What to do about Daylight Savings Time?

Polling suggests people want to stop changing the clocks.

A poll from Nov 2017 asking whether people preferred more light in the evenings vs having more light in the mornings found that 84% preferred having the extra light in the evenings. [https://enddaylightssavingtime.org/poll-84-of-americans-see-the-light-and-want-longer-days/](https://enddaylightssavingtime.org/poll-84-of-americans-see-the-light-and-want-longer-days/)


Most of the rest of the world does not do this.
Why is this issue difficult?

- There are 3 options instead of 2 (Always Standard Time, Always Daylight Time, or continue changing clocks) -- so getting over 50% for anything is very hard.
- What most people would prefer (to stop changing their clocks and stay on DST) is what the Federal Government won’t allow.
- Many are uncomfortable with the idea of being out of sync with their neighbors.

What is the solution?

- Try to get people what most of them want (more light in the evening) -- even if it takes more effort.
- Couch the request in language that makes it clear that the change will take place only when surrounding states also make the change.

Policy is moving in the direction of stopping the clock changing.

- Russia stopped changing their clocks in 2011.
- In the last year - Florida, Washington, and Oregon passed legislation requesting to move to permanent DST. Similar legislation in California has passed their house 72-0.
- 26 other state legislatures considered the issue this year.
- The European Union has decided that they will stop changing their clocks in 2021 -- All member states are requested to decide by then which schedule they prefer.

If you would like to be involved in the group of legislators working on the DST issue -- contact Utah Representative Ray Ward rayward@le.utah.gov or 801-440-8765.