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## NATIONAL: RISING PRICES ARE TOP KITCHEN TABLE WORRY Partisanship has more effect than income on driving negative trend

West Long Branch, NJ - Paying everyday household bills, and inflation specifically, top the list of concerns American families say they currently face, with the number saying it is easy for them to pay grocery bills dropping by 13 points in the past two years. The latest Monmouth ("Mon-muth") University Poll finds nearly half the public feels federal government actions have made things worse regarding their top household concern, although the downward trend on these issues is driven more by partisan identity than by income level. Other poll results show that Joe Biden's spending plans remain popular even though the president himself is not.

About 3 in 10 Americans name either everyday bills ( $15 \%$ ) or inflation specifically ( $14 \%$ ) as the biggest concern facing their family right now. This far outpaces Covid (18\%) or any other single issue as the top kitchen table worry in the country. This past summer, far fewer Americans named either rising prices or household bills as their biggest concern ( $16 \%$ in July 2021) and the amount of concern over household bills was even smaller just over a year ago ( $8 \%$ in August 2020).
"Concerns about inflation have taken center stage in discussions around America's kitchen tables. And, as one would expect, many are placing the blame squarely on Washington," said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

Regardless of which issue they name as their top concern, nearly half of the public ( $46 \%$ ) says that concern has been hurt by federal government actions since the beginning of the year. Back in July, $34 \%$ felt that the federal government had hurt their family regarding their top concern at that time. The largest jump in those saying they have been hurt by government actions has been among Republicans (up 24 points to $82 \%$ ), while there has been less movement among independents (up 6 points to $47 \%$ ) and Democrats (up 3 points to $10 \%$ ).

The number of people who say their family's top concern has been hurt by the federal government is higher now than at any point during Donald Trump's administration (which ranged from $37 \%$ to $42 \%$ between 2017 and 2019) and nearly matches the first time Monmouth asked this question during Barack Obama's presidency ( $47 \%$ in January 2015). The number who say their family's top concern has actually been helped by the federal government stands at $25 \%$. While this is down from July ( $31 \%$ ), it is similar to poll results from January 2017 (27\%) and higher than other polls taken during both the Trump and Obama years ( $14 \%$ in 2015, 2018, 2019).

The number of Americans who say it is at least somewhat easy for them to pay their grocery bills ( $56 \%$ ) has dropped by 13 points in the past two years ( $69 \%$ in May 2019). This shift is far greater than declines in reported ease of paying for health care deductibles (down 6 points to $42 \%$ ), taxes (down 6 points to $45 \%$ ), paying for housing (down 6 points to $40 \%$ ), and paying for health insurance premiums (down 1 point to $46 \%$ ).

The biggest drop in self-reported ease in paying grocery bills is actually related more to partisanship than income. By household income level, the number of people earning less than $\$ 50,000$ who say paying for groceries is easy for them ( $44 \%$ ) has dropped by 10 points in the past two years. It declined by 16 points among those earning between $\$ 50,000$ and $\$ 100,000(59 \%)$ and by 11 points among those making $\$ 100,000$ or more ( $72 \%$ ).

Looking at partisan shifts, however, finds just $43 \%$ of Republicans who say it is at least somewhat easy for them to pay grocery bills - a dramatic plunge of 38 points from May 2019. In comparison, the shift among other groups has been relatively minor - down 10 points among independents ( $57 \%$ ) and up 7 points among Democrats ( $67 \%$ ). Put another way, two years ago Republicans were 21 points more likely than Democrats to say that paying grocery bills was easy for them. Today, they are 24 points less likely.
"There has always been something of a partisan divide on the question of making ends meet based on who controls the White House. But the huge shift in this poll, driven mostly by Republicans, begs the question of whether we are measuring the primacy of partisan identity more than an accurate self-assessment of economic conditions at home," said Murray.

Turning to Washington, the president's large spending plans remain broadly popular. Support for the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal (BIF), which was signed into law last month, stands at $66 \%$, similar to November and down just a few points from prior polls. Support for the Build Back Better (BBB) plan to expand access to health care, college, paid leave and other services remains fairly steady at $61 \%$.

Furthermore, $56 \%$ of Americans support the climate change funding part of the BBB bill (compared with $60 \%$ in November). Partisan support for each of these three spending elements stands at $92 \%-95 \%$ among Democrats and at 56\%-67\% among independents. Republican support, however, ranges from only $12 \%$ to
$31 \%$ depending on the particular spending element. Compared with Monmouth's poll last month, Democratic support is stable, Republic support has declined for all three spending elements, and independent support varies across a slightly wider range depending on the specific spending element.


The public is divided on whether significant reductions made to the BBB plan's size during negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the Biden administration are a good thing (41\%) or bad thing ( $45 \%$ ). Most Republicans ( $55 \%$ ) see these cuts as good and most Democrats ( $63 \%$ ) see them as bad. These results are basically unchanged from last month.

The BBB bill was passed by the House and is awaiting action in the Senate. Just over 1 in 4 Americans (28\%) say that enacting this into law should be Congress's top priority. One-third (33\%) say that 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 $26 \%$ are opposed to its passage at all.
"Popular, but not a priority. One of the political problems with Biden's spending plans is that they don't seem all that relevant to the vast majority of Americans," said Murray.

Biden currently holds a job performance rating of $40 \%$ approve and $50 \%$ disapprove. This marks another downward tick in his approval number since hitting $54 \%$ in April, before dropping to $48 \%$ in June, $46 \%$ in September, and $42 \%$ in November. The percentage of Americans who say the country is headed in the right direction ( $30 \%$ ) is similar to poll results from the fall, although this metric reached as high as $46 \%$ early in Biden's term (April 2021).


The poll also finds the public's job performance rating for Congress stands at $23 \%$ approve and $66 \%$ disapprove. Congressional approval has ranged between $18 \%$ and $23 \%$ since the summer, although it did register as high - "high" being a relative term - as $35 \%$ approval in April.

