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NATIONAL: HALF SAY MIDDLE CLASS NOT BENEFITING AT ALL FROM BIDEN POLICIES

Inflation worries ebb, but it remains a top concern

West Long Branch, NJ – Few Americans say President Joe Biden's policies have provided a lot of help to middle-class families – or to poor or wealthy families for that matter. The **Monmouth ("Monmouth") University Poll** also finds that worries about the impact of inflation on Americans' pocketbooks have ebbed but it remains a top concern.

Just 10% of Americans say middle-class families have benefited a lot from Biden's policies so far while 51% say the middle class has not benefited at all. In the first months of his term, more said the middle class benefited a lot (19% in June 2021) and fewer said not at all (36%). Biden's current numbers are similar to where former President Donald Trump stood in the first year of his administration (11% a lot and 53% not at all in December 2017), but those results improved by the end of his term (32% a lot and 32% not at all).

Former President Barack Obama left office with ratings of 24% a lot and 33% not at all on how his policies helped the middle class. Of note, 44% of Democrats said Obama helped the middle class a lot in January 2017, but only 21% say the same about Biden now. Among independents, 36% said Obama did not help the middle class at all. Today, about 6 in 10 independents (59%) say the same about Biden. When asked about the current president's impact on other economic groups, 28% say Biden's policies have benefited wealthy families a lot and 29% say not at all, and 17% say his policies have benefited poor families a lot and 42% say not at all.

"Biden's appeal when he ran for president was that he understands the average Joe. Reaction to his policy agenda, however, suggests it is an area where he remains weak," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Currently, 38% of Americans describe themselves as middle class, 29% as working class, 14% as poor, and 16% as upper middle class or higher. There are only small partisan differences in these self-

reports of economic status. However, there are partisan differences in response to a question about financial stability. Overall, 4 in 10 Americans (41%) say they are struggling to remain where they are financially, while 46% feel their finances are stable and just 12% say their situation is improving. The current results are in line with polling conducted last year. In prior polls conducted between 2017 and 2021, the number who said they were struggling ranged within a lower level between 20% and 29%. Currently, the number of Americans who feel they are struggling include nearly 9 in 10 of those who consider themselves to be poor, about half of the working class, nearly 3 in 10 of the middle class, and about 1 in 8 of those who are upper middle class or even better off. In terms of partisanship, Republicans (45%) and independents (46%) are more likely than Democrats (28%) to report they are struggling. There were no partisan differences on this question in 2017 – 28% of Republicans, 28% of independents, and 31% of Democrats said they were struggling then (** see note*).

One-quarter of the public names inflation (24%) or rising gas prices (1%) as the biggest concern facing their family right now, which is down from the number who said the same last summer (33% for inflation in general and 15% for gas prices specifically). The economy (12%) and paying bills (12%) are among other top concerns mentioned. Six years ago, affording health care was the biggest concern for American families (25% in January 2017), followed by job security (14%) and everyday bills (12%). Today, just 4% mention health care costs and 5% name job security as their top worry.

