



Staff - Advocacy Report

March 14, 2021

Highlights:

1. Please see the graphs and data below that cover the period of reporting for the March 20, 2021 board meeting, and further back in time. We thank Paulette.
2. Please note what UUSJ did in January 2021, February, and now in March, continuing to experiment with a pandemic necessitated virtual approach to advocacy and testing our related capacity.
3. The Executive Director's report for the same period lists info not detailed here, with greater emphasis on partnerships, collaborations, and relationship management.

March 2021

UUSJ put out three (3) **Action Alerts (AA)**:

1. [Tell the Senate to Support S.1 - For the People Act of 2021](#), by the UUSJ Democracy Action Team (DAT), in alignment with [Faithful Democracy](#)
2. [Urge Congress to Reform Our Immigration System and Support the US Citizenship Act of 2021](#), by the UUSJ Immigration Action Team (IAT)
3. [Tell Congress and the Administration to Finance the U.S. Fair Share of the Green Climate Fund in 2021](#), by the UUSJ Environmental Action Team (EAT) in conjunction and collaboration with [UU Ministry For Earth](#) (UUMFE).

Each is performing well, so far, and will receive additional promotion to drive awareness.

As of March 14th, SALSA shows: The DAT AA (S.1) has sent 175 messages, by 96 participants; the IAT AA (Citizenship Act) has sent 407, by 139 participants; and, the EAT AA (Green Fund) has sent 253, by 60 participants.

All have been shared with UU State Action Networks (SANs) through the Coalition of UU State Action Networks (CUUSAN).

In addition we are:

- Hosting an educational briefing on the topic of "[Immigration Policy - Past, Present & Future](#)" for March 24 at 7:30pmET (follow the link to register now) with a follow up session planned for April focused on impacted partners.

- Making preparations towards a joint venture for Earth Month/Spring For Change 2021 with [UUMFE](#) and [UU for a Just Economic Community](#) (UUJEC).
- Collaborating with [Faithful Democracy](#) to procure targeted follow-up meetings with five (5) Senate offices, three (3) have been scheduled for the UUSJ DAT on S.1.
- Continuing conversation with **UU Service Committee** (UUSC) regarding the prospects of collaboration on a June 2021 “full tilt” outing on Immigration.

February 2021

UUSJ put out one (1) **Action Alert (AA)** and one (1) **Write Here Write Now (WHWN)** as part of a “full tilt” advocacy outing on **the \$15/hr Federal Minimum Wage**, and in alignment with the **Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call For Moral Revival**, specifically point three (3) of the PPC’s [14 Policy Priorities to Heal the Nation: A Moral and Economic Agenda for the First 100 Days](#). **Our actions were co-sponsored by [UUJEC](#).**

1. **Action Alert:** Tell [Congress](#) It's time to Raise the Minimum Wage to \$15/hr Nationwide!
2. **WHWN:** Tell the [Senate](#) It's time to Raise the Minimum Wage to \$15/hr Nationwide!
 - a. [WHWN Handout](#)

As of March 14th, SALSA shows: The Action Alert has sent 530 messages, by 197 participants; the WHWN online platform sent 24 letters, by 17 writers; and Paulette reports the classic upload received 10 letters, by 5 writers.

We held **10 Senate staff meetings** with ~30 UU lay volunteer folks, 6 UU ministers (NC, VA, PA, NJ) and with 2 SANs (IA, NC).

As part of this effort we held an “[Expert Opinion Briefing - Federal Fight For \\$15](#)” on Thursday March 18th, with guests **Jaya Chatterjee**, Assistant Legislative Director, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), **David Cooper**, Senior Economic Analyst, Deputy Director of EARN (Economic Analysis and Research Network), Economic Policy Institute (EPI), **Shailly Gupta Barnes**, Policy Director, Kairos Center and the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival (PPC: NCMR), plus **Alex Harris**, a Fight for \$15 and Union activist with lived experience who provided personal testimonial about the importance of increasing the minimum wage to a livable wage for their family and so many others.

