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The Economy: A Guide
for Advocates



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Key Takeaways:

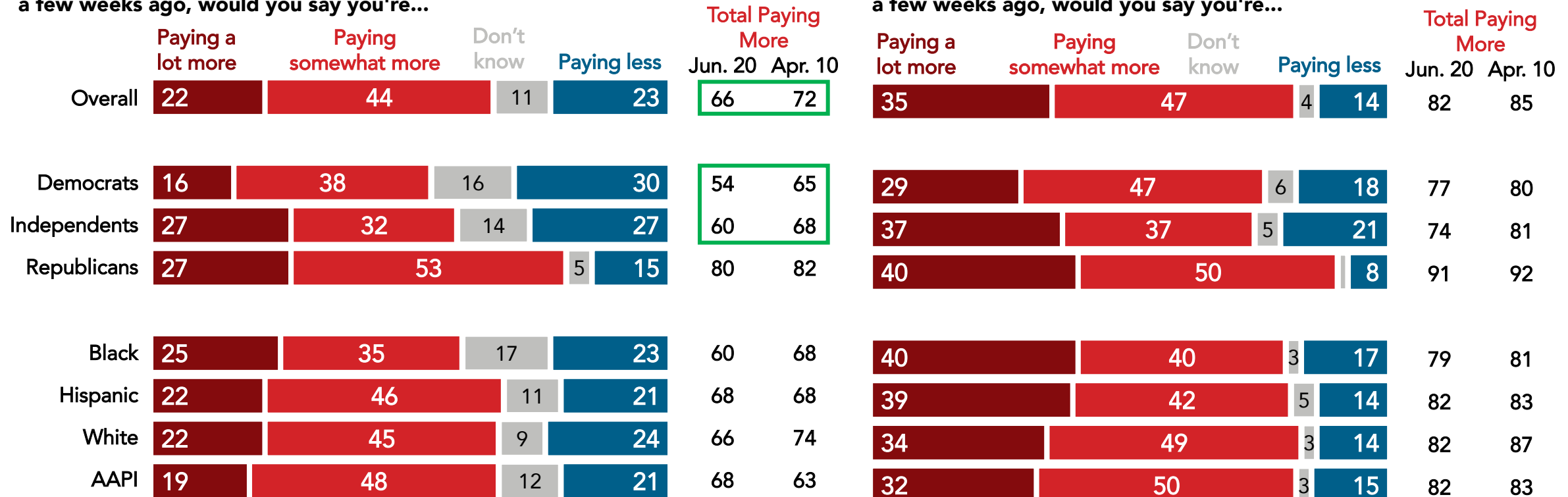
- While Biden's handling of the economy is viewed negatively, Republicans in Congress are viewed even more negatively on the issue.
- Americans trust Biden and Democrats more than Republicans on protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid and making decisions about tax rates for both the rich and middle-class Americans, while Republicans hold an advantage on inflation, jobs, and strengthening the economy.
- Americans overwhelmingly prefer raising taxes on the rich and big corporations over cutting programs like Social Security and Medicare.
- Messaging against the GOP budget and tax plan that combines spending cuts with tax breaks for the rich and corporations is most effective.

Many Still See Grocery and Gas Prices on the Rise, Though Fewer Say Gas Prices Rising Now Than in April

The share of Americans who say they are paying more at the pump has declined by 6 points since early April, driven by declines among Democrats (down 11 points, from 65% to 54%) and independents (down 8 points, from 68% to 60%).

Thinking more about gas prices in your community...compared to a few weeks ago, would you say you're...

Thinking more about grocery costs in your community...compared to a few weeks ago, would you say you're...



