

Released:
Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Contact:
PATRICK MURRAY
732-979-6769 (cell); 732-263-5858 (office)
pdmurray@monmouth.edu
Follow on Twitter: @PollsterPatrick

NATIONAL: GOP HAS CONGRESS EDGE BY DEFAULT

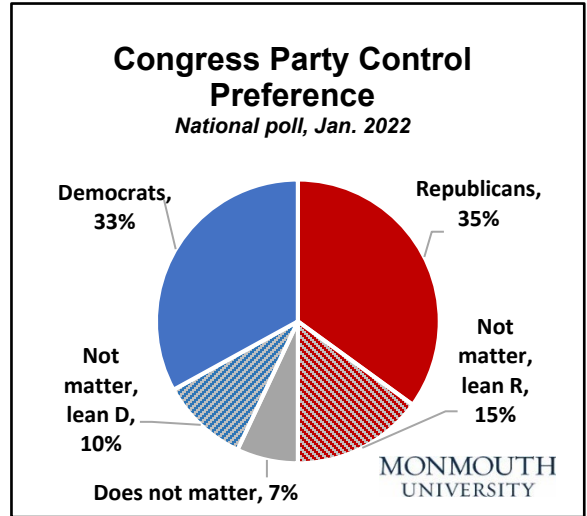
Few say either party is very concerned about ‘average Americans’

West Long Branch, NJ – Congressional Republicans have a small edge over their Democratic colleagues on a dubious metric – they are slightly less likely to be seen as lacking concern for the average American’s financial well-being. This, along with a continuing decline in President Joe Biden’s job rating, contributes to a small preference for GOP control after this year’s midterm elections. At the same time, the *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* finds that elements of Biden’s spending plans remain broadly popular, but passage of the BBB legislation is not a top priority.

Few Americans believe that either political party truly cares about the average family’s pocketbook. Specifically, just 23% say the Democrats in Congress are very concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans while at the other end of the spectrum 47% say the Democrats are not really concerned. Similarly, just 20% say the Republicans in Congress are very concerned with average Americans’ financial status versus 42% who say the Republicans are not really concerned about it. Four years ago, Americans were slightly less likely to see Congressional Democrats (35%) as being unconcerned with average Americans’ economic well-being compared with the Republicans (40%). The partisan difference is reversed in the current poll, although the gap is not large in either year.

“The GOP advantage on the economic concern question is not large as a percentage, but Democrats had a similarly small edge on this metric in 2018 and ended up gaining 41 House seats,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

The public is almost evenly split between saying they would rather see the Republicans (35%) or the Democrats (33%) in control of Congress. However, pushing those who initially say party control does not matter on which direction they lean adds 15% to the GOP column versus a smaller 10% for the Democrats. Just over half of the public (54%) says it is very important to have their preferred party in control of Congress. This number is slightly higher among those who want to retain Democratic control (61%) than among those who want a change to Republican control (56%).

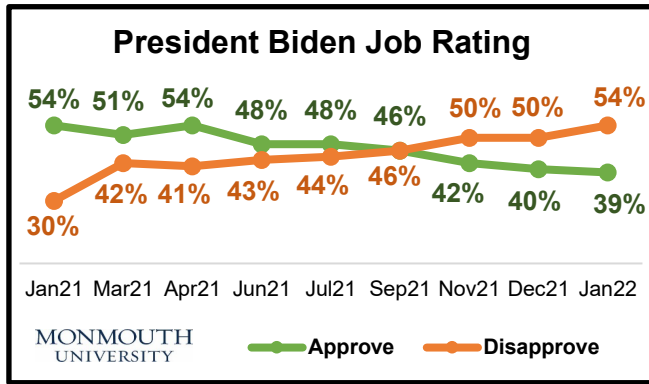


Just 19% of the public approves of the job Congress is currently doing. Almost 3 in 4 (74%) disapprove – including 81% of Republicans and 59% of Democrats. Just 24% of Americans feel the country is headed in the right direction. Another warning sign for the party in power is a shift in self-reported partisan affiliation. Currently, 26% of American adults identify themselves as Democrats, a number that ranged from 30% to 34% in Monmouth polling throughout last year. Republican identifiers currently stand at 31% of the population, which is up from a range of 23% to 27% in 2021. Moreover, when these numbers are combined with independents who say they lean toward either party, Republicans (51%) have a decided advantage over Democrats (41%).