We also held a briefing by **Serena Lowe** and **Pablo DeJesus** for our WHWN partners and participants to cover more internal and programmatic questions on the \$15/hr. issue.

These opportunities were shared with UU SANs through CUUSAN.

January 2021

UUSJ put out five (5) **Action Alerts (AA)**:

1. [Tell President Biden to Halt All Federal Death Penalty Executions.](#)
2. [Tell Congress \(117th\) Halt All Federal Death Penalty Executions.](#)
3. [Tell Congress That Climate Legislation Must Also Address Long-Standing Disparities in Health, Job Opportunities, and Social Well-Being](#), by the UUSJ Environmental Action Team (EAT).
4. [Tell President Trump to Halt All Federal Death Penalty Executions.](#)
5. [Tell Congress \(116th\) Halt All Federal Death Penalty Executions](#), by dean

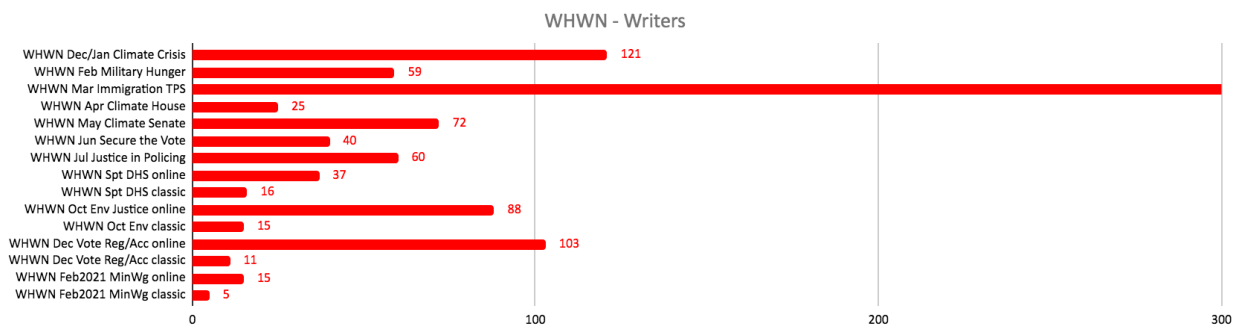
The Death Penalty AAs were suggested by **Dean Wanderer**. It came out of his experience with a Virginia community based organization (CBO) and hearing impacted people provide witness on lived experiences about the hardships for the families of persons in jail and the community impacts. Plus the subsequent board discussions of that CBO.

As of March 14th, SALSA shows: The Biden AA sent 6 messages, by 6 participants; the 117th AA sent 46, by 16 participants; the EAT AA (Climate Disparities) sent 187, by 69 participants; the Trump AA sent 40 messages, by 40 participants, note 11 additional ppl were marked ineligible; and the 116th AA sent 207 messages, by 74 participants.

All were shared with UU State Action Networks (SANs) through the Coalition of UU State Action Networks (CUUSAN).

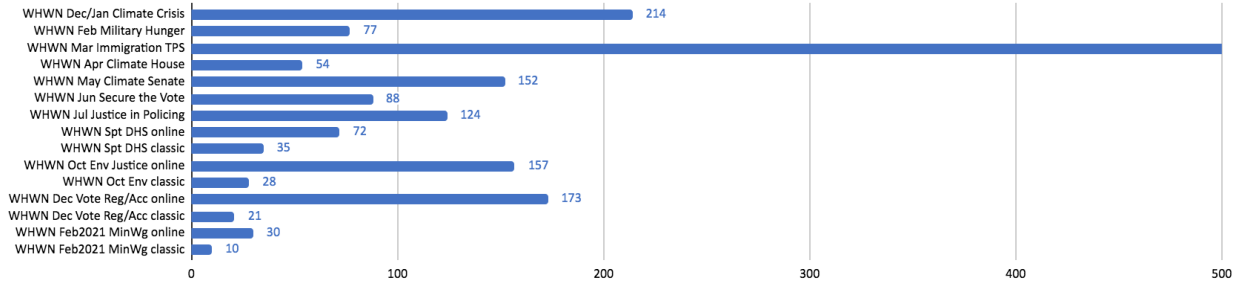
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- Write Here! Write Now! -