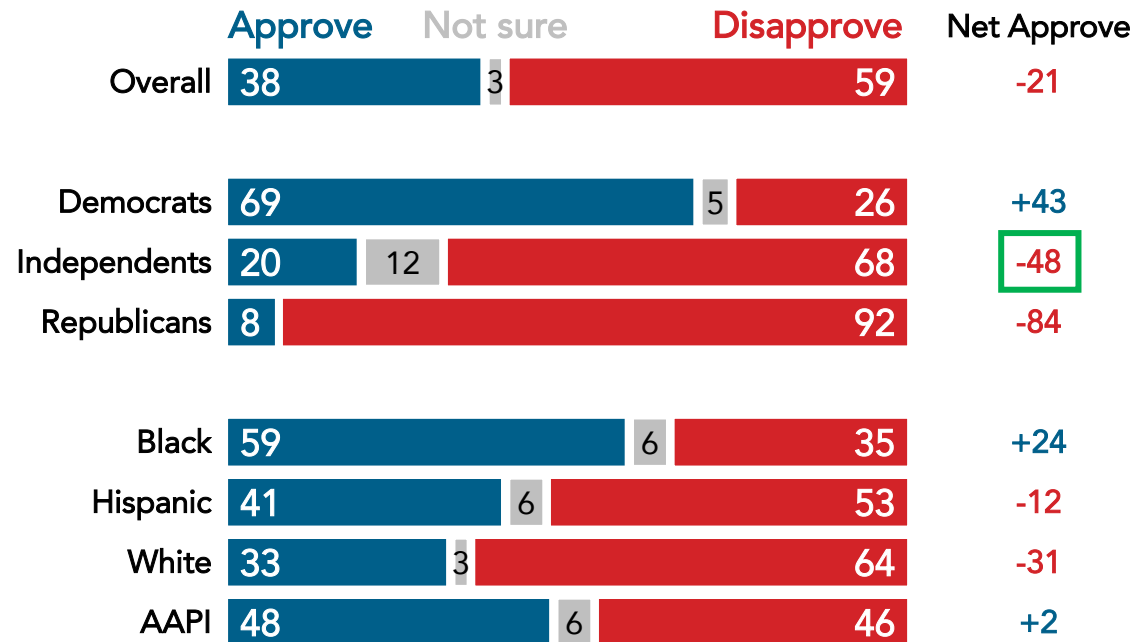
Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days. Latest wave conducted June 14-June 20, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Americans Are Frustrated with How Both President Biden and Republicans in Congress Are Handling the Economy

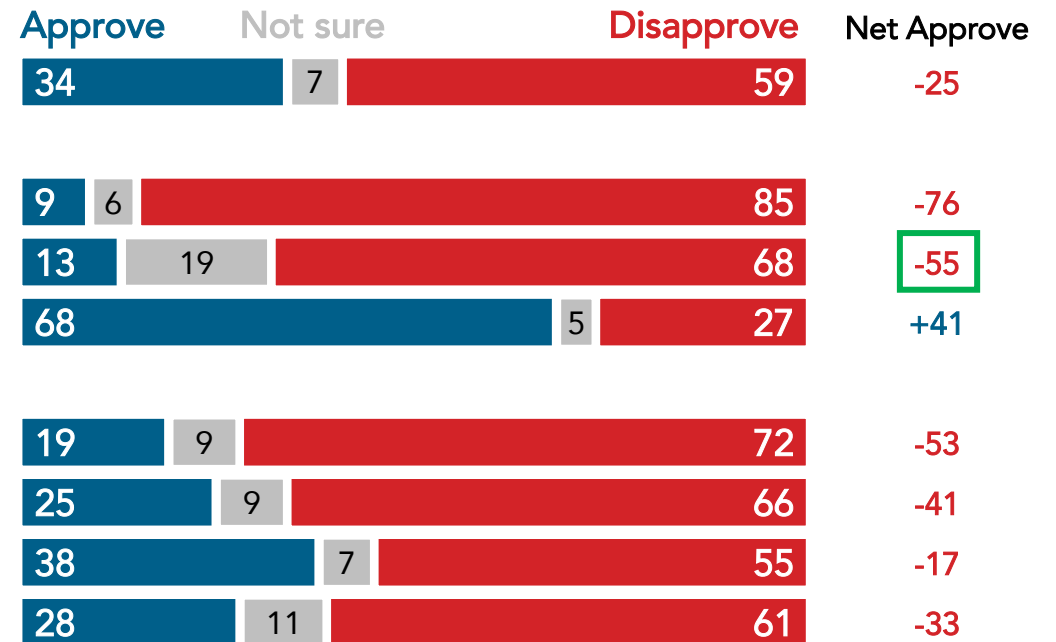
While Biden is underwater on his handling of the economy by net 21 points, Republicans in Congress fare even worse (net -25 approve).