The Monmouth University Poll was conducted by telephone from December 2 to 6, 2021 with 808 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: | Dec. | Nov. | Sept. | July | June | April | March | Jan. |
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| Approve | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |
| Disapprove | $\mathbf{4 0 \%}$ | $42 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $48 \%$ | $54 \%$ | $51 \%$ | $54 \%$ |
| (VOL) No opinion | $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 0} \%$ | $\mathbf{4 6} \%$ | $44 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $41 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $30 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $9 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $16 \%$ |  |

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

| TREND: | Dec. | Nov. | Sept. | July | June | April | March | Jan. |
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| Approve | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |
| Disapprove | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $35 \%$ |
| (VOL) No opinion | $\mathbf{6 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{7 0} \%$ | $65 \%$ | $62 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $12 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $14 \%$ |


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


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


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

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

| TREND: | Dec. | Nov. | Sept. | July | June | April | March | Jan. |
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| Right direction | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |
| Wrong track | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $46 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $42 \%$ |
| (VOL) Depends | $\mathbf{6 6 \%}$ | $64 \%$ | $65 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $50 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $51 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{3 0}$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $\quad$ | $(811)$ | $(802)$ | $(804)$ | $(810)$ | $(800)$ | $(802)$ | (809) |  |


| TREND: Continued | Nov. | Early Sept. | Aug. | Late June Early June | May | April | March | Feb. | Jan. |  |
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|  | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 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: Continued | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Dec. } \\ & 2019 \end{aligned}$ | Nov. 2019 | Sept. | Aug. | June 2019 | May 2019 | April | March 2019 | Nov. 2018 | Aug. 2018 | June 2018 | April 2018 | March 2018 | Jan. 2018 |
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| Ri | 2019 | $\begin{aligned} & 2019 \\ & 30 \% \end{aligned}$ | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2019 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | 2018 | $\begin{aligned} & 2018 \\ & 31 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2018 \\ & 37 \% \end{aligned}$ |
| 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: Continued | Dec. | Aug. | May | March | Jan. | Aug. | Oct. | July | June | April | Dec. | July |  |  |
| TREND: Continued | 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) | $(1,012)$ | $(1,001)$ | $(1,002)$ | $(1,005)$ | $(1,008)$ | $(1,012)$ |  |  |

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

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

[Question 5 was asked only of those who mentioned a concern in Q4: $n=747$, moe=+/-3.6\%]
5. Thinking about this most important concern, have the actions of the federal government since the beginning of the year helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern?

| TREND: | Dec. | July | April | April | Jan. | Jan. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Helped | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $2021^{* * *}$ | $2019^{* *}$ | $2018^{* *}$ | $2017^{*}$ | $2015^{*}$ |
| Hurt | $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $14 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $14 \%$ |
| No real impact | $\mathbf{4 6 \%}$ | $34 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $47 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $31 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $38 \%$ |
| $\quad(n)$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
| $\quad$ (747) | $(730)$ | (692) | (680) | $(728)$ | $(926)$ |  |

*** July 2021 asked about "the past six months"
** 2019 and 2018 asked about "the past year"

* 2017 and 2015 asked about "the past few years"

6. I'm going to read you some typical household expenses. For each, please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for it? If you do not have this expense, just let me know. [ITEMS WERE ROTATED]

Mortgage or rent payment

| TREND: | Dec. | May | March |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very easy | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2019 | 2017 |
| Somewhat easy | $\mathbf{1 6 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat difficult | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $25 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Very difficult | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $24 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| Do not have this expense | $\mathbf{1 3 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $11 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $19 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
|  | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 2 )}$ | $(801)$ |

Grocery bills

| TREND: | Dec. | May | March |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very easy | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2019 | 2017 |
| Somewhat easy | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $33 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Somewhat difficult | $\mathbf{3 7 \%}$ | $36 \%$ | $34 \%$ |
| Very difficult | $\mathbf{3 0 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Do not have this expense | $\mathbf{1 2 \%}$ | $9 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $4 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $1 \%$ |
|  | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 2 )}$ | $(801)$ |

Health insurance premiums

| TREND: | Dec. | May | March |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very easy | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2019 | 2017 |
| Somewhat easy | $\mathbf{2 2 \%}$ | $21 \%$ | $19 \%$ |
| Somewhat difficult | $\mathbf{2 4 \%}$ | $26 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| Very difficult | $\mathbf{2 3 \%}$ | $22 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Do not have this expense | $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ | $18 \%$ | $22 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $11 \%$ | $13 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{2 \%}$ | $3 \%$ | $2 \%$ |
|  | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 2 )}$ | $(801)$ |

Health care deductibles and out of pocket expenses

| TREND: | Dec. | May | March |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very easy | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2019 | 2017 |
| Somewhat easy | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $20 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Somewhat difficult | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ | $28 \%$ | $26 \%$ |
| Very difficult | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $25 \%$ | $25 \%$ |
| Do not have this expense | $\mathbf{2 1 \%}$ | $20 \%$ | $21 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{9 \%}$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| (n) | $\mathbf{1 \%}$ | $1 \%$ | $3 \%$ |
|  | $\mathbf{1 8 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 2 )}$ | $(801)$ |


| Paying taxes |
| :--- |
| TREND: Dec. May March <br> Very easy $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ 2019 2017 <br> Somewhat easy $\mathbf{1 8 \%}$ $22 \%$ $20 \%$ <br> Somewhat difficult $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ $29 \%$ $28 \%$ <br> Very difficult $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ $26 \%$ $27 \%$ <br> Do not have this expense $\mathbf{1 7 \%}$ $15 \%$ $14 \%$ <br> (VOL) Don't know $\mathbf{9 \%}$ $6 \%$ $9 \%$ <br> $(n)$ $\mathbf{1 \%}$ $\mathbf{2 \%}$ $2 \%$ |

