Appendix: Major Social Enactments

Data on major policy enactments are drawn from David Mayhew’s *Partisan Balance: Why the Political Parties Don’t Kill the U.S. Constitutional System* (Princeton University Press, 2011)and are available at <http://campuspress.yale.edu/davidmayhew/dataset-partisan-balance/>

All social policies enactments, not including crime bills. Acts in capitals were identified by Mayhew as especially important.

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| Enactment | President | Year | Unitary/Divided |
| Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodent Act (FIFRA) | Truman | 1947 | Divided-D Congress |
| Water Pollution Control Act | Truman | 1948 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Housing Act of 1949** | **Truman** | **1949** | Unified-Democrat |
| Social Security Expansion – Benefits up 70%; 10 million new beneficiaries | Truman | 1949 | Unified-Democrat |
| Social Security Expansion | Eisenhower | 1953 | Unified-Republican |
| Housing Act of 1954 | Eisenhower | 1954 | Divided-D Congress |
| Disability insurance | Eisenhower | 1956 | Divided-D Congress |
| **Civil Rights Act of 1957 – first such act since 1870s. Federal injunctive powers on voting rights, Civil Rights Commission** | **Eisenhower** | **1957** | Divided-D Congress |
| National Defense Education Act | Eisenhower | 1958 | Divided-D Congress |
| Food Additives Amendments Act | Eisenhower | 1958 | Divided-D Congress |
| Housing Act of 1959 | Eisenhower | 1959 | Divided-D Congress |
| Civil Rights Act of 1960 | Eisenhower | 1960 | Divided-D Congress |
| Kerr-Mills aid for the medically needy aged | Eisenhower | 1960 | Divided-D Congress |
| Area Redevelopment Act | Kennedy | 1961 | Unified-Democrat |
| Housing Act of 1961 | Kennedy | 1961 | Unified-Democrat |
| Minimum wage increase | Kennedy | 1961 | Unified-Democrat |
| Manpower Development and Training Act | Kennedy | 1962 | Unified-Democrat |
| Drug regulation | Kennedy | 1962 | Unified-Democrat |
| Public welfare amendments | Kennedy | 1962 | Unified-Democrat |
| Higher Education Facilities Act | Kennedy | 1963 | Unified-Democrat |
| Clean Air Act | Kennedy | 1963 | Unified-Democrat |
| Equal Pay Act of 1963 | Kennedy | 1963 | Unified-Democrat |
| Aid for mentally ill and retarded | Kennedy | 1963 | Unified-Democrat |
| Aid to medical schools | Kennedy | 1963 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Civil Rights Act of 1964** | **Johnson** | **1964** | Unified-Democrat |
| **Economic Opportunity Act** | **Johnson** | **1964** | Unified-Democrat |
| Food Stamp Act – food stamps made permanent | Johnson | 1964 | Unified-Democrat |
| Enactment | President | Year | Unitary/Divided |
| **Voting Rights Act** | **Johnson** | **1965** | Unified-Democrat |
| Appallachian redevelopment Act | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Elementary and Secondary Schools Act** | **Johnson** | **1965** | Unified-Democrat |
| Higher Education Facilities Act | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| Air pollution control | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| Clear Waters Restoration Act | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| Motor Vehicle Air Pollution Control Act | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Medical Care for the Aged** | **Johnson** | **1965** | Unified-Democrat |
| Regional medical centers for heart disease, cancer, stroke | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| Immigration reform | Johnson | 1965 | Unified-Democrat |
| Demonstration cities program | Johnson | 1966 | Unified-Democrat |
| Minimum wage increase – 9.1 million new workers covered | Johnson | 1966 | Unified-Democrat |
| Air Quality Act | Johnson | 1967 | Unified-Democrat |
| Age discrimination Act | Johnson | 1967 | Unified-Democrat |
| Wholesome Meat Act | Johnson | 1967 | Unified-Democrat |
| Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (provide 1.7 million new/rehab units for low-income families) | Johnson | 1968 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Open housing act of 1968** | **Johnson** | **1968** | Unified-Democrat |
| Wholesome Poultry Act | Johnson | 1968 | Unified-Democrat |
| National Environmental Policy Act | Nixon | 1969 | Divided-D Congress |
| Coal mine safety act | Nixon | 1969 | Divided-D Congress |
