



Results of Platform Vote #5

Vote Conducted on June 18-24, 2017
Results Tabulated by Gennady Stolyarov II, Chairman
Results Published on July 3, 2017

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: 50

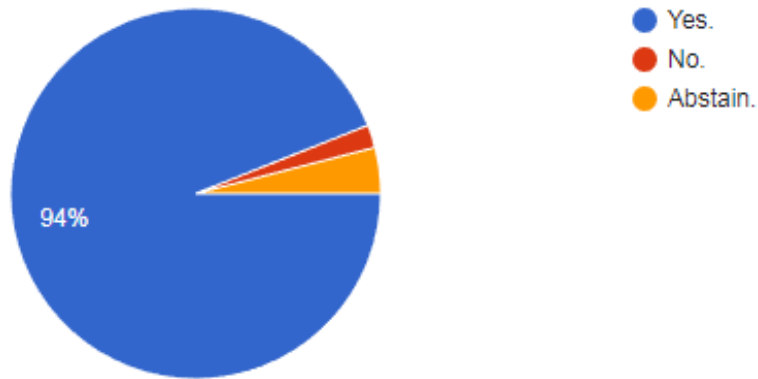
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Question I. Section E5-A. Germaneness / Single-Subject Rule for Bills

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50 responses



Yes: 47 votes – 94.0%

No: 1 votes – 2.0%

Abstain: 2 votes – 4.0%

The result of the Question I vote is “Yes”.

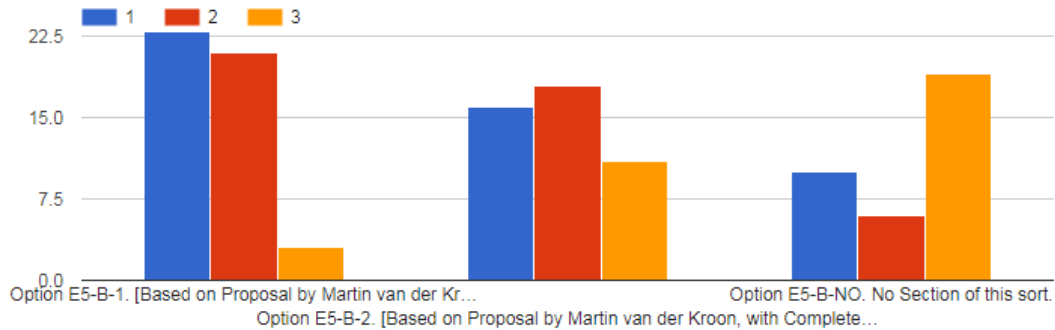
The text of Article III, Section XLVII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to have bills proposed without subsections or provisions unrelated to the main subject of the bill. A single-subject or germaneness rule for bills would:

1. Simplify bills, rendering them more accessible and less convoluted;
2. Enable a focused vote for or against a bill without the possibility of having to accept or reject an embedded unrelated provision; and
3. Prevent an unrelated provision from being buried within a bill as a possible tactic to have it passed.”

Question II. Section E5-B. Opposition to Protectionism and Subsidies

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Total votes: 49

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-B-1: 23 votes – 43.9%

Option E5-B-2: 16 votes – 32.7%

Option E5-B-NO: 10 votes – 20.4%

In Round 1, no option receives a clear majority. **Option E5-B-NO is eliminated, and its votes are re-assigned to the #2 preferences selected by the voters who favored that option. All voter preferences ranked below Option E5-B-NO are shifted up by one ranking. Any ballots that have no remaining preferences are not considered beyond this round.**

Total votes: 48 (Round 2 had 48 ballots considered, since one ballot only indicated the eliminated Option E5-B-NO as the revised first preference, and had no other preference indications.)

Round 2: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-B-1: 32 votes – 66.7%

Option E5-B-2: 16 votes – 33.3%

After Round 2, Option E5-B-1 wins.

