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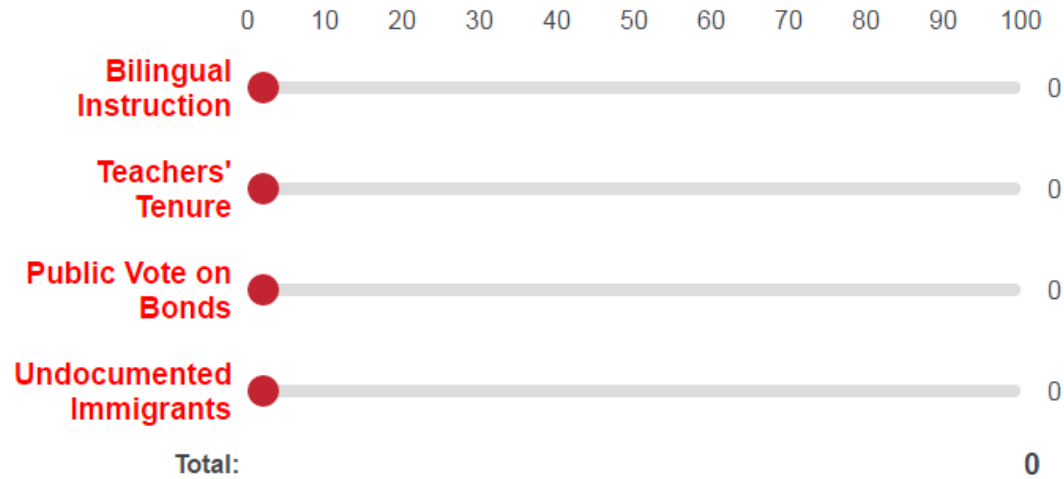
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Now in addition to the regular votes you cast earlier, **everyone is given one extra bonus vote** and asked to choose **one proposal** on which to spend it.



We will ask you below on which proposal you want to cast it.

Click the Continue button to proceed.

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The bonus vote will be cast for you in the same direction you indicated earlier.

If you choose a proposal you supported, you will add one vote "In Favor". In total you will cast two votes "In Favor" on that proposal.

If you choose a proposal you opposed, you will add one vote "Against". In total you will cast two votes "Against" that proposal.

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How many bonus votes are you (and everyone else) given?

On how many proposals can you cast your bonus vote?

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Where do you cast your bonus vote? Please drag it to the proposal you choose.

