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A Guide for Advocates







#### **Key Takeaways:**

- Biden and the Democratic Party are more trusted than the Republican Party to handle improving America's infrastructure.
- Across party lines, Americans find arguments about programs that would benefit from increased tax revenue and wealth inequality most convincing as reasons to increase the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%.
- Democrats, independents, and Republicans earning less than \$50,000 annually find messaging about corporations paying no taxes more convincing than Republicans earning more.

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# Americans Want More Focus on Jobs & The Economy – Key Components of Infrastructure Legislation

Among independents, 46% say jobs and the economy should be a priority and 16% say the same of infrastructure.

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

	Dem	Ind	Rep
Jobs and the economy 42%	35	46	49
The coronavirus pandemic 42	56	45	25
Health care 25	31	24	19
Immigration 25	11	24	40
Wages and the cost of living 24	26	23	21
Corruption in government 19	12	19	28
Infrastructure 16	20	16	12
Climate change/extreme weather 16	27	16	5
Social Security and Medicare 16	17	17	15
Race relations 16	23	14	9
Taxes 16	11	20	21

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

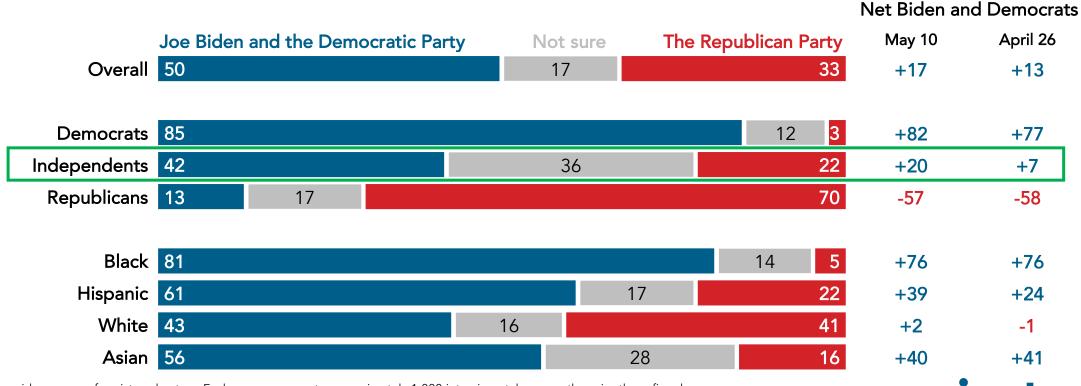
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The coronavirus pandemic		53%	66	53	39	
	Jobs and the economy		29	43	27	15
Climate change/extreme weather		25	21	21	30	
		Infrastructure	23	28	21	19
		Immigration	22	21	19	24
		Race relations	20	16	17	27
		Guns	20	12	21	29
		Taxes	17	14	17	20
		Police reform	16	12	9	22
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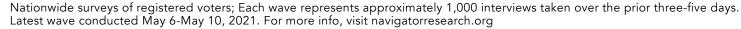
Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted May 6-May 10, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresarch.org.

# Biden and the Democratic Party Are More Trusted to Improve America's Infrastructure Than the Republican Party

Independents trust Biden and the Democratic Party more to handle improving infrastructure by 20 points, up 13 points since April 26<sup>th</sup> (from net +7 to net +20).

Please indicate who you trust more to handle: Improving America's infrastructure, including its roads and bridges.







# Majorities Find Investing in Infrastructure and Inequality Most Convincing on Raising Corporate Tax Rate

Nearly half of Americans (47%) say they find a statement focusing on wealth inequality "very convincing."

Please indicate how convincing you find each as a reason to raise the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%.

