



## Results of Platform Vote #2

*Vote Conducted on February 16-22, 2017*

*Results Tabulated by Gennady Stolyarov II, Chairman*

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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.

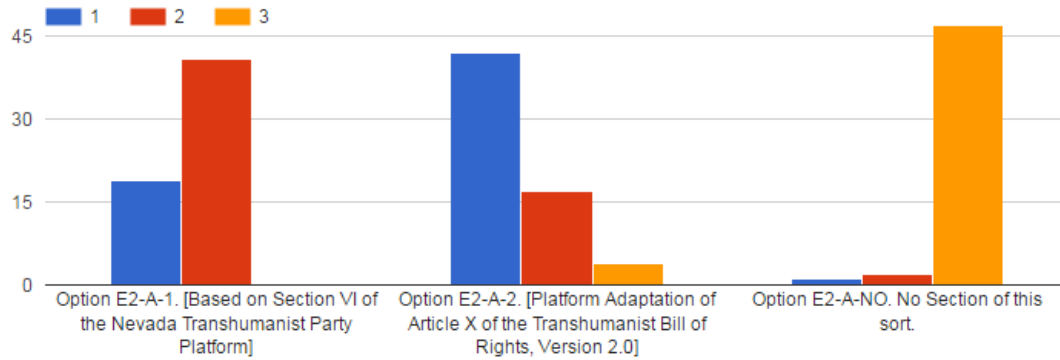
**Total Ballots Cast:** 64

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## Question I. Section E2-A. Morphological Freedom.

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**Total votes: 62**

### **Round 1: Tally of First Choices**

Option E2-A-1: 19 votes – 30.6%

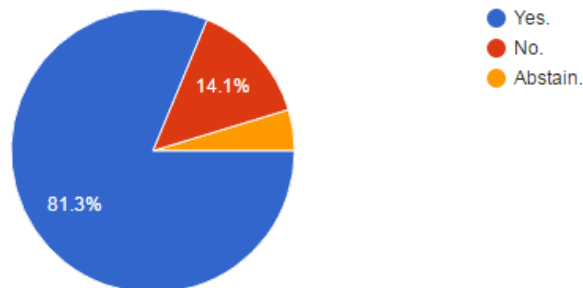
**Option E2-A-2: 42 votes – 67.7%**

Option E2-A-NO: 1 vote – 1.7%

**After Round 1, Option E2-A-2 wins.**

## Question II. Additional Text of Section E2-A. Reproductive Choice.

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**Yes: 52 votes – 81.3%**

No: 9 votes – 14.1%

Abstain: 3 votes – 4.7%

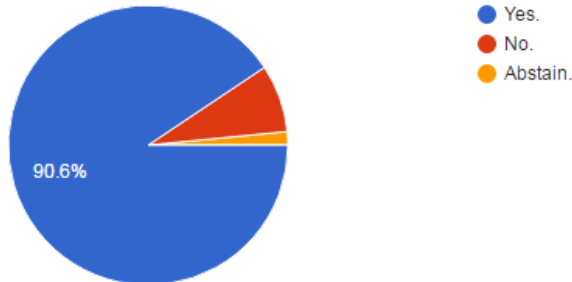
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**The result of the Question II vote is “Yes”.**

### Question III. Additional Text of Section E2-A. Ethical Obligations as Individual, Not Collective Purview

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(64 responses)



**Yes: 58 votes – 90.6%**

No: 5 votes – 7.8%

Abstain: 1 vote – 1.6%

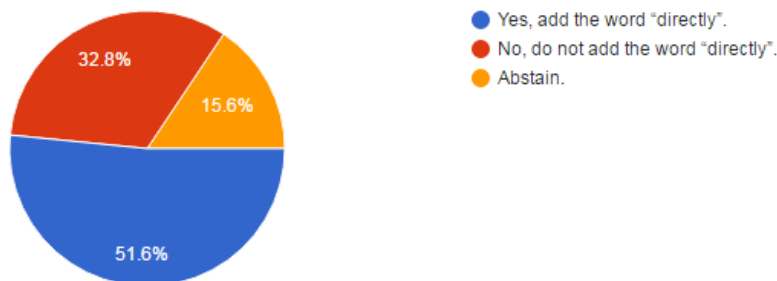
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**The result of the Question III vote is “Yes”.**

