

About No Labels

This moment demands American leaders and citizens alike declare their freedom from the anger and divisiveness that are ruining our politics and most importantly, our country. We must recommit to the fundamental beliefs that have historically united Americans and provided a common understanding of who we are and where we hope to go. We can overthrow the tyranny of hyper-partisanship that dominates our political culture today. We can break down the institutions of power that are corroding our system. We can do this because we have the power of numbers. All we have to do is join together. We have shared values and common purpose. The times are challenging and they call for national renewal. We don't need labels; we need leaders, everywhere, throughout society, who will discuss issues based upon their merits.

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No Labels (NL)

Description:

We are the great American majority who demands cooperation because when we cooperate we do great things. We are not a third party, but a third bloc in American politics of pragmatic leaders from across the political spectrum. Join us.

Stakeholder(s):

Pragmatic Leaders

Problem Solvers Caucus :

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The Problem Solvers Caucus features 58 House members — evenly divided between the parties — with each member committed to cooperation and dialogue. The group operates as an independent member-driven caucus that sets its own rules, standards and priorities.

The Problem Solvers Caucus developed out of informal "get to know you" meetings on Capitol Hill hosted by No Labels in the early 2010s. Our mission evolved over time and the group became larger and more structured. The "Problem Solvers" formally organized in 2017 and since then they've successfully broken through the gridlock of today's politics many times getting key legislation passed with bipartisan support.

The Bicameral :

United the House and Senate: The Bicameral

When No Labels Founding Chairman Joe Lieberman was in the Senate, he would often join bipartisan "gangs" of senators— usually including his close friends Senators John McCain and Susan Collins—to break logjams on tough issues like judicial

nominations and immigration. But in recent years, this bipartisan tradition—like so many others—fell by the wayside.

So much as we had in the House, No Labels began a focused effort to bring together a bipartisan group of senators. Then, No Labels took it a step further. In early 2019, we hosted a meeting the likes of which no one had ever seen before.

We brought House Problem Solvers Caucus and Senate members—from both parties—together to talk about where they could find common ground. This "bicameral" meeting was so unusual in fact, that one of the senators remarked, "The House and Senate are 100 yards apart but we may as well be 100 miles apart given how little we talk to one another."

Fast forward to today, and No Labels' bicamerals—which are now conducted monthly via ZOOM—have become much more than a meeting. They've become the place where an entirely new approach to governance is being born. A place where rank-and-file members, frustrated by the breakdown of regular order and the refusal of their own leaders to compromise, are taking the initiative to forge their own solutions.

Even amid the worsening divisions in our politics, in 2021 and 2022, this bipartisan House-Senate alliance built by No Labels managed to lead passage of the biggest infrastructure bill in sixty years, the first gun safety bill in 30 years and major legislation to invest in U.S. innovation and counter communist China.

Joe Lieberman :

Founding Chairman

Vision

A brighter future for generations to come

Mission

To restore America's faith that democracy

Values

Beliefs:

Here are the enduring beliefs that guide No Labels— beliefs that we hope will once again guide the political and policy choices of our leaders.

Mutual Responsibility:

We believe in an ethic of mutual responsibility, in which both government and citizens owe something to one another. Citizens have a responsibility to contribute to our country in the best way they can, be it to our economy, their families, communities or civic life. And in return, they have a right to expect the government to be responsible for upholding the law, maintaining public safety, helping care for those who cannot care for themselves, and tackling the problems too large for citizens or private actors to solve alone.

Equality of Opportunity:

We believe in equality of opportunity, in which every American is empowered to get a good education, to pursue their dreams free from bias or discrimination of any kind, and to go as far as their talents and drive can take them– we we also believe that government policy should encourage and cultivate these gifts.

Freedom of Thought:

We believe in Americans’ fundamental right to think, speak, worship and assemble however they choose. We believe the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is first for a reason, because if we ever lose this right, we lose everything.

Freedom of Expression

Religious Freedom

Freedom of Assembly

Intergenerational Accountability:

We believe there is no such thing as something for nothing and because of this we believe in the importance of a balanced budget. The growing tendency of both parties to support more tax cuts or government spending with no regard for their impact on future generations will lead to a lower quality of life for our children and grandchildren and make it harder for America to tackle future challenges to our national, economic and environmental security.

Unification:

We believe Americans being united at home makes us stronger abroad. The Chinese Communist Party, Russia and other totalitarian regimes that threaten American interests benefit from and seek to exploit America’s internal divisions. In previous eras, America’s leaders have embraced the idea that “politics should stop at the water’s edge,” and they must do so once again.

Democracy:

These beliefs have underpinned American democracy since its founding. If they seem new to some, it is only because too many in our public life have forgotten or ignored them.

These beliefs are the foundation upon which we must rebuild our country. We seek to restore America's faith that democracy remains the best means to bring out the good in every one of us, thus ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.

Bipartisanship

Solve critical challenges through bipartisanship

What Success Looks Like in D.C. ~ For No Labels, success means that Washington is once again capable of solving our critical challenges through bipartisanship.

We understand that some of America's biggest successes came from when our leaders reached out across the aisle. So we think big – for No Labels, success means Washington is once again solving our critical challenges through bipartisanship.

The two biggest pieces of legislation in the past decade — the 2010 Affordable Care Act and the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — were both passed along party-line votes. In the past, party-line votes used to rarely happen because our elected leaders understood that ramming through huge societal changes with little to no buy-in from the minority party was a recipe for endless discord and division. A situation that we find ourselves in today.