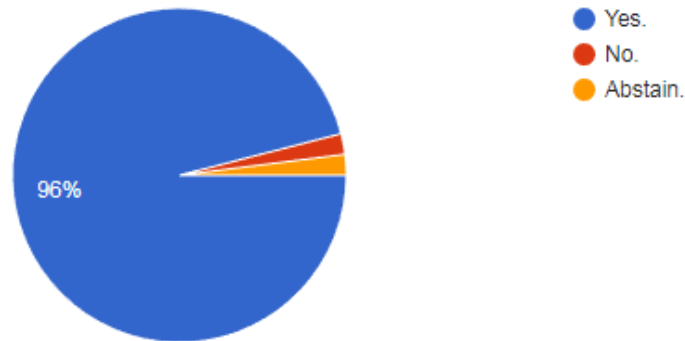
The text of Article III, Section XLVIII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to limit protectionism and subsidization of an industry or group of companies. The exception to this would be that of extenuating circumstances, such as natural disasters or catastrophes, in which case a limited window of support could be approved. The United States Transhumanist Party understands that in a free-market society, private businesses, in order to continue their existence, ought to adapt to market changes instead of being shielded from such changes.”

Question III. Section E5-C. Bodily Autonomy

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50 responses



Yes: 48 votes – 96.0%

No: 1 vote – 2.0%

Abstain: 1 vote – 2.0%

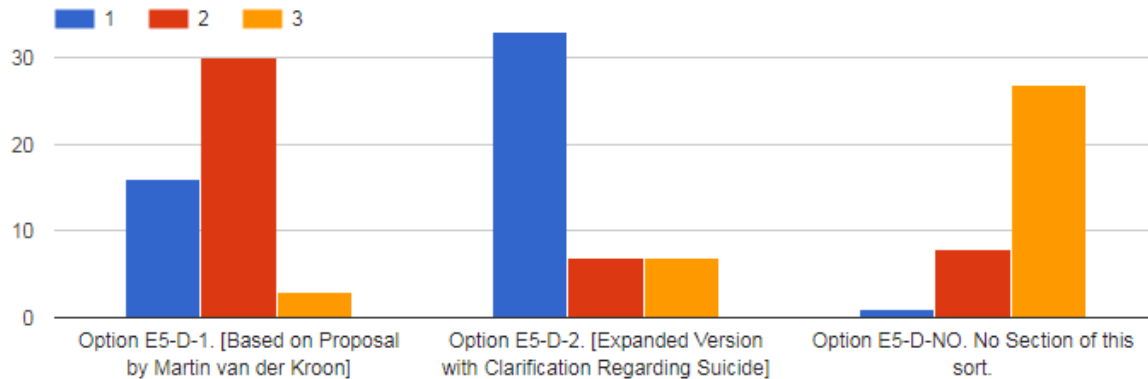
The result of the Question III vote is “Yes”.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to increase autonomy of individuals to decide over their own bodies and holds that individuals should have the legal right to undertake procedures including gender reassignment, hysterectomies, vasectomies, technological augmentation, cosmetic alterations, genetic enhancements, and physical supplementation at or after the age of 18 years, as long as this does not create health hazards or threats to other individuals.”

Question IV. Section E5-D. Autonomy to Decide on the Continuation of One’s Own Life

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Total votes: 50

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-D-1: 16 votes – 32.0%

Option E5-D-2: 33 votes – 66.0%

Option E5-D-NO: 1 vote – 2.0%

After Round 1, Option E5-D-2 wins.

Question V. Section E5-D. Ancillary Provisions Regarding Autonomy to Decide on the Continuation of One’s Own Life

Question V 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: 50

Ancillary Provision E5-D-i. Cultural Promotion of Life – 36 votes (72.0%) in favor – *will be included*

Ancillary Provision E5-D-ii. Protection of Uncoerced Patient Choice – 35 votes (70.0%) in favor – *will be included*

Ancillary Provision E5-D-iii. Opposition to Financially Motivated Lobbies and Steering Toward Life-Ending Decisions – 31 votes (62.0%) in favor – *will be included*

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports the autonomy of an individual to decide on the continuation of that individual’s own life, including the right to choose or not to choose life-extending medical treatments. The United States Transhumanist Party does not consider it practicable or desirable for suicide to be illegal but discourages suicide from a moral standpoint, and furthermore considers that the legal right of suicide should only pertain to the individual and should not extend to any euthanasia or direct administration of a life-ending substance or procedure by any other person. The United States Transhumanist Party has grave concerns with anybody but the individual acting to hasten the end of that individual’s life.

Although each individual should be free to decide upon the duration of his, her, or its own life, the United States Transhumanist Party supports cultural changes and discussions that would encourage all individuals to undertake life-prolonging choices and activities. Advances in medical technology would facilitate more open-ended lifespans and would enable individuals to choose either finite or indefinite lengths of their lives. However, if individuals are recognized as having this autonomy, the United States Transhumanist Party is interested in persuading as many people as possible to decide to preserve their irreplaceable lives instead of hastening their end.