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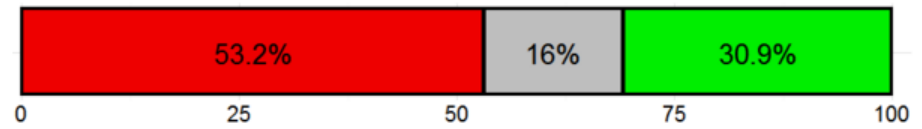
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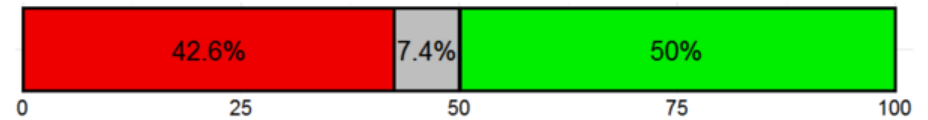
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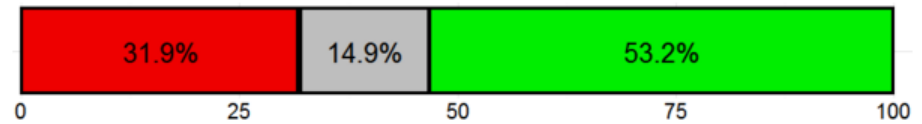
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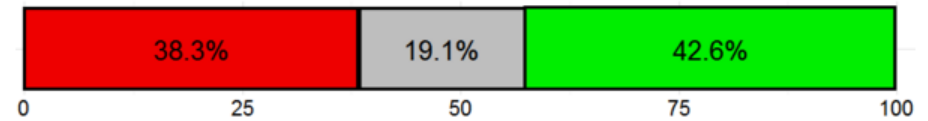
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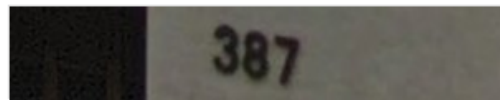
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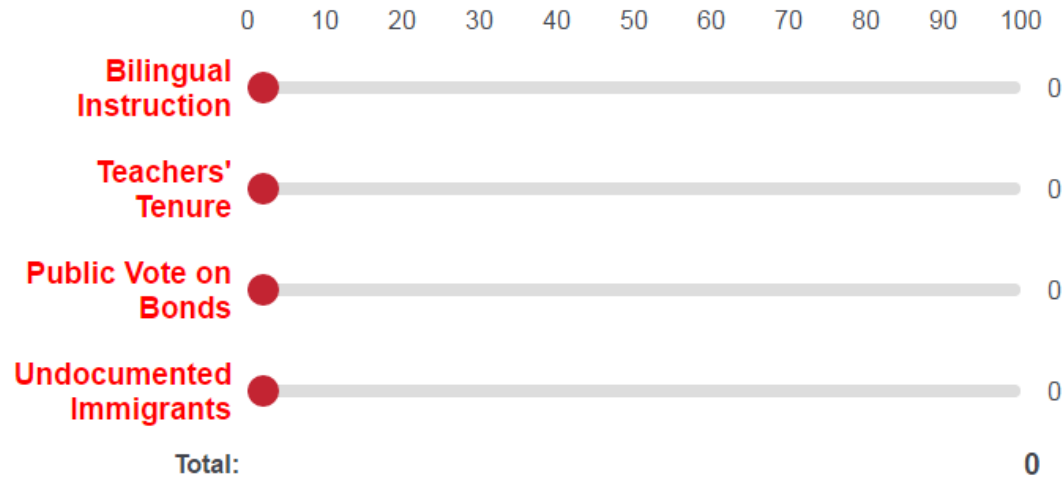
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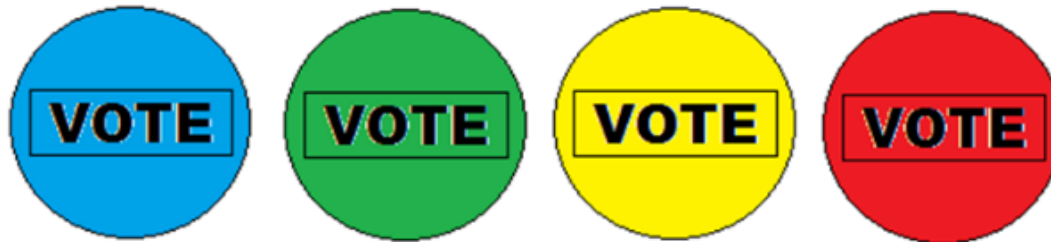
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There are four different classes of votes, **Blue**, **Green**, **Yellow**, and **Red**.



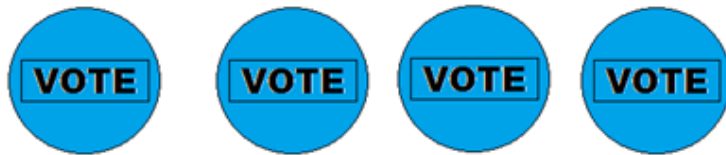
We now explain how they differ. You will be asked to choose one class of votes to cast.

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BLUE Votes are “regular” votes: each vote has a **weight of 1**.

You can have **FOUR** of these votes.



If you choose **BLUE** votes, you will cast 1 vote on each of the four proposals.

BLUE votes are called "regular" votes because they correspond to the usual "one-vote-per-issue" rule of voting.

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GREEN Votes have a weight of 1.2. You can have **THREE** of these votes.



