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A Guide for Advocates:
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Key Takeaways:

- Americans now rate the coronavirus pandemic as the top issue Biden and Congress should be focused on.
- Majorities of Americans support mask mandates and vaccine requirements.
- Arguing that the country has always had vaccine requirements – including for polio and smallpox – is effective in justifying a vaccine mandate against conservative criticism.

As Coronavirus Case Numbers Rise Again, the Pandemic Returns to Top Priority Over Jobs and the Economy

In mid-July, 41% said Biden and Congress needed to focus most on the economy and 33% said the pandemic; now, 43% say the pandemic and 35% the economy. A majority (54%) still feel the pandemic is what Biden is most focused on.

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

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

		July 19	Dem	Ind	Rep		July 19	Dem	Ind	Rep	
The coronavirus pandemic	43%	33	60	39	24	The coronavirus pandemic	54%	48	65	42	
Jobs and the economy	35	41	29	42	41	Infrastructure	34	27	38	29	
Immigration	27	24	12	25	45	Climate change/extreme weather	25	28	20	20	33
Health care	24	25	34	22	14	Jobs and the economy	24	25	37	23	10
Climate change/extreme weather	21	23	34	22	6	Voting rights	22	24	23	18	21
Social Security and Medicare	21	20	23	19	19	Race relations	19	21	12	21	26
Violent crime	19	15	13	19	26	Guns	17	19	11	15	23
Corruption in government	19	19	11	27	26	Immigration	16	13	15	12	17
National security	17	17	7	14	30	Health care	13	14	16	12	9
Infrastructure	17	15	22	17	12	Police reform	13	10	8	12	18

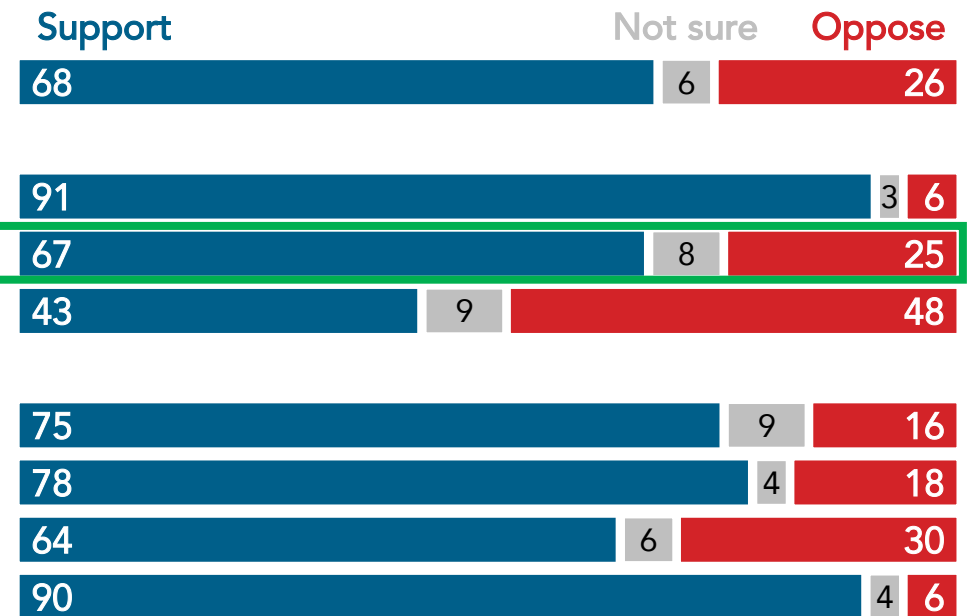
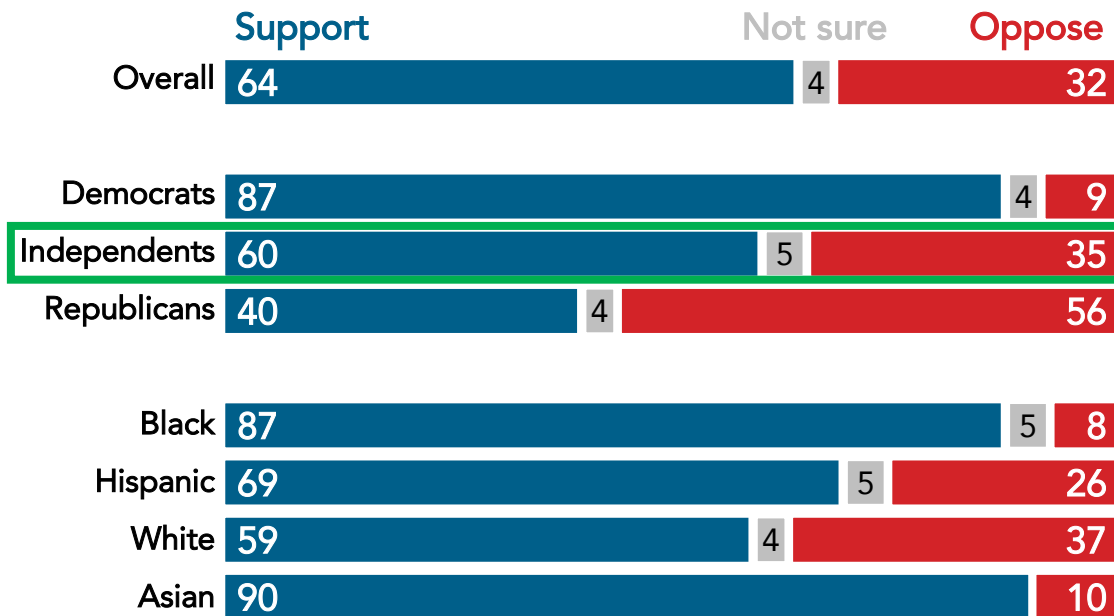
Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted July 29-August 2, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org