On another topic, President Biden proposed a couple of multi-trillion dollar spending plans earlier this year.
7. [One is/The other is] an infrastructure plan to be spent on roads, bridges and trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [ls that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

| TREND: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec. } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nov. } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { July } \\ 2021 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2021 \end{aligned}$ | Support | $\begin{gathered} \text { April } \\ 2021^{*} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | 42\% | 44\% | 51\% | 49\% |  | 68\% |
| Somewhat support | 24\% | 21\% | 19\% | 19\% |  | 68\% |
| Somewhat oppose | 9\% | 8\% | 8\% | 8\% | Oppose | 29\% |
| Strongly oppose | 22\% | 23\% | 21\% | 21\% | Oppose | 29\% |
| (VOL) Don't know | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | (VOL) Don't know | 3\% |
| ( $n$ ) | (808) | (811) | (804) | (810) | ( $n$ ) | (800) |

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

8. [One is/The other is] a plan to 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: | Dec. | Nov. | July | June |  | April |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Strongly support | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 |  | $2021^{*}$ |
| Somewhat support | $\mathbf{4 2 \%}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 \%}$ | $17 \%$ | $47 \%$ | $41 \%$ |  |
| Somewhat oppose | $\mathbf{8 \%}$ | $7 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $20 \%$ | Support | $64 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $28 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 7 \%}$ | $10 \%$ |  |  |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{4 \%}$ | $4 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $24 \%$ | Oppose | $34 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ | $(811)$ | $(804)$ | $(810)$ | $(n)$ | $2 \%$ |

* 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? [ls that strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

| TREND: | Dec. | Nov. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly support | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 |
| Somewhat support | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $47 \%$ |
| Somewhat oppose | $\mathbf{1 1 \%}$ | $13 \%$ |
| Strongly oppose | $\mathbf{3 1 \%}$ | $31 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ | $3 \%$ |
| $(n)$ | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ | $(811)$ |

10. The part of the bill that expands support programs has been significantly reduced in size during negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the Biden administration. Do you see that reduction as a good thing or bad thing overall?

| TREND: | Dec. | Nov. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Good | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | 2021 |
| Bad | $\mathbf{4 1 \%}$ | $42 \%$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{4 5 \%}$ | $46 \%$ |
| $\quad(n)$ | $\mathbf{1 4 \%}$ | $12 \%$ |
|  | (808) | $(811)$ |

11. The bill on support programs and climate change recently 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?

|  | Dec. |
| :--- | :---: |
| Top priority | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ |
| Important, but other priorities | $\mathbf{2 8 \%}$ |
| Not really important | $\mathbf{9 3 \%}$ |
| Should not be passed at all | $\mathbf{2 6 \%}$ |
| (VOL) Don't know | $\mathbf{3 \%}$ |
| (n) | $\mathbf{( 8 0 8 )}$ |

[Q12-28 held for future release.]

## METHODOLOGY

The Monmouth University Poll was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from December 2 to 6,2021 with a probability-based national random sample of 808 adults age 18 and older. This includes 285 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 523 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, $\mathrm{n}=457$ ), Aristotle (list, $\mathrm{n}=150$ ) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants ( $n=201$ ). 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 |
| 26\% Republican |
| 44\% Independent |
| 30\% Democrat |
|  |
| 49\% Male |
| 51\% Female |
|  |
| $31 \%$ 18-34 |
| $33 \%$ 35-54 |
| $36 \%$ 55+ |
|  |
| $62 \%$ White |
| $12 \%$ Black |
| $17 \%$ Hispanic |
| $8 \%$ Asian/Other |
|  |
| $68 \%$ No degree |
| $32 \% 4$ year degree |


| MARGIN OF ERROR |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | unweighted | moe |
|  |  | sample | (+/-) |
| TOTAL |  | 808 | 3.5\% |
| REGISTERED VOTER | Yes | 753 | 3.6\% |
|  | No | 55 | 13.2\% |
| SELF-REPORTED | Republican | 193 | 7.1\% |
| PARTY ID | Independent | 331 | 5.4\% |
|  | Democrat | 265 | 6.0\% |
| IDEOLOGY | Liberal | 221 | 6.6\% |
|  | Moderate | 287 | 5.8\% |
|  | Conservative | 257 | 6.1\% |
| GENDER | Male | 399 | 4.9\% |
|  | Female | 409 | 4.9\% |
| AGE | 18-34 | 128 | 8.7\% |
|  | 35-54 | 257 | 6.1\% |
|  | 55+ | 415 | 4.8\% |
| CHILDREN IN HOME | Yes | 177 | 7.4\% |
|  | No | 626 | 3.9\% |
| RACE | White, non-Hispanic | 561 | 4.1\% |
|  | Other | 216 | 6.7\% |
| COLLEGE GRADUATE | No degree | 391 | 5.0\% |
|  | 4 year degree | 414 | 4.8\% |
| WHITE COLLEGE | White, no degree | 266 | 6.0\% |
|  | White, 4 year degree | 294 | 5.7\% |
| INCOME | <\$50K | 248 | 6.2\% |
|  | \$50 to <\$100K | 245 | 6.3\% |
|  | \$100K+ | 250 | 6.2\% |

