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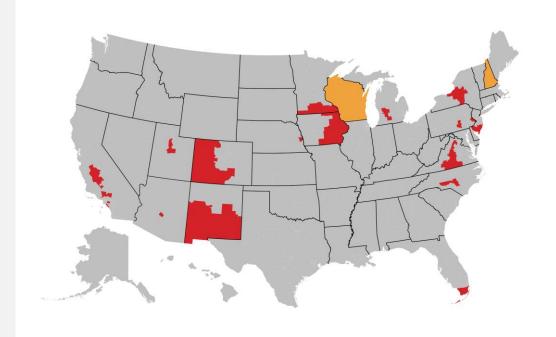


Reconciliation & Economic Plan



#### Methodology

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#### Demographics of likely voter population

Women	Men	18-49	50+	Non-Coll	College	White	Black	Hispanic	AAPI
52	47	43	56	52	45	69	12	10	4



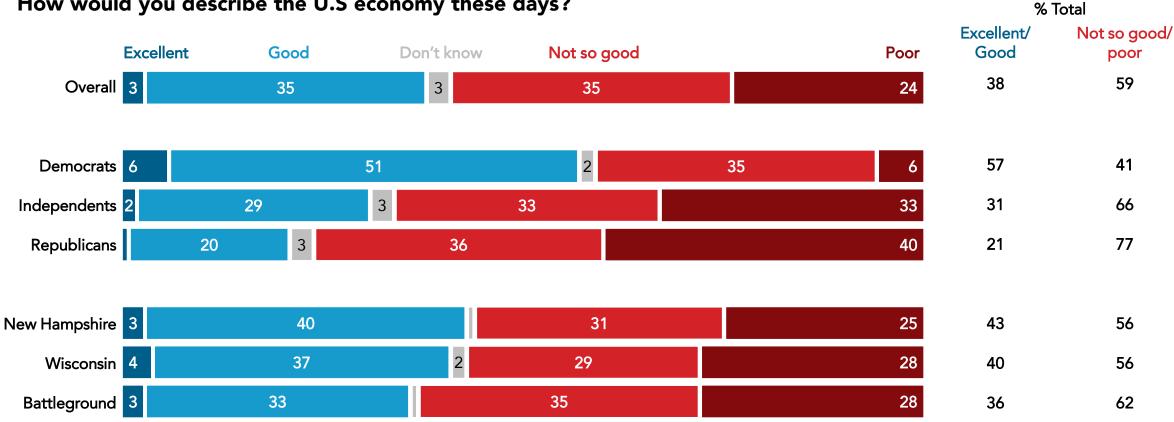
### **Key Takeaways**

- Many are pessimistic about both today's economy and what's to come.
- There is consistent majority support for Biden's economic plan—overall, with more information about how it is paid for, and for each component.
- Expanding Medicare, cracking down on tax evasion, and raising wages for home care workers earn particularly strong, cross-partisan support.
- The plan wins exchanges against conservative counterarguments on inflation, COVID, making the wealthy pay their share, and needed investments.



#### **Across The Board, Americans Are Pessimistic About The Current Economy**

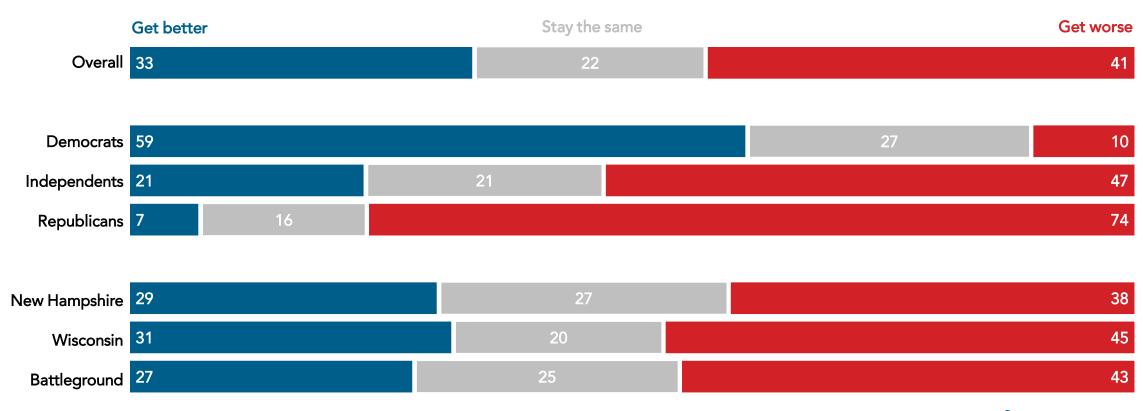
#### How would you describe the U.S economy these days?





