

A Bill to Increase DOD's Budget

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** The US should increase the Department of Defense's budget to
- 3 \$1 trillion dollars, which will be directed by Congress
- 4 **SECTION 2.** The DOD's budget is defined as money allocated to the military
- 5 and special operations, currently about \$722 Billion
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Congress will be responsible for this piece of legislation.
- 7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on the next financial quarter
- 8 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 9 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

A Bill to Eliminate the Capital Gains Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will make the
3 tax rate 0 percent on profits from the sale of an asset for all
4 income groups.

5 **SECTION 2.** A capital gains tax is a tax on the growth in value of investments incurred
6 when individuals and corporations sell those investments.

7 **SECTION 3.** Because the bill applies to all of the United States, it will be enforced by the
8 United States federal government

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented on February 21st, 2021.

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Annex the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico into the State of Florida and the District of Columbia into the State of Maryland

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be annexed by the
2 State of Florida, and Washington, District of Columbia will be annexed by
3 the State of Maryland, except for any federal buildings or federal property,
4 in which case they shall remain part of the District.

5 **SECTION 2.**

6 A. Laws of the State of Florida shall be applied to and supersede any laws
7 of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Laws of the State of
8 Maryland shall apply to and supersede any laws of the District of
9 Columbia.

10 B. It shall be up to the State of Florida and the State of Maryland on how
11 to manage their new territories.

12 C. The new territories acquired by the State of Florida and the State of
13 Maryland shall be considered in the distribution of electoral votes from
14 the 2030 Census onwards.

15 D. The District of Columbia shall be under direct federal control.

16 **SECTION 5.** The State of Florida and the State of Maryland shall
17 oversee the enactment of this law. The United States Department of
18 Commerce shall oversee the redistribution of electoral votes.

19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect one year from the
20 passage of this bill. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
 declared null and void.

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A Bill to Ban the Use of non-autonomous vehicles

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of all non-autonomous vehicles will be banned in the United
3 States

4 **SECTION 2.** An autonomous vehicle is a vehicle that is capable of performing all
5 driving functions under all reasonable conditions, and at or above SAE
6 level 4. A non-autonomous vehicle is a vehicle that regularly requires
7 human input, at or below SAE level 3

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Transportation will enforce this legislation

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on Jan 1st, 2022

10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation will be declared null and void

11 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.*

A Bill to Provide Direct Payments for Families to End Child Poverty and Streamline Welfare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** This Act may be cited for all intents and purposes as the “Family Security Act of 2021”.

2 **SECTION 2.** The United States Federal Government shall issue \$350 direct monthly payments to all
3 families with children due to be delivered in the next four months, and continue payment until the child
4 reaches the age of six. \$250 monthly payments will be issued to families with children between six and
5 eighteen years of age. This program shall henceforth be referred to as the “child payment program” or
6 CPP.

7 A. Congress shall convene an ad hoc committee consisting of equal parts Democrats
8 and Republicans from both houses of congress with the purpose of determining a
9 just method of distribution of payments in the event of special family circumstances,
10 including, but not limited to, divorce, married seperation, etc. The
11 recommendations of two-thirds of the committee shall be binding to this Act.

12 B. In the event of the child’s death, payments shall cease.

13 C. The maximum monthly payment shall be \$1,250 monthly per family.

14 D. The annual child benefit shall be reduced by \$20 for every \$500 above the
15 established income threshold. The threshold shall be defined as \$100,000 for single-
16 filers and \$200,000 for joint-filing couples.

17 **SECTION 3.** The credit shall be paid for by reforms to existing work-based welfare systems that the child
18 payment program will replace. These shall include;

19 A. Changing the Earned Income Tax Credit Program, (26 USC §32), to be consistent
20 with the chart found [here](#), removing additional benefits for having more children.

21 The adult dependency credit included in the program shall remain unaffected.

22 B. Eliminating all special Head of Household benefits. (See 26 CFR §1.2-2(b))

23 C. Eliminating the Child and Dependent Care Credit (26 USC §21)

24 D. Eliminating the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (42 USC Pt A)

25 E. Eliminating the State and Local Tax Deduction (26 USC §164)

26 **SECTION 4.** The enforcement of this bill shall be designated to the Department of the Treasury. No
27 additional funding shall be required. The Department of the Treasury shall issue an annual report to
28 Congress on the progress and success of this legislation.

29 **SECTION 5.** All sections of all laws in conflict with this Act are hereby declared null and void. If any
30 section of this Act is declared inoperable, all independent sections shall remain in effect.

A Resolution to provide paid paternity leave

WHEREAS, Currently most companies provide paternity leave for mothers but they don't provide paternity leave for fathers.

WHEREAS, In the United States of America, 60% of parents are single fathers.

