

Every Vote Counts for Democracy's Future

Voting Record of the 117th Congress
1st Session



Our democracy has taken some serious hits last year. The false narrative of mass voter fraud in the 2020 election was used to justify restrictive, anti-voter laws targeting voters of color in 19 states. Two critical reform packages that would fortify our democracy against many of these attacks — the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act — have languished in the Senate.

In the American Rescue Plan, passed in March, the child tax credit was expanded to increase the amount of assistance per child from \$2,000 a year to \$3,000 a year or \$3,600 for children under 6. The credit was made completely refundable, meaning for the first time receiving the credit was not contingent on a family's earnings. If this is allowed to expire in March of 2022, 65 million kids will lose out, and nearly 10 million will slip back below the poverty line or even deeper into poverty.

The Build Back Better Act – the social spending objective of the Biden Administration to build our nation's human infrastructure and to tackle climate change – has garnered significant opposition from the business community and wealthy individuals, as it is fully paid for by rolling back tax loopholes for corporations and the wealthy including giveaways in President Trump's Tax Cut and Jobs Act.

As illustrated in our Senate Voting Record, the filibuster rule continued casting a shadow across the legislative landscape in 2021. This distorted rule, with its origins in white supremacy, requires 60 Senators to advance debate on a bill and has historically been used to stymie legislation that advances racial equity. This year continued the egregious abuse of the rule that has spiked in recent years, and our democracy has suffered as a result.

Senate 100% Voters

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House 100% Voters

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SENATE VOTES

1 American Rescue Plan Act (H.R.1319) – Vote #110

NETWORK supported this relief package's measures to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.

Passed 50-49, March 6, 2021; Signed into law March 11, 2021

2A For the People Act (S.2093)

NETWORK supported this common sense legislation that would strengthen voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government.

Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) attempted to advance the bill on August 1, 2021 by unanimous consent but was blocked by Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX).

2B Freedom to Vote Act (S.2747) – Vote #420

This legislation, which contained many of the same key provisions of the *For the People Act*, failed to overcome the filibuster in order to proceed to a Senate vote.

Cloture on the Motion to Proceed rejected 49-51, October 18, 2021

3 PRO Act (H.R.842)

NETWORK supported the PRO (Protecting the Right to Organize) Act for its expansion of various labor protections related to workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain.

While this legislation was a NETWORK priority to build anew, this bill did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

4 American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6)

NETWORK supported this bill, which would provide certain undocumented immigrants protection from deportation, work authorization, and the ability to travel outside the country as well as a pathway to permanent resident status.

This bill failed to garner Democratic support needed and did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

Editor's Note

To our regret, much of this year's Senate scorecard is left empty. While NETWORK supported numerous bills in the Senate this year, they were either blocked by the filibuster or did not make it to the Senate floor at all.

5 Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R.1603)

NETWORK supported this bipartisan immigration legislation that would provide undocumented farmworkers and their family members with a path to legal immigration status and citizenship.

While this legislation secured bipartisan support in the House — with 13 Republican cosponsors and 30 Republicans voting yes — it did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

6 Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R.1065)

NETWORK supported this bipartisan legislation that would modernize current worker discrimination laws to include pregnancy and address gaps in protections for pregnant workers.

While this legislation secured bipartisan support in the House, it did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

7 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (S.4) – Vote #495

This legislation, which would restore the power of the Voting Rights Act, failed to overcome the filibuster in order to proceed to a Senate vote.

Cloture on the Motion to Proceed rejected 50-49, November 3, 2021

8 EQUAL Act (H.R.1693)

NETWORK supported this bill that would modernize current federal sentencing disparities that directly marginalize Black and Brown communities.

While this legislation was a NETWORK priority to build anew — and secured bipartisan support in the House — this bill did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

9 Build Back Better Act

NETWORK strongly supported the Build Back Better Act because of its robust, once-in-a-generation investment in families and communities.

While this legislation was a NETWORK priority to build anew, this bill did not receive a vote in the Senate in 2021.

Changes in the Senate in 2021

- Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), Resigned January 19, 2021
- Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA), Sworn in January 20, 2021
- Senator Kelly Loeffler (R-GA), Appointed term expired January 19, 2021
- Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock (D-GA), Sworn in January 20, 2021

HOUSE VOTES

1 American Rescue Plan Act (H.R.1319) – Vote #49

NETWORK supported this relief package's measures to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. The package included an expanded Child Tax Credit, additional emergency SNAP benefits, rental assistance, and paycheck protection program.

Passed 219-212, February 27, 2021; Signed into law March 11, 2021

2 For the People Act (H.R.1) – Vote #62

NETWORK supported this common sense legislation that would strengthen voter access, election integrity and security, campaign finance, and ethics for the three branches of government. This bill would modernize the electoral process and prevent voter disfranchisement in vulnerable communities. It would also require candidates for president and vice president to publicly disclose 10 years of tax returns.

