



Results of Platform Vote #8 on COVID-19 Responses

Vote Conducted on March 25-28, 2020

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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 VI, [here](#).

Note: The nomenclature of the Sections in the compiled Article VI 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.

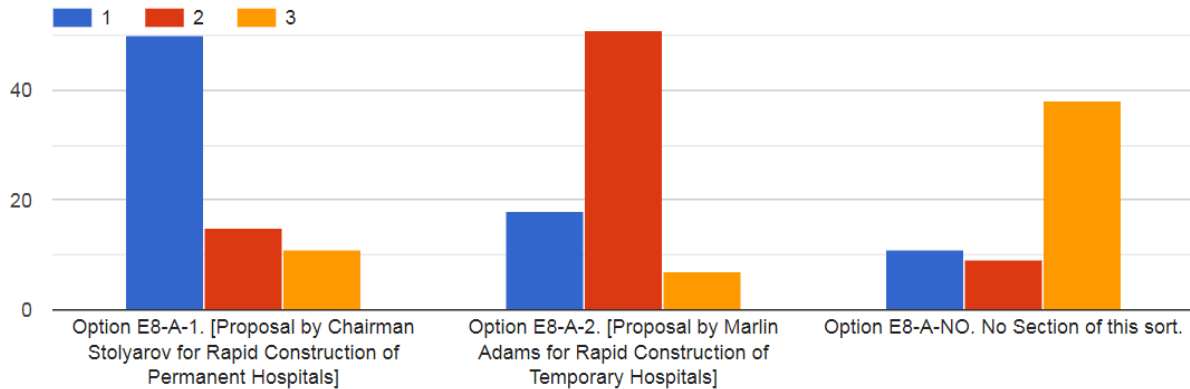
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Question I. Section E8-A. Rapid Construction of Hospitals

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Round #1: 79 votes cast

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-A-1: 50 – 63.3%

Option E8-A-2: 18 – 22.8%

Option E8-A-NO: 11 – 13.9%

Option E8-A-1 wins.

Question II. Section E8-A. Rapid Construction of Hospitals – Ancillary Provisions

Ancillary Provision E8-A-i: Architectural designs for the rapidly constructed hospitals should be prepared and updated as new and superior building techniques and technologies are developed. **42 votes (51.9%) in favor – will be included.**

Ancillary Provision E8-A-ii: Architectural designs for the rapidly constructed hospitals should include plans for multi-purpose facilities for patient care and research, or protocols for how to flexibly convert patient-care facilities into research facilities and vice versa as the need arises. **50 votes (61.7%) in favor – will be included.**

Ancillary Provision E8-A-iii: Architectural designs for the rapidly constructed hospitals should include separate entrances and generally separate facilities for patients infected with COVID-19 and all other patients, so as to effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19 to hospital visitors who do not have it. **48 votes (59.3%) in favor – will be included.**

Ancillary Provision E8-A-iv: The United States Transhumanist Party supports the construction and retrofit of buildings adjacent to the hospitals, which could be used for any of a variety of unrelated purposes in normal times, but which could rapidly be converted into hospital space in

times of pandemics by means of features that enable easy customizability, modularity, and accessibility to patients and medical personnel. **44 votes (54.3%) in favor – will be included.**

Ancillary Provision E8-A-v: While many unoccupied sites could be used as locations for the new hospitals, burial sites, especially native burial grounds, and other areas that have cultural or historical sensitive backgrounds should be avoided if possible. This is to prevent depriving native minorities of their ancestral legacies, as well as possible litigation afterward, which could lead to forceful closure of a hospital or medical facility after the emergency has subsided, leaving the situation with two losing sides. **38 votes (46.9%) in favor – will not be included.**

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

“The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for rapid construction of hospitals to begin immediately throughout the United States, with one new hospital constructed for every 50,000 in population. Rapid construction techniques, pioneered in China during the COVID-19 outbreak, should be utilized in the United States to build new hospitals in 10 days or less. However, unlike the rapidly constructed Chinese hospitals, the new hospitals constructed in the United States should become permanent.

The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for immediately waiving any zoning restrictions and building codes that would in any manner delay, prevent, or interfere with such rapid construction of hospitals.

Architectural designs for the rapidly constructed hospitals should:

- (i) Be prepared and updated as new and superior building techniques and technologies are developed;
- (ii) Include plans for multi-purpose facilities for patient care and research, or protocols for how to flexibly convert patient-care facilities into research facilities and vice versa as the need arises; and
- (iii) Include separate entrances and generally separate facilities for patients infected with COVID-19 and all other patients, so as to effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19 to hospital visitors who do not have it.

Once the new permanent hospitals have been established, the United States Transhumanist Party supports a mandate for these hospitals to remain open to patients and fully staffed in perpetuity, regardless of profitability or patient influx. After the COVID-19 outbreak subsides, the new hospitals would provide major additional capacity to respond to epidemics and also conduct research on fighting diseases, including biological aging.

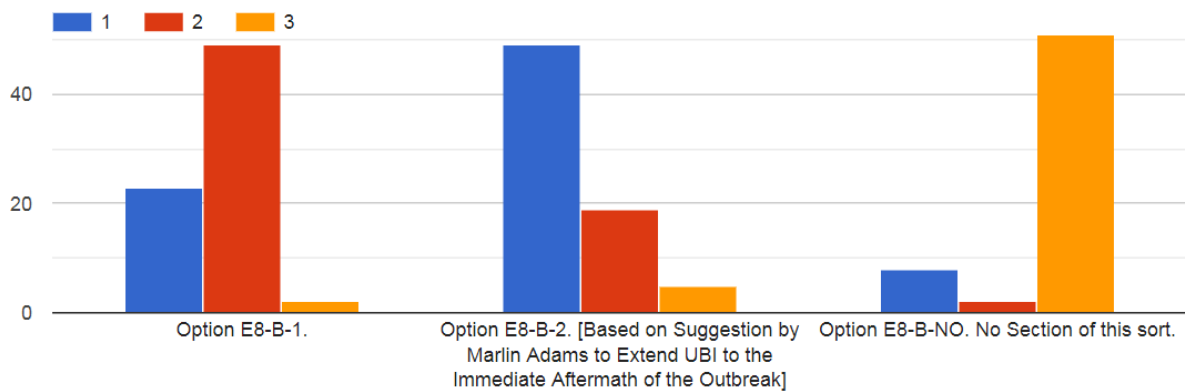
After the construction of the new hospitals, the United States Transhumanist Party supports an indefinite obligation for the U.S. federal government to indefinitely remedy any shortfall in funds to a new hospital in order to prevent its closure. Any hospital receiving such federal assistance shall be limited in the charges it may impose for its services to 110% of the cost of providing such services.