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|  |  | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGISTERED TO } \\ & \text { VOTE } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 1. Do you approve or disapprove | Approve | 40\% | 40\% | 34\% | 5\% | 29\% | 86\% | 66\% | 44\% | 15\% |
| president? | Disapprove | 50\% | 50\% | 43\% | 91\% | 54\% | 9\% | 22\% | 46\% | 79\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 11\% | 10\% | 23\% | 4\% | 17\% | 5\% | 12\% | 10\% | 7\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hsp-Blk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president? | Approve | 37\% | 42\% | 33\% | 43\% | 44\% | 35\% | 41\% | 37\% | 46\% |
|  | Disapprove | 55\% | 44\% | 49\% | 49\% | 49\% | 52\% | 49\% | 58\% | 35\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 8\% | 14\% | 18\% | 8\% | 7\% | 13\% | 10\% | 5\% | 19\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { WHITE COLLEGE } \\ \text { DEGREE } \end{gathered}$ |  | INCOME |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 1. Do you approve or disapprove | Approve | 33\% | 54\% | 27\% | 56\% | 41\% | 34\% | 44\% |
| president? | Disapprove | 54\% | 41\% | 66\% | 42\% | 44\% | 54\% | 52\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 13\% | 6\% | 7\% | 3\% | 14\% | 12\% | 4\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 2. Do you approve or disapprove | Approve |  | 23\% | 24\% | 14\% | 11\% | 18\% | 41\% | 29\% | 29\% | 12\% |
| doing? | Disapprove | 66\% | 67\% | 60\% | 82\% | 71\% | 46\% | 61\% | 58\% | 81\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 11\% | 10\% | 26\% | 7\% | 12\% | 13\% | 10\% | 13\% | 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 |
| 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing? | Approve | 20\% | 26\% | 23\% | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% | 23\% | 19\% | 30\% |
|  | Disapprove | 69\% | 63\% | 60\% | 67\% | 70\% | 62\% | 67\% | 74\% | 52\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 11\% | 12\% | 18\% | 11\% | 7\% | 17\% | 9\% | 7\% | 19\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { WHITE COLLEGE } \\ \text { DEGREE } \end{gathered}$ |  | INCOME |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | 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\% | 28\% | 16\% | 25\% | 22\% | 23\% | 23\% |
|  | Disapprove | 67\% | 64\% | 78\% | 67\% | 65\% | 64\% | 72\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 13\% | 8\% | 6\% | 8\% | 13\% | 13\% | 6\% |

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|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 3. Would you say things in the | Right direction |  | 30\% | 30\% | 30\% | 5\% | 25\% | 60\% | 51\% | 32\% | 10\% |
| direction, or have they gotten off | Wrong track | 66\% | 66\% | 64\% | 94\% | 71\% | 36\% | 42\% | 65\% | 87\% |
| on the wrong track? | (VOL) Depends | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 6\% | 1\% | 2\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hsp-Blk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 3. Would you say things in the | Right direction | 29\% | 31\% | 26\% | 32\% | 31\% | 24\% | 31\% | 27\% | 35\% |
| direction, or have they gotten off | Wrong track | 68\% | 64\% | 69\% | 65\% | 64\% | 74\% | 64\% | 70\% | 59\% |
| on the wrong track? | (VOL) Depends | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 4\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { WHITE COLLEGE } \\ \text { DEGREE } \end{gathered}$ |  | INCOME |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | 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 | 24\% | 41\% | 19\% | 41\% | 30\% | 26\% | 36\% |
|  | Wrong track | 71\% | 57\% | 77\% | 56\% | 65\% | 71\% | 61\% |
|  | (VOL) Depends | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 4\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% |

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|  |  | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGISTERED TO } \\ & \text { VOTE } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 4. Turning to issues closer to | Job security, unemployment | 6\% | 6\% | 12\% | 9\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 10\% | 4\% |
| facing your family right now? | Health care costs | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% | 3\% |
| [LIST WAS NOT READ] | Everyday bills, food, groceries | 15\% | 16\% | 9\% | 16\% | 17\% | 12\% | 15\% | 14\% | 18\% |
|  | College tuition, school costs | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 0\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% |
|  | Housing, mortgage, rent | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | Saving for retirement | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% |
|  | Social Security, seniors | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Taxes | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% |
|  | Family illness, health | 4\% | 4\% | 0\% | 1\% | 3\% | 8\% | 7\% | 3\% | 3\% |
|  | Safety, crime | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 4\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% |
|  | Terrorism, national security | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | Immigration | 1\% | 0\% | 4\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% |
|  | The economy | 6\% | 6\% | 9\% | 8\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 5\% | 7\% |
|  | Education policy | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Climate change, environment | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Quality of government | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 5\% | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 3\% | 6\% |
|  | Civil rights | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% |
|  | Guns, gun ownership | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | CoronavirusICOVID19 | 18\% | 18\% | 17\% | 10\% | 15\% | 31\% | 24\% | 20\% | 10\% |
|  | Inflation | 14\% | 15\% | 10\% | 26\% | 14\% | 4\% | 5\% | 12\% | 27\% |
|  | Other | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | [VOL] Nothing, no concerns | 9\% | 8\% | 19\% | 4\% | 10\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% | 8\% |

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|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Hsp-Blk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 4. Turning to issues closer to | Job security, unemployment | 7\% | 6\% | 12\% | 4\% | 3\% | 5\% | 7\% | 4\% | 10\% |
| hame, what in the biggest concern facing your fanily right now? | Health care costs | 5\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% | 10\% | 5\% | 5\% | 5\% | 4\% |
| [LIST WAS NOT READ] | Everyday bills, food, groceries | 16\% | 14\% | 17\% | 16\% | 14\% | 9\% | 18\% | 13\% | 19\% |
|  | College tuition, school costs | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 0\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Housing, mortgage, rent | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% |
|  | Saving for retirement | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | Social Security, seniors | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Taxes | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% |
|  | Family illness, heath | 3\% | 5\% | 4\% | 2\% | 6\% | 1\% | 5\% | 6\% | 1\% |
|  | Safety, crime | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% | 5\% | 3\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% |
|  | Terrorism, national security | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | Immigration | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% |
|  | The economy | 6\% | 6\% | 4\% | 7\% | 7\% | 6\% | 6\% | 8\% | 2\% |
|  | Education policy | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Climate change, environment | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 0\% |
|  | Quality of government | 5\% | 4\% | 3\% | 6\% | 4\% | 6\% | 4\% | 5\% | 3\% |
|  | Civil rights | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Guns, gun ownership | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% |
|  | CoronavirusICOVID19 | 17\% | 19\% | 21\% | 19\% | 15\% | 23\% | 17\% | 16\% | 23\% |
|  | Inflation | 18\% | 11\% | 9\% | 15\% | 17\% | 15\% | 14\% | 19\% | 5\% |
|  | Other | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | [VOL] Nothing, no concerns | 8\% | 10\% | 13\% | 8\% | 6\% | 9\% | 8\% | 7\% | 12\% |

