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Subject: Broad Support in Key States for Voting Rights Proposals Considered by Congress

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Seven new Public Policy Polling surveys conducted among voters in Alaska, Arizona, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia find strong support for proposals being considered by Congress that would ensure access to voting and protection of voting rights in the United States.

The following is a summary of the findings.

- Voters in each state believe Congress should take action to protect the freedom to vote and that Congress has a responsibility to act if states are making it more difficult to vote and/or if states are discriminating against voters of color.
- Voters in each state strongly support key provisions of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.
- Voters in each state are less likely to support a candidate who has made voting more difficult.
- Voters in each state oppose allowing a filibuster to get in the way of voting rights legislation, and voters in each state believe that Democrats should pass voting rights legislation even if no Republicans support it.

CONGRESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Congress' Responsibility to Ensure That All Eligible Voters Can Cast Ballot without Burden

Voters overwhelmingly agree that Congress has a responsibility to ensure that eligible voters are able to cast their ballots without burdens. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 76-21% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 63-23% margin.

Q: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all eligible voters are able to cast their ballots without burden?



	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL agree	75%	76%	78%	77%	74%	80%	73%
TOTAL disagree	21%	21%	18%	19%	22%	18%	23%
Strongly agree	63%	65%	67%	65%	67%	68%	59%
Somewhat agree	12%	11%	11%	12%	7%	12%	14%
Somewhat disagree	5%	5%	8%	6%	5%	6%	8%
Strongly disagree	16%	16%	10%	13%	17%	12%	15%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	2%	5%

Congress' Responsibility to Take Action if States Discriminate Against Voters Based on Race

Voters agree that Congress has a responsibility to take action if states discriminate against voters based on race. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 77-20% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 73-23% margin.

Q: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Congress has a responsibility to take action if states discriminate against voters based on race?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL agree	73%	77%	77%	75%	75%	80%	73%
TOTAL disagree	22%	20%	17%	20%	21%	20%	23%
Strongly agree	63%	65%	67%	62%	67%	67%	59%

Somewhat agree	10%	12%	10%	13%	8%	13%	14%
Somewhat disagree	7%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	8%
Strongly disagree	15%	16%	12%	14%	16%	15%	15%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	6%	4%	1%	5%

Congress' Responsibility to Take Action if States Make Voting More Difficult

Voters across all seven states are in strong agreement that Congress has a responsibility to take action if states make voting more difficult for their citizens. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 69-29% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 59-35% margin.

Q: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Congress has a responsibility to take action if states make voting more difficult for their citizens?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL agree	63%	69%	69%	64%	65%	72%	59%
TOTAL disagree	31%	29%	27%	31%	31%	25%	35%
Strongly agree	53%	59%	61%	52%	56%	62%	49%
Somewhat agree	10%	10%	8%	12%	9%	10%	10%
Somewhat disagree	8%	8%	9%	9%	6%	5%	11%
Strongly disagree	23%	21%	18%	22%	25%	20%	24%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%

Congress' Responsibility to Protect Election Workers and Voters

An overwhelming majority across all of the states surveyed think Congress has a responsibility to protect election workers and voters from intimidation, harassment, and threats. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 78-20% margin and West Virginia voters support this by an 80-18% margin.

Q: Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree that Congress has a responsibility to protect election workers and voters from intimidation, harassment, and threats?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL agree	79%	78%	85%	80%	75%	83%	80%
TOTAL disagree	18%	20%	11%	16%	24%	16%	18%
Strongly agree	69%	70%	73%	68%	69%	75%	68%
Somewhat agree	10%	8%	12%	12%	6%	8%	12%
Somewhat disagree	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%
Strongly disagree	14%	16%	7%	12%	19%	12%	13%
Not sure	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%

CONGRESSIONAL PROPOSALS

Preventing States from Removing Voters from Voter Rolls without Consent

A majority across all seven states surveyed support a proposal to prevent states from removing voters from voter rolls without their consent. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 54-32% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 51-34% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose preventing states from removing voters from voter rolls without their consent?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	50%	54%	56%	58%	56%	53%	51%
TOTAL oppose	34%	32%	30%	33%	32%	35%	34%
Strongly support	39%	42%	46%	46%	44%	41%	36%
Somewhat support	11%	12%	10%	12%	12%	12%	15%
Somewhat oppose	10%	9%	9%	12%	12%	10%	11%
Strongly oppose	24%	23%	21%	21%	20%	25%	23%
Not sure	17%	14%	14%	10%	12%	12%	15%