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the construction and retrofit of buildings adjacent to the hospitals, which could be used for any of a variety of unrelated purposes in normal times, but which could rapidly be converted into hospital space in times of pandemics by means of features that enable easy customizability, modularity, and accessibility to patients and medical personnel.

The United States Transhumanist Party views a vast and permanent expansion of hospital capacity as a necessary component of a permanent reorientation of the economy and broader society toward the pursuit of improved public health and widespread life extension. The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated the extent of the disruption and suffering that can occur if these goals are not made explicit and not supported by guaranteed allocations of resources immune from macroeconomic vicissitudes.

Question III. Section E8-B. Emergency Universal Basic Income

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Round #1: 80 votes cast

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-B-1: 23 – 28.8%

Option E8-B-2: 49 – 61.3%

Option E8-B-NO: 8 – 10.0%

Option E8-B-2 wins.

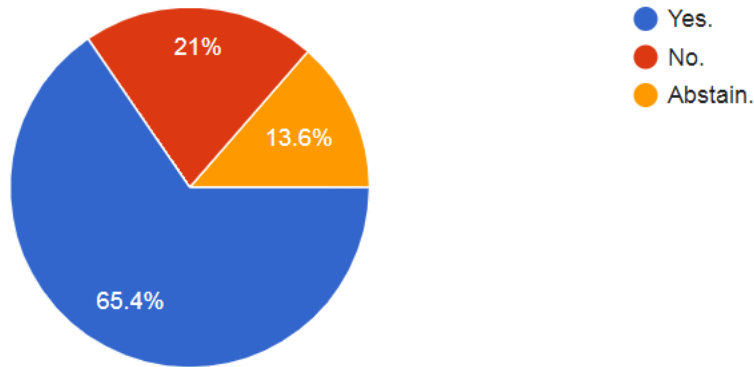
The text of Article VI, Section XCIX, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports for an immediate, universal, unconditional basic income of at least \$1000 per month to be provided to every United States citizen for the duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its immediate aftermath, without regard for individuals' means or other sources of income. The priority for this program should be to prevent massive and irreparable economic disruptions to the lives of Americans in the wake of the COVID-19 epidemic.

Question IV. Section E8-C. Full Compensation of Affected Businesses and Workers

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81 responses



Yes – 53 votes – 65.4%

No – 17 votes – 21.0%

Abstain – 11 votes – 13.6%

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

Question V. Section E8-C. Full Compensation of Affected Businesses and Workers – Ancillary Provisions

Ancillary Provision E8-C-i: The United States Transhumanist Party holds that any businesses receiving such compensation should be prohibited from engaging in buybacks of their own stocks. **60 votes (74.1%) in favor – will be included.**

Ancillary Provision E8-C-ii: The United States Transhumanist Party holds that any businesses receiving such compensation should be prohibited from increasing executive pay if that pay currently exceeds \$500,000 per executive per year. **55 votes (67.9%) in favor – will be included.**

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

In recognition of the severe, sudden, and often all-encompassing adverse economic impacts resulting from governmental measures taken to limit the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic, and in the conviction that the principles of justice require that governmental policies – even if necessary, unavoidable, or beneficial on balance – not damage innocent parties without just compensation, the United States Transhumanist Party advocates for the United States federal government to take the following actions:

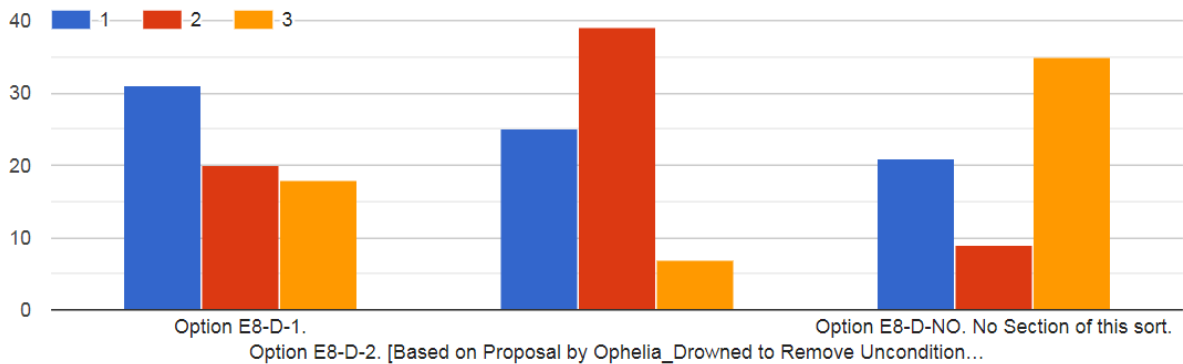
(i) Fully compensate all adversely affected businesses for all loss of income and property resulting from governmental measures taken to contain the COVID-19 epidemic. The United States Transhumanist Party holds that any businesses receiving such compensation should be

- (a) Prohibited from engaging in buybacks of their own stocks; and
- (b) Prohibited from increasing executive pay if that pay currently exceeds \$500,000 per executive per year.

(ii) Fully compensate all individuals who lost their jobs or self-employment income, or suffered a reduction in working hours, as a result of governmental measures taken to contain the COVID-19 epidemic. This compensation shall be in addition to, and not a substitute for, the universal basic income received by those individuals.