- Independents give both President Biden and Republicans in Congress deeply negative ratings (net -48 approve of Biden, net -55 approve of Republicans).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Joe Biden** is handling the economy?



Do you approve or disapprove of the way **Republicans in Congress** are handling the economy?



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Democrats Lead on SS/Medicare/Medicaid, Taxing the Rich and Middle Class; GOP Lead on Jobs, Inflation

Americans trust Biden and the Democratic Party more than the Republican Party on “protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid” (net +11 Biden and Democrats overall) and “deciding what tax rates must be paid by multi-millionaires” (net +14); Democrats hold a narrower advantage on “deciding what tax rates must be paid by middle-class Americans” (net +6).

- Republicans have their greatest advantages on “inflation” (net +11 Republicans) and “strengthening the economy” (net +9).

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

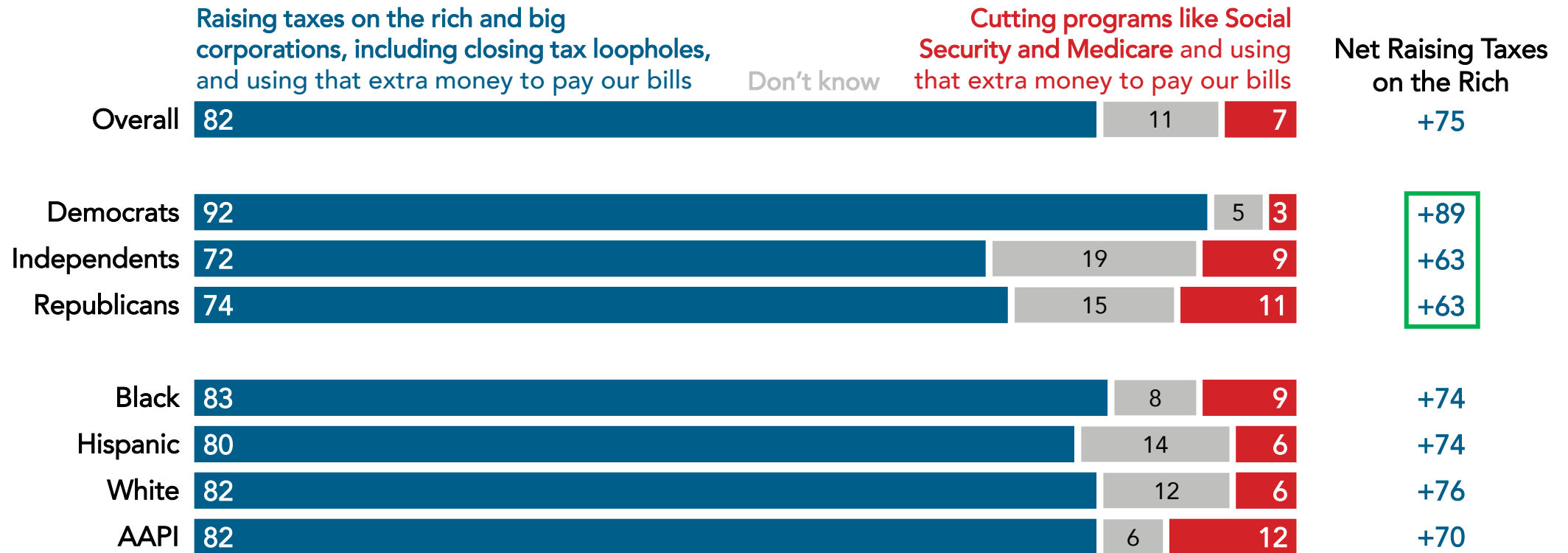
Issue	Trust Level			Net Trust Biden and Democrats More			
	Biden and the Democratic Party	Don't know	The Republican Party	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
Protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid	48	15	37	+11	+79	+11	-64
Deciding what tax rates must be paid by multi-millionaires	48	18	34	+14	+76	+17	-56
Deciding what tax rates must be paid by middle-class Americans	45	16	39	+6	+72	+7	-69
Growing the middle class	43	16	41	+2	+69	+13	-76
Taxes	41	15	44	-3	+68	-5	-78
Jobs and the economy	41	11	48	-7	+66	-12	-87
Strengthening the economy	39	13	48	-9	+65	-11	-89
Inflation	37	15	48	-11	+60	-21	-85