Federal Government Impact on Most Important Family Concern

National Poll: Mar 16-20, 2023
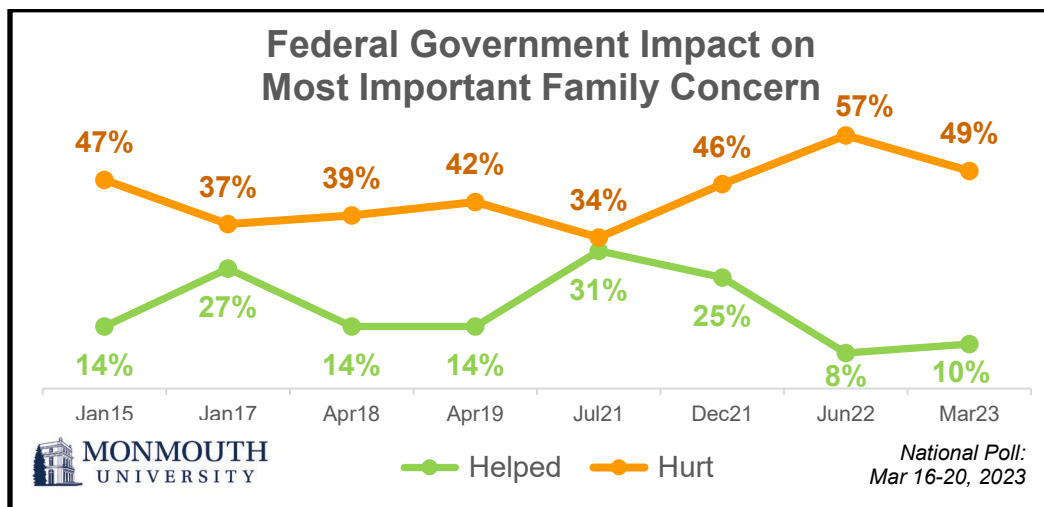
Half of those who name a family concern (49%) say the federal government's actions over the past six months have hurt their family when it comes to that issue. Just 10% say they have been helped and 38% say federal actions have had no real impact on their top concern. This result is slightly better than last year as inflation concerns peaked and 57% said that federal government actions hurt them. However, the 1 in 10 number saying government has helped them is on the lower end of that metric since Monmouth started asking this question in 2015. Six years ago, when health care was the dominant issue,

27% said the federal government was helpful and 37% said it was hurtful. Nearly half of Democrats (48%) in 2017 said federal action helped with their family's top concern, but just 19% say the same today. Conversely, 61% of Republicans said the federal government hurt them when it came to their top concern in 2017, and this number has risen further to 71% in 2023.

In general, few Americans feel that members of Congress give a great deal (6%) or even some (28%) weight to the concerns of average Americans when they decide which policies to support. Democrats (42%) are somewhat more likely than Republicans (33%) or independents (30%) to feel that Congress gives at least some weight to average Americans' concerns. These overall results are similar to Monmouth's 2017 poll, although Republicans were slightly more positive about Congress then (45% said they give a great deal or some weight, compared with 39% of Democrats and 36% of independents).

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.

> **** Note on partisan results for financial situation question (Q10):***
> *Monmouth's question asking respondents to assess their current financial situation seems straightforward, but like almost all aspects of public discourse today, is filtered through a partisan lens. Even though the overall results for this question remained relatively stable from 2017 through 2021, there were substantial partisan shifts after the White House changed hands. Specifically, 24% of Americans said they were struggling financially in both 2018 and 2021. However, the number of Republicans who reported this situation jumped from 14% to 30% after the presidency changed from Trump to Biden, while the number of Democrats who said they were struggling dropped from 34% to 17%. The results for independents were relatively stable (23% in 2018 and 27% in 2021). Thus, the results of this question as a neutral snapshot of personal finances should be viewed with this caveat in mind. Reports of struggling financially have increased since 2021 among all partisan groups, but more so among Republicans (+15 points) and independents (+19) than among Democrats (+11).*

QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

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

[*Q1-4 previously released.*]

5.   Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now?
[*LIST WAS NOT READ*]

TREND:	March 2023	June 2022	Dec. 2021	July 2021	Aug. 2020	March 2020	April 2019	April 2018	Jan. 2017	Jan. 2015
Job security, unemployment	**5%**	3%	6%	7%	10%	7%	7%	9%	14%	16%
Health care costs	**4%**	3%	5%	7%	4%	5%	19%	13%	25%	15%
Everyday bills, groceries, etc.	**12%**	6%	15%	11%	8%	6%	8%	12%	12%	16%
College tuition, school costs	**1%**	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	4%	4%	10%
Housing, mortgage, rent	**4%**	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Retirement saving	**1%**	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	3%
Social Security, seniors	**2%**	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Taxes	**2%**	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	9%	7%	4%	7%
Family illness, health	**2%**	1%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Safety, crime	**3%**	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Terrorism, national security	**1%**	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Immigration	**3%**	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	5%	4%	3%	1%
The economy	**12%**	9%	6%	11%	7%	5%	6%	3%	3%	2%
Abortion, reproductive rights	**2%**	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Education policy	**2%**	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%
Climate change, environment	**1%**	1%	2%	3%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	n/a
Quality of government	**2%**	1%	4%	3%	3%	0%	2%	3%	1%	2%
Civil rights	**3%**	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	3%	1%	3%	n/a
Guns, gun ownership	**0%**	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	n/a	n/a
Coronavirus/COVID-19	**0%**	1%	18%	17%	39%	57%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Inflation	**24%**	33%	14%	5%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gas prices	**1%**	15%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	**5%**	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	4%
Don't know/No answer	**10%**	6%	11%	9%	8%	9%	16%	15%	10%	8%
(n)	**(805)**	(978)	(808)	(804)	(868)	(851)	(801)	(803)	(801)	(1,003)