Question VI. Section E8-D. Elimination of Bottlenecks at Airports

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Round #1: 3 candidates and 78 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-D-1: 31

Option E8-D-2: 20

Option E8-D-NO: 22

Option E8-D-1 has the highest number of votes with 31 votes (39.74%)

Option E8-D-NO has the lowest number of votes with 22 votes (28.21%)

Round #2: 2 candidates and 72 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-D-1: 25

Option E8-D-2: 39

Option E8-D-2 has the highest number of votes with 39 votes (54.17%)

Option E8-D-1 has the lowest number of votes with 25 votes (34.72%)

Option E8-D-2 wins.

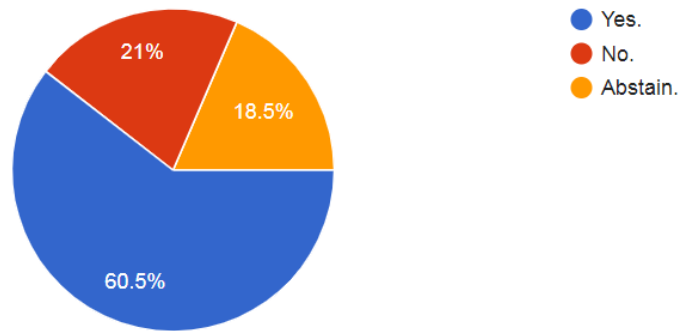
The text of Article VI, Section CI, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

In recognition that the recent screening bottlenecks at United States airports create situations of unacceptable crowding which further contribute to the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic, the United States Transhumanist Party advocates for immediate admittance through security checkpoints of the vast majority travelers currently waiting at airports in the United States. Such travelers may be required to subsequently undergo health screenings at other facilities within the United States within a certain period of time, as long as such screenings do not involuntarily place the individuals being screened in close physical proximity to one another.

Question VII. Section E8-E. Rapid Domestic Deployment of Military Personnel from Overseas

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81 responses



Yes – 49 votes – 60.5%

No – 17 votes – 21.0%

Abstain – 15 votes – 18.5%

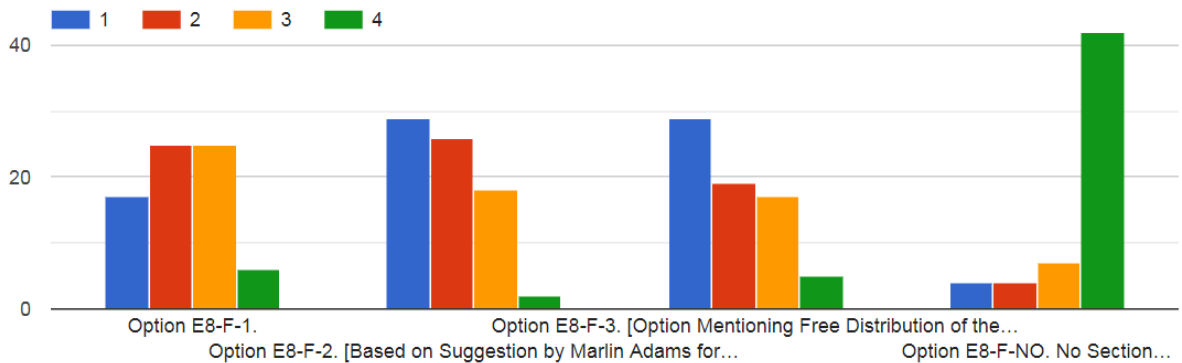
The result of the Question VI vote is “Yes”.

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

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the recall of all United States military personnel from overseas stations as soon as possible and their deployment for the purpose of rapid hospital construction in the United States, as well as for providing rapid emergency aid and essential infrastructure improvements. Continued military presence abroad only unnecessarily exposes American troops to the risk of infection, while the expertise of American military personnel in crisis response is urgently needed within American borders.

Question VIII. Section E8-F. Rapid Research into Cures for COVID-19, Common Cold, and Influenza

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Round #1: 4 candidates and 80 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-F-1: 18

Option E8-F-2: 29

Option E8-F-3: 29

Option E8-F-NO: 4

2 candidates have the highest number of votes with 29 votes (36.25%)

Option E8-F-NO has the lowest number of votes with 4 votes (5.00%)

Round #2: 3 candidates and 79 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-F-1: 20

Option E8-F-2: 29

Option E8-F-3: 30

Option E8-F-3 has the highest number of votes with 30 votes (37.97%)

Option E8-F-1 has the lowest number of votes with 20 votes (25.32%)

Round #3: 2 candidates and 76 ballots.

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-F-2: 42

Option E8-F-3: 34

Option E8-F-2 has the highest number of votes with 42 votes (55.26%)

Option E8-F-3 has the lowest number of votes with 34 votes (44.74%)

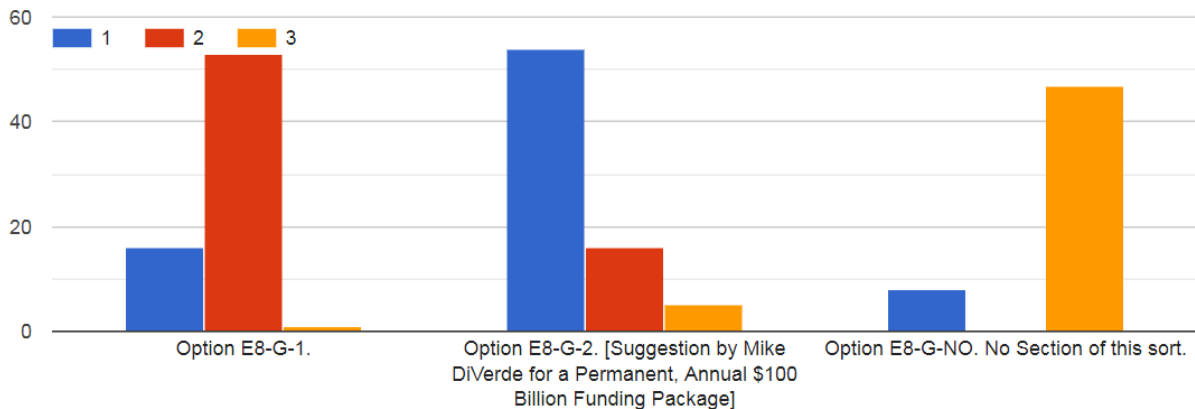
Option E8-F-2 wins.