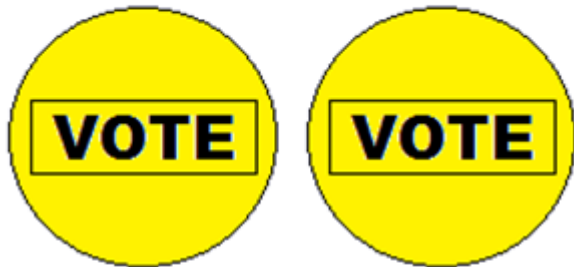
If you choose **GREEN** votes, you will vote on THREE of the four proposals and will abstain on one. You will be asked below to choose on which three proposals you want to vote.

A **GREEN** vote counts more than a BLUE vote, and beats one if cast in opposite direction.

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YELLOW Votes have a weight of 1.5. You can have **TWO** of these votes.



If you choose **YELLOW** votes, you will vote on TWO of the four proposals and will abstain on two. You will be asked to choose on which two proposals you want to vote.

A **YELLOW** vote counts more than a GREEN or BLUE vote, and beats either one.

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RED Votes have a **weight of 2**. You can have **ONE** of these votes.



If you choose a **RED**, you will vote on ONE of the four proposals and will abstain on three. You will be asked to choose on which proposal you want to vote.

A **RED** vote counts more than a **YELLOW**, **GREEN** or **BLUE** vote, and beats any of them.

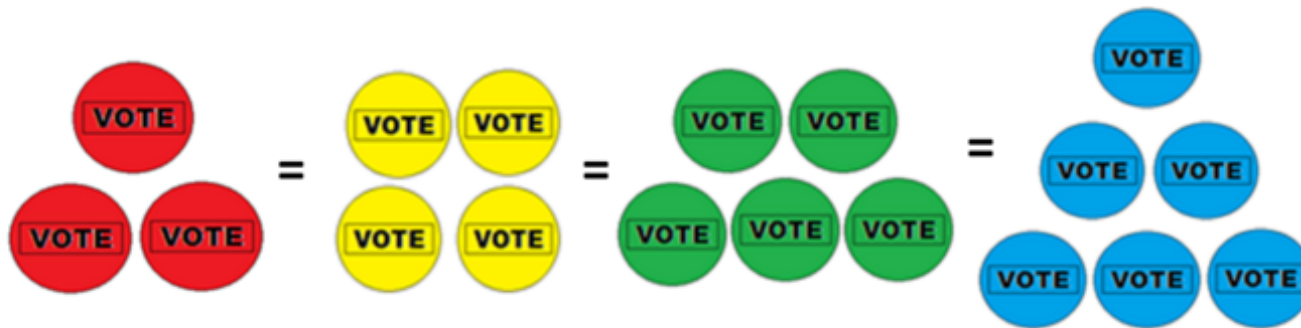
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What do the different weights mean?

When all respondents' votes are counted, votes of different colors will be summed up, each according to its weight.

For example, three **RED** votes will count as much as four **YELLOW** votes, five **GREEN** votes, or six **BLUE** votes.



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No matter what class of votes you choose, the vote(s) will be cast for you in the same direction you indicated earlier.

For example, if you choose the RED class and a proposal you supported, you will be casting one vote of weight 2 "In Favor" on that proposal (and abstaining on the other three proposals).

