolina

<u>Oregon</u>

New Mexico

Nebraska

<u>Maine</u>

Montana

...then you can "VOTE TO END THE

ELECTORAL COLLEGE" by

contacting your STATE Legislators (many of them are running in 2018 as well!) and telling them that you won't vote for THEM unless they commit to voting FOR the NPVIC!

So, you've picked a cause to vote for, learned how to make it happen in Congress, The Supreme Court and so many other cool things in your own State. Now, it's up to you to CROWDSOURCE, to be an active "Citizen", (or even an "Activist") for your cause and use your social media for good.

STEP 9 TO CHANGE AMERICA

LEAD A CAMPAIGN! CROWDSOURCE THE 279 YOU NEED FOR YOUR ISSUE.

Every one of the 130 Million American citizens who will not otherwise vote on November 6 cares deeply and passionately about SOMETHING... so... use your status updates for good!



Send Them This Book

Send this eBook to everyone you know and feel free to post it on your social media.

Ask Them To Choose THEIR Issue

Ask them to start with Chapter 1, to pick their cause and to become a "Single Issue Voter" for what THEY care about.

Register

Make sure you are registered and encourage them to register to vote for their issue.

Commit

Declare that you are voting for your issue by joining the Facebook Event dedicated to it and encourage your friends and social media network to join as well!

Volunteer

Pick a candidate who has committed to vote for YOUR issue/bill and walk precincts or do phone banking or anything else to support them.



MARCH TO THE POLLS AND CREATE A PARTY TO/AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 6!

Voting is cool. And it can also be fun. Here are some things you can do to "Celebrate Democracy" on Election Day...

- **1.) PIZZA.** Get a big pizza and tell your local friends that there is a "PIZZA PARTY @ The POLLS" at 1pm or 6pm (or any time before the polls close, usually at 7 or 8 pm)
- **2.) "CARPOLL".** Create a Carpool to The Polls and pick up at least 3 other friends and take them to the polls (with or without a pizza!)
- **3.) BROADCAST DEMOCRACY.** Take out your cell phone and do a Facebook or Instagram LIVE Broadcast in front of the polling station (wearing your "I Voted" sticker) ad tell your social media friends THAT you voted, WHY you voted . . . and that they need to get their butts out to the polls... and to PROVE it by also doing their own cast!



AND, NOW THE FINALE. HERE ARE THE ACTUAL CANDIDATES FOR THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE WHO WILL VOTE FOR, OR AGAINST, THE BILL(S) YOU CARE ABOUT. A VERY SIMPLE GUIDE FOR YOU TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6!

STEP 10 TO CHANGE AMERICA

VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES WHO WILL VOTE FOR YOUR BILL AND TRANSFORM AMERICA!

Can we talk?

Many believe that deciding who to vote for is hard work and takes a lot of time.

It's not really true. Not today. And not using this approach. Here's why.



Robert Redford in "The Candidate"

- **1.)** IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOUR OWN CONGRESSPERSON OR SENATOR SAYS OR WANTS OR WILL DO. THERE'S ONLY 1 PERSON WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE AGENDA "The Speaker of The House" in The House and "The Senate Majority Leader" in The Senate. Examine his or her positions and you will have a very good idea where your candidate's party will go, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CANDIDATE SAYS.
- **2.)** The 2 main political parties don't agree on anything! That's good news for voters. The choice is super, super clear.

So, if you want to contact your candidates and find out their precise position on YOUR bill or even sit down with them over coffee or lunch, go for it! I'm sure you will like them. They are politicians and their job is to sell themselves. Here, courtesy of Ballotopedia, are links to contact EVERY candidate in The 2018 Midterms!

CONTACT YOUR CANDIDATES!

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A • Alabama • Alaska • Arizona • Arkansas • C • California • Colorado • Connecticut • D • Delaware • F • Florida • G • Georgia • H • Hawaii • I • Idaho • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • K • Kansas • Kentucky • L • Louisiana • M • Maine • Maryland • Massachusetts • Michigan • Minnesota • Mississippi • Missouri • Montana • N • Nebraska • Nevada • New Hampshire • New Jersey • New Mexico • New York • North Carolina • North Dakota • O • Ohio • Oklahoma • Oregon • P • Pennsylvania • R • Rhode Island • S • South Carolina • South Dakota • T • Tennessee • Texas • U • Utah • V • Vermont • Virginia • W • Washington • West Virginia • Wisconsin • Wyoming
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But if you want to vote for a certain bill or policy or direction for America, here are the two very best (and easiest) ways to do it:

- **1.)** Look at the votes and positions of the likely "Speaker of The House" and the likely "Senate Majority Leader"
- 2.) Look at the votes and positions of each party on YOUR issue/bill

WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

HERE'S WHO!! VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES AND PARTIES THAT SUPPORT YOUR ISSUES!

