COURAGE CANDIDATE PLATFORM

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More than 100 active Courage Candidates have voted on more than 100 policy positions. Here are the results.

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COURAGE FOR DEMOCRACY

OVERVIEW

More than 140 candidates have joined the Courage Candidate coalition. Founded by Citizens' Impeachment in November, 2025, these congressional candidates hail from 37 states, and cover more than 100 House districts. After speaking with many congressional staffers to advocate for impeachment, Citizens' Impeachment decided that since Congress was not keen on upholding their oath of office, they would seek out the candidates who would. The official Courage Candidate platform is a full slate of pro-democracy positions: pro-impeachment, anti-corruption, anti-oligarchy, and anti-authoritarian. In February, 2026, the candidates voted to also adopt anti-ICE.

The positions in this document are the result of their votes on more than 100 policy issues. As illustrated, the Candidates align on all issues with at least an 80% majority.

THE ISSUES WHERE THEY ALIGN IN FULL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Ban Citizens' United
- Ban Congressional Stock/Crypto Trades
- Fight Corporate Monopolies
- Enforce Antitrust Laws
- Close the Pay Gap for Women
- Invest in Clean Energy
- Strengthen EPA Laws for Clean Air & Water
- Nationwide FMLA Law
- Palestinians are Entitled to Equal Protection under the International Human Rights Framework of the U.N.
- Support for Enhanced Rural Health Care
- Condemn All Forms of Bigotry, including Antisemitism & Islamophobia
- Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform
- LGBTQIA+ Protections
- Focus on Economic Justice
- Eliminate Corporate Tax Loopholes

IN ADDITION, THESE POSITIONS ARE FULLY SUPPORTED W/ SEVERAL CANDIDATES VOTING "PRESENT":

DEMOCRACY/GOVERNMENT

- Campaign Finance Reform
- Ethics Reforms: Courts & Congress
- Tribal Sovereignty
- Voting Rights Protection/Expansion via Legislation

ECONOMY

- Focus on Job Creation
- Raise the Minimum Wage
- Green Infrastructure Investment
- Support Unions & Workers' Rights to Collective Bargaining
- Support Small Business via Tax Incentives & Other Means
- Promote Fair Trade
- Protect and Expand Social Security

EDUCATION

- Free Universal Pre-K
- Increase Funding for Public Schools K-12

ENVIRONMENT

- Support the Green New Deal
- Support Climate Justice
- Fight Back against AI/Data Centers
- Prioritize Innovation
- Invest in Public Transit

FAMILIES

- Provide Subsidies to Cover the Cost of Childcare
- Universal Childcare
- Fully Fund SNAP, WIC & CHIP

OVERVIEW

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FOREIGN POLICY
- Prioritize Diplomacy
- Israel is Committing Genocide
- Support Enforcement of the Leahy Laws
- Rejoin the Paris Climate Accord
- Multilateral Effort for Support & Diplomacy to End the War in Ukraine

GUN VIOLENCE
- Universal Background Checks
- End the Gun Show Loophole
- Protect and Expand Social Security

HEALTH CARE
- Federal Law/ Constitutional Amendment for National Reproductive Rights/Abortion Care for all Women, in all States
- Universal Health Care (w/ Full Vision, Dental, & Mental Health Services)

HOUSING
- Support for Affordable Housing Legislation
- Increase Public Housing Options
- Expand FHA Loans for First-Time Homebuyers
- Federal Investment to Support the Unhoused

IMMIGRATION
- DACA Reform
- Provide a Real Pathway to Citizenship
- Invest in Federal Staff to Support the Immigration Process
- End Private Prisons

SOCIAL ISSUES
- Uphold & Enhance Disability Rights
- Focus on Racial Justice

TAX REFORM
- Tax the Wealthy

VETERANS
- Invest in Education, Training & Housing for Veterans
- Expand and Restore VA Health Care Benefits

COURAGE CANDIDATES ARE HERE TO CHANGE HOW WE DO POLITICS IN AMERICA.

They are united for democracy, and already aligned on a vast array of issues ahead of taking their oath of office. Once in Congress, they will form the basis of a new political bloc: the Courage Caucus. Driven by an anti-authoritarian ideology that includes the people in their theory of power, they actively engage in the discussion of what it means to have a Responsive Government: a commitment to Town Halls, open office hours, a constituent portal that transparently displays the number of emails and phone calls a member receives, and a feedback system to give opinions on upcoming bills. They do not accept the status quo and are ready to change it, together.