Reducing Long Lines and Wait Times at Polling Places

Voters show overwhelming support for reducing long lines and wait times at polling places. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 74-15% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 61-27% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose reducing long lines and wait times at polling places?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	64%	74%	59%	67%	67%	68%	61%
TOTAL oppose	21%	15%	21%	22%	21%	20%	27%
Strongly support	46%	53%	43%	45%	48%	53%	42%
Somewhat support	18%	21%	16%	22%	19%	15%	19%

Somewhat oppose	10%	8%	10%	10%	9%	11%	13%
Strongly oppose	11%	7%	11%	12%	12%	9%	14%
Not sure	14%	12%	20%	10%	11%	12%	12%

Preventing Polling Place Closures in Rural and Urban Communities

Voters across all seven states show strong support for preventing the closure of polling places in rural and urban communities, a provision in the For the People Act. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 73-18% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 68-23% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose preventing polling place closures in rural and urban communities?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	69%	73%	69%	74%	69%	78%	68%
TOTAL oppose	21%	18%	19%	20%	21%	15%	23%
Strongly support	58%	59%	59%	64%	60%	70%	55%
Somewhat support	11%	14%	10%	10%	9%	8%	13%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%	8%	7%	8%	5%	8%
Strongly oppose	14%	11%	11%	13%	13%	10%	15%
Not sure	9%	9%	12%	7%	10%	6%	9%

Giving All Eligible Voters Option to Vote by Mail

A majority of voters across six of the seven states support giving all eligible voters the option to vote by mail without needing to provide an excuse, ranging from 63% in Arizona (with a majority—54%—in strong support) to 52% (in Pennsylvania). The only state

which doesn't see a majority in support for this proposal is West Virginia, where 40% are in support, with 59% opposed.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose giving all eligible voters the option to vote by mail without needing to provide an excuse?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	54%	63%	54%	56%	54%	52%	40%
TOTAL oppose	44%	33%	42%	40%	42%	46%	59%
Strongly support	46%	53%	45%	49%	47%	45%	33%
Somewhat support	8%	10%	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%	9%	10%	5%	5%	11%
Strongly oppose	37%	26%	33%	30%	37%	41%	48%
Not sure	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%

Automatic Registration When Applying for a Driver's License

A majority of voters support automatically registering eligible citizens to vote when they apply for a driver's license, unless they are opted out. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 63-34% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 60-34% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose automatically registering eligible citizens to vote when they apply for a driver's license unless they opt-out?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	61%	63%	62%	59%	64%	64%	60%

TOTAL oppose	33%	34%	29%	34%	31%	33%	34%
Strongly support	48%	48%	49%	43%	54%	51%	45%
Somewhat support	13%	15%	13%	16%	10%	13%	15%
Somewhat oppose	12%	11%	10%	11%	5%	7%	11%
Strongly oppose	21%	23%	19%	23%	26%	26%	23%
Not sure	7%	4%	8%	7%	4%	3%	6%

Ensuring Fair Districts and Stopping Partisan Gerrymandering

The proposal to ensure fair districts and stop partisan gerrymandering is another proposal that garners strong support, and is one of the most popular proposals across the seven states surveyed. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 76-9% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 68-14% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose ensuring fair districts and stopping partisan gerrymandering?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	72%	76%	65%	75%	73%	75%	68%
TOTAL oppose	12%	9%	13%	10%	11%	12%	14%
Strongly support	60%	62%	55%	62%	63%	64%	55%
Somewhat support	12%	14%	10%	13%	10%	11%	13%
Somewhat oppose	6%	5%	7%	5%	5%	5%	9%
Strongly oppose	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%
Not sure	16%	16%	22%	15%	15%	14%	18%

Preventing States from Taking Authority from Local Elections Officials

Strong majorities of voters show support for a proposal that would prevent states from taking authority from local elections officials. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 66-19% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 60-21% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose preventing states from taking away authority from local elections officials?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	58%	66%	67%	69%	65%	69%	60%
TOTAL oppose	26%	19%	17%	18%	21%	18%	21%
Strongly support	41%	55%	52%	53%	50%	54%	44%
Somewhat support	17%	11%	15%	16%	15%	15%	16%
Somewhat oppose	11%	9%	6%	7%	11%	7%	9%
Strongly oppose	15%	10%	11%	11%	10%	11%	12%
Not sure	16%	15%	15%	13%	14%	13%	17%

Preclearance: Department of Justice Review of State Voting Laws to Prevent Racial Discrimination

Voters show strong support for allowing the Department of Justice to review state laws before they go into effect in order to make sure they do not discriminate against voters based on race. Arizona voters, for instance, support this by a 65-30% margin and West Virginia voters support this by a 64-31% margin.

