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To: Interested Parties

Subject: Voters Strongly Support Congressional Approval of Additional Resources for Vaccines, Testing, and Medicines to Deal with COVID

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A new national Public Policy Polling survey finds strong support for additional resources to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. When initially asked, voters support Congress approving additional resources to deal with the pandemic by a 6-point margin (45-39), and once more information is presented about what failing to fund the response would mean for Americans, this support grows to a 25-point margin (56-31).

A majority also support the funding provisions Congress is considering for vaccines, testing, and medicines, including monoclonal antibodies and antivirals:

- 69% support a providing the new funding needed for research and development of new and better vaccines that could protect against future variants, while just 24% are opposed. This includes support from a majority (66%) of independent voters, and large majorities of seniors over the age of 65 (78%) and women (74%).
- 65% support providing new funding needed to prevent the US from running out of vaccines and medicines for the pandemic, including boosters, monoclonal antibodies and oral antiviral pills. Just 28% oppose the proposal. This includes 65% of independents, and 70% of seniors.
- 62% support Congress approving additional funding needed to maintain and improve COVID testing, with only 30% opposed. This is especially popular among women (68% of women support the proposal, compared to 54% of men).

Voters also trust President Biden to handle the pandemic by an 8-point margin (50-42). They approve of his job performance when it comes to handling COVID-19, even while his overall approval is underwater by 5-points (43-48). Meanwhile, voters also trust Democrats over Republicans to handle COVID by a 9-point margin (47-38).

Public Policy Polling surveyed 624 national voters from March 21-22, 2021 on behalf of Protect Our Care's Coronavirus War Room. The margin of error is +/- 3.9%. 50% of interviews for the survey were conducted by telephone and 50% by text message.





National Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's job performance?

Approve 43%
Disapprove..... 48%
Not sure 9%

Q2 Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's job performance when it comes to handling COVID-19?

Approve 50%
Disapprove..... 42%
Not sure 8%

Q3 Generally speaking, when it comes to the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think things in America are getting better, getting worse, or staying about the same?

Think things are getting better 52%
Think things are getting worse..... 16%
Think things are about the same..... 28%
Not sure 5%

Q4 Which party do you trust more on the issue of COVID-19: Democrats or Republicans?

Democrats 47%
Republicans..... 38%
Not sure 15%

Q5 Regardless of how you feel about the status of the pandemic, do you think Congress should approve additional resources to deal with it, or not?

Yes..... 45%
No..... 39%
Not sure 16%

Q6 I'm going to tell you a little bit more about the funding provisions Congress is considering, and after each one, ask you if you support or oppose it. Here's the first one: a proposal to provide the new funding needed so the US doesn't run out of vaccines and medicines for the pandemic. Without the requested funding, experts say the US risks critical shortages of life saving vaccines and medicines – including monoclonal antibodies and oral antiviral pills - which could run out by the summer. The federal government does not currently have enough booster doses for all Americans if another dose is needed. Do you support or oppose Congress approving additional resources to fund vaccines and medicines for the pandemic?

Support 65%
Oppose..... 28%
Not sure 7%

Q7 Here's the next one: During the Omicron surge, it became very clear how important access is to testing, particularly rapid testing. Congress is considering a proposal to provide the new funding needed to maintain and improve COVID testing. Without additional funding, manufacturers could stop making tests, free tests could go away and about 11,500 free in-person testing locations could close. Do you support or oppose Congress approving additional funding needed to maintain and improve COVID testing?

Support 62%
Oppose..... 30%
Not sure 8%





Q8 Here's the last one: Congress is considering a proposal to provide new funding needed for research and development of new and better vaccines that could protect against future variants. Without it, the research will not move forward and America will have reduced capability to produce life saving vaccines and monitor emerging variants. Do you support or oppose Congress approving additional resources to fund research and development of new and better vaccines to protect against future variants of the virus

Support 69%
 Oppose 24%
 Not sure 6%

Q9 Having heard some more information, let me ask you again: regardless of how you feel about the status of the pandemic, do you think Congress should approve additional resources to deal with it, or not?

Yes 56%
 No 31%
 Not sure 13%

Q10 In the 2020 election for President, did you vote for Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, someone else, or did you not vote in the election?