### Question IV. Preceding Mention of Not Harming Others by the Word “Directly”

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(64 responses)



**Yes: 33 votes – 51.6%**

No: 21 votes – 32.8%

Abstain: 10 votes – 15.6%

**Total votes: 64**

**The result of the Question IV vote is “Yes”.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party upholds morphological freedom—the right to do with one’s physical attributes or intelligence whatever one wants so long as it does not directly harm others.

The United States Transhumanist Party considers morphological freedom to include the prerogative for a sentient intelligence to set forth in advance provisions for how to handle its physical manifestation, should that intelligence enter into a vegetative, unconscious, or similarly inactive state, notwithstanding any legal definition of death. For instance, a cryonics patient should be entitled to determine in advance that the patient’s body shall be cryopreserved and kept under specified conditions, in spite of any legal definition of death that might apply to that patient under cryopreservation.

The United States Transhumanist Party also recognizes that morphological freedom entails the duty to treat all sapient beings as individuals instead of categorizing them into arbitrary subgroups or demographics, including as yet undefined subcategorizations that may arise as sapience evolves.

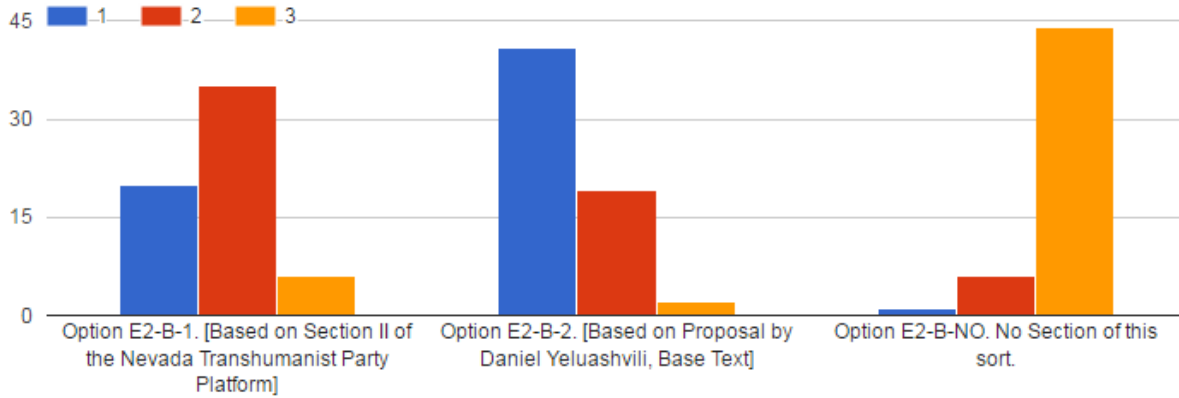
The United States Transhumanist Party is focused on the rights of all sapient individuals to do as they see fit with themselves and their own reproductive choices.

However, the United States Transhumanist Party holds that the proper exercise of morphological freedom must also ensure that any improvement of the self should not result in involuntary harms directly inflicted upon others. Furthermore, the United States Transhumanist Party recognizes any sentient entity to have the freedom not to modify itself without being subject to negative political repercussions, which include but are not limited to legal and/or socio-economic repercussions.

The United States Transhumanist Party recognizes the ethical obligations of sapient beings to be the purview of those individual beings, and holds that no other group, individual, or government has the right to limit those choices – including genetic manipulation or other biological manipulation or any other modifications up to and including biological manipulation, mechanical manipulation, life extension, reproductive choice, reproductive manipulation, cryonics, or other possible modifications, enhancements, or morphological freedoms. It is only when such choices directly infringe upon the rights of other sapient beings that the United States Transhumanist Party will work to develop policies to avoid potential infringements.”