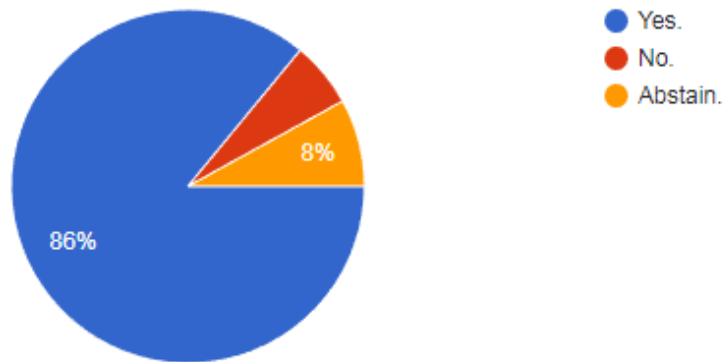
With regard to any legalization of assisted suicide or measures to provide patients with life-ending prescriptions, the United States Transhumanist Party supports stringent legal safeguards to ensure that each individual patient’s choice with regard to such matters is entirely free and uncoerced, and that there is no steering of any particular individual toward a life-ending choice by family members, medical practitioners, health insurers, activists, or any other individual or organization standing to benefit financially from the end of a patient’s life. However, efforts to persuade an individual to prolong his, her, or its life should not be restricted.

The United States Transhumanist Party opposes the emergence of any financially motivated lobby or industry whose primary business model would be assisted suicide or euthanasia, as the existence of such a lobby could create incentives and policies to steer people toward life-ending choices, including through legislation that might favor such “choices” in not-quite-voluntary situations. Instead, any prescription for a life-ending substance should only be provided as an incidental service by a patient’s primary-care physician, with the express written consent of at least one other unaffiliated physician, and the substance in question should only be allowed to be self-administered by the patient directly after a pre-defined time period since the obtaining of the prescription. Once the substance is prescribed, no medical practitioner should be permitted to benefit financially based on any specific choice of the patient to self-administer the substance to end the patient’s life. This position should not be construed to restrict any non-financially motivated political advocacy on the subject of assisted suicide, which involves individuals expressing their views on this subject in a public forum, when those individuals do not stand to gain financially from others choosing to obtain a life-ending substance.”

Question VI. Section E5-E. International Organ-Donation System

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50 responses



Yes: 43 votes – 86.0%

No: 3 votes – 6.0%

Abstain: 4 votes – 8.0%

The result of the Question VI vote is “Yes”.

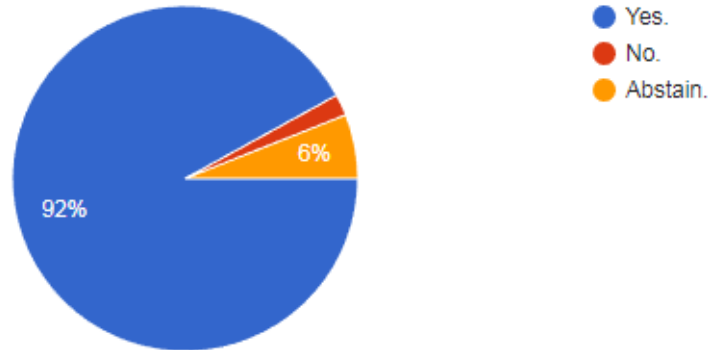
The text of Article III, Section LI of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to establish a cross-border or international organ-donation system so that organ donors who wish to do so may donate their organs in a foreign country. This could pertain to Americans working or traveling in foreign countries, but also foreigners or travelers who pass away within U.S. borders. This system would be particularly useful for saving lives with organs that have a very short preservation duration, and would take too long to be sent to the country of the donor’s nationality.”