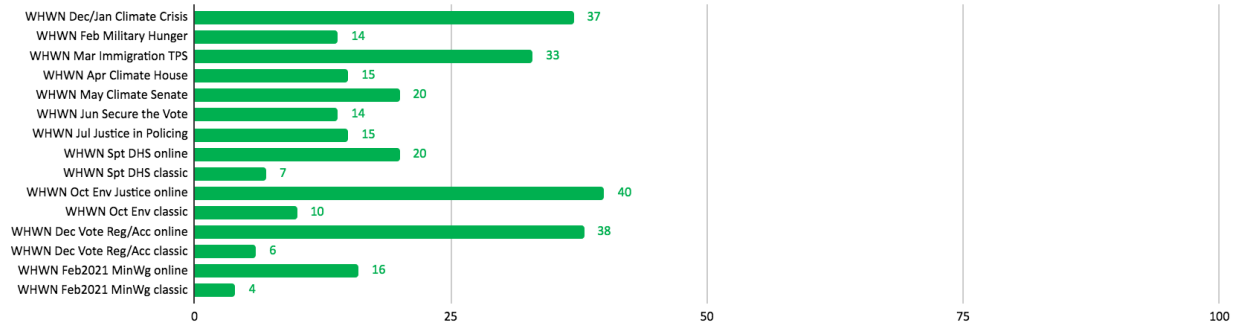
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WHWN - Messages



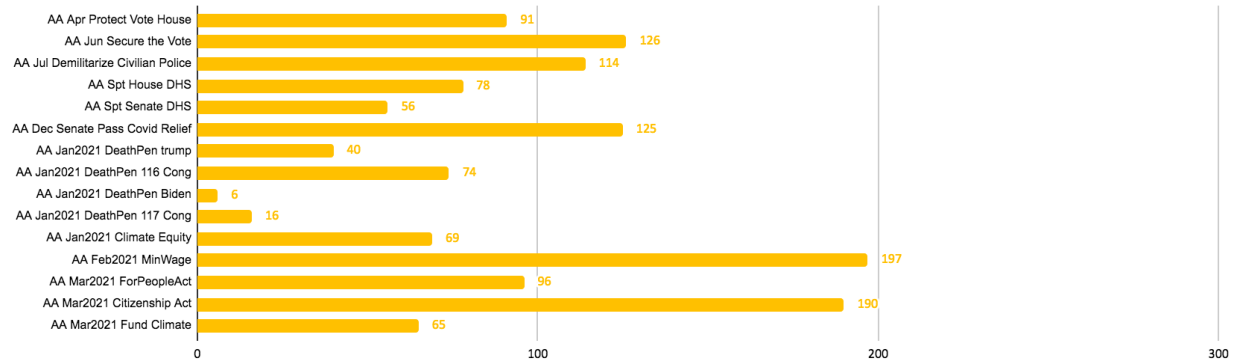
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WHWN - Legislators



