

What is the most important thing you would recommend be done to fix Congress?

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Verbatims

Put all new people in.

Don't let them stay in there too long. Get them out.

Get rid of the president. He should be impeached. He turned the U.S. into a third-world country. We have no more credibility in the U.S.

Get rid of all of them and get a new batch of people in there. Then start their pay at the average American blue collar wage. Keep their pay at that wage.

New people voted in, someone else needs to try.

For everyone to vote.

Be cooperative.

Honestly, probably get rid of all the people who aren't working for people, who are working for money, which is most of them in my opinion. Get a fresh start.

The need to get along and try to do right for the people.

We need some new blood, new ideas.

Fire them all and start from scratch.

Reinstate the line item veto.

Give a working man a decent wage and lower rent.

Get to work.

Elect some new people into Congress, stir it up a little bit.

Get new congressmen. Get more Republicans in there.

Term limits.

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They need to make better decisions.

Get back to our founding principles and stick to the laws we have and uphold them.

Term limits.

Audit their life's finances, stop them from getting paid to run the government, stop them from paying off their congressman.

Listen to the people that are paying them and listen to what people want.

Interview and hire the right people.

Start all over. Get rid of everyone.

Recall every one of them.

Term limits.

Everyone blames Congress, and anything they do the Senate undoes it. They need more Republicans in there and they'd do something. To fix Congress they need to fix the Senate and presidency.

New, honest people.

Push for more lower taxes and stimulate the economy.

Get rid of Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi and all the Democrats, impeach Barack Obama.

Limited terms.

Have a Democratic president and have the majority of the House and the Senate be Democrats.
Stop shooting down the president when he's coming up with things and start compromising and work together.
Can't seem to go forward on any issue.
Get the economy back and get people to work and help us. The country is falling apart. Give a raise, promote people for what they do. Help people who come from another country. A good atmosphere. We are all immigrants, we should all have rights to live and make a living. We are all poor and care for other countries. We care for other countries, but they care more for wars than our own people.
Get rid of the electoral college.
Get a new Congress, completely start over.
Some way to separate business and government.
I think they all need to get along. And I think there should not be parties.
Fire them all.
Kick them all out.
Close the border and ship the illegals back home.
Term limits.
Elect more Democrats.
Hold them to a higher degree of accountability.
To increase the minimum wage and the insurance topic. Immigration -- do something with the reform deal. They're letting people just go free. People from South America are being given dates to go to court instead of going back to their country. If you want to come in, come in a legal way.
Term limits.
Can't answer.
Encourage more small businesses and put less money into public jobs and unions.
Limit the terms.
Put the Lord ahead of their agenda.
Stop the money game. They have been bought. John Boehner is a perfect example, too much money up there. Just getting in and getting rich.
Fix term limits.
I can't judge, because I'm not in Congress. I feel like it's an internal problem that they should fix themselves.
Kick everybody out.
Vote them all out.
Vote them out.
Reduce party line and make the right decision for the country, regardless of party line.
Get rid of all of the crooked ones and get some honest people in there. But if they are honest when they go in there, they are not going to be honest when they come out.
They have to start going along with the president instead of obstructing everything. Stop being obstructionists.
Need to wake up and start looking out for the people, and not for themselves.
Put Republicans as a majority in the Senate and House.
Get rid of all of them and start again.

