



Results of Platform Vote #1

Vote Conducted on January 15-21, 2017

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Official ballot options can be found [here](#).

The resulting platform planks have been incorporated into the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution, Article III, [here](#).

Note: The nomenclature of the Sections in the compiled Article III of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution differs from the nomenclature on the ballot to reflect the numbering conventions within the Constitution. However, the substance of the adopted Sections is reflective of the votes of the membership. Also, the titles of the ballot questions were intended for informational purposes only during the vote and will not become part of the official Platform.

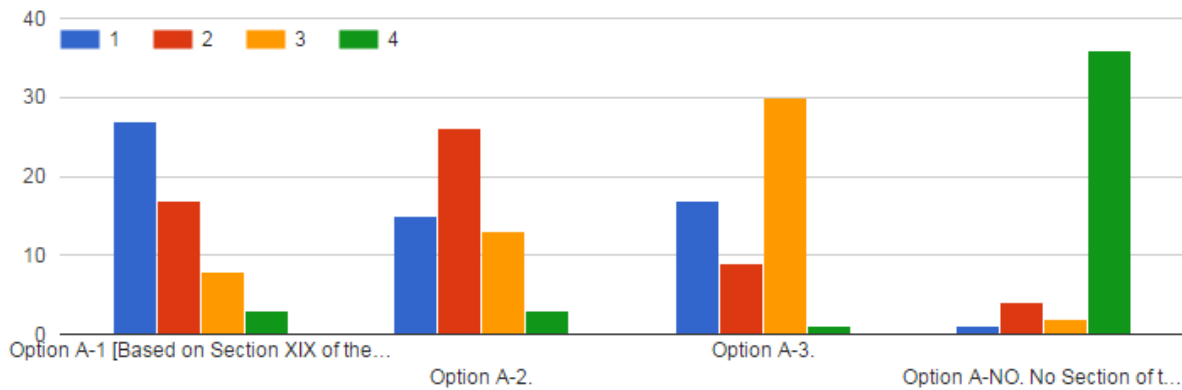
Total Ballots Cast: 62

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Question I. Section A. Privacy Rights

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Total votes: 60

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option A-1: 27 votes – 45.0%

Option A-2: 15 votes – 25.0%

Option A-3: 17 votes – 28.3%

Option A-NO: 1 vote – 1.7%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option A-NO is eliminated. The individual who voted for this option indicated no other preferences, so this individual's vote is not re-assigned to any other options.**

Round 2: Tally of First Choices

Total votes: 59

Option A-1: 27 votes – 45.8%

Option A-2: 15 votes – 25.4%

Option A-3: 17 votes – 28.8%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option A-2 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option A-2 are shifted up by one ranking.**

Round 3: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 59

Option A-1: 38 votes – 64.4%

Option A-3: 21 votes – 35.6%

After Round 3, Option A-1 wins.

Article III, Section I of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party strongly supports individual privacy and liberty over how to apply technology to one’s personal life. The United States Transhumanist Party holds that each individual should remain completely sovereign in the choice to disclose or not disclose personal activities, preferences, and beliefs within the public sphere. As such, the United States Transhumanist Party opposes all forms of mass surveillance and any intrusion by governmental or private institutions upon non-coercive activities that an individual has chosen to retain within his, her, or its private sphere. However, the United States Transhumanist Party also recognizes that no individuals should be protected from peaceful criticism of any matters that those individuals have chosen to disclose within the sphere of public knowledge and discourse.”

Question II. Section B. Anti-Bigotry

Total votes: 61

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option B-1: 29 votes – 47.5%

Option B-2: 8 votes – 13.1%

Option B-3: 8 votes – 13.1%

Option B-4: 6 votes – 9.8%

Option B-5: 9 votes – 14.8%

Option B-NO: 1 vote – 1.6%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option B-NO is eliminated. The individual who voted for this option indicated no other preferences, so this individual’s vote is not re-assigned to any other options.**

Round 2: Tally of First Choices

Total votes: 60

Option B-1: 29 votes – 48.3%

Option B-2: 8 votes – 13.3%

Option B-3: 8 votes – 13.3%

Option B-4: 6 votes – 10.0%

Option B-5: 9 votes – 15.0%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option B-4 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option B-4 are shifted up by one ranking.**

Round 3: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 60

Option B-1: 29 votes – 48.3%

Option B-2: 10 votes – 16.7%

Option B-3: 11 votes – 18.3%

Option B-5: 10 votes – 16.7%

In Round 3, no option receives a clear majority. **Options B-2 and B-5 are eliminated, and their votes are re-assigned to the next-highest remaining preferences selected by each voter who favored those options. All voter preferences ranked below each of those options are shifted up by the number of options eliminated. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 4: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 55 (Round 4 had 55 ballots considered, since five ballots only indicated the eliminated Options B-2 and B-5 as the revised first preferences, and had no other preference indications.)