Question VII. Section E5-F. Sousveillance of Government Officials in a Lawmaking Capacity

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50 responses



Yes: 46 votes – 92.0%

No: 1 vote – 2.0%

Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

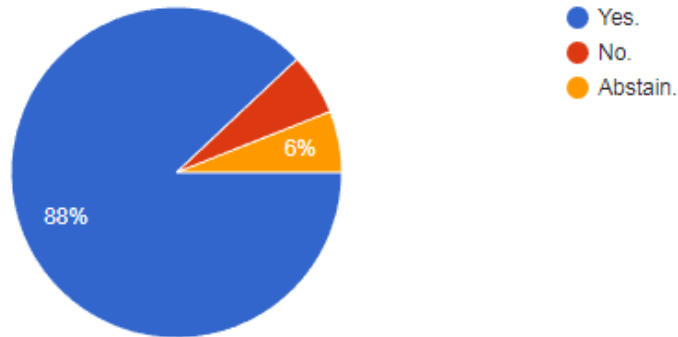
The result of the Question VII vote is “Yes”.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to increase the ability for public sousveillance on the functioning of government officials, in particular those who may propose laws, during negotiations and deliberations on proposing bills and national and international trade agreements. Furthermore, the United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to make the current hosting of live-streams from United States Congress more user-friendly and accessible to the public, accompanied by links to proposed bills where applicable.”

Question VIII. Section E5-G. Affidavit of Public Interest for Lawmakers
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50 responses



Yes: 44 votes – 88.0%
No: 3 votes – 6.0%
Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

The result of the Question VIII vote is “Yes”.

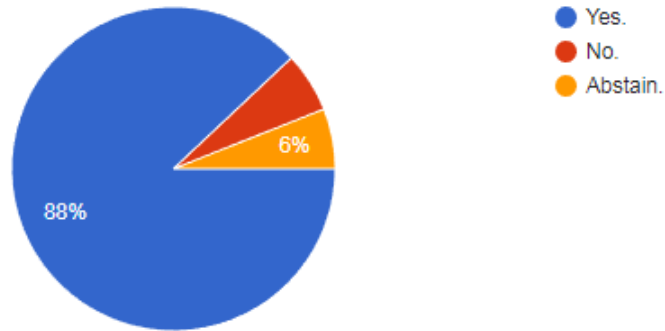
The text of Article III, Section LIII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to have a mandatory standard clause or affidavit, affirming that a Representative, Senator, or other Legislative Branch lawmaker proposing a piece of legislation, such as a bill in Congress, has no conflict of interest between serving the public and serving other parties, such as special-interest groups. The clause would have to be signed and dated by the representative before the legislation is allowed to be proposed.”

Question IX. Section E5-H. Accountability of Security Agencies to Congress

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50 responses



Yes: 44 votes – 88.0%

No: 3 votes – 6.0%

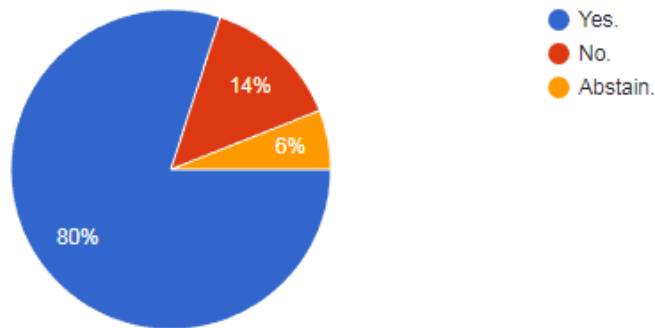
Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

The result of the Question IX vote is “Yes”.

Question X. Section E5-H. Accountability of Security Agencies to Congress. Qualifying Language on Budgetary Review Committee