## Mainly Democrats Are Optimistic About What's Next For The Economy

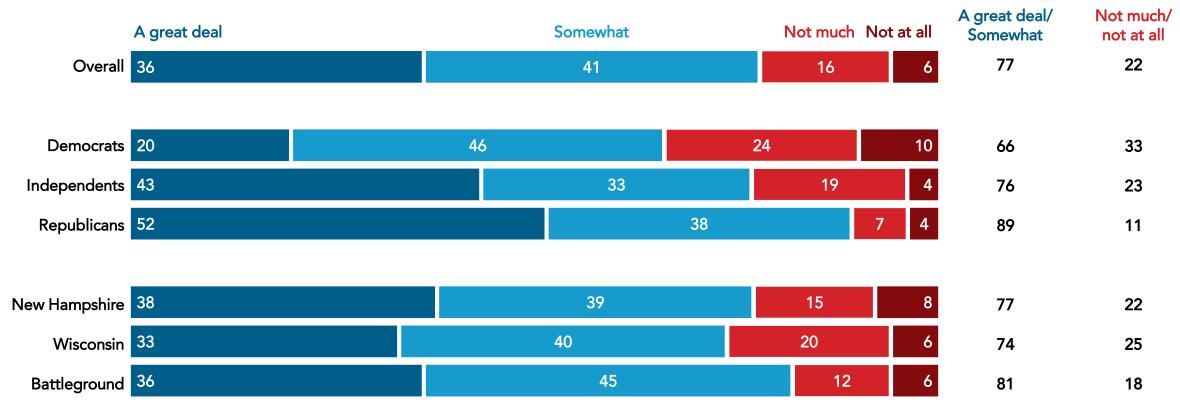
Over the course of the next year, do you think the country's economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?





## Some Concern About Inflation Pervades, While Non-Democrats Feel More Strongly

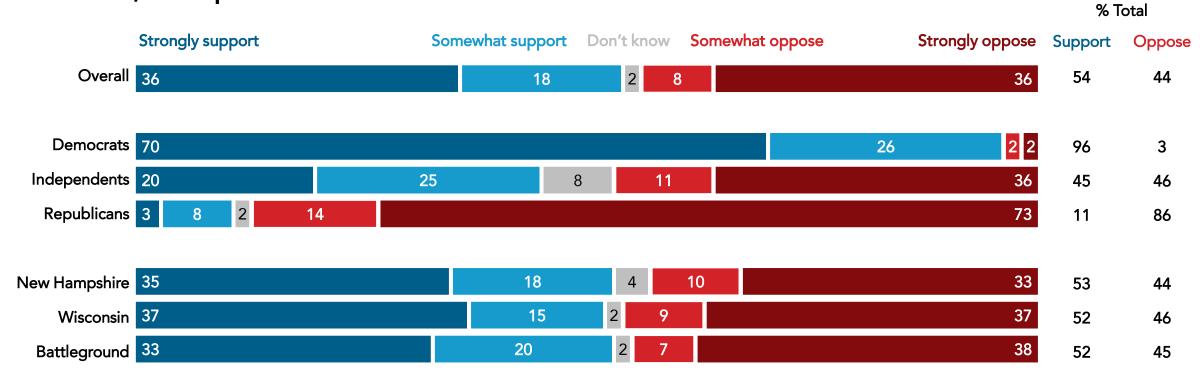
How much would you say inflation - that is, the rising cost of goods and services - is affecting your personal financial situation?





