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IDEA I

America can't solve its biggest problems and deliver the results hardworking taxpayers want, need, and deserve unless Democrats and Republicans start working together side by side on bipartisan solutions.

Here are two reasons you should care about having leaders in Washington who believe Democrats and Republicans must work together for the good of the country.

- *America has had divided government—with one major party controlling the White House and the other controlling at least one house of Congress—for 29 out of the last 40 years. For almost three-quarters of that time, passing bipartisan legislation has been the only way to enact anything.*
- *The most significant and enduring legislative achievements of the twentieth century occurred when members of both sides came together to achieve bipartisan success that benefited all Americans. There's no greater example than the enactment of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which depended on the leadership of civil rights leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., working alongside Democratic President Lyndon B. Johnson and Republican Senate Minority Leader Everett Dirksen.*

More recently, even amid Washington's dysfunction and divisions, No Labels' allies in the House and Senate helped lead the passage of consequential legislation that made historic investments in our infrastructure and in the next-generation technologies we need to stay ahead of communist China. They also rewrote the outdated Electoral Count Act that created so much uncertainty after the 2020 election and led to the horrors of January 6, 2021.

Now, think of the huge list of problems that our country faces heading into the 2024 election, including inflation, low economic growth, and spiraling debts. A broken immigration system. Crime and gun violence. A generation of students struggling in the classroom. Declining belief in the American Dream. The list goes on.

The one thread that connects all these challenges is that none will be solved unless and until enough members of both parties put country before party and work together to solve them.