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Yes: 40 votes – 80.0%

No: 7 votes – 14.0%

Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

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

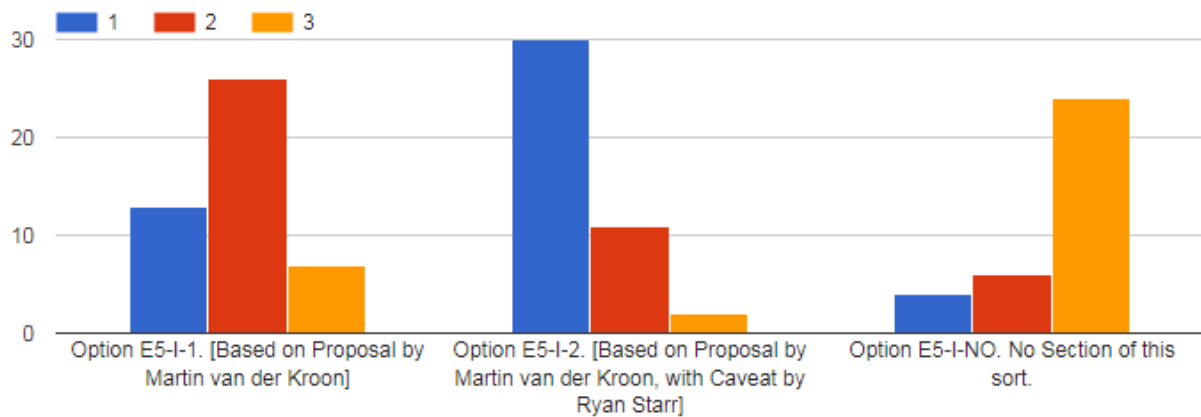
The text of Article III, Section LIV of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports increasing broad accountability of Federal Government departments, agencies, and entities, especially those tasked with national security and / or criminal investigations, to the United States Congress. Currently some agencies may receive government funding without any accountability as to what the funding is used for, often based on arguments that this information is ‘classified’ or ‘may not be revealed in the interest of national security’. This is irresponsible use of taxpayer money.

The United States Transhumanist Party does acknowledge that such entities or agencies may have security concerns regarding the publication of details of their budget plans. As such, the United States Transhumanist Party supports setting up a special non-partisan security budgetary review committee where more details of budget plans would have to be provided before considering to provide funds to an agency or entity.”

Question XI. Section E5-I. Reduction of Redundancies among Security and Law-Enforcement Agencies

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Total votes: 47

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-I-1: 13 votes – 27.7%

Option E5-I-2: 30 votes – 63.8%

Option E5-I-NO: 4 votes – 8.5%

After Round 1, Option E5-I-2 wins.

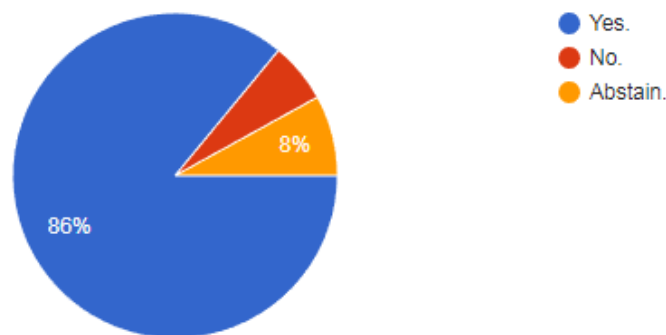
The text of Article III, Section LV of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to consolidate and reduce some redundancies among agencies and entities tasked with national security and law enforcement, as well as to reduce the number of such agencies and entities currently in operation. However, while supporting the elimination of parallel redundancies which can create problems, the United States Transhumanist Party recognizes that certain types of hierarchical redundancies can help with quality control.”

Question XII. Section E5-J. Protection Against Obstruction of Congresspersons’ Ability to Vote

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Yes: 43 votes – 86.0%

No: 3 votes – 6.0%

Abstain: 4 votes – 8.0%

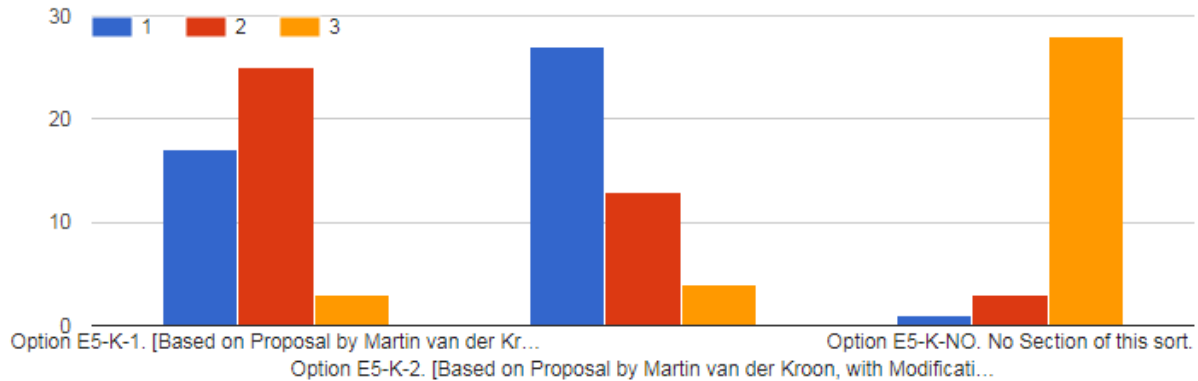
The result of the Question XII vote is “Yes”.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to ensure that no United States Representative or Senator may be obstructed in their ability to vote on any piece of legislation, or be kept from the Senate or House of Representatives for intra- or extra-curricular political-party activities which interfere with their primary task as representatives of the people within government. For example, protections should exist to prevent situations where Representatives or Senators are forced by their political parties to do fundraising calls during a vote on a bill.”