% Convincing

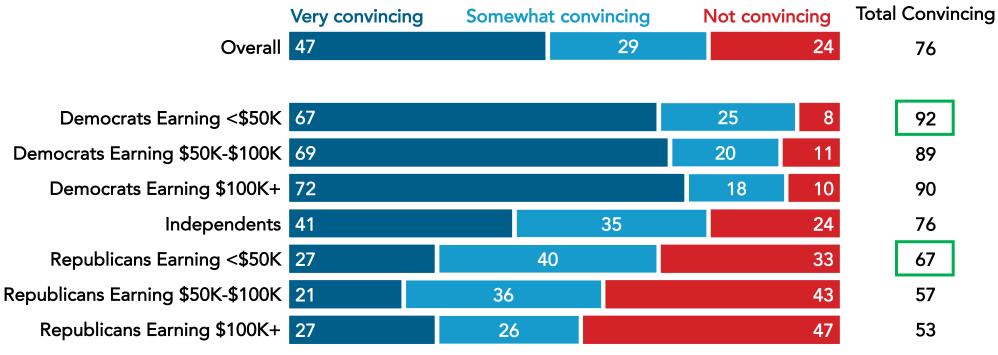
	Convincing		Not c	onvincing	Dem	Ind	Rep
The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center says that raising the corporate tax rate to even just 28% would raise \$740 billion in revenue which can go to supporting critical programs like improving infrastructure, fixing our public school system, and others	77	39% very convincing		23	96	71	57
Last year alone, at least 55 of America's largest corporations paid no taxes on billions of dollars in profits and now the top 1% of Americans have more wealth than the bottom 50% combined	76	47% very convincing		24	91	76	61
Under Ronald Reagan, the corporate tax rate was 40%; under Obama, it was 35%. President Biden is now only proposing to raise it from 21% to 28%, which is still historically low and represents compromise	72	39% very convincing		28	91	68	51
Since the 1980's, while the corporate tax rate has been cut in half, income inequality in the United States has more than tripled. A corporate tax rate of 28% will help to lessen that gap between the rich and everyone else	68	33% very convincing		32	89	63	46
Over the last more than 100 years in America, the corporate tax rate has averaged more than 32%. A corporate tax rate of 28% falls well below that average		27% very convincing		32	87	65	47



# Focusing on Wealth Inequality Is Particularly Convincing to Lower-Earning Democrats and Republicans

Democrats, independents, and Republicans earning less than \$50,000 annually find messaging about corporations paying no taxes more convincing than Republicans earning more.

Please indicate how convincing you find each as a reason to raise the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%: Last year alone, at least 55 of America's largest corporations paid no taxes on billions of dollars in profits and now the top 1% of Americans have more wealth than the bottom 50% combined.



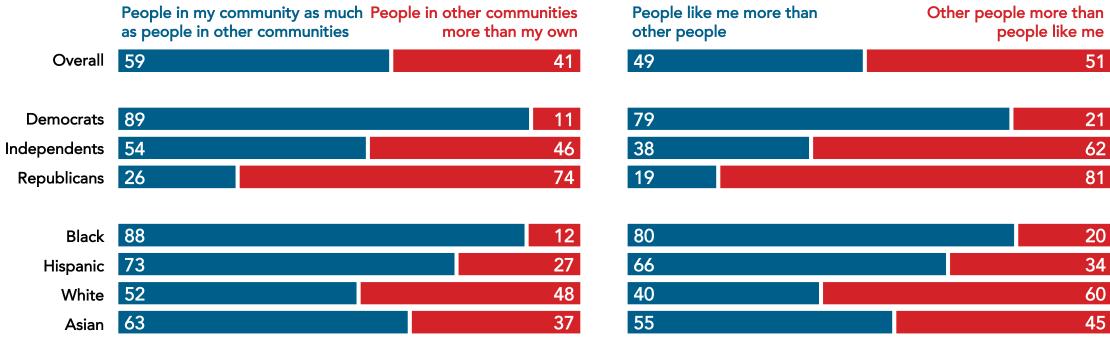


# Majority Say Their Community Benefits from Biden, But Americans More Split on Personal Impact

Three in five – including a majority of independents – say their community is benefiting from Biden's actions as much as any other community.

• However, only half say his actions benefit "people like me more than other people," with 62% of independents saying his actions benefit "other people more than people like me."

Which do you agree with more: Joe Biden's actions as president benefit....







#### **About Navigator**

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 1,000 registered voters from May 6-May 10, 2021. 99 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 96 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 102 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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