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Navigating The First 100 Days







### **Key Takeaways:**

- Majorities approve of how Biden is handling the economy and the pandemic as president.
- Seven in ten Americans continue to support Biden's "American Rescue Plan" as more and more report hearing "a lot" or "some" about it.
- The majority of Americans now approve of the vaccine rollout in the United States, and a plurality credit the Biden administration with the success of the rollout.



### Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted on a Range of Issues from Economic Relief to the Pandemic to Health Care

Independents trust Biden and the Democratic Party more than the Republican Party on nearly all issues by double-digit margins, including by 35 points on providing pandemic relief and 34 points on combating the pandemic.

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.

|   | Biden and the    |                   |    |              | Net Biden and Democrats |     |     |     |  |
|---|------------------|-------------------|----|--------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|
|   | Democratic Party | Not sure The Repu |    | blican Party | Total                   | Dem | Ind | Rep |  |
| Providing relief for people who can't pay their bills during the pandemic | 60               |                   | 13 | 27           | +33                     | +90 | +35 | -29 |  |
| Combating the coronavirus pandemic  | 56               |                   | 14 | 30           | +26                     | +90 | +34 | -46 |  |
| Improving health care   | 53               |                   | 16 | 31           | +22                     | +88 | +28 | -52 |  |
| Healing divisions in the country  | 51               |                   | 21 | 28           | +23                     | +83 | +24 | -44 |  |
| Making decisions about how and when to reopen schools                     | 47               | 21                |    | 32           | +15                     | +78 | +16 | -55 |  |
| Looking out for small businesses and small business owners                | 47               | 15                |    | 38           | +9                      | +76 | +11 | -67 |  |
| Rebuilding the economy  |                  | 13                |    | 41           | +5                      | +80 | +10 | -79 |  |
| Improving America's infrastructure, including its roads and bridges       | 44               | 22                |    | 34           | +10                     | +74 | +11 | -62 |  |
| Managing the federal deficit  | 39               | 21                |    | 40           | -1                      | +64 | -3  | -72 |  |



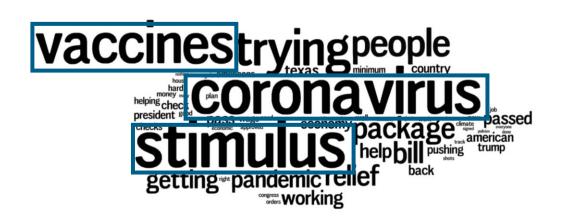
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### Vaccines and a New Stimulus Package Dominate Positive Conversation Around Biden

More than seven in ten independents and nearly half of Republicans report hearing "mostly positive" or an "equal mix of positive and negative" things recently about Biden: more than nine in ten Democrats say the same.

In a few words, what positive things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Joe Biden?

Hearing Mostly/Some Positive: 71%



"His handling of the pandemic and his work to pay another COVID stimulus bill."

"He is trying to get us our stimulus package approved."

"Getting the vaccine out to everyone."

"Trying to get every American vaccinated."

"The handling of the pandemic and ordering more vaccines is on the right track."



# The Public Sees Biden's Priorities Aligned With Their Own: the Pandemic and the Economy

Majorities of independents prioritize the pandemic, and even more say Biden is most focused on it.

Select the top four issues that <u>you feel are most</u> <u>important</u> for President Joe Biden and Congress to focus on.

Which of these issues do you feel President Joe Biden and Congress <u>are most focused on?</u>

|                                   | Dem | Ind | Rep |                                   | Dem | Ind | Rep |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| The coronavirus pandemic 54%      | 70  | 51  | 38  | The coronavirus pandemic 61%      | 75  | 64  | 44  |
| Jobs and the economy 50           | 45  | 48  | 58  | Jobs and the economy 29           | 43  | 34  | 11  |
| Wages and the cost of living 30   | 37  | 35  | 21  | Climate change/extreme weather 28 | 24  | 15  | 36  |
| Health care 26                    | 38  | 28  | 13  | Immigration 28                    | 20  | 21  | 38  |
| Corruption in government 21       | 14  | 28  | 28  | Wages and the cost of living 24   | 28  | 33  | 18  |
| Immigration 21                    | 11  | 15  | 33  | Race relations 19                 | 12  | 17  | 27  |
| Social Security and Medicare 21   | 22  | 25  | 18  | Health care 16                    | 20  | 14  | 12  |
| Climate change/extreme weather 21 | 33  | 15  | 8   | Guns 14                           | 4   | 13  | 25  |
| National security 16              | 10  | 10  | 25  | Reforming our government 12       | 10  | 12  | 15  |
| The federal budget deficit 15     | 6   | 10  | 26  | Taxes 11                          | 9   | 10  | 13  |