DEMOCRACY & GOVERNMENT

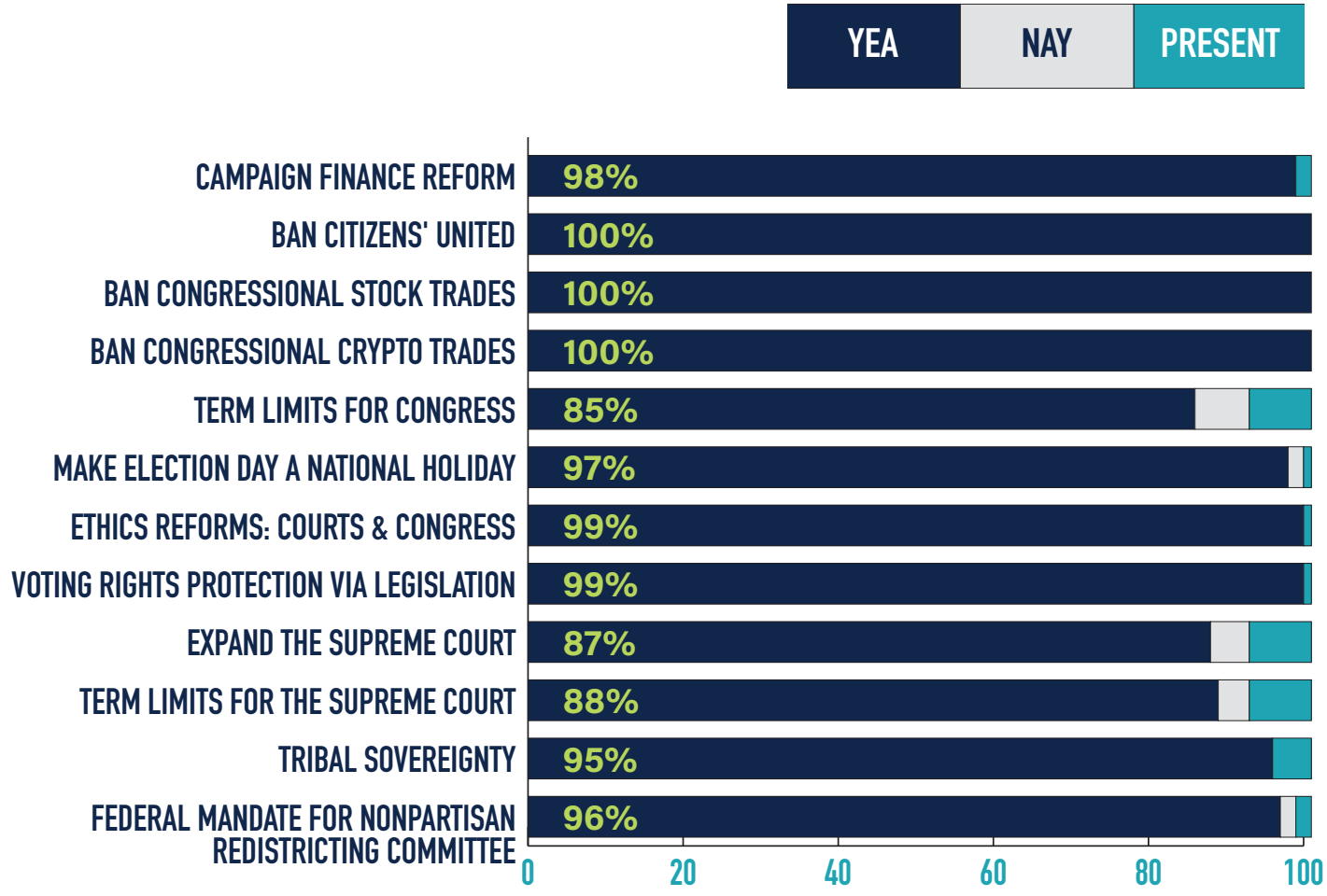
Courage Candidate Statements

"I believe we need to strengthen the guardrails to our democracy to move away from the current pay-to-play model aimed at catering to the wealthy elite into a much more egalitarian, just, and equitable model." –Oregon

"Congress must retake its power of war and tariffs from the executive." –Virginia

"I support term limits but only alongside getting money out of politics. If we don't address the corruption, we'll just make ourselves lose progressives because it's way easier to find someone unscrupulous than someone principle." –California

"Participatory methods that empower communities to advocate across systems." –Texas



ECONOMY

Courage Candidate Statements

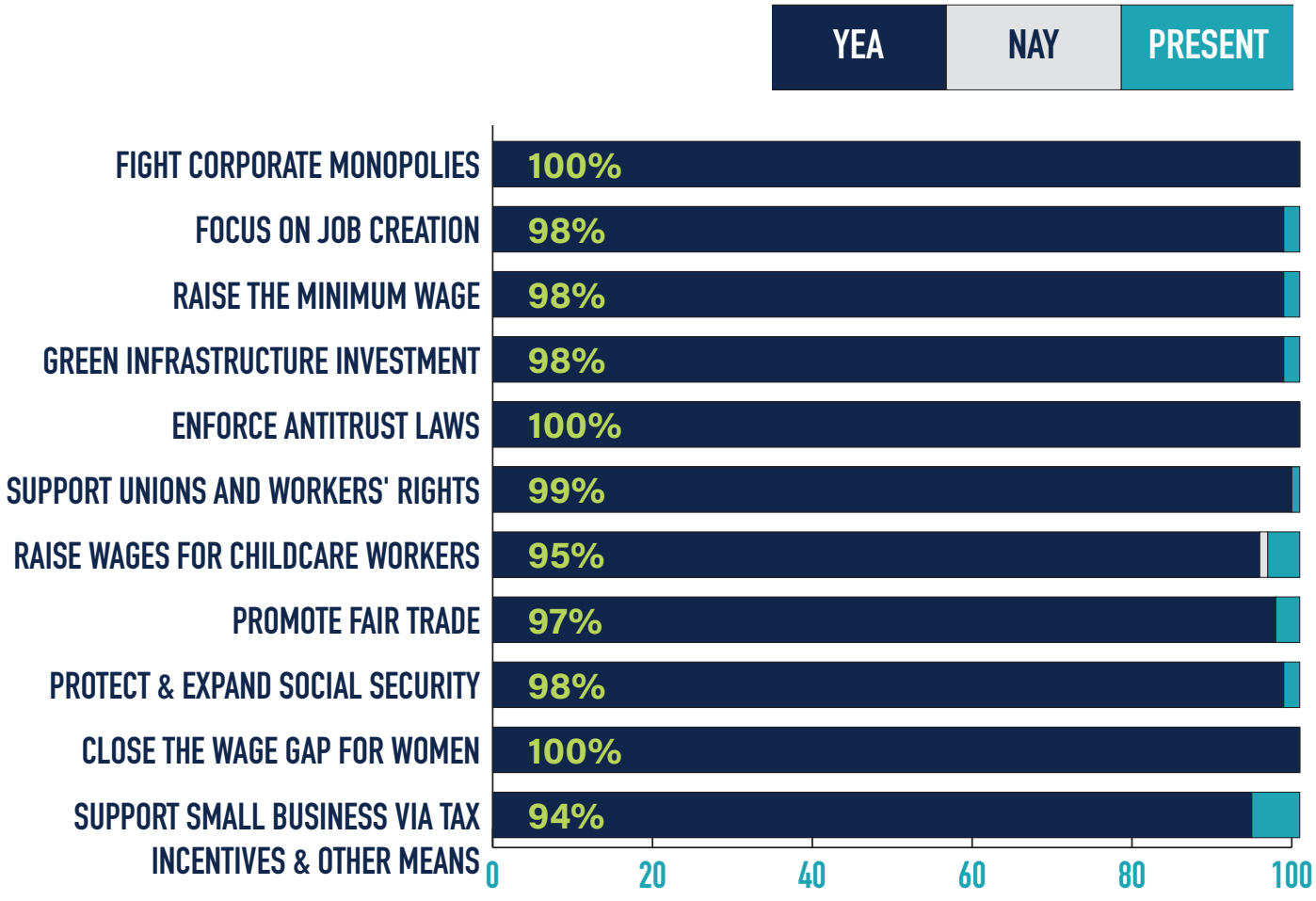
"Fairness and equity for small business." –California

"We need policies that place the interests of workers over billionaires." –Alabama

