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... and an overwhelming majority of Americans agree!

ABOUT HIV CRIMINALIZATION

Since HIV first became a concern in the 80's, **scientific advancements** have been made and many early **assumptions about transmission** have proven **false**. Despite this, many states have **laws** that impose **harsh penalties**, including imposing felonies and **imprisonment** of individuals living with HIV. These laws do not reflect current science, and should be **modernized**.

In collaboration with Susquehanna Polling and Research, we asked Americans about HIV laws. Here's what they said:

71% believe current HIV laws should be modernized and updated to take into account current scientific knowledge about transmission.
(72% of Republicans, 71% of Democrats)

83% believe current HIV laws should be modernized and updated to incentivize testing and treatment.
(83% of Republicans, 83% of Democrats)

78% believe people living with HIV should receive the health and treatment they need, rather than face criminal charges that discriminate and discourage proper testing, treatment, and disclosure.
(77% of Republicans, 80% of Democrats)

HIV Modernization is Bipartisan

Since 2021, states like Missouri, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee have passed bills that modernize HIV criminalization laws.

In these states, between 87% - 97% of Republican lawmakers supported the bill.

Additionally, without support from Republicans in Illinois, Nevada, New Jersey, and Virginia, HIV modernization bills would not have passed.

REPEAL Act

Previous Congresses have introduced the bipartisan **REPEAL Act**, which would study federal and state laws that target and punish Americans who test positive for HIV and to develop recommendations for updating these outdated laws.

68% of Americans support this bill, while only 9% oppose.