VOTING RECORDS AND POLICY POSITIONS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR "SENATE MAJORITY LEADER" AND "SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE" AND BY PARTY

	MCCONNELL	SCHUMER	MCARTHY	PELOSI	REPLUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION						
The Raise The AGE to buy long guns Campaign Register and Vote FOR "The Age 21 Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
The Ban ASSAULT WEAPONS Campaign Register and Vote FOR ""The Assault Weapons Ban"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
The EXPANDED BACKGROUND Checks on Gun Purchases Campaign Register and Vote FOR " "The Background Check Expansion Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
MONEY OUT OF POLITICS						
Do you want big money DONORS to DISCLOSE their political contributions? Register and Vote FOR ""The Disclose Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to take big MONEY and big MONEY lobbyists out of politics? Register and Vote FOR "The Fair Elections Now Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to take big MONEY and big MONEY out of politics? Register and Vote FOR " "The Government BY The People Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

"BILLIFY"... don't Vilify!"

"The new politics is smart (where we don't focus on parties or politicians,...) Instead of focusing on parties or politicians, let's focus on the real goal . . . PASSING GREAT PIECES OF LEGISLATION. Let's stop "vilifying" the process and focus on what we really want and "BILLIFY" politics by talking about – and voting FOR – the bills that will make our lives and America better!"

- Richard Greene, Author (See Chapter 7 for more on using "Billification" in The 2018 Midterms)

	MCCONNELL	SCHUMER	MCARTHY	PELOSI	REPLUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
ANIMAL WELFARE						
Do you want to help save BABY BEARS? Register and Vote FOR "Overturning H.J. Res 69	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you love DOGS? Register and Vote FOR "The Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to end HORSE torture? Register and Vote FOR "The PAST Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to stop the importation of TROPHY Animals and animal parts? Register and Vote FOR "Prohibiting Threatened and Endangered Creature Trophies (ProTECT) Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
COLLEGE						
Do you want COLLEGE for all? Register and Vote FOR "The College For All Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want lower STUDENT loan rates? Register and Vote FOR "The Student Loan Fairness Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

	MCCONNELL	SCHUMER	MCARTHY	PELOSI	REPLUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS Do you want to end GERRYMANDERING in The US? Register and Vote FOR "The Remove Political Gerrymandering Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want PRESIDENTIAL candidates to show their tax returns? Register and Vote FOR "The Presidential Tax TransparencyAct"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want AUTOMATIC voter registration America? Register and Vote FOR "The Automatic Voter Registration Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want SAME DAY voter registration in America? Register and Vote FOR "The Same Day Registration Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
ENVIRONMENT Do you want to fight CLIMATE CHANGE? Ask your candidates how they will vote on "The American Opportunity Carbon Fee Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want more renewable ENERGY and renewable ENERGY jobs? Register and Vote FOR "The Clean Energy for America Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want more RENEWABLE Energy and and jobs? Register and Vote FOR "The OFF Fossil Fuels for a Better Future Act" (OFF Act)	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
FOOD SECURITY Do you want FOOD Security? Register and Vote FOR "The American Pollinators Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want GMOs to be labeled? Register and Vote FOR "The Biotechnology Food Labeling and Uniformity Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

GAY RIGHTS	MCCONNELL	SCHUMER	MCARTHY	PELOSI	REPLUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
Do you want GAY Rights/Equal Rights Register and Vote FOR "The Equality Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
HEALTHCARE Do you want to add a single-payer HEALTHCARE option for America? Register and Vote FOR "The Medicare for All Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY Do you want to save DACA? Register and Vote FOR "The DREAM Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to keep FAMILIES together at US borders Register and Vote FOR "The Keep Families Together Act"	? NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
INCOME EQUALITY Do you want INCOME equality? Register and Vote FOR "The Carried Interest Fairness Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
MARIJUANA Do you want to legalize MARIJUANA federally? Register and Vote FOR "The Marijuana Justice Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
NET NEUTRALITY Do you want NET NEUTRALITY? Register and Vote FOR "The Save Net Neutrality Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
NUCLEAR WAR Do you want to restrict the 1st use of NUCLEAR weapons? Register and Vote FOR "The Restricting 1st Use of Nuclear Weapons Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES

	MCCONNELL	SCHUMER	MCARTHY	PELOSI	REPLUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
NATIONAL SERVICE						
Do you want to create a NATIONAL Service system in America? Register and Vote FOR "The Action For National Service Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS						
Do you want lower PRESCRIPTION drug prices? Register and Vote FOR "The Affordable Prescription Drug Importation Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Do you want to prevent drug companies from Spiking" PRESCRIPTION Drug Prices? Register and Vote FOR "The SPIKE Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
PRISON REFORM						
Do you want PRISON Reform? Register and Vote FOR "The Prison Reform and Redemption Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
WAGES						
Do you want to raise the Minimum WAGE for workers?						
Register and Vote FOR "The Raise The Wage Act"	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
WOMENS RIGHTS						
Do you want EQUAL Pay for women?	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES
Register and Vote FOR "The Paycheck Fairness Act"						

How Do I Vote If I Support Donald Trump?

