

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.

Washington

- ✔ **YES** **Initiative 940**
Saves lives by requiring and training police officers to avoid deadly force when possible

- ✔ **YES** **Initiative 1631**
Combats global warming, creates a cap-and-trade program that incentivizes polluters to reduce carbon emissions and provides funding for environmental programs

- ✘ **NO** **Initiative 1634**
Robs citizens of power to tax unhealthy products (like soda) to improve health outcomes

- ✔ **YES** **Initiative 1639**
Saves lives by implementing common-sense gun controls, such as background checks, waiting periods, and 21yo minimum age

- ✔ **YES** **Advisory Vote 19**
Taxes oil companies to create a fund for responding to oil spills