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|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | WHITE COLLEGEDEGREE |  | INCOME |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 4. Turning to issues closer to home, what is the biggest concern facing your family right now? [LIST WAS NOT READ] | Job security, unemployment | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 4\% | 9\% | 4\% | 5\% |
|  | Health care costs | 5\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 5\% | 7\% | 3\% |
|  | Everyday bills, food, groceries | 18\% | 8\% | 18\% | 4\% | 23\% | 13\% | 6\% |
|  | College tuition, school costs | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Housing, mortgage, rent | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% |
|  | Saving for retirement | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Social Security, seniors | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
|  | Taxes | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% | 4\% |
|  | Family illness, health | 4\% | 5\% | 5\% | 7\% | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% |
|  | Safety, crime | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 4\% |
|  | Terrorism, national security | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% |
|  | Immigration | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 2\% |
|  | The economy | 5\% | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 5\% | 7\% | 6\% |
|  | Education policy | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% |
|  | Climate change, environment | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | Quality of government | 4\% | 5\% | 6\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% | 8\% |
|  | Civil rights | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | Guns, gun ownership | 0\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% |
|  | Coronavirus\COVID19 | 17\% | 21\% | 14\% | 19\% | 15\% | 20\% | 22\% |
|  | Inflation | 13\% | 18\% | 19\% | 19\% | 10\% | 17\% | 17\% |
|  | Other | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Nothing, no concerns | 11\% | 3\% | 9\% | 4\% | 11\% | 7\% | 8\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 5. [AMONG THOSE WHO NAME | Helped | 25\% | 25\% | 24\% | 6\% | 19\% | 53\% | 41\% | 29\% | 9\% |
| this most important concern, have | Hurt | 46\% | 47\% | 31\% | 82\% | 47\% | 10\% | 17\% | 42\% | 77\% |
| the actions of the federal government since the beginning | No real impact | 27\% | 25\% | 43\% | 11\% | 30\% | 36\% | 39\% | 27\% | 13\% |
| of the year helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern? | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |

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|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | Hsp-BIk-Asn-Oth |
| 5. [AMONG THOSE WHO NAME | Helped | 22\% | 29\% | 24\% | 23\% | 29\% | 26\% | 25\% | 21\% | 34\% |
| A A thencern:] Thinking about | Hurt | 50\% | 41\% | 41\% | 47\% | 47\% | 49\% | 45\% | 52\% | 35\% |
| the actions of the federal government since the beginning | No real impact | 25\% | 28\% | 31\% | 28\% | 22\% | 23\% | 28\% | 26\% | 27\% |
| of the year helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern? | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 2\% | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 4\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { WHITE COLLEGE } \\ \text { DEGREE } \end{gathered}$ |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 5. [AMONG THOSE WHO NAME | Helped | 23\% | 30\% | 16\% | 29\% | 27\% | 26\% | 23\% |
| this most important concern, have | Hurt | 50\% | 38\% | 58\% | 41\% | 43\% | 47\% | 46\% |
| the actions of the federal government since the beginning | No real impact | 25\% | 30\% | 24\% | 29\% | 26\% | 25\% | 31\% |
| of the year helped, hurt, or had no real impact on this concern? | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 1\% | 0\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 6A. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Mortgage or rent payment | Very easy | 16\% | 16\% | 16\% | 11\% | 15\% | 23\% | 19\% | 18\% | 11\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 24\% | 25\% | 19\% | 25\% | 24\% | 24\% | 25\% | 24\% | 25\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 24\% | 23\% | 32\% | 17\% | 28\% | 23\% | 22\% | 26\% | 23\% |
|  | Very difficult | 13\% | 13\% | 13\% | 20\% | 12\% | 9\% | 14\% | 10\% | 13\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 23\% | 23\% | 17\% | 25\% | 21\% | 23\% | 20\% | 21\% | 28\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 0\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth |
| 6A. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Mortgage or rent payment | Very easy | 14\% | 17\% | 15\% | 17\% | 16\% | 19\% | 15\% | 17\% | 14\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 27\% | 21\% | 22\% | 29\% | 22\% | 26\% | 24\% | 25\% | 23\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 25\% | 23\% | 31\% | 26\% | 15\% | 26\% | 23\% | 20\% | 31\% |
|  | Very difficult | 13\% | 13\% | 17\% | 13\% | 9\% | 16\% | 12\% | 11\% | 15\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 20\% | 25\% | 14\% | 14\% | 38\% | 12\% | 26\% | 26\% | 17\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% |

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|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | WHITE COLLEGEDEGREE |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 6A. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Mortgage or rent payment | Very easy | 13\% | 23\% | 12\% | 27\% | 10\% | 18\% | 24\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 21\% | 30\% | 22\% | 30\% | 15\% | 32\% | 29\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 25\% | 21\% | 22\% | 16\% | 27\% | 27\% | 19\% |
|  | Very difficult | 15\% | 8\% | 13\% | 7\% | 18\% | 9\% | 6\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 25\% | 18\% | 30\% | 20\% | 29\% | 14\% | 21\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 6B. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Grocery bills | Very easy | 19\% | 19\% | 12\% | 12\% | 16\% | 28\% | 27\% | 18\% | 12\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 37\% | 36\% | 42\% | 31\% | 41\% | 39\% | 37\% | 44\% | 32\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 30\% | 30\% | 26\% | 40\% | 29\% | 23\% | 23\% | 28\% | 39\% |
|  | Very difficult | 12\% | 11\% | 18\% | 15\% | 13\% | 7\% | 11\% | 8\% | 15\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 1\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 0\% | 1\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth |
| 6B. Please tell me if it is very | Very easy | 19\% | 18\% | 16\% | 21\% | 20\% | 18\% | 19\% | 21\% | 14\% |
| difficult, or very difficult for you to | Somewhat easy | 38\% | 36\% | 52\% | 29\% | 32\% | 34\% | 38\% | 33\% | 44\% |
| pay for: Grocery bills | Somewhat difficult | 32\% | 28\% | 23\% | 35\% | 30\% | 35\% | 28\% | 32\% | 26\% |
|  | Very difficult | 10\% | 14\% | 6\% | 13\% | 14\% | 12\% | 12\% | 11\% | 12\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 6B. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Grocery bills | Very easy | 14\% | 29\% | 14\% | 36\% | 11\% | 15\% | 36\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 36\% | 39\% | 32\% | 35\% | 33\% | 44\% | 36\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 32\% | 25\% | 37\% | 24\% | 34\% | 31\% | 22\% |
|  | Very difficult | 14\% | 6\% | 15\% | 5\% | 18\% | 8\% | 5\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 3\% | 0\% | 2\% | 0\% | 3\% | 2\% | 0\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% | 0\% | 1\% |