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Americans Overwhelmingly Prefer Raising Taxes on the Rich Over Cuts to Programs Like Social Security and Medicare

More than nine in ten Democrats (92%) and seven in ten Republicans (74%) and independents (72%) prefer “raising taxes on the rich and big corporations” over “cutting programs like Social Security and Medicare.”

Below are two potential approaches to reducing the deficit. Which approach do you prefer?



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Republicans' Budget and Tax Plan Cutting Medicaid, Education Funding, Help for Working Families Most Concerning

Those who disapprove of both President Biden and Republicans in Congress' handling of the economy* are most concerned about Medicaid cuts, while health insurance and drug companies enjoy tax breaks (75% concerning).

As you may know, some Republicans in Congress recently proposed a new budget and tax plan. Below is a list of statements regarding this new plan. Please indicate how concerning you find each statement – if you do not find the statement concerning or do not believe the statement, please indicate that as well.

Republicans in Congress' plan...	*/** Split sample	Very concerning	Somewhat concerning	Don't believe	Not concerning	Total Concerning				*Econ. Disapp.	
						Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep		
**...would cut Medicaid – the health insurance that kids with disabilities and seniors in nursing homes rely on, but will protect tax breaks for health insurance and drug companies		58		17	15	10	74	90	65	60	75
**...would take away funding from K-12 public education and food stamps that people count on, while also letting some rich people and the biggest corporations continue to pay nothing in taxes		55		18	17	10	73	93	64	52	73
*...would cut Medicaid – the health insurance that kids with disabilities and seniors in nursing homes rely on		55		16	18	11	71	93	72	46	67