Play nice. Get your own image out of the way and worry about the people.
I think to shorten their terms.
Get rid of Obama.
Vote them all out and vote in a whole new group.
Everybody get along and make things happen.
Replace them all.
Clean the house.
Term limits.
More conservative.
Elect Republicans in the fall.
They should work harder toward agreement in order to improve the country.
I don't know.
Have a re-election.
Not doing their job.
Everybody should be limited to two terms, term limitation.
Correct the budget, mandatory budget, don't get paid until they do.
Limit terms.
Abide by the platform you ran on.
Hold them to same laws that they make for the rest of the country.
Well I don't know. They need to have some consistency and come together as one to get things done. Right now that is not happening.
Majority Republican.
Start over.
Get them all out of there. Learn how to work together.
To fix Congress? I'm not really sure.
Term limits.
Their pay should reflect their ability to do their job.
Put new people in office.
Lower their wages and let them know what the real reality is.
Vote out every conservative and learn to work together with Democrats.
I can't say. There's too many things, too many lies.
Lowering their income to the same equivalent as minimum wage.
Maturity and getting along.
I don't see what they're doing, so I don't know what needs to be fixed.
Not let them be in charge of their pay raises.
Take more control.
To work in a bipartisan manner.
Both sides work together and quit taking so many breaks when there is business to attend to.
Term limits.
Replace them.
I think that they should be able to be in Congress a certain amount of time. I don't think it should be all their life. I think they should be checked much better and do a good a job.
I would recommend that both parties try get along with each other. It's a nightmare on what they're doing.
Not sure how they can fix it.

For all Congress to focus on upholding the constitution and holding the president to doing so if he doesn't uphold the constitution, then impeach him.

Get rid of the federal reserve.

All get along.

Get a new one.

Put the right people to do the right job.

Lower their pay and make them live in the means of a normal (average) American salary.

Fire Harry Reid.

Get all of the racist guys out of there and limit terms. Make sure the people that are in Congress are actually the average American age, and/or cover all aspects of life.

Fire them all and get new people and start all over again. Make them have a term position.

Find a way to work together.

Respect people's opinions.

They need to get their act together. They're not for the people, they're for businesses.

Don't pay them until they make decisions.

Limit lobbying.

Fire them all and start new.

Term limitations for Congress.

There should be independent commissions to set the district boundaries for the U.S. House.

Higher standards.

Bi-partisanship.

Learn how to reach across and communicate.

Replace them all.

Lock them in a room together until they get along.

Limit terms.

Keep some younger people with better ideas.

Replace members.

New blood.

They need to take a stand.

Regulations on campaign finances.

Have them be accountable for their decisions.

Work on trying to cut the ties between Congress and big business.

Hire new people.

Term limits.

Listen to the people.

Well, to get to being decent people, stop acting like two-year-olds. They are elected to represent us, so they ought to do that...they are elected to pass laws and they ought to pass laws. I don't like what they're doing.

More bipartisan cooperation.

Term limits.

Learn to cooperate.

To modify their regulations or their procedures, including filibusters, so legislation could come to a vote. If there are a majority of people who vote, it shouldn't be obstructed and should pass.

Congress needs to forget about their personal gain and remember that they work for the people.

Term limits. One subject on the bill. Congress should have same health insurance.

Term limits.

Term limits.

New elections, we need a new face in Congress.

Remove the entitlements, make it a job like everywhere else.

Work across the aisle.

I guess force them to legislate, to do their jobs. They shouldn't be allowed to take breaks without doing their work.

Lighten up coal companies.

Start all over again.

Limit soft money contributions, term limits.

People are elected who have most money to run.

Lower the wages.

Re-elect everyone.

Get the millionaires out of Congress and get regular people in Congress.

Absolute term limits. No lifetime pension or medical benefits.

Make them stay on the job and don't have so many days off every year, if they had all worked on trying to get the country fixed every day, we'd be a lot better off.

All of them read the bible and be fair to the working people. They give away too much money

Term limits.

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Cheaper health insurance, legalize marijuana.

Hire some new people.

Be included in taking a part in Affordable Care Act.

Term limits.

Strict term limits.

They should put back word of God in schools.

Throw them all out and have no lawyers that can serve and make sure all of them were poor at one time.

Pay for own expenses.

The way they rule things.

I think our term limits and also our public financing. Congressmen, senators -- anyone running for office -- should have limited terms. I know it's only two terms for Congress but maybe they can run for Congress three times, that's it.

Try different congressmen. The ones there are not working.

A process put in place to stop the gridlock that occurs within Congress.

Term limits.

They should be voted in and out every two to three years like the president.