“Republicans have a default advantage heading into the midterms. Simply put, they are not currently in power. Voters who don’t see much difference in the parties are going to be a key factor. That means the prospect of changing the congressional majority does not necessarily translate into hope that Washington will get any better,” said Murray.

The public is divided on how productive the federal government would become if Republicans take control of Congress after this year’s midterm elections. Similar percentages think Washington would get more done (27%) as say it would get less done (30%) under a GOP-led Congress. Another 41% say it would get the same amount done as it is doing now. Among those who prefer Republican leadership, 56% believe Congress would get more done under GOP control. Among those who want to retain Democratic leadership, 71% say it would get less done with the GOP. Among those who say party control does not matter (or only lean toward a party preference), though, the vast majority (65%) say Washington would get about the same amount done if Republicans take control as it does now under the Democrats.

The poll finds that opinion of how much the president is concerned about the average American is no better than views of the two congressional parties. Specifically, just 30% feel Biden is very concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans. On the other hand, nearly half (47%) of the public feels he is not really concerned. These numbers are similar to *Monmouth University Poll*

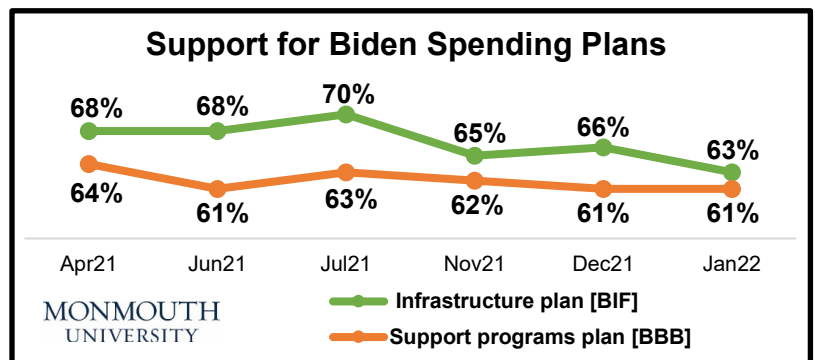


results to the same question about former President Donald Trump shortly before his midterm elections – 35% said Trump was very concerned while 46% said he was not really concerned ([August 2018](#)). Biden currently holds a job performance rating of 39% approve and 54% disapprove. This marks another downward tick since his net job rating crossed into negative territory at the end of last year.

“Biden’s go-to image during the campaign was ‘Joe from Scranton.’ The public view now is he’s lost the connection to those working-class roots,” said Murray.

Support for the plan to improve roads, bridges, trains, internet access, the power grid, and clean energy progress – basically the elements of the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal (BIF) that was passed last year – has ticked downward but still stands at a majority (63% now, from a high of 70% in July 2021).

Another plan to expand healthcare, childcare, paid leave and college tuition support – key elements of the currently stalled Build Back Better (BBB) legislation – retains fairly steady support (61%). Furthermore, most Americans (56%) continue to support the climate change funding part of the BBB bill.



A key problem for the BBB bill, though, is only 1 in 4 Americans (24%) – including less than half of Democrats (44%) – say that enacting it should be a top priority. A little over one-third (37%) say this legislation is important but there are more pressing matters for Congress to address, 9% say it is not really important to take up this bill right away, and 28% are opposed to its passage at all. These results are similar to December.

“Individual elements of Biden’s spending plans remain broadly popular. It’s the public relations part of the job that seems to be the bigger problem,” said Murray.

The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by telephone from January 20 to 24, 2022 with 794 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	39%	40%	42%	46%	48%	48%	54%	51%	54%
Disapprove	54%	50%	50%	46%	44%	43%	41%	42%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	7%	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	5%	8%	16%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	19%	23%	18%	22%	23%	21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	74%	66%	70%	65%	62%	65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	6%	11%	12%	13%	15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%	18%
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)

TREND:	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
<i>Continued</i>													
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND:	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

* Registered voters

4. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesn't this matter to you? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED] [If DOES NOT MATTER: If you had to lean one way or the other would you pick the Republicans or the Democrats?]