## Question V. Section E2-B. Pro-Intelligence / Pro-Science Position

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**Total votes: 62**

### **Round 1: Tally of First Choices**

Option E2-B-1: 20 votes – 32.3%

**Option E2-B-2: 41 votes – 66.1%**

Option E2-A-NO: 1 vote – 1.7%

**After Round 1, Option E2-B-2 wins.**

## Question VI. Additional Text of Section E2-B. Unfavorable Treatment of Sources That Cannot Stand Up to Scrutiny

**Total votes: 63**

### **Round 1: Tally of First Choices**

Yes, use “condemns”: 19 votes – 30.2%

Yes, use “disavows”: 5 votes – 7.9%

Yes, use “disregards”: 6 votes – 9.5%

Yes, use “disapproves of”: 7 votes – 11.1%

Yes, use “frowns upon”: 1 vote – 1.6%

Yes, use “places no reliance upon”: 18 votes – 28.6%

No, do not include such a clause at all: 7 votes – 11.1%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “frowns upon” is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by the voter who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option “frowns upon” are shifted up by one ranking.**

### **Round 2: Tally of First Choices**

**Total votes:** 63

**Yes,** use “condemns”: 19 votes – 30.2%

**Yes,** use “disavows”: 5 votes – 7.9%

**Yes,** use “disregards”: 6 votes – 9.5%

**Yes,** use “disapproves of”: 7 votes – 11.1%

**Yes,** use “places no reliance upon”: 19 votes – 30.2%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 7 votes – 11.1%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “disavows” 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 “disavows” 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**

**Total votes:** 62 (Round 3 had 62 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “disavows” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes,** use “condemns”: 21 votes – 33.9%

**Yes,** use “disregards”: 7 votes – 11.3%

**Yes,** use “disapproves of”: 7 votes – 11.3%

**Yes,** use “places no reliance upon”: 19 votes – 30.6%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 8 votes – 12.9%

In Round 3, no option receives a clear majority. **Options “disregards” and “disapproves of” 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**

**Total votes:** 61 (Round 4 had 61 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “disapproves of” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes,** use “condemns”: 25 votes – 41.0%

**Yes,** use “places no reliance upon”: 27 votes – 44.3%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 9 votes – 14.8%

In Round 4, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “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 “No” are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

### **Round 5: Tally of First Choices**

**Total votes:** 58 (Round 5 had 58 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “No” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes,** use “condemns”: 27 votes – 46.6%

**Yes,** use “places no reliance upon”: 31 votes – 53.4%

After Round 5, Option “places no reliance upon” wins.

## **Question VII. Additional Text of Section E2-B. Nature of Scrutiny to Be Used to Justify Reliance**

**Total votes:** 63

### **Round 1: Tally of First Choices**

**Yes,** use “academic”: 10 votes – 15.9%

**Yes,** use “rational”: 17 votes – 27.0%

**Yes,** use “factually grounded”: 15 votes – 23.8%

**Yes,** use “objective”: 14 votes – 22.2%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 7 votes – 11.1%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “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 “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**

**Total votes:** 60 (Round 2 had 60 ballots considered, since three ballots only indicated the eliminated Option “No” as the first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes,** use “academic”: 11 votes – 18.3%

**Yes,** use “rational”: 19 votes – 31.7%

**Yes,** use “factually grounded”: 16 votes – 26.7%

**Yes,** use “objective”: 14 votes – 23.3%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “academic” 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 “academic” 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**

**Total votes:** 59 (Round 3 had 59 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “academic” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes, use “rational”:** 23 votes – 39.0%

**Yes, use “factually grounded”:** 20 votes – 33.9%

**Yes, use “objective”:** 16 votes – 27.1%

In Round 3, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “objective” 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 “objective” 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**

**Total votes:** 58 (Round 4 had 58 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “objective” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes, use “rational”:** 33 votes – 56.9%

**Yes, use “factually grounded”:** 25 votes – 43.1%

**After Round 4, Option “rational” wins.**

**Question VIII. Additional Text of Section E2-B. Unfavorable Treatment of Entities That Intentionally Distort Evidence**

Question VIII was posed within the structure of *acceptability voting*, where voters were asked to select all of the wording choices that were acceptable to them. In this situation, any option that was acceptable to a majority of the voters will be adopted as part of the text of the platform plank regarding a pro-intelligence / pro-science position.

