

## APPETIZER

### Melting Pot Soup

America is a place where diverse cultures, ideas, and peoples mix together. As your meal begins, provoke a discussion by asking these questions:

1. **What are the shared values and core beliefs that unite us as a country?**
2. **Name one thing about American democracy you're grateful for.**
3. **What major legislation has had a beneficial impact on the country and society?**

**EXERCISE!**

Rally the table behind one piece of new legislation that everyone can agree on. If, for example, the government had a surplus of cash to launch a new initiative, which of the following ways should they spend the money?

Infrastructure	Health
Debt Reduction	Social Security
Tax Cuts	Climate and Energy
Education	National Security

## THE BIPARTISAN

# Thanksgiving

## FAMILY SURVIVAL GUIDE

**Thanksgiving is a reminder that there's more that unites us as Americans than divides us. We don't believe families should avoid politics when they get together over the holidays. After all, if we can't discuss important issues with our loved ones, how can we expect our leaders to work together?**

## MAIN COURSE

### Something "Meaty"

Discuss substantial issues that matter to you and your family.

Setting priorities is a challenge for our government. Can your table agree on 3 of the following issues you would most like Congress and the president to work on together?

<b>The Economy</b>	<b>Guns</b>	<b>Trade</b>
<b>Health Care</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Cybersecurity</b>
<b>Energy/Climate</b>	<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>Terrorism</b>
<b>Civil Rights</b>	<b>Foreign Policy</b>	<b>Campaign Finance Reform</b>
<b>Immigration Reform</b>	<b>Veterans' Affairs</b>	<b>Election Security</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Taxes</b>	

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## DESSERT

### ImPEACHment Pie

You've made it this far, so now it's time to talk about impeachment. But first...

#### Did you know?

During the last two years in office of Presidents Nixon and Clinton, Congress passed 772 and 604 laws respectively?

#### Which means...

Bipartisan action has always been the key ingredient for making a positive difference in people's lives – even during times of political turmoil.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**YOU'VE SURVIVED YOUR FIRST BIPARTISAN THANKSGIVING!**

Tweet your photos and answers to **@BPC\_Bipartisan**

**YAY!**



## TRIVIA

- Who was the first president to pardon a turkey for Thanksgiving?**
  - A. Dwight Eisenhower
  - B. Ronald Reagan
  - C. Herbert Hoover
  - D. Gerald Ford
- Which of these bills was recently enacted with broad bipartisan support?**
  - A. The 21st Century Cures Act, which will accelerate medical product development and bring new innovations and advances to patients who need them
  - B. The First Step Act, which reforms the criminal justice system to reduce recidivism
  - C. The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, which expands education benefits for veterans and their families
  - D. All of the above
- How many seats in the House of Representatives and Senate are up for election in 2020?**
  - A. 33
  - B. 100
  - C. 470
  - D. 700
- President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a recurring national holiday in 1863, at the behest of Sarah Josepha Hale. Hale is known for writing which nursery rhyme?**
  - A. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
  - B. Baa Baa Black Sheep
  - C. Mary Had a Little Lamb
  - D. London Bridge Is Falling Down
- In 2016, how many days did the House of Representatives convene to work?**
  - A. 0
  - B. 64
  - C. 131
  - D. 365
- During the previous Congress, (2017/2018), 443 laws were enacted. During the 95th Congress (1927/1928), 804 laws were enacted. How many laws have been enacted in the current Congress?**
  - A. 12
  - B. 66
  - C. 207
  - D. 853
- Which president formally moved Thanksgiving from the final Thursday in November to the fourth Thursday in November to increase the country's retail sales and give families more time to shop for winter holidays?**
  - A. George W. Bush
  - B. Franklin D. Roosevelt
  - C. Jimmy Carter
  - D. Grover Cleveland
- How many current Supreme Court Justices are aged 65 or older?**
  - A. 1
  - B. 3
  - C. 5
  - D. 9
- What is the electoral college?**
  - A. A school to teach Congress better manners
  - B. A certificate program granting the right to vote
  - C. A process whereby voters select a group of people to formally vote for President and Vice President.



## WORD SEARCH

I M D P A T R I O T I S M  
 U M O B S T R U C T I O N  
 X Y P F I L I B U S T E R  
 J I G E R R Y M A N D E R  
 T B I P A R T I S A N W V  
 E C W I T C H H U N T R H  
 U V I A X C H T M O I N P  
 K C O M P R O M I S E S Q  
 R U P D Q X F D E Y W K D  
 A N S K Y F A K E N E W S  
 I I T Y C I V I L I T Y U  
 N B C O N G R E S S J Z M  
 E E M O L U M E N T S A X

**Find the following words in the puzzle.**  
 Words are hidden across and down.

- IMPEACHMENT PATRIOTISM WITCHHUNT FAKENEWS
- OBSTRUCTION COMPROMISE CONGRESS UKRAINE
- GERRYMANDER BIPARTISAN CIVILITY
- FILIBUSTER EMOLUMENTS

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

1 B. Ronald Reagan | 2 D. All of the above | 3 C. 470 | 4 C. Mary Had a Little Lamb  
 5 C. 131 | 6 B. 66 | 7 B. Franklin D. Roosevelt | 8 C. 5 | 9 C. A process whereby  
 voters select a group of people to formally vote for President and Vice President.