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LWVUS Advocacy Presents:

# Emerging Issues: An Overview

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# Agenda

- Poll
- Emerging Issues
  - Background
  - Deep dive
- Q&A



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# Community Norms



Bring your full self and limit distractions



What is learned here, leaves here



No one knows everything, together we know a lot



Don't yuck my yum



Oops, ouch, and educate



Assume best intentions

# Poll

# Emerging Issues

# What Are Emerging Issues?

*Social issues that impact people's ability to participate equitably in our democracy.*



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Photo: Ted Eytan; LatinX Project webpage



Photo: US National Archives



# What Are LWVUS' Emerging Issues?

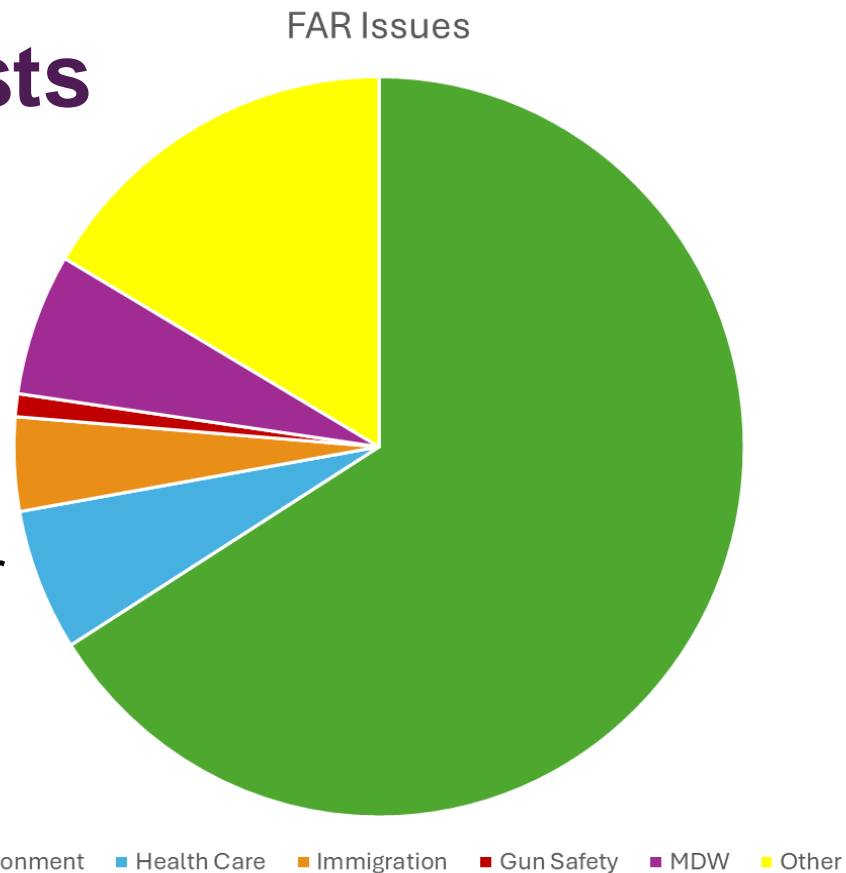
- The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)
- Climate Change
- Gun Safety
- Health Care
- Reproductive Justice
- Immigration

[LWVUS 2024 Legislative Priorities](#)

# Federal Action Requests

## [Federal Action Request form](#)

- If outside of MDW, assess whether the action:
  1. is an unforeseen or unexpected crisis, and
  2. requires an immediate response, or
  3. addresses a significant risk of harm to many.



# Deep Dive Agenda

- Position
- LWVUS Advocacy
  - Congress
  - Administration
  - Public Education
- Resources



# The Equal Rights Amendment

**Equal Rights. Support ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and efforts to bring laws into compliance with the goals of the ERA. Support equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability.**

**Equality of Opportunity**

*Impact on Issues*

# LWVUS Advocacy

## Congress

- Senate Judiciary Committee [testimony](#)
- 118th Congress [priority](#)
- Urged support of [Senate resolution](#)
- Urged support of [House resolution](#)
- Resolution [ActionAlert](#)

## Administration

- Urged [WHGPC to advise President to instruct Archivist to publish](#)
- State of the Union [priority](#)

## Public Education

- Women's Inequality Day [campaign](#)
- Centennial [blog](#)

# Resources

- [ERA Toolkit](#)



# Climate Change



**Support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.**

**Climate Change**

*Impact on Issues*

**Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest.**

**Natural Resources**

*Impact on Issues*

# LWVUS Advocacy

## Congress

- Urged support of [environmental investments in Farm Bill](#)
- Urged opposition of rollback of [smog pollution control](#)
- Urged protection of federal [water infrastructure funding](#)
- Resolution [Action Alert](#)