"On the minimum wage, I support raising it and indexing it to the rate of inflation." –Massachusetts

"An economy sustained by extortion is morally bankrupt and cannot be called an economy. It's time we take our power back and give it to the people, to whom it belongs." –Arizona

"I'd like to see something here about expanding access to farming and other trade job placement." –Montana



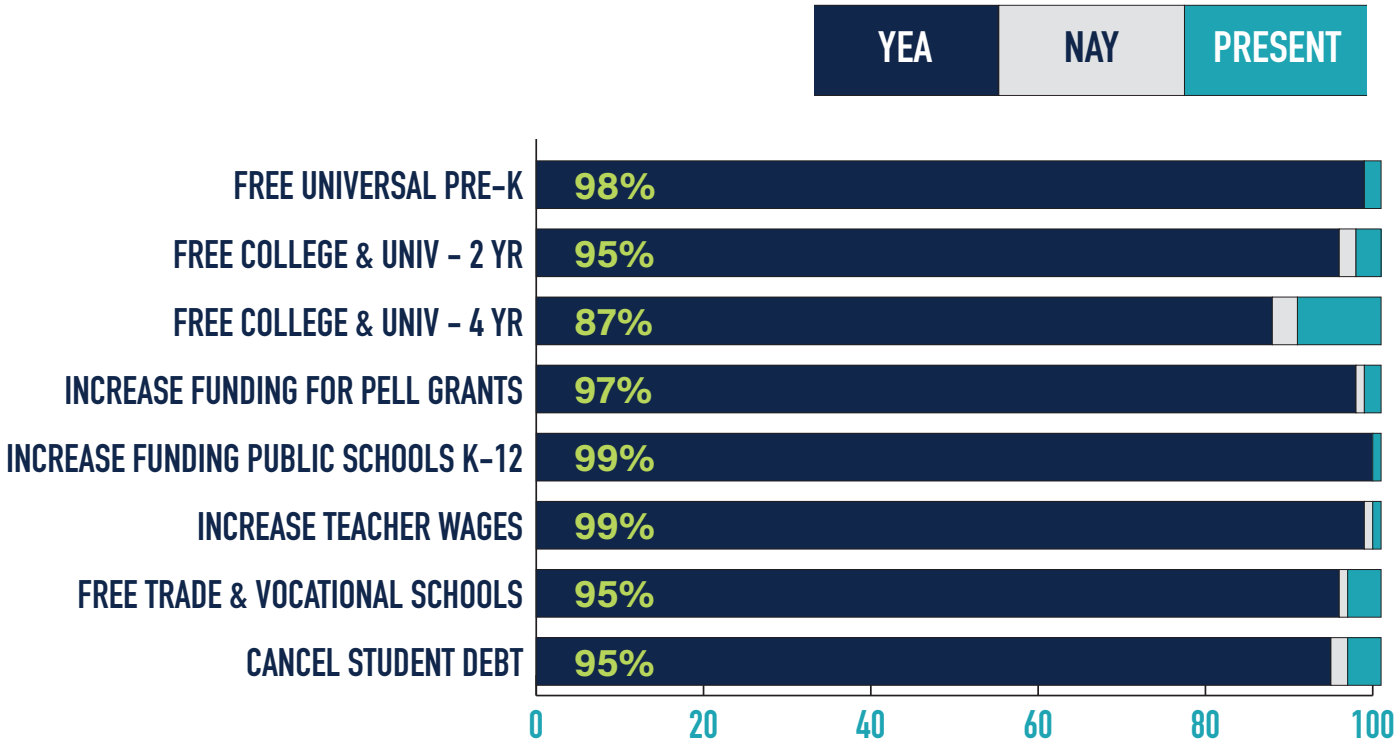
EDUCATION

Courage Candidate Statements

"I will advocate for fully funding public schools, restoring and strengthening the Department of Education, and ensuring equitable resources regardless of zip code. That includes opposing efforts that divert funding from neighborhood schools and undermine democratic accountability, such as school choice vouchers." –Illinois

"I believe strong public education is the most important part of our society. While I believe higher education and Pre-K must be made more accessible, I'm wary of pushing for it to be 'free.' We need to ensure we set up structures that can help pay for themselves and drive innovation and competition on a global scale." –Texas

