

Are you a Liberal? Here's How You Should Vote on Every State Ballot Initiative...

State ballot initiatives are how voters can immediately and permanently write new laws in their states. It is one of the greatest powers afforded to voters. Unfortunately, most ballot initiatives are written in "legalese," making them very difficult to understand. Worse yet, many politicians and special interests exploit this by writing initiatives that deliberately mislead voters.

This voter guide is designed to serve as a no-nonsense "Cliff Notes" version of each amendment and the position that would be considered most democratic and progressive. This guide is not a representation of the official Democratic National Committee position, as the DNC has not staked out a position on most of these amendments. When the state or national party has taken a position, we have taken the same one.

In the overwhelming majority of state ballot initiatives, where the DNC has not taken an official position, we have done our best to triangulate the most progressive position by evaluating the motives of each side, the monied interest(s) behind them, and the general principles espoused in the initiative. Most of the time, one side is the clear winner. When an initiative is likely to have a mixed impact, we have done our best to indicate that in the explanation.

Utah

- ✔ **YES** **Constitutional Amendment A**
Provides tax break to active duty military who were previously excluded for serving in 2 partial years
- ✘ **NO** **Constitutional Amendment B**
Unnecessary handout to wealthy property owners
- ✔ **YES** **Constitutional Amendment C**
Bipartisan effort to allow legislators to meet more than 45 days a year
- ✔ **YES** **Nonbinding Opinion Question 1**
Improves roads and schools through increased gas taxes
- ✔ **YES** **Proposition 2**
Legalizes medical use of marijuana
- ✔ **YES** **Proposition 3**
Provides health care to poor people over the age of 65, with the federal government picking up 90% of the tab
- ✔ **YES** **Proposition 4**
Prevents partisan gerrymandering of congressional and state legislature districts