



# Bringing Arizonans Together to Create The Arizona We Want

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# Mission

Center for the Future of Arizona brings  
Arizonans together to build a stronger and  
brighter future for our state.



# The Arizona Progress Meters



Jobs



Education



Young Talent



Health and Well-Being



Natural Resources



Infrastructure



Civic Participation



Connected Communities

# CFA's Statewide Programs & Initiatives

**We lead major statewide initiatives in education, workforce, and civic engagement all in support of creating a stronger and brighter future for Arizona.**

## Education

Advancing equity  
and excellence  
across the  
education system

## Workforce

Strengthening  
Arizona's workforce  
and increasing  
economic  
opportunity

## Civic Engagement

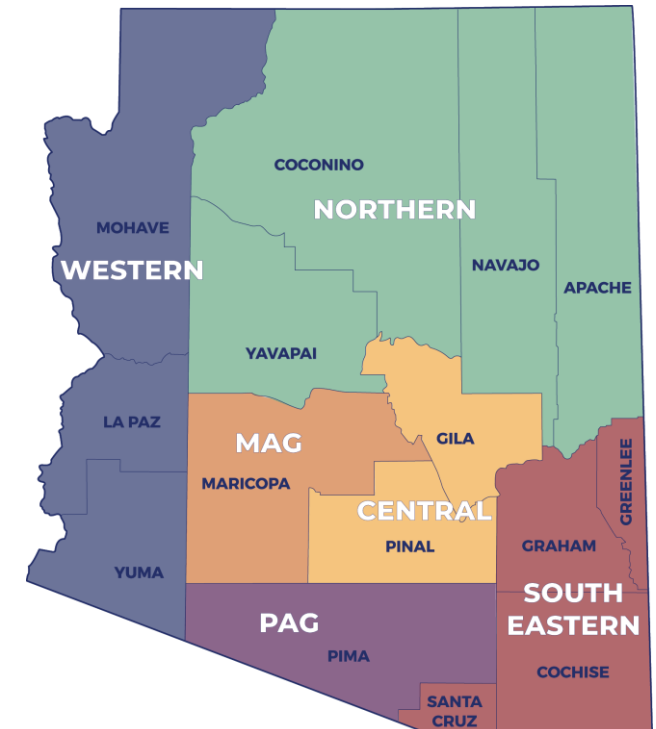
Building civic leaders  
and fostering civic  
engagement

# Programmatic Impact by the Numbers

**330,000+** students impacted    **14,700+** teachers impacted  
**650+** education leaders trained    **160+** communities engaged  
**75+** industry partners engaged in ongoing  
education and workforce initiatives

## Programs & Initiatives

- Beat the Odds School Leadership Academy
- Arizona Pathways to Prosperity
- Arizona Personalized Learning Network
- School Participatory Budgeting in Arizona
- Move On When Ready
- RetailWorks AZ
- Greater Phoenix Workforce Leadership Academy
- Communities at the Center
- Gabe Zimmerman Public Service Awards
- Arizona Civic Life Partnership





# The Arizona We Want: The Decade Ahead

Gallup Arizona Survey findings  
provide foundation for ten-year action  
agenda.

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## 7 Shared Public Values

...where 70% or more of Arizonans agree on what is most important to the future of Arizona – with strong support across geography, income, education level, political affiliation, and race or ethnicity.



# Arizonans' Shared Public Values



## Education

- A highly educated and skilled population

## Health and Well-Being

- Affordable healthcare that covers preexisting conditions and provides accessible mental health services

## Jobs and Economic Opportunity

- Good-paying jobs and the education and training needed for all Arizonans to fully participate in a vibrant economy

## Environment and Sustainable Future

- Sustainable practices that protect our air, land, and water, and support a high quality of life for all

## Civic Engagement and Leadership

- Civic engagement that solves problems and democracy that works for all

## Fair, Just, Equitable Systems

- Fair, just, and equitable treatment of all people

## Immigration Reform

- Comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship and support for "DREAMers"



