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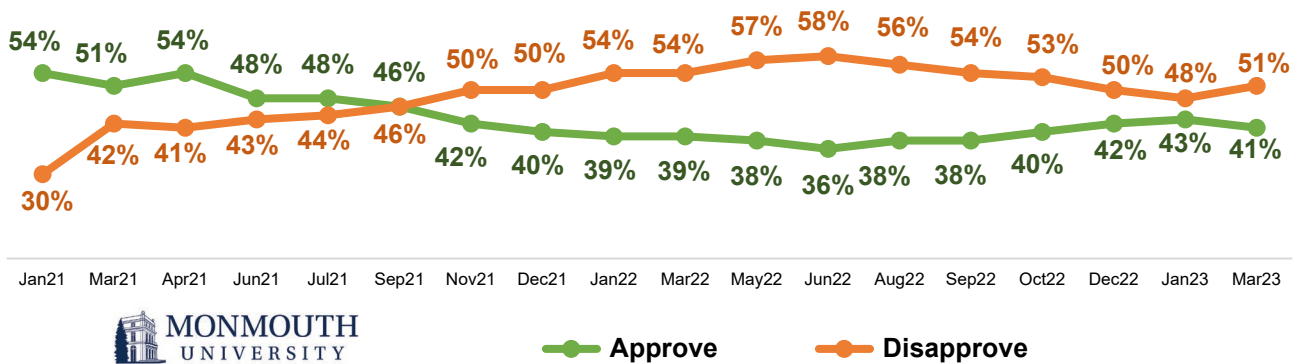
## NATIONAL: BIDEN AND HARRIS EARN SIMILAR JOB RATINGS

*Small differences among Democrats are not significant*

West Long Branch, NJ – Neither President Joe Biden nor Vice President Kamala Harris earn positive ratings from the American public as a whole, but both get good marks from at least 3 in 4 of their fellow Democrats. The *Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll* also finds that less than 1 in 4 register approval of the U.S. Congress or feel the country is headed in the right direction.

Public opinion of how Biden is doing as president has remained stable since the end of last year. Currently, 41% of Americans approve of his job performance while 51% disapprove. These results are similar to Monmouth polls taken in December (42% approve and 50% disapprove) and January (43% approve and 48% disapprove). Biden’s rating had been slowly improving after hitting a low point last June (36% approve and 58% disapprove), but that trajectory seems to have hit a wall.

**President Biden Job Rating**



The poll also asked about the performance of Vice President Harris, who receives a job rating of 36% approve and 53% disapprove. Both the president and vice president get similar ratings from independents (about 3 in 10 approval for both) and Republicans (6% approval for both). Democrats give a slightly more positive rating to Biden (86% approve and 9% disapprove) than to Harris (76% approve and

16% disapprove), but this difference is not statistically significant. [Note: This is the first time Monmouth has asked the vice president’s job rating.]

“There are some differences between the two, but on the whole, rank and file Democrats seem to hold largely positive opinions of both the president and vice president,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Public opinion of the U.S. Congress stands at 23% approve and 68% disapprove. Congressional approval has hovered between 15% and 26% since summer 2021. There are no significant partisan differences in public opinion of the job the Congress is doing; just 27% of Democrats, 22% of independents, and 21% of Republicans register approval.

The poll also finds only 22% of Americans say things in the country are going in the right direction while 72% say they have gotten off on the wrong track. The right direction number has ranged between 10% and 31% since September 2021, after hitting a relative high of 46% in April 2021. Unlike the poll’s congressional rating, Democrats (46%) are more likely than independents (17%) or Republicans (5%) to feel the country is headed in the right direction. This follows a trend in Monmouth’s polls where fellow partisans of the current president tend to be relatively more positive about the nation as a whole.

The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from March 16 to 20, 2023 with 805 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 5.8 percentage points for the full sample. 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:	March 2023	Jan. 2023	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Approve	41%	43%	42%	40%	38%	38%	36%	38%	39%	39%
Disapprove	51%	48%	50%	53%	54%	56%	58%	57%	54%	54%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	8%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
(n)	(805)	(805)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)

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

### 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?

	March 2023
Approve	36%
Disapprove	53%
No opinion	12%
(n)	(805)

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

TREND:	<b>March</b>	Jan.
	<b>2023</b>	2023
Approve	<b>23%</b>	19%
Disapprove	<b>68%</b>	67%
(VOL) No opinion	<b>10%</b>	14%
(n)	<b>(805)</b>	(805)

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Oct. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	26%	23%	23%	17%	15%	15%	21%	19%	23%	18%	22%	23%	21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	62%	69%	66%	74%	78%	77%	71%	74%	66%	70%	65%	62%	65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	12%	8%	11%	9%	7%	8%	8%	6%	11%	12%	13%	15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	(805)	(808)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(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
Continued															
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
Continued													
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
Continued															
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

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

TREND:	<b>March</b>	Jan.
	<b>2023</b>	2023
Right direction	<b>22%</b>	24%
Wrong track	<b>72%</b>	73%
(VOL) Depends	<b>3%</b>	1%
(VOL) Don't know	<b>3%</b>	2%
(n)	<b>(805)</b>	(805)

TREND:	Dec. 2022	Sept. 2022	Aug. 2022	June 2022	May 2022	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	28%	23%	15%	10%	18%	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	68%	74%	82%	88%	79%	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(805)	(806)	(808)	(978)	(807)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Continued										
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:	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
Continued														
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:	Dec.	Aug.	May	March	Jan.	Aug.	Oct.	July	June	April	Dec.	July
<i>Continued</i>	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016*	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	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

[Q5-27 held for future release.]