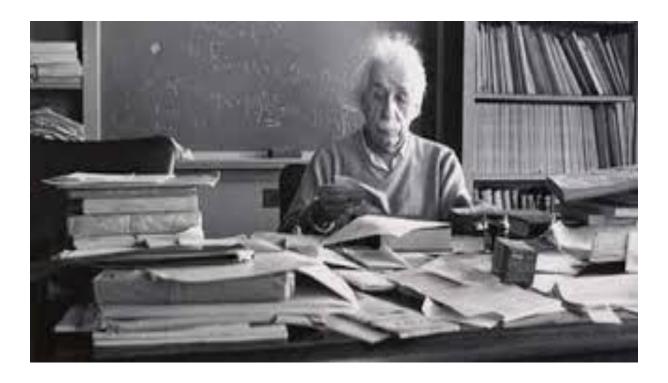
Great question. Voting in The Midterms is, by far, the most effective way to show your support because your vote can allow a President to move his policies and agenda forward. It takes 218 to pass his policies in The House, 60 to pass his policies in The Senate and just 50 to confirm federal Judges and Supreme Court Justices. If you support Donald Trump you should vote for Republicans running for 1) The House and 2) The Senate,

and also vote in your own state for Republicans running for 3) Governor and 4) State Legislators. It's that simple.

How Do I Vote If I Don't Support Donald Trump?

Great question. Voting in The Midterms is, by far, the most effective way to show your opposition because your vote can prevent a President from moving his policies and agenda forward. It takes 218 to stop his policies in The House, 41 to stop his policies in The Senate and just 51 to stop his confirmation of federal Judges and Supreme Court Justices. If you do NOT support Donald Trump you should vote for Democrats running for 1) The House and 2) The Senate, and also vote in your own state for Democrats running for 3) Governor and 4) State Legislators. It's that simple.

OK. So we've covered the 10 Steps. Now, after all this data, here's a "Midterm Quiz" for you to see just how SMART you are about "The 2018 Midterms"



THE 2018 MIDTERMS QUIZ

18 Questions That Will Help You Understand WhyIt is Critical to Vote on November 6

(Answers below)



1. "Midterms" are

- a) The tests you take halfway through a school year
- b) National elections held in the "middle", halfway between the Presidential elections
- c) National elections where, traditionally, young people hardly vote thereby giving over much of their say in how the country is run to older voters
- d) Exactly the same as Presidential elections except for the election of a President
- e) All of the above

2. What % of young people aged 18 - 34 voted in the last "Midterm Election"

- a. All
- b. Half

- c. About 1/4
- d. What "Midterm Election"? They missed it, so, none!

3. This book claims that if more young people voted they could transform every part of the political system in America. Why is this true?

- a. It's not true. The political system is corrupt and fixed. Nothing young people can ever do will make any real difference.
- b. Maybe it's partially true. Maybe they can make a small, incremental difference.
- c. It's totally true. There are MASSIVE numbers of American citizens aged 18 34. If even ½ of them voted in ANY election, they would control the direction of the country almost immediately!
- d. It's an irrelevant question. Nothing can get young people to vote (except maybe this book!)

4. If more young people voted could America have comprehensive background checks?

- a. No. It doesn't matter. The NRA is too strong.
- b. No. There will never be enough votes to pass background checks.
- c. Maybe.
- d. Absolutely. Comprehensive background checks are supported by the vast, vast majority of young people. If even a simple majority of young people voted in The Midterms ONLY for candidates who pledged to vote for background checks (S. 2009) this legislation would, 100%, pass The House and have more than 51 votes in The Senate with well over 60 in The Senate and certain passage in The 2020 Presidential Election.

5. If more young people voted assault weapons would again be banned in America

- a. No. It doesn't matter. The NRA is too strong.
- b. No. There will never be enough votes to ban assault weapons again.
- c. Maybe.

d. Absolutely. A renewal of The Assault Weapons Ban is supported by a large majority of young people. If even a simple majority of young people voted in The Midterms ONLY for candidates who pledged to vote for such a ban, this legislation would, 100%, pass The House and have more than 51 votes in The Senate with well over 60 in The Senate and certain passage in The 2020 Presidential Election.

6. If more young people voted money would no longer be used as easily to finance pro-gun candidates for Congress or The White House and big money and big money lobbyists would be reduced in politics.

- a. No. It doesn't matter. Big money is too strong.
- b. No. There will never be enough votes to get money out of politics, in any way.
- c. Maybe.
- d. Absolutely. There are a number of bills to reduce the role of big money in politics and all are supported by an overwhelming majority of young people. If even a simple majority of young people voted in The Midterms ONLY for candidates who pledged to vote for getting money out of politics, this legislation would, 100%, pass The House and have more than 51 votes in The Senate with well over 60 in The Senate and certain passage in The 2020 Presidential Election.

