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Joan F. Neal, NETWORK Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer, Colin Martinez Longmore, NETWORK Communications and Media Coordinator, and Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM, NETWORK Grassroots Education and Organizing Specialist, stand outside of NETWORK's offices in Washington, D.C. As the co-hosts of NETWORK's *Just Politics* podcast, produced in collaboration with *U.S. Catholic* magazine, Joan, Colin, and Eilis prepared for 2024 by interviewing an array of experts about current threats to U.S. democracy. Photo by Gloria Guisbert.

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Show Up and Choose Solidarity

2024 Brings This Ultimate Choice



Joan F. Neal



Mary J. Novak

On New Year's Eve of 1929, only two months after the stock market crash had plunged the world into the turmoil of the Great Depression, the author Dorothy Parker sent a telegram to newspaper columnist Robert Benchley that read: "You come right over here and explain why they are having another year."

Parker's exasperation at having to face yet another year might resonate with justice-seekers today, as we reflect on the spectacle in our politics that was 2023 and contemplate a presidential election cycle ahead of us that promises to be as exhausting as it will be consequential.

The exhaustion stems from the fact that we care, that we believe people of faith and goodwill can come together to affect positive change in federal policy. We believe this can have immediate and long-term impacts in building the common good. And this commitment to the common good also helps us to see clearly that we have a couple of stark choices before us this year as to how we proceed.

First, and most consequentially, is the choice of future direction for this country. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. framed this choice very aptly in the title of his final book: "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?"

In 2023, we saw elected officials choose chaos over community time and again. This came in the form of proposed slashes to human needs programs that would have harmed millions of people. It came in the willingness to shut down the functioning of the federal government to meet extremist demands. It came in arbitrarily removing the Speaker of the House for reaching a deal to avert a government shutdown, and then filling the post with a 2020 election denier whose views on Christianity and government make him, by definition, a Christian nationalist. And in the shadows of this chaos, we have a former U.S. president promising to use the power of the government to punish his political enemies should he be returned to power next year.

Robert Reich points out that this chaos serves a purpose, "to persuade the rest of America that the nation is ungovernable as a democracy and therefore in need of an authoritarian strongman." This issue of Connection includes the 2023 Voting Record, which reflects the sad fruits of this chaos and systemic breakdown: a Congress that has passed few bills and delivered very little for us, the people.

In sharp contrast to this grim spectacle is the choice of the common good, of investing in a future for this country that values every person and every community, a choice in which all of us have what we need to flourish and reach our potential. This is the vision of Catholic Social Teaching and the aim of NETWORK's policy agenda and advocacy work. It is a society that believes, as Pope Francis said last year, in "todos todos todos!" — the inclusion and participation of everyone, not just a wealthy and privileged few.

The second consequential choice that awaits us in 2024 is the choice to show up and choose solidarity. This can be more challenging than it sounds for many people of goodwill. The chaos on display in our politics and in our society today is intended to exhaust us, to tempt us into thinking all options are equally bad and there is no point in working for something bet-

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ter. In the most recent installment of NETWORK's "White Supremacy and American Christianity" webinar, we explored the cost of the choice to do nothing: the election of people at every level of government who are committed to dismantling our democracy and eliminating the possibility of a just and equitable political system.

But, as we have seen many times in recent elections, when people actually show up and exercise their citizen power, this outcome is far from inevitable. Let us approach this year grounded in the conviction that we can overcome this threat to our freedom and participatory democracy. With the Spirit, whose fruits include joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness and faithfulness, we can prevail. Let us all show up and choose solidarity over chaos. ☀️

Joan F. Neal is NETWORK's Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer. Mary J. Novak is NETWORK's Executive Director.

Notable Quotables

What justice-seekers have been saying this quarter

"[T]he most effective solutions will not come from individual efforts alone, but above all from major political decisions on the national and international level."

—Pope Francis in *Laudate Deum*, his new letter on care for the environment, published Oct. 4

"The pandemic made it clear that poverty is a cause of premature death, and poverty is a product of policy decisions. Thus, we call it 'policy murder.'"

—Mary Danhauer, retired nurse practitioner and member of NETWORK Kentucky Advocates Team, at the Louisville "Rally for a Better Federal Budget" on Oct. 4

"So many people have forgotten about the South or say there can be no change there. ... We represent a new South, one that affirms human dignity, humanity and our connection to each other."

—Tennessee State Rep. Justin Jones at a forum for Black journalists and students, Nov. 15

"For months, we said that record profits mean record contracts. And UAW family, our Stand Up Strike has delivered."

—United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain on Oct. 26, when union members reached a tentative agreement with Ford Motor to lift most employees' pay above \$40/hour

"We who are here today stand together, as a community of faith, demonstrating unity in our belief that our system of governance can work in a healthier manner than what we are experiencing."

—Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins, director of the Office of Public Witness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at the Nov. 15 Interfaith Press Conference Opposing a Government Shutdown and Calls for a Faithful Budget

"This ideology of white Christian nationalism is an intersectional threat, a consistent ethic of hatred. ... It [does] not simply benefit white people, but the right kind of white people."

—Fr. Bryan Massingale at NETWORK's Oct. 21 event, *White Supremacy and American Christianity: A Consistent Ethic of Hate Threatens Our Democracy*

"Have we become so desensitized by the language we hear on most news reports that demonizes migrants as part of a 'surge' or 'crisis' that we forget that these individuals are the cherished parents, children, aunts or uncles, nieces or nephews, grandchild and friends of someone?"

—Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM in *Global Sisters Report* on Oct. 6

"The reason that we averted a shutdown was not because of the benevolence of anybody, not because suddenly there was a lightbulb that went off in the heads of the right-wing, really hard-right extremists. It was because of people power."

—NETWORK Government Relations Director Ronnate Asirwatham on the *Just Politics* podcast, Oct. 9



Rep. Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts speaks outside the U.S. Capitol on Dec. 6 as she and Senator Peter Welch of Vermont introduced the Inclusive Democracy Act. The bill seeks to end felony disenfranchisement, a measure that disproportionately keeps Black and Brown people in the U.S. from voting.