Get rid of the president and Harry Reid. Get people who want what is best for America, and quit being political. Start enforcing the laws.

They should try to get together more and negotiate. All they do is spend time away from it. They waste time and on the whole I don't think they are doing such a great job.

We have to elect more Democrats.

Term limits.

Get rid of Harry Reid, remove Nancy Pelosi, and remove some Republicans also. Politics are too divided.

Better decision making.

Change them all.

Limit the number of terms they can serve.

They should really listen to people's opinions.

Start over.

To get rid of the people in there. And an overhaul of the members who are in there.

Start over with new people.

Get rid of them, replace them all.

More bipartisan cooperation.

Elect a whole new Congress.

Throw them all out and get somebody in there that's going to do the job.

An agenda that focuses more on domestic issues rather than international issues.

Change of members.

I think probably term limits. Get rid of these professional politicians.

Create a third party.

Shorter limits in office.

Enforce the competition.

Get away from partisan politics. Congress should not be about parties, it should be about benefiting both parties.

If they did their jobs that would be a good thing. If they did what they're supposed to do.

Redistrict and reform the country to end gerrymandering.

They need to be open-minded, need to listen to issues and what is presented. They walk in with their minds made up. Need to consider things whether they come from a Republican or Democrat, reach across the aisle, should be about the people and the country.

Everybody in there new.

Give them the same insurance as everyone else, only allow one term, and no perks after the term is over.

I guess maybe, two answers, Republican control of the Senate and more bipartisan.

Abolish filibuster.

I am in favor of immigration reform. It could be a very important step.

Set term limits.

How much is made in terms of how much progress is made economically. Pay for healthcare not retirement benefits after four years. Cannot vote in favor of things for them.

Change leadership in Senate.

Fire everybody.

Get together and work together for the people.

Term limits.

Balance the budget, amend term limits.
Term limits.
They need to clean it all out and start from the beginning. Need younger people who are more open-minded for the kids, and there should be terms.
Vote the Republicans out.
Term limits.
More vacation time.
Fire them all; start over.
There are too many special interest groups lobbying.
Get new people in there who know what they're doing.
Term limits.
They would get something done.
Fire them.
I think some compromise would be the best thing we could do. They're so polarized. They're either hard left or hard right.
Pay them for the days that they work.
I don't know.
Term limits.
Term limits so people can't make a career out of being a congressman.
More mandatory resolutions.
Create more jobs in the community and get people working.
Get all new people.
Majority should be 51%and not regulated.
Not sure.
Elect brand new officials, not so wealthy that are not inclined to any raises. Not to have anything average Americans do not have.
Nothing I can think of.
I think people need to be less concerned about winning and more concerned about doing the right thing.
Fire everybody, start over.
I think the Senate majority leader isn't doing a good job. Take action on some of the bills the House has passed.
Get rid of them all.
Term limits.
Get money out of politics.
Regulate their salaries and reduce their paychecks.
I think we need new members. I think we need all new members.
Something needs to be done to break these stalemates. It's extremely too partisan. There need to be some rules that make it mandatory that they come to some agreement, instead of sitting day-in and day-out while collecting paychecks on behalf of the U.S. people.
Get a new Senate.
Firing a lot of people.
Increase the benefits of social security.
Set term limits.
I think most of them are too conservative.
Talk to the people.