Question XIII. Section E5-K. Opposition to Civil Asset Forfeiture, Asset Seizure, and Excessive Detainment

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Total votes: 45

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-K-1: 17 votes – 37.8%

Option E5-K-2: 27 votes – 60.0%

Option E5-K-NO: 1 vote – 2.2%

After Round 1, Option E5-K-2 wins.

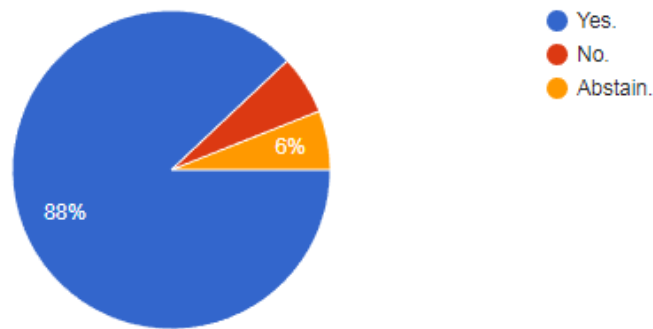
The text of Article III, Section LVII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to restrict and limit civil asset forfeiture laws, and other laws that assist law-enforcement agencies in circumventing the Fourth Amendment, such as asset seizure, or detainment or arrest in situations where no criminal charges have been filed, except as part of an active interrogation of a person suspected of a crime or unless the person detained or arrested poses a clear and probable danger of inflicting physical harm upon others or their property.”

Question XIV. Section E5-L. Investigation of Questionable Law-Enforcement Activities

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50 responses



Yes: 44 votes – 88.0%

No: 3 votes – 6.0%

Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

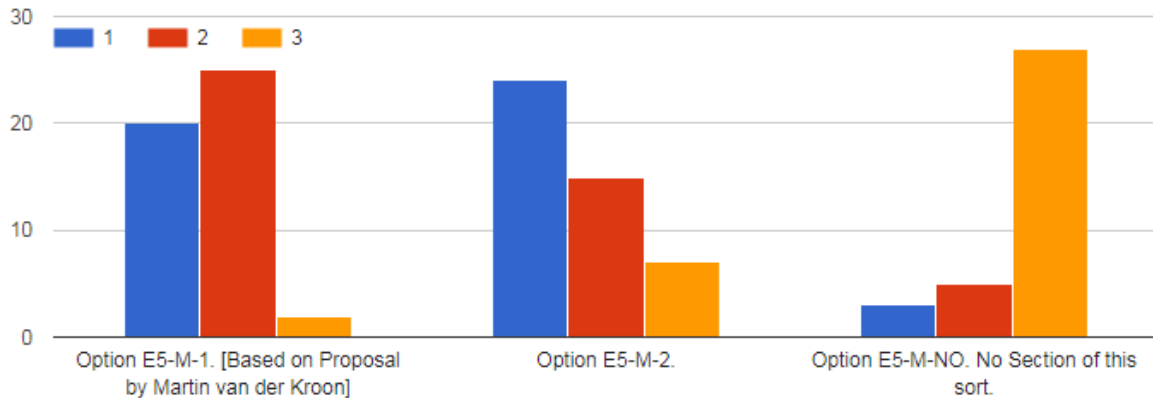
The result of the Question XIV vote is “Yes”.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to investigate questionable, but currently legal, actions by law-enforcement agencies that have over time garnered critical attention by the public. The safety of the public could benefit from such actions being revisited or revised to limit abuse and to close legal loopholes.”

Question XV. Section E5-M. Position on Internal Police Investigations of Misconduct

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Total votes: 47

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-M-1: 20 votes – 42.6%

Option E5-M-2: 24 votes – 51.1%

Option E5-M-NO: 3 votes – 6.4%

After Round 1, Option E5-M-2 wins.