Lessons for Democracy in 2024

Advocates Agree That Voting Remains a Powerful Tool and Act of Engagement

BY DON CLEMMER

One of the reasons politics seemed so broken in 2023 might have been because so many people separated the exercise of power from service:

- A faction of the U.S. House of Representatives kept trying — and failing — to make the very functioning of the government contingent on deep cuts to human needs programs.
- A former president on the campaign trail promised that a return to power would mean annihilation of his opponents.

- And at the state level, restrictive voting laws continued to threaten the participation of all people in a system that shapes their lives.

It all raises the question of the overall health of democracy in the U.S. and its prospects for weathering the 2024 elections — in the presidential race, Senate, House, and state-level contests. Advocates, academics, and leaders in the areas of faith and politics agree — and shared with NETWORK's *Just Politics* podcast last year — that current threats to democracy require vigilance and action. Action includes rooting out

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Christian nationalism, opposing voter suppression, forging broader political alliances to work common problems, and showing up to vote.

The Place of Faith in Politics



Dr. Rachel Kleinfeld

“This is much bigger than just elections,” says Dr. Rachel Kleinfeld, senior fellow in Carnegie Endowment for International Peace’s Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program, who notes that the world has witnessed a global decline in democracy for the past 17 years. In consolidated democracies like the U.S. and Brazil, this has occurred because people elect populist, authoritarian leaders. “Just beating those leaders doesn’t mean that democracy is restored.”



Celina Stewart

“The threat has always persisted. The tools that are used each election cycle sometimes change, or sometimes they just get scaled in some way or another,” says Celina Stewart, chief counsel and senior director of advocacy and litigation for the League of Women Voters, of the particular threat of voter suppression. “Voting rights is really about empowering people to engage in their community, to have a voice in selecting the person or the group of people who will represent their interests.”



Sr. Anita Baird, DHM

“When we start suppressing votes, and we start suppressing knowledge, we’re heading down a very dark road,” says Sr. Anita Baird, DHM, a member of NETWORK’s board. “As a church, we have failed to speak out on many of these issues.”

As the threat of Christian nationalism has grown more visible in U.S. politics in recent years, NETWORK has vocally denounced the movement, as have other religious groups. The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) is one of them.



Rep. Jim Clyburn

“Christian nationalism takes that Gospel of love and perverts it into this false idol of power,” says Amanda Tyler, BJC’s executive director. She says it’s incumbent on Christians to call out where public assertions of Christian identity stray from the teachings of Jesus.

She adds, “When we look around at all the injustice in the world today, we desperately need, I think, that authentic Christian witness to try to call us to live in a more just and equitable place.”

Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, assistant leader of the House Democratic Caucus, has a similar

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response to colleagues who separate their Christian identity from concrete service.

“I ask them: Show me what you mean. Don’t tell me what you mean. Show me,” he says, citing from James 2:16 that one cannot say “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed” and do nothing to help someone. “You have to feed them. You have to clothe them. Because faith without works is dead.”

In the face of chaos spurred by Christian nationalism in the body he has served for over 30 years, Clyburn says he has begun reaching out to members of different factions within his own party, recognizing that they “need to demonstrate some leadership in the very near future to make sure this country doesn’t go over the edge.”

Inaction Is Not an Option

“We need democracy to deliver more for people who have been left out,” says Kleinfeld. And in bridging that connection, she sees Catholics as having a special role. “Almost every other religious group is on one side of the aisle or the other. It’s really quite stunning. Catholics are the only group that are pretty evenly divided in Republicans and Democrats.”

Kleinfeld advises, “What you need to start doing is both talking to people on the other side but then working with people on the other side on things you find you agree on. And this is really important, because finding those instances of agreement requires some deep conversation. It also requires constructive engagement with the system. ... It can show people that the government can work. It can show people the

humanity of the other side. And ideally it eventually moves into more political change.”

Rep. Clyburn says that fixing its own faults is something that makes America great.

“COVID-19 exposed some faults in our system that needed to be repaired,” he notes. And that inspired him to bring together Members of Congress from rural districts to get access to broadband included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The result was a \$65 billion investment to make high-speed internet available to all people in the U.S.

Baird agrees that promoting policy that affords people what they need to participate more fully in society amounts to “strengthening the foundation of our democracy,” which gives future generations a better chance to realize the dream Dr. King talked about.

“We’re called to be in the political marketplace and to speak truth to power and to do it within the context of the Gospel and the social teachings,” she says. One failing Baird laments is how the racial divide in the U.S. makes it much harder for people to find solidarity with one another.

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“If I’m white and poor in America, I don’t see what I have in common with poor people of color in America,” she notes. “But you have more in common with poor people of color than you have with the wealthy — that you have nothing in common except the color of your skin!”

Baird recalls that, when Dr. King called for a poor people’s campaign, that’s when people got upset. “When he started talking about bringing people together from every different background,” she says, “that became a threat to the power structure.”

Stewart of the League of Women Voters affirms the value of getting engaged: “So often in my interactions with people, they don’t always recognize how important their perspective is. They



Sr. Eilis McCulloh, HM, Joan F. Neal, and Colin Martinez Longmore interviewed a range of democracy advocates and experts for Season 3 of the *Just Politics* podcast, produced in collaboration between NETWORK and *U.S. Catholic* magazine.

To hear more from the conversations encapsulated in this article, visit usatholic.org/justpolitics. To learn more, visit networklobby.org/just-politics-podcast/.

think everyone may feel that way, they don’t know the value that it brings. And every voice, collectively, has so much power.”

Baird says that — especially as a Black woman — she struggles with people who say they are so demoralized by U.S. politics that they aren’t going to.

“Things do change. It may not change as quickly as we want or in the exact way that we want,” she says, but, “people died for the simple right to vote.”