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|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 6C. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Health insurance premiums | Very easy | 22\% | 23\% | 19\% | 15\% | 23\% | 28\% | 22\% | 29\% | 15\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 24\% | 25\% | 20\% | 24\% | 26\% | 22\% | 21\% | 30\% | 21\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 23\% | 23\% | 24\% | 25\% | 22\% | 24\% | 23\% | 18\% | 30\% |
|  | Very difficult | 17\% | 18\% | 13\% | 23\% | 16\% | 14\% | 16\% | 16\% | 21\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 11\% | 11\% | 14\% | 12\% | 9\% | 11\% | 16\% | 6\% | 14\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 1\% | 10\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 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 |
| 6C. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Health insurance premiums | Very easy | 20\% | 25\% | 18\% | 24\% | 25\% | 22\% | 22\% | 24\% | 21\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 26\% | 23\% | 25\% | 26\% | 23\% | 27\% | 24\% | 22\% | 28\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 26\% | 19\% | 25\% | 20\% | 23\% | 21\% | 23\% | 25\% | 20\% |
|  | Very difficult | 19\% | 15\% | 15\% | 22\% | 15\% | 18\% | 17\% | 17\% | 17\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 7\% | 16\% | 16\% | 7\% | 11\% | 9\% | 12\% | 11\% | 13\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { WHITE COLLEGE } \\ \text { DEGREE } \end{gathered}$ |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 6C. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Health insurance premiums | Very easy | 18\% | 31\% | 17\% | 36\% | 16\% | 20\% | 37\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 24\% | 26\% | 20\% | 26\% | 22\% | 26\% | 26\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 24\% | 20\% | 28\% | 18\% | 21\% | 29\% | 17\% |
|  | Very difficult | 19\% | 14\% | 20\% | 14\% | 19\% | 19\% | 11\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 13\% | 8\% | 13\% | 6\% | 18\% | 6\% | 9\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 4\% | 0\% | 1\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | REGISTERED TO VOTE |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 6D. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Health care deductibles and out of pocket expenses | Very easy | 14\% | 15\% | 6\% | 9\% | 14\% | 19\% | 14\% | 18\% | 9\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 28\% | 28\% | 28\% | 21\% | 26\% | 36\% | 23\% | 34\% | 27\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 27\% | 27\% | 26\% | 33\% | 28\% | 22\% | 27\% | 24\% | 32\% |
|  | Very difficult | 21\% | 21\% | 19\% | 26\% | 22\% | 15\% | 23\% | 20\% | 21\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 9\% | 8\% | 13\% | 10\% | 8\% | 8\% | 11\% | 4\% | 11\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 9\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% |

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|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hsp-BIk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 6D. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Health care deductibles and out of pocket expenses | Very easy | 13\% | 15\% | 9\% | 16\% | 17\% | 14\% | 14\% | 16\% | 12\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 27\% | 29\% | 28\% | 24\% | 32\% | 29\% | 28\% | 27\% | 31\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 32\% | 22\% | 28\% | 29\% | 24\% | 24\% | 28\% | 27\% | 27\% |
|  | Very difficult | 19\% | 23\% | 18\% | 24\% | 19\% | 25\% | 19\% | 21\% | 20\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 8\% | 9\% | 13\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | WHITE COLLEGEDEGREE |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 6 D . Please tell me if it is very | Very easy | 10\% | 23\% | 10\% | 26\% | 8\% | 11\% | 28\% |
| easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to | Somewhat easy | 27\% | 30\% | 23\% | 33\% | 26\% | 31\% | 30\% |
| pay for: Health care deductibles and out of pocket expenses | Somewhat difficult | 27\% | 28\% | 30\% | 23\% | 25\% | 30\% | 25\% |
|  | Very difficult | 24\% | 14\% | 25\% | 13\% | 24\% | 23\% | 13\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 10\% | 5\% | 11\% | 5\% | 14\% | 5\% | 4\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 0\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 0\% | 1\% |


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|  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 6E. Please tell me if it is very | Very easy |  | 18\% | 18\% | 14\% | 9\% | 18\% | 25\% | 21\% | 22\% | 9\% |
| easy, somewhat easy, somewhat | Somewhat easy | 27\% | 27\% | 26\% | 24\% | 29\% | 29\% | 27\% | 32\% | 23\% |
| pay for: Paying taxes | Somewhat difficult | 27\% | 28\% | 27\% | 32\% | 29\% | 21\% | 24\% | 25\% | 35\% |
|  | Very difficult | 17\% | 17\% | 18\% | 29\% | 14\% | 12\% | 13\% | 14\% | 26\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 9\% | 9\% | 13\% | 4\% | 9\% | 12\% | 15\% | 6\% | 4\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | Hsp-BIk-Asn-Oth |
| 6E. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Paying taxes | Very easy | 19\% | 17\% | 20\% | 20\% | 14\% | 23\% | 16\% | 20\% | 15\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 27\% | 27\% | 28\% | 26\% | 29\% | 25\% | 28\% | 28\% | 26\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 30\% | 25\% | 23\% | 28\% | 30\% | 27\% | 28\% | 27\% | 29\% |
|  | Very difficult | 18\% | 17\% | 12\% | 21\% | 17\% | 18\% | 17\% | 18\% | 16\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 5\% | 13\% | 17\% | 2\% | 9\% | 6\% | 10\% | 6\% | 14\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 1\% |

