

The POPULIST Act of 2026

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Partnership of Ordinary People Undermining Lobbyist Influence for Societal Transformation Act of 2026" or the "POPULIST Act".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

(a) Findings.—Congress finds the following:

(1) In recent years, surveys have consistently found a majority of Americans agree with the statement: "The economic and political systems in the country are stacked against people like me."

(2) The evidence in the operation of the economic and political systems in the country, as well as other systems, is such that an impartial observer could conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that such systems are in fact stacked against the average person.

(3) Congress has the authority to interpret such widespread feeling as a petition for the redress of grievances and take corrective action through the legislative process.

(b) Purpose.—The purpose of the POPULIST Act is to unstack the various systems of the United States in order to fulfill the duties laid out by the Framers in the Preamble to the Constitution.

SEC. 3. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Act, any amendment made by this Act, or the application of any such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance is held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Act and the amendments made by this Act, and the application of the remaining provisions and amendments to any other person or circumstance, shall not be affected.

SEC. 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

(1) to limit legal or administrative remedies under section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States ([42 U.S.C. 1983](#)), section 210401 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 ([34 U.S.C. 12601](#)), title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ([34 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.](#)), or title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ([42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.](#));

(2) to affect any Federal, State, or Tribal law that applies to an Indian Tribe because of the political status of the Tribe; or

(3) to waive the sovereign immunity of an Indian Tribe without the consent of the Tribe.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

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