Stewart asserts that who we elect matters: “Those are now people who make decisions on behalf of your family, on behalf of your life, your access, your ability to move and have potential services around the country,” she says. “And so it’s a really big deal, not only election day, but the impact of who’s elected.”

Kleinfeld says some people are resistant to holding onto a system that seems to be broken, but she cautions, “There’s not been a better system for peacefully changing power, peacefully choosing leaders who represent you. And that’s a lot to throw out.”

“Perhaps we have to go through this to realize how fragile democracy is, but what a gift it is,” says Baird. “I think we have to understand the power of the vote, the power of people coming together.” ☀️



Legislative Review of 2023

One of the Most Dysfunctional, Unproductive Congresses of Modern Times

Following the 2022 midterm elections, 2023 brought “divided government” to Washington, DC as Republicans took control of the U.S. House of Representatives, while the Presidency and U.S. Senate remained under Democratic control.

Policymaking is always more difficult with a divided government, because success is achieved only through compromise. The federal system by design encourages deal-making and compromise, half-measures, and rare bipartisan achievements. The reactive nature of the federal system often frustrates those seeking revolutionary change.

The first session of the 118th Congress stands out as a year of abject legislative failure. It was a year of squandered opportunity, petty infighting, and deep frustration. The blame for this lack of progress lies directly at the feet of the House Republican Caucus and, by extension, former President Trump.

It is no secret the two major parties have competing visions on key policy issues. The key distinction between the parties is generally informed by what they believe to be the proper role of the federal government. These differences have a profound impact on the lives of vulnerable people and the earth, our common home.

NETWORK’s Build Anew agenda requires an active federal government to address the social sins of the day: a broken, inhumane immigration and asylum system, shocking levels of wealth inequality and an ever-growing wage gap, increasing levels of child poverty, destruction of our planet, and more. NETWORK, in Washington and through the actions of our members back home, plays a critical role in bridging the divides to build support for core policy initiatives informed by Catholic Social teaching.

Why does this session stand out as being particularly troublesome? The design of the federal system remains the

same; however, the norms of the system — civility and goodwill at minimum to members of one’s own party — have vanished. The problem did not start this year; rather, institutional norms have slowly eroded dating back to the speakership of Newt Gingrich and the government shutdowns of 1995 and 1996. The Trump administration accelerated this decay in Washington leading directly to the insurrection of January 6 and an attempted overthrow of the 2020 election.

The schism in the Republican party is most apparent in the House of Representatives and exists between two distinct factions: institutionalists, a quickly shrinking number of Members who respect traditional norms and recognize the need to compromise, and radicals, those who view compromise as capitulation and weakness and act with little regard for the institution or their fellow Republicans.

Tension between the two factions has been on display in the House since the beginning of the term. This first became apparent during the nomination of Rep. Kevin McCarthy for Speaker of the House. A group of hardline House Republicans blocked McCarthy from securing the speakership to extract a series of policy concessions to their radical agenda. McCarthy won the speakership after 15 humiliating votes. The nomination debate foreshadowed the tumult that was McCarthy’s short tenure as Speaker.

It is critical to note that Senate Republicans, led by Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, have largely rejected chaos, opting instead to work in collaboration with Senate Democrats to achieve mutual policy objectives. As 2023 came to a close, it was sadly apparent that a core issue that intersects both House and Senate Republicans’ agenda is a strong desire to end the U.S. asylum system and “build the wall.”

The radical nature of House Republican conservatives — in policy and political norms — is nothing less than shock-

ing. Action on key policy initiatives grounded to a halt except for must-pass legislation — lifting the debt ceiling and passing two continuing resolutions to keep our government operational. Each bill moved forward only after House Republicans attempted to use the deadlines to significantly alter core human needs programs for struggling families. Then, after failing to develop a consensus among their caucus, the government was kept afloat due to support of House Democrats under the leadership of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries.

Cuts to poverty programs are being heralded by House conservatives as necessary austerity measures. The great irony is that the same House conservatives proposing to take food from babies are poised to spend billions of dollars for more tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations on top of the \$2 trillion spent under President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in 2017.

Then-Speaker McCarthy lost his speakership as a direct result of passing a bipartisan continuing resolution with the support of Democrats in September. Compromise is the enemy for House conservatives, regardless of the chaos that would result from policy failure. Chaos is a key tactic and desired outcome.

It is worth noting that these radical members are working very closely with former President Trump in the lead-up to the 2024 election. Many are on record as election deniers and supporters of the insurrection. The former president urged these House Republicans to replace McCarthy in September. He rejected several candidates for Speaker to replace McCarthy, ultimately praising the nomination of ally Rep. Mike Johnson. It bears remembering that now-Speaker Johnson led the effort in the House to reverse Trump's 2020 election loss.

The first session of a new Congress is typically time when work gets done before the election cycle begins. Unlike previous congressional terms, the 2024 elections have been front

and center in the House from day one. House legislative efforts have relentlessly attacked immigrants and U.S. asylum laws, voting rights, and the LGBTQ+ community.

There have been calls for book bans and ending diversity initiatives, attacks on the Internal Revenue Service as they actively work to ensure wealthy taxpayers pay their taxes, and drastic cuts on all key anti-poverty programs including WIC, SNAP, healthcare, Social Security, Title One school funding, housing vouchers, and so much more. House Republicans also started formal impeachment processes for both Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and President Biden.

The House Agriculture bill provides a great example of the harsh austerity measures radical House members are seeking. After successfully making it harder for older Americans to receive SNAP in the new debt ceiling law, key provisions of the Agriculture bill were nothing less than a frontal attack on communities living with high rates of poverty. The bill had cruel cuts in funding to prevent hunger and food insecurity including hallowing out key programs for fresh fruits and vegetables for children.

Shockingly, the bill would eviscerate long-standing bipartisan support for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) at a time of great need. A lack of funding means waiting lists, poorer health outcomes, and other hardships for new families and their babies.