### Majorities Nationwide And In Key Battlegrounds Support Biden's Economic Plan

Do you support or oppose President Biden's \$3.5 trillion economic plan that would cut taxes for most families with children, address climate change, make access to child care, health care, and elder care more affordable, and expand Medicare benefits for seniors?





## Adding Context About How The Plan Is Paid For Keeps Support Stable, Or Slightly Improves It

I'm going to read you some more details about this plan. President Biden and Democrats in Congress have proposed paying for these investments by raising taxes on the wealthy and big corporations, including raising taxes on those with incomes in the top 2%, raising taxes on those earning over \$1 million by selling stocks and bonds, increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, and increasing funding to crack down on wealthy tax cheats. Now that you've heard a bit more about the plan, do you support or oppose this economic plan?

% Total

Strongly support Somewhat support Don't know Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose Support **Oppose** Overall 40 55 43 35 15 Democrats 77 96 3 Independents 22 25 47 Republicans 4 13 84 New Hampshire 40 17 57 41 Wisconsin 41 45 Battleground 37 14 51



## Medicare Expansion To Cover Dental, Vision And Hearing Most Popular Provision, And Half Of Independents Support All

I'm going to read some components of President Biden's economic plan. For each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose that component of the plan.

Total Support

Overall Ind Rep Dem Somewhat support **†Split Sample** Strongly support Expand Medicare coverage for seniors to include dental, vision, and hearing 60% coverage Raise wages for home care workers who help with elderly, injured, and disabled patients Expand access to long-term care for millions of families that currently can't afford it Create 1000s of new high-paying jobs to address climate crisis through research & development, clean energy, & upgrades in our roads and transit Provide child care help for middle- and lower-income families, so they don't spend more than 7% of their income on child care Expand HC tax credits to reduce premiums for families that buy coverage on their own by an average of \$50/month per person †Expand the Child Tax Credit – a tax cut for most families with children – and make it permanent †Expand the recent tax cuts for most families with children and make them permanent



## Cracking Down On Tax Evasion And Increasing Taxes On The Wealthy Are Also Widely Popular

I'm going to read some ways to pay for President Biden's economic plan. After each one, please tell me whether you support or oppose that proposal.

Total Support

†Split Sample	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep
†Increasing funding to crack down on tax evasion by large corporations and the wealthiest Americans.	57%	15	72	97	67	48
†Increasing IRS funding to crack down on tax evasion by large corporations and the wealthiest Americans.	51	15	66	95	53	36
Raising taxes on people with incomes in the top 2%.	48	15	63	94	52	33
Raising taxes on those earning over \$1 million a year from selling stocks and bonds, known as capital gains.	45	17	62	95	57	28
†Increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%.	41	14	55	92	48	20
†Increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, bringing it closer to earlier levels.	39	16	55	92	42	17
While still protecting family farms and small businesses, closing the loophole that allows wealthy families to avoid taxes by passing down large inheritances.	35	18	53	84	42	22