"Higher education should open doors, not create decades of debt." –California



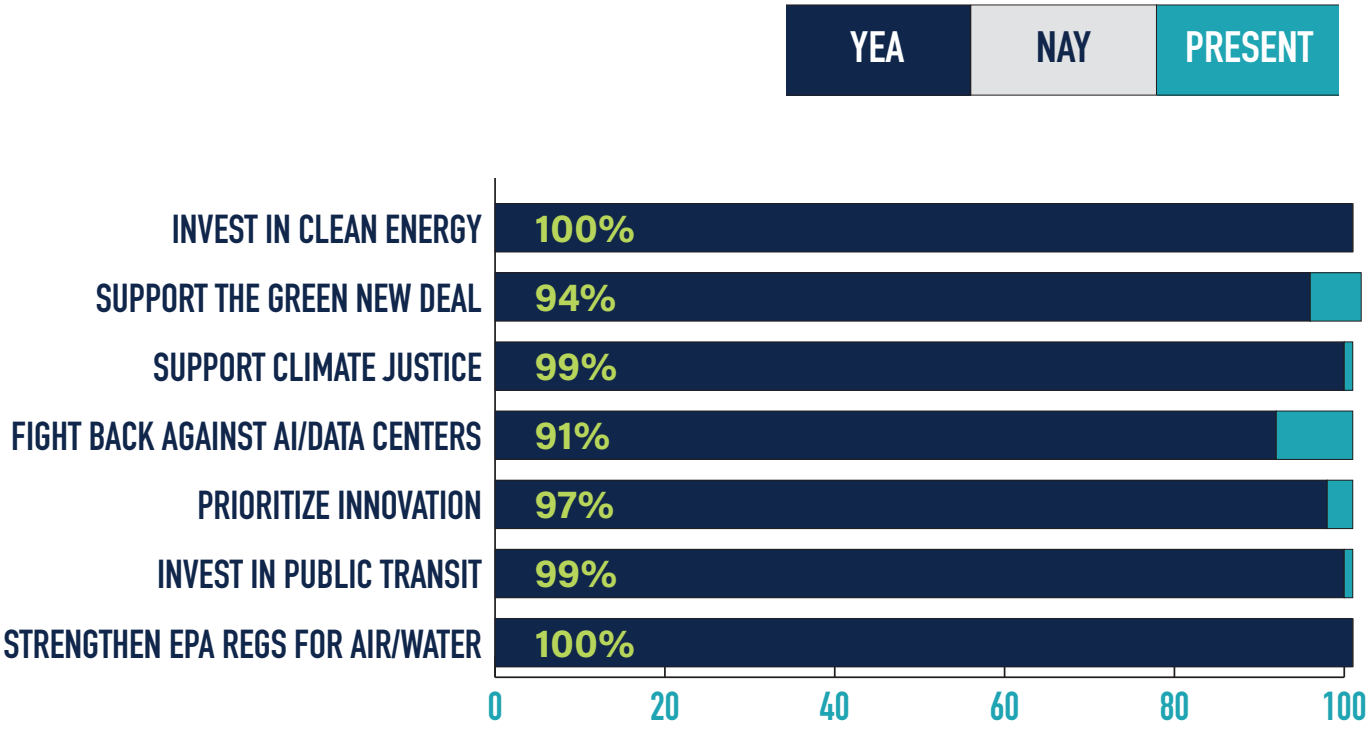
ENVIRONMENT

Courage Candidate Statements

"The environment isn't separate from us, it's the foundation we live on. Clean air, safe water, and a stable climate are basic rights, not luxuries." –New York

"We need to update the Green New Deal for 2026 because technology and politics have evolved." –Texas

"Make polluters pay to clean-up the environmental damage they have done. If a polluter does not pay to clean-up the pollution they create, then the government must tax the polluter for the cost of the cleanup and hire outside companies to do the work." –California



FAMILIES

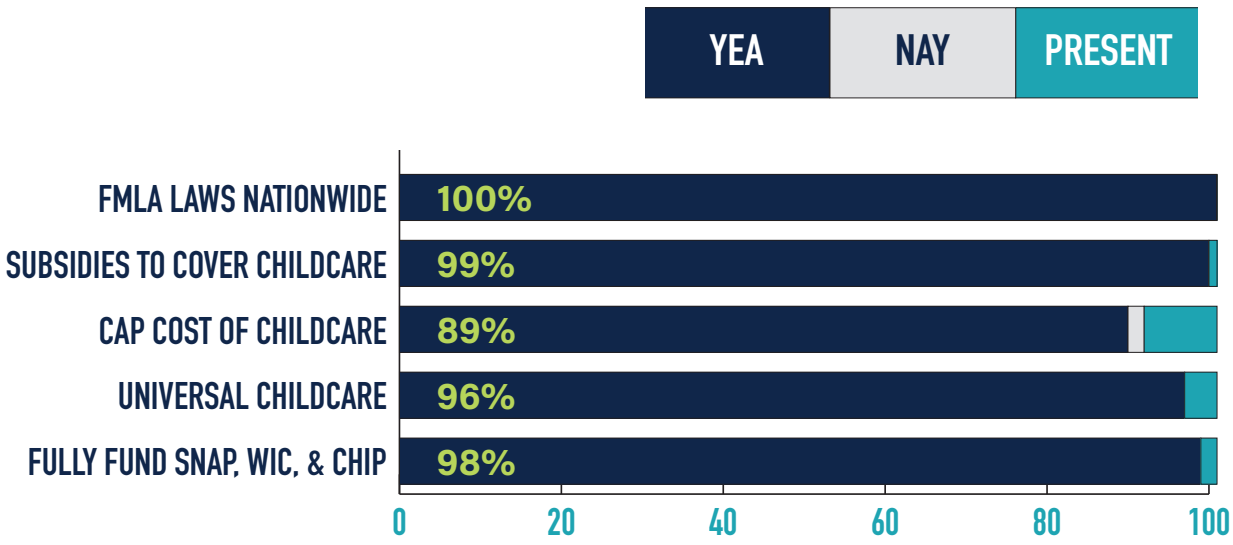
Courage Candidate Statements

"Investing in families is an investment in the future." –Maine

"I want to remove programs that require you to stay poor, sick or any other negative a incentives." –Nevada

"Families thrive when they are given the support they need. I believe in people not systems so I am only interested in creating and improving systems that let people be free." –Connecticut

"Strong families build strong communities. That means access to childcare, paid leave, clean water, secure retirement, and real opportunities for the next generation, whether through college, apprenticeships, or family-run businesses." –Oregon



