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## Key takeaways:

- With the Supreme Court hearings underway, the public remains opposed to a potential rollback of the ACA.
- Americans conflicted about Trump see the most urgent need for relief to prevent small business closures, to fund state and local programs, and for stimulus checks.
- A \$2.4 trillion coronavirus relief package is overwhelmingly supported, and Trump gets more blame for no deal.

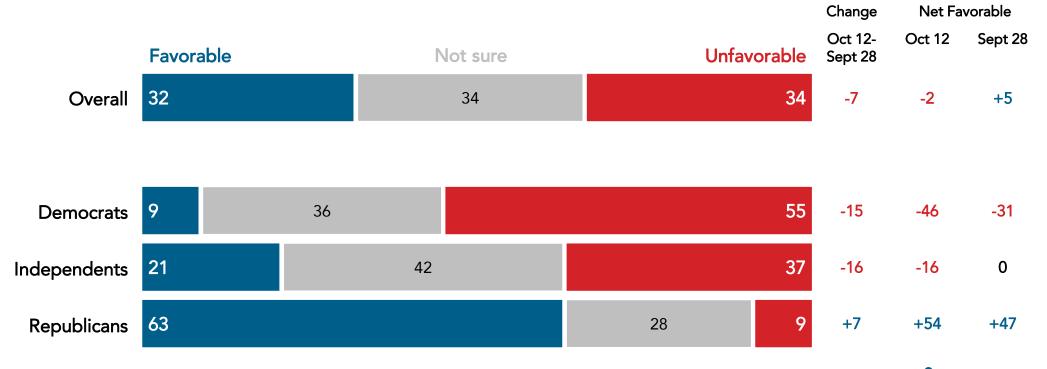


#### **Amy Coney Barrett Favorability Ratings Decline**

Over the last two weeks, Amy Coney Barrett's net favorability ratings have decreased by 7 points.

 Among Democrats and independents, Amy Coney Barrett's net favorability ratings have decreased by 15 and 16 points respectively, while among Republicans, net favorability has improved by 7 points.

#### Please indicate whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of: Amy Coney Barrett.



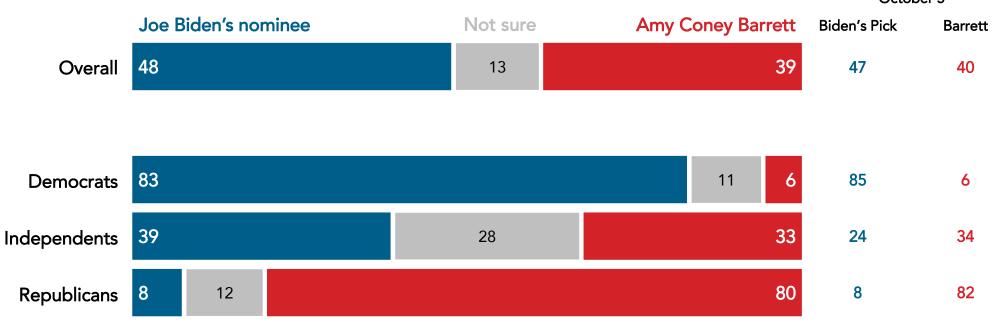
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## More Americans Continue to Prefer Having a Biden Nominee Fill SCOTUS Vacancy Over Amy Coney Barrett

Since last week, a near-majority continue to prefer Biden's Supreme Court nominee over Barrett.

Among independents, preference for Biden's pick over Barrett has grown 15 points since last week (from 24% to 39%).

If you could choose, would you prefer to have Donald Trump's nominee Amy Coney Barrett confirmed to the Supreme Court, or would you prefer to have Joe Biden choose Ruth Bader Ginsburg's replacement on the Court?



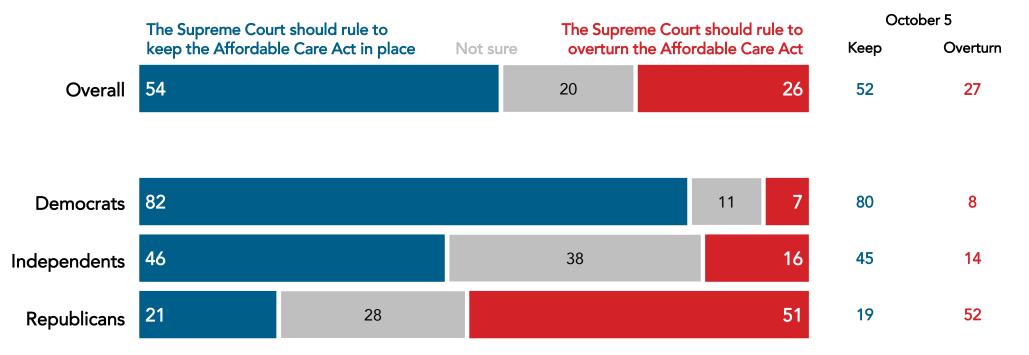
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## **Overturning the Affordable Care Act Remains Unpopular**

A majority of Americans continue to believe the Supreme Court should not overturn the ACA.