They should have to abide by every law that they enact.
Eliminate them all.
Term limits.
Term limits.
Learn to compromise, so partisan they won't consider the opposition.
Get a new president.
Lower their pay.
Don't know.
Start over.
Get some different people.
Do something.
Take the party system out.
Less conservatives because they won't do anything but block legislation. Get them out and get the Democrats in so we can get some work done.
Fire them all.
We need to have a Republican Congress listen to the people. Change has to be made.
Fire everyone and bring new people in.
Get the old guys out of politics and get some new blood brought into politics. Get average people working in politics.
Get along and not fight all the time.
Clean them all out and start over.
Term limits.
Compromise.
Shorten their terms.
Cooperation.
Cooperate. They need to learn how to cooperate and compromise.
If anybody could take care of our returning service men, I'd like that.
They need to work for the people, that'd work best, not for themselves.
Decrease term limits.
Think of people before they think of themselves.
Quit playing politics and work together.
I think honesty would help. I am not for big government, I am for small government. I am for honesty.
Do something.
Not fixable.
Vote some of the Republicans out.
Public financing and control of campaign funds.
Get rid of everybody.
Maybe put term limits on them. They get things the rest of us don't and they shouldn't. People go there and stay there for life. Their social security is different from ours, but they should be the same.
Try to work with the president.
New people.
Term limits.
All of them up there, including the president, need to be working together. More teamwork.
Take money from Congress and Super PACS.

Lower their pay.
Fire the whole bunch and start over.
More decisiveness.
Start over.
Be able to work together.
Stop all the negative fighting against one party to another. And when you hear a good idea, go for it, even if it's not your party.
Get rid of all of them, start new.
Work at it.
Term limits.
Stop taking money from corporations that want you to not tell them how to do their business. Stop taking money from special interests. And I'd be willing to say I'd like to have an amendment that says they can't do that.
Stick with the constitution -- stop manipulating it, read it word for word. Stop manipulating the constitution.
Run an election and replace them all. I am sure there are some very good men in Congress but we have to get along and work things out. It is not going to go away. We have to work them out and do the best we can with what we have to work with.
Term limits.
Get rid of all of them.
Re-election.
Get rid of Harry Reid.
Overhaul it.
Term limits.
Try to elect more independents.
Open primaries.
Live by the rules they pass on to everyone else, like health insurance.
Fire them all, learn how to work with each other, and work for the best of the country.
I think they need to listen to each other and try to cooperate.
Term limits.
Get them to understand that they must compromise. Possible term limits.
Lower their income down to our income.
I don't know if there is something that could be done. I just think that the Republicans are so unwilling to work with the other party.
Impeach the president.
Term limits.
There needs to be a lot more open-mindedness and discussion. They need to think about what the American public needs.
Complete overhaul of Senate and Congress.
There needs to be a law in place to hold them accountable -- they don't follow the constitution anymore.
Allow them to be impeached by their constituents.
Term limits.
We need new blood, a change of the guard.
Get rid of every one of them. And get a new House in.
I don't know. Get them to agree on things.

Get them all out. There has got to be more civility and willingness to work across the aisle for the sake of this country.

Put limits on their time, and that the people be able to say if they get raises and not be able to stay in too long.

Make them cooperate with each other.

Democrats and Republicans get along, more open minded.

Hold them accountable.

Term limits.

I wish that people would know more about what they're voting for, but I don't really know what would help.

What can we do to fix Congress? Need to work together more. It's not sides -- it's getting things done, working together to get it done.

Fire them all.

However it could be done, I would like to fix the gas situation, anything that would cut down on gas and get it to where it used to be.

Need to get everyone on same terms.

Election cycle is too short. Terms should be lengthened and limited.

Elect honest people.

Firearms.

New speaker of the Senate.

No comment.

To work together.

Get them working on legislation.

Institute a better electoral system and cut their pay.

There needs to be better regulation on what needs to be done and how to get things done.

Public financing of congressional elections.

Lower their salary and make it necessary, or make it a rule, that they have to be in the chambers at least 10 hours a day.

Put new people in there. Not the ones who have been there for 50 years.

Public finances for elections.

They should have term limits. They should only be allowed six years and then out they go.

Immigration for one, and to make better decisions for all of us.

Cut back the number of terms they are able to serve.

They need to work together.

Don't know.

Well placed dynamite...I guess I have never seen so much upheaval in my life. More common sense.

Training in mindfulness, meditation, greater compassion, and psychological flexibility, so workable compromises can be reached with greater ease and efficiency.

Term limits.

They should start a dialogue and not fight among themselves because they should set an example. And that immigration should not give so much hope that (people) would be able to fix their immigration status.

