

MEMORANDUM

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: ROBERT BLIZZARD
RE: EQUAL ACT NATIONAL POLLING



On behalf of Justice Action Network, Robert Blizzard of Public Opinion Strategies conducted a live interviewer telephone survey of registered voters, March 26-28, 2022. A total of 800 registered voters nationally were interviewed using a mix of cell phone and landline interviewing, and the survey has a margin of error of ± 3.46 percentage points.

KEY FINDINGS

- **Fully three-quarters of Americans support the Equal Act.** After being told that *“under the current criminal justice system, someone who sells crack cocaine is punished the same as someone who sells 18 times more powder cocaine,”* an overwhelming majority of voters support the proposal being debated in Washington that *“would reform the criminal justice system to treat crack cocaine the same as powder cocaine.”*

Equal Act	Support-Oppose
Overall	75%-14%
Republican Voters	66%-20%
Independent Voters	76%-11%
Democratic Voters	82%-10%
Very Conservative Voters	66%-17%
Somewhat Conservative Voters	72%-17%
Moderate Voters	77%-12%
Liberal Voters	80%-13%
Trump 2020 Voters	70%-18%
Biden 2020 Voters	81%-10%

- **Americans overwhelmingly want the Equal Act brought to a floor vote in the Senate.** By a 70%-20% margin, voters believe *“U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer should bring the proposal to treat crack cocaine the same as powder cocaine to a vote on the U.S. Senate floor.”* Majorities of Republicans (58%), Independent voters (64%), and Democratic voters (84%) agree.
- **By nearly a three-to-one margin, voters say they would be more likely to support a U.S. Senator for re-election if they learned they supported the Equal Act.** Fully 27% of Americans say they would be *“more likely”* to re-elect their U.S. Senator, just 10% say they would be *“less likely,”* and the majority (60%) say it would make *“no difference”* in their vote.