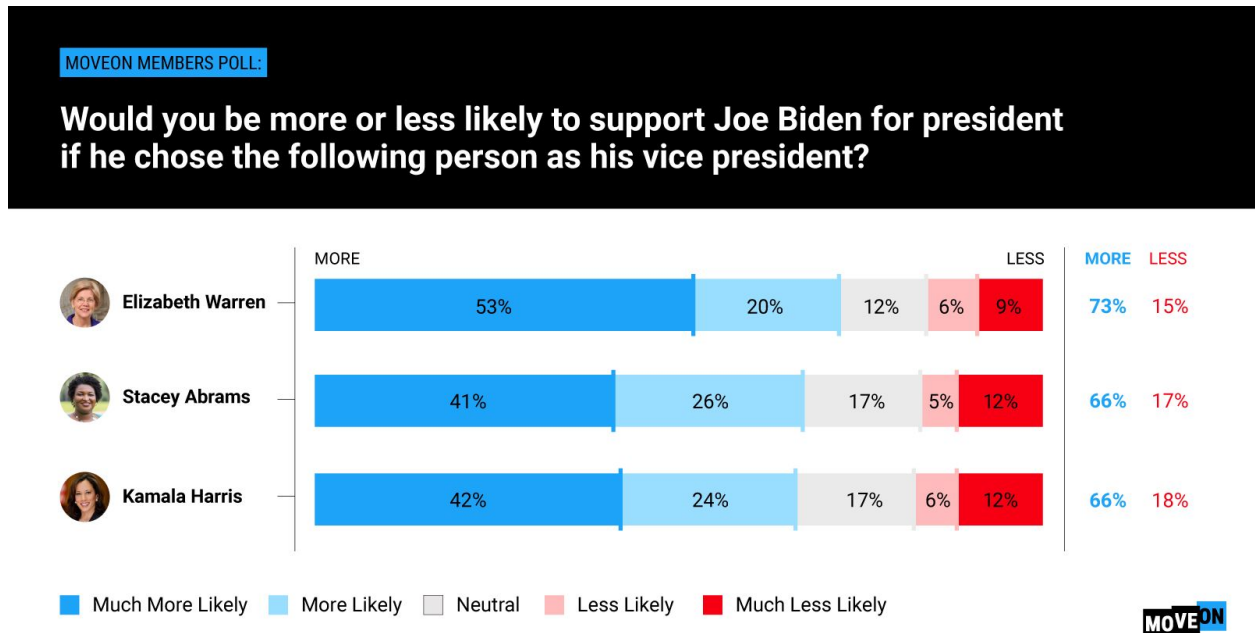




To: **Interested Parties**
 From: **Chris Torres, Political Director, MoveOn Political Action**
 Re: **MoveOn members' preferences for Joe Biden's Vice President: Warren, Abrams, Harris on top**
 Date: May 20, 2020

We regularly survey representative samples of MoveOn members about a variety of issues, and in recent weeks have asked several questions about MoveOn members' preferences for the Vice Presidential nomination. Some clear trends have emerged.

Elizabeth Warren, Stacey Abrams, and Kamala Harris have consistently emerged as MoveOn members' top three choices. Here's data from our most recent survey, conducted late last week:



Two-thirds or more of respondents said they would be more likely to support Biden if he chose either Warren, Abrams, or Harris—a sign of grassroots enthusiasm for any of these potential nominees that was significantly higher than for others.