| Food stamps program expanded – national standards, multiplied funding | Nixon | 1970 | Divided-D Congress |
| Unemployment compensation expanded | Nixon | 1970 | Divided-D Congress |
| Voting Rights Act extension | Nixon | 1970 | Divided-D Congress |
| Clean Air Act | Nixon | 1970 | Divided-D Congress |
| Emergency Employment Act | Nixon | 1971 | Divided-D Congress |
| Higher Education Act | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Pesticide Control Act | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Water Pollution Control Act | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Equal Employment Opportunity Act | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Social Security increase (major 20% hike) | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Supplemental Security Income | Nixon | 1972 | Divided-D Congress |
| Employment Retirement Income Security | Nixon | 1974 | Divided-D Congress |
| Minimum wage increase | Nixon | 1974 | Divided-D Congress |
| Voting Rights Act extension | Ford | 1975 | Divided-D Congress |
| Unemployment compensation overhaul | Ford | 1976 | Divided-D Congress |
| Enactment | President | Year | Unitary/Divided |
| Unemployment compensation overhaul | Ford | 1976 | Divided-D Congress |
| Resource Conservation and Recovery Act | Ford | 1976 | Divided-D Congress |
| Toxic substances control act | Ford | 1976 | Divided-D Congress |
| Surface Mining Control/Reclamation Act | Carter | 1977 | Unified-Democrat |
| Food and Agriculture Act | Carter | 1977 | Unified-Democrat |
| Comprehensive energy package | Carter | 1978 | Unified-Democrat |
| Toxic waste Superfund | Carter | 1980 | Unified-Democrat |
| Voting Rights Extension | Reagan | 1982 | Divided-D House |
| Anti-recession job measure | Reagan | 1983 | Divided-D House |
| Cleanup of toxic waste dumps | Reagan | 1986 | Divided-D House |
| Housing and Community Development Act (first housing authorization since 1980, $30 billion) | Reagan | 1987 | Divided-D Congress |
| McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of ($443 million for shelter, health, food) | Reagan | 1987 | Divided-D Congress |
| Water Quality Act | Reagan | 1987 | Divided-D Congress |
| **\*Grove City Civil Rights measure –** | **Reagan** | **1988** | Divided-D Congress |
| Catastrophic health insurance for the aged | Reagan | 1988 | Divided-D Congress |
| Child care package | HW Bush | 1990 | Divided-D Congress |
| Clean Air Act | HW Bush | 1990 | Divided-D Congress |
| Americans with Disabilities Act | HW Bush | 1990 | Divided-D Congress |
| National Affordable Housing Act | HW Bush | 1990 | Divided-D Congress |
| Civil Rights Act of 1991 | HW Bush | 1991 | Divided-D Congress |
| Omibus energy act | HW Bush | 1991 | Divided-D Congress |
| Motor Voter Act | Clinton | 1993 | Unified-Democrat |
| Family medical leave act of 1993 | Clinton | 1993 | Unified-Democrat |
| Health insurance portability act | Clinton | 1996 | Divided-R Congress |
| Balanced budget deal - new children's health insurance | Clinton | 1997 | Divided-R Congress |
| 100,000 new school teachers | Clinton | 1998 | Divided-R Congress |
| Community renewal and new markets act | Clinton | 2000 | Divided-R Congress |
| **Medicare reform** | **W Bush** | **2003** | **Unified-Republican** |
| Pension reform | W Bush | 2006 | **Unified-Republican** |
| Overhaul of college student aid programs | W Bush | 2007 | Divided-D Congress |
| Energy conservation | W Bush | 2007 | Divided-D Congress |
| Economic stimulus package | W Bush | 2008 | Divided-D Congress |
| New GI bill for veterans | W Bush | 2008 | Divided-D Congress |
| Guarantee of mental illness insurance | W Bush | 2008 | Divided-D Congress |
| Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act | Obama | 2009 | Unified-Democrat |
|  | Obama | 2009 | Unified-Democrat |
| Enactment | President | Year | Unitary/Divided |
| Expansion of CHIP | Obama | 2009 | Unified-Democrat |
| Tobacco regulation | Obama | 2009 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Economic Stimulus measure** | **Obama** | **2009** | Unified-Democrat |
| Repeal of don't ask don't tell | Obama | 2010 | Unified-Democrat |
| **Affordable Care Act 2010** | **Obama** | **2010** | Unified-Democrat |
| Regulation of food safety | Obama | 2010 | Unified-Democrat |
| Water resources and development act | Obama | 2016 | Divided-R House |
| Opioids relief policy | Obama | 2016 | Divided-R House |