**METHODOLOGY**

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from March 16 to 20, 2023 with a probability-based national random sample of 805 adults age 18 and older. This includes 284 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 521 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 Troidahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n= 479), Aristotle (list, n= 133) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n= 193). 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 2021 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 5.8 percentage points (adjusted for sample design effects). 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.

<i>DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)</i>
<i>Self-Reported</i>
<i>25% Republican</i>
<i>45% Independent</i>
<i>30% Democrat</i>
<i>49% Male</i>
<i>51% Female</i>
<i>29% 18-34</i>
<i>33% 35-54</i>
<i>38% 55+</i>
<i>61% White</i>
<i>12% Black</i>
<i>17% Hispanic</i>
<i>10% Asian/Other</i>
<i>67% No degree</i>
<i>33% 4 year degree</i>

MARGIN OF ERROR		<i>unweighted</i>	<i>moe</i>
		<i>sample</i>	<i>(+/-)</i>
TOTAL		805	5.8%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	748	6.0%
	No	57	21.8%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	216	11.2%
	Independent	331	9.1%
	Democrat	243	10.6%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	183	12.2%
	Moderate	330	9.1%
	Conservative	258	10.3%
GENDER	Male	395	8.3%
	Female	410	8.1%
AGE	18-34	124	14.8%
	35-54	291	9.7%
	55+	389	8.3%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	201	11.6%
	No	600	6.7%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	573	6.9%
	Other	216	11.2%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	394	8.3%
	4 year degree	407	8.2%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	288	9.7%
	White, 4 year degree	284	9.8%
INCOME	<\$50K	231	10.8%
	\$50 to <\$100K	232	10.8%
	\$100K+	300	9.5%

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		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	41%	42%	27%	6%	30%	86%	67%	45%	16%
	Disapprove	51%	51%	50%	92%	57%	9%	22%	46%	80%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	7%	23%	1%	13%	6%	11%	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
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	36%	45%	37%	33%	50%	35%	43%	35%	50%
	Disapprove	57%	45%	49%	58%	47%	50%	51%	59%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	10%	14%	9%	3%	15%	6%	5%	13%

		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	36%	51%	29%	47%	45%	36%	39%
	Disapprove	55%	44%	65%	49%	42%	58%	58%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	5%	6%	4%	14%	5%	3%

		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 Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	36%	37%	26%	6%	27%	76%	60%	39%	14%
	Disapprove	53%	53%	48%	90%	57%	16%	25%	49%	79%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	10%	26%	4%	16%	9%	15%	13%	7%

		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 Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	30%	42%	33%	28%	45%	32%	37%	32%	42%
	Disapprove	59%	46%	48%	62%	49%	52%	53%	59%	42%
	[VOL] Dont know	11%	12%	20%	10%	7%	16%	10%	9%	16%

		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 Kamala Harris is doing as vice president?	Approve	32%	44%	26%	43%	40%	33%	33%
	Disapprove	56%	47%	64%	50%	45%	58%	61%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	9%	10%	7%	15%	10%	6%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	23%	21%	33%	21%	22%	27%	19%	23%	25%
	Disapprove	68%	69%	55%	71%	70%	63%	77%	65%	63%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	10%	12%	8%	8%	10%	3%	12%	12%

		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. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	24%	21%	25%	20%	22%	21%	23%	20%	27%
	Disapprove	67%	68%	64%	71%	67%	68%	68%	71%	63%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	11%	11%	8%	10%	12%	9%	9%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	25%	18%	20%	19%	27%	19%	19%
	Disapprove	65%	74%	71%	71%	62%	74%	74%
	[VOL] Dont know	10%	8%	8%	10%	11%	7%	7%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	22%	23%	20%	5%	17%	46%	32%	25%	11%
	Wrong track	72%	72%	71%	94%	76%	47%	60%	69%	88%
	[VOL] Depends	3%	3%	0%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	10%	0%	3%	4%	5%	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
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	22%	23%	20%	16%	29%	18%	24%	19%	29%
	Wrong track	73%	71%	72%	79%	66%	77%	70%	77%	62%
	[VOL] Depends	2%	4%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	2%	4%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
4. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	<b>20%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>22%</b>
	Wrong track	<b>75%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>74%</b>
	[VOL] Depends	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	[VOL] Dont know	<b>3%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1%</b>