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

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the rapid research into effective cures and vaccines for COVID-19 and the harnessing of synergies from this research to also develop a cure for the common cold and more effective vaccination against influenza. Such research should proceed with no barriers, subject to the researchers’ expression of ethical intentions, and any regulations or processes that would delay the progress of such research should be immediately waived or repealed. In the effort to accelerate progress in this field, the United States Transhumanist Party advocates for an immediate \$100 billion funding package for the rapid development of a COVID-19 vaccine, with all volunteers being accepted into human trials as soon as practicable. The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for government funding and ownership of any cure for COVID-19, to be distributed free of charge to those infected with the virus.

Question IX. Section E8-G. Emergency Funding Package for Anti-Aging Research

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Round #1: 78 votes cast

Number of first votes per candidate:

Option E8-G-1: 16 – 20.5%

Option E8-G-2: 54 – 69.2%

Option E8-G-NO: 8 – 10.3%

Option E8-G-2 wins.

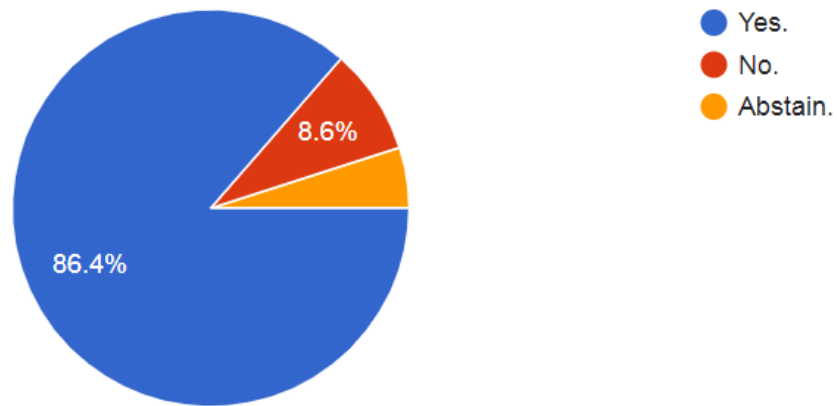
The text of Article VI, Section CIV, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

Because biological aging is the number-one risk factor for mortality and severe complications from COVID-19 infections, as well as infections of virtually every sort, the United States Transhumanist Party emphasizes the importance of reversing biological aging as rapidly as possible and thereby protecting more lives from future pandemics. Accordingly, the United States Transhumanist Party advocates for a permanent, annual \$100 billion funding package for anti-aging research, to be immediately distributed to leading research organizations in the field which have in the past specifically identified the defeat and reversal of biological aging as their goals.

Question X. Section E8-H. Micropayments for Citizen-Science Initiatives

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81 responses



Yes – 70 votes – 86.4%
No – 7 votes – 8.6%
Abstain – 4 votes – 4.9%

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

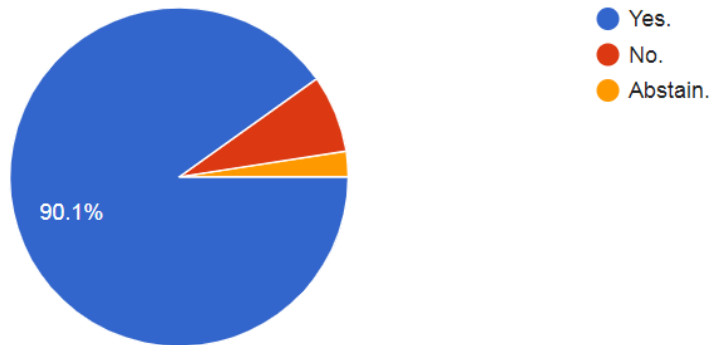
The text of Article VI, Section CV, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for the immediate institution of a program of micropayments to everyone participating in citizen-science initiatives, such as Foldit, with the specific aim of developing cures or vaccines for COVID-19. Micropayments should be proportional to the amount of time and/or computing power spent contributing to any given initiative, with additional bounties provided for results with meaningful practical applications.

Question XI. Section E8-I. Rapid 3D-Printing of Ventilator Components and Other Crucial Medical Equipment

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81 responses



Yes – 73 votes – 90.1%
No – 6 votes – 7.4%
Abstain – 2 votes – 2.5%

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

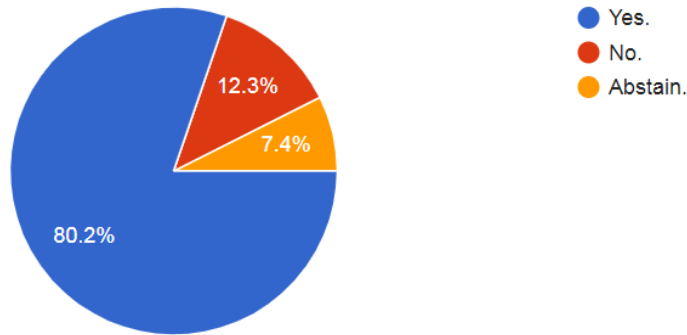
The text of Article VI, Section CVI, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

In response to the dire shortage of ventilator components and other crucial equipment in hospitals treating COVID-19 patients, the United States Transhumanist Party advocates for the rapid 3D-printing of additional components through both private and governmental initiatives, as well as the deployment of on-site 3D-printers in every hospital and medical clinic to enable the future production of such components on demand. Immediate bounties should be offered by federal, state, and local government to individuals and businesses capable of producing such components. Policy initiatives should empower individuals and communities to explore the suitability of alternative manufacturing processes to produce needed parts and equipment to deal with the crisis.