7. If more young people voted which of the following would also become law"

- a) Equal Pay for Women
- b) Legalization of Recreational Marijuana
- c) Strong Climate Change and Renewable Energy bills
- d) Lower College Tuition Loan Rates
- e) Net Neutrality
- f) Automatic Voter Registration
- g) Improved Health Care in America
- h) DACA
- i) Money out of politics

- j) None of the above
- k) All of the above, and much more
- 8. If no more than 25% of young persons vote on November 6, 2018 a new Supreme Court will very likely throw out any gun violence prevention legislation any future Congress passes for the next 10, 20 or more years.
- a. True
- b. False

9. A Supreme Court Justice serves for

- a.2 Years
- b.4 Years
- c. 6 Years
- d. Life

10. The Congress and a President can change the number of Supreme Court Justices any time they want?

- a. No. The number of 9 Justices is fixed
- b. Yes, but it takes a super majority in The House and The Senate
- c. Yes, it has happened 6 times in American history and only takes 218 vote in The House, 60 (or possibly even just 51) votes in The Senate and the signature of The President. (Abraham Lincoln even did it in 1863)
- d. No because this would mean that the number could bounce between 9 and 11 and 13, back to 7 or up 15, etc. and that would be crazy.

11. All 435 Members of The House of Representatives are up for reelection in a "Midterms".

- a) True
- b) False

12. 1/3 of The US Senators are up for re-election in a "Midterms"

- a) True
- b) False

- 13. 36 Governors will be elected in these "Midterms" on November 6 determining policies and judges in 36 States for at least the next 4 years
- a) True
- b) False
- 14. Who sits on The Supreme Court for 20 or 30 or even 50 years can be determined by this "Midterms" election because of the US Senators that are elected who will confirm, or not confirm, any Donald Trump appointment in the next 2 years.
- a) True
- b) False
- 15. There is actually a way to effectively end The Electoral College in this "Midterms" by voting for State Legislators who will pass legislation in your state so that the "National Popular Vote" elects our President in The 2020 Elections
- a) Yes, it's a thing
- b) No way
- 16. It only takes 279 representatives to get whatever you want and change America
- a) True
- b) False
- 17. Which of these statements are true?
- a) "My vote doesn't count"
- b) "They (politicians) are all the same"
- c) "All politicians are bought and paid for"
- d) "There is no difference between the parties in America"
- e) All of the above
- f) None of the above
- ... and THE MOST IMPORTANT QUIZ QUESTION!

18. 102 Million Americans did not vote in The 2016 Presidential Elections. About 130 Million are not expected to vote in The 2018 Midterm Elections

- a) I will be one of the 130 Million who won't vote
- b) I am absolutely going to vote on November 6! www.Bit.ly/ 279forChange

Thank you for taking the Quiz. Now go register, order your absentee ballot and make absolutely sure that you vote!

For answers to this quiz, contact Richard at wtfarethemidterms@gmail.com

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Richard's fascination with politics began while in high school when he worked on his first campaign.

He then went on to study Political Science at UCSB, serve as a Congressional Intern in Washington, DC and then enter USC School of Law to ready himself for his dream of eventually becoming a US Congressman.

While in Law School Richard was awarded The Clore Warne Fellowship to The Constitutional Rights Foundation where his mission was to write "The Bill of Rights Newsletter" and teach civics to Junior and Senior High School students in Los Angeles.

Following law school Richard ran for Congress and travelled the world advising Presidential and Prime Ministerial candidates in 7 countries in addition to numerous US Senators, Congresspersons, Governors and Mayors here in The US. And, for 3 years, Richard hosted a daily, national political and current events radio talk show interviewing Members of Congress and well over 100 politically active celebrities in an effort to show how fun, and cool, civics and politics can be.

But since NO ONE really LOVES "CIVICS" Richard has focused, ever since his Fellowship, on trying to find new ways to teach Civics and new ways to do politics in America. In 2016 he Founded "279 for Change" a completely new approach to engaging in politics, breaking the gridlock and transforming the country.

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Moved by the epidemic of school shootings and the fierce activism of the students of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, Richard contributes this work in the hopes that young people, and all Americans, might participate in this glorious process of Democracy and let their voices be heard!

NOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO SAY!

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APPENDIX SUMMARY: The 10 Steps

- STEP 1: Pick Your Cause and Become a "Single Issue Voter", then
- **STEP 2:** Register TO VOTE and PREPARE TO VOTE because . . .
- **STEP 3:** ANYTHING is possible in Politics. It really is. Politics is just a game a game to get to a certain number. The "GAME" of Politics in America is to "GET TO 279" because 279 is "The Magic Number of America". ELECT 279 POLITICIANS WHO WILL VOTE FOR (AND SIGN) YOUR BILL and you have won the game . . . and changed the country! So, starting with "The HOUSE" . .
- **STEP 4:** Elect a Majority in The House of Representatives and a "Speaker of The House" Who Want The Change You Want on November 6. And then . . .
- **STEP 5:** Elect A Senate Majority and "Majority Leader" Who Wants The Change You Want on November 6. And, in the process . . .
- **STEP 6:** "Elect" A Supreme Court on November 6 (by WHO you vote for in The Senate!). And, as you do this, we can change the way we do politics! . . .
- **STEP 7:** "BILLIFY", Don't Vilify!". We can move beyond politicians and personalities and find candidates and parties that are COMMITTED to OUR issue! And this can be done in your state as well . . .
- **STEP 8:** Choose a Governor and a Legislature that support your cause in your state and Propositions that you want on November 6. And, now CROWDSOURCE! In other words . . .
- **STEP 9:** JUST TWEET! Crowdsource the 279 you need for YOUR issue! Use your status updates for good! And then, of course . . .
- **STEP 10:** VOTE for the candidates who will vote for your bill(s) and transform America in the way that you want!