Donald Trump 45%
 Joe Biden 50%
 Someone else / Did not vote 5%

Q11 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 53%
 Man 47%

Q12 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If an independent, press 3.

Democrat 38%
 Republican 32%
 Independent 30%

Q13 If you are Hispanic or Latino, press 1. If white, press 2. If African-American, press 3. If other, press 4.

Hispanic or Latino 10%
 White 72%
 African-American 12%
 Other 6%

Q14 If you are 18-45 years old, press 1. If 46-65, press 2. If older than 65, press 3.

18 to 45 32%
 46 to 65 42%
 Older than 65 26%

Q15 What is the highest level of education you have received: high school graduate or less, some college but did not finish, 2-year college degree, 4-year college degree, or post-graduate degree?

High School Graduate or Less 31%
 Some College But Did Not Finish 26%
 2-Year College Degree 10%
 4-Year College Degree 19%
 Post-Graduate Degree 14%

Q16 Mode

Landline 50%
 Text 50%





	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Biden Approval				
Approve	43%	4%	79%	26%
Disapprove	48%	92%	9%	50%
Not sure	9%	5%	12%	23%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Biden Covid-19 Approval				
Approve	50%	8%	90%	32%
Disapprove	42%	84%	5%	41%
Not sure	8%	8%	5%	28%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same				
Think things are getting better	52%	37%	67%	37%
Think things are getting worse	16%	26%	6%	28%
Think things are about the same	28%	33%	22%	30%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	5%





	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID				
Democrats	47%	3%	90%	19%
Republicans	38%	77%	3%	38%
Not sure	15%	20%	7%	42%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	45%	20%	66%	55%
No	39%	64%	17%	36%
Not sure	16%	16%	17%	9%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Support / Oppose Funding For Medecines / Vaccines For COVID				
Support	65%	33%	92%	57%
Oppose	28%	55%	6%	28%
Not sure	7%	12%	2%	15%





	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID				
Support	62%	35%	87%	40%
Oppose	30%	58%	6%	33%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	27%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines				
Support	69%	43%	93%	62%
Oppose	24%	47%	5%	27%
Not sure	6%	10%	2%	11%

	Bas- e	2020 Vote		
		Donal- d Tru...	Joe Bid...	Someone els- e / Did not v...
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	56%	25%	83%	54%
No	31%	55%	10%	32%
Not sure	13%	20%	7%	14%





	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Biden Approval			
Approve	43%	47%	38%
Disapprove	48%	41%	56%
Not sure	9%	12%	6%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Biden Covid-19 Approval			
Approve	50%	53%	47%
Disapprove	42%	38%	47%
Not sure	8%	9%	6%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same			
Think things are getting better	52%	52%	51%
Think things are getting worse	16%	15%	17%
Think things are about the same	28%	27%	28%
Not sure	5%	5%	4%





	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID			
Democrats	47%	50%	44%
Republicans	38%	33%	44%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID			
Yes	45%	50%	39%
No	39%	32%	47%
Not sure	16%	18%	13%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Support / Oppose Funding For Medecines / Vaccines For COVID			
Support	65%	71%	58%
Oppose	28%	22%	35%
Not sure	7%	7%	7%





	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID			
Support	62%	68%	54%
Oppose	30%	25%	36%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines			
Support	69%	74%	64%
Oppose	24%	19%	30%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%

	Bas- e	Gender	
		Wom...	Man
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID			
Yes	56%	60%	51%
No	31%	27%	36%
Not sure	13%	13%	13%





	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Biden Approval				
Approve	43%	74%	11%	37%
Disapprove	48%	16%	86%	48%
Not sure	9%	10%	3%	15%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Biden Covid-19 Approval				
Approve	50%	78%	14%	54%
Disapprove	42%	16%	80%	35%
Not sure	8%	6%	6%	11%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same				
Think things are getting better	52%	64%	36%	53%
Think things are getting worse	16%	6%	28%	17%
Think things are about the same	28%	24%	33%	26%
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	4%





	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID				
Democrats	47%	81%	8%	47%
Republicans	38%	11%	82%	26%
Not sure	15%	8%	11%	27%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	45%	66%	18%	45%
No	39%	17%	70%	35%
Not sure	16%	17%	12%	20%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Support / Oppose Funding For Medicines / Vaccines For COVID				
Support	65%	88%	36%	65%
Oppose	28%	9%	51%	29%
Not sure	7%	3%	12%	6%