Question XII. Section E8-J. Refocusing of the Education System toward Remote Learning

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81 responses



Yes – 65 votes – 80.2%

No – 10 votes – 12.3%

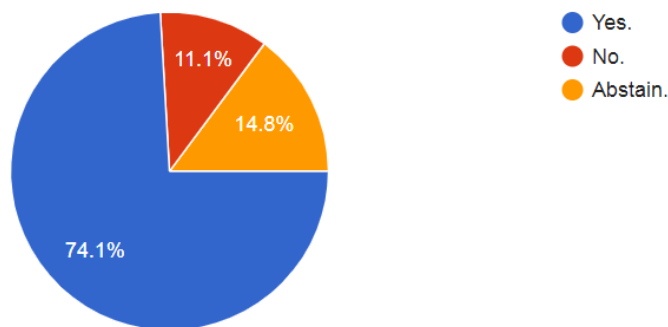
Abstain – 6 votes – 7.4%

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

Question XIII. Section E8-J. Refocusing of the Education System toward Remote Learning – Ancillary Provision

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81 responses



Yes – 60 votes – 74.1%

No – 9 votes – 11.1%

Abstain – 12 votes – 14.8%

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

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

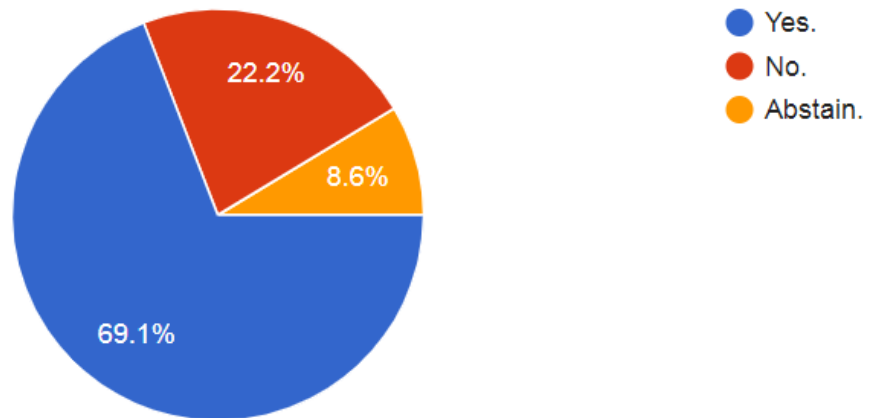
The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for an immediate allowance for remote learning to satisfy the completion or graduation requirements of all K-12 schools and all publicly funded colleges and universities indefinitely going forward. Not only is physical proximity not necessary for effective learning in light of rapidly advancing technologies allowing immersive interaction at a distance, but the encouragement of remote learning also allows individuals more flexibility in advancing at their own pace and focusing on subjects and skill sets which result in the greatest fulfillment and most improved life prospects. The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for the maximal adoption of diverse homeschooling approaches throughout the United States, suited to the individual aptitudes, preferences, and learning styles of students.

The United States Transhumanist Party also supports refocusing the education system on producing the goods and services necessary to maintain United States independence, including vocational studies in electricity, metalwork, ceramics, auto mechanics, graphic arts, and coding in the classroom.

Question XIV. Section E8-K. Mandatory Free Housing of the Homeless

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81 responses



Yes – 56 votes – 69.1%

No – 18 votes – 22.2%

Abstain – 7 votes – 8.6%

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

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

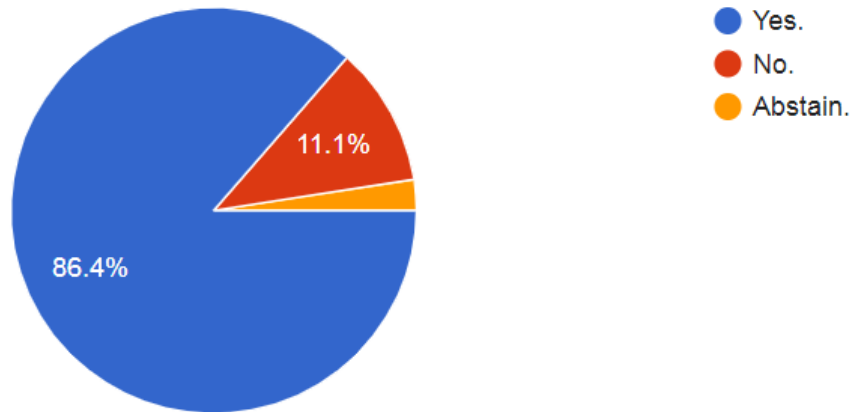
In recognition that unsanitary living conditions are a primary cause of the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, the United States Transhumanist Party supports the immediate and mandatory housing of the homeless, achieved by means of the rapid construction of tiny homes, including 3D-printed homes, without regard for building codes or zoning regulations, which must be immediately waived to allow such construction.

Every homeless individual discovered by local authorities would be required to move into a separate small home free of monetary cost and would be granted free conditional title to the home. The conditions of the title would be that the new homeowner would be obligated to perform litter-cleanup and other community-service duties for a specified time period per day under supervision, until and unless he or she is able to find different or better housing independently. The new housing communities would be subject to actively enforced covenants and restrictions prohibiting alcohol and recreational drugs. Such prohibitions will have the side benefit of transitioning the homeless toward meaningful social participation and useful work.

Question XV. Section E8-L. Rapid Training for Medical Personnel

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81 responses



Yes – 70 votes – 86.4%
No – 9 votes – 11.1%
Abstain – 2 votes – 2.5%

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

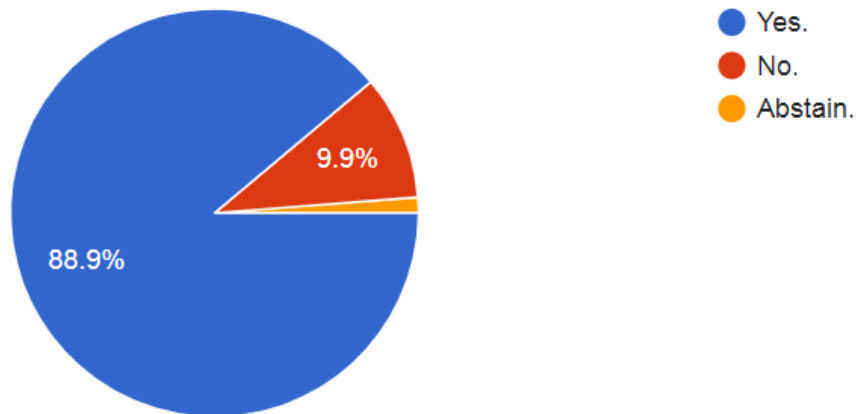
The text of Article VI, Section CIX, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports establishing a rapid three-month training and certification program for hundreds of thousands medical personnel specifically for responding to the COVID-19 outbreak and other pandemics. While the newly trained medical practitioners would not be full-fledged medical doctors, they would be provided with fundamental knowledge of epidemiology, first aid, sanitary practices, and patient care, including the operation of the devices used to assist severely ill patients. This would greatly supplement the available personnel to respond effectively to the COVID-19 outbreak and also anticipate future pandemics. The new COVID-19 medical responders would be compensated generously and selected from among high-performing students and other populations with demonstrated competence and aptitude for learning. For any first responders with student loans, those loans would be forgiven in exchange for a commitment to serve until the COVID-19 pandemic is eradicated. Those medical responders who remain in their positions afterward will receive continuous training on effective pandemic response so as to be in a superior position to anticipate, prevent, and mitigate future outbreaks.