	Jan. 2022
Republicans	35%
Not matter, but lean Rep	15%
Democrats	33%
Not matter, but lean Dem	10%
Does not matter, no lean	7%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(794)

5. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans/Democrats] in control of Congress? [CHOICE READ FROM Q4]

	Jan. 2022
Very important	54%
Somewhat important	23%
Only a little important	15%
(VOL) Don't know / Does not matter who controls Congress (from Q4)	8%
(n)	(794)

6. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans? [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

President Biden

COMPARISON:	BIDEN Jan. 2022	TRUMP Aug. 2018
Very concerned	30%	35%
Somewhat concerned	22%	17%
Not really concerned	47%	46%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	2%
(n)	(794)	(805)

The Republicans in Congress

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Aug. 2018
Very concerned	20%	17%
Somewhat concerned	37%	39%
Not really concerned	42%	40%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	4%
(n)	(794)	(805)

The Democrats in Congress

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Aug. 2018
Very concerned	23%	22%
Somewhat concerned	31%	38%
Not really concerned	47%	35%
(VOL) Don't know	0%	5%
(n)	(794)	(805)

President Biden proposed a couple of multi-trillion dollar spending plans last year.

7. An infrastructure plan was passed by Congress for spending on roads, bridges and trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021**	Nov. 2021**	July 2021**	June 2021**	April 2021*
Strongly support	40%	42%	44%	51%	49%	Support 68%
Somewhat support	23%	24%	21%	19%	19%	
Somewhat oppose	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	Oppose 29%
Strongly oppose	26%	22%	23%	21%	21%	
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	(VOL) Don't know 3%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(804)	(810)	(n) (800)

** Question wording was "[One is/The other is] an infrastructure plan to be spent on..."

* April 2021 wording was "President Biden recently proposed a \$2 trillion infrastructure plan..."

8. Another plan that is still being considered by Congress would expand access to healthcare and childcare, and provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021**	Nov. 2021**	July 2021**	June 2021**	April 2021*
Strongly support	42%	42%	45%	47%	41%	Support 64%
Somewhat support	19%	19%	17%	16%	20%	
Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	7%	8%	10%	Oppose 34%
Strongly oppose	28%	27%	28%	27%	24%	
(VOL) Don't know	2%	4%	4%	2%	5%	(VOL) Don't know 2%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(804)	(810)	(n) (800)

** Question wording was "[One is/The other is] a plan to expand access to..."

* April 2021 wording was "Biden is also expected to propose a large spending plan ..."

9. The plan to expand healthcare and other forms of support also includes a significant amount of money to deal with climate change. In general, do you support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021
Strongly support	40%	42%	47%
Somewhat support	16%	14%	13%
Somewhat oppose	8%	11%	7%
Strongly oppose	33%	31%	31%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%	3%
(n)	(794)	(808)	(811)

10. The bill on support programs and climate change passed the House, but still awaits action in the Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important but there are other more pressing matters for Congress to deal with; that it is not really important to take up right away, or that it should not be passed at all?

TREND:	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021
Top priority	24%	28%
Important, but other priorities	37%	33%
Not really important	9%	9%
Should not be passed at all	28%	26%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%
(n)	(794)	(808)

11. Democrats currently control Congress. If Republicans take control of Congress after this year's midterm elections, do you think Washington would get more done, less done, or about the same amount done as it is doing now?

	Jan. 2022
More	27%
Less	30%
About the same	41%
(VOL) Don't know	2%
(n)	(794)

[Q12-42 held for future release.]

METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from January 20 to 24, 2022 with a probability-based national random sample of 794 adults age 18 and older. This includes 267 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 527 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n=476), Aristotle (list, n=119) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n=199). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)
Self-Reported
 31% Republican
 43% Independent
 26% Democrat

49% Male
 51% Female

30% 18-34
 33% 35-54
 38% 55+

63% White
 12% Black
 16% Hispanic
 9% Asian/Other

68% No degree
 32% 4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		794	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	735	3.6%
	No	59	12.8%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	242	6.3%
	Independent	340	5.3%
	Democrat	206	6.8%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	170	7.5%
	Moderate	294	5.7%
	Conservative	308	5.6%
GENDER	Male	396	4.9%
	Female	398	4.9%
AGE	18-34	105	9.6%
	35-54	268	6.0%
	55+	416	4.8%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	187	7.2%
	No	601	4.0%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	601	4.0%
	Other	169	7.5%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	402	4.9%
	4 year degree	388	5.0%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	307	5.6%
	White, 4 year degree	294	5.7%
INCOME	<\$50K	231	6.5%
	\$50 to <\$100K	238	6.4%
	\$100K+	273	5.9%