Majorities Support Their Local Community and U.S. More Broadly Re-Introducing Masking Mandates & Social Distancing

Among independents, three in five (60%) support their local community re-introducing mask mandates and social distancing while 67% support communities with increasing levels of infection doing the same.

Do you support or oppose your local community re-introducing measures like mask mandates and social distancing to control the spread of coronavirus?

Do you support or oppose communities in the United States with increasing levels of coronavirus infections re-introducing measures like mask mandates and social distancing to control the spread of coronavirus?

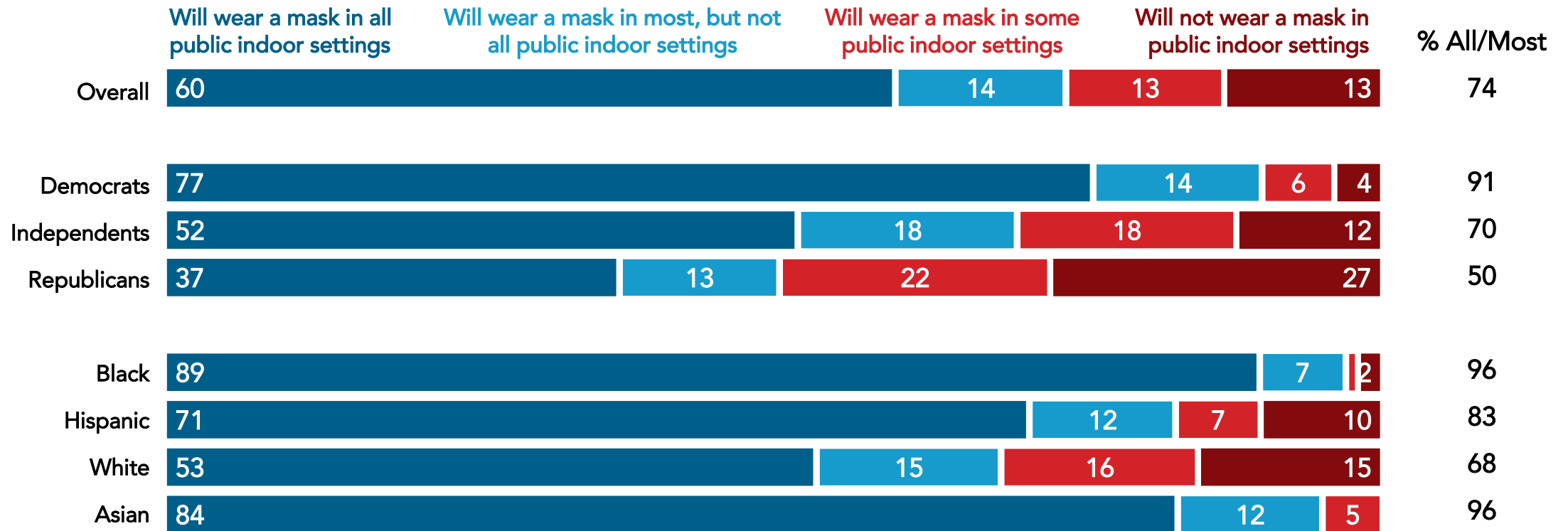


