

American Rescue Plan

President Biden's American Rescue Plan has widespread support across the country. OpenLabs' survey finds that after hearing arguments for and against the plan, 60% of Americans support the plan and 34% oppose it. This support extends across rural and urban, coastal and inland, high and low educational attainment parts of the country; it's supported everywhere by significant majorities.

Policy

Respondents were asked the following question:

President Joe Biden has proposed a \$1.9 trillion recovery package called the "American Rescue Plan".

The package would include funding for the following policies, among others:

- New stimulus checks for \$1,400 per eligible person, bringing the total to \$2,000
- Increasing federal unemployment aid from \$300 to \$400 a month and extending it until September rather than March
- Boosting the Earned Income Tax Credit for 2021 and raising the Child Tax Credit to \$3,600 for children under 6 and \$3,000 for older children
- Reinstating paid sick and family leave benefits that expired at the end of 2020
- Sending money to state and local governments to help them maintain services
- Increasing funding for vaccination and testing programs
- Raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2025

Messaging

In the same question, respondents were shown one Democratic argument, and the Republican argument

1. Democrats say that nearly 500,000 Americans have died from COVID in less than a year and we've lost more than 10 million jobs and hundreds of thousands of small businesses have permanently closed. This is the worst public health and economic crisis in our lifetime and we need a bold plan to help Americans now.
2. Democrats say that the American Rescue Plan would help get the country vaccinated more quickly: so families can be together again; to help schools reopen safely so parents can get back to work; and help small businesses and workers struggling to get by.
3. Democrats say that a majority of Americans including Independents and Republicans support a bold plan to deal with the pandemic and help the economy. Now is the time for congress to listen to the people and act.
4. Republicans say that federal debt is out of control and we can't afford to spend trillions of dollars right now; instead we should lower taxes so that corporations have more money to spend on hiring people and lowering unemployment.
5. Republicans say that most of the package is not needed to help with pandemic relief and that Democrats are just using it as a backdoor way to expand the federal government and saddle us all with more debt and higher taxes for years to come.
6. Republicans say that this proposal is far too expensive and a more narrowly tailored package that would cost only about 600 billion dollars would be enough to help people who really need it through the next months.

State Level Policy Support

Analysis of survey respondents who were exposed to the policy summary and messaging above reveal the following state-level support. States with fewer than 500 interviews are excluded from this chart.

Do you approve or disapprove of the stimulus bill proposed by President Biden and Democrats in Congress?

State	Support	Oppose	Undecided	Net
National	60%	34%	6%	26%
CA	69%	26%	5%	43%
MA	69%	26%	5%	43%
MD	69%	26%	5%	43%
WA	65%	30%	5%	36%
NY	65%	30%	6%	35%
NJ	65%	30%	5%	35%
IL	65%	30%	5%	35%
CO	63%	32%	5%	31%
VA	62%	33%	5%	28%
MI	60%	34%	6%	26%
WI	60%	35%	5%	24%
PA	59%	36%	5%	23%
AZ	59%	36%	5%	23%
NC	59%	36%	5%	22%
FL	58%	36%	5%	22%
TX	57%	38%	6%	19%
OH	56%	38%	6%	17%
SC	55%	40%	5%	15%
IN	53%	41%	6%	12%
LA	53%	41%	6%	11%
MO	52%	42%	6%	11%
KY	50%	43%	7%	8%
TN	50%	44%	6%	6%
AL	50%	45%	6%	5%
AR	49%	45%	6%	5%

Methodology

Interviews were conducted online between 12/10/2020 to 2/4/2021 from a nationally representative sample of 35,968 Americans. National and state-level support estimates are reported as model-averages to account for state-level sampling bias.