## Arizonans overwhelmingly support more than 40 actions to move our state forward.

- 92% want to ensure all Arizona public schools have highly qualified teachers and principals
- 86% support making mental health services available and affordable for all
- 74% support the transition to clean energy
- 73% favor sending all registered voters a ballot by mail while maintaining in-person voting options
- 77% believe Arizona prisons should focus more on rehabilitation
- 86% support comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship

# Gaps Between What We Want and What We Have



## Gaps between what we want and what we have include:

- About one in four (26%) agree that the state's K-12 public education is high quality
- 60% of Arizonans are satisfied with the quality of healthcare they receive, leaving more than 2 million Arizonans dissatisfied
- 46% of Arizonans earning less than \$60,000 a year are satisfied with opportunities to advance their education or training in our state
- 55% of residents in rural areas have access to broadband/high-speed internet in their homes, which is critical to virtual learning and employment
- 28% of Arizonans with children say the cost of childcare is preventing them from going back to work or school
- 28% of Arizonans agree race relations are good

# Gallup Survey Action Agenda

## Shared Public Values

1. A highly educated and skilled population
2. Affordable healthcare that covers preexisting conditions and provides accessible mental health services
3. Good-paying jobs and the education and training needed for all Arizonans to fully participate in a vibrant economy
4. Sustainable practices that protect our air, land, and water, and support a high quality of life for all
5. Civic engagement that solves problems and democracy that works for all
6. Fair, just, and equitable treatment of all people
7. Comprehensive immigration reform, including a pathway to citizenship and support for "DREAMers"

## 42 Actions To Drive Arizona Forward

### Education

- Ensure all Arizona public schools have highly qualified teachers and principals.
- Increase the number of Arizona high school graduates that enroll in universities, community colleges or technical/trade schools.
- Close gaps in educational outcomes for vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income students, students with disabilities, English language learners).
- Provide affordable, accessible and reliable internet and technology to all students.
- Make civics education a priority in K-12 education.
- Structure the school day and school year to better match the needs of working parents.
- Reduce the financial barriers to attending college.
- Give Arizona schools the flexibility to tailor learning to each child.
- Spend more money on K-12 public education.

### Health and Well-Being

- Guarantee affordable healthcare and insurance for Arizonans with preexisting health conditions.
- Make mental health services available and affordable for all Arizonans who need them.
- Ensure all Arizonans can get quality healthcare without risk of financial harm.
- Expand public reporting on the quality of hospitals and healthcare facilities.
- Improve state-level management of public health emergencies.
- Expand programs to reduce substance abuse.
- Guarantee coverage of telemedicine services by health insurance providers.
- Increase access to wellness programs and alternative medicine.
- Expand Arizona's Medicaid (AHCCCS) program to include more lower-income residents.

### Jobs and Economic Opportunity

- Create more opportunities to build careers in Arizona, especially for young people.
- Improve economic stability for lower-wage workers through improved work benefits, greater education and training, and opportunities to advance.
- Improve pay equality and opportunities for promotion.
- Provide more affordable, high-quality options for childcare.
- Ensure equitable and inclusive economic recovery.

### Environment and Sustainable Future

- Preserve and protect Arizona's rivers, natural areas and wildlife.
- Put regulations in place to protect rural water supplies.
- Increase spending and measures to prevent forest fires on state land.
- Reduce the heat island in our urban areas and across the state.
- Protect and expand open spaces for parks and outdoor recreation.
- Improve air quality.
- Transition to clean energy.

### Civic Engagement and Leadership

- Create ways to come together to better understand and work through our differences.
- Ensure a more responsive, transparent, data-driven culture in elected leadership.
- Create a pipeline of civic leaders who are thinking long-term about the future.
- Offer early in-person voting over multiple weeks leading up to election day.
- Offer automatic voter registration when applying for a state ID/driver's license.
- Send all registered voters a ballot by mail, while maintaining in-person voting options.