[*Question 6 was asked only of those who mentioned a concern in Q5: n=735, moe=+/-6.1 %*]

6.   Thinking about this most important concern, have the actions of the federal government over the past six months helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern?

TREND:	March 2023	June 2022	Dec. 2021*	July 2021	April 2019**	April 2018**	Jan. 2017***	Jan. 2015***
Helped	**10%**	8%	25%	31%	14%	14%	27%	14%
Hurt	**49%**	57%	46%	34%	42%	39%	37%	47%
No real impact	**38%**	34%	27%	31%	42%	44%	34%	38%
(VOL) Don't know	**3%**	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%
(n)	**(735)**	(931)	(747)	(730)	(692)	(680)	(728)	(926)

    * Dec. 2021 asked about "since the beginning of the year"
    ** 2019 and 2018 asked about "the past year"
    *** 2017 and 2015 asked about "the past few years"

7.   How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far. [*READ ITEM*] – Have they benefited a lot, a little, or not at all? [*ITEMS WERE ROTATED*]

Middle class families

COMPARISON:	March 2023	June 2022	Nov. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	*Benefited under Trump*				*Benefited under Obama*	
						Jan. 2021	*April 2019*	*April 2018*	*Dec. 2017*	*Jan. 2017*	*July 2013*
A lot	**10%**	7%	14%	21%	19%	*32%*	*18%*	*14%*	*11%*	*24%*	*12%*
A little	**36%**	34%	39%	41%	32%	*33%*	*37%*	*45%*	*25%*	*41%*	*39%*
Not at all	**51%**	54%	42%	33%	36%	*32%*	*36%*	*36%*	*53%*	*33%*	*46%*
(VOL) Don't know	**3%**	5%	5%	5%	14%	*3%*	*9%*	*5%*	*11%*	*2%*	*2%*
(n)	*(805)*	*(978)*	*(811)*	*(804)*	*(810)*	*(809)*	*(801)*	*(803)*	*(806)*	*(801)*	*(1,012)*

Wealthy families

COMPARISON:	March 2023	June 2022	Nov. 2021	July 2021	*Benefited under Trump*		*Benefited under Obama*	
					April 2019	*April 2018*	*Jan. 2017*	*July 2013*
A lot	**28%**	28%	25%	22%	*58%*	*57%*	*29%*	*35%*
A little	**31%**	25%	28%	30%	*22%*	*26%*	*43%*	*31%*
Not at all	**29%**	35%	32%	35%	*9%*	*7%*	*17%*	*23%*
(VOL) Don't know	**12%**	12%	14%	14%	*11%*	*10%*	*10%*	*10%*
(n)	*(805)*	*(978)*	*(811)*	*(804)*	*(801)*	*(803)*	*(801)*	*(1,012)*

Poor families

COMPARISON:	March 2023	June 2022	Nov. 2021	July 2021	*Benefited under Trump*		*Benefited under Obama*	
					April 2019	*April 2018*	*Jan. 2017*	*July 2013*
A lot	**17%**	13%	22%	31%	*14%*	*12%*	*39%*	*20%*
A little	**35%**	30%	38%	35%	*26%*	*28%*	*36%*	*39%*
Not at all	**42%**	52%	36%	29%	*51%*	*53%*	*21%*	*37%*
(VOL) Don't know	**6%**	5%	4%	5%	*9%*	*7%*	*4%*	*4%*
(n)	*(805)*	*(978)*	*(811)*	*(804)*	*(801)*	*(803)*	*(801)*	*(1,012)*

8.   How much weight do members of Congress give to the concerns of average Americans when they decide which policies to support – a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?

