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Infrastructure Legislation: A Guide for Advocates





Key Takeaways:

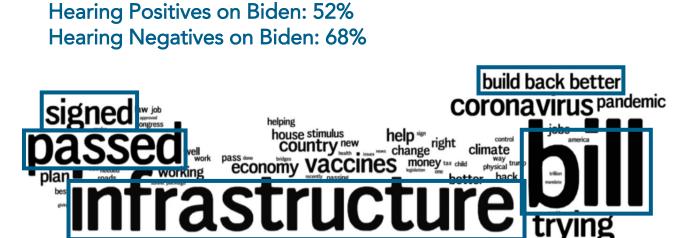
- Majorities report hearing about Biden signing infrastructure legislation into law and support it.
- Support for the new legislation grows after reading about policies included, with top items being upgrading water systems, roads and bridges, power grids, and internet access.
- Overall, the strongest messaging lanes emphasize popular policies in the new infrastructure legislation.



Passage of Infrastructure Legislation Dominates Positive Conversation Around Biden This Week

Nearly four in five Democrats (79%), 47% of independents, and 24% of Republicans report hearing something positive about Biden in the last week, with the passage of infrastructure legislation rising to the top for Americans regardless of party.

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



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"The infrastructure bill that just passed and he signed into law."

"Biden getting the infrastructure bill through and signing it."

"Passed infrastructure bill to improve roads and bridges."

"He did it! Passed the infrastructure bill!"

"I liked his signing of the infrastructure bill."

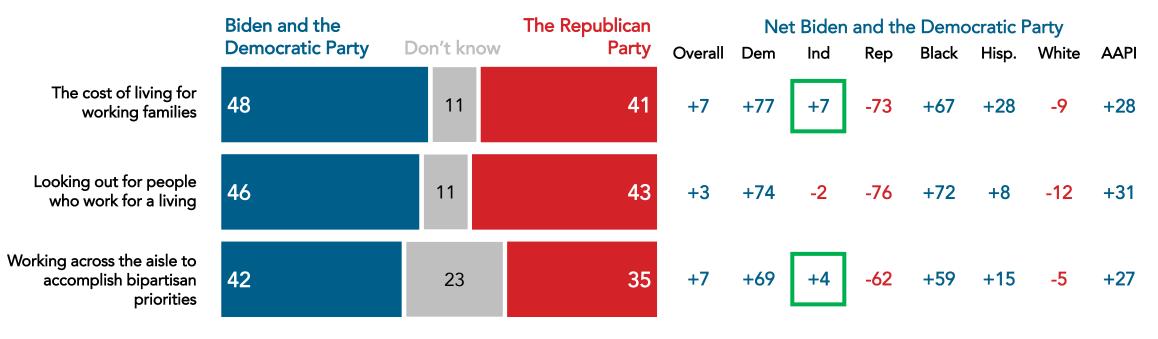
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On Issues Related to New Infrastructure Legislation, Biden and Democrats Are More Trusted

Among independents, Biden and Democrats are more trusted to handle the "cost of living for working families" by 7 points and to work "across the aisle to accomplish bipartisan priorities" by 4 points; the Republican Party has a 2-point advantage on "looking out for people who work for a living."

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

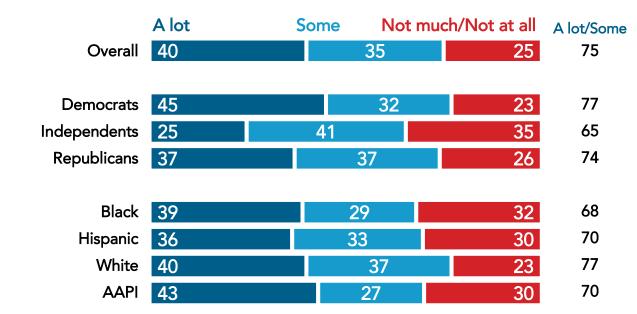




Three in Four Are Hearing About Biden Signing New Infrastructure Legislation into Law and a Majority Support It

Across party, race, and ethnicity, at least two in three are hearing "a lot" or "some" about Biden signing new infrastructure legislation into law, and 54% support it even before reading specifics about what is in the legislation.

How much have you seen, read, or heard about: President Biden signing new infrastructure legislation into law?



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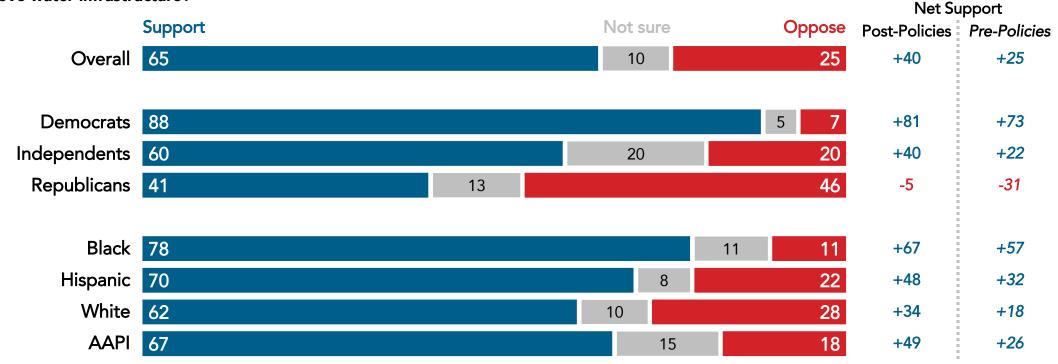


As you may know, President Biden and a bipartisan group of lawmakers passed new infrastructure legislation. Do you support or oppose this new infrastructure legislation?