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As the year ends, Congress, due to inaction in the House, has pushed all decisions on major legislation into 2024, making this the most non-productive, dysfunctional Congress in the modern era. The House of Representatives completely failed in their responsibility to the American people. As always, the high cost of inaction falls hardest on the most vulnerable among us.



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SENATE VOTES

1 Disapproval Resolution of the District of Columbia Council Action in Approving the Revised Criminal Code Act (H.J. Resolution 26) – Vote #49

This joint resolution disapproves the District of Columbia's Council approval of the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. The Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 (RCCA) is the product of 16 years of research, an expert commission, 51 public meetings, extensive public feedback, and robust negotiation. The RCCA is a comprehensive revision of D.C.'s 122-year-old criminal code aimed primarily at modernization, including a few significant reforms.

*Passed 81-14, March 8, 2023; enacted March 20
as Public Law No: 118-1*

2 Fiscal Responsibility Act (H.R.3746) – Vote #146

This bill enacted a compromise reached by House Republicans and President Biden to avert an impending fiscal crisis related to the statutory debt limit. In exchange for the continued solvency of the federal government sought by Democrats, Republicans secured across-the-board cuts to federal spending, ending Biden's suspension of student loan repayments, adding new work requirements for SNAP and TANF, reinstating the statutory debt limit after the 2024 elections, and more.

*Passed 63-36, June 1, 2023; enacted June 3
as Public Law No: 118-5*

3 Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act (H.R.5860) – Vote #247

The continuing resolution (CR) prevented an October 2023 government shutdown, providing government funding through November 17, 2023. It also provided emergency funding for disaster relief and extended several immigration-related programs. It extended several expiring programs and authorities affecting many of our organizational priority areas, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), several Federal Aviation Administration programs, Federal Drug Administration user fees for animal drug applications, and several public health and hunger remediation programs.

*Passed 88-9 on September 30, 2023; enacted September 30
as Public Law No: 118-15*

4 Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act (H.R.6363) – Vote #312

With a “laddered approach” to funding expiration dates in 2024 spearheaded by Speaker Johnson to avoid a second government shutdown, this legislation provides continuing funding for federal agencies. The act also extends several expiring programs and authorities, including programs authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and several public health programs. The first deadline is Jan. 19, 2024, when funding for agencies covered by the Agriculture, Energy-Water, Military Construction-VA and Transportation-HUD bill expire. Funding for all other agencies expires Feb. 2, 2024.

*Passed 87-11 November 15, 2023; enacted on November 16
and became Public Law No: 118-22*

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Despite the lack of accomplishments in Congress in 2023, NETWORK's Build Anew agenda still made progress — on the strength of the Biden administration's steady efforts to use its executive and regulatory authority to protect our nation's most vulnerable communities. Here are a few examples:

- Lifting families out of poverty. NETWORK voiced its support to proposed regulations to
 - Extend access to overtime pay to hundreds of thousands of workers in low-paying jobs
 - Demand minimum staffing levels in Medicaid and Medicare-funded nursing homes to make them safer for residents and workers alike.
- Humane immigration policies. Other Biden administration regulatory efforts
 - Overturned malicious Trump regulations that punished immigrants for accepting federal benefits to which they were legally entitled
 - Will guarantee protections for farmworkers and other temporary foreign workers with H-1 and 2 visas.
- Advancing environmental justice. The Administration tackled environmental wrongs that especially harm Black, Brown, Native American and other struggling communities, with actions to
 - Reduce children's lead exposure
 - Again reversing terrible Trump era rules, limit mercury pollution that especially harms pregnant individuals
 - Remove copper and lead from drinking water.
- Economic security for vulnerable people. Other 2023 Administration executive actions will
 - Expand student debt relief
 - Curtail junk fees in health, banking, and travel
 - Reduce prescription drug prices.

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| Kennedy (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
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| Collins (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| King (I) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| MARYLAND | | | | | |
| Cardin (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Van Hollen (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | | | | | |
| Markey (D) | + | - | + | + | 75% |
| Warren (D) | + | - | + | + | 75% |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | |
| Peters (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Stabenow (D) | - | + | o | + | 67% |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | |
| Klobuchar (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Smith (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| MISSISSIPPI | | | | | |
| Hyde-Smith (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Wicker (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| MISSOURI | | | | | |
| Hawley (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Schmitt (R) | - | - | - | - | 0% |

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| MONTANA | | | | | |
| Daines (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Tester (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NEBRASKA | | | | | |
| Fischer (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Ricketts (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Sasse (R)* | | | | | 0% |
| NEVADA | | | | | |
| Cortez Masto (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Rosen (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | | | |
| Hassan (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Shaheen (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NEW JERSEY | | | | | |
| Booker (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Menendez (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | |
| Heinrich (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Lujan (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NEW YORK | | | | | |
| Gillibrand (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Schumer (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | |
| Budd (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Tillis (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | |
| Cramer (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Hoeven (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| OHIO | | | | | |
| Brown Sherrrod (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Vance (R) | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| OKLAHOMA | | | | | |
| Lankford (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Mullin (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| OREGON | | | | | |
| Merkley (D) | + | - | + | + | 75% |
| Wyden (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | | | | | |
| Casey (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Fetterman (D) | o | - | + | + | 67% |
| RHODE ISLAND | | | | | |
| Reed (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Whitehouse (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | | |
| Graham (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Scott, Tim (R) | - | - | o | o | 0% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | | |
| Rounds (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Thune (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| TENNESSEE | | | | | |
| Blackburn (R) | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Hagerty (R) | - | - | - | + | 25% |
| TEXAS | | | | | |
| Cornyn (R) | - | + | + | o | 67% |
| Cruz (R) | - | - | - | + | 25% |
| UTAH | | | | | |
| Lee (R) | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Romney (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| VERMONT | | | | | |
| Sanders (I) | + | - | + | + | 75% |
| Welch (D) | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| VIRGINIA | | | | | |
| Kaine (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Warner (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| WASHINGTON | | | | | |
| Cantwell (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Murray (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | | | | | |
| Capito (R) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Manchin (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| WISCONSIN | | | | | |
| Baldwin (D) | - | + | + | + | 75% |
| Johnson (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| WYOMING | | | | | |
| Barrasso (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |
| Lummis (R) | - | - | + | + | 50% |