## Administration

- Comments to EPA on [methane air pollution](#)
- Comments on [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) implementation](#)
- Comments on [Environmental Justice Scorecard](#)

## Public Education

- [Climate change explainer](#)
- [Climate change and women and girls](#)

# Gun Safety

**Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.**

**Gun Policy**

*Impact on Issues*

# LWVUS Advocacy

## Congress

- Recommended [gun safety reforms](#)

## Administration

- Comments to ATF on [definition of a firearms dealer](#)

## Public Education

- [Assault weapons explainer](#)
- [Gun violence and the LGBTQIA+ community](#)

# Health Care

**Promote a health care system for the United States that provides affordable access to a basic level of quality care for all US residents, including behavioral health, that is integrated and achieves parity with the physical health care system.**

**Health Care**

*Impact on Issues*



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## Congress

- Urged rejection of [gender-affirming health care restriction appropriations riders](#)

## Administration

- Urged action to maintain [Medicaid coverage](#)
- Comments on [mental health parity under insurance](#)
- Comments on [Healthy People 2030 Objectives](#)

# Reproductive Justice

# Protect the constitutional right of privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices.

## **Public Policy on Reproductive Choices**

*Impact on Issues*

# LWVUS Advocacy

## Congress

- Endorsed and urged passage of [\*Women's Health Protection Act\*](#)
- Urged rejection of anti-abortion [appropriation riders](#)

## Administration

- Urged action for [abortion rights and access](#)
- Urged removal of anti-abortion [appropriations rider](#)
- Comments on [DoD abortion data collection](#)

## Public Education

- [Impact of \*Dobbs\*](#)
- [Anti-democratic trends in abortion legislation](#)
- [Hyde Amendment](#)

# Resources

- [Abortion Rights Messaging Guidance](#)
- [State Abortion Advocacy Strategy](#)
- Reproductive Rights Webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#)



# Immigration

**Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for individuals already living in the country without legal permission to earn legal status.**

### **Immigration**

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# LWVUS Advocacy

## Congress

- Endorsed the *American Dream and Promise Act*
- 118th Congress [priority](#)

## Administration

- Opposed movement toward an [asylum ban](#)
- Urged finalizing a proposed rule for [health coverage for DACA recipients](#)
- Comments opposing [immigration application fee increases](#)

## Public Education

- [DACA explainer](#)



# Advocacy Reminders and Resources

# Applying a DEI Lens

- [Impact on Issues](#) (pgs. 3-4)
- Webinar [recording](#) and [slides](#)

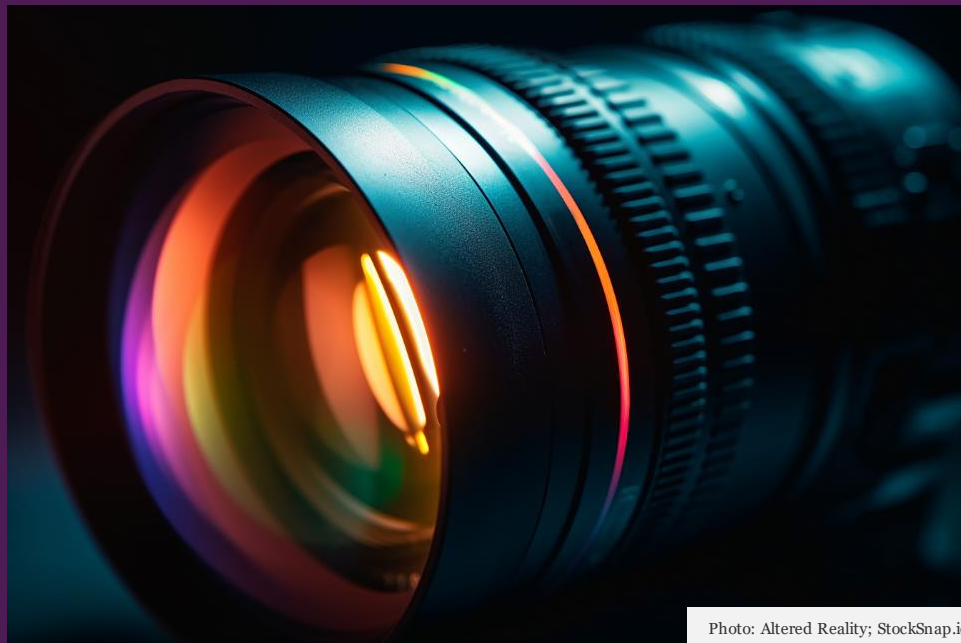


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# Partnership Note



**ERACoALITION**



The Leadership Conference  
on Civil and Human Rights



**CENTER *for*  
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RIGHTS**



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Legislative Testimony Writing

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Questions?