Opinion research on
EITC expanded definition of work

Expanding the definition of work makes EITC modernization more popular.
Covering family caregivers and students builds public support:
- Nationally, 66% support the expanded definition of work (+46 net support).
  Democrats +57 net support, Independents +44, Republicans +34
- CA: +41 net support for caregivers, +24 students
- CO: +67 net support for caregivers, +46 students
- IL: +51 net support for expansion

National

David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 925 sample, June 2-7, 2017.
(Following a battery of cash transfer policies and then pro/con messaging)

Which of the following would you be more likely to support?
- Policy that benefits individuals who do paid work, or go to school or care for a family member full-time 66%
- Policy that benefits everyone in America who does paid work 20%
- Don’t know 13, Prefer not to say 2

Key crosstabs (expanded definition of work/only those who do paid work)
- Party: Democrat 72/15, Republican 58/24, Independent 65/21
- Ethnicity: White 64/20, Latino 70/23, Asian 73/15, Black 74/21
- 2016 vote: Trump 55/26, Clinton 74/14, Other 65/24
- Region: Northeast 68/18, Midwest 68/19, South 66/23, West 62/20
- Education: Not College Graduate 68/18, College Graduate 64/21
- Density: Urban Area 70/18, Suburb 63/23, Small Town 61/19, Rural Area 67/18

National

YouGov Blue for Data for Progress, online survey of 1505 respondents age 18+, July 2018

Preceding question: “Do you support or oppose a proposal to give a tax cut to lower and middle-income taxpayers, paid for by a tax increase on high-income people? The details of this tax reform proposal are: Taxes would be raised only on those making over $500,000 a year and no one earning less would pay any new taxes. The money raised would be required to fund tax refunds of up to $2,000 per year for people who work and earn less than $75,000. Families with children would receive a slightly larger refund, and caregivers and students would also get this tax cut.”
State by state polling estimates

Data for Progress modeled state support based on their survey above: https://www.dataforprogress.org/wftc

CA

(in a section of several policy tradeoffs in a poll on various guaranteed income and EITC policies)

Which of the following would you be more likely to support?

- One that benefits Californians who do paid work 31%
- One that benefits Californians who do paid work and also those who are going to college or caring for a child or senior in their family 56%
- Don’t know/won’t say 13%

(Re a potential EITC ballot measure, “Below is a list of policy details that could be changed about this measure. Please indicate which make you more likely to VOTE YES and which make you more likely to VOTE NO.”)

- "Include all Californians that are caring full-time for a family member" -- 56% more likely to vote yes (24 much more), 15% more likely to vote no (8% much more)
- "Include Californians that are full-time students" -- 46% more likely to vote yes (22% much more), 22% more likely to vote no (13% much more)

CO

David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 1200 sample, December 8-18, 2017

(In a poll that asked, regarding a potential EITC ballot measure, “Below are some potential details about the measure. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each aspect.”)

- “Coloradans who are caring for a young child or a sick or elderly family member are eligible” -- 80% support (46 strong) 13 opposed.
- "Coloradans who are students at least half-time in a higher education institution are eligible" -- 68% support (34 strong) 22 opposed.

IL

Change Research, Online survey of IL registered voters, 2176 sample, Nov. 9-12, 2018.

(preceded by: Do you support or oppose a tax cut for lower and middle-income taxpayers to help with daily expenses or emergencies, paid for by a tax increase on the wealthiest? The money would be required to fund an earned income tax credit of up to $2,000 per year, for people who work and earn less than $70,000.)

Would you support or oppose expanding the tax credit just described to people caring for a child or senior in their family, as well as low-income students?

41% Strongly support
- 57% of Democrats
- 30% of Independents
- 22% of Republicans
- 48% of Income under $75,000
- 32% of Income $75,000 or more
- 72% of those who strongly support the tax credit
- 48% who care for a family member full time
- 41% who don’t care for a family member
- 51% of full-time students

28% Somewhat support
- 26% of Democrats
- 31% of Independents
- 28% of Republicans
- 23% of Income under $75,000
- 33% of Income $75,000 or more

16% Neither support nor oppose
- 10% of Democrats
- 20% of Independents
- 23% of Republicans
- 14% of Income under $75,000
- 17% of Income $75,000 or more

7% Somewhat oppose
- 3% of Democrats
- 9% of Independents
- 10% of Republicans
- 7% of Income under $75,000
- 7% of Income $75,000 or more

10% said Strongly oppose.