Q: Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose allowing the Department of Justice to review state laws before they go into effect to make sure that they do not discriminate against voters based on race?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
TOTAL support	64%	65%	66%	67%	67%	73%	64%
TOTAL oppose	29%	30%	26%	26%	26%	23%	31%
Strongly support	54%	52%	55%	52%	54%	60%	51%
Somewhat support	10%	13%	11%	15%	13%	13%	13%
Somewhat oppose	7%	5%	5%	6%	4%	5%	7%
Strongly oppose	22%	25%	21%	20%	22%	18%	24%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	7%	7%	4%	6%

CANDIDATE SUPPORT

Likelihood to Vote for Candidate Supporting Legislation Making it Harder for Eligible Voters to Cast Ballots

Voters care about voting rights, and a majority across all seven states polled say they are less likely to vote for candidates who support legislation erecting unnecessary barriers to voting.

Q: Would you be more likely or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports legislation that would erect unnecessary barriers to voting and make it harder for eligible Americans to make their voices heard at the ballot box, or would it not make a difference?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
More likely	16%	20%	14%	16%	20%	19%	18%
Less likely	57%	59%	64%	58%	53%	59%	56%

It wouldn't make a difference	15%	10%	14%	14%	15%	14%	13%
Not sure	12%	10%	9%	12%	11%	8%	13%

Federal Legislation Protecting the Right to Vote

When asked whether or not they think Congress should pass legislation at the federal level that protects the right to vote, a majority of voters agree.

Q: Do you think Congress should pass federal legislation protecting the right to vote, or not?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
Yes	60%	64%	70%	62%	68%	70%	62%
No	26%	27%	19%	25%	23%	20%	25%
Not sure	15%	9%	11%	13%	8%	10%	13%

LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Passing Voting Rights Legislation without 60 Votes

Voters in each state also think the Senate should be able to pass voting rights legislation with a majority of Senators, rather than needing votes from 60 Senators.

Q: Do you think voting rights legislation should be able to pass with a majority of U.S. Senators, or do you think 60 U.S. Senators should have to agree in order to pass the legislation?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
Pass with majority	59%	61%	63%	58%	61%	64%	54%
Pass with 60 Senators	26%	22%	22%	29%	23%	24%	32%

Not sure	15%	17%	15%	13%	15%	12%	15%
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Democrats Passing Legislation on Their Own

A plurality or majority across all seven states agree that Democrats should pass legislation to protect the freedom to vote, even if no Republicans support the legislation.

Q: If no Republicans support legislation that will protect the freedom to vote, do you think Democrats should pass the legislation on their own, or not?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
Yes	49%	60%	54%	46%	55%	56%	46%
No	38%	34%	32%	39%	31%	35%	40%
Not sure	13%	7%	14%	15%	15%	9%	14%

Washington Leaders & Protecting the Freedom to Vote

Voters are also in agreement that Washington leaders are not doing enough to protect the freedom to vote.

Q: Do you think our leaders in Washington, DC are doing enough to protect the freedom to vote, or not?

	State						
	AK	AZ	ME	MT	NV	PA	WV
Yes	21%	23%	21%	23%	21%	23%	25%
No	59%	61%	56%	57%	58%	63%	59%
Not sure	19%	15%	22%	20%	21%	14%	16%

Public Policy Polling surveyed 635 Alaska voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 53% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 47% by text message.



Public Policy Polling surveyed 519 Arizona voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 40% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 60% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 523 Maine voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.3%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 554 Montana voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.2%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 587 Nevada voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 4.0%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 648 Pennsylvania voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

Public Policy Polling surveyed 702 West Virginia voters from August 3-4, 2021. The margin of error is +/- 3.7%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.