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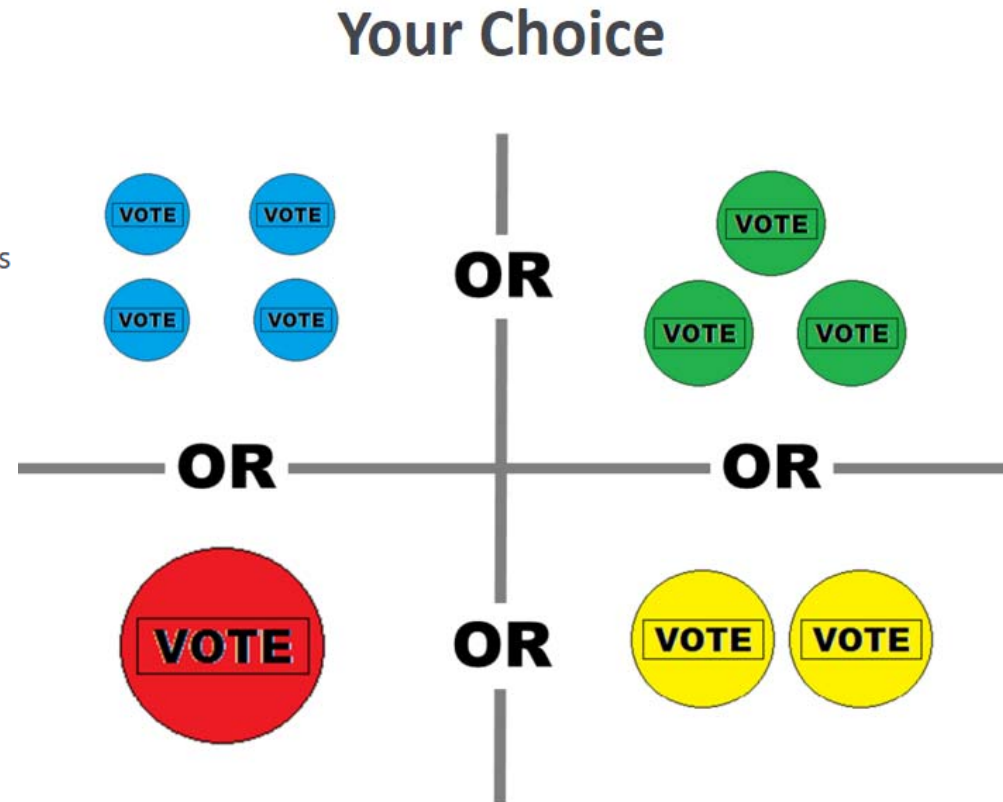
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SUMMARY

You must choose **one** of four possible classes of votes. You can have:

- Four **BLUE** votes: have weight 1 and must be cast on all **four** proposals.
- Three **GREEN** votes: have weight 1.2 and must be cast on **three** proposals only.
- Two **YELLOW** votes: have weight 1.5 and must be cast on **two** proposals only.
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If you choose the RED class, how many votes can you cast?

Can you cast votes from more than one class (for example, some yellow and some green votes)?

YES

NO

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- Bilingual Instruction
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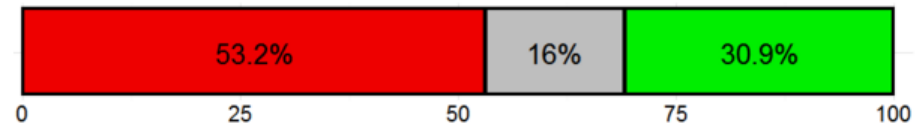
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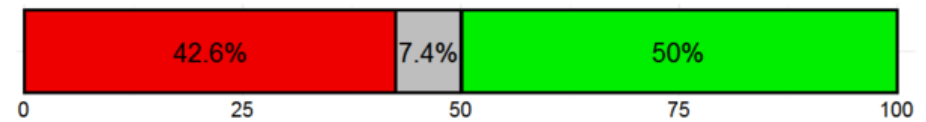
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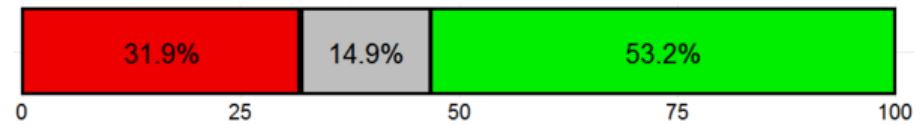
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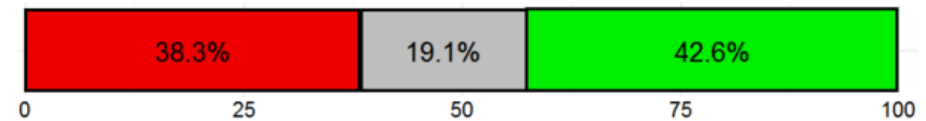
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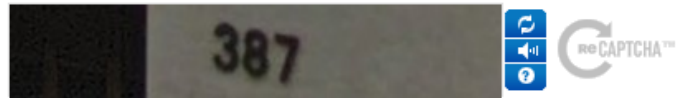
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