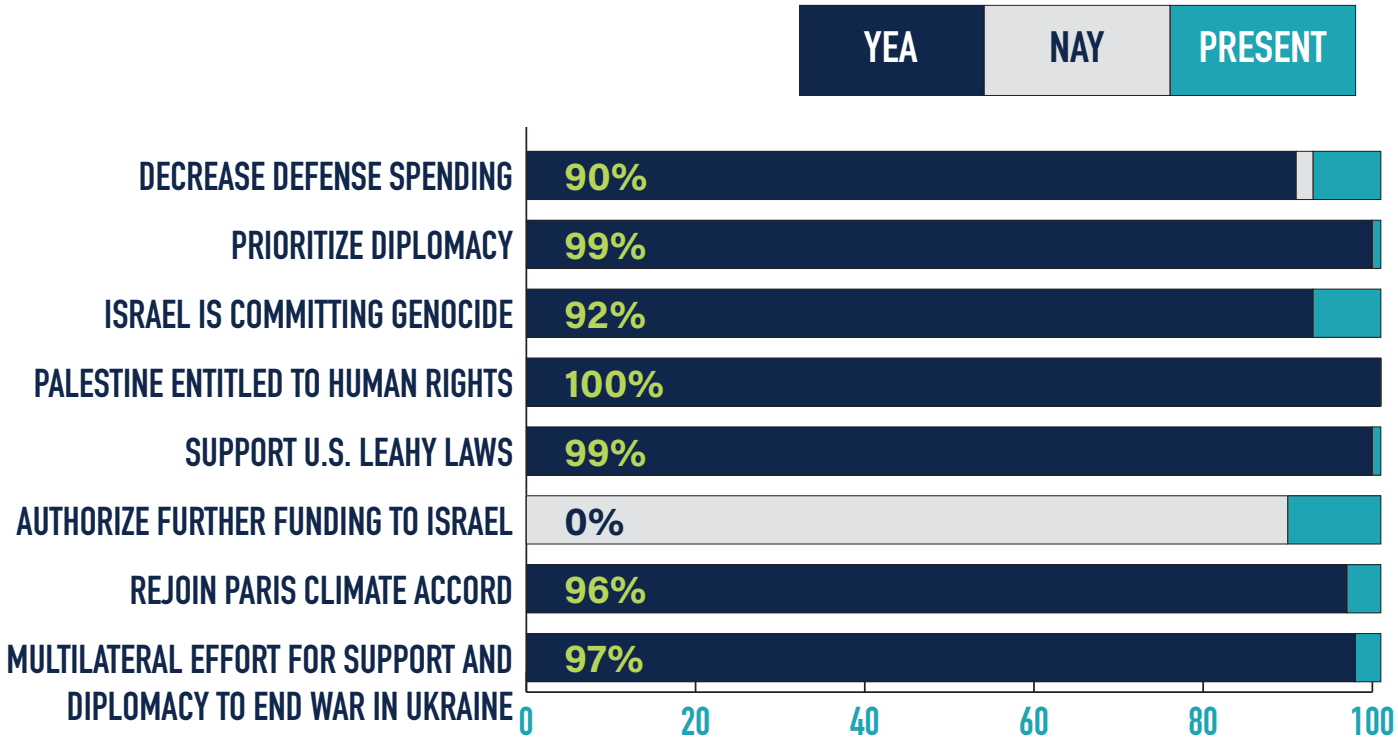
FOREIGN POLICY

Courage Candidate Statements

"Aid to Israel need to be conditioned on humanitarian conditions and support for Palestinians. Ukraine needs to be supported and only have a fair peace that recognizes their sovereignty." –Colorado

"We need a foreign policy grounded in transparency and constitutional authority. Congress must reclaim its war powers, rein in unchecked executive action, and ensure no foreign influence, financial or political, undermines American democracy." –Oregon

"A nation that prioritizes military spending is financially prosperous, while a nation that prioritizes community well-being is rich in quality of life." –Michigan



GUN VIOLENCE

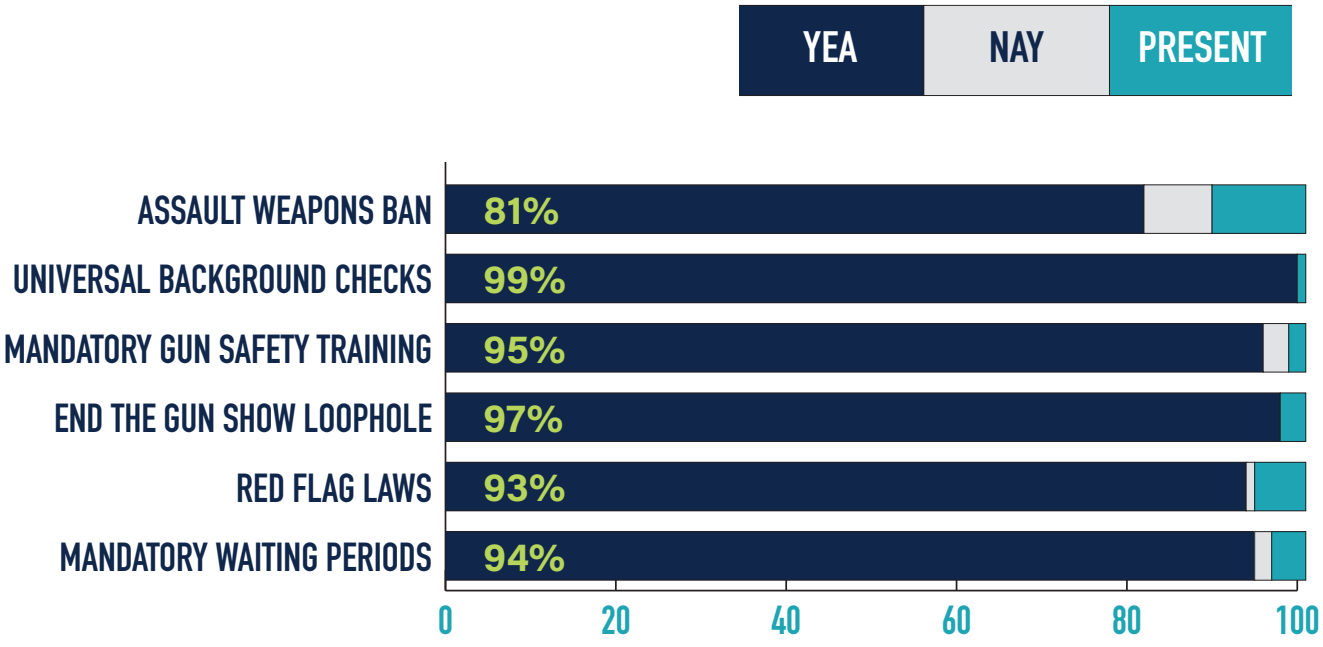
Courage Candidate Statements

"Lift the ban on federal gun research so we can get data to legislate with" –Connecticut

"As someone who understands rural communities, I believe we can protect Second Amendment rights and protect our kids at the same time. Common-sense measures like background checks and red flag laws save lives without targeting responsible hunters and gun owners." –Oregon

"Safe storage laws for guns and firearms, especially if there are children in the house." –Louisiana

"We need to have an honest conversation on what actually mitigates gun violence and then work to achieve that mitigation." –Wisconsin



