

To: Interested Parties
From: Global Strategy Group
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Re: NEW POLL RESULTS: Battleground Voters are Calling on Congress to Prioritize Democracy Reform

A new survey of likely 2024 voters in Senate battleground states and House battleground districts conducted for Democracy SENTRY finds that battleground voters are prioritizing democracy issues like protecting the freedom to vote, increasing transparency and accountability in Washington, and defending democracy and free and fair elections.¹ In response to this continued, overwhelming public concern about attacks on our election systems and voting rights, Senate and House Democrats are once again introducing the Freedom to Vote Act and deeming it S. 1 and H.R. 11 -- the first bill numbers available to them -- to demonstrate their commitment to reform.

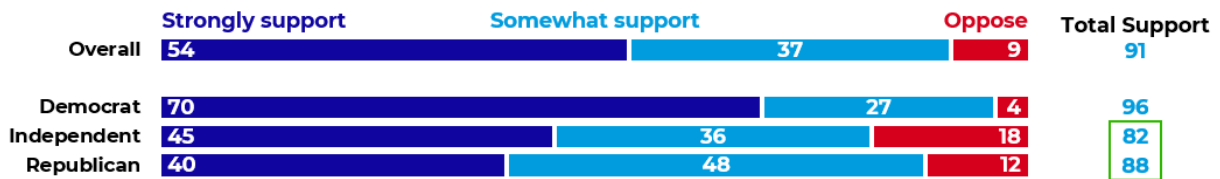
Battleground voters overwhelmingly support democracy reform legislation and are making it a top priority

Battleground voters are calling on Congress to prioritize defending democracy, protecting the freedom to vote, and holding Washington accountable. Democracy related issues, like protecting the freedom to vote (51% top priority), defending democracy and free and fair elections (51% top priority), and increasing transparency and accountability in Washington (50% top priority) are as important to battleground voters as kitchen table issues like cutting health care costs (50% top priority) and taxes (48% top priority). In fact, increasing transparency and accountability and ending big money, special interests' control of politicians are **the top priorities for independent voters (80% total priority for each).**

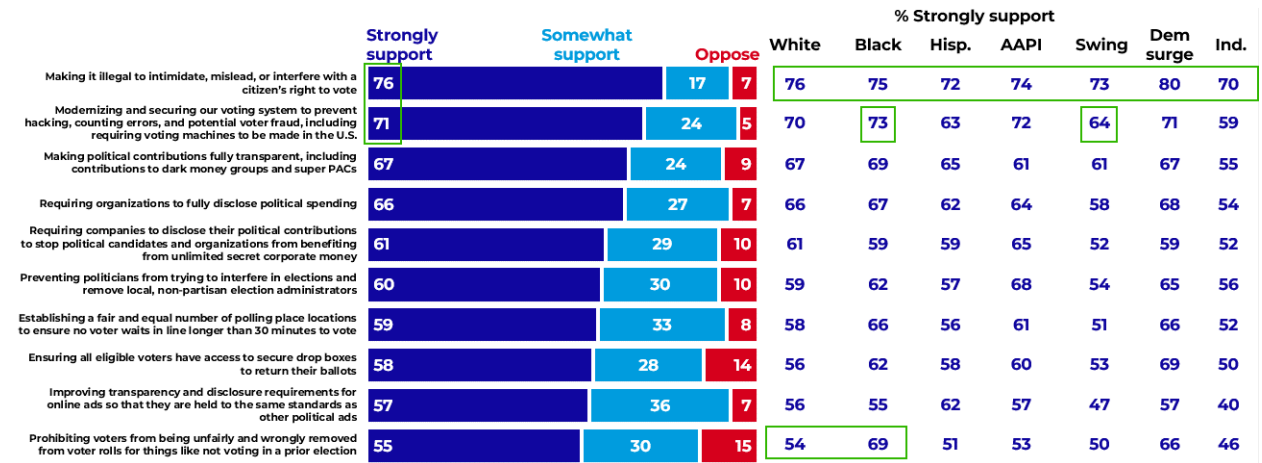
	Top priority	Major priority	Not a priority	% Total Priority					
				Tot.	White	Black	Hisp.	AAPI	Ind.
Protecting the freedom to vote for eligible American citizens	51	28	21	79	79	79	77	77	65
Defending the principles of our democracy and free and fair elections	51	31	18	82	82	86	82	78	68
Lowering the cost of health care	50	35	15	85	85	89	83	85	78
Making Congress more transparent and holding Washington politicians accountable	50	37	14	86	87	86	83	80	80
Cutting taxes for hardworking Americans	48	33	19	81	80	87	85	77	73
Requiring background checks on all gun sales	46	28	25	75	73	81	78	78	63
Ending the big money, special interest control of Washington politicians	46	35	19	81	83	80	77	72	80
Cutting government spending	43	35	22	78	80	71	77	66	67
Combatting the surge in extremist political violence	39	35	26	74	73	79	73	77	62
Protecting abortion rights	36	23	40	60	56	78	70	58	52
Combatting climate change	32	25	44	56	53	70	65	61	46