SENATE VOTES SCORED

118th Congress — 1st Session

- 1 Disapproval Resolution of the District of Columbia Council Action in Approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022
NETWORK Position: Nay
- 2 Fiscal Responsibility Act (Debt Ceiling)
NETWORK Position: Yea
- 3 Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act
NETWORK Position: Yea
- 4 Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act
NETWORK Position: Yea

KEY TO VOTES

- + voted with NETWORK
- voted against NETWORK
- o did not vote and not reflected in the Member's score
- | inactive/not in office

* Member didn't serve full term

CA: Member died on September 29, 2023. Gov. Newsom appointed Laphonza Butler as replacement on October 1, 2023.

NE: Member resigned from office on January 8, 2023. Gov. Pillen appointed Pete Ricketts as replacement on January 12.

HOUSE VOTES

1 Disapproval Resolution of the District of Columbia Council Action in Approving the Revised Criminal Code Act (H.J. Resolution 26) – Vote #119

This joint resolution disapproves the District of Columbia's Council approval of the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 (RCAA). The RCCA is the product of years of research, an expert commission, public meetings, extensive public feedback, and robust negotiation. It is a comprehensive revision of D.C.'s 122-year-old criminal code aimed primarily at modernization.

Passed 250-173, February 9; enacted March 20 as Public Law No: 118-1

2 Secure the Border Act (H.R.2) – Vote #209

This bill would have made significant changes to asylum law, including imposing limits on asylum eligibility and requiring employers to use an electronic system to verify the employment eligibility of new employees. H.R. 2 separates families at the border and would hold unaccompanied children in jail-like conditions. It criminalizes immigrant children and their families, and harms faith-based organizations by restricting their ability to serve.

Failed 219-213, September 29 (in original CR attempt, associated to H.R.1163 – Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act by H.R.383)

3 Fiscal Responsibility Act (H.R.3726) – Vote #243

This bill enacted a compromise reached by House Republicans and President Biden to avert a fiscal crisis related to the statutory debt limit. In exchange for the continued solvency of the federal government, Republicans secured across-the-board cuts to federal spending, ending Biden's suspension of student loan repayments, adding new work requirements for SNAP and TANF, reinstating the statutory debt limit after the 2024 elections, and more.

Passed 314-117, May 31; enacted June 3 as Public Law No: 118-5

4 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (H.R.4367) – Vote #505

Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year 2024 would provide \$62.8 billion in base discretionary funds, which is \$2.1 billion more than 2023. This bill would eliminate temporary fixes to asylum programs, increase patrols, detentions, and deportations across the US-Mexico border, as well as mandatory GPS monitoring of immigrants. It resurrects construction of the failed border wall, slashes funding for humanitarian programs and the Family Reunification Task Force, and removes oversight for immigrant detention facilities. The bill also defunds all diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within DHS and rejects funding for emergency shelters and processing centers.

Passed 220-208, September 28

5 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (H.R.4368) – Vote #507

Appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for fiscal year 2024. The bill would have cut domestic spending to levels well below the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) agreement and endangered critical services for the American people. It would have drastically cut funding for WIC, preventing women, infants, and children from receiving the nutrition they need. It would have threatened the health and safety of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Americans, and allowed discrimination against same-sex married partners. It would have hindered climate change clean energy and efficiency initiatives, especially in rural areas. And finally, it would have prevented the Administration from promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Failed 191-237, September 28

6 Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act (H.R.5860) – Vote #513

The continuing resolution (CR) prevented an October 2023 government shutdown, providing government funding through November 17, 2023. It also provided emergency funding for disaster relief and extended several immigration-related programs. It extended several expiring programs and authorities affecting many of our organizational priority areas, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), several Federal Aviation Administration programs, Federal Drug Administration user fees for animal drug applications, and several public health and hunger remediation programs.

Passed 335-91, September 30; enacted September 30 as Public Law No: 118-15

7 Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act (H.R.6363) – Vote #658

With a "laddered approach" to funding expiration dates in 2024 spearheaded by Speaker Johnson to avoid a second government shutdown, this legislation provides continuing funding for federal agencies. The act also extends several expiring programs and authorities, including programs authorized by the 2018 Farm Bill and several public health programs. The first funding deadline is Jan. 19, 2024, when funding for agencies covered by the Agriculture, Energy-Water, Military Construction-VA and Transportation-HUD bills expire. Funding for all other agencies expires Feb. 2, 2024.