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Among Those Vaccinated, Three in Five Say They Will Wear Masks Indoors in Public Places Following New CDC Guidance

Almost three in four (74%) say they will wear masks indoors in at least most public indoor settings.

[If vaccinated] As you may know, the CDC recently issued a new recommendation that fully vaccinated people should begin wearing masks again indoors in places with high coronavirus rates. Which best describes what you will do moving forward?

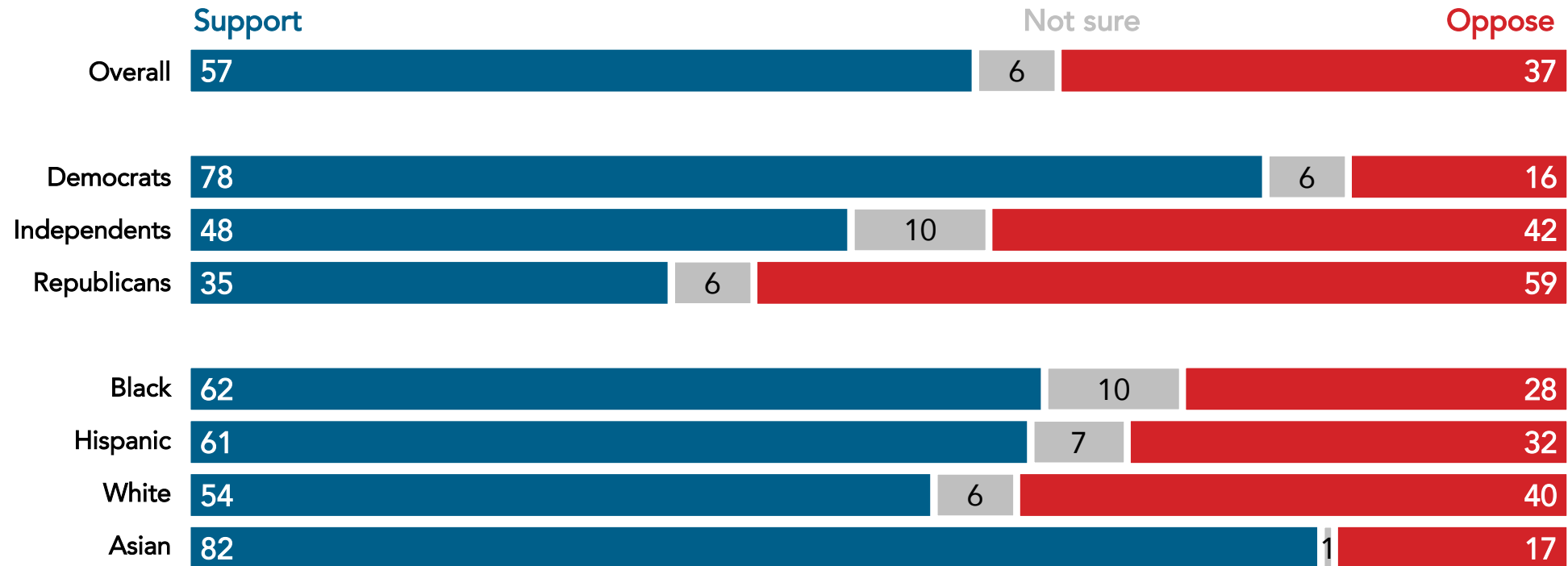


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Nearly Three in Five Support Vaccine Mandates

By a 6-point margin, independents support vaccine mandates, as do more than a third of Republicans.