Option B-1: 32 votes – 58.2%

Option B-3: 23 votes – 41.8%

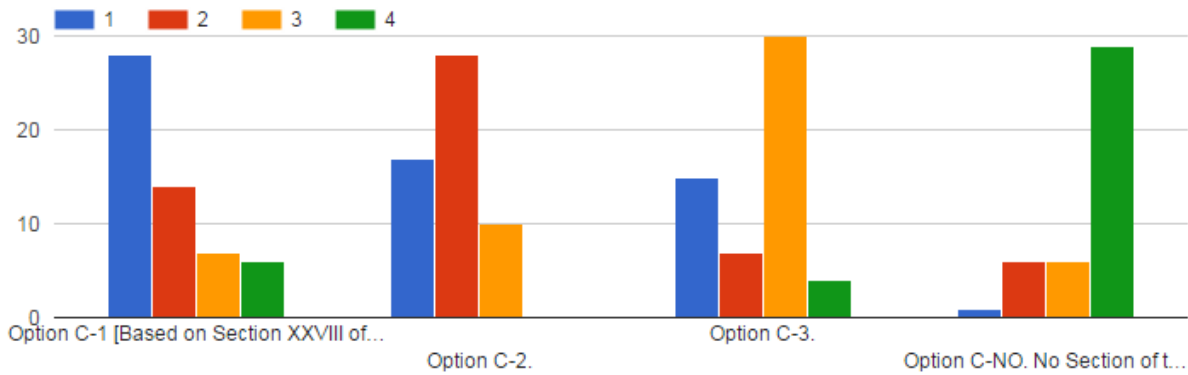
After Round 4, Option B-1 wins.

Article III, Section II of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party abhors all racism, nativism, xenophobia, and sexism. Accordingly, the United States Transhumanist Party condemns any hostile discrimination or legal restrictions on the basis of national origin, skin color, birthplace, ancestry, gender identity, or any manner of circumstantial attribute tied to a person’s lineage or accident of birth. Furthermore, the United States Transhumanist Party strongly opposes any efforts to close national borders, restrict immigration of peaceful individuals, or deny opportunities to individuals on the basis of ethnicity, race, or national origin. The United States Transhumanist Party unequivocally condemns all demagogues who seek to segregate individuals on the basis of national origin, race, or ethnicity. In particular, The United States Transhumanist Party opposes movements describing themselves as “white nationalism”, “America First”, “race realism”, and the “alt-right” – as well as the counterparts of those movements in other countries.”

Question III. Section C. Benefits and Risks of Technologies

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Total votes: 61

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option C-1: 28 votes – 45.9%

Option C-2: 17 votes – 27.9%

Option C-3: 15 votes – 24.6%

Option C-NO: 1 vote – 1.6%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option C-NO is eliminated. The individual who voted for this option indicated no other preferences, so this individual's vote is not re-assigned to any other options.**

Round 2: Tally of First Choices

Total votes: 60

Option C-1: 28 votes – 46.7%

Option C-2: 17 votes – 28.3%

Option C-3: 15 votes – 25.0%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option C-3 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option C-3 are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 3: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 57 (Round 3 had 57 ballots considered, since three ballots only indicated the eliminated Option C-3 as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Option C-1: 30 votes – 52.6%

Option C-2: 27 votes – 47.4%

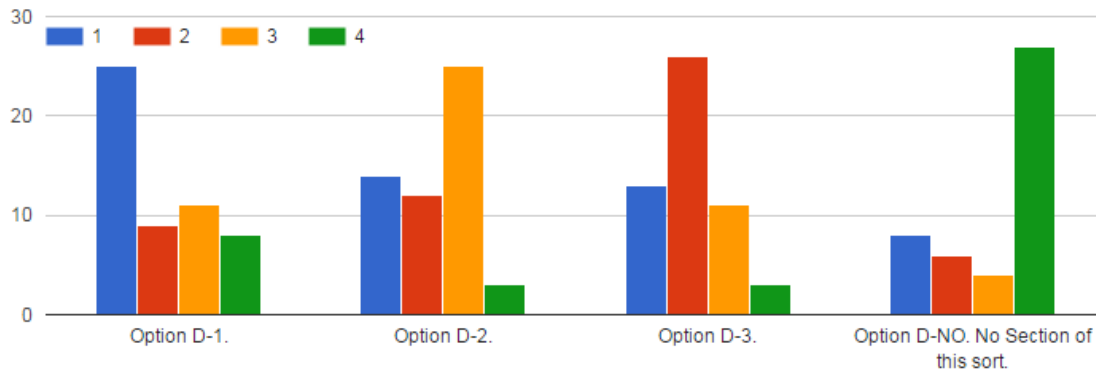
After Round 3, Option C-1 wins.