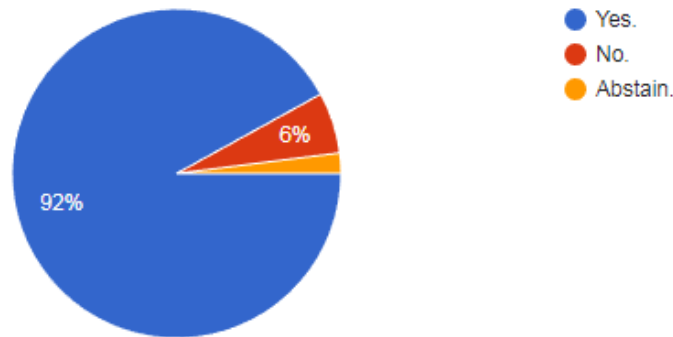
The text of Article III, Section LIX of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party considers it important for impartial, objective investigations of alleged police and other law-enforcement misconduct to be pursued. While law-enforcement agencies should not be prohibited from internally investigating potential abuses within their own ranks, such investigations should never be considered exclusive or conclusive, and further external checks and accountability should be instituted. As part of providing such checks and accountability, investigations regarding police misconduct, criminal activity, felonies, and misdemeanors should, in addition to any internal investigation, also be investigated by a different source – for example, a different police department, or a district attorney for a different area assigned to lead the investigation. The intent of this requirement is to limit the possibility of favorably biased or preferential treatment of a member of a given law-enforcement agency by that person’s colleagues, and to restore confidence by the public that an investigation into police misconduct is done as objectively as possible.”

Question XVI. Section E5-N. Limitations on Favor-Trading Among Police, District Attorneys, and Judges

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50 responses



Yes: 46 votes – 92.0%

No: 3 votes – 6.0%

Abstain: 1 vote – 2.0%

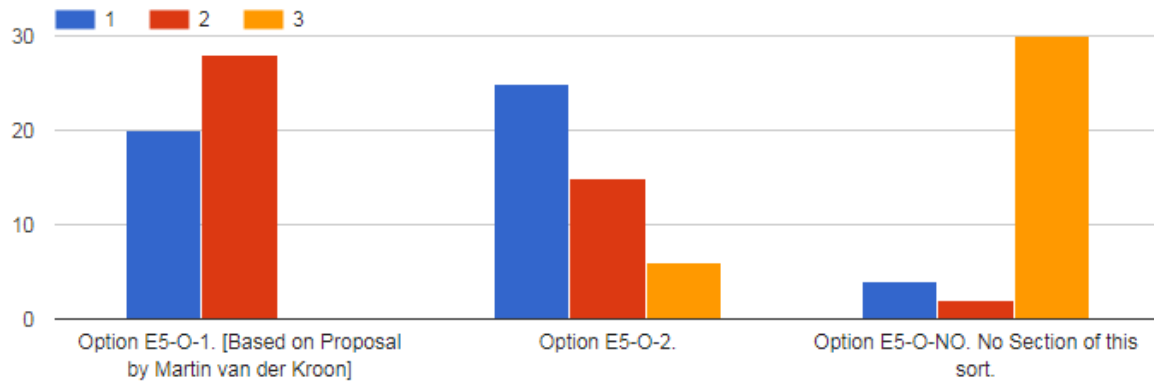
The result of the Question XVI vote is “Yes”.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to limit the possibility for police, district attorneys, and judges to favor one another through mutual “back-scratching” accommodations which may cause a particular criminal matter to be resolved in a manner inconsistent with the true facts of the situation or the requirements of applicable law.”

Question XVII. Section E5-O. Opposition to Special Benefits for Members of Congress

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Total votes: 49

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-O-1: 20 votes – 40.8%

Option E5-O-2: 25 votes – 51.0%

Option E5-O-NO: 4 votes – 8.2%

After Round 1, Option E5-O-2 wins.