ALL OF THE PROPOSITIONS ON YOUR STATE BALLOTS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018

(Special thanks to Ballotpedia, https://ballotpedia.org/2018_ballot_measures)

Alabama

See also: <u>Alabama 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description	
LRCA	Ame ndm ent 1	Religion	Display of Ten Commandments on state property	
<u>LRCA</u>	Ame ndm ent 2	<u>Abortion</u>	States that the Alabama Constitution recognizes and supports the sanctity of unborn life and does not protect abortion	
LRCA	Ame ndm ent 3	Education and Administration	University of Alabama Board of Trustees Membership	
LRCA	Ame ndm ent 4	State legislatures	Changes legislatively vacancy procedure to allow seats to remain vacant if the remaining term is no more than a certain length	

Alaska

See also: Alaska 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>IndISS</u>	Ballot Measure 1	Environm ent	Creates salmon habitat protection standards and permit requirements

Arizona

See also: <u>Arizona 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CICA	Proposition 126	<u>Taxes</u>	Prohibits the government from increasing taxes on services in the future
CICA	Proposition 127	Energy	Requires 50 percent of energy to come from renewable resources by 2030
<u>CISS</u>	Proposition 207	<u>Taxes</u>	Increases income tax rates on incomes exceeding \$250,000 for teacher salaries and school operations
<u>VR</u>	Proposition 305	Educati on	Upholds SB 1431, expanding Empowerment Scholarship Accounts program
LRCA	Adjustments to Elected Officials' and Corrections Officer Retirement Plans Amendment	<u>Pension</u>	Allow for adjustments to the Elected Officials' Retirement Plan and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan
<u>LRSS</u>	Unlawful Contributions from Clean Election Accounts and Commission Rulemaking Requirements Measure	Election §	Designates unlawful contributions from clean election accounts and removes commission exemption from rulemaking requirements

Arkansas

See also: <u>Arkansas 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description	
LRCA	<u>Issue</u> 1	Tort Law	Limits attorney's fee and damages awarded in lawsuits and allows the legislature to amend a repeal the supreme court's related rules	
<u>LRCA</u>	lssue 2	<u>Elections</u>	Requires a voter photo identification to vote	
CICA	lssue 3	State legislatures measures	Imposes six-year term limits on representatives and eight-year term limits on senators	
CISS	<u>Issue</u> <u>5</u>	Minimum wage	Increases the state's minimum wage to \$11 per hour by 2022	

California

See also: California 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description	
<u>LBM</u>	Propositio n 1	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$4 billion in bonds for housing programs and veterans' home loans	
LRSS	Propositio n 2	<u>Bonds</u>	Authorizes state to use revenue from millionaire's tax for \$2 billion in bonds for homelessness prevention housing	
CISS	Propositio n.3	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$8.877 billion in bonds for water-related infrastructure and environmental projects	
CISS	Propositio n 4	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$1.5 billion in bonds for children's hospitals	
CICA/ SS	Propositio n 5	<u>Taxes</u>	Revises process for homebuyers who are age 55 or older or severely disabled to transfer their tax assessments	
CICA	Propositio n 6	<u>Taxes</u>	Repeals 2017's fuel tax and vehicle fee increases and requires public vote on future increases	
<u>LRSS</u>	Propositio n.7	<u>Time</u>	Authorizes legislature to provide for permanent daylight saving time if federal government allows	
CISS	Propositio n 8	Healthca re	Requires dialysis clinics to issue refunds for revenue above a certain amount	
CISS	Propositio n 10	Housing	Allows local governments to regulate rent	
CISS	Propositio n 11	<u>Labor</u>	Allow ambulance providers to require workers to remain on-call during breaks paid	
CISS	Propositio n.12	<u>Animals</u>	Bans sale of meat from animals confined in spaces below specific sizes	

Colorado

See also: Colorado 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRC A	Amend ment A	Civil rights and Constitutional language	Repeals a constitutional exception on the ban of slavery that allowed for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime
LRC A	Amend ment V	<u>Legislature</u>	Reduces age qualification for legislative members from 25 to 21
LRC A	Amend ment W	Elections and campaigns	Shortens language on the Colorado ballot regarding judicial retention by consolidating questions
LRC A	Amend ment X	<u>Marijuana</u>	Changes the definition of industrial hemp from a constitutional definition to a statutory definition
LRC A	Amend ment Y	Redistricting measures	Establishes an independent commission for congressional redistricting
LRC A	Amend ment Z	Redistricting measures	Establishes an independent commission for state legislative redistricting
CICA /SS	Amend ment 73	Taxes and Education Establishes tax brackets and raises taxes to fund education	