After Reading Some of the Policies in the Infrastructure Law, Support for the Law Jumps to Two in Three Americans

Before reading some of the policies included in the new infrastructure legislation, net support is at +25 overall and +22 among independents; after reading, net support jumps to +40 overall and among independents.

Regardless of how much you have seen or heard about the new infrastructure legislation, do you support or oppose President Biden and a bipartisan group of lawmakers passing a new infrastructure plan to improve roads and bridges, expand power infrastructure, increase passenger and rail access, and improve water infrastructure?





Top Policies from Infrastructure Legislation Include Water Systems, Roads and Bridges, Power Grids, and Internet Access

Bipartisan majorities support upgrading water pipes, improving roads and bridges, upgrading power grids, expanding internet access, job training for construction and trucking, and encouraging women to enter construction and trucking. Below are some of the policies included in the recently passed infrastructure legislation. For each, please indicate whether you support or oppose it.

% Total Support

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	Strongly	Somewhat										
	support	support	Not sure	Oppose	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp. V	Vhite A	API *Econ. Pers.
Replacing and upgrading water pipes that are contaminated with lead	59		26	6 9	86	92	82	79	86	85	86 7	78 93
Building and repairing roads and bridges across the country	52		33	5 10	85	91	81	79	83	84	86 7	75 86
Upgrading and repairing electric power grids	47		34	7 12	80	87	76	74	82	80	80	77 84
Expanding high speed internet to all American households, including those in rural communities	45		32 8	15	77	87	71	68	78	84	76	72 83
Creating job training programs in construction and trucking	40		40	6 14	79	90	69	70	80	82	80 !	58 87
Encouraging more women to enter industries like construction and trucking	37	3!	5 13	15	73	86	69	58	76	69	72 (62 78
Creating infrastructure for electric vehicles, including replacing existing school buses with electric buses and creating new charging stations	30	26	10	34	56	78	53	32	71	62	52 !	58 57
Investing in reliable passenger and freight rails service, like Amtrak	30	35	10	25	65	83	55	47	70	70	64 !	55 73
Improving and expanding U.S. airports	27	36	13	24	63	75	50	52	68	67	61 (65 57
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*"Economically persuadable" Americans are defined as those who disapprove of how Biden is handling the economy, but support Biden and Democrats' new economic plan. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted November 18-November 22, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresarch.org.

The Strongest Message About the Infrastructure Law Is One **Emphasizing Its Impactful Policies**

Across party, race, and ethnicity, highlighting popular policies from the legislation is more effective than other lanes including a contrast message against Trump, competitiveness against China, and inflation.

For each statement from supporters of the new infrastructure legislation, please indicate how convincing it is as a reason to support the legislation.

% Convincing

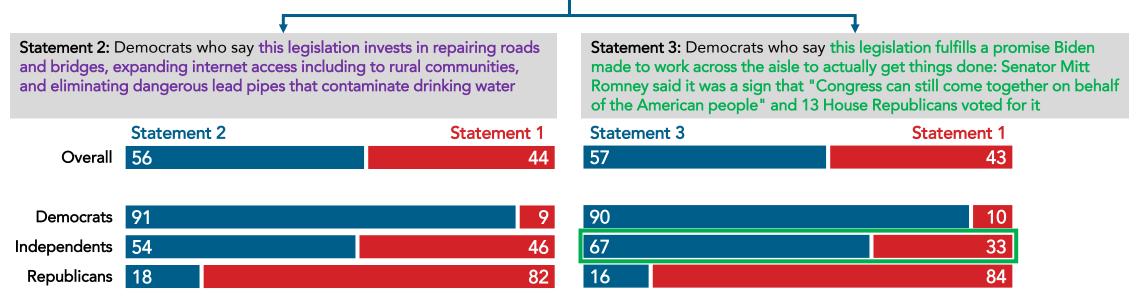
		vincing	Not convincing	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI	*Econ. Pers.
This legislation will rebuild roads and repair bridges across America, expand internet access including for those in rural communities, and remove lead pipes in many American communities that contaminate local drinking water	76	37% very convincing	24	90	70	61	84	75	74	77	81
This legislation will revive the blue-collar economy by creating millions of good-paying jobs that require a high school education or less. This plan ensures that American taxpayers' dollars benefit working families and their communities instead of multinational corporations and foreign governments	67	32% very convincing	33	88	57	47	82	71	64	62	72
This legislation will create 1.5 million good-paying, union jobs a year for the next 10 years for hard- working Americans. As we continue to recover from the pandemic, this will be a crucial investment to get people working again	64	30% very convincing	36	88	60	39	76	68	62	65	72
This legislation has bipartisan support. 13 House Republicans voted for it, as did Mitt Romney, who said it demonstrates "even in polarized times, Congress can still come together on behalf of the American people." Leading Republicans say it will "pave the way for decades of economic growth"	64	27% very convincing	36	79	59	49	70	71	62	64	73
This legislation will build things in America and create jobs. It is what Trump and Republicans tried to get done but never did. Biden and Democrats worked hard and finally passed infrastructure legislation to help all Americans	61	29% very convincing	39	85	57	36	78	62	58	69	65
This legislation makes America able to compete on the world stage. Next year will be the first time in 20 years where the United States invests more than China on infrastructure		25% very convincing	39	80	56	40	76	64	57	64	56
This legislation will ease the rising cost of goods in the short term by easing disruptions in the global supply chain, improving productivity, and increasing capacity to produce goods and services in demand that will lower inflation	60	25% very convincing	40	84	53	34	79	69	55	66	63
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In Rebuttal to Conservative Criticism on Spending, Popular Infrastructure Policies and Bipartisanship Are Both Effective