## **Each Proposal For Investment And Taxing The Wealthy Earns Majority Support**

#### Summary of investment and tax proposals

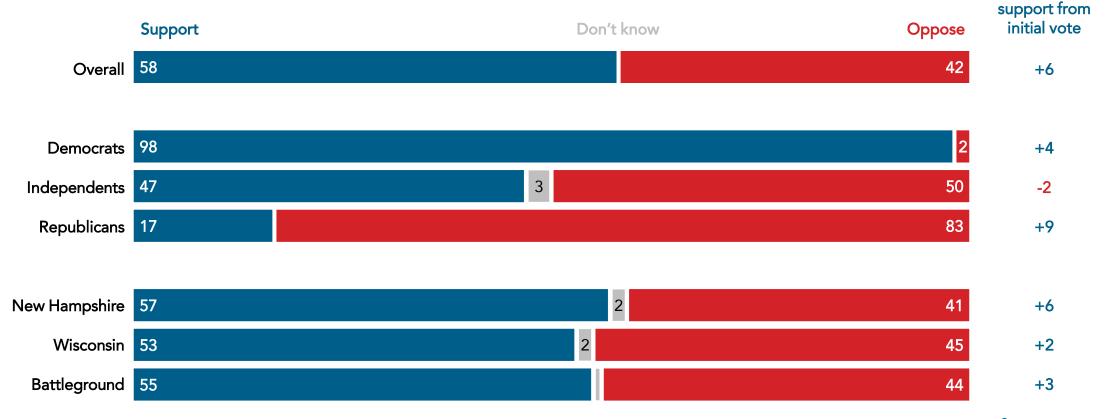
†Split Sample	Total Support
Expand Medicare to include dental, vision, and hearing coverage	81%
Raise wages for home care workers who help with elderly, injured, and disabled patients	73
†Increasing funding to crack down on tax evasion by large corporations and the wealthiest Americans	72
Expand access to long-term care for millions of families that currently can't afford it	68
Expand HC tax credits to reduce premiums for families that buy coverage on their own by avg of \$50/month	66
†Increasing IRS funding to crack down on tax evasion by large corporations and the wealthiest Americans	66
Provide child care help for mid/lower income families, so they don't spend more than 7% on child care	65
†Expand the Child Tax Credit – a tax cut for most families with children – and make it permanent	65
Raising taxes on people with incomes in the top 2%	63
Raising taxes on those earning over \$1M/year from selling stocks and bonds, known as capital gains	62
Create 1000s of new jobs to address climate through R & D, clean energy, and upgrades in our roads and transit	61
†Expand the recent tax cuts for most families with children and make them permanent	61
†Increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%	55
†Increasing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%, bringing it closer to earlier levels	55
While protecting farms/small biz, closing loophole allowing wealthy avoid taxes by passing down large inheritances	53



#### Support For The Plan Increases Slightly After Proposals

Now that you've heard more information, do you support or oppose President Biden's \$3.5 trillion economic plan that would cut taxes for most families with children, address climate change, make access to child care, health care, and elder care more affordable, and expand Medicare benefits for seniors?

Net shift in





## The Plan Wins Across All Exchanges, Around Investment, Inflation, COVID, And The Wealthy Paying Their Share

I am going to read you some pairs of statements from supporters and opponents of President Biden's economic plan. For each pair, please tell me who you agree with more - supporters or opponents - even if neither is exactly right.

Supporters say the wealthy are just getting wealthier while working families are struggling to get by. This plan would make the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes while providing tax cuts to families on child care, health care, elder care, and education.

Don't know

52 4 44

Opponents say this plan is bringing us closer to socialism, giving away money to favorite Democratic groups and punishing the job creators who have gotten our economy back on track.

Supporters say now is the right time to make the investments we need to move our country forward. Fixing roads and bridges, closing tax loopholes, addressing climate change, and improving early childhood care are long overdue and will improve our quality of life and create new jobs.



Opponents say this plan is too big. It pours a massive \$3.5 trillion into all kinds of different pet projects, adding even more to our \$28 trillion deficit that will increase taxes and leave a greater burden for future generations to pay back.

Supporters say this plan can help address rising costs. By reducing the cost of child care and health care while investing in transportation and infrastructure, we can lower the cost of living and make it easier to move goods around the country.



Opponents say that with costs climbing every day, the last thing we should be doing is quickly spending trillions of dollars on new projects.

Supporters say the pandemic took a lot from us - hundreds of thousands of lives lost and millions of people out of work. We need to repair our economy, bring our country together, and rebuild from this last crisis and prepare for the future.



Opponents say we shouldn't use the pandemic as a reason to give away money to all kinds of pet liberal causes, like electric cars and labor unions. The best thing we can do right now is not spend too much of taxpayers' dollars and add to our growing debt.



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