Connecticut

See also: Connecticut 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Transportation Revenue Lockbox Amendment	<u>Budget</u>	Creates a lockbox for transportation funds
<u>LRCA</u>	Legislative Requirements to Transfer State Properties Amendment	<u>Legislat</u> <u>ure</u>	Requirements to transfer of state property

Florida

See also: Florida 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Amendment 1	<u>Taxes</u>	Increases the amount of a home's value exempted from property tax
LRCA	Amendment 2	<u>Taxes</u>	Makes the cap on nonhomestead parcel assessment increases permanent
CICA	Amendment 3	Gambling	Requires voter approval of casino gambling
CICA	Amendment 4	Suffrage	Restores the right to vote for most people with prior felony convictions upon completion of their sentences
LRCA	Amendment 5	<u>Legislature</u>	Requires 2/3 vote of legislature to impose or increase tax or fee
<u>CR</u>	Amendment 6	<u>Judiciary</u>	Adds a Marsy's Law to state constitution, increases judicial retirement age to 75, and prohibits judges from deferring to administrative agencies in interpreting law
CR	Amendment 7	Requires death benefits for first responders and military members, supermajority vote for college fees, and adds state college system to constitution	
CR	Amendment 9	Environment	Bans offshore oil and gas drilling and vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>CR</u>	Amendment 10	Admin of Gov't	Prohibits counties from abolishing certain local offices, changes start date of legislative sessions, and adds an executive office and executive department to constitution
CR	Amendment 11 Admin of Gov't		Repeals the following: (a) a prohibition against aliens owning property, (b) a requirement for a high-speed ground transportation system, and (c) a provision saying that changes to a criminal statute are not retroactive
CR	Amendment 12	Gov't Acc	Prohibits public officials from lobbying for compensation while in office and six years thereafter

Georgia

See also: <u>Georgia 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Georgia School Sales Tax Referendums Amendment	Education	Allows a school district or multiple districts with a majority of students within a county to call for a county sales tax referendum
<u>LRCA</u>	Forest Land Conservation and Timberland Properties Amendment	Natural Resources	Revises method for determining market value of forest land and creates a timberland property class
LRCA	Marsy's Law Crime Victim Rights Amendment	Law Enforcement	Adds rights of crime victims to state constitution
LRCA	Georgia State Business Court Amendment	State judiciary	Creates a business court and establishes procedures and rules for judicial selection, term length, and qualifications
<u>LRCA</u>	Revenue from Outdoor Recreation Equipment Sales Tax Dedicated to Land Conservation Fund Amendment	Budgets and Environment	Creates a land conservation trust fund with 0.75 percent of revenue from sales and use taxes on outdoor recreation equipment

Hawaii

See also: <u>Hawaii 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
ConCon	Constitutional Convention	ConCon	Voters determine whether <u>Hawaii</u> will hold a constitutional convention
LRCA	Surcharge on Residential Investment Properties to Fund Public Education Amendment	<u>Taxes</u>	Allow legislature to enact surcharge on residential investment properties

Idaho

See also: <u>Idaho 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CISS	Proposit ion 1	Gambli ng	Allows betting on historical horse races at video terminals in certain locations
CISS	Proposit ion 2	Healthc are	Expands Medicaid under the <u>ACA</u>

Indiana

See also: <u>Indiana 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Public Question 1	Gov't Budgets	Requires the legislature to enact a balanced budget each fiscal year

Kentucky

See also: Kentucky 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Marsy's Law Amendment	<u>Law</u>	Provides for constitutional rights of crime victims

Louisiana

See also: Louisiana 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRC A	Amendm ent 1	Election s	Prohibits felons from running for office for five years
LRC A	Amendm ent 2	<u>Trials</u>	Requires a unanimous jury verdict for felony trials
LRC A	Amendm ent 3	Local Gov't	Allows political subdivisions to exchange public equipment and personnel
LRC A	Amendm ent 4	<u>Taxes</u>	Ends the dedication of revenue from the Transportation Trust Fund to state police
LRC A	Amendm ent 5	Property	Allows special assessments for certain homes in trusts
LRC A	Amendm ent 6	<u>Taxes</u>	Provides for a phase-in of certain property tax increases due to reappraisal

Maine

See also: Maine 2018 ballot measures

See also. <u>Maine 20 to ballot measures</u>					
Туре	Title	Subject	Description		
IndIS S	Questi on 1	<u>Taxes</u>	Creates a 3.8 percent payroll tax and non-wage income tax to fund a home care program		
BI	Questi on 2	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$30 million in bonds for wastewater infrastructure		
BI	Ouesti on 3	<u>Bonds</u>	\$106 million in bonds for transportation infrastructure		
BI	Questi on 4	Bonds	\$49 million in bonds for the University of Maine System		
BI	Questi on 5	<u>Bonds</u>	\$15 million in bonds for the state's seven community colleges		