Passed 336-95, November 14; enacted November 16 as Public Law No: 118-22

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| ALABAMA | | | | | | | | |
| Aderholt (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Carl (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Moore, Barry (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Palmer (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Rogers, Mike (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Sewell (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Strong (R) | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | 29% |
| ALASKA | | | | | | | | |
| Peltola (D) | + | + | + | o | o | o | + | 100% |
| ARIZONA | | | | | | | | |
| Biggs (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Ciscomani (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Crane (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Gallego (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Gosar (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Grijalva (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Lesko (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Schweikert (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Stanton (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| ARKANSAS | | | | | | | | |
| Crawford (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Hill (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Westerman (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Womack (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | |
| Aguilar (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Barragan (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Bera (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Brownley (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Calvert (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Carbajal (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Cardenas (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Chu (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Correa (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Costa (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| DeSaulnier (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Duarte (R) | - | + | + | - | - | + | + | 57% |
| Eshoo (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Garamendi (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Garcia, Mike (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Garcia, Robert (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Gomez (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Harder (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Huffman (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Issa (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Jacobs (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Kamlager-Dove (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Khanna (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Kiley (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Kim, Young (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| LaMalfa (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Lee, Barbara (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Levin (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Lieu (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Lofgren (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Matsui (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| McCarthy (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| McClintock (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Mullin (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | o | 100% |
| Napolitano (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Oberholte (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| CALIFORNIA (CONT.) | | | | | | | | |
| Panetta (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Pelosi (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | o | 100% |
| Peters (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Porter (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| Ruiz (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Sanchez (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Schiff (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Sherman (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Steel (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Swalwell (D) | o | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Takano (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Thompson, Mike (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Torres, Norma (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Valadao (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Vargas (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Waters (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| COLORADO | | | | | | | | |
| Boebert (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Buck (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Caraveo (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Crow (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| DeGette (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Lamborn (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Neguse (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Pettersen (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| CONNECTICUT | | | | | | | | |
| Courtney (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| DeLauro (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Hayes (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Himes (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Larson (D) | o | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| DELAWARE | | | | | | | | |
| Blunt Rochester (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| FLORIDA | | | | | | | | |
| Bean (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Billirakis (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Buchanan (R) | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | 29% |
| Cammack (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Castor (D) | o | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Cherfilus-McCormick (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Diaz-Balart (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Donalds (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Dunn (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Frankel (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Franklin (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Frost (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Gaetz (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Jimenez (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Lee, Laurel (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Luna (R) | - | - | - | o | o | o | - | 0% |
| Mast (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Mills (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Moskowitz (D) | - | o | + | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| Posey (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Rutherford (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Salazar (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Soto (D) | o | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Steube (R) | o | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Waltz (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Wasserman Schultz (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Webster (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Wilson, Frederica (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |

KEY TO VOTES

- + voted with NETWORK
- voted against NETWORK
- o did not vote and not reflected in the Member's score
- | inactive/not in office

* Member didn't serve full term

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| GEORGIA | | | | | | | | |
| Allen (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Bishop, Sanford (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Carter, Buddy (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 33% |
| Clyde (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Collins (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Ferguson (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Greene (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Johnson, Hank (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Loudermilk (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| McBath (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| McCormick (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Scott, Austin (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Scott, David (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Williams, Nikema (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| HAWAII | | | | | | | | |
| Case (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Tokuda (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| IDAHO | | | | | | | | |
| Fulcher (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Simpson (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| ILLINOIS | | | | | | | | |
| Bost (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Budzinski (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Casten (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Davis, Danny (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Foster (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Garcia, Chuy (D) | o | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| Jackson, Jonathan (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Kelly, Robin (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Krishnamoorthi (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| LaHood (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Miller, Mary (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Quigley (D) | + | + | + | + | + | - | - | 71% |
| Ramirez (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Schakowsky (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Schneider (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Sorensen (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Underwood (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| INDIANA | | | | | | | | |
| Baird (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Banks (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Bucshon (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Carson (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Houchin (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Mrvan (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Pence (R) | - | o | + | - | - | - | + | 33% |
| Spartz (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Yakym (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| IOWA | | | | | | | | |
| Feenstra (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Hinson (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Miller-Meeeks (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Nunn (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| KANSAS | | | | | | | | |
| Davids (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Estes (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| LaTurner (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Mann (R) | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 14% |

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| KENTUCKY | | | | | | | | |
| Barr (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Comer (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Guthrie (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Massie (R) | - | + | + | - | - | - | - | 29% |
| McGarvey (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Rogers, Harold (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| LOUISIANA | | | | | | | | |
| Carter, Troy (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Graves, Garret (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Higgins, Clay (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Johnson, Mike (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Letlow (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Scalise (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| MAINE | | | | | | | | |
| Golden (D) | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | 71% |
| Pingree (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| MARYLAND | | | | | | | | |
| Harris (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | 14% |
| Hoyer (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Ivey (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Mfume (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Raskin (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Ruppersberger (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Sarbanes (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Trone (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | | | | | | | | |
| Auchincloss (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | - | 86% |
| Clark (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Keating (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Lynch (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| McGovern (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Moulton (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Neal (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Pressley (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Trahan (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| MICHIGAN | | | | | | | | |
| Bergman (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Dingell (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Huizenga (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| James (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Kildee (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| McClain (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Moolenaar (R) | - | - | + | - | + | - | + | 43% |
| Scholten (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Slotkin (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Stevens (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Thanedar (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Tlaib (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Walberg (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | | | |
| Craig (D) | - | + | o | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| Emmer (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Finstad (R) | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | 29% |
| Fischbach (R) | - | - | - | - | + | + | - | 29% |
| McCollum (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Omar (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Phillips (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Stauber (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |