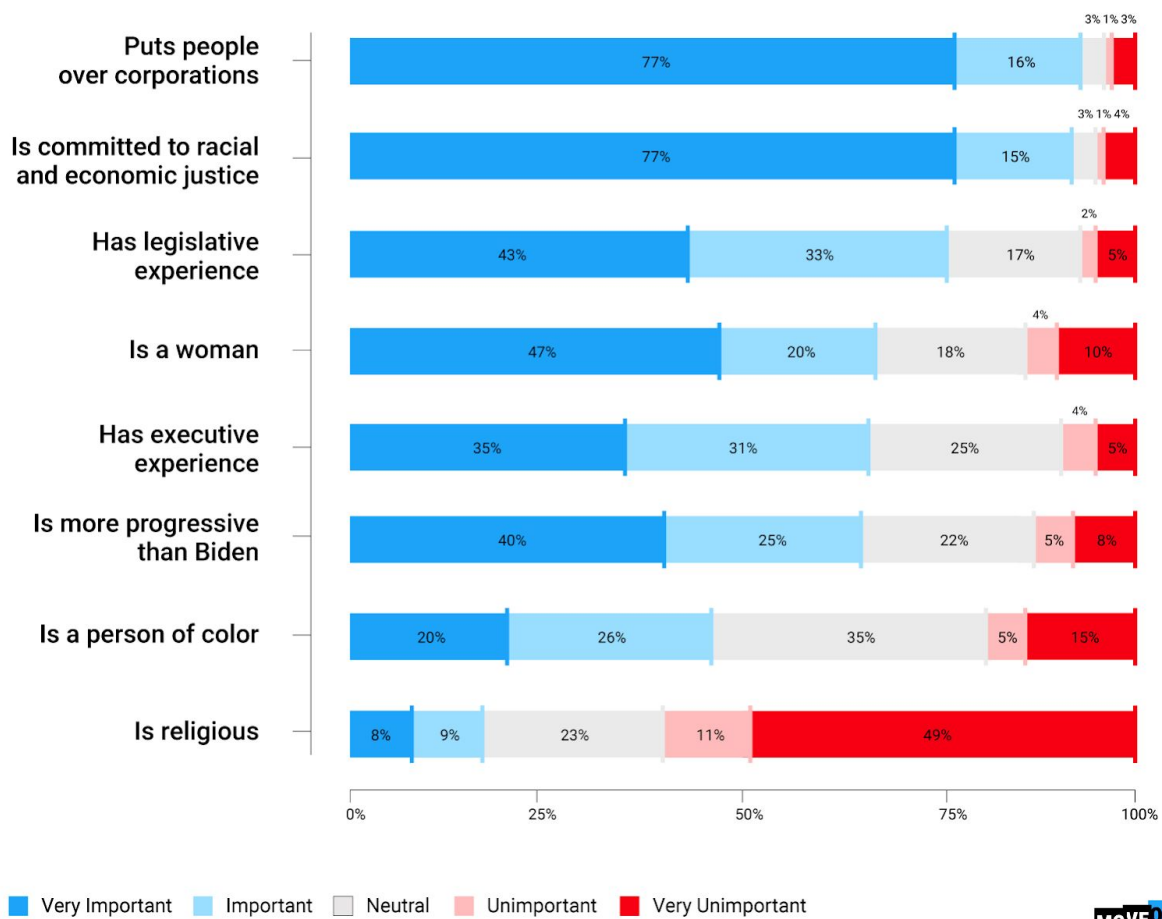
We asked about a total of 12 potential nominees—all women, in line with Biden's commitment to nominate a woman—and all of whom have been the subject of discussion as potential picks. Potential nominees we named included Stacey Abrams, Tammy Baldwin, Val Demings, Tammy Duckworth, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Kamala Harris, Amy Klobuchar, Catherine Cortez Masto,

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Gina Raimondo, Jeanne Shaheen, Elizabeth Warren, and Gretchen Whitmer. The alternate names most frequently added by MoveOn members were, in this order: Michelle Obama, Bernie Sanders, Susan Rice, and Katie Porter.

Additionally, MoveOn members prioritized two characteristics for nominees in their assessments, with more than 90 percent saying it was important or very important that a nominee “is committed to racial and economic justice” and “puts people over corporations.” Majorities of MoveOn members also indicated they would like a nominee with legislative experience, who has executive experience, who is a woman, and who is more progressive than Biden.

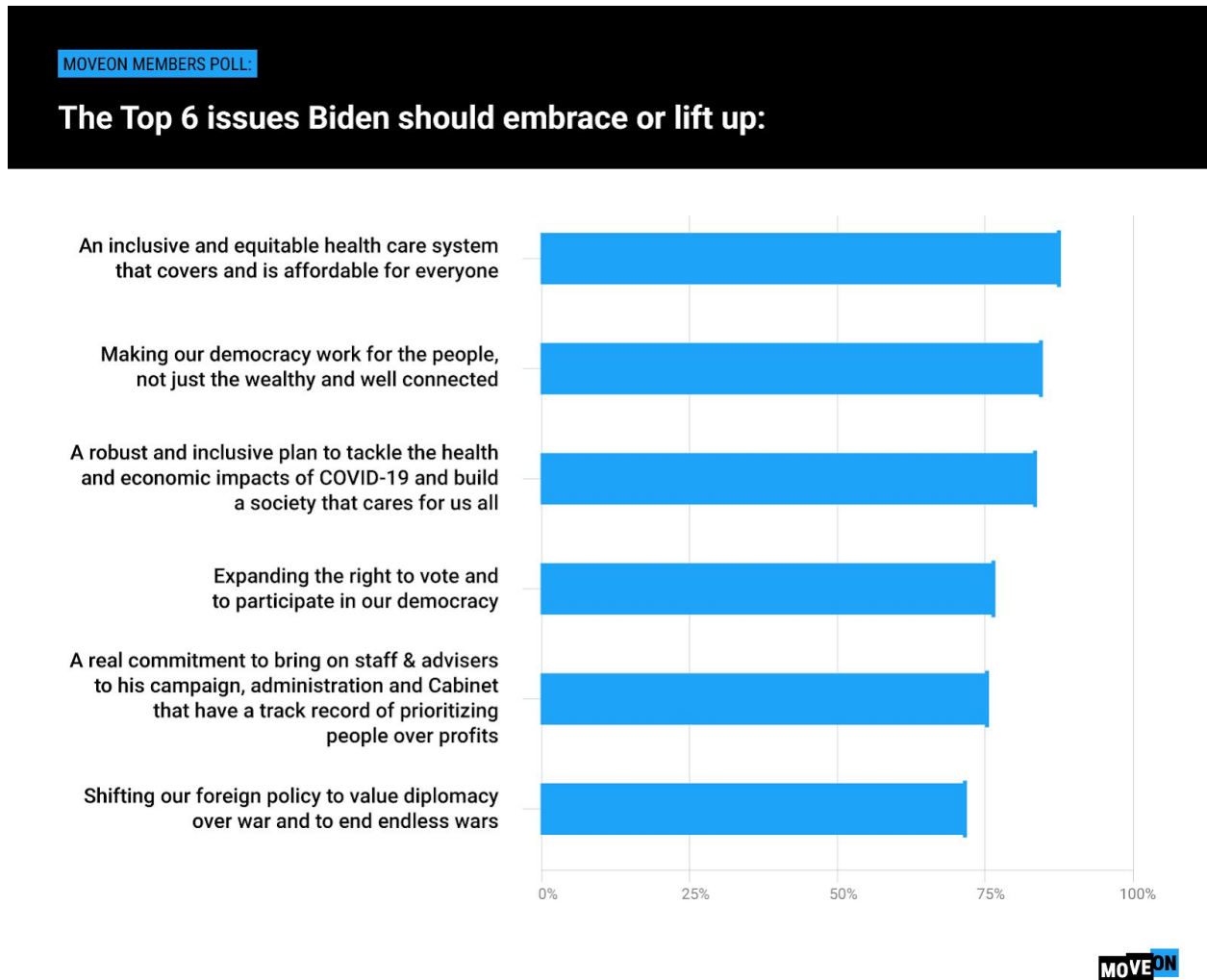
MOVEON MEMBERS POLL:
In your view, how important is it for Biden to pick a running mate who...