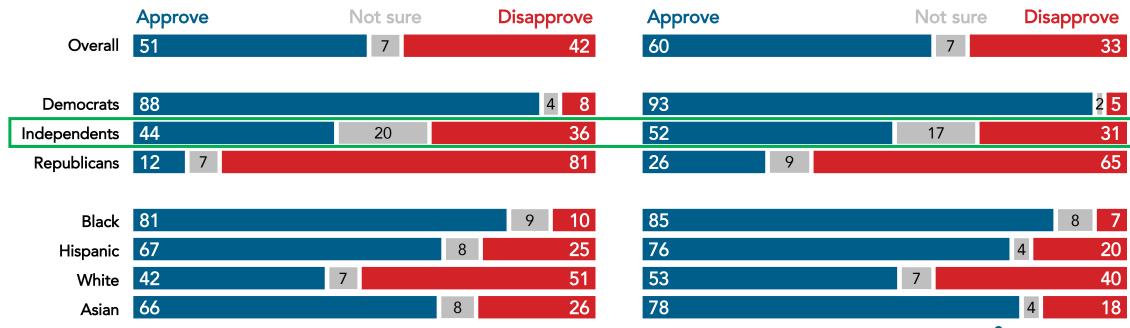


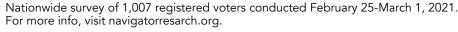
### Majorities Approve of Biden on Handling of the Economy and the Pandemic

Among independents, Biden is at +8 on his handling of the economy and +21 on the pandemic.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the <u>economy</u>?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the <u>coronavirus pandemic</u>?





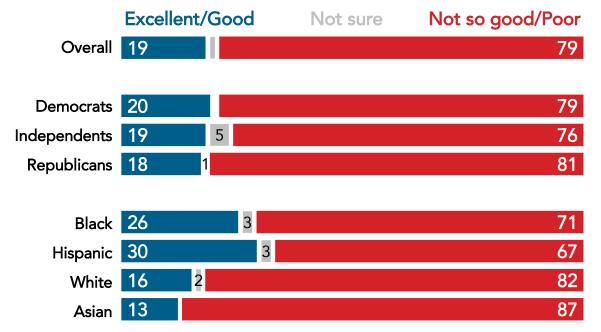


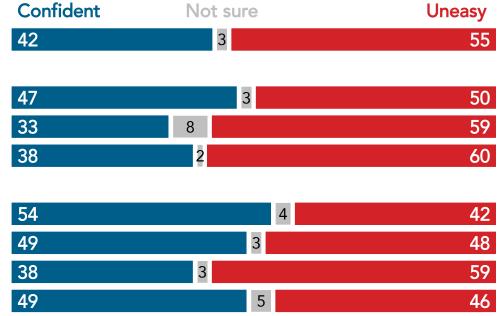
### Four in Five Say Economy is "Not So Good" or "Poor" and Majority Are Financially "Uneasy"

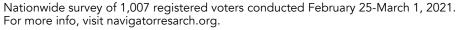
Across racial and partisan groups, no more than three in ten say the economy is "excellent" or "good," while at least two in five say they are "uneasy" about their personal finances.

How would you rate the state of the U.S. economy today?

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









# Americans Continue to Prefer the Government Do More To Help Americans Financially Rather Than Less

Majorities remain more concerned about the federal government doing less to help regular people than doing more.

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#### Which of the following concerns you more right now?

That the federal government will not do enough to get help to regular people who have been most impacted by coronavirus

Overall 62

That the federal government will spend too much money as a result of coronavirus and push the United States further into debt

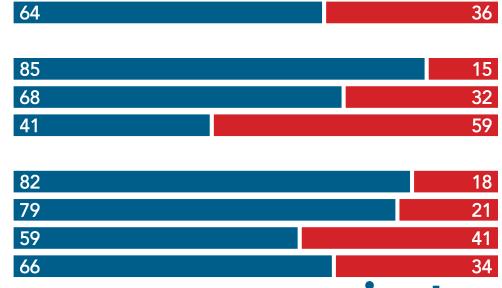




Even if you don't agree with either side completely, who do you agree with more?