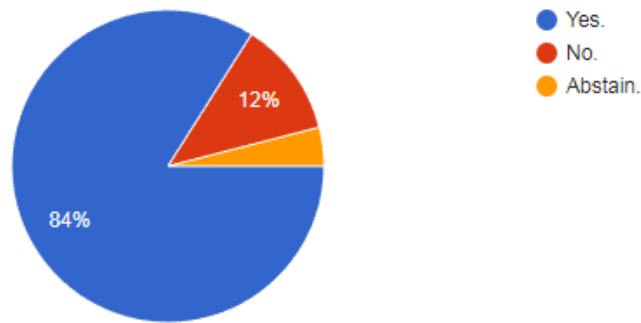
The text of Article III, Section LXI of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts to prevent members of Congress from receiving special benefits, subsidies, and tax breaks that other citizens do not receive, and that are not necessary to function as a member of Congress. This limitation would pertain, for example, to health-care subsidies that are inaccessible to other citizens. However, this limitation would not prevent members of Congress from obtaining working conditions and job-related benefits of the sort which are broadly available, without regard to rank or degree of influence, to other Americans working within the private or public sectors.”

Question XVIII. Section E5-P. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

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50 responses



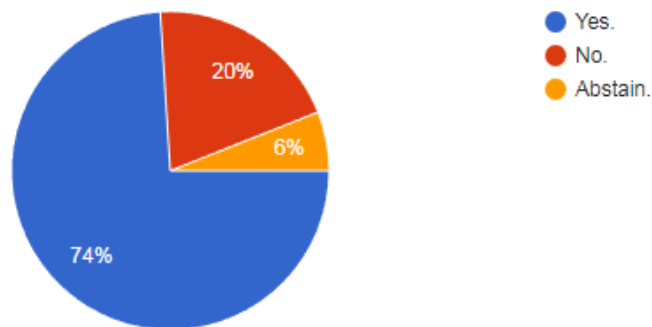
Yes: 42 votes – 84.0%
No: 6 votes – 12.0%
Abstain: 2 votes – 4.0%

The result of the Question XVIII vote is “Yes”.

Question XIX. Section E5-P. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Qualifying Language on Homeschooling

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50 responses



Yes: 37 votes – 74.0%
No: 10 votes – 20.0%
Abstain: 3 votes – 6.0%

The result of the Question XIX vote is “Yes”.

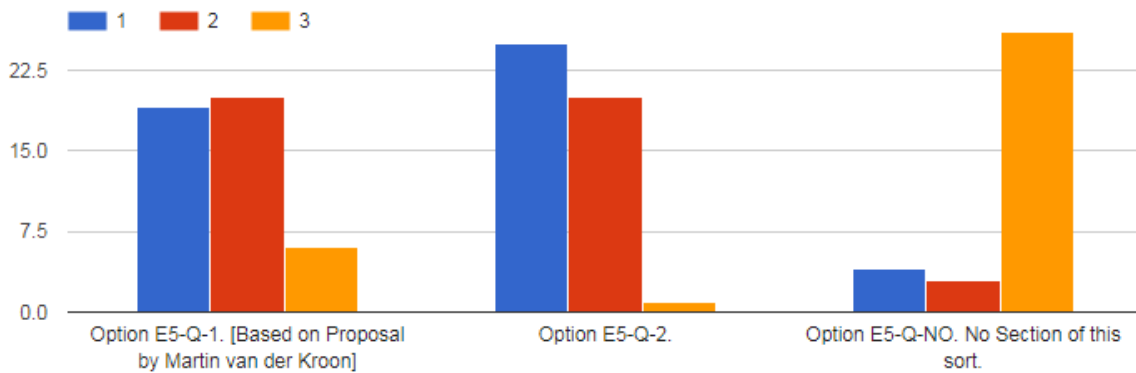
The text of Article III, Section LXII of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

“The U.S. Transhumanist Party supports efforts to ratify the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), and to uphold the Rights of the Child as prescribed therein. This would include abolishing the death penalty for minors federally.

The United States Transhumanist Party, however, opposes restrictions on the rights of parents to choose to homeschool their children in any manner that respects the children’s basic freedom of conscience. Any ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child should not be construed to restrict any peaceful, rights-respecting practice of homeschooling.”

Question XX. Section E5-Q. Opposition to Rights-Violating Cultural, Religious, and Social Practices

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Total votes: 48

Round 1: Tally of First Choices

Option E5-Q-1: 19 votes – 39.6%

Option E5-Q-2: 25 votes – 52.1%

Option E5-Q-NO: 4 votes – 8.3%

After Round 1, Option E5-Q-2 wins.

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party opposes those specific cultural, religious, and social practices that violate individual rights and bodily autonomy. Examples of such unacceptable practices are forced marriage (including child marriage), male and female genital mutilation, and honor killings.”