###

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	39%	38%	41%	9%	32%	85%	70%	45%	13%
	Disapprove	54%	55%	52%	90%	57%	8%	25%	44%	83%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	7%	2%	11%	7%	5%	11%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	34%	43%	34%	41%	41%	36%	40%	34%	48%
	Disapprove	59%	50%	56%	52%	55%	57%	54%	60%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	10%	7%	4%	7%	6%	6%	8%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	32%	52%	24%	52%	40%	40%	37%
	Disapprove	59%	44%	68%	46%	53%	51%	60%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	3%	8%	2%	7%	9%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	19%	18%	28%	13%	15%	34%	26%	21%	15%
	Disapprove	74%	76%	61%	81%	79%	59%	70%	70%	82%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	10%	6%	6%	7%	4%	9%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	16%	23%	20%	23%	16%	27%	17%	14%	29%
	Disapprove	80%	69%	72%	71%	79%	69%	77%	83%	61%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	8%	8%	6%	5%	5%	7%	4%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	20%	17%	14%	13%	20%	16%	17%
	Disapprove	73%	78%	83%	83%	74%	76%	78%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	5%	3%	5%	6%	8%	5%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	24%	23%	27%	8%	16%	54%	34%	31%	10%
	Wrong track	71%	71%	68%	91%	76%	39%	56%	62%	89%
	(VOL) Depends	3%	4%	2%	1%	5%	5%	9%	3%	0%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2%	4%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	21%	26%	19%	28%	23%	24%	23%	20%	30%
	Wrong track	72%	70%	73%	68%	72%	73%	70%	76%	63%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	3%	7%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	21%	29%	15%	28%	22%	22%	23%
	Wrong track	74%	64%	81%	66%	72%	71%	73%
	(VOL) Depends	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	4%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
4. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	35%	37%	20%	71%	30%	2%	9%	24%	65%
	Not matter, but lean R	15%	14%	19%	21%	18%	2%	3%	21%	16%
	Democrats	33%	34%	25%	2%	27%	78%	72%	33%	6%
	Not matter, but lean D	10%	9%	16%	3%	12%	16%	13%	10%	7%
	Does not matter, no lean	7%	6%	20%	3%	13%	1%	2%	11%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
4. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	39%	32%	32%	31%	41%	41%	33%	44%	20%
	Not matter, but lean R	16%	13%	16%	18%	11%	12%	15%	13%	16%
	Democrats	30%	36%	31%	33%	33%	28%	35%	31%	36%
	Not matter, but lean D	8%	11%	13%	11%	6%	10%	10%	5%	18%
	Does not matter, no lean	6%	8%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	5%	10%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	39%	26%	51%	32%	32%	35%	38%
	Not matter, but lean R	17%	10%	15%	9%	15%	14%	14%
	Democrats	26%	47%	21%	51%	33%	32%	34%
	Not matter, but lean D	10%	10%	6%	5%	12%	13%	7%
	Does not matter, no lean	8%	5%	7%	3%	8%	6%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	54%	56%	36%	60%	37%	74%	58%	44%	61%
	Somewhat important	23%	23%	30%	20%	29%	17%	26%	26%	20%
	Only a little important	15%	15%	14%	15%	19%	7%	14%	18%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q4] does not matter	8%	7%	20%	4%	14%	2%	2%	12%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
5. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	51%	56%	41%	51%	66%	53%	54%	60%	45%
	Somewhat important	24%	23%	29%	24%	18%	26%	23%	21%	28%
	Only a little important	17%	12%	21%	17%	7%	12%	15%	12%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q4] does not matter	8%	9%	8%	7%	9%	9%	8%	7%	11%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			PARTY PREF [Q4]	
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Rep	Dem
5. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	53%	55%	59%	61%	47%	55%	59%	56%	61%
	Somewhat important	24%	22%	22%	20%	29%	26%	18%	25%	26%
	Only a little important	14%	16%	12%	14%	16%	13%	15%	18%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q4] does not matter	8%	7%	8%	5%	8%	7%	8%	1%	0%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6A. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: President Biden?	Very concerned	30%	30%	25%	8%	24%	64%	47%	35%	13%
	Somewhat concerned	22%	21%	32%	14%	24%	31%	35%	25%	13%
	Not really concerned	47%	48%	43%	78%	52%	5%	18%	40%	72%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6A. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: President Biden?	Very concerned	25%	34%	20%	33%	34%	29%	30%	29%	32%
	Somewhat concerned	26%	19%	32%	24%	14%	22%	22%	20%	26%
	Not really concerned	49%	46%	48%	44%	50%	50%	47%	51%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6A. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: President Biden?	Very concerned	25%	40%	23%	39%	24%	33%	32%
	Somewhat concerned	22%	23%	18%	23%	27%	23%	18%
	Not really concerned	52%	37%	58%	37%	48%	45%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6B. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Republicans in Congress?	Very concerned	20%	20%	18%	38%	14%	10%	11%	16%	32%
	Somewhat concerned	37%	37%	40%	47%	42%	20%	19%	39%	50%
	Not really concerned	42%	42%	41%	15%	44%	68%	70%	45%	16%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6B. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Republicans in Congress?	Very concerned	23%	17%	21%	18%	22%	17%	21%	23%	16%
	Somewhat concerned	37%	37%	36%	40%	36%	43%	35%	35%	40%
	Not really concerned	39%	44%	43%	42%	40%	39%	43%	41%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6B. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Republicans in Congress?	Very concerned	23%	13%	28%	13%	20%	22%	16%
	Somewhat concerned	38%	35%	36%	34%	35%	36%	40%
	Not really concerned	37%	51%	35%	53%	43%	41%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6C. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Democrats in Congress?	Very concerned	23%	23%	24%	8%	14%	54%	33%	27%	11%
	Somewhat concerned	31%	30%	33%	18%	38%	33%	49%	32%	18%
	Not really concerned	47%	47%	44%	74%	48%	12%	18%	41%	71%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