¹ Senate battleground states surveyed: Arizona, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. House battleground districts surveyed: AK-AL, AZ-01, AZ-02, AZ-06, CA-03, CA-06, CA-09, CA-13, CA-22, CA-27, CA-40, CA-41, CA-45, CA-47, 49, CO-03, CO-08, CT-05, FL-09, FL-13, FL-15, FL-23, FL-27, IA-01, IA-03, IL-17, IN-01, KS-03, ME-02, MI-03, MI-07, MI-08, MI-10, MN-02, MT-01, NC-01, NC-06, NC-13, NC-14, NE-02, NH-01, NH-02, NJ-07, NM-02, NV-01, NV-03, NV-04, NY-01, NY-02, NY-03, NY-04, NY-17, NY-18, NY-19, NY-22, OH-01, OH-09, OH-13, OR-04, OR-05, OR-06, PA-01, PA-07, PA-08, PA-10, PA-17, SC-01, TX-15, TX-28, TX-34, VA-02, VA-07, WA-03, WA-08, WI-03.

Support for democracy legislation is broad and intense. Battleground voters overwhelmingly support proposed legislation like the soon-to-be reintroduced Freedom to Vote Act that would protect democracy, ensure access to voting, and increase transparency in Washington (91% support, including 54% strongly support).² This is true across the political spectrum as even significant majorities of independents (82% support, including 45% strongly support) and Republicans (88% support, including 40% strongly support) support the policy.



Battleground voters overwhelmingly support key components of the Freedom to Vote Act. Majorities of battleground voters stand firmly behind core components of the Freedom to Vote Act, especially when it comes to making it illegal to interfere with a citizen’s right to vote (76% strongly support) and modernizing and securing the country’s voting system to prevent hacking and fraud (71% strongly support). Secondly, voters are drawn to how the legislation aims to make political contributions fully transparent (67% strongly support), requires organizations to fully disclose their political spending (66% strongly support), and requires companies to disclose their political contributions (61% strongly support). This is in line with voters' top priorities for Congress and demonstrates Democrats have a keen understanding of the voters they need to win in 2024.



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² Voters saw a brief description of proposed legislation. See appendix for text.

³ Swing voters (23% of battleground electorate) do not always vote for the candidate of the same party they identify with (i.e. Democrats do not always vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress throughout the poll, and Republicans do not always vote for the Republican candidate for Congress throughout the poll), or they identify as independent or undecided in their vote. Democratic surge voters (13% of battleground electorate) are Democratic or Democratic-leaning voters who voted for the first time in 2016, 2018, 2020, or 2022.

Battleground voters are calling on Congress to eliminate the filibuster. Most voters (57% creates more gridlock/26% creates more bipartisan compromise), including swing voters (55% creates more gridlock/26% creates more bipartisan compromise) believe the filibuster creates more gridlock in Washington. That's why two-thirds of battleground voters, including most independents and Republicans, support eliminating the filibuster -- because they know it stands in the way of the democratic process and progress.

Do you support or oppose the Senate eliminating the filibuster?



ABOUT THE POLL

Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey of 803 likely voters in battleground Senate states and 810 likely voters in House battleground districts for a total of 1,613 battleground voter interviews, including 216 Black voters, 209 Hispanic voters, and 200 AAPI voters, between June 2 and June 21, 2023. The survey had a confidence interval of +/-3.5%. All interviews were conducted via web-based panel. Care has been taken to ensure the geographic, political, and demographic divisions of the population of likely voters are properly represented.

Appendix

Summary of Proposed Legislation: This new legislation will protect Americans' freedoms and our democracy by ending secret "dark money" spending in our elections, increasing transparency in our campaign finance system, ensuring access to voting, expanding voter registration options for every eligible voter, making Election Day a federal holiday, and stopping politicians from being able to manipulate maps and choose their own voters.