TREND:	March 2023	Jan. 2017
Great deal	**6%**	7%
Some	**28%**	32%
Not much	**39%**	39%
None at all	**23%**	19%
(VOL) Depends/Don't know	**3%**	3%
(n)	*(805)*	*(801)*

9.   Would you describe your current financial situation as poor, working class, middle class, upper middle class, or better off than that?

TREND:	March 2023	Jan. 2017
Poor	**14%**	13%
Working class	**29%**	30%
Middle class	**38%**	40%
Upper middle class	**12%**	14%
Better off than that	**4%**	2%
(VOL) Other/Don't know	**3%**	2%
(n)	*(805)*	*(801)*

10. Thinking about your current financial situation, would you say you are struggling to remain where you are financially, basically stable in your current financial situation, or is your financial situation improving?

TREND:	March 2023	Oct. 2022	June 2022	June 2021	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	April 2018	Jan. 2017
Struggling	**41%**	37%	42%	24%	22%	20%	23%	26%	26%	20%	24%	29%
Stable	**46%**	51%	47%	58%	61%	65%	63%	62%	61%	54%	51%	51%
Improving	**12%**	11%	9%	14%	17%	13%	13%	11%	11%	25%	23%	20%
(VOL) Don't know	**2%**	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%
(n)	**(805)**	(808)	(978)	(810)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(801)	(803)	(801)

[*Q11-17 held for future release.*]
[*Q18-27 previously released.*]

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 Troldahl-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 (1.68). 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
25% Republican
45% Independent
30% Democrat