Passed 220-210, March 3, 2021

3 PRO Act (H.R.842) – Vote #70

NETWORK supported the PRO (Protecting the Right to Organize) Act for its expansion in various labor protections related to workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain. The bill protects workers' rights and makes it unlawful to require or coerce employees to attend employer meetings that discourage union membership. *Passed 225-206, March 9, 2021*

4 American Dream and Promise Act (H.R.6) – Vote #91

NETWORK supported this bill, which would provide certain undocumented immigrants protection from deportation, work authorization, and the ability to travel outside the country as well as a pathway to permanent resident status. The bill would create a pathway to citizenship for some of our undocumented neighbors by making them eligible for lawful permanent resident status. *Passed 228-197, March 18, 2021*

5 Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R.1603) – Vote #93

NETWORK supported this bipartisan immigration legislation that would provide undocumented farmworkers and their family members with a path to legal immigration status and citizenship. The bill would provide protections for undocumented farmworkers and their dependents through a "Certified Agricultural Worker" status, which would last for 5.5 years with the opportunity to renew. *Passed 247-174, March 18, 2021*

6 Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (H.R.1065) – Vote #143

NETWORK supported this bipartisan legislation that would modernize current worker discrimination laws to include pregnancy and address gaps in protections for pregnant workers by requiring workplaces to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure healthy pregnancies. *Passed 315-101, May 14, 2021*

7 John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R.4) – Vote #260

NETWORK supported this bill which would restore the power of the Voting Rights Act by establishing new criteria for determining which states and districts must obtain preclearance before changes to voting practices may take effect. A preclearance process requires preapproval before changes to voting practices may take effect. *Passed 219-212, August 24, 2021*

8 EQUAL Act (H.R.1693) – Vote #297

NETWORK supported the EQUAL (Eliminating a Quantifiably Unjust Application of the Law) Act for its elimination of the federal sentencing disparity between drug offenses involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine. This bill would modernize current federal sentencing disparities that directly marginalize Black and Brown communities. *Passed 361-66, September 28, 2021*

9 Build Back Better Act (H.R.5376) – Vote #385

NETWORK strongly supported the Build Back Better Act because of its robust, once-in-a-generation investment in families and communities. This bill included priorities like cutting childhood poverty in half with the Child Tax Credit and ensuring no worker is taxed into poverty by extending the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit. The bill closes the Medicaid coverage gap, invests in ending the Black maternal health crisis, and establishes four weeks of universal paid family and medical leave. The House bill includes protections for some of our immigrant neighbors, expands housing choice vouchers, provides key funding for building and improving affordable housing, and increases access to broadband. *Passed 220-213, November 19, 2021*

Changes in the House in 2021

- Rep.-elect Luke Letlow (LA-05),
Passed away December 29, 2020
– *Succeeded by Rep. Julia Letlow (LA-05), March 20, 2021*
- Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-02),
Resigned January 15, 2021
– *Succeeded by Rep. Troy Carter (LA-02), April 24, 2021*
- Rep. Ron Wright (TX-06),
Passed away February 7, 2021
– *Succeeded by Rep. Jake Ellzey (TX-06), July 27, 2021*
- Rep. Marcia Fudge (OH-11),
Resigned March 10, 2021
– *Succeeded by Rep. Shontel Brown (OH-11), November 2, 2021*
- Rep. Debra Haaland (NM-01),
Resigned March 16, 2021
– *Succeeded by Rep. Melanie Stansbury (NM-01), June 1, 2021*
- Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (FL-20),
Passed away on April 6, 2021
- Rep. Steve Stivers (OH-15),
Resigned May 16, 2021
– *Succeeded by Rep. Mike Carey (OH-15), November 2, 2021*

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5 Scanlon (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%										
6 Houlahan (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%										
7 Wild (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%										
8 Cartwright (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%										
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10 Perry (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	o	0%*										
11 Smucker (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	22%									
12 Keller (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
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15 Thompson, G. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	o	-	+	-	25%*									
16 Kelly, M. (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
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18 Doyle (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
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2 Langevin (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
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2 Burchett (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
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4 DesJarlais (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
5 Cooper (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
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7 Green, Mark (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
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2 Crenshaw (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22%									
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5 Gooden (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	11%									
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7 Fletcher (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
8 Brady, K. (R)	-	-	-	o	o	-	-	-	+	-	14%*									
9 Green, A. (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
10 McCaul (R)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	22%									
11 Pfluger (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									
12 Granger (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	22%									
13 Jackson (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									
14 Weber (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									
15 Gonzalez (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
16 Escobar (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
17 Sessions (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									
18 Jackson Lee (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
19 Arrington (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									
20 Castro (D)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	100%									
21 Roy (R)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%									

KEY TO VOTES

+ voted with NETWORK
 - voted against NETWORK
 o did not vote

| inactive/not in office
 * Percentage with asterisk (*) signifies that legislator did not vote on all relevant bills



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