Article III, Section III of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party holds that the vast majority of technologies are beneficial to human well-being and should be enthusiastically advocated for and developed further. However, a minority of technologies could be detrimental to human well-being and, as such, their application, when it results in detrimental consequences, should be opposed. Examples of such detrimental technologies include nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, mass-surveillance systems such as those deployed by the National Security Agency in the United States, and backscatter X-ray full-body scanners such as those used until 2013 by the Transportation Security Administration in the United States. Furthermore, the United States Transhumanist Party is opposed to the deliberate engineering of new active pathogens or the resurrection of once-existing pathogens, whose spread might not be able to be contained within laboratory settings. While it is impossible to un-learn the knowledge utilized in the creation of such technologies, the United States Transhumanist Party holds that all such knowledge should only be devoted toward peaceful, life-affirming, rights-respecting purposes, going forward.”

Question IV. Section D. Nuclear Disarmament

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Total votes: 60

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option D-1: 25 votes – 41.7%

Option D-2: 14 votes – 23.3%

Option D-3: 13 votes – 21.7%

Option D-NO: 8 votes – 13.3%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option D-NO is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option D-NO are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 2: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 56 (Round 2 had 56 ballots considered, since four ballots only indicated the eliminated Option D-NO as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Option D-1: 26 votes – 46.4%

Option D-2: 16 votes – 28.6%

Option D-3: 14 votes – 25.0%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option D-3 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option D-3 are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 3: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 55 (Round 3 had 55 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option D-3 as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Option D-1: 34 votes – 61.8%

Option D-2: 21 votes – 38.2%

After Round 3, Option D-1 wins.

Article III, Section IV of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will read as follows:

“In recognition of the dire existential threat that nuclear weapons pose to sapient life on Earth – including as a result of such weapons’ accidental deployment due to system failures or human misunderstanding – the United States Transhumanist Party advocates the complete dismantlement and abolition of all nuclear weapons everywhere, as rapidly as possible. If necessary for geopolitical stability, synchronized multilateral disarmament and non-proliferation treaties should be pursued, strengthened, and accelerated in the most expeditious manner. If, however, multilateral agreements among nations are not reached, then the United States Transhumanist Party advocates that all nuclear powers, especially the United States and Russia, should undertake unilateral nuclear disarmament at the earliest opportunity in order to preserve civilization from accidental annihilation.”

Question V. Section E. Replacement of the Military-Industrial Complex

Total votes: 61

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E-1: 17 votes – 27.9%
Option E-2: 7 votes – 11.5%
Option E-3: 12 votes – 19.7%
Option E-4: 22 votes – 36.1%
Option E-NO: 3 votes – 4.9%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option E-NO is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option E-NO are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 2: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 60 (Round 2 had 60 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option E-NO as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Option E-1: 17 votes – 28.3%
Option E-2: 7 votes – 11.7%
Option E-3: 12 votes – 20.0%
Option E-4: 24 votes – 40.0%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option E-2 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option E-2 are shifted up by one ranking.**

Round 3: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 60

Option E-1: 20 votes – 33.3%
Option E-3: 14 votes – 23.3%
Option E-4: 26 votes – 43.3%

In Round 3, no option receives a clear majority. **Option E-3 is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by each voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option E-3 are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Round 4: Tally of First Choices after Reassignment

Total votes: 57 (Round 4 had 57 ballots considered, since three ballots only indicated the eliminated Option E-3 as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Option E-1: 23 votes – 40.4%

Option E-4: 34 votes – 59.6%

After Round 4, Option E-4 wins.

Article III, Section V of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports concerted research in effort to eradicate disease and illness that wreak havoc upon and cause death of sapient beings. We strongly advocate the increase and redirection of research funds to conduct research and experiments and to explore life, science, technology, medicine, and extraterrestrial realms to improve all sentient entities.”