Evidence and Implementation

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The proposal defines outcomes and expectations. It does not establish a final financing model, legal text, or numerical age cutoff. Evidence for one component does not establish support for the whole platform.

Reading the Evidence

Bipartisan evidence means majorities in both partisan groups supported the particular question cited. Goal evidence establishes concern or a preference without validating a proposed remedy. Other principles remain proposed standards without direct polling evidence for their complete wording.

Healthcare: Access, Cost, and Administration

Compare coverage expansion through existing arrangements, an additional public option, and a broader national insurance model. Judge each against continuity, provider availability, total household costs, public financing, and transition disruption. Standardize enrollment, billing, claims, and appeals while separately addressing coverage and financing.

Pew found 66% supported a federal responsibility to ensure coverage in November 2025, including 41% of Republicans and leaners and 90% of Democrats and leaners. This is a majority view with a partisan divide. [S1]

Taxes: Simplification With a Decision Deadline

Compare administrative simplification, consolidation of overlapping provisions, and a comprehensive replacement timetable. Optional prefilled information must remain correctable. Evaluate wage earners, families with changing circumstances, self-employed people, and small businesses separately.

Pew found complexity bothered 51% a lot in January 2026, including 53% of Republicans and 52% of Democrats. This is evidence of a shared problem, not a vote for a specific replacement. [S2] The historical Tax Code Termination Act proposed a deadline for replacement; any new proposal should establish continuity before a sunset. [S8]

Public Integrity and Leadership Renewal

Develop trading restrictions and disclosure rules with clear coverage, enforcement, permitted investments, and transitions. Examine age and term limits separately. Congressional qualification changes require constitutional review. [S10] Assess voter choice and institutional competence as well as renewal.

PPC found 76% support for congressional individual-stock trading restrictions in February 2026. [S3] Related campaign-disclosure findings are in S9. Pew age- and term-limit findings use 2023 fieldwork even though the cited article was published in 2026. [S4]

From Principles to Practical Choices

Questions to resolve before a reform is selected

Authority and alternatives

Identify who can act, which legal route applies, and what alternatives could achieve the same outcome. Rights protections, service improvements, and institutional rules may require different routes.

Costs and financing

Estimate implementation and continuing costs, identify financing, and show who benefits or bears burdens. No savings estimate or cost-free reform is established by this draft.

Transition and continuity

Set a decision date, public milestones, and a funded transition. Explain what happens if a replacement is delayed. Keep essential services workable during change.

Measures and corrections

Record a baseline and an observable outcome. Review actual results, explain deviations, and correct what fails. Speed alone does not establish quality; turnover alone does not establish better government.

Review across different views

Ask whether each principle is clear, fair, feasible, and consistently applicable regardless of who holds office. Record specific edits, supporting reasons, unresolved disagreements, and evidence that could change the recommendation.

Participation on the website

Readers can submit a suggestion about the draft or any individual principle. The project reviews suggestions privately. No email subscription is enabled in this edition.

Survey limitations

Pew uses its probability-based American Trends Panel. The healthcare, tax, and privacy samples were 10,357, 8,512, and 5,101 adults. [S1, S2, S5] PPC used weighted online opt-in samples. [S3] BPC/Advocus surveyed 1,000 registered voters online and weighted the results. [S6] Different populations, methods, and questions should not be averaged into a platform-wide score.

Version and scope

Bill of Rights Update presents all fifteen topics separately and retains open policy choices. America's 250th anniversary prompted the discussion; the proposal is intended to develop beyond it. This independent draft has no legal force. [S12]

Sources

Fieldwork dates are shown separately from publication dates.

S1 · Pew Research Center
Government Responsibility for Healthcare Coverage
Published Dec. 10, 2025. Survey: Nov. 17-30, 2025; 10,357 adults.

S2 · Pew Research Center
Americans' Frustrations With Federal Taxes
Published Apr. 6, 2026. Survey: Jan. 20-26, 2026; 8,512 adults.

S3 · Program for Public Consultation
The National Common Ground
Published June 11, 2026. Weighted online opt-in surveys: 2,509 adults in February and 1,200 in March 2026.

S4 · Pew Research Center
Public Support for Changes to the Political System
Published July 28, 2026. The cited term- and age-limit findings use July 10-16, 2023 fieldwork.

S5 · Pew Research Center
Americans and Data Privacy
Published Oct. 18, 2023. Survey: May 15-21, 2023; 5,101 adults.

S6 · Bipartisan Policy Center / Advocus Partners
U.S. Opinions on Housing Legislation
Published May 8, 2026. Weighted online survey: Apr. 28-30, 2026; 1,000 registered voters.

S7 · National Archives
The Bill of Rights
Primary constitutional text: the first ten amendments.

S8 · House Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing on a Fairer, Flatter, Simpler Income Tax
Apr. 13, 2016. Historical Tax Code Termination Act proposal; not a statement of current law.

S9 · Program for Public Consultation
Common Ground of the American People
Campaign finance findings from February 2026. Related to S3, not independent replication.

S10 · Government Publishing Office
Constitution Annotated: Article I
2022 edition. Article I, Section 2, Clause 2: congressional qualifications and U.S. Term Limits v. Thornton.

S11 · National Archives
Later Constitutional Amendments
Primary text, including the Fourteenth Amendment's equal-protection and due-process provisions.

S12 · National Archives
The Constitutional Amendment Process
The Article V process for proposing and ratifying constitutional amendments.