These results come on top of a survey conducted the prior week in which we asked a representative sample of MoveOn members who their “first choice” for a Vice Presidential

nominee would be. No candidate was the first choice of a majority of MoveOn members. Warren had a clear plurality of votes in response to that question at 41 percent, with Harris and Abrams tied at second with 13 percent each.

The most important issues that members would like to see Biden embrace and lift up are an inclusive, affordable, and equitable health care system (87 percent), followed closely by a tie between "making democracy work for the people, not just wealthy and well connected" (85 percent) and "a robust and inclusive plan to tackle the health and economic impacts of COVID-19" (84 percent).



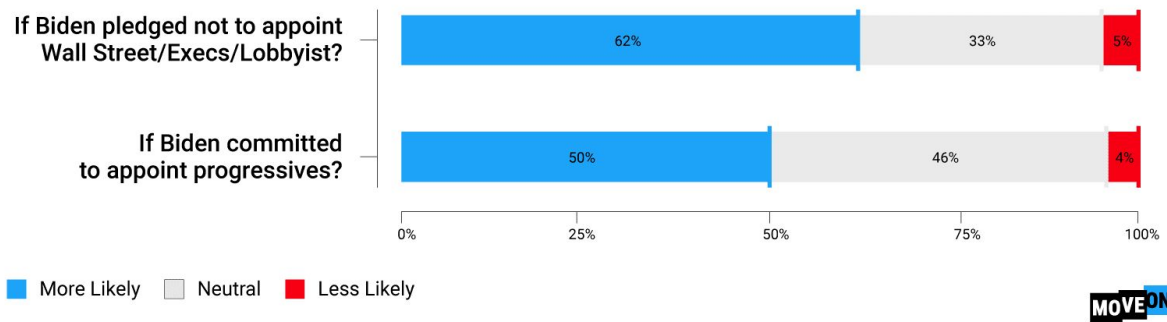
Of the people who said there was an issue important to them that we did not ask about, the most common issue highlighted was climate change, with the Green New Deal and Medicare for All as the next two most common highlights.

Finally, the majority of members indicated they would be more likely to support Biden if he pledged to avoid appointing Wall Street executives or lobbyists to his campaign, administration,

and cabinet, with 62 percent saying they would be "more likely" to support Biden if he were to make that pledge. Half of members also said they would be "more likely" to support Biden if he were to commit to appointing progressives to his campaign, administration, and cabinet.

MOVEON MEMBERS POLL:

Based on appointments, would you be more or less likely to support Biden...



We are releasing this information in the interest of service to our members—to help make their collective voices heard in our democracy—and to provide information to the Biden campaign as it considers its personnel and platform and evaluates prospective nominees.

Ultimately, who a presidential candidate picks as a running mate must be rooted in factors that go beyond popularity. Job Biden will need a vice presidential nominee who complements him, can bring along the electorate needed to win, communicates effectively with and resonates with a multiracial coalition of voters from all walks of life, has the values, experience, and judgment to be a sound governing partner, and—of course—who is prepared to take on the role of President and Commander-in-Chief should she be called to do so.

As for how Biden plans to approach governing: It is clear that the next president will have to take unprecedented action to rebuild our economy and our communities to heal from the devastating impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and the Trump administration's botched response—impacts that have exacerbated existing injustices that hit communities of color the hardest. Our survey results show that the activists at the heart of the Democratic Party and progressive movement are expecting President Biden to take a truly transformative approach.

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