Maryland

See also: Maryland 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Election-Day Voter Registration Amendment	<u>Elections</u>	Authorizes the legislature to enact laws allowing for same-day voter registration
<u>LRCA</u>	Gambling Revenue Dedicated to Education Lockbox Amendment	Gambling and Education	Dedicating certain gambling revenue to education

Massachusetts

See also: <u>Massachusetts 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description		
<u>IndISS</u>	Ques tion 1	<u>Healthcare</u>	Sets limits on the number of patients a nurse can be assigned to		
<u>IndISS</u>	Ques tion 2	Campaign finance and Definition of a corporation	Creates citizens commission to advocate for changes to the U.S. Constitution regarding political spending and corporate personhood		
<u>VR</u>	Ques tion 3	<u>LGBT issues</u>	Repeals law prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity		

Michigan

See also: Michigan 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>IndISS</u>	Marijuana Legalization Initiative	<u>Marijuana</u>	Legalizes marijuana for recreational use
CICA	Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Initiative	Redistricti ng	Creates an independent citizens redistricting commission

Missouri

See also: <u>Missouri 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CICA	Amen dmen t 1	Elections	Addresses lobbying, campaign finance, and redistricting procedures
CICA	Amen dmen t 2	Marijuana	Legalizes marijuana for medical purposes
CICA	Amen dmen t 3	Marijuana	Legalizes marijuana for medical purposes
LRCA	Amen dmen t4	Gambling	Changes requirement to manage bingo games and advertising at bingo games
CISS	Propo sition B	Minimum Wage	Increases the minimum wage to \$12
CISS	Propo sition C	<u>Marijuana</u>	Legalizes marijuana for medical purposes

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRSS	Propo sition D	<u>Taxes</u>	Increases gas tax, provides tax exemption for Olympic prizes, and creates fund for projects to improve roads and alleviate bottleneck traffic

Montana

See also: Montana 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRSS</u>	<u>LR-1</u> <u>28</u>	<u>Taxes</u>	Continues a six-mill property tax to fund the Montana University System for 10 years
LRSS	LR-1 29	Elections	Bans all but certain individuals from collecting another individual's ballot
<u>CISS</u>	<u>l-185</u>	Taxes and Tobacco	Extends Medicaid expansion, increases tobacco taxes to fund health programs
CISS	<u>l-186</u>	Natural resources	Restricts new hard rock mine permits, including water quality requirements for restoration plans

Nevada

See also: Nevada 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Questi on 1	<u>Trials</u>	Expands the rights of crime victims
<u>LRSS</u>	Questi on 2	<u>Taxes</u>	Exempts feminine hygiene products from sales tax
CICA	Questi on 3	Energy	Regulations on the energy market
CICA	Questi on 4	<u>Taxes</u>	Sales tax exemption for medical equipment
<u>IndISS</u>	Questi on 5	Elections	Automatic voter registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles
CICA	Questi on 6	Energy	Requires 50 percent of energy to come from renewable resources by 2030

New Hampshire

See also: New Hampshire 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Right to Live Free from Governmental Intrusion in Private and Personal Information Amendment	Civil	Provides a right to live free from governmental interference in private or personal information
LRCA	Taxpayer Standing to Bring Legal Actions Against Government Amendment	<u>Trials</u>	Provides that a taxpayer can bring legal action against government over funds

New Mexico

See also: New Mexico 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Constitutional Amendment 1	Judiciary	Empowers the legislature to pass laws determining the judicial appeal process for certain courts
<u>LRCA</u>	Constitutional Amendment 2	Gov't Acc	Creates an independent state ethics commission
<u>BI</u>	Senior Citizen Facilities Bond	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$10.77 million in bonds for senior citizen facilities
BI	Public Libraries Bond	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$12.876 million in bonds for libraries
BI	School Buses Bond	Bonds	Issues \$6.137 million in bonds for school buses
BI	Higher Education, Special Schools, and Tribal Schools Bond	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$128.405 million for higher education, special schools, and tribal schools

North Carolina

See also: North Carolina 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Right to Hunt and Fish Amendment	Hunting	Creates a constitutional right to hunt and fish
<u>LRCA</u>	Marsy's Law Amendment	Law Enforcement	Expands the constitutional rights of crime victims
LRCA	Income Tax Cap Amendment	<u>Taxes</u>	Changes cap on income tax from 10 percent to 7 percent
LRCA	Voter ID Amendment	<u>Elections</u>	Requires a photo ID to vote in person