Those who say that the government needs to do more to help regular people

Those who say government staying out of people's lives helps regular people the most



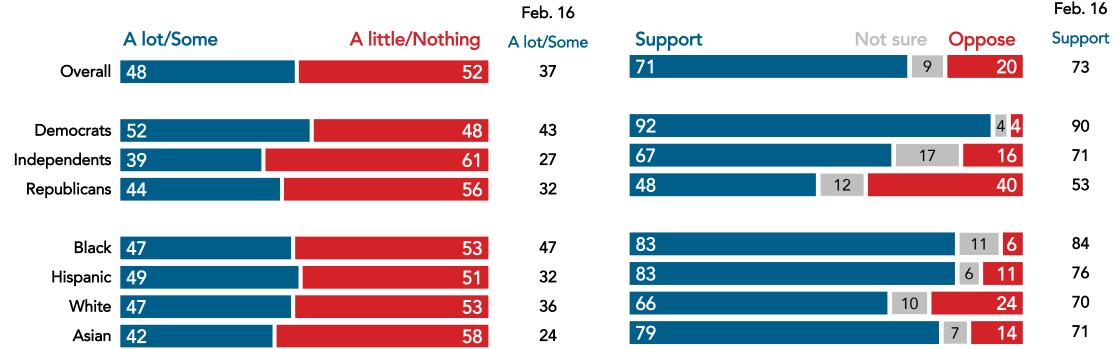
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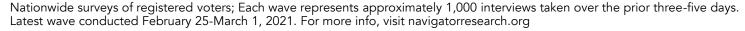
### As More Hear About Biden Rescue Plan, Support Stays High

Seven in ten continue to support the American Rescue Plan, with nearly half having heard "a lot" or "some" – an 11-point increase over the past two weeks.

How much have you seen, read, or heard about President Biden and his emergency legislative package called the "American Rescue Plan"?

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard about President Biden's "American Rescue Plan," do you support or oppose President Biden passing an emergency legislative package that includes a new round of economic stimulus, vaccine funding, and other pandemic-related responses?





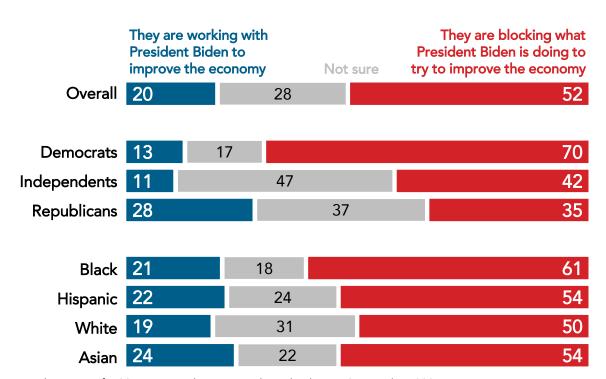


# Republicans in Congress Are Seen as Blocking Biden's Efforts to Improve the Economy and Combat the Pandemic

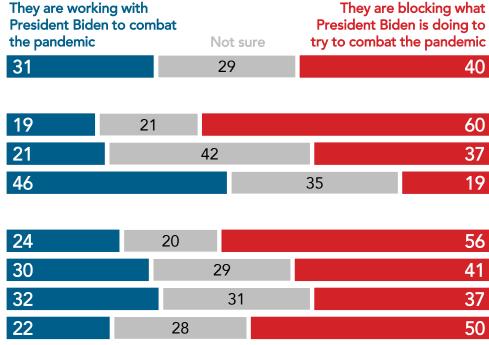
Pluralities believe Republicans in Congress are blocking what Biden is doing to improve the economy and pandemic.

• Even among Republicans, a third (35%) believe Congressional Republicans are blocking Biden on the economy.

When it comes to improving the <u>economy</u>, which better describes what the Republicans in Congress are doing?



When it comes to combating the <u>coronavirus</u> <u>pandemic</u>, which better describes what the Republicans in Congress are doing?