In direct response to a conservative argument that the new infrastructure legislation is another massive spending package that will drive up inflation, progressive responses that focus on specific policies in the legislation or on bipartisanship are both effective.

Which statement do you agree with more?

Statement 1: Republicans who say this legislation is just another massive liberal spending package that is going to drive up inflation and the everyday costs of goods even more for American families and small businesses



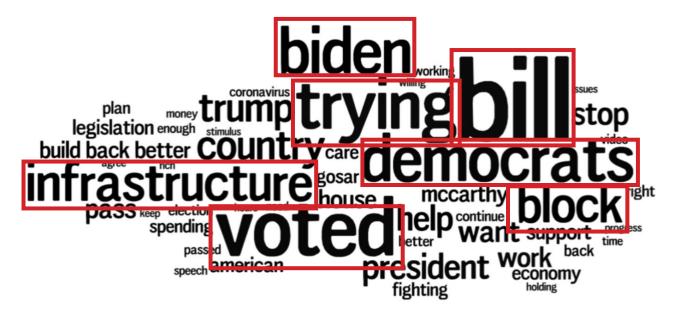


Congressional Republicans Are Negatively Viewed as Obstructionists, Including on Infrastructure

A majority of Americans report hearing "mostly negative" or a "mix of positive and negative" things about Republicans in Congress this week, including 65% of Democrats, 54% of independents, and 42% of Republicans.

In a few words, what negative things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Republicans in Congress?

Hearing Negatives on Congressional Republicans: 55% Hearing Positives on Congressional Republicans: 42%



Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted November 18-November 22, 2021. For more info, visit navigatorresarch.org. "Just that they are blocking most of Biden's legislation."

"They have been holding up the progress of the infrastructure bill."

"Constant obstruction on petty partisan grounds in order to block any changes out of spite to the other party."

"How they are always trying to block anything the president is trying to do."

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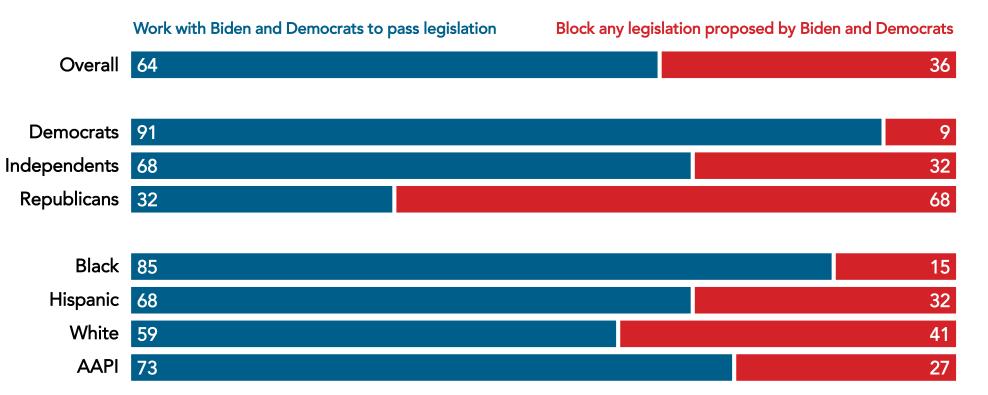
"Republicans in Congress **can't agree on the infrastructure** and they seem to be **so extreme**."



Nearly Two in Three Americans Prefer Republicans in Congress Work With Biden and Democrats Rather Than Block Them

Nearly seven in ten independents (68%) and 32% of Republicans would rather Congressional Republicans work with Biden and Democrats to pass legislation than to block anything proposed by Biden and Democrats.

What do you want Republicans in Congress to do?





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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 1,000 registered voters from November 18-November 22, 2021. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 70 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 102 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. For Press inquiries contact: press@navigatorresearch.org To learn more about Navigator: http://navigatorresearch.org @NavigatorSurvey on Twitter