6C. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Democrats in Congress?	Very concerned	18%	28%	16%	23%	27%	25%	22%	19%	30%
	Somewhat concerned	30%	31%	41%	29%	24%	26%	32%	29%	33%
	Not really concerned	52%	41%	43%	48%	48%	49%	46%	52%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
6C. For each of the following people or groups, please tell me whether you think they are very concerned, somewhat concerned, or not really concerned with looking out for the economic well-being of average Americans: the Democrats in Congress?	Very concerned	22%	25%	17%	23%	21%	22%	22%
	Somewhat concerned	28%	36%	25%	37%	33%	35%	28%
	Not really concerned	50%	38%	58%	40%	46%	43%	50%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. [Biden proposed multitrillion plans]: An infrastructure plan was passed by Congress for spending on roads, bridges and trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that	Strongly support	40%	40%	41%	12%	36%	79%	69%	43%	16%
	Somewhat support	23%	22%	34%	24%	28%	13%	22%	26%	22%
	Somewhat oppose	9%	9%	4%	18%	6%	1%	4%	9%	12%
	Strongly oppose	26%	27%	21%	45%	27%	5%	5%	18%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	0%	5%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7. [Biden proposed multitrillion plans]: An infrastructure plan was passed by Congress for spending on roads, bridges and trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that	Strongly support	36%	43%	37%	41%	41%	36%	42%	38%	44%
	Somewhat support	25%	21%	31%	20%	19%	25%	22%	20%	28%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	9%	8%	9%	7%	9%	9%	8%
	Strongly oppose	28%	25%	16%	30%	31%	30%	25%	30%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	7%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. [Biden proposed multitrillion plans]: An infrastructure plan was passed by Congress for spending on roads, bridges and trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that	Strongly support	33%	54%	29%	54%	39%	46%	35%
	Somewhat support	25%	18%	22%	17%	25%	19%	24%
	Somewhat oppose	9%	7%	11%	6%	9%	10%	7%
	Strongly oppose	29%	21%	35%	23%	23%	23%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	0%	3%	0%	4%	2%	1%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. Another plan that is still being considered by Congress would expand access to healthcare and childcare, and provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	42%	41%	55%	13%	41%	79%	79%	43%	15%
	Somewhat support	19%	18%	27%	22%	19%	17%	15%	27%	15%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	3%	14%	9%	1%	1%	9%	14%
	Strongly oppose	28%	30%	14%	51%	27%	3%	5%	20%	53%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	0%	0%	2%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8. Another plan that is still being considered by Congress would expand access to healthcare and childcare, and provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	36%	49%	48%	44%	36%	42%	43%	35%	56%
	Somewhat support	21%	18%	22%	17%	18%	18%	19%	17%	21%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	9%	12%	6%	8%	12%	7%	12%	4%
	Strongly oppose	34%	22%	17%	30%	35%	26%	28%	33%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8. Another plan that is still being considered by Congress would expand access to healthcare and childcare, and provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	40%	48%	29%	46%	47%	44%	38%
	Somewhat support	20%	18%	18%	16%	19%	21%	16%
	Somewhat oppose	9%	7%	13%	8%	7%	8%	11%
	Strongly oppose	29%	25%	36%	28%	27%	25%	33%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. The plan to expand healthcare and other forms of support also includes a significant amount of money to deal with climate change. In general, do you support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	40%	40%	43%	15%	37%	73%	79%	37%	17%
	Somewhat support	16%	15%	25%	19%	17%	13%	11%	26%	10%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	7%	12%	8%	3%	7%	7%	9%
	Strongly oppose	33%	34%	25%	54%	36%	6%	3%	24%	63%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	5%	0%	5%	1%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
9. The plan to expand healthcare and other forms of support also includes a significant amount of money to deal with climate change. In general, do you support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	38%	42%	42%	43%	35%	33%	41%	35%	48%
	Somewhat support	16%	17%	24%	14%	13%	17%	17%	13%	23%
	Somewhat oppose	7%	8%	11%	5%	8%	8%	8%	9%	6%
	Strongly oppose	37%	30%	19%	36%	43%	38%	32%	41%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9. The plan to expand healthcare and other forms of support also includes a significant amount of money to deal with climate change. In general, do you support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [Is that strongly or somewhat?]	Strongly support	35%	51%	26%	52%	39%	45%	38%
	Somewhat support	19%	12%	15%	10%	17%	17%	16%
	Somewhat oppose	8%	8%	10%	7%	11%	7%	4%
	Strongly oppose	36%	28%	46%	32%	29%	30%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	1%	3%	0%	5%	2%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10. The bill... awaits action in the Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really important to ...?	Top priority	24%	24%	26%	6%	25%	44%	48%	24%	9%
	Important, but other priorities	37%	38%	36%	31%	35%	47%	45%	45%	24%
	Not really important	9%	8%	16%	14%	9%	2%	3%	10%	12%
	Should not be passed at all	28%	29%	17%	49%	27%	6%	4%	19%	54%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	6%	1%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
10. The bill... awaits action in the Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really important to ...?	Top priority	23%	26%	29%	21%	23%	20%	25%	23%	26%
	Important, but other priorities	35%	40%	44%	39%	31%	40%	37%	34%	45%
	Not really important	7%	10%	8%	8%	10%	8%	9%	9%	8%
	Should not be passed at all	34%	22%	17%	31%	34%	30%	27%	33%	17%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%

