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Tuesday, April 12th

A Guide for Advocates







#### **Key Takeaways:**

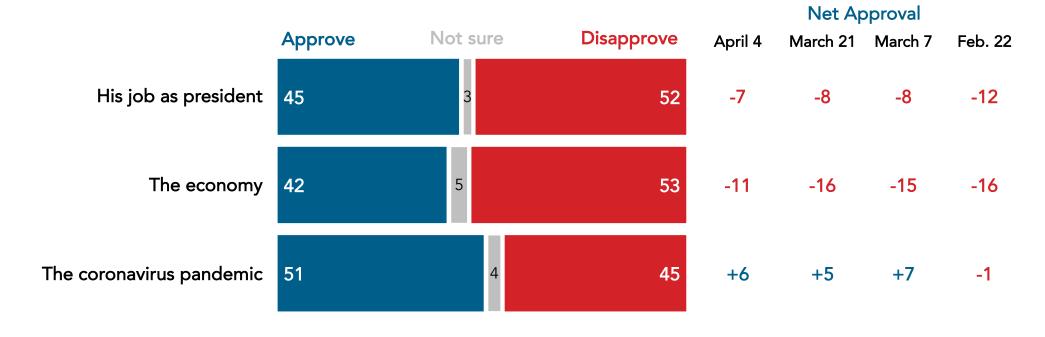
- Americans feel neither party is focused enough on the economy; most voters have not heard about recent jobs numbers or Biden and Democrats' new economic plan.
- Biden and Democrats' new economic plan remains vastly popular.
- The Republican "Rescue America" agenda proposed by Senator Rick Scott is deeply underwater.



#### Ratings of Biden See Slight Improvement on Economy; Coronavirus Approval Remains In the Positive

Biden's overall approval has improved from net -12 to net -7 since late February; his pandemic approval remains in the positive at net +6.

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...



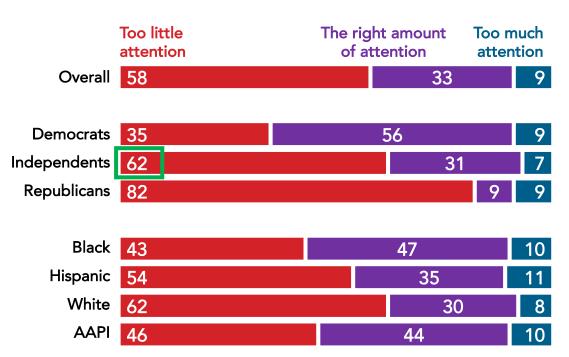


## While Both Parties Are Seen as Paying Too Little Attention to the Economy, More Believe It About the Democratic Party

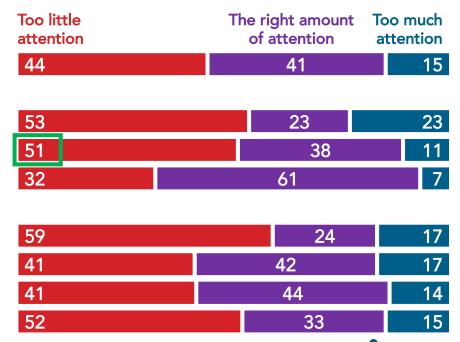
Pluralities say the Democratic Party (58%) and the Republican Party (44%) pay too little attention to the economy.

 Among independents, 62% say the Democratic Party pays too little attention to the economy and 51% say the same of the Republican Party.

Does the Democratic Party give too much, too little, or the right amount of attention to economic issues?



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### Fewer Than One in Five Americans Report Hearing "A Lot" About Recent Unemployment Numbers and Job Growth

Even among Democrats, just 19% have heard "a lot" about the unemployment rate falling to 3.6% and the addition of 431,000 jobs.

Below is a list of issues that have been in the news recently. Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.