### Fair, Just, and Equitable Systems

- Address systemic racism as a key issue for the future success of the state.
- Work to combat discrimination on the basis of gender, religion or sexual orientation.
- Work to ensure the criminal justice system treats everyone fairly.
- Reform Arizona prisons to focus more on rehabilitation, including substance abuse, mental health, and reentry programs and services.

### Immigration Reform

- Enact comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship.
- Create a path to citizenship for DACA recipients/"DREAMers" (residents without lawful immigration status who were brought to Arizona as children).



# The Arizona Voters' Agenda

New survey research centers priorities  
of Arizonans in election

**What do Arizona's likely voters consider the most important issues facing our state, and what do they want candidates to address as they compete for their votes in this election?**

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# Significant Agreement on Many Issues

- Ensure Arizona's schools have quality teachers and principals (97% total support)
- Invest the state's budget surplus in critical infrastructure improvements (e.g. education, public safety, roads) over cutting taxes (82% total support)
- Secure Arizona's water future and address long-term drought (95% total support)

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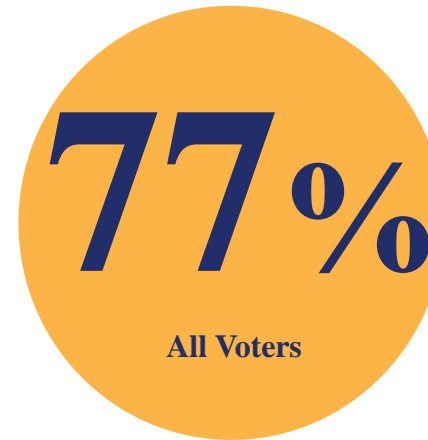
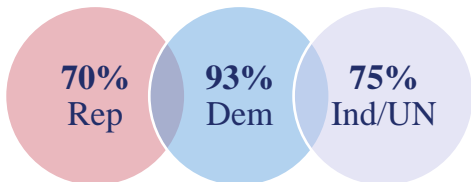
- Preserve Arizona's rivers, natural area, and wildlife (96% total support)
- Expand career and technical education opportunities (97%)
- Creating a functioning border for commerce and immigration (87% total support)

# Voters Believe in the Integrity of Elections

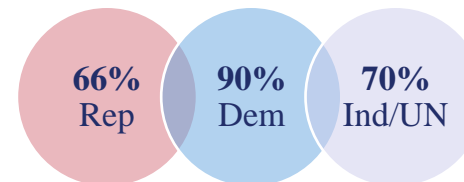
**Large majorities of voters say Arizona elections are fair, secure, and accurate.**



Confident in the accuracy of the results of the recent August Primary Election

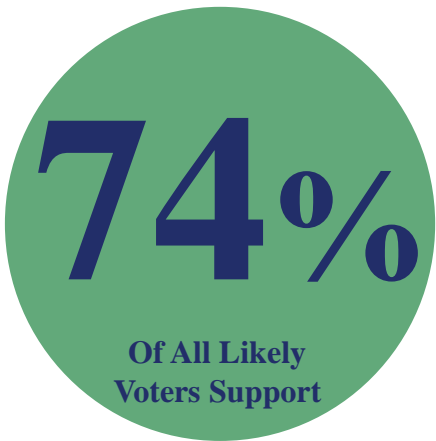


Confident that the results of the November General Election will be accurate



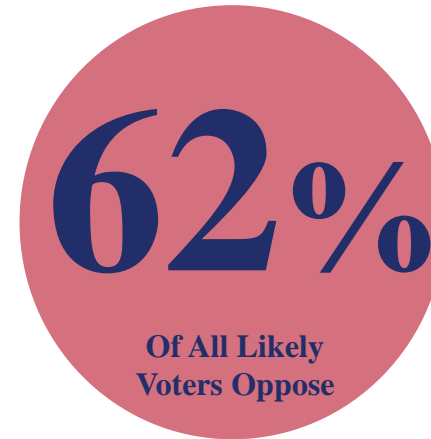
# Arizona Voters Want to Keep Voting Easy and Accessible

**Voters expressed broad support for continuing early in-person voting and do not favor eliminating mail-in voting.**



## **SUPPORT EARLY IN- PERSON VOTING**

"Do you support or oppose offering early in-person voting over multiple weeks leading up to Election Day?"



