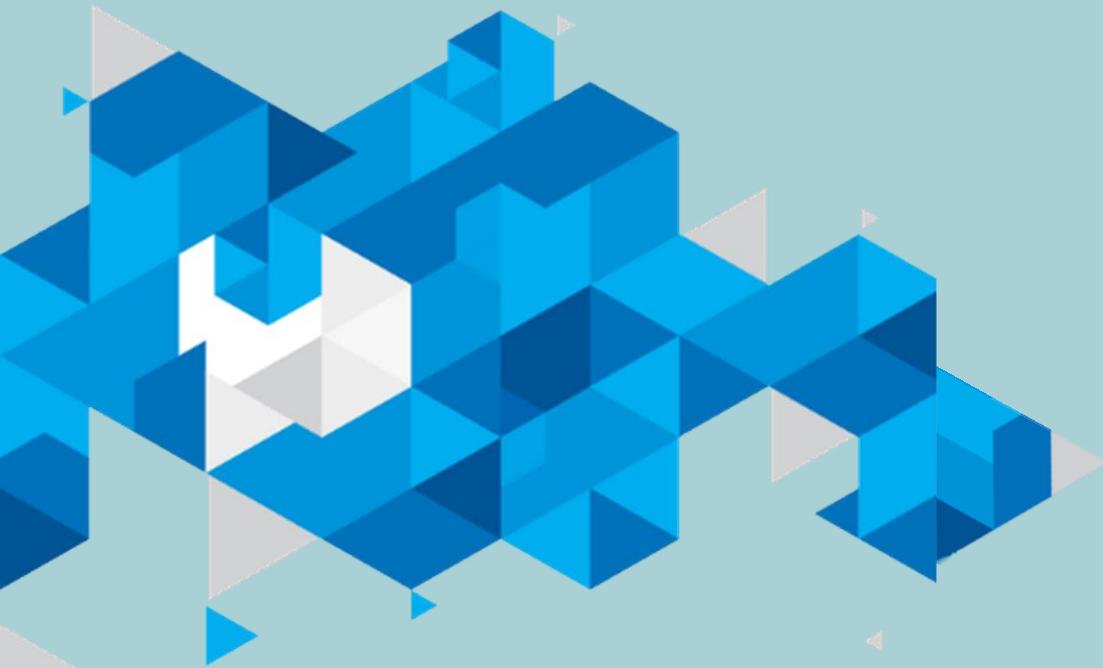


THE VERDICT IS IN:

Voters Support Sensible
Criminal Justice Reform



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- The vast majority of both GOP and Democrat voters support sentencing and reentry reforms that focus on diversion of nonviolent offenders, rehabilitation, and prioritizing prisons for offenders who are and remain dangerous.
- Governors on both sides of the aisle are embracing reforms and those that have campaigned on them have broadened their support.

NATIONAL POLLING: Republicans on Criminal Justice Reform



POLL #1 Freedom Partners

- Conducted by In Pursuit Of from July 18-20 among 1,759 likely voters with a MOE of 2.34%.
- Found 65% of GOP voters support the First Step Act.
- Nearly 90% of GOP voters would be more likely to support it if President Trump signaled his support.
- About half of GOP voters more likely to support candidate who backs criminal justice reform, only 12% say the opposite.

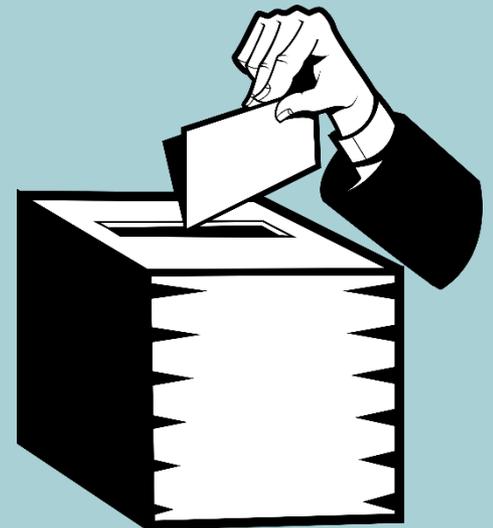


POLL #2 Justice Action Network

- Conducted by Public Opinion Strategies from Jan. 11-14, 2018 among 800 registered voters with MOE of 3.46%.
- 83% of GOP voters support “replacing mandatory minimums for nonviolent offenders with sentencing ranges so that judges have the ability to make decisions on a case-by-case basis.”
- 80% of GOP voters back shifting some of the money spent on locking up nonviolent offenders to alternatives.

POLL #3 Benenson Strategy Group

- October 5-11, 2017, Benenson Strategy Group on behalf of the ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice national survey of 1003 US residents 18 and up (MOE + 3%).
- Found 68% of Republicans believe that long sentences are counter-productive since prison does not do a good job of rehabilitating people.



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FINDINGS CONTINUED...

- 67% of Republicans would be more likely to vote for an elected official if he or she supported reducing the prison population and reinvesting those savings in to programs that prevent crime.
- 65% of Trump voters would be more likely to vote for an elected official if he or she supported reducing the prison population and using the cost savings to reinvest in drug treatment and mental health programs.

NATIONAL POLLING: Democrats on Criminal Justice Reform



POLL #1 Justice Action Network

- Conducted by Public Opinion Strategies from Jan. 11-14, 2018 among 800 registered voters with MOE of 3.46%.
- 88% of Democrat voters support “replacing mandatory minimums for nonviolent offenders with sentencing ranges so that judges have the ability to make decisions on a case-by-case basis.”
- 90% of Democrat voters back “shifting some of the money spent on locking up nonviolent offenders to alternatives.”

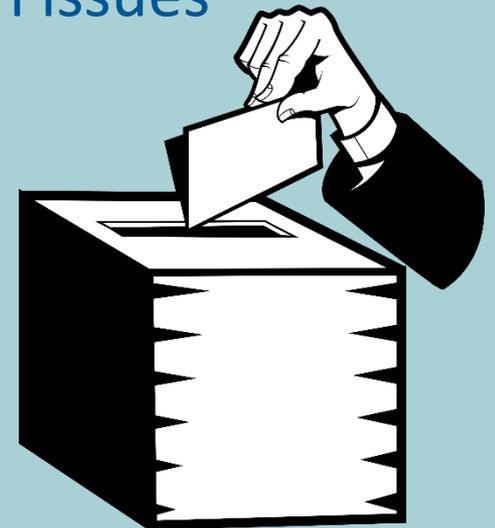
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FINDINGS CONTINUED...

- 92% of Democrat voters don't believe "pregnant women serving time behind bars should be shackled or handcuffed while they are in labor and in the process of delivering their baby."

POLL #2 Benenson Strategy Group

- October 5-11, 2017, Benenson Strategy Group on behalf of the ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice national survey of 1003 US residents 18 and up (MOE + 3%).
- Found 87% of Democrats believe that we need to reduce the prison population and reinvest those resources in addressing mental health and drug addiction issues



State Polls Show Sustaining Support

- August 2018 Justice Action Network poll found 86% of KY GOP voters and 77% of KY Democrat voters want Leader McConnell to bring justice reform to a vote.
- July 2018 Americans for Prosperity polls found 65% to 69% of voters in Florida, Indiana, Texas, Arizona, Tennessee, North Dakota, Ohio, and Kentucky support vote on First Step Act before midterms.



Governors Embrace Criminal Justice Reform



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