Monmouth University Poll -- NATIONAL -- 1/26/22

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
10. The bill... awaits action in the Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really important to ...?	Top priority	20%	33%	15%	37%	25%	23%	25%
	Important, but other priorities	39%	33%	36%	28%	41%	41%	31%
	Not really important	9%	8%	11%	7%	9%	8%	8%
	Should not be passed at all	30%	24%	36%	28%	23%	27%	34%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11. Democrats currently control Congress. If Republicans take control of Congress after this years midterm elections, do you think Washington would get more done, less done, or about the same amount done as it is doing now?	More	27%	27%	28%	57%	19%	7%	13%	20%	46%
	Less	30%	30%	29%	9%	27%	59%	57%	31%	10%
	About the same	41%	40%	43%	32%	53%	32%	30%	47%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
11. Democrats currently control Congress. If Republicans take control of Congress after this years midterm elections, do you think Washington would get more done, less done, or about the same amount done as it is doing now?	More	25%	30%	24%	22%	35%	21%	29%	31%	23%
	Less	30%	30%	31%	30%	28%	31%	30%	29%	32%
	About the same	44%	38%	45%	45%	34%	46%	39%	39%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	0%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
11. Democrats currently control Congress. If Republicans take control of Congress after this years midterm elections, do you think Washington would get more done, less done, or about the same amount done as it is doing now?	More	33%	16%	38%	17%	29%	25%	24%
	Less	23%	44%	20%	45%	30%	29%	33%
	About the same	42%	39%	40%	37%	39%	45%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%