WHEREAS, Currently we put child care in the hands of womens which prevents some womens from pursuing careers or jobs opportunities. and denies man from equal rights. now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled should
Have parental-leave policies in place for men. Expand paternity policy to match maternity policy or, better yet, implement a non gender-based parental-leave policy, as well as
Provide more education, resources and support for line managers.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hania Samad from Bradley Technology and Trade High School.

A Resolution to Abolish the Pink Tax

WHEREAS, The current problem is that with the Pink Tax, women are being forced to give extra amounts of money for necessary products and/or services.

WHEREAS, Numerous women in America are being affected by the Pink Tax, with the fact that millions of women are in poverty, and even when women are financially secured, they still have to go through the obstacle of still paying more than men on average.

WHEREAS, Women are substantially disadvantaged as consumers with the fact that common and necessary products and services marketed towards women nearly always cost more than their male counterparts. Women are also severely disadvantaged when it comes to the fact that the Pink Tax continues to contribute to higher poverty rates among women.

WHEREAS, Research has shown that if women were to end up paid the same as men, the poverty rate amongst women would be cut in half with the fact that it would have an economic impact.

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled [shall enforce the H.R. 2048 (116th): Pink Tax Repeal Act];

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Heaven Pineiro and Hania Samad.

A Bill to Strike Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Minimum wage shall be struck from the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Section 2. Minimum wage is defined as a set wage enforced onto employers by government and law.

Section 3. The Department of Labor shall oversee the striking of this bill from the FLSA.

Section 4. This Bill shall be passed immediately.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void indefinitely.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bradley Tech High School

A Bill to Monitor and Censor Social Media Networks to Curb Misinformation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1A.** Tech companies grant permission to the newly
2 commissioned National Misinformation Task Force to monitor and censor
3 social media posts that promote misinformation and/or conspiracy
4 theories. NMTF may make use of a combination of algorithms and machine
5 learning in addition to human reviewers of content to ensure compliance
6 and efficiency.
- 7 **SECTION 1b.** Networks who choose not to comply with this legislation
8 shall be seized and removed from operation by the NMTF.
- 9 **SECTION 1c.** Users whose posts are taken down may file an appeal to the
10 NMTF to revive their post. The NMTF is required to set up a process
11 whereby users are notified of the status of their appeal and shall receive a
12 verdict on revival within two weeks.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** Misinformation shall be defined as false information or
14 information with no supportive scientific evidence. Conspiracy theories
15 shall be defined as ideologies that promote threats or discourse against the
16 United States and its values. Social Media networks shall be defined as
17 networks where citizens can communicate with one another and share
18 information. Social Media networks include, but are not limited to, Twitter,
19 Instagram, Facebook, Tiktok, and Snapchat.
- 20 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will be charged with
21 creating the NMTF and providing it with the resources it needs for
22 operation. The NMTF shall be strictly overseen by the Senate Judiciary
23 Committees, with detailed hearings every two weeks.
- 24 **SECTION 4.** Any attempt by a network to circumvent the intention of
25 the bill (to prevent misinformation by granting federal agencies oversight
26 and censorship capabilities) will result in the network being seized and
27 removed from operation by the NMTF.
- 28 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on Jan 1, 2021. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Brookfield East High School.

A Bill to Abolish Capital Punishment

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Capital punishment will be banned in every state, every territory, and all
3 federal jurisdictions

4 **SECTION 2.** Capital punishment, also known as the death penalty, is defined as the
5 sentencing of a convicted person to death as punishment for a crime.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the ban of the death penalty.

7 **SECTION 4.** The sentences of the people who are currently on death row will have
8 their sentences commuted to life in prison upon passage of this act. Any state official
9 who is found to be complicit in the violation of this law whether in preparation or
10 committing the act shall be charged with first degree murder.

11 **SECTION 5.** This ban will be put into effect immediately after this bill is passed. All
12 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Change American Federal Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** The US Federal Government (USFG) shall conduct elections for
3 federal offices over a 5-day period in all fifty states and territories of the United States.

4 **B.** The four-day election window opens Friday at 8 am of the first week of November
5 and closes on Tuesday at 8 pm in the second week in November. Polls will be closed
6 all day Sunday of this election time block. No early voting shall be allowed other than
7 what is contained in Section 6 of this legislation.

8 **SECTION 2.** Monday of this election block will be a Federal Election Holiday where all
9 government offices and private businesses and industry shall be closed excluding
10 public transportation for the purpose of allowing citizens to vote.

11 **SECTION 3.** States will conduct the federal election in accordance with the criteria
12 set forth by the Federal Election Commission. The FEC shall determine what type of
13 voting system (paper ballots, machines, internet) will become the standard for any
14 election. The exact same electoral process must be used by all polling stations in the
15 US for federal elections.