Question XVI. Section E8-M. Universal Free COVID-19 Testing

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81 responses



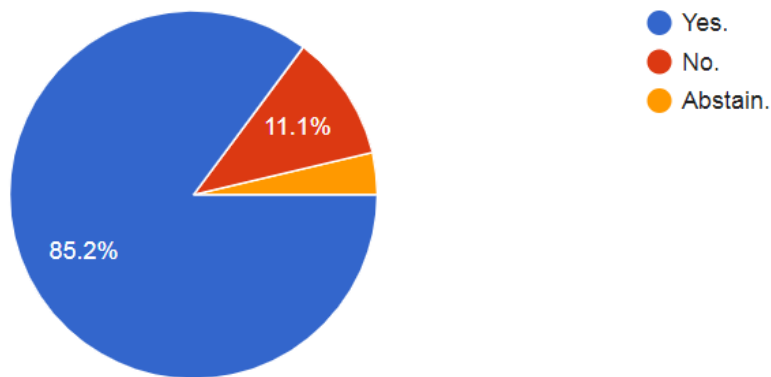
Yes – 72 votes – 88.9%
No – 8 votes – 9.9%
Abstain – 1 votes – 1.2%

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

Question XVII. Section E8-M. Universal Free COVID-19 Testing – Ancillary Provision

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81 responses



Yes – 69 votes – 85.2%

No – 9 votes – 11.1%

Abstain – 3 votes – 3.7%

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

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

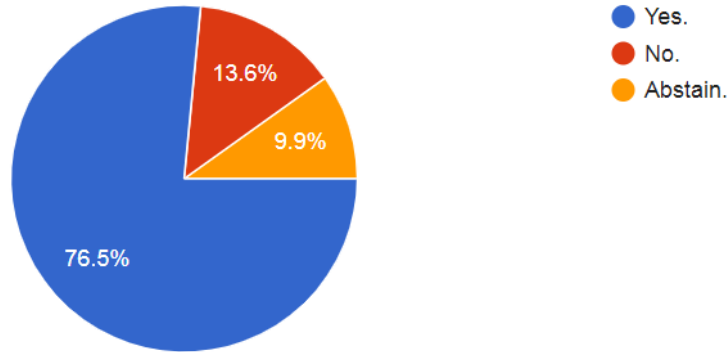
The United States Transhumanist Party supports the immediate deployment of as many COVID-19 diagnostic tests as possible to the general population, with the aim of achieving universal testing of every American, even those without symptoms, free of charge. Universal testing is necessary to understand the true prevalence of COVID-19 infections and the proportion of serious cases and fatalities relative to actual total cases, not merely reported cases. This would enable a true understanding of the extent of the epidemic’s spread as well as how the rates of serious complications and death compare to the common cold and influenza. The United States Transhumanist Party supports generous aid to both private and governmental research teams working in parallel on developing effective testing kits and approaches, particularly those which do not require large numbers of people to congregate.

The United States Transhumanist Party also advocates for COVID-19 testing kits to be developed that could result in tests being self-administered by individuals in their own homes and then mailed to laboratories for evaluation. This would minimize the physical contact of individuals being tested with medical practitioners and other patients.

Question XVIII. Section E8-N. Establishment of Facilities to Store Essential Supplies

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81 responses



Yes – 62 votes – 76.5%

No – 11 votes – 13.6%

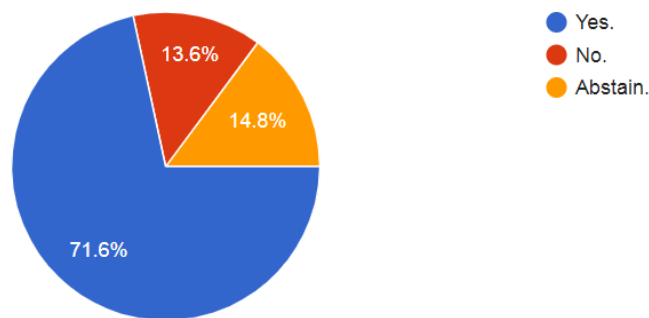
Abstain – 8 votes – 9.9%

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

Question XIX. Section E8-N. Establishment of Facilities to Store Essential Supplies – Ancillary Provision

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81 responses



Yes – 58 votes – 71.6%

No – 11 votes – 13.6%

Abstain – 12 votes – 14.8%

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

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

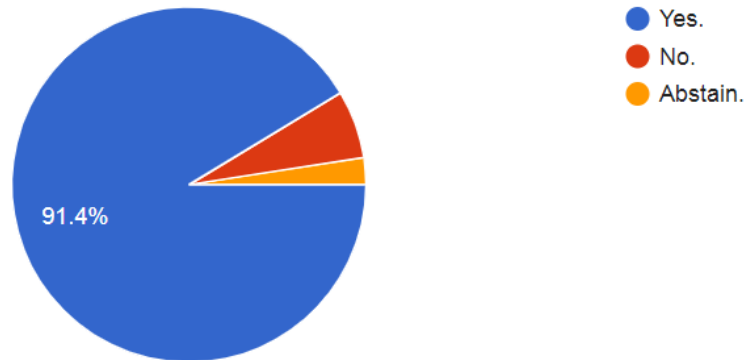
The United States Transhumanist Party advocates for the establishment of facilities, such as warehouses, where essential supplies would be temporarily stored in large quantities in case of emergencies such as COVID-19. Distributors would supply to these warehouses a large surplus of essential goods, and hospitals, medical research facilities, pharmaceutical companies, and other medical organizations would get their normal supplies, including masks, soap, hand-sanitizer, and common device components, from there in the event of any shortages. In case of an epidemic, there will be enough supplies on hand to provide such institutions for a prolonged period of time.