HEALTH CARE

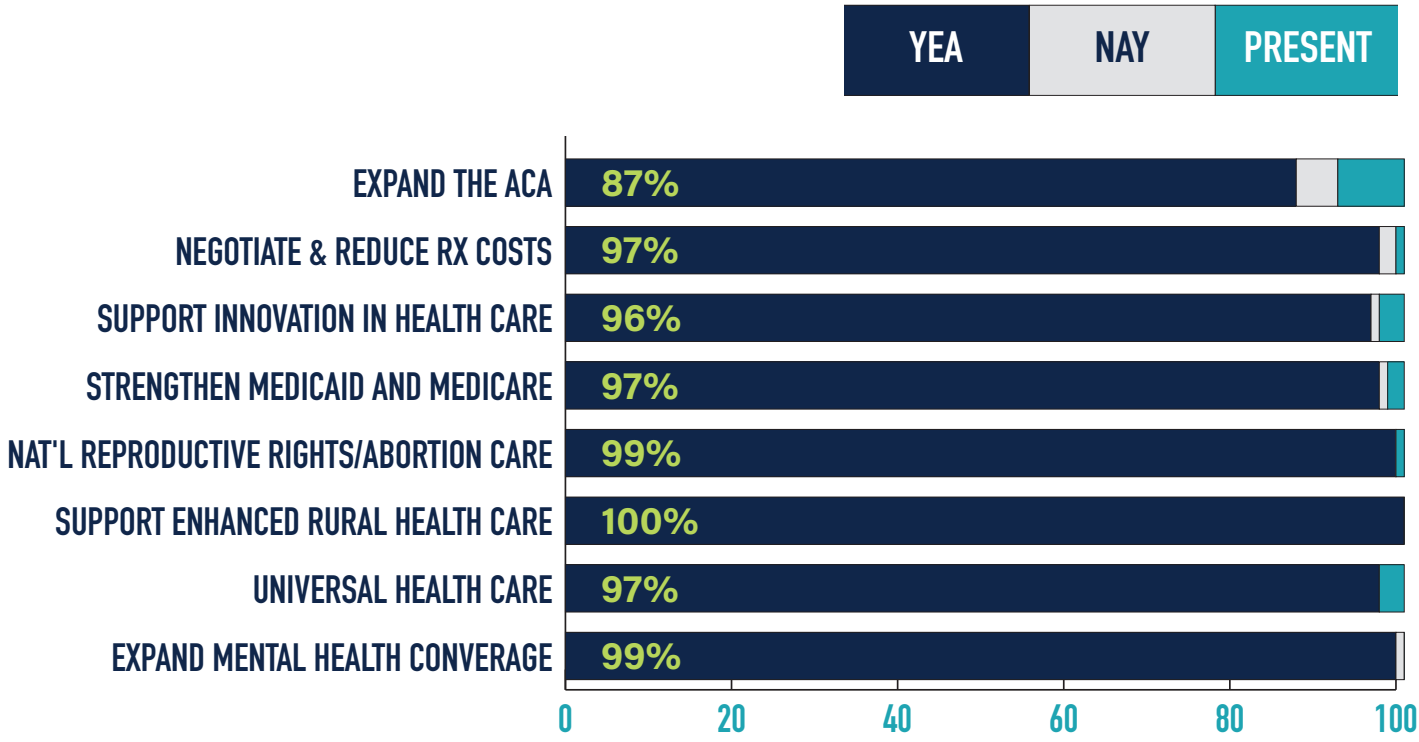
Courage Candidate Statements

"The goal is full universal healthcare so some of yes answers are overlapping as the can serve as stop gap measure to achieving the end goal." –Washington

"Medicare for All with dental/vision/mental health is the goal. Everything else is a step towards it." –Virginia

"File a lawsuit to get women bodily autonomy under the 14th Amendment" –California

"Universal Healthcare is the path forward. Enacting Universal Healthcare will ensure the stability of rural hospitals for generations while simultaneously eliminating the economic burden of healthcare costs. Saving lives and saving money in American's pockets." –Alabama



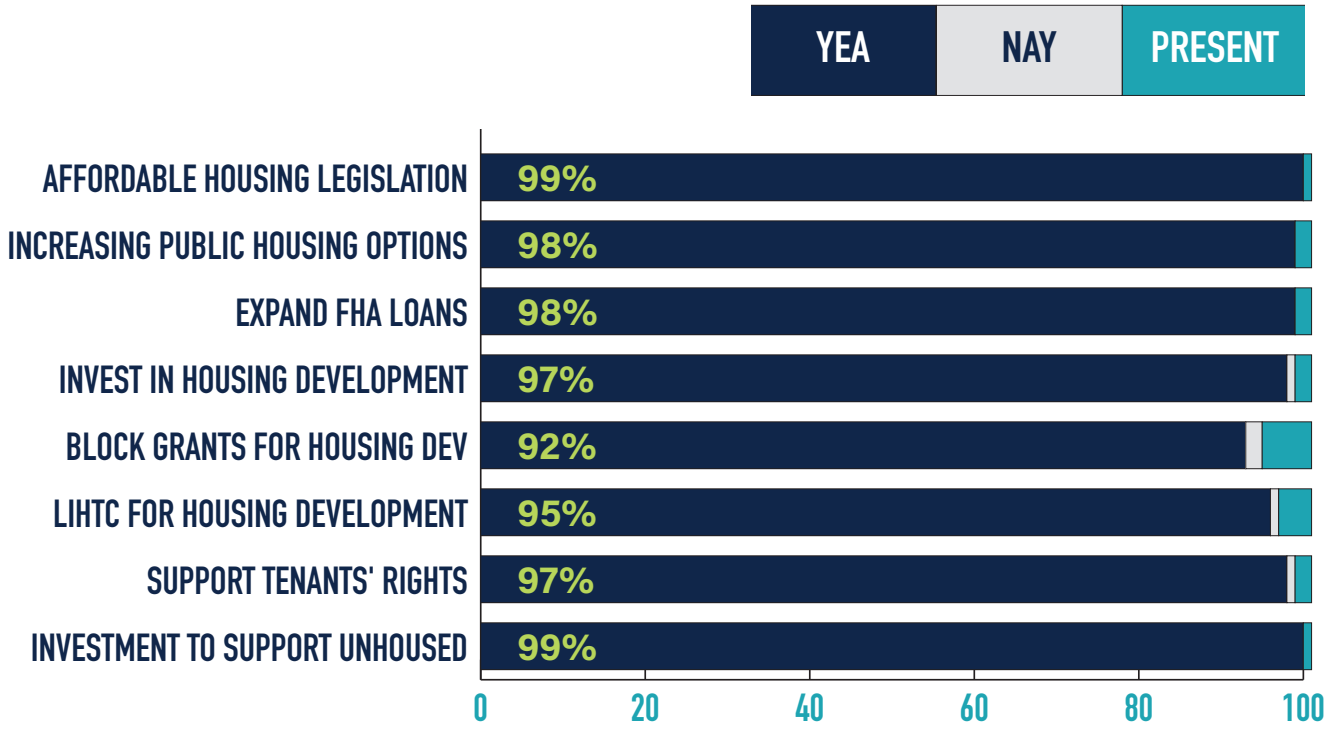
HOUSING

Courage Candidate Statements

"We need to increase housing supply to decrease the burden of housing expenses. To accomplish that, we must bring housing advocates and builders to the table to plan and build what communities need. The government should steward this process, but should not stop progress." –Michigan

"I support a Housing First approach that prioritizes getting people housed without criminalization or unnecessary barriers, paired with wraparound services delivered in partnership with local providers" –Illinois