## **OPPOSE ELIMINATING MAIL- IN VOTING**

"Do you support or oppose Eliminating mail-in voting in Arizona except for certain predetermined exceptions?"

# Majority of Voters Prefer Candidates/Leaders who Compromise



64%

Prefer candidates  
willing to compromise  
and work across the  
aisle to find bipartisan  
solutions to complex  
problems



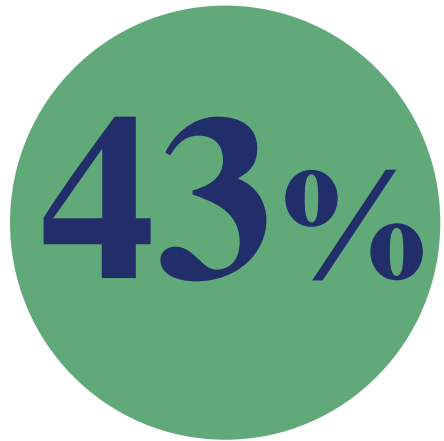
29%

Prefer candidates  
who are committed  
to their principles  
and refuse to  
compromise.

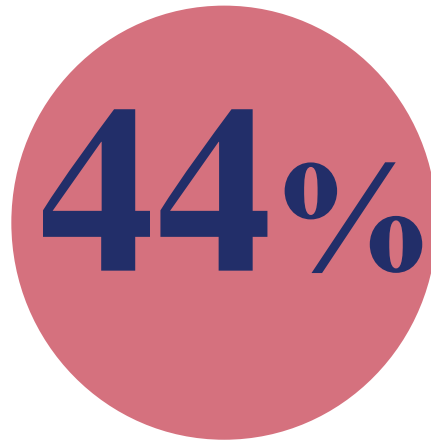
# Candidates Could Have Done More to Talk About What's Important

**Are current Arizona candidates for statewide and legislative offices talking about the most important issues to you?**

All Likely Voters



**YES**



**NO**



**DON'T KNOW**

# Big Questions for Elected Leaders



What is your plan to ensure that Arizona students have quality teachers and principals?



What should Arizona do to keep our elections secure while preventing barriers to participation?



Should we prioritize cutting taxes or continue investing in critical infrastructure to keep up with growth, and why?



How do you define a functioning border for commerce, and what is your vision for immigration reform?



What sustainable practices should continue and be implemented to protect Arizona's air, land, and water, and foster a high quality of life for all?



How do you propose to ensure all residents have access to housing that is safe and affordable?

# We All Have A Role in Building The Arizona We Want

## Opportunities to Take Action:

- Share the positive message that Arizonans agree more than disagree and have overwhelming consensus on seven shared public values and 40+ actions to drive Arizona forward.
- Share CFA's survey findings and explore how they align with your community or organization's goals and actions.
- Use the findings to inform policy, practice, and investments.
- Collaborate with CFA and others through local, regional, or state programs and initiatives to make progress toward the shared public values and actions.

# Download & Share Resources

## **Gallup Arizona Project: [arizonafuture.org/2020gallup](https://arizonafuture.org/2020gallup)**

- Full report, *The Arizona We Want: The Decade Ahead*
- Action Agenda for Arizona's Future
- Past reports

## **Arizona Voters' Agenda: [arizonafuture.org/azvotersagenda](https://arizonafuture.org/azvotersagenda)**

- Full survey findings and methodology
- Questions for candidates and other resources



Q & A



# Thank You

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