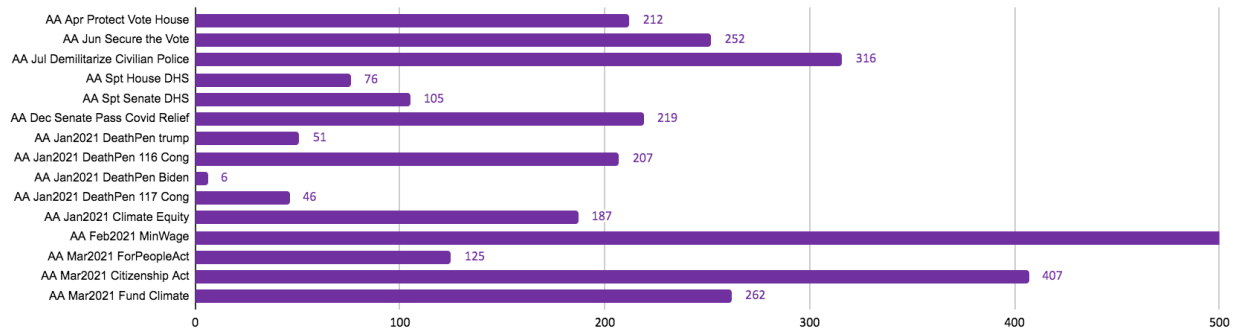
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Action Alerts - Writers



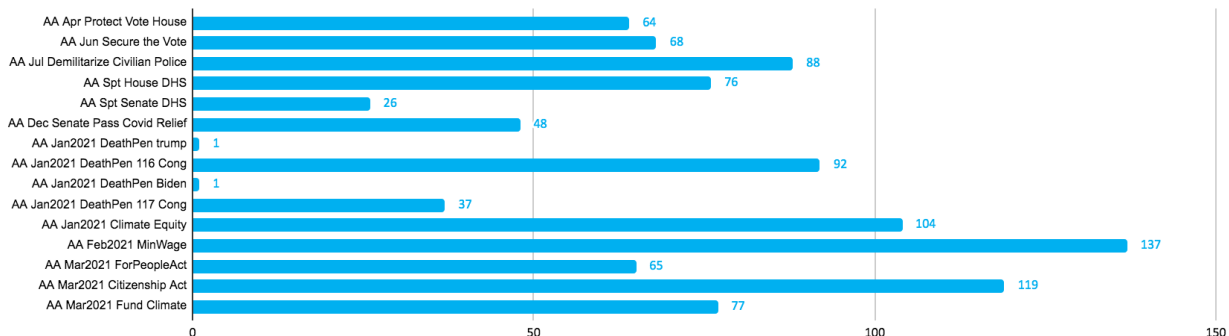
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Action Alerts - Messages



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Action Alerts - Legislators



2020/21			
Topic / Activity	Messages	Writers	Legislators
WHWN Dec/Jan Climate Crisis	214	121	37
WHWN Feb Military Hunger	77	59	14
WHWN Mar Immigration TPS	1059	569	33
WHWN Apr Climate House	54	25	15
WHWN May Climate Senate	152	72	20
WHWN Jun Secure the Vote	88	40	14
WHWN Jul Justice in Policing	124	60	15
WHWN Spt DHS online	72	37	20
WHWN Spt DHS classic	35	16	7
WHWN Oct Env Justice online	157	88	40
WHWN Oct Env classic	28	15	10
WHWN Dec Vote Reg/Acc online	173	103	38
WHWN Dec Vote Reg/Acc classic	21	11	6
WHWN Feb2021 MinWg online	30	15	16
WHWN Feb2021 MinWg classic	10	5	4
AA Apr Protect Vote House	212	91	64
AA Jun Secure the Vote	252	126	68
AA Jul Demilitarize Civilian Police	316	114	88
AA Spt House DHS	76	78	76
AA Spt Senate DHS	105	56	26
AA Dec Senate Pass Covid Relief	219	125	48
AA Jan2021 DeathPen trump	51	40	1
AA Jan2021 DeathPen 116 Cong	207	74	92
AA Jan2021 DeathPen Biden	6	6	1
AA Jan2021 DeathPen 117 Cong	46	16	37

AA Jan2021 Climate Equity	187	69	104
AA Feb2021 MinWage	547	197	137
AA Mar2021 ForPeopleAct	125	96	65
AA Mar2021 Citizenship Act	407	190	119
AA Mar2021 Fund Climate	262	65	77
Totals:	5312	2579	1292