"Ban private equity from buying single family homes." –New Hampshire



IMMIGRATION

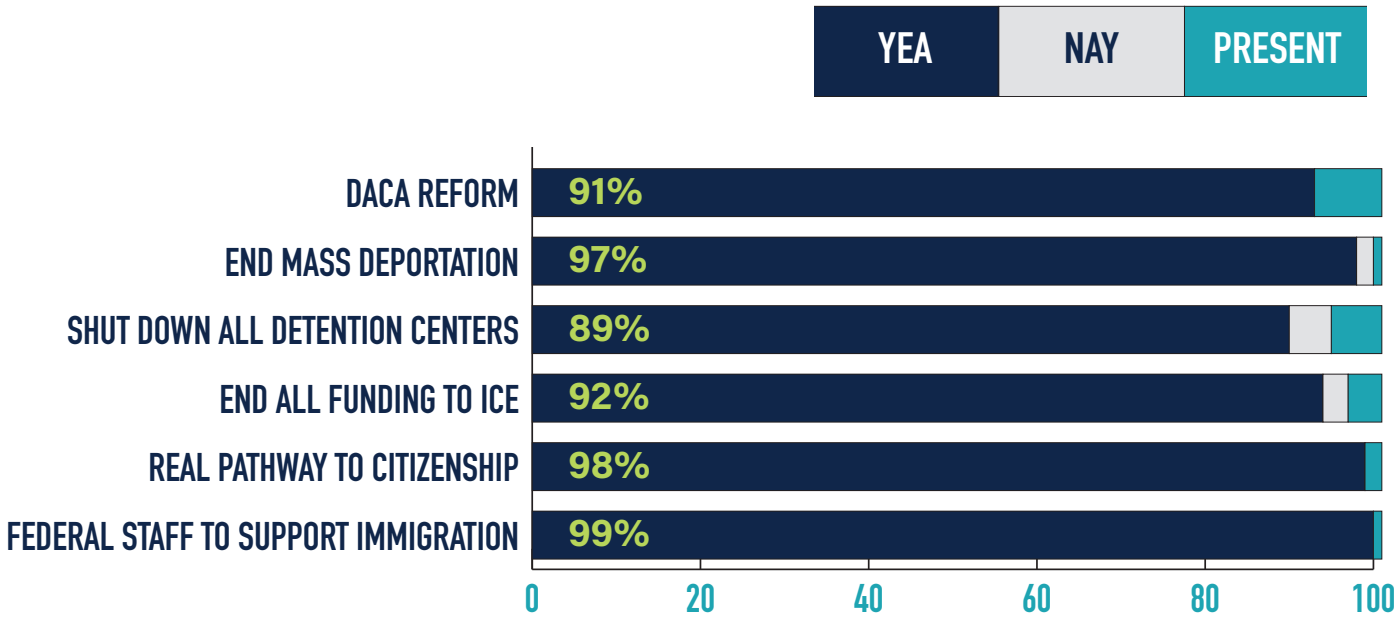
Courage Candidate Statements

"We will always need an immigration authority, but ICE has recently become an abomination that needs to re-built from the ground up." –Texas

"We must ABOLISH ICE and have a real pathway to citizenship that does not include waiting more than 10 years to try to have a safe place for you and your family." –Indiana

"Yes to investing in federal staff only if it is to make their process easier, not for more ICE agents." –West Virginia

"I support real border management, not militarization. We should be focused on making the process safe and efficient, not rejecting as many people as we can." –New York



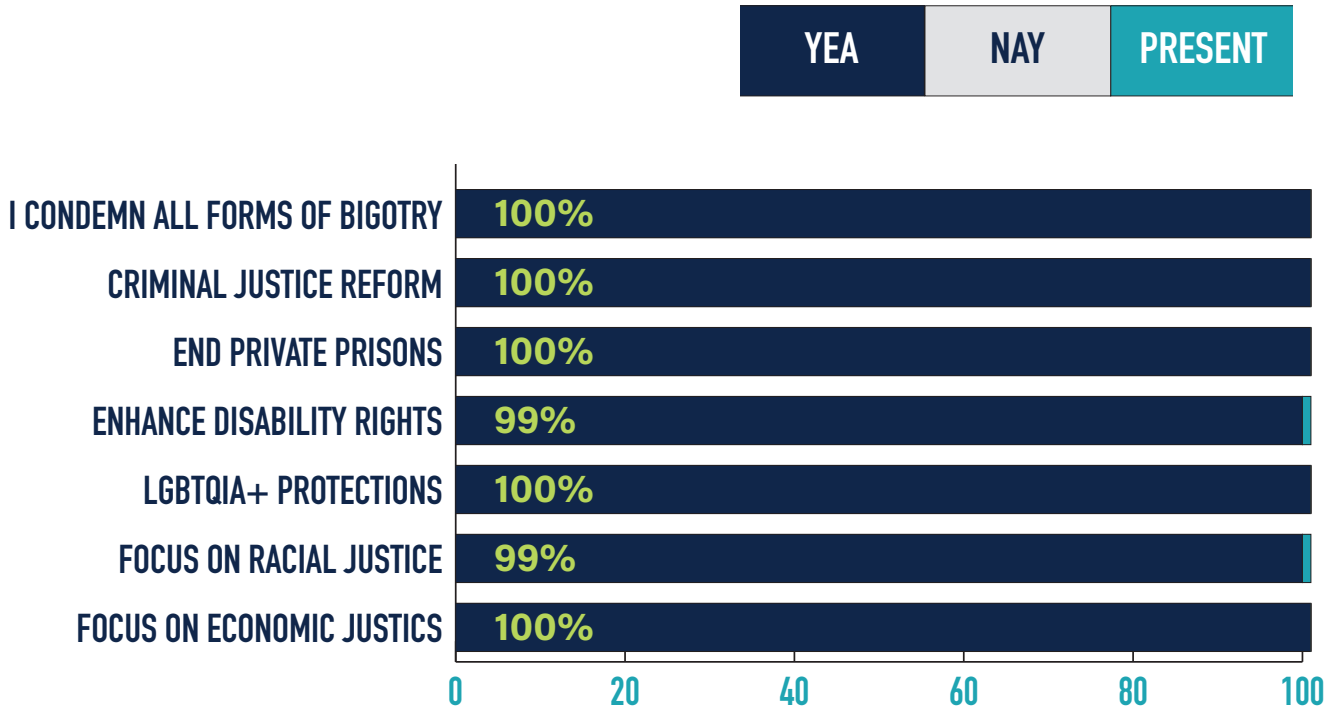
SOCIAL ISSUES

Courage Candidate Statements

"I have introduced legislation at the state level to pursue reparations, equity, economic and racial justice for a decade – authoring over 100 substantive bills. I will bring this same policy-driven focus to Congress along with a ferocity for advocacy and commitment to speaking truth to power – even when it's not popular." –New Jersey