In response to the large share of Americans who remain unvaccinated, some states, cities, and government agencies have begun requiring/mandating that their employees receive the coronavirus vaccine. Do you support or oppose vaccine requirements/mandates?*

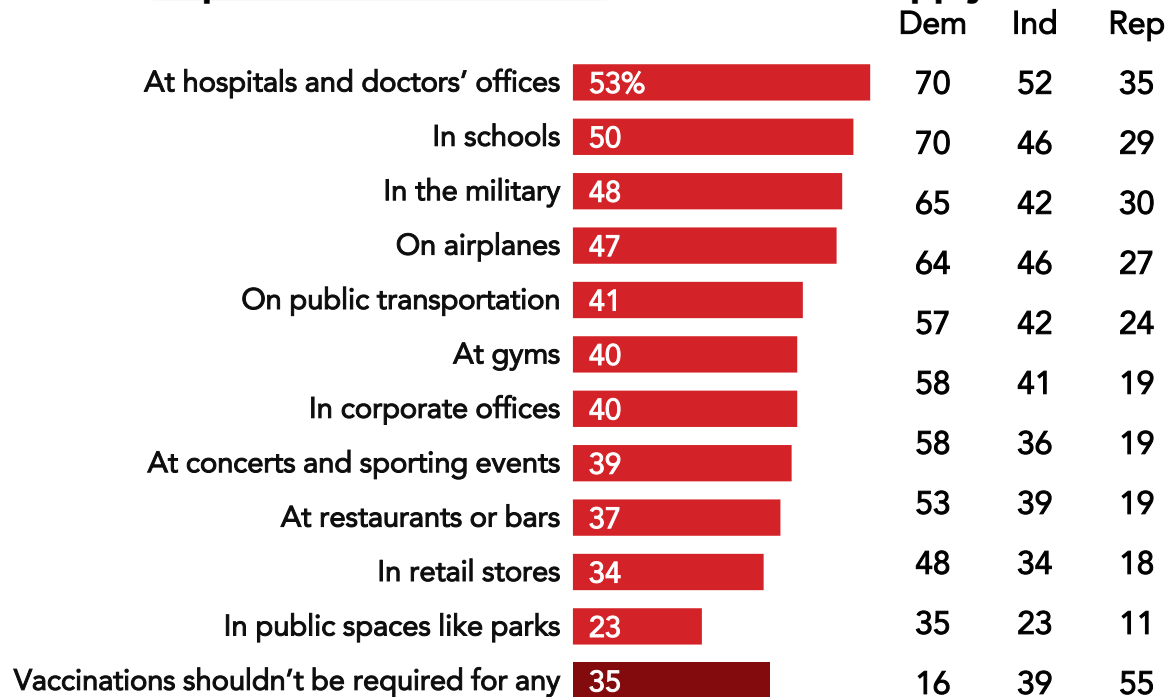


*This question was asked as a split sample test, in which half of respondents were asked about "vaccine mandates" and the other half, "vaccine requirements." Given lack of differentiation across the test, the results presented above are an average of these two asks to allow for greater sub-group analysis. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted July 29-August 2, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

