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Education and the Culture Wars: A Guide for Advocates





## Key Takeaways:

- Americans trust Biden and Democrats more than Republicans on looking out for children and caring for children's well-being.
- Top priorities for kids are safety from gun violence and learning what's needed for success. Top school concerns are education quality, mental health, funding, and teacher pay.
- Democratic priorities on childcare and education, like affordable childcare, paid family and medical leave, and universal preschool are much more popular than Republican priorities, like banning critical race theory and restricting the rights of transgender students.

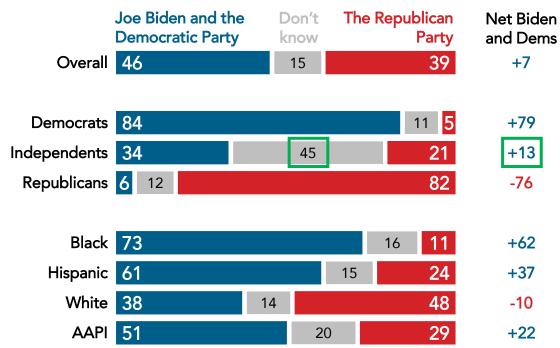


## Americans Trust Biden and Democrats More Than Republicans to Look Out for Children and Care for Their Well-Being

Independents trust Biden and Democrats more to "[look] out for children" (net +13 Biden and Democrats) but are more divided on which party they trust more to "[care] for children's well-being" (net +3 Republicans).

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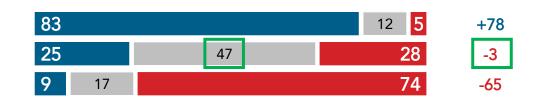
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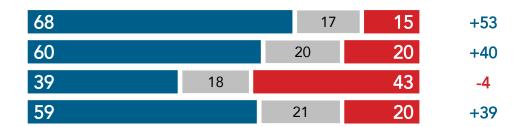


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**(Split sample) Please indicate who you trust more to handle:** Caring for children's well-being.

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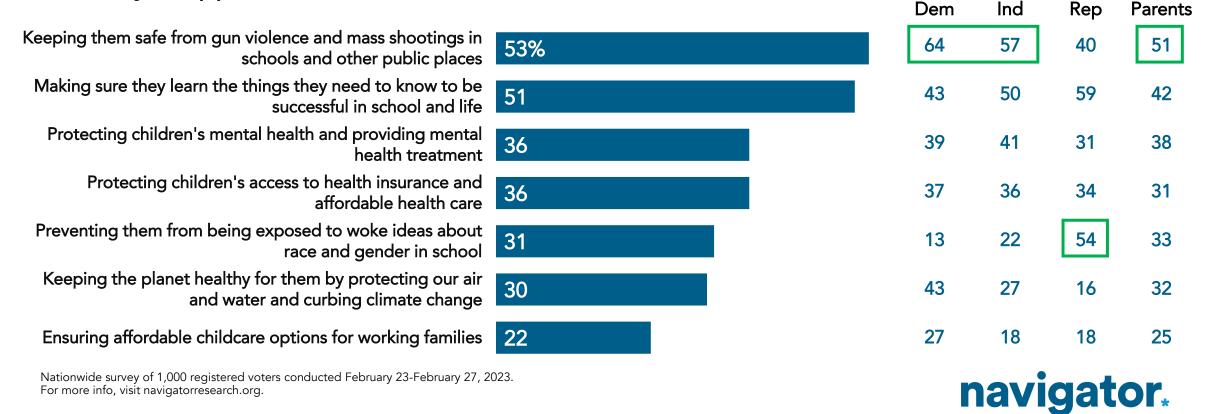


## Americans' Top Priorities Around Children Are Preventing Gun Violence and Ensuring Educational Quality

Keeping children "safe from gun violence" is the top priority for Democrats (64%), independents (57%), and parents (51%).

• Republicans stand alone in their prioritization of "preventing [children] from being exposed to woke ideas" (54%) over protecting them from gun violence (40%).

#### What are your top priorities when it comes to America's children?

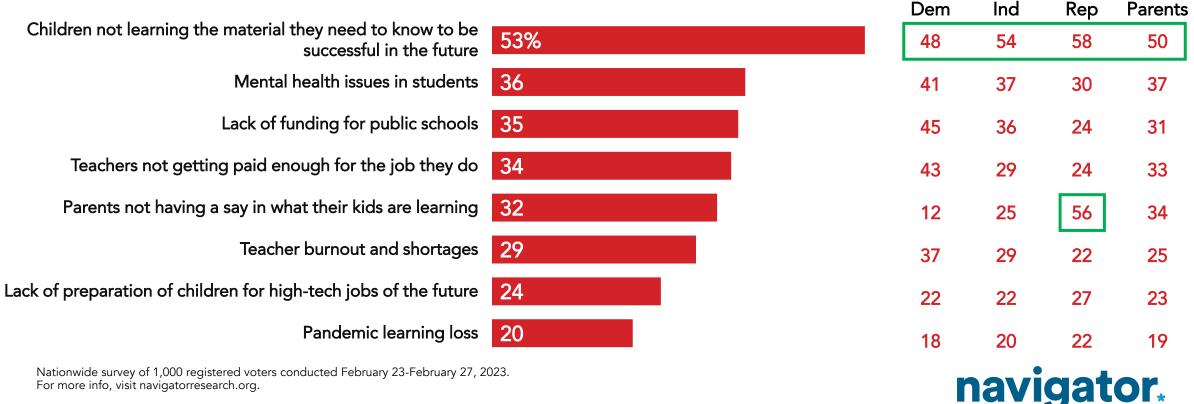


## Quality, Student Mental Health, Funding, and Teacher Pay Are **Most Important Educational Concerns**

"Children not learning the material they need to know to be successful" is the top concern across party lines and among parents.

"Parents not having a say in what their kids are learning" is a much higher concern for Republicans (56%) than for independents (25%) or Democrats (12%).

#### What are your biggest concerns when it comes to education specifically for America's children?



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## **Biden and Democrats' Priorities on Childcare and Education Are Far More Popular Than Republican Priorities**

Majorities of independents, Republicans, and parents support a range of Democratic proposals related to education and childcare.

Nearly seven in ten Americans (68%) oppose "banning high school classes like AP African-American history."

Below is a list of laws, actions, and other items that have been proposed or supported. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each one.

			Somewhat			Total Support				
*/** Split sample	Strongly suppor	t sup	port	sure	Oppose	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	Parents
Creating more affordable childcare options for all families	53			33	6 8	87	91	84	82	83
Expanding family and medical leave for all workers	48		3	4	6 12	82	92	79	72	82
Offering two years of free community college to all Americans	47		24	6	23	70	86	72	52	73
Bringing back the expanded tax break for most families with children	44		33		10 13	76	84	71	69	81
Expanding universal preschool for all three- and four-year-olds	44		29	1	1 16	73	84	67	62	80
Doubling college scholarships for future teachers	35	3	32	15	18	67	81	66	52	68
Banning the teaching of critical race theory in public schools	28	<b>15</b> 11			46	43	22	33	70	42
Passing legislation banning transgender-focused health care options for young Americans		4 12			47	41	21	32	67	41
**Passing legislation preventing children from playing on sports teams that match their gender identity	23 14	16			47	37	23	32	54	37
Banning books that some parents find to have questionable content	15 17	11			57	32	19	22	50	33
Banning high school classes like AP African-American history	9 12 11				68	21	11	12	33	22
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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: Jessica Floyd, 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 1,000 registered voters from February 23-February 27, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 76 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 99 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