"Differences in health and wellbeing that we see based on race and gender are not biological. They're manufactured through systems of oppression and discrimination." –Maine

"I believe every person deserves equal protection under the law, the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions, and the right to live free from discrimination. Our laws should expand opportunity and protect civil rights, not roll them back." –Oregon



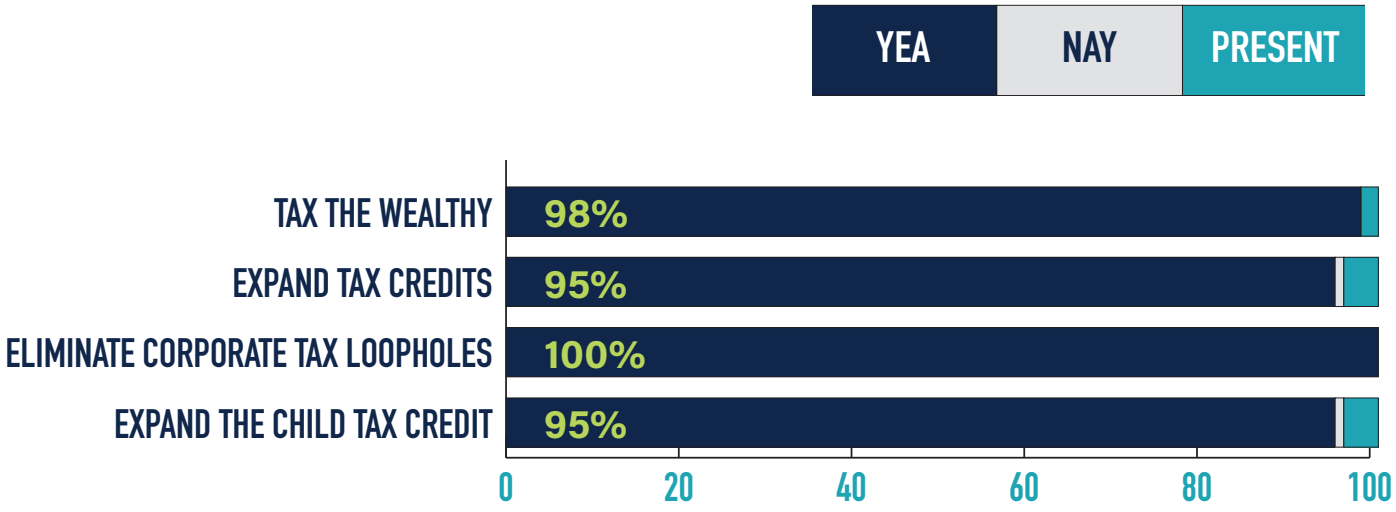
TAX REFORM

Courage Candidate Statements

"Tax reform is absolutely vital. The wealthy have been transfering wealth from everyone else for my entire life. It's time to reverse this before it becomes the death spiral of our nation." –Wisconsin

"People paying their fair share in taxes should be the least controversial thing a government wrestles with." –Arizona

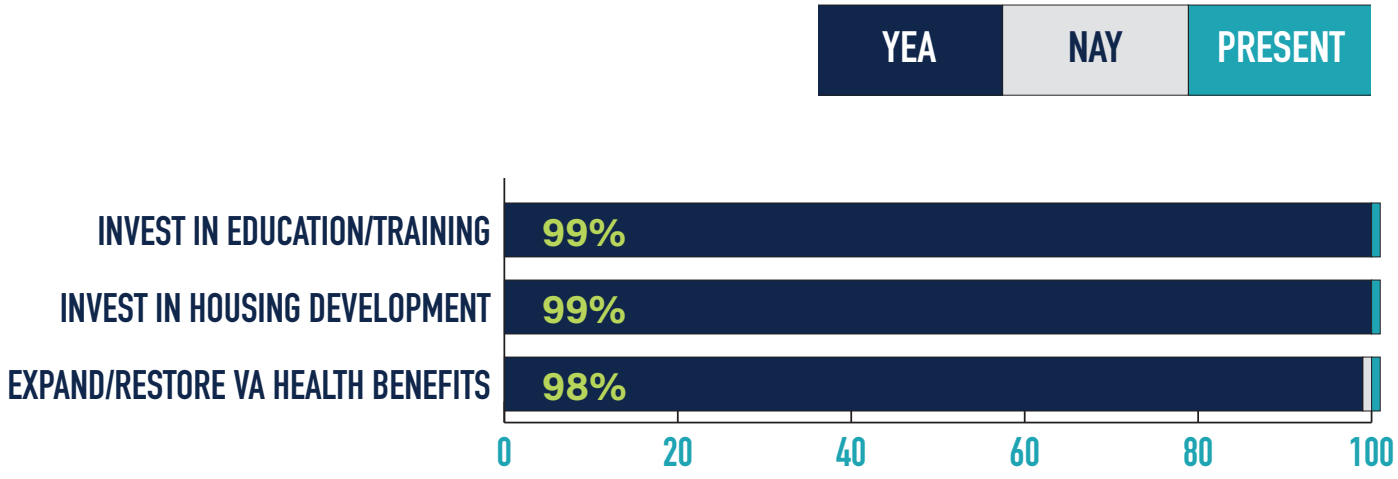
"The colossal failure of DOGE showed that the problem isn't massive hidden fraud waiting to be uncovered. The real issue is a system full of loopholes, carve-outs, and incentives that allow enormous amounts of income to legally escape taxation." –Texas



VETERANS

Courage Candidate Statements

"We must protect and take care of our veterans at all costs. These individuals are willing to put their lives on the line to protect this country, so we must fight for them." –New Jersey

"The way the US has exploited low-income communities to fuel their foreign conflicts, and then failed to support them appropriately afterwards, while claiming to respect and honor them, well, it's criminal. My father is a Veteran, and I while I am pro-peace, I have the utmost respect for the sacrifices our service people have made for all of us. And I am committed to making sure that their sacrifices were not in vain." –New Hampshire

"Veterans have earned our full and unconditional support. Anything they need shoul be built, invented or provided." –Connecticut