**Total votes: 64**

**Yes, include “individual”:** 44 votes (68.8%) in favor – *will be included*

**Yes, include “organization”:** 47 votes (73.4%) in favor – *will be included*

**Yes, include “belief system”:** 36 votes (56.3%) in favor – *will be included*

**Yes, include “scientific” evidence:** 49 votes (76.6%) in favor – *will be included*

**Yes, include “historical” evidence:** 42 votes (65.6%) in favor – *will be included*

**Yes, include “political” evidence:** 24 votes (37.5%) in favor – will not be included

**Yes, include “journalistic” evidence:** 25 votes (39.1%) in favor – will not be included

**No, do not include such a clause at all:** 12 votes (18.8%) in favor – “No” option fails



## **Question IX. Additional Text of Section E2-B. Manner of Verifiability of Evidence**

**Total votes:** 63

### **Round 1: Tally of First Choices**

**Yes,** use “academically”: 6 votes – 9.5%

**Yes,** use “empirically”: 20 votes – 31.7%

**Yes,** use “factually”: 11 votes – 17.5%

**Yes,** use “objectively”: 12 votes – 19.0%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 14 votes – 22.2%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “academically” 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 “academically” 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**

**Total votes:** 62 (Round 2 had 62 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option “academically” as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

**Yes,** use “empirically”: 22 votes – 35.5%

**Yes,** use “factually”: 12 votes – 19.4%

**Yes,** use “objectively”: 14 votes – 22.6%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 14 votes – 22.6%

In Round 2, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “factually” 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 “factually” are shifted up by one ranking.**

### **Round 3: Tally of First Choices**

**Total votes:** 62

**Yes,** use “empirically”: 29 votes – 46.8%

**Yes,** use “objectively”: 18 votes – 29.0%

**No,** do not include such a clause at all: 15 votes – 24.2%

In Round 3, no option receives a clear majority. **Option “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 “No” 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**

**Total votes:** 56 (Round 4 had 56 ballots considered, since six ballots only indicated the eliminated Option “No” as the first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

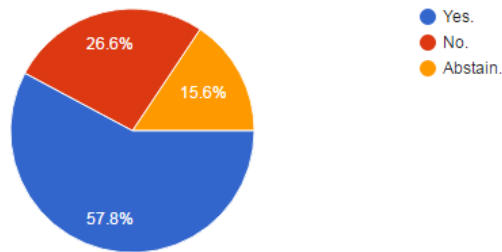
**Yes, use “empirically”:** 34 votes – 60.7%

**Yes, use “objectively”:** 22 votes – 39.3%

**After Round 4, Option “empirically” wins.**

**Question X. Additional Text of Section E2-B. Unfavorable View of Logical Fallacies.**

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(64 responses)



**Yes: 37 votes – 57.8%**

**No: 17 votes – 26.6%**

**Abstain: 10 votes – 15.6%**

**Total votes:** 64

**The result of the Question X vote is “Yes”.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party strongly supports and emphasizes all values and organized efforts related to the cultivation of science, reason, intelligence, and rational thinking.

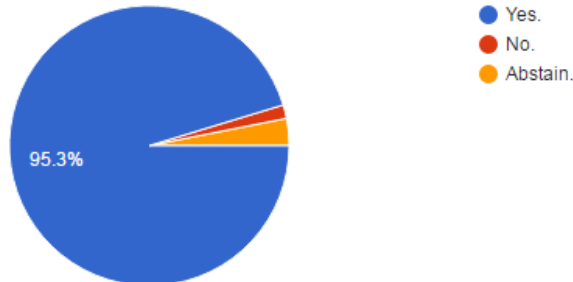
The United States Transhumanist Party places no reliance upon any and all sources of information that cannot stand up to rational scrutiny.

