



Methodology

2020 Presidential Candidates on Marijuana: stances and policy provisions

The Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (DEPC), drawing from the candidates' public statements, policy proposals, and support for existing bills, has created an infographic identifying candidates' policy positions on marijuana. Information for each candidate's position was collected from various internet sources including media publications, marijuana-related publications, candidate websites, and congressional legislation. Research was collected from February 7 - March 3, 2020 (Super Tuesday). If a candidate voiced support for a selected bill, it was assumed that they supported all policy provisions attributed to that piece of legislation. Candidates from both major parties and the President of the United States were selected for inclusion if their campaign was still active on Super Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

DEPC does not endorse any set of policy provisions for marijuana reform and the infographic is not intended to rate or grade each candidate. The document, though not exhaustive, seeks to highlight marijuana reform provisions garnering attention in the 2020 campaign and to help the public identify which candidates' positions best map onto their own policy preferences regarding marijuana reform. While cannabis reform includes a diverse range of policy proposals, only those policy provisions drawn from the sources described above were included in the infographic. Provisions were only included in this accounting if, at the time of release, more than one active candidate had voiced their support. Additionally, candidates' marijuana-related agendas may exceed the provisions provided.

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