49% Male
51% Female

29% 18-34
33% 35-54
38% 55+

61% White
12% Black
17% Hispanic
10% Asian/Other

67% No degree
33% 4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
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	8.4%
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
5. Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now? [OPEN END. LIST WAS NOT READ]	Job security, unemployment	5%	3%	18%	2%	5%	6%	2%	6%	5%
	Health care costs	4%	3%	7%	2%	3%	6%	7%	2%	4%
	Everyday bills, food, groceries	12%	12%	15%	13%	11%	15%	17%	11%	9%
	College tuition, school costs	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Housing, mortgage, rent	4%	4%	3%	0%	6%	3%	7%	4%	1%
	Saving for retirement	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
	Social Security, seniors	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%
	Taxes	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	4%
	Family illness, health	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	Safety, crime	3%	4%	1%	4%	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%
	Terrorism, national security	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Immigration	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	0%	4%	5%
	The economy	12%	13%	12%	16%	15%	7%	10%	13%	14%
	Abortion, reproductive rights	2%	3%	0%	0%	2%	4%	6%	2%	0%
	Education policy	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
	Climate change, environment	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%
	Quality of government	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	Civil rights	3%	4%	1%	4%	1%	6%	9%	2%	0%
	Guns, gun ownership	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Covid-19	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
	Inflation (rising prices in general)	24%	25%	13%	33%	25%	15%	11%	22%	38%
	Gas prices (specifically)	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
	Other	5%	5%	1%	3%	5%	4%	7%	4%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	6%	1%	3%	4%	5%	2%	1%
	[VOL] Nothing	7%	7%	10%	3%	7%	8%	6%	10%	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
5. Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now? [OPEN END. LIST WAS NOT READ]	Job security, unemployment	9%	1%	5%	6%	4%	8%	4%	3%	8%
	Health care costs	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%
	Everyday bills, food, groceries	11%	14%	15%	8%	15%	13%	12%	13%	12%
	College tuition, school costs	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	Housing, mortgage, rent	2%	6%	7%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	7%
	Saving for retirement	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%
	Social Security, seniors	1%	2%	1%	0%	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	Taxes	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	Family illness, health	1%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
	Safety, crime	2%	5%	1%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%
	Terrorism, national security	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
	Immigration	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%
	The economy	15%	10%	10%	13%	14%	10%	13%	13%	12%
	Abortion, reproductive rights	1%	4%	6%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%
	Education policy	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	2%	1%
	Climate change, environment	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
	Quality of government	2%	2%	0%	1%	4%	0%	3%	3%	1%
	Civil rights	1%	5%	7%	2%	1%	3%	3%	5%	1%
	Guns, gun ownership	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
	Covid-19	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Inflation (rising prices in general)	26%	22%	15%	30%	24%	26%	22%	26%	20%
	Gas prices (specifically)	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
	Other	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	3%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	1%	3%	3%	2%	0%	3%	2%	3%
	[VOL] Nothing	6%	8%	8%	4%	8%	4%	8%	5%	11%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
5. Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now? [OPEN END. LIST WAS NOT READ]	Job security, unemployment	6%	3%	3%	3%	9%	2%	3%
	Health care costs	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%
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	Terrorism, national security	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
	Immigration	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%
	The economy	14%	10%	14%	11%	15%	10%	12%
	Abortion, reproductive rights	2%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1%	4%
	Education policy	1%	4%	1%	5%	0%	2%	4%
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	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
	[VOL] Nothing	7%	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	6%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
6. Thinking about this most important concern, have the actions of the federal government over the past six months helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern?	Helped	10%	11%	2%	1%	8%	19%	12%	14%	3%
	Hurt	49%	49%	47%	71%	51%	25%	35%	44%	68%
	No real impact	38%	37%	44%	26%	37%	53%	50%	39%	26%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	6%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	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
6. Thinking about this most important concern, have the actions of the federal government over the past six months helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern?	Helped		9%	11%	4%	9%	16%	7%	11%	8%	13%
	Hurt		49%	49%	51%	52%	45%	53%	47%	54%	40%
	No real impact		39%	37%	41%	36%	38%	34%	40%	35%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know		3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	6%	2%	4%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
6. Thinking about this most important concern, have the actions of the federal government over the past six months helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern?	Helped	9%	12%	6%	13%	13%	7%	10%
	Hurt	50%	46%	57%	48%	39%	55%	53%
	No real impact	37%	39%	34%	36%	43%	35%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7A. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Middle class families?	A lot	10%	10%	5%	2%	6%	21%	18%	9%	5%
	A little	36%	36%	32%	19%	31%	57%	54%	37%	20%
	Not at all	51%	51%	53%	78%	59%	19%	26%	50%	72%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	10%	1%	4%	4%	1%	5%	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
7A. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Middle class families?	A lot		7%	12%	9%	7%	13%	7%	11%	9%	10%
	A little		36%	36%	36%	34%	37%	30%	38%	34%	40%
	Not at all		55%	48%	52%	56%	47%	58%	49%	55%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know		3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	3%	1%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
7A. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Middle class families?	A lot	7%	16%	5%	16%	8%	10%	11%
	A little	36%	37%	32%	37%	41%	32%	33%
	Not at all	55%	45%	61%	46%	47%	57%	55%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7B. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Wealthy families?	A lot	28%	28%	35%	19%	29%	33%	33%	26%	24%
	A little	31%	31%	31%	22%	33%	37%	40%	36%	21%
	Not at all	29%	31%	15%	47%	25%	21%	20%	24%	43%
	[VOL] Dont know	12%	11%	20%	12%	13%	9%	7%	14%	11%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7B. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Wealthy families?	A lot	28%	29%	28%	24%	33%	25%	30%	23%	36%
	A little	30%	31%	32%	32%	28%	32%	30%	35%	24%
	Not at all	30%	28%	30%	31%	26%	32%	28%	32%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	12%	11%	13%	12%	12%	12%	10%	16%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
7B. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Wealthy families?	A lot	32%	22%	26%	19%	32%	32%	17%
	A little	29%	34%	34%	36%	36%	28%	29%
	Not at all	26%	35%	30%	36%	17%	30%	46%
	[VOL] Dont know	13%	9%	10%	9%	16%	10%	8%