The United States Transhumanist Party places no reliance upon any individual, organization, or belief system that intentionally distorts empirically verifiable evidence, including but not limited to scientific and historical evidence, to serve its own agenda.

The United States Transhumanist Party places no reliance upon any position or belief system that contains arguments built upon logical fallacies (with exemption granted to arguments containing both fallacious and logically defensible premises).”

## Question XI. Section E2-C. Liberty to Innovate

Question XI. Section E2-C. Liberty to Innovate (64 responses)



**Yes: 61 votes – 95.3%**

No: 1 vote – 1.6%

Abstain: 2 votes – 3.1%

**Total votes: 64**

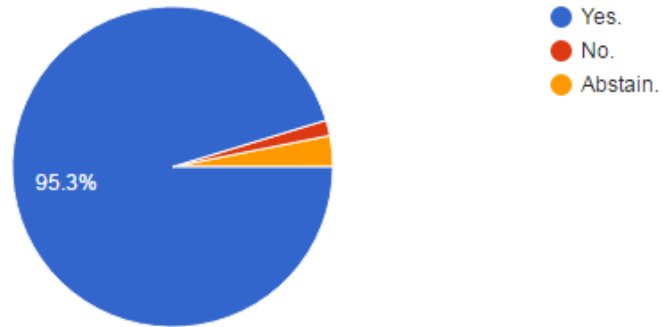
**The result of the Question XI vote is “Yes”.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports maximum individual liberty to engage in scientific and technological innovation for the improvement of the self and the human species. In particular, the United States Transhumanist Party supports all rationally, scientifically grounded research efforts for curing diseases, lengthening lifespans, achieving functional, healthy augmentations of the body and brain, and increasing the durability and youthfulness of the human organism. The United States Transhumanist Party holds that all such research efforts should be rendered fully lawful and their products should be made fully available to the public, as long as no individual is physically harmed without that individual’s consent or defrauded by misrepresentation of the effects of a possible treatment or substance.”

## Question XII. Section E2-D. Support for Emerging Technologies

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**Yes: 61 votes – 95.3%**

No: 1 vote – 1.6%

Abstain: 2 votes – 3.1%

**Total votes: 64**

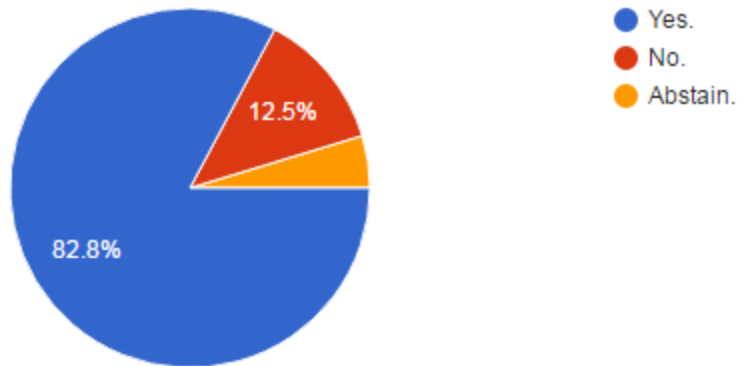
**The result of the Question XII vote is “Yes”.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports all emerging technologies that have the potential to improve the human condition – including but not limited to autonomous vehicles, electric vehicles, economical solar power, safe nuclear power, hydroelectricity, geothermal power, applications for the sharing of durable goods, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, nanotechnology, robotics, rapid transit, 3D printing, vertical farming, electronic devices to detect and respond to trauma, and beneficial genetic modification of plants, animals, and human beings.”

## Question XIII. Section E2-E. Smart Infrastructure

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**Yes: 53 votes – 82.8%**

No: 8 votes – 12.5%

Abstain: 3 votes – 4.7%

**Total votes: 64**

**The result of the Question XIII vote is “Yes”.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party advocates the construction of a self-repairing, self-maintaining smart infrastructure which incorporates the distribution of energy, communications, and clean potable water to every building.”