				Total A Lot						
	A lot	Some	A little/Nothing	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI
Will Smith hitting Chris Rock on stage at the Oscars for a comment he made about his wife Jada Smith's hair	67		19 15	68	57	68	66	67	67	60
Ongoing peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine	30	35	35	37	19	26	37	33	28	33
The Senate confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court	28	36	36	35	17	23	44	27	26	21
The FDA authorizing a second coronavirus booster shot for anyone over the age of 50	27	38	36	32	18	22	33	23	26	29
The House Select Committee investigating the January 6 <sup>th</sup> attack at the Capitol seeking to interview Virginia Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, for her involvement in the riot		32	46	30	14	15	28	23	21	23
A federal judge concluding that former President Trump likely committed a crime in trying to overturn the 2020 presidential election	20	33	47	28	15	12	30	21	19	17
The potential for a new surge in coronavirus cases in the United States following rising cases in Europe and China	20	38	42	25	16	15	32	21	17	25
*The unemployment rate falling to 3.6% in March, the lowest rate in two years, as the U.S. added 431,000 jobs	16	30	53	19	11	15	19	20	15	21

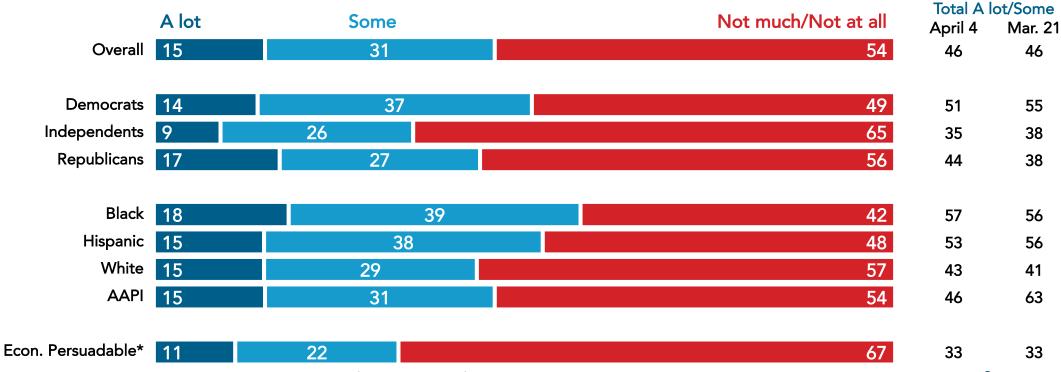
<sup>\*</sup>On this question, n=710 due to later release of recent jobs numbers. Nationwide survey of 998 registered voters conducted March 31-April 4, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresarch.org.



### Less than Half of Americans Are Hearing About Biden's Economic Plan

Independents and economically persuadable Americans are the least likely to have heard about the plan (65% and 67%, respectively).

How much have you seen, read, or heard about new economic legislation being proposed by President Biden and being negotiated by Democrats in Congress?



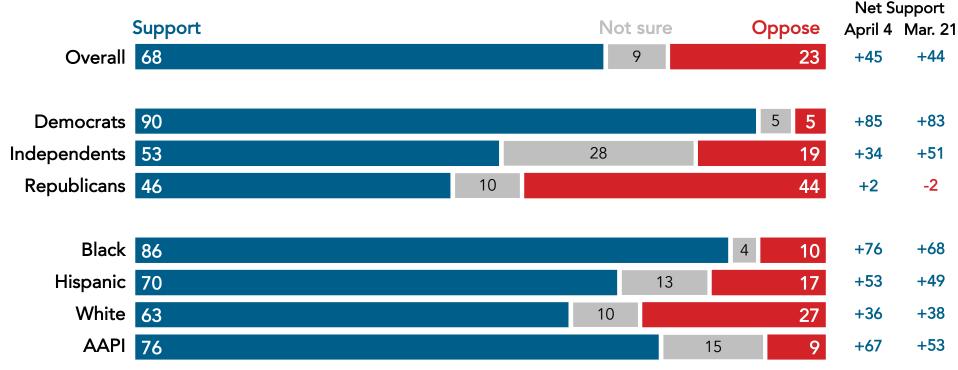
<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Economically persuadable Americans" are those who disapprove of Biden's handling of the economy, but support new economic legislation on separate questions. Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted March 31-April 4, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org



# Biden and Democrats' Economic Plan Hits All-Time High Level of Support

Independents support the plan by a 34-point margin and Republicans by a 2-point margin.