The essential supplies stored by such facilities would include ready-made hazmat suits that could be distributed to both medical practitioners and the population at large in the event of a highly contagious disease outbreak, along with clear and layperson-friendly instructions of how to put on and use the hazmat suits effectively.

Question XX. Section E8-O. Collaboration with Other Nations on Pandemic Response

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81 responses



Yes – 74 votes – 91.4%
No – 5 votes – 6.2%
Abstain – 2 votes – 2.5%

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

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

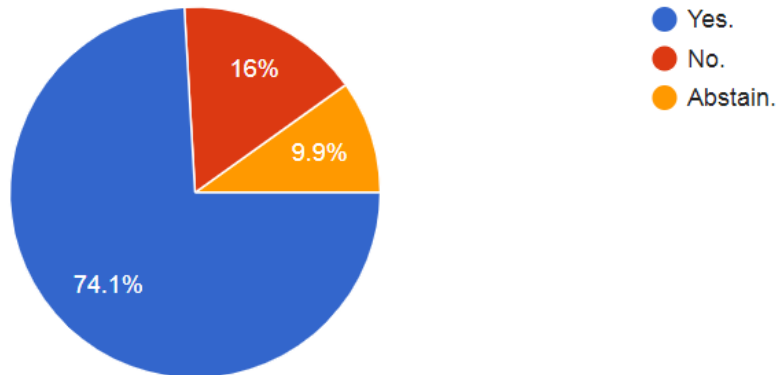
The United States Transhumanist Party holds that, as a proactive measure, the United States should spearhead an initiative to collaborate with other wealthy nations, or by means of the World Health Organization (WHO), to set up a financial and material package of supplies and infrastructure to be deployed anywhere in the world in case a pathogen is found that needs to rapidly be contained in a foreign nation. This could be particularly important if the origin country is one that cannot itself manage to contain the outbreak due to poverty or lack of resources. This could help prevent a pathogen from ever coming to the United States.

A committee or part of an existing office should research and collaborate with other nations to learn and establish best or improved practices and update emergency plans accordingly. Likewise such collaborative efforts could establish which practices are not effective and remove those accordingly.

Question XXI. Section E8-P. Creation of Packages of Emergency Medical Supplies

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81 responses



Yes – 60 votes – 74.1%
No – 13 votes – 16.0%
Abstain – 8 votes – 9.9%

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

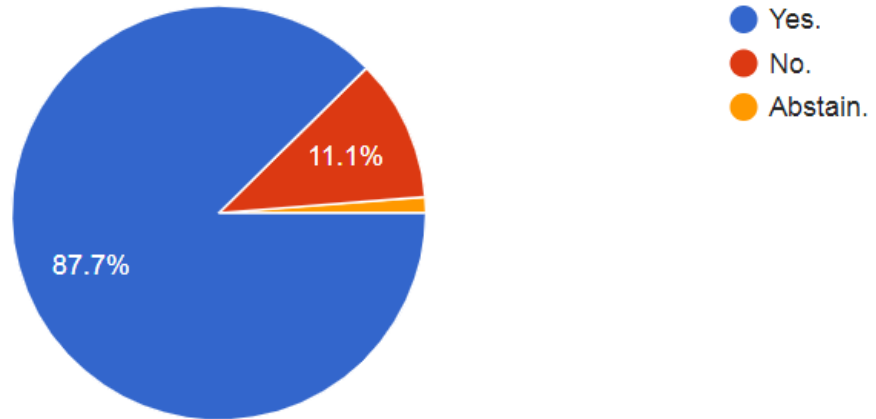
The text of Article VI, Section CXIII, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports efforts by the federal government to begin an initiative in collaboration with businesses to create packages of emergency medical supplies, akin to a first-aid kit box, for civilians to buy for an affordable price, and offered for free to those who fall below the poverty line. Such a package could include advanced face masks, hand-sanitizer, soap, latex gloves, and other important items for effective epidemic response. The kit should come with clear instructions on how and when to use it, as well as instructions regarding self-quarantining and the express notice that the kit should not be re-sold, because the health and safety of everyone depends on the maximum number of people participating. This advance provision of response kits would have the effects of lowering the pressure on supply when there is an emergency and enabling people to be better prepared from the start, thus immediately limiting the spread of a pathogen.

Question XXII. Section E8-Q. Educational Programs on Epidemics

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81 responses



Yes – 71 votes – 87.7%

No – 9 votes – 11.1%

Abstain – 1 votes – 1.2%

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

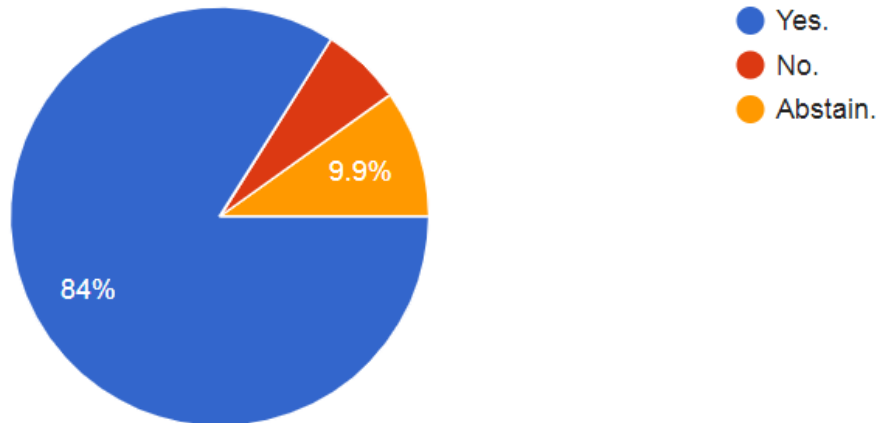
The text of Article VI, Section CXIV, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the inclusion of education on epidemic crises in the curricula of schools. Science-based instruction on key attributes of epidemics and pandemics, historical instances, and effective responses could be incorporated within related courses, such as biology.