*...will reduce the debt by cutting help for working families, not by increasing taxes on the rich and big corporations. It will make drastic cuts to programs families depend on to afford the basics		52		19	17	12	71	94	73	46	63
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**...will reduce the debt by cutting help for working families. It will make drastic cuts to programs families depend on to afford the basics		46		23	16	15	69	90	59	48	73
*...would cut investments in clean energy like solar and wind power but give more tax breaks to the big oil companies that are already making record profits		45		18	12	25	64	93	65	32	57
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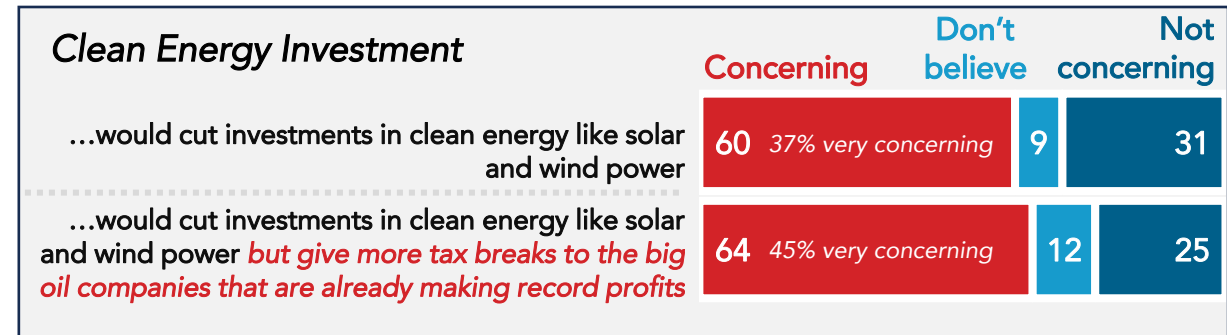
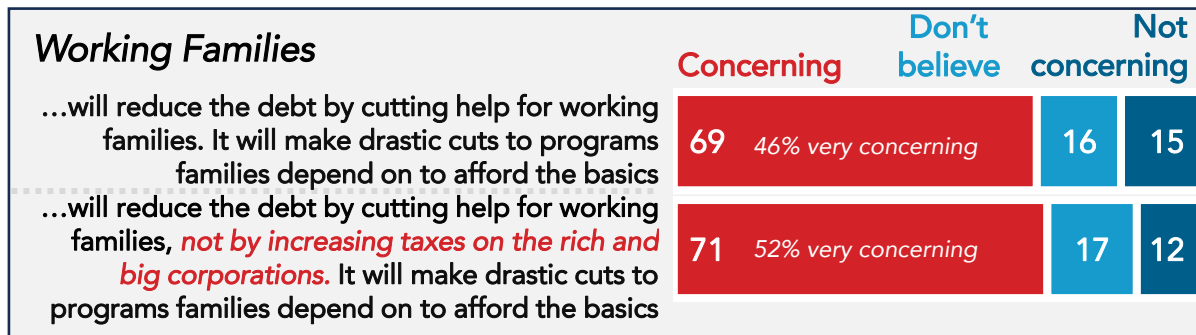
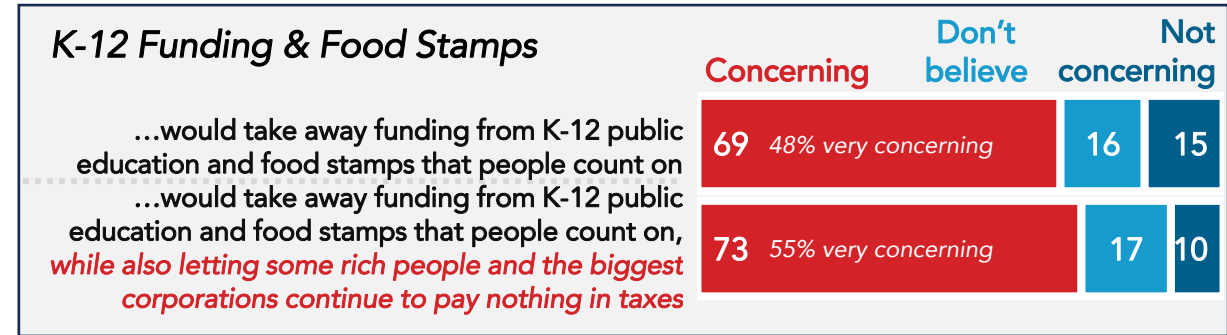
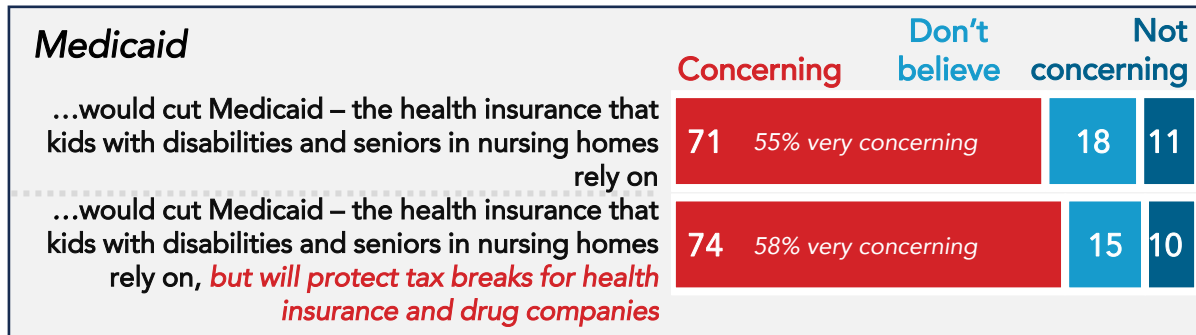
*"Economic disapprovers" are respondents who disapprove of both Biden and Republicans in Congress' handling of the economy on separate questions. Nationwide survey of 1,000 registered voters conducted June 14-June 20, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org.

Proposed GOP Spending Cuts Are Concerning, and Made Even More So By Inclusion of Tax Breaks for the Rich As Well

Majorities of Americans find a range of proposed cuts from Republicans in Congress' new budget and tax plan deeply concerning. Pairing these cuts with tax breaks for corporations and the rich makes each one even more concerning to Americans.

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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from June 14-June 20, 2023. 101 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 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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