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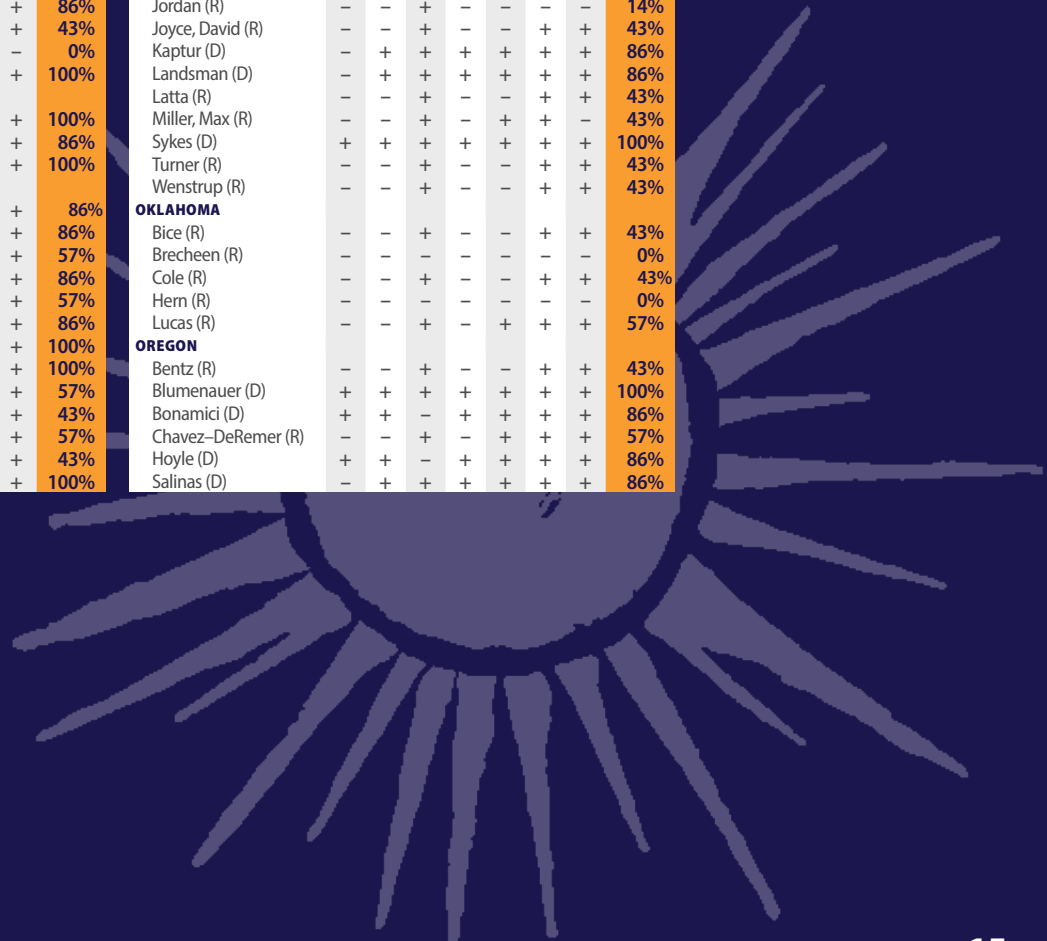
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| MISSISSIPPI | | | | | | | | | NEW YORK (CONT.) | | | | | | | | |
| Ezell (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | 0 | 17% | Meng (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Guest (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | Molinaro (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Kelly, Trent (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% | Morelle (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Thompson, Bennie (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Nadler (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| MISSOURI | | | | | | | | | Ocasio-Cortez (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Alford (R) | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | 14% | Ryan Pat (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Burlison (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | Santos (R) | - | - | - | - | - | + | - | 14% |
| Bush (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 80% | Stefanik (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Cleaver (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Tenney (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Graves, Sam (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Tonko (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Luetkemeyer (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Torres, Ritchie (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Smith, Jason (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Velazquez (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Wagner (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Williams, Brandon (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| MONTANA | | | | | | | | | NORTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | |
| Rosendale (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | Adams (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Zinke (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | Bishop, Dan (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| NEBRASKA | | | | | | | | | Davis, Don (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Bacon (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | Edwards (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Flood (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Foushee (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Smith, Adrian (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Foxo (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| NEVADA | | | | | | | | | Hudson (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Amodei (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Jackson, Jeff (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Horsford (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Manning (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Lee, Susie (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% | McHenry (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Titus (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Murphy (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | | | | | | | | | Nickel (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Kuster (D) | 0 | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Ross (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Pappas (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% | Rouzer (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| NEW JERSEY | | | | | | | | | NORTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | |
| Gottheimer (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% | Armstrong (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Kean (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | OHIO | | | | | | | | |
| Kim, Andy (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Balderson (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Menendez (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Beatty (D) | 0 | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Norcross (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Brown (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Pallone (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Carey (R) | + | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Pascrell (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Davidson (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Payne (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Johnson, Bill (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Sherrill (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% | Jordan (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Smith, Christopher (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Joyce, David (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Van Drew (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% | Kaptur (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Watson Coleman (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Landsman (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| NEW MEXICO | | | | | | | | | Latta (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Leger Fernandez (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Miller, Max (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | - | 43% |
| Stansbury (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | Sykes (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Vasquez (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Turner (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| NEW YORK | | | | | | | | | Wenstrup (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Bowman (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | OKLAHOMA | | | | | | | | |
| Clarke (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | Bice (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| D'Esposito (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | Brecheen (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Espaillet (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | Cole (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Garbarino (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | Hern (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Goldman (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% | Lucas (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Higgins, Brian (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | OREGON | | | | | | | | |
| Jeffries (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Bentz (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| LaLota (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | Blumenauer (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Langworthy (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 43% | Bonamici (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Lawler (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% | Chavez-DeRemer (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Malliotakis (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% | Hoyle (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Meeks (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% | Salinas (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |



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| PENNSYLVANIA | | | | | | | | |
| Boyle (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Cartwright (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Dean (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Deluzio (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Evans (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Fitzpatrick (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Houlahan (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Joyce, John (R) | - | - | + | - | - | 0 | - | 17% |
| Kelly, Mike (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Lee, Summer (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Meuser (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Perry (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Reschenthaler (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Scanlon (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Smucker (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Thompson, Glenn (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Wild (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| RHODE ISLAND | | | | | | | | |
| Amo (D) | | | | | | | + | 100% |
| Cicilline (D) | + | + | + | | | | | 100% |
| Magaziner (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | | | | | | | | |
| Clyburn (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Duncan (R) | 0 | - | + | - | - | - | - | 17% |
| Fry (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Mace (R) | - | - | - | - | + | - | - | 14% |
| Norman (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Timmons (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Wilson, Joe (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | | | | | | | | |
| Johnson, Dusty (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| TENNESSEE | | | | | | | | |
| Burchett (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Cohen (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| DesJarlais (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Fleischmann (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Green (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| Harshbarger (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Kustoff (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Ogles (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Rose (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| TEXAS | | | | | | | | |
| Allred (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Arrington (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Babin (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Burgess (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Carter, John (R) | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0% |
| Casar (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Castro (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Cloud (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Crenshaw (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Crockett (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Cuellar (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| De La Cruz (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Doggett (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Escobar (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Elzey (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Fallon (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Fletcher (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Garcia, Sylvia (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Gonzales, Tony (R) | - | - | - | 0 | 0 | - | - | 0% |
| Gonzalez, Vicente (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Gooden (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |