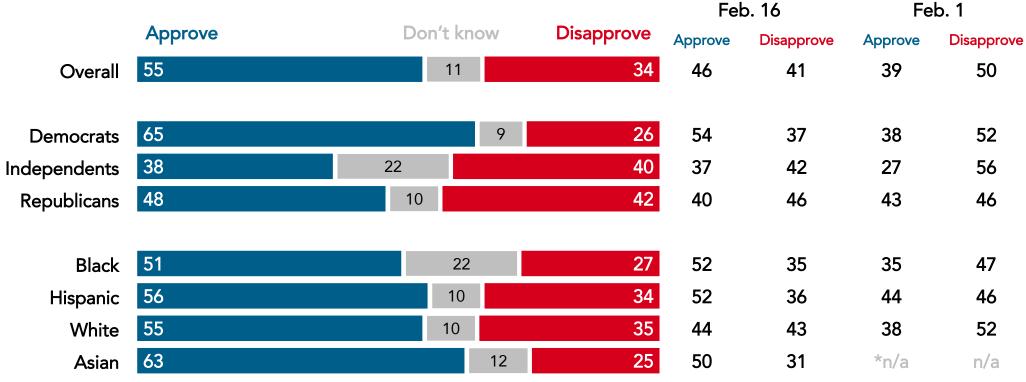




# In the Last Month, Approval of the Vaccine Rollout Has Increased By 16 Points

Since February 1<sup>st</sup>, there has been a 5-point increase among Republicans and an 11-point increase among independents on approval of the vaccine rollout.

Do you approve or disapprove of how the vaccine rollout in the United States has gone so far?



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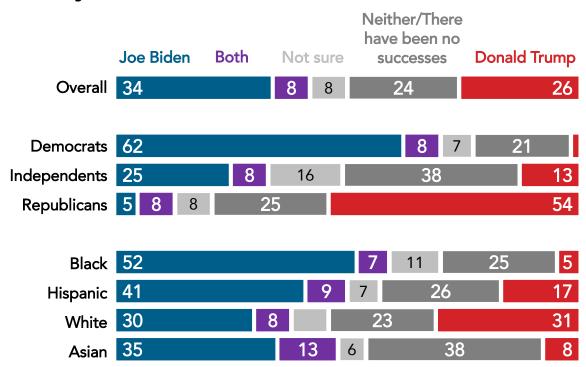
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# Pluralities Credit Biden With Vaccine Rollout Successes and Blame Trump for Vaccine Rollout Failures

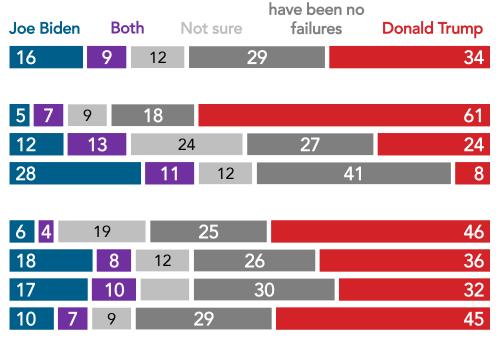
Among independents, a quarter credit Biden with the successes of the vaccine rollout while nearly the same share blame Trump for its failures.

Thinking about any successes with the vaccine rollout, who do you credit with the success?



Thinking about any problems or troubles with the vaccine rollout, who do you blame for the problems?

Neither/There



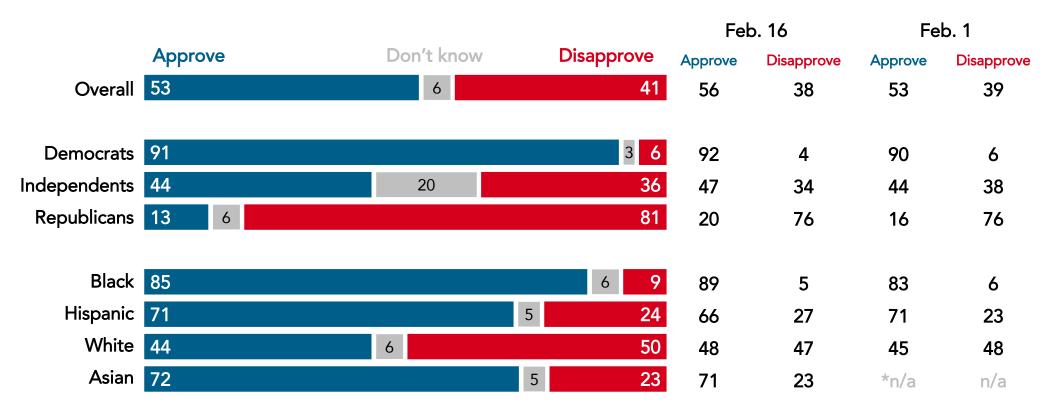


### **Biden's Approval Rating Remains Strong**

More than half of Americans approve of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president.

• Three in ten Americans (30%) "strongly approve" of the way he is handling his job as president.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?



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In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Andrea Purse, progressive strategist; Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Joel Payne, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Delvone Michael, Working Families; Felicia Wong, Roosevelt Institute; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

#### About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,007 registered voters from February 25-March 1, 2021. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 72 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. 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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