Thanksgiving is a unique moment when Americans from different regions, generations and political views are drawn together by our common history and values. Limitations on social gatherings this Thanksgiving are particularly unfortunate as our nation continues to suffer from the wounds of a controversial and divisive election. We hope that all Thanksgiving gatherings—be they small or large, in person or on screen—take the opportunity to talk about what it means to be an American.

FIRST COURSE:

Appetizer Medley

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!

Congress will likely pass another COVID relief package when reconvening in 2021. Rally the table behind 2 or 3 priorities that Congress should focus on:

- Infrastructure
- Child Care
- COVID Testing
- Small Business
- Unemployment Ins.
- Climate and Energy

Tweet your results to @BPC_Bipartisan

MAIN COURSE:

Something “Meaty”

Our nation must grapple with some really tough issues in the coming year. Which of these broad statements best captures the view of your Thanksgiving table?

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<th>Immigration</th>
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<td>A. The biggest problem is illegal immigration. Too many people break the law to come or stay in the country. We need to enforce the law, even if it means deporting families.</td>
<td>A. Climate change is a direct threat to our way of life. The U.S. must make massive investments and transition the economy to clean energy as quickly as possible—even if it hurts some sectors of the economy.</td>
<td>A. The U.S. has the best health care in the world. The private sector should decide how to provide care and insurance with little interference from government.</td>
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<td>B. The biggest problem we have is that we need workers for many jobs, but the system doesn’t work so immigrants and employers go around it. We need more legal visas, not to kick people out.</td>
<td>B. The climate is changing, but it is a global problem and the U.S. should wait for action by China which is now the world’s highest emitter.</td>
<td>B. Health care is a basic human right. The government should require that all Americans be provided basic health care regardless of their ability to pay.</td>
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<td>C. America has always welcomed immigrants. We need workers and families should be able to stay together. We can reform the system to do both and give folks already here a chance to become legal.</td>
<td>C. The U.S. has long been a leader solving global problems. Congress must develop an aggressive strategy that reduces greenhouse emissions in the most cost effective way we can.</td>
<td>C. Health care should remain a public-private partnership while requiring insurers to cover all Americans regardless of health status.</td>
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DESSERT:

Pie

When you fear that our nation is simply too divided and progressives and conservatives have nothing in common—just remember there’s always pie.

The Bipartisan Policy Center is thankful that we have a political system that embraces freedom of thought and diversity of interests. We are eager to continue working with members of both parties who have the commitment, creativity, and courage to lead a government that is truly of the people, by the people and for the people.

CONGRATULATIONS!

You’ve strengthened our democracy! To learn more about bipartisan solutions to America’s pressing problems, follow @BPC on Twitter and visit www.bipartisanpolicy.org.

PLEASE CELEBRATE SAFELY

YAY!
TRIVIA

1. The Thanksgiving tradition of presidential turkey pardons started after poultry farmers began sending well-fed birds to the White House as holiday gifts. Who was the first president to receive a turkey?
   A. Thomas Jefferson
   B. Ulysses S. Grant
   C. Franklin D. Roosevelt
   D. Richard Nixon

2. Which of these bills was enacted with broad bipartisan support in the past year?
   A. The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, which offers millions of Americans greater retirement security.
   B. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which delivers economic support to workers, families, and businesses.
   C. The Paid Parental Leave National Act, which provides up to 12 weeks of paid leave to federal workers.
   D. The Great Outdoors Act, the biggest land conservation legislation in a generation.
   E. All of the above.

3. In addition to turkeys, numerous other animals used to be sent to the White House as holiday gifts. Which of these animals is no longer used? What became a White House pet for other animals used to be sent to the
   White House?
   A. Thomas Jefferson
   B. Ulysses S. Grant
   C. Franklin D. Roosevelt
   D. Richard Nixon

4. William Bradford, a founder and early governor of Plymouth County, led the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. Which current governor is a great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandchild of
   Bradford?
   A. Ned Lamont of Connecticut
   B. Kim Reynolds of Iowa
   C. Charlie Baker of Massachusetts
   D. Tate Reeves of Mississippi

5. Which of the following landmark laws was enacted with strong support from both sides of the aisle?
   A. The Civil Rights Act of 1964
   B. The Food Stamp Act of 1977
   C. The Social Security Reform Act of 1983
   D. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
   E. All of the above

6. Which founding father is said to have preferred the turkey over the bald eagle to be the national symbol of the United States?
   A. Alexander Hamilton
   B. George Washington
   C. Benjamin Franklin
   D. James Madison

7. During the 96th Congress, in session 1979–1980, 736 laws were enacted. During the 106th Congress, in session 1999–2000, 604 laws were enacted. How many laws have been enacted in the current Congress, in
   session 2019–2020?
   A. 6
   B. 193
   C. 499
   D. 827

8. Which one-time presidential ticket now skips the turkey at Thanksgiving, because both have become vegan?
   A. Bill Clinton and Al Gore
   B. George W. Bush and Dick Cheney
   C. John Kerry and John Edwards
   D. Barack Obama and Joe Biden

9. During which of the following periods was the U.S. Senate most bipartisan, according to the Lugar Center?
   A. 1993–1995
   B. 1997–1999
   C. 2009–2011
   D. 2017–2019

10. Who was the first president to “pardon” a turkey for Thanksgiving?
    A. Dwight Eisenhower
    B. Ronald Reagan
    C. Herbert Hoover
    D. Gerald Ford

11. Which U.S. state produces the most turkeys?
    A. Oregon
    B. Minnesota
    C. Virginia
    D. Missouri

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. D
2. E
3. B
4. C
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. D
9. D
10. A
11. B

WORD SEARCH

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

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GAMES!