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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 6E. Please tell me if it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult for you to pay for: Paying taxes | Very easy | 16\% | 22\% | 16\% | 26\% | 13\% | 14\% | 30\% |
|  | Somewhat easy | 25\% | 32\% | 25\% | 34\% | 18\% | 38\% | 30\% |
|  | Somewhat difficult | 27\% | 28\% | 27\% | 26\% | 27\% | 33\% | 19\% |
|  | Very difficult | 19\% | 14\% | 21\% | 11\% | 20\% | 14\% | 16\% |
|  | Do not have this expense | 12\% | 4\% | 9\% | 2\% | 20\% | 1\% | 2\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 3\% |


|  |  | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGISTERED TO } \\ & \text { VOTE } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 7. [Biden proposed multitrillion | Strongly support | 42\% | 42\% | 37\% | 10\% | 38\% | 74\% | 72\% | 45\% | 13\% |
| plans]. An infrastructure plan to be spent on roads, bridges and | Somewhat support | 24\% | 22\% | 35\% | 21\% | 29\% | 18\% | 15\% | 31\% | 24\% |
| trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy | Somewhat oppose | 9\% | 10\% | 9\% | 18\% | 8\% | 4\% | 6\% | 10\% | 13\% |
| projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [Is | Strongly oppose | 22\% | 24\% | 6\% | 50\% | 20\% | 2\% | 7\% | 12\% | 47\% |
| that strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 2\% | 13\% | 2\% | 5\% | 1\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hsp-BIk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 7. [Biden proposed multitrillion | Strongly support | 38\% | 45\% | 45\% | 40\% | 41\% | 29\% | 46\% | 40\% | 46\% |
| spent on roads, bridges and | Somewhat support | 25\% | 22\% | 28\% | 22\% | 21\% | 28\% | 22\% | 21\% | 29\% |
| trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy | Somewhat oppose | 8\% | 11\% | 9\% | 12\% | 7\% | 12\% | 8\% | 9\% | 10\% |
| projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [ls | Strongly oppose | 25\% | 19\% | 13\% | 24\% | 28\% | 25\% | 21\% | 29\% | 10\% |
| that strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 3\% | 6\% | 1\% | 3\% | 6\% | 3\% | 1\% | 6\% |


|  |  | COLLEGE GRAD |  | WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE |  | INCOME |  |  |
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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 7. [Biden proposed multitrillion | Strongly support | 36\% | 53\% | 30\% | 56\% | 38\% | 38\% | 52\% |
| plass]: An infrastructure plan to be spent on roads, bridges and | Somewhat support | 24\% | 23\% | 22\% | 19\% | 26\% | 28\% | 17\% |
| trains, internet access, power grid improvements, and clean energy | Somewhat oppose | 11\% | 6\% | 11\% | 6\% | 11\% | 9\% | 6\% |
| projects. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [ls | Strongly oppose | 25\% | 15\% | 35\% | 18\% | 20\% | 23\% | 23\% |
| that strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 4\% | 2\% | 2\% | 0\% | 5\% | 2\% | 2\% |

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|  |  | TOTAL | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { REGISTERED TO } \\ & \text { VOTE } \end{aligned}$ |  | PARTY ID |  |  | POLITICAL IDEOLOGY |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 8. [Biden proposed multitrillion plans]: A plan to expand access to healthcare and childcare, and provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you support or oppose this plan? [ls that strongly or somewhat?] | Strongly support | 42\% | 41\% | 46\% | 9\% | 36\% | 78\% | 77\% | 42\% | 11\% |
|  | Somewhat support | 19\% | 18\% | 27\% | 13\% | 24\% | 17\% | 17\% | 26\% | 11\% |
|  | Somewhat oppose | 8\% | 8\% | 11\% | 14\% | 10\% | 2\% | 2\% | 10\% | 14\% |
|  | Strongly oppose | 27\% | 29\% | 8\% | 60\% | 26\% | 2\% | 4\% | 19\% | 59\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 4\% | 3\% | 7\% | 4\% | 4\% | 1\% | 1\% | 3\% | 5\% |


|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | White non-Hisp | Hsp-BIk-Asn-Oth |
| 8. [Biden proposed multitrillion | Strongly support | 38\% | 45\% | 53\% | 40\% | 35\% | 45\% | 40\% | 33\% | 57\% |
| healthcare and childcare, and | Somewhat support | 17\% | 21\% | 22\% | 21\% | 16\% | 14\% | 21\% | 17\% | 23\% |
| provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you | Somewhat oppose | 8\% | 9\% | 8\% | 8\% | 9\% | 7\% | 9\% | 12\% | 2\% |
| support or oppose this plan? [ls that strongly or somewhat?] | Strongly oppose | 35\% | 20\% | 17\% | 30\% | 33\% | 29\% | 27\% | 35\% | 13\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 5\% | 0\% | 2\% | 8\% | 4\% | 3\% | 3\% | 4\% |


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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 8. [Biden proposed multitrillion | Strongly support | 39\% | 47\% | 25\% | 47\% | 44\% | 41\% | 39\% |
| healthcare and childcare, and | Somewhat support | 19\% | 20\% | 17\% | 18\% | 21\% | 16\% | 19\% |
| provide paid leave and college tuition support. In general, do you | Somewhat oppose | 9\% | 8\% | 13\% | 11\% | 9\% | 7\% | 10\% |
| support or oppose this plan? [is that strongly or somewhat?] | Strongly oppose | 29\% | 23\% | 41\% | 24\% | 21\% | 33\% | 30\% |
|  | [VOL] Dont know | 4\% | 2\% | 4\% | 1\% | 5\% | 3\% | 3\% |


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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 9. The plan to expand healthcare | Strongly support | 42\% | 41\% | 50\% | 7\% | 38\% | 77\% | 79\% | 40\% | 11\% |
| includes a significant amount of | Somewhat support | 14\% | 14\% | 16\% | 5\% | 18\% | 16\% | 9\% | 25\% | 5\% |
| money to deal with climate change. In general, do you | Somewhat oppose | 11\% | 11\% | 6\% | 18\% | 12\% | 3\% | 5\% | 15\% | 11\% |
| support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [ls that | Strongly oppose | 31\% | 32\% | 18\% | 67\% | 30\% | 2\% | 5\% | 18\% | 70\% |
| strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 2\% | 9\% | 2\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 4\% |