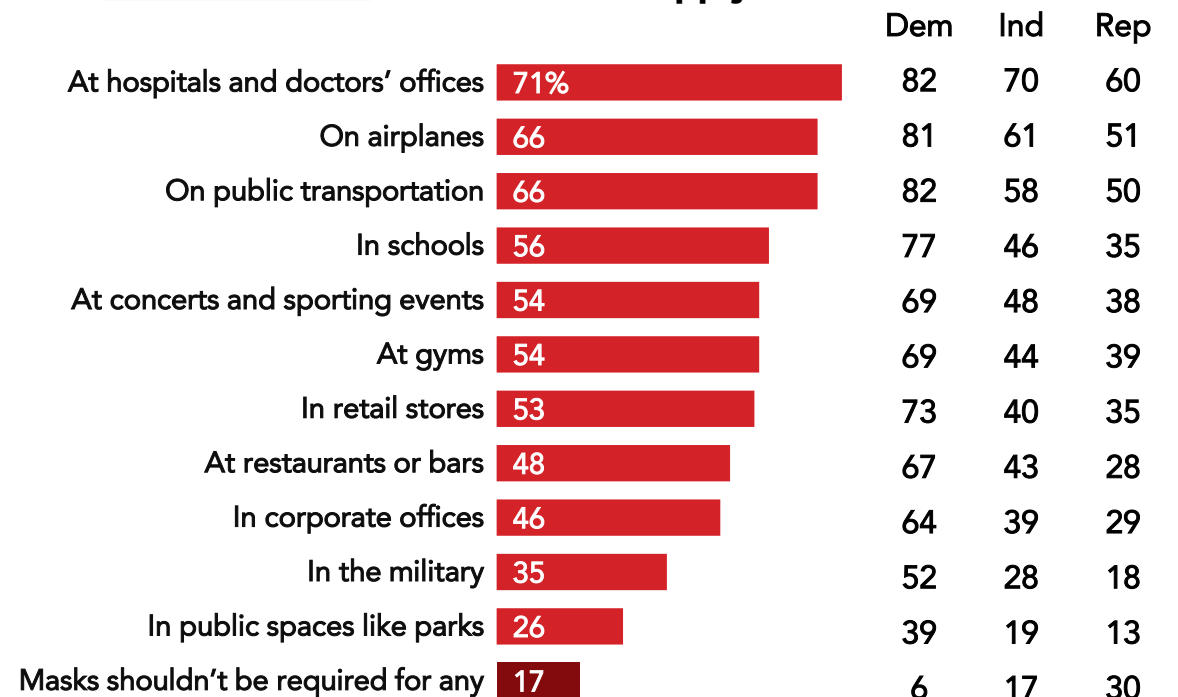
Vaccine Requirements Most Popular in Hospitals and Schools; Mask Mandate in Range of Public Indoor Spaces

At least two in five independents support vaccine requirements in hospitals, schools, the military, planes, and public transit.

In what types of settings and events should adults 18 and over be required to be vaccinated? Select all that apply.



In what types of settings and events should it be required to wear a mask? Select all that apply.



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Grounding Coronavirus Vaccine Requirements in America's History of Requiring Vaccines Is Most Compelling

When pitted against a conservative argument that requiring vaccinations is a violation of personal freedom, language that mentions historical vaccine requirements such as for smallpox and polio is more effective than language about vaccine efficacy, even though both are effective.

Which of the following do you agree with more?

Statement 1: Opponents of vaccine requirements who say that requiring vaccination is a violation of personal freedom. It should be someone's choice if they choose to receive the vaccine, just like it should be their choice if they want to tell others whether or not they have received it.

Statement 2: Supporters of vaccine requirements who say that the vaccines are the best shot we have at controlling this virus. Nearly all new COVID hospitalizations and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated, and it's not fair for the unvaccinated to continue spreading coronavirus and putting our communities at risk.

Statement 1:	38%
Statement 2:	51%
Net Statement 2:	+13

Statement 3: Supporters of vaccine requirements who say that these type of requirements have been around for decades. Students are typically required to receive the smallpox and polio vaccine, and it only makes sense to require the coronavirus vaccine as well.

Statement 1:	37%
Statement 3:	54%
Net Statement 3:	+17

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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 July 29-August 2, 2021. 110 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 79 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American 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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