 Among independents, 46% support keeping the ACA in place while only one in six (16%) support overturning it.

As you may know, there is a case currently before the Supreme Court about whether or not to overturn the Affordable Care Act. What do you think should happen on this?





# Top Worries Right Now are the Economic Impact of the Pandemic and People Irresponsibly Spreading Virus

Americans across parties are most worried about those who are currently struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic not getting the government assistance they need, others ignoring social distancing, and a recession.

Below are some things people might be worried about right now. Please indicate how worried you are about each one.

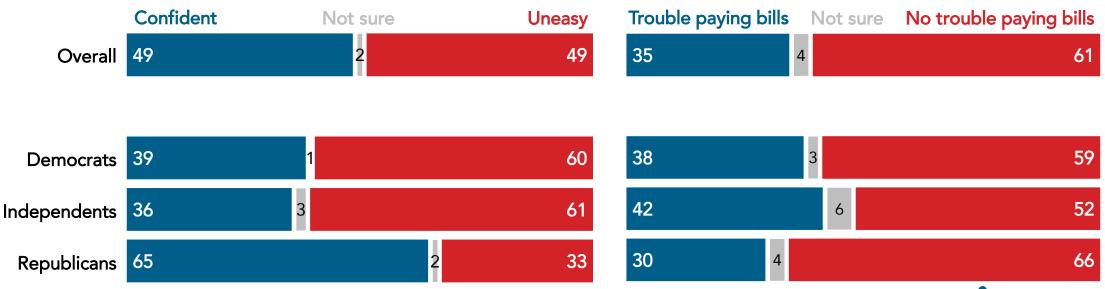
	Very Worried	Somewhat Wo	ried Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
That those who are struggling due to the economic impact of the pandemic will not get the help they need from the federal government	53%	37	90	97	93	79
That other people are not following precautions, like wearing masks and social distancing, which will spread the virus	52	29	81	93	82	65
The economy falling into a recession	48 38		86	92	84	80
Violent crime increasing across the country	45	38	84	82	81	87
Someone close to you getting infected with coronavirus	45	33	78	90	80	63
[STATE] experiencing a new surge of the coronavirus outbreak	45	32	77	90	83	59
Police violence against Black Americans across the country	40	27	67	91	63	38
Violent crime increasing in your community	30	31	60	60	72	58
The spread of coronavirus at the White House and in Congress	30	33	62	72	66	49
You personally getting infected with coronavirus	29	36	66	78	63	51
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#### Many Americans Remain Uneasy About Finances and a Third Will Have Trouble Paying Their Bills This Month

Nearly half of Americans say their current financial situation makes them uneasy about the next few months, and more than one in three say they will have trouble paying bills this month.

Thinking about your personal financial situation over the next few months, do you feel confident or uneasy?

Putting it another way, do you think you will have trouble paying any bills over the next month?



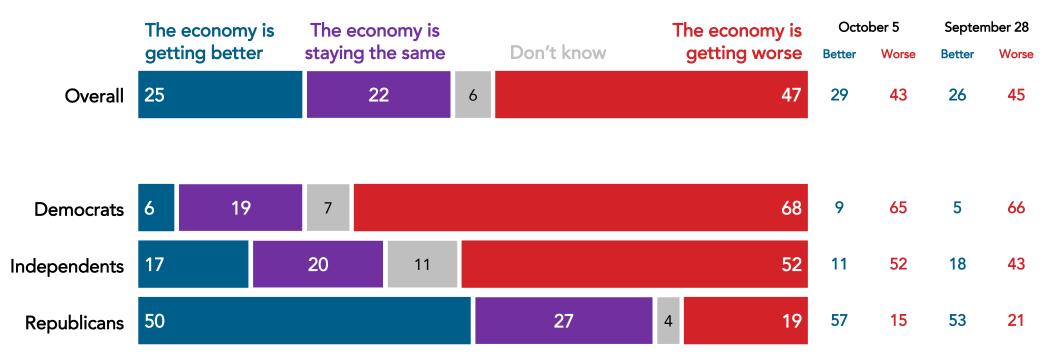
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#### Plurality Continue to Say Economy is "Getting Worse"

Nearly half say the economy is "getting worse," while just one in four say the economy is "getting better."