The most consequential and durable changes in America have happened when Democrats and Republicans sat down together and hashed out a deal. We know that these debates are tough and that passions run deep on both sides of the aisle, but America's greatest leaders need to know they were elected to do a job – and that job is to pass laws and make changes that can make America better than it is today. Almost every landmark achievement in the 20th century was passed this way ...

Our Ideas ~ No Labels regularly releases reform proposals and books with the goal of offering informed research that will constructively shape policy debate.

Books & Proposals

No Labels is your source for facts and unbiased information on what's really wrong with our politics and what we can do to fix it.

Books and Reform Proposals ~ Over the course of the last decade, No Labels has published original books and reform proposals to increase understanding and to outline solutions for some of the biggest problems facing the country.

Bipartisan Solutions

Point the way toward potentially bipartisan solutions to our country's challenges

In between today's extremist Far Right and Far Left political tribes resides the “exhausted majority”—those of us frustrated by our polarized national conversation, desperate for reason and persuasion in our democracy, and hungry for an unbiased look at America's challenges and the policy choices available to the next president. For anyone patriotic enough to cast their 2020 US presidential and congressional votes based on real, potentially bipartisan solutions to our country's challenges, *The Ultimate Guide to the 2020 Election* points the way.

Presidential Playbook

Provide a road map for the next president and Congress to begin making real progress against four goals that matter to the American people

No Labels Policy Playbook For America's Next President ~ With the No Labels Policy Playbook for America's Next President, No Labels has provided a realistic road map for our next president and Congress to begin making real progress against four goals that matter to the American people.

Stakeholder(s):

President of the United States**American People****Congress****Congress***Fix Congress*

The Speaker Project ~ A NO LABELS CAMPAIGN TO BREAK THE RULES AND FIX OUR CONGRESS
 THE SPEAKER PROJECT BEGINS WITH THE PREMISE THAT NO REAL CHANGE WILL COME TO WASHINGTON UNTIL CONGRESSIONAL RULES ARE CHANGED IN A WAY THAT FORCES THE BODY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

This book lays out the changes needed in our Congress, why they're needed, and how they can be achieved.

Stakeholder(s):**Congress****Democracy***Rebuild our democracy*

Beyond Redistricting and Campaign Finance Six Bold Ideas to Rebuild Our Democracy

Stakeholder(s):**Campbell Public Affairs Institute :**

The Campbell Public Affairs Institute, named for Alan K. "Scotty" Campbell, was founded in 1996. The Institute's mission centers on citizenship, public leadership, and governance. The Institute explores the relationships among leaders, citizens, private organizations, and governments in an effort to understand the development and implementation of effective management and policy, and encourages civic involvement. Over the years, the Institute's projects and initiatives have included the Pew-funded Government Performance Project, dedicated to finding practical solutions to the problems of government; CNYSpeaks, an effort to broaden and deepen public deliberation and community participation in local affairs; published monographs on federalism, information sharing and homeland security, and government transparency; "The Campbell Conversations," an award-winning weekly public affairs radio program

airing on Central New York's largest NPR-affiliate; the Campbell Debates, a public Oxford-style debate series on public policy issues at the national, state, and local levels; and numerous lecture series of interest to the University and the regional community.

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Government*Change the way business is done in Washington***MAKE GOVERNMENT WORK!**

Make Government Work! is a bold experiment in changing the way business is done in Washington. In recent years Americans have grown accustomed to only seeing Democrats and Republicans working together when forced to by a crisis.

But this is no way to govern. America has serious challenges that require Democrats and Republicans meeting regularly and searching relentlessly for common ground. That's precisely what the Problem Solvers are doing and their support of Make Government Work! represents the group's first concrete undertaking.

Stakeholder(s):**Problem Solvers**

Presidency

Conquer the gridlock and hyper-partisanship that afflict American government

MAKE THE PRESIDENCY WORK!

The Make the Presidency Work! action plan is part of No Labels' ongoing effort to conquer the gridlock and hyper-partisanship that afflict American government and prevent us from dealing with our profound national challenges. This plan comes on the heels of our Make Congress Work! action plan, which featured a dozen common sense proposals to reform the outdated rules, procedures and traditions in the House and the Senate

Stakeholder(s):

Office of the President of the United States

Politics

Embrace a new politics of problem solving

MAKE AMERICA WORK! ~ A Time for Strong Leadership

America needs its leaders to embrace that common purpose shared by our founders. But it will not be achieved with just new people or new parties running the show.

We need our leaders to abandon the old politics of point scoring and embrace a new politics of problem solving. This is the cause that No Labels has been fighting for since we launched in 2011. It's a cause that is gaining new traction every single day in every state and congressional district in America.

But how do we get to this new politics of problem solving?

As No Labels sees it, there are two key things that need to be done.

One, we need our leaders to recommit themselves to the core responsibilities of leadership and to redefine their relationship with the American people.

And two, we need our leaders to commit to reforming the government itself; to fixing the outdated rules and procedures that were created in a different time to deal with very different challenges than those that we face in the 21st century.

Stakeholder(s):

America

Leaders :

In America we often describe an election as a "battle of ideas."

But ideas alone aren't enough to build a nation or grow an economy. You need leaders to bring those

ideas to fruition, and throughout our history, America has been blessed with truly exceptional leaders — people with the confidence, character and vision to lead our nation through times good and bad.

And today millions of Americans are all asking themselves the same question:

Where have all the leaders gone?

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