North Dakota

See also: North Dakota 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CICA	Meas ure 1	Elections and Government accountability	Establishes an ethics commission, bans foreign political contributions, and enacts provisions related to lobbying and conflicts of interest
CICA	Meas ure 2	<u>Suffrage</u>	Clarifies that only U.S. citizens and North Dakota residents can vote in federal, state, local, or school elections
CISS	Meas ure 3	<u>Marijuana</u>	Removes marijuana and other products from list of controlled substances and provides for automatic expungement of convictions from legalized controlled substances
CISS	Meas ure 4	<u>Civil service</u> and <u>Parks</u>	Requires free access to state parks and personalized license plates for volunteer emergency responders

Ohio

See also: Ohio 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CICA	lssue 1	<u>Trials</u>	Makes drug possession and use offenses misdemeanors and allocates savings to programs

Oklahoma

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See also: Oklahoma 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
CICA	State Question 793	<u>Business</u>	Allows optometrists and opticians to operate in retail
<u>LRCA</u>	State Question 794	Law Enforcement	Expands the constitutional rights of crime victims
<u>LRCA</u>	State Question 798	<u>Elections</u>	Provides for a joint ticket for governor and lt. governor
<u>LRCA</u>	State Question 800	<u>Budgets</u>	Creates a fund for the investment of 5% of oil and gas development tax revenue
LRCA	State Question 801	Taxes and Budgets	Allows certain property taxes to fund school operations

Oregon

See also: Oregon 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Measu re 102	Housing	Allows cities and counties to use bonds to fund privately owned affordable housing
CICA	Measu re 103	<u>Taxes</u>	Bans taxes on groceries
CICA	Measu re 104	<u>Budget</u>	Defines raising revenue for the three-fifths vote requirement for bills raising revenue
CISS	Measu re 105	<u>Immigrati</u> <u>on</u>	Repeals law forbidding state resources from being used to apprehend persons violating federal immigration laws
CICA	Measu re 106	Abortion	Prohibits public funds from being spent on abortions

Rhode Island

See also: Rhode Island 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
BI	School Buildings Bond Measure	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$250 million for school buildings
<u>BI</u>	Higher Education Facilities Bond Measure	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$70 million for higher education facilities
BI	Environment, Recreation, and Water Infrastructure Bond Measure	<u>Bonds</u>	Issues \$47.3 million for environment, recreation, and water infrastructure

South Carolina

See also: South Carolina 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Appointed Superintendent of Education Amendment	Executive Official	Makes the Superintendent of Education an appointed position

South Dakota

See also: South Dakota 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
<u>CISS</u>	Initiated Measure 24	<u>Direct</u> <u>Democracy</u>	Bans out-of-state contributions to ballot question committees
<u>CISS</u>	Initiated Measure 25	Taxes and Tobacco	Increases the tobacco tax
CICA	Constitutional Amendment W	Elections and campaigns	Revises campaign finance and lobbying laws, creates an accountability board, and prohibits legislative changes to initiatives without voter approval
<u>LRCA</u>	Constitutional Amendment X	<u>Direct</u> <u>demcracy</u>	55 percent supermajority requirement for constitutional amendments
LRCA	Constitutional Amendment Z	<u>Direct</u> <u>democracy</u>	Single-subject rule for constitutional amendments

Utah

See also: <u>Utah 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
AQ	Nonbinding Opinion Question 1	<u>Taxes</u>	10-Cent Gas Tax Increase for Education and Local Roads
CISS	Proposition 2	Marijuana	Legalizes the medical use of marijuana
CISS	Proposition 3	<u>Healthcare</u>	Expands <u>Medicaid</u> under the ACA
<u>CISS</u>	Proposition 4	Redistrictin g	Creates an independent redistricting commission
<u>LRCA</u>	Active Military Property Tax Exemption Amendment	<u>Taxes</u>	Changes the time of service required to qualify for the tax exemption
LRCA	Tax Exemption for Property Leased by a Government Entity Amendment	<u>Taxes</u>	Allows tax exemption for property leased by a government entity
LRCA	Legislature Able to Convene Special Sessions Amendment	State legislature s	Allows legislature to convene a special session with restrictions

Virginia

See also: <u>Virginia 2018 ballot measures</u>

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Ques tion 1	<u>Taxes</u>	Removes a restriction on a tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran
LRCA	Ques tion 2	<u>Taxes</u>	Authorizes local property tax exemptions for flood abatement, mitigation, or resiliency

Washington

See also: Washington 2018 ballot measures

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<u>ITP</u>	Initiative 1631	Taxes and Environment	Establishes a carbon fee and funds environmental programs	Philip Lloyd
<u>ITP</u>	Initiative 1634	Food and agriculture and Taxes	Prohibits local governments from enacting taxes on groceries	Heidi Schultz

West Virginia

See also: West Virginia 2018 ballot measures

Туре	Title	Subject	Description
LRCA	Amendm ent 1	Abortion	States that there is no right to abortion or abortion funding in the state constitution
LRCA	Amendm ent 2	State judiciary and budget	Gives the legislature authority of budgeting for state judiciary with restrictions