As you may know, Biden and Democrats' new economic plan will expand Medicare for seniors to include hearing coverage, lower health care costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices, and invest in clean energy like wind and solar power. Knowing this, do you support or oppose this new economic plan?



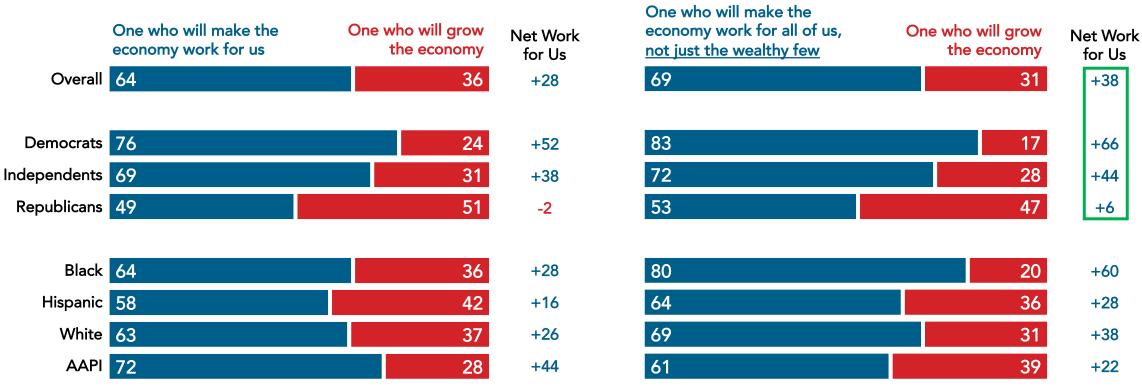


## Support for Progressive Economic Message Is Even Stronger When Juxtaposed Against the Wealthy

Adding language about making the economy work "for all of us, not just the wealthy few" leads to higher support overall (from net +28 to net +38), including among Democrats (from +52 to +66) and independents (from +38 to +44).

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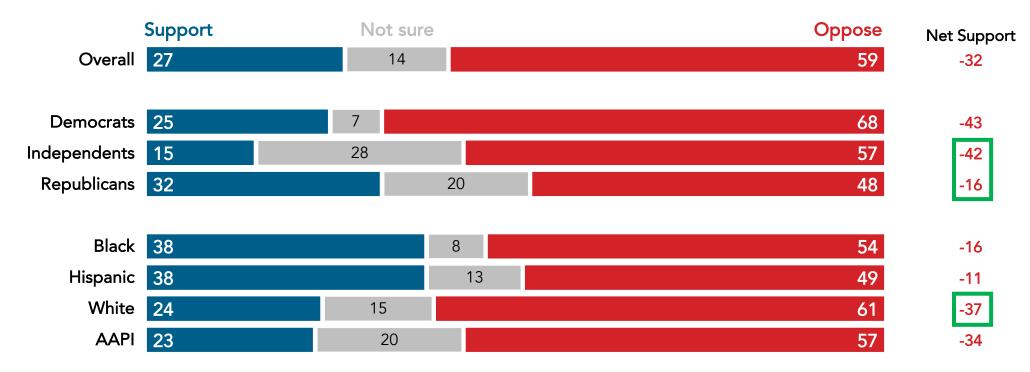




## In Contrast to Biden and Democrats' Plan, Republican Senator Rick Scott's Economic Plan Is Deeply Unpopular

Scott's plan is deeply unpopular with independents (57% oppose) and is even 16 points underwater among Republicans.

As you may know, Republicans released a campaign plan called the "Rescue America" plan that would raise taxes on about 100 million working class Americans and require Congress to re-authorize all laws every five years, which means programs like Social Security and Medicare could be eliminated if there is gridlock in Congress. Knowing this, do you support or oppose this plan?





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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: Arkadi Gerney, The Hub Project; Joel Payne, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; 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 998 registered voters from March 31-April 4, 2022. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 74 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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