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| TEXAS (CONT.) | | | | | | | | |
| Granger (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Green Al (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Hunt (R) | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Jackson, Ronny (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | + | 14% |
| Jackson Lee (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Luttrell (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| McCaul (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Moran (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Nehls (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Pfluger (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Roy (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Self (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Sessions (R) | - | - | - | - | - | + | + | 29% |
| Van Duyne (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Veasey (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Weber (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Williams, Roger (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | - | 14% |
| UTAH | | | | | | | | |
| Curtis (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Maloy (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Moore, Blake (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Owens (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Stewart (R) | - | - | + | | | | | |
| VERMONT | | | | | | | | |
| Balint (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | |
| Beyer (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Cline (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Connolly (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Good (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Griffith (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Kiggans (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| McClellan (D) | | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Scott, Robert (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Spanberger (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Wexton (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Wittman (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | |
| DelBene (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Gluesenkamp Perez (D) | - | + | + | - | + | + | + | 71% |
| Jayapal (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Kilmer (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Larsen (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Newhouse (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| Rodgers (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Schrier (D) | - | + | + | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Smith, Adam (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| Strickland (D) | + | + | + | + | + | + | + | 100% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | | | | | | | | |
| Miller, Carol (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Mooney (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| WISCONSIN | | | | | | | | |
| Fitzgerald (R) | - | - | + | - | - | - | + | 29% |
| Gallagher (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | - | 29% |
| Grothman (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Moore, Gwen (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 86% |
| Pocan (D) | + | + | - | + | + | + | + | 83% |
| Steil Bryan (R) | - | - | + | - | - | + | + | 43% |
| Tiffany (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |
| Van Orden (R) | - | - | + | - | + | + | + | 57% |
| WYOMING | | | | | | | | |
| Hageman (R) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0% |

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- | inactive/not in office

* Member didn't serve full term

The Ripple of One Person's Vote

Contribute to the Love That Saves the World

Waiting in line outside a school gymnasium in the early morning hours. Feeling the chill of November in the air. Greeting the poll workers. Making selections on an electronic menu screen. The experience of voting is many things, but not too many people would probably think of it as helping us to grow in holiness. But listening closely to Pope Francis, it's clear that this election year offers yet another opportunity for many people to journey closer to the God who loves and saves the world.

In his 2018 letter on the call to holiness, *Gaudete Et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and Be Glad"), Pope Francis waded into explicitly political waters when he cautioned against limiting one's political concern and advocacy to just one or two issues, as so many Catholics tend to do in the U.S. "Equally sacred," he affirmed, are the lives of people in poverty and all who are rejected and discarded by society. "We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in the world," he wrote.

That same year, the Vatican's doctrine office also published a document on "certain aspects of Christian salvation." This document rejects "individualistic and merely interior visions of salvation" as being against the "economy through which God willed to save the human person." This means people must journey beyond themselves, out into the world, to participate in the grace of the salvation story that culminates when "each person will be judged on the concreteness of his or her love." (*Placuit Deo* #13)

This too is political.

Voting is concrete. It is an act. It is a choice. It's an imperfect choice, because often voters are not faced with specific policy proposals but with individual office-seekers who may be better on certain issues than others and whose performance once they are elected can be quite unpredictable. Will they advocate for people on the margins? Are they able to be bought by wealthy corporate interests? Do they take the weight of responsibility of their office seriously? The answers to these questions can and do produce wildly different outcomes.

But what remains is this: In the act of voting, a person creates a small ripple in the social fabric, a ripple that may end up part of a larger current or movement that impacts the lives of millions of other people. This can be used for good or ill.

Using one's vote for ill often means voting as a means of lashing out against people or groups of people whom voters have been told to fear. Very often this means migrants and other people struggling to survive on the peripheries of society.

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The act of voting may take only an instant, but the harm inflicted by bad immigration policy compounds over years. It is felt in the lives of families and children who might never recover from the devastation they experience.

Even more could be said about the pain intentionally inflicted on Black and Brown communities by the stoking of Christian nationalist and white supremacist narratives. What does it mean for this country that so many neighbors chose to vote in this way?

But the opposite is also possible. A person can use their vote to build up rather than tear down, to show welcome rather than hostility, to contribute to love rather than hate. And in an election year that looks to be decided by a small number of people in a few states and localities, the choice of one person to choose solidarity, to make their vote an act of love, is as consequential as it's ever been. It might just play a part in saving the world.



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Calls for a moral budget

In the fall of 2023, NETWORK Advocates called on Congress repeatedly to keep their promise to pass a moral budget that protects vital human needs programs, including those that provide food, healthcare, and housing.



Above: On Oct. 2, advocates and service providers gathered in Louisville, Kentucky for a rally. NETWORK's Sr. Emily TeKolste, SP, and Sr. Ellis McCulloh, HM, joined David Dutschke, former director of Parish Social Ministry and Housing Development at Catholic Charities of Louisville; George Eklund of Coalition for the Homeless; former State Rep. Attica Scott of Forward Justice Action Network; Rev. Angela Johnson of Grace Hope Presbyterian Church; Mary Danhauer of NETWORK's Kentucky Advocates Team; and the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in highlighting the harmful impacts a government shutdown would have on Black and Brown communities.



Below: Rev. Camille Henderson Edwards of the United Methodist Church and Bridget Moix of the Friends Committee on National Legislation also spoke at the Nov. 15 event.



Above: On Nov. 15, the Washington Interreligious Staff Community (WISC) hosted an event on Capitol Hill urging Congress to avert a government shutdown and pass a faithful budget. Speakers included Min. Christian S. Watkins of NETWORK and Josh Protas of Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger (left); and (center) Rev. Silas Kulkarni of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and Rev. Jimmie R. Hawkins of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



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