Elect all Republicans in the Senate.

Fire them all. They need to go away, so vote them out of office.

I think Congress needs to pay more attention to the public's needs and when the public is shutting down because of the economy, they need to shut their paychecks off as well.

Fire them all. I don't know, put in a new panel.

Decision making and no arguing.

Replace.

Vote them out, get new ones.

Kick out the incumbents.

If they run again, if they have done well, put them back in. If not, get rid of them.

They need to all be out of office with a whole new set of congressmen.

Throw them all out and have a re-vote.

More transparency.

I really think that there ought to be more laws against lobbyists. I think the small group of wealthy or money that is put into there...I think it doesn't favor the U.S. people. I mean it does, but a very small percentage of the U.S. people. I think it's special interest and it does very little for the U.S. people.

Get rid of all of them and start over. Maybe they should have term limits so they can't get too comfortable and do whatever they want to.

Don't know.

Let the Democrats vote and decide which is right, because Republicans are holding up everything.

I would set limits to how long they could serve in Congress and also change the campaign.

For them to get back to basics and to do what they are supposed to be doing.

Get new representatives, get a third party involved.

Fire them all.

Get rid of the whole lot.

Placing limits on terms they can serve.

Term limits.

Term limits.

Quit worrying about their careers, and do what's right for America. And quit fighting, Republicans and Democrats.

Change their attitude and start working together and not against one another.

Clean the House of non-partisan people.

Throw it out and put in a new one.

Fire all of them.

Term limits.

No idea.

I would impeach Harry Reid, the leader of the U.S. Senate.

Work for the American people instead of for themselves or partisan victory. No matter who is in power, they should do what is best for the country, because we are the ones who put them there. So do what's best for us, no matter what party there is instead of doing things for their own political agenda.

I wouldn't really have an answer for that.

Term limits.

Learn to work together.

Put some regular people in there, normal everyday citizens.

A third party.

Probably instead of doing a two party, have an open party election.

Get some nerve and stand up for what they believe in, and fight this bum we have for a president, impeach the bum.

Get back to putting the U.S. back first and they ought to be and get rid of 75% of them.

The immigrant thing.

Get rid of Harry Reid.

Be more open to everybody, not just your own, be there for everybody, less bullying.

I don't think you can fix it. If there was, there would've been.

Get people to work together, meet in the middle.

They should limit them to two terms, that way they don't become career politicians with all the perks and bonuses that come with it. If they limit them to two terms and then they can go back to being regular citizens.

Most important thing I would say is that both parties agree in a timely fashion. I don't think it is fair to the American people.

Negotiate more, to have better relationships with the White House, Congress, and Senate.

Term limits.

Replace them.

Replace them.

New people.

Just fix the situation with the economy.

Get the damn Republicans out of there! To have everyone put the best interests of the country ahead of personal affiliations.

More cooperation on both parties, less extreme views.

A Republican majority in the Senate, in my opinion, would be a right step.

Enforcement of current laws.

I can't answer that question.

The election.

Block too many things and bills to be voted on. Also doesn't like that fact that they can block certain bills and each shouldn't be able to block each other.

I wish decisions wouldn't be made based on a party. Limited terms.

Revolution.

They should probably listen to the president.

Get rid of Obama.

Have more Republicans.

To remove money from Congress via lobbyists and to have limited terms.

Get more moderates in there.

Boot them all out and start over. Also give them term limits.

They have to stop bickering and be bipartisan. They don't seem to accomplish anything.

The division in parties is too huge. Don't know if there is any way to fix it.

Stay on the job until it's done. I want the president to give a plan and both parties work together and present to the people.

Overhaul.

I think there is no concept of mutual goals, so they would need future mutual goals, whatever the goal is.

I think if they would honestly repent and seek the Lord, I think the Lord would help.

Stronger people that stand up for what they believe.

Start over again. Fire every one of them and re-elect new ones. They have been there too long.

Limit the terms like the president. They cannot serve more than two terms consecutively.

Term limits.

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