16 **SECTION 4.** Federal elections will require that state-maintained voter registration
17 lists will be purged of those deceased, and all states must follow FEC guidelines for
18 voter eligibility. The intent is that all voter eligibility is exactly equal in federal
19 elections.

20 **SECTION 5.** States may conduct state and municipal elections at the same time as
21 mandate federal elections.

22 **SECTION 6.** Absentee ballots will be allowed to voters who are out of the country,
23 serving in the military, or domiciled in nursing facilities. Absentee ballots must arrive 24 by 8
pm on the last election day.

25 **SECTION 7.** All laws in conflict with this legislation will hereby be declared null and 26 void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Neenah High School

American Equality in Education Act of 2021

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to comply with educational requirements and in an effort to
3 promote diversity and inclusivity, all educational institutions must incorporate LGBTQ+
4 history into their history curriculum.

5 **SECTION 2.** The teaching of United States history shall include a study of the roles
6 and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in the history of
7 the United States, representing at least ten hours of instruction for all levels of US
9 history courses.

10 **SECTION 3.** Educational institutions shall be defined as schools, junior colleges,
12 colleges or universities that are:

13 A. Operated or directly supported by the United States; operated or directly
14 supported by any State or local government

15 B. Political subdivisions of any State or local government; or approved by a State
16 agency or subdivision of the State, or accredited by a State recognized or
17 nationally recognized accrediting body.

18 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Education shall be responsible for the
19 implementation and enforcement of this legislation. Schools who fail to adequately
20 comply with this legislation shall not be granted educational funding or other grants.
21 Schools who fail to adequately comply with this legislation shall further be deemed
22 “not meeting federal education standards” and the names of such schools will be
23 published on the Department of Education’s website.

24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on August 1st, 2021, with implementation
25 required for the 2021-2022 school year.

26 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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The Sandy Hook Gun Violence Prevention Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1. A.** It shall be unlawful to purchase, sell, or possess any of the following
3 firearms and firearm accessories: Assault Weapons, Automatic Firearms, and Bump
4 Stocks. If one is currently owned, the federal government will buy it back.

5 **B.** It shall be unlawful for any person who has a serious mental
6 illness to purchase, sell, or possess a firearm.

7 **C.** Gun Owners shall be required to go under mental health screenings
8 every three months or risk losing ownership of their firearm(s).

9 **D.** Those wishing to buy, sell or possess a firearm shall be required to
10 undergo a thorough background check process every 3 months or risk
11 losing their license and their ability to purchase, sell, or possess a firearm.

12 **SECTION 2. A.** Assault weapon is defined as any semi-automatic firearm with a
13 large magazine of ammunition that was designed and configured for rapid fire and
14 combat use.

15 **B.** Serious Mental Illness is defined as a mental, behavioral, or emotional
16 disorder resulting in serious functional impairment, which largely
17 interferes with or inhibits one or more major life activities.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall
19 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill. The Department of Health
20 and Human Services shall assist in the implementation of mental health screenings.

21 **A.** Funding for this legislation shall come from the budget of the Bureau of
22 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Department of
23 Health and Human Services

24 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on January 1st, 2022.

25 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
26 void.

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A Resolution to Put Pressure on Myanmar to Return to their Formerly Democratic State

1 **WHEREAS,** Myanmar's military is currently disrespecting the will of the
2 people and outcome of the election for leader by seizing power and
3 restraining and detaining the fairly elected leaders; and

4 **WHEREAS,** This violates the election system set up in Myanmar and
5 requires outside help to be fixed as quickly as possible; and

6 **WHEREAS,** This is an injustice to the citizens of Myanmar and will have
7 detrimental effects on the places around and aligned with Myanmar; and

8 **WHEREAS,** totalitarianism must be condemned by the United States
9 government, be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled puts pressure on
11 Myanmar through US allies in the region and increased military presence in
12 Southeast Asia in order to release the restrained, return to a state of
13 normality, and treat their citizens and elections with respect.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Reagan High School.

Removing Qualified Immunity for Police

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Qualified Immunity Doctrine will be removed in its entirety through amending 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to remove qualified immunity as a defense for police officers who engage in civil rights violations.

SECTION 2.

- a. Qualified Immunity is defined as a judicial doctrine that shields and protects government officials from being held personally liable for constitutional violations, providing that officers cannot be put on trial for unlawful conduct
- b. Unlawful conduct is defined as the use of excessive or deadly force
 - i. This explicit conduct is a way that hurts, harms, or even causes death to others at the scene
- c. Civil Rights Violations are defined as discriminatory actions or harassment based on gender, sexual orientation, race/ethnic origin, or nationality
 - i. Discriminatory actions are also within the hindrance of expression of social, cultural, and economical rights

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation shall be implemented immediately after passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.