• Among independents, a majority (52%) say the economy is "getting worse."

#### And, which of the following best describes the current state of the U.S. economy:



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## Top Concerns on Relief: Small Business Closure, Lack of Rental Relief, and Limited Funding for State and Local Programs

Among those mixed on Trump\*, small businesses, state/local programs, and stimulus checks are top concerns.

Please indicate whether each of the possible consequences of Donald Trump's decision to halt economic relief negotiations raises concerns for you.

	Very serious concerns	Somewhat serious concerns	Minor concerns/ Does not concern	% Very Serious Concerns	**Top 3 Most Concerning		
That hundreds of thousands of small businesses will close, in addition to the hundreds of thousands of small businesses that have already closed since the beginning of the pandemic	61	2	23 16	68	43		
That there will be no rental relief for the millions of Americans struggling to pay bills and rent	57	22	21	55	27		
That state and local government programs will continue to lack proper funding for first responders, unemployment insurance, nutritional assistance programs, and other crucial underfunded resources	57	23	20	52	40		
That 40% of restaurants will face closure in the next 6 months without additional aid	55	26	19	49	23		
That emergency unemployment benefits approved in August are already running out, leaving millions of Americans without the temporary extra support of \$300 weekly jobless benefits		23	23	49	36		
That there will be no additional funding for coronavirus testing or contact tracing to get the pandemic under control	53	23	24	52	29		
That there will be no second round of stimulus checks sent to all Americans	53	23	24	48	43		
That there will be a halt to the discussed \$100 billion in aid to help schools reopen safely as schools across the country experience outbreaks	50	25	25	47	22		
That tens of thousands of airline workers will be laid off if no new relief is passed	42	32	26	41	12		
"Mixed on Trump" refers to Americans that don't always approve or don't always disapprove of Trump's overall job performance, his handling of the economy, his handling the coronavirus pandemic, and his handling of health care. **Refers to a follow-up question in which respondents who rated any of the list of items concerning were asked to rate which 3 items were the most concerning to them. Nationwide survey of 1,003 registered voters; October 8-12, 2020.			nav	navigator.			

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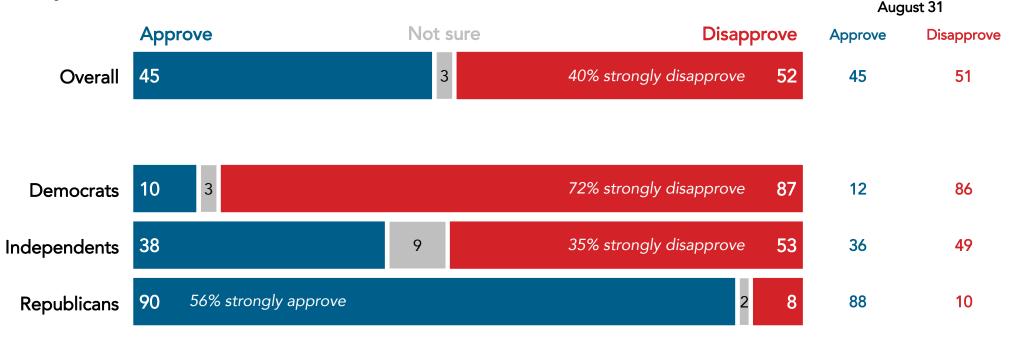
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## Majority Disapprove of Trump's Economic Recovery Handling

Americans give Trump worse marks on his handling of the economic recovery from the pandemic specifically than on the economy overall (a net -7 approval rating compared to a net -1 approval rating).

Among independents, Trump breaks even on his handling of the economy overall (46% approve/46% disapprove), but he is at net -15 on his handling of the economic recovery (38% approve/53% disapprove).

## Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic?