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			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7C. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Poor families?	A lot	17%	17%	20%	11%	13%	29%	23%	19%	13%
	A little	35%	37%	18%	30%	30%	48%	50%	34%	28%
	Not at all	42%	41%	49%	53%	51%	18%	25%	39%	55%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	5%	13%	5%	7%	5%	2%	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
7C. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Poor families?	A lot	14%	21%	14%	17%	20%	20%	17%	16%	19%
	A little	32%	39%	34%	34%	37%	30%	37%	35%	36%
	Not at all	49%	35%	45%	42%	39%	44%	41%	44%	38%
	[VOL] Dont know	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
7C. How much have each of the following groups benefited from President Biden's policies so far: Poor families?	A lot	18%	17%	14%	20%	17%	14%	18%
	A little	32%	43%	30%	42%	33%	35%	41%
	Not at all	46%	35%	50%	33%	42%	46%	37%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	5%	5%	5%	7%	5%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. How much weight do members of Congress give to the concerns of average Americans when they decide which policies to support - a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?	Great deal	6%	7%	6%	4%	7%	8%	6%	6%	8%
	Some	28%	28%	26%	29%	23%	34%	25%	28%	32%
	Not much	39%	39%	43%	47%	38%	38%	49%	36%	40%
	None at all	23%	24%	20%	19%	30%	15%	16%	27%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	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
8. How much weight do members of Congress give to the concerns of average Americans when they decide which policies to support - a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?	Great deal	4%	8%	8%	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%
	Some	26%	29%	28%	26%	28%	20%	30%	24%	33%
	Not much	43%	36%	40%	38%	40%	44%	38%	43%	33%
	None at all	23%	23%	21%	27%	22%	29%	21%	25%	21%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
8. How much weight do members of Congress give to the concerns of average Americans when they decide which policies to support - a great deal, some, not much, or none at all?	Great deal	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	4%
	Some	27%	29%	22%	28%	28%	28%	28%
	Not much	40%	40%	44%	42%	39%	37%	44%
	None at all	24%	23%	26%	22%	22%	26%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. Would you describe your current financial situation as poor, working class, middle class, upper middle class, or better off than that?	Poor	14%	13%	26%	15%	16%	11%	12%	10%	16%
	Working class	29%	29%	30%	27%	33%	25%	31%	33%	25%
	Middle class	38%	39%	34%	38%	36%	43%	39%	37%	43%
	Upper middle class	12%	13%	4%	16%	9%	13%	10%	15%	12%
	Better off than that	4%	4%	0%	4%	3%	6%	6%	4%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	5%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	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
9. Would you describe your current financial situation as poor, working class, middle class, upper middle class, or better off than that?	Poor	17%	12%	11%	14%	17%	9%	16%	11%	20%
	Working class	27%	31%	48%	20%	23%	30%	29%	30%	28%
	Middle class	37%	40%	29%	41%	43%	39%	38%	42%	33%
	Upper middle class	14%	10%	6%	17%	13%	15%	11%	13%	10%
	Better off than that	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	0%	4%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
9. Would you describe your current financial situation as poor, working class, middle class, upper middle class, or better off than that?	Poor	20%	3%	15%	2%	31%	2%	1%
	Working class	33%	20%	37%	19%	39%	38%	10%
	Middle class	34%	47%	39%	47%	24%	53%	43%
	Upper middle class	7%	22%	7%	24%	1%	6%	35%
	Better off than that	2%	7%	2%	7%	1%	0%	11%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	1%	0%	1%	4%	0%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10. Thinking about your current financial situation, would you say you are struggling to remain where you are financially, basically stable in your current financial situation, or is your financial situation improving?	Struggling	41%	40%	46%	45%	46%	28%	39%	36%	45%
	Stable	46%	47%	37%	50%	42%	51%	43%	50%	46%
	Improving	12%	11%	13%	5%	9%	22%	15%	12%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	4%	0%	3%	0%	3%	1%	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. Thinking about your current financial situation, would you say you are struggling to remain where you are financially, basically stable in your current financial situation, or is your financial situation improving?	Struggling	40%	41%	42%	39%	40%	42%	40%	39%	44%
	Stable	46%	47%	36%	50%	50%	45%	47%	53%	36%
	Improving	12%	11%	19%	9%	9%	12%	11%	8%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<$50K	$50-100K	$100K+
10. Thinking about your current financial situation, would you say you are struggling to remain where you are financially, basically stable in your current financial situation, or is your financial situation improving?	Struggling	46%	29%	45%	26%	52%	40%	24%
	Stable	41%	57%	48%	62%	35%	48%	63%
	Improving	10%	14%	6%	11%	12%	12%	13%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%