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|  |  | GENDER |  | AGE 3-WAY |  |  | CHILDREN IN HOME |  | RACE |  |
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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Hsp-Blk- } \\ & \text { Asn-Oth } \end{aligned}$ |
| 9. The plan to expand healthcare | Strongly support | 38\% | 45\% | 49\% | 40\% | 38\% | 36\% | 43\% | 38\% | 48\% |
| and other forms or support also | Somewhat support | 15\% | 13\% | 18\% | 15\% | 11\% | 17\% | 13\% | 9\% | 24\% |
| money to deal with climate change. In general, do you | Somewhat oppose | 8\% | 14\% | 16\% | 10\% | 8\% | 13\% | 10\% | 10\% | 13\% |
| support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [ls that | Strongly oppose | 37\% | 25\% | 18\% | 34\% | 38\% | 31\% | 31\% | 41\% | 13\% |
| strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 2\% | 4\% | 0\% | 2\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% |


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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 9. The plan to expand healthcare | Strongly support | 37\% | 51\% | 31\% | 52\% | 42\% | 38\% | 45\% |
| includes a significant amount of | Somewhat support | 15\% | 13\% | 8\% | 10\% | 15\% | 14\% | 13\% |
| money to deal with climate change. In general, do you | Somewhat oppose | 11\% | 11\% | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 18\% | 7\% |
| support or oppose the climate change part of the plan? [Is that | Strongly oppose | 35\% | 21\% | 50\% | 26\% | 30\% | 29\% | 33\% |
| strongly or somewhat?] | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% | 3\% |


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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 10. The part of the bill that expands support programs has | Good | 41\% | 42\% | 37\% | 55\% | 43\% | 28\% | 24\% | 43\% | 56\% |
| been significantly reduced in size during negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the | Bad | 45\% | 46\% | 36\% | 32\% | 40\% | 63\% | 71\% | 43\% | 26\% |
| Biden administration. Do you see that reduction as a good thing or bad thing overall? | [VOL] Dont know | 14\% | 12\% | 27\% | 13\% | 17\% | 9\% | 5\% | 14\% | 18\% |


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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | Hsp-BIk-Asn-Oth |
| 10. The part of the bill that expands support programs has | Good | 44\% | 38\% | 37\% | 43\% | 43\% | 39\% | 42\% | 43\% | 38\% |
| been significantly reduced in size during negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the | Bad | 42\% | 48\% | 55\% | 43\% | 38\% | 45\% | 45\% | 45\% | 46\% |
| Biden administration. Do you see that reduction as a good thing or bad thing overall? | [VOL] Dont know | 14\% | 14\% | 8\% | 14\% | 19\% | 16\% | 13\% | 12\% | 16\% |

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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 10. The part of the bill that expands support programs has | Good | 41\% | 41\% | 42\% | 45\% | 40\% | 43\% | 42\% |
| been significantly reduced in size during negotiations between Congressional Democrats and the | Bad | 44\% | 48\% | 44\% | 45\% | 46\% | 44\% | 45\% |
| Biden administration. Do you see that reduction as a good thing or bad thing overall? | [VOL] Dont know | 15\% | 11\% | 14\% | 10\% | 13\% | 12\% | 13\% |


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|  |  |  | Yes | No | Rep | Ind | Dem | Lib | Mod | Con |
| 11. The bill... awaits action in the | Top priority | 28\% | 29\% | 27\% | 2\% | 25\% | 55\% | 56\% | 26\% | 6\% |
| Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into | Important, but other priorities | 33\% | 32\% | 46\% | 21\% | 39\% | 38\% | 34\% | 48\% | 17\% |
| law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important | Not really important | 9\% | 9\% | 9\% | 22\% | 8\% | 2\% | 5\% | 7\% | 18\% |
| but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really | Should not be passed at all | 26\% | 28\% | 8\% | 54\% | 25\% | 2\% | 4\% | 17\% | 56\% |
| important to take | [VOL] Dont know | 3\% | 2\% | 10\% | 1\% | 3\% | 3\% | 1\% | 2\% | 4\% |


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|  |  | Male | Female | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Yes | No | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { White } \\ \text { non-Hisp } \end{gathered}$ | Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth |
| 11. The bill... awaits action in the | Top priority | 26\% | 30\% | 28\% | 27\% | 31\% | 22\% | 30\% | 28\% | 30\% |
| Congress to enact this bill into | Important, but other priorities | 32\% | 35\% | 48\% | 34\% | 22\% | 41\% | 31\% | 27\% | 45\% |
| law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important | Not really important | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% | 8\% | 8\% | 10\% | 10\% | 9\% |
| but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really | Should not be passed at all | 32\% | 20\% | 12\% | 29\% | 33\% | 27\% | 25\% | 33\% | 13\% |
| important to take | [VOL] Dont know | 1\% | 5\% | 2\% | 1\% | 5\% | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 3\% |


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|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{No} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4 \mathrm{yr} \\ \text { degree } \end{gathered}$ | White no degree | White college | <\$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K+ |
| 11. The bill... awaits action in the | Top priority | 24\% | 38\% | 21\% | 41\% | 31\% | 24\% | 28\% |
| Senate. How important is it for Congress to enact this bill into | Important, but other priorities | 34\% | 32\% | 27\% | 27\% | 34\% | 37\% | 32\% |
| law? Do you feel this should be the top priority; that it is important | Not really important | 10\% | 9\% | 11\% | 9\% | 10\% | 10\% | 10\% |
| but there are other more pressing matters; that it is not really | Should not be passed at all | 28\% | 21\% | 39\% | 22\% | 22\% | 28\% | 29\% |
| important to take | [VOL] Dont know | 4\% | 1\% | 3\% | 1\% | 5\% | 0\% | 2\% |