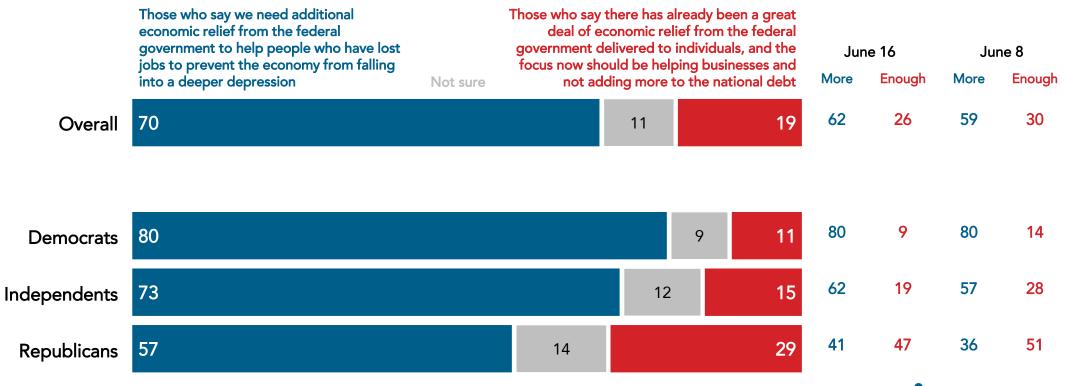
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## Support for New Economic Relief Rising Since June

Seven in ten say we need additional relief to help people who have lost their jobs, up 11 points since early June.

Among independents, the share who say we need additional economic relief is up 16 points since June 8 (from 57% to 73%) and among Republicans, the share has grown 21 points (from 36% to 57%).

#### Which side do you agree with more?



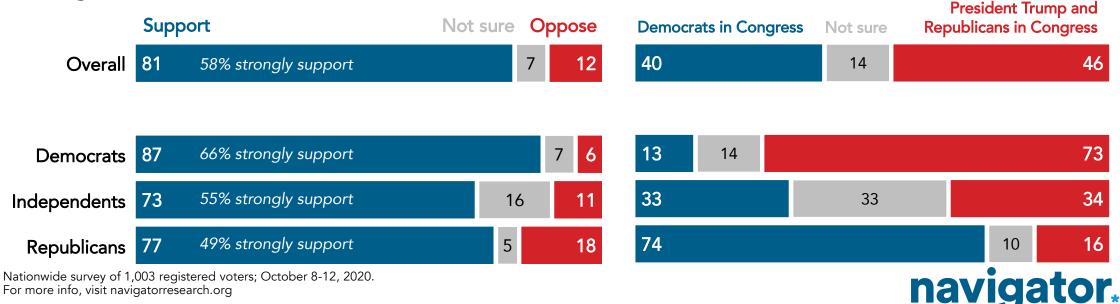
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#### **Public Overwhelmingly Supports a \$2.4 Trillion Relief Package** and Blame GOP More Than Democrats for Lack of a Deal

Four in five support Congress passing a new round of economic relief right now, and Americans blame Trump and Republicans in Congress more than Democrats in Congress for lack of progress on additional coronavirus relief. When last asked September 21, 44% blamed Democrats and 45% Trump and Republicans for lack of progress.

Congress is currently considering legislation to provide \$2.4 trillion in new economic relief for individuals and businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Do you support or oppose passing this new round of economic relief right now?

So far, an agreement on the details for additional coronavirus relief has not been reached. Of the following, who do you think is more to blame for the lack of progress on this issue?



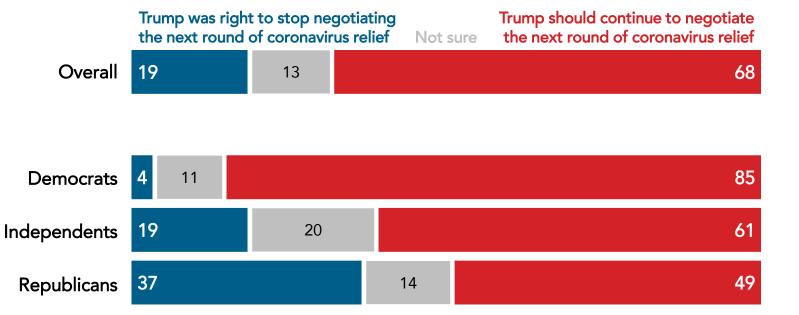
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#### Two Thirds Say Trump Wrong to Halt Relief Negotiations

Just 19% of the public believes Trump was right to halt negotiations for the next round of coronavirus relief.

• On a separate question, 68% say they have heard "a lot" or "some" about the latest status of economic relief negotiations in response to the pandemic, including 62% of independents.

As you may or may not know, this week Trump initially announced a halt to negotiations on a coronavirus economic relief package until after Election Day, after bipartisan talks had begun to make progress toward implementing another round of relief. What did you think of Trump's announcement to halt negotiations?



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#### About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,003 registered voters from October 8-12, 2020. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from multiple opt-in online panel vendors. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.

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