Question XXIII. Section E8-R. Repeal of “Certificate of Need” Laws

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81 responses



Yes – 64 votes – 84.0%

No – 5 votes – 6.2%

Abstain – 8 votes – 9.9%

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

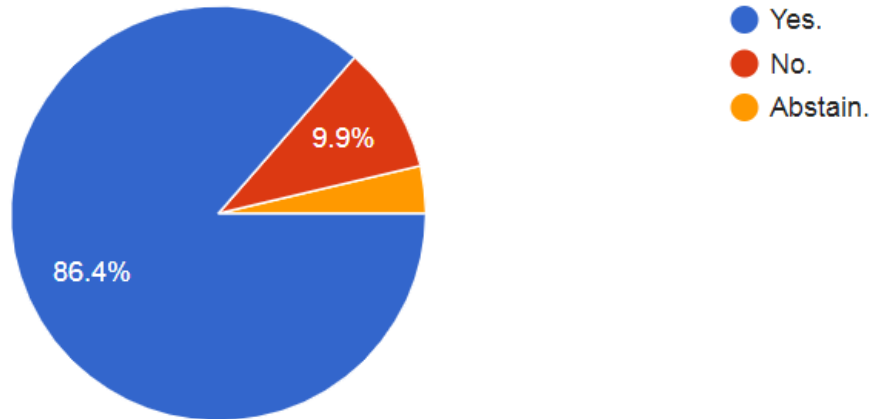
The text of Article VI, Section CXV, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the immediate and complete repeal of all “certificate of need” laws, which currently, in many jurisdictions, prohibit the construction of new hospitals or the expansion of capacity of existing hospitals, unless “need” is demonstrated using arbitrary criteria overseen by incumbents within the hospital industry. “Certificate of need” laws are entirely deleterious and have no redeeming features of any sort. They constitute pure protectionism for the incomes of incumbents, at the expense of available and affordable health care, especially in times of increased strain, such as pandemics.

Question XXIV. Section E8-S. Patentless Development of Vaccines

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81 responses



Yes – 70 votes – 86.4%

No – 8 votes – 9.9%

Abstain – 3 votes – 3.7%

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

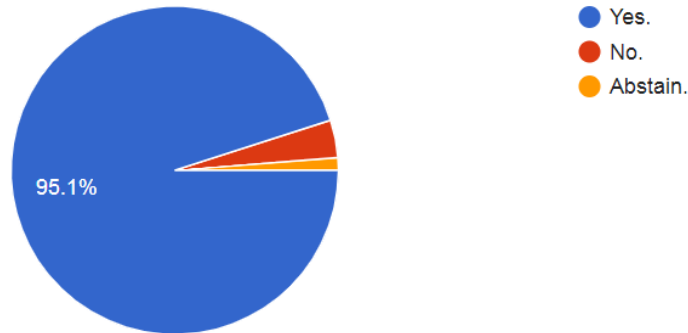
The text of Article VI, Section CXVI, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the development of vaccines under conditions that do not afford patents to the developers but instead compensate the developers in the form of bounties for safe, effective vaccines and their rapid production and deployment. Patents, as grants of exclusive monopoly privilege for as long as twenty years, operate to limit the supply of a vaccine and render it artificially expensive. Bounties and other forms of compensation based on production and distribution of vaccines would be better aligned with the urgent public interest in those vaccines’ rapid availability to the general population.

Question XXV. Section E8-T. Utilization of Robots to Assist Patients and Vulnerable Individuals

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81 responses



Yes – 77 votes – 95.1%

No – 3 votes – 3.7%

Abstain – 1 vote – 1.2%

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

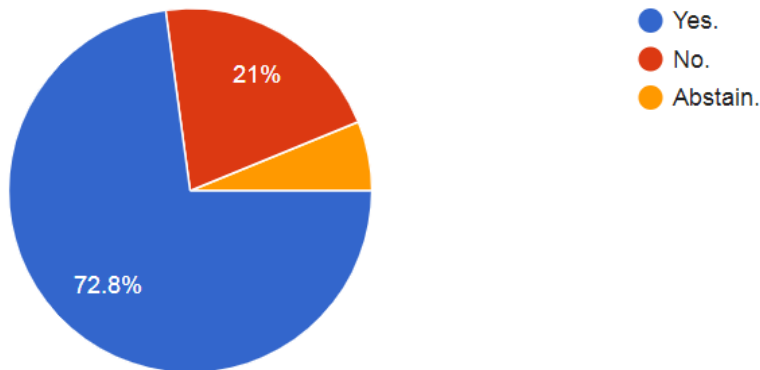
The text of Article VI, Section CXVII, of the U.S. Transhumanist Party Constitution will therefore read as follows:

The United States Transhumanist Party supports the deployment of robots and automated systems wherever possible to assist COVID-19 patients and individuals who are at greater risk for serious complications from COVID-19. These systems could include autonomous vehicles, food-delivery robots and drones, and production robots in as many industries as possible to reduce the human presence in factories while continuing to manufacture many goods necessary for human life and well-being.

Question XXVI. Section E8-U. Abolition of the Food and Drug Administration and Its Replacement with a Radical Life Extension Administration

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81 responses



Yes – 59 votes – 72.8%
No – 17 votes – 21.0%
Abstain – 5 votes – 6.2%

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

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

Given the extreme delays, bottlenecks, and expenses created by the mandatory approval processes on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Transhumanist Party supports abolishing the FDA and replacing it with a Radical Life Extension Administration (RLEA), whose mandate would be to prioritize the rapid development of potential disease cures, treatments, and vaccines – including any possible cures or vaccines for COVID-19, as well as treatments to mitigate and reverse the disease of biological aging, the major risk factor for COVID-19. The RLEA would allow the marketing and collection of patient data on any potential cure, treatment, or vaccine which has passed affordable safety testing at a reasonably acceptable threshold.