	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID				
Support	62%	86%	36%	59%
Oppose	30%	8%	55%	30%
Not sure	8%	6%	8%	12%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines				
Support	69%	93%	45%	66%
Oppose	24%	5%	45%	27%
Not sure	6%	2%	10%	7%

	Bas- e	Party		
		Democr...	Republic...	Independe...
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	56%	82%	27%	52%
No	31%	10%	54%	32%
Not sure	13%	7%	18%	16%





	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Biden Approval					
Approve	43%	61%	37%	59%	52%
Disapprove	48%	27%	58%	14%	27%
Not sure	9%	12%	5%	27%	21%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Biden Covid-19 Approval					
Approve	50%	70%	42%	75%	73%
Disapprove	42%	24%	52%	8%	23%
Not sure	8%	6%	6%	17%	4%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same					
Think things are getting better	52%	77%	52%	33%	43%
Think things are getting worse	16%	9%	17%	21%	9%
Think things are about the same	28%	15%	28%	34%	32%
Not sure	5%	-	3%	12%	17%





	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID					
Democrats	47%	65%	38%	85%	60%
Republicans	38%	17%	47%	6%	28%
Not sure	15%	18%	15%	9%	12%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID					
Yes	45%	46%	40%	65%	58%
No	39%	31%	46%	15%	21%
Not sure	16%	23%	14%	21%	21%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Support / Oppose Funding For Medecines / Vaccines For COVID					
Support	65%	75%	59%	91%	76%
Oppose	28%	19%	33%	7%	24%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	2%	0%





	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID					
Support	62%	72%	56%	87%	77%
Oppose	30%	18%	35%	8%	13%
Not sure	8%	10%	9%	5%	10%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines					
Support	69%	80%	65%	90%	76%
Oppose	24%	15%	29%	8%	10%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	2%	14%

	Bas- e	Race			
		Hispanic or Lati...	Whit- e	African- Americ...	Othe- r
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID					
Yes	56%	49%	51%	81%	67%
No	31%	27%	37%	6%	17%
Not sure	13%	23%	12%	13%	16%





	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Biden Approval				
Approve	43%	38%	42%	50%
Disapprove	48%	43%	52%	47%
Not sure	9%	19%	5%	3%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Biden Covid-19 Approval				
Approve	50%	49%	49%	53%
Disapprove	42%	38%	44%	45%
Not sure	8%	13%	7%	3%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same				
Think things are getting better	52%	46%	54%	56%
Think things are getting worse	16%	18%	16%	14%
Think things are about the same	28%	33%	22%	29%
Not sure	5%	4%	8%	1%





	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID				
Democrats	47%	48%	47%	47%
Republicans	38%	34%	38%	42%
Not sure	15%	18%	15%	11%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	45%	49%	40%	48%
No	39%	31%	44%	42%
Not sure	16%	20%	17%	10%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Support / Oppose Funding For Medecines / Vaccines For COVID				
Support	65%	61%	64%	70%
Oppose	28%	35%	28%	21%
Not sure	7%	4%	8%	9%





	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID				
Support	62%	60%	62%	64%
Oppose	30%	34%	29%	25%
Not sure	8%	6%	9%	11%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines				
Support	69%	64%	68%	78%
Oppose	24%	32%	24%	16%
Not sure	6%	4%	8%	6%

	Bas- e	Age		
		18 t- o 45	46 t- o 65	Older than ...
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID				
Yes	56%	54%	55%	59%
No	31%	29%	33%	30%
Not sure	13%	17%	12%	11%





	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Biden Approval						
Approve	43%	46%	38%	33%	42%	54%
Disapprove	48%	47%	47%	59%	53%	37%
Not sure	9%	7%	15%	9%	6%	9%

	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Biden Covid-19 Approval						
Approve	50%	49%	53%	37%	51%	56%
Disapprove	42%	42%	42%	47%	46%	35%
Not sure	8%	9%	5%	16%	3%	9%

	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same						
Think things are getting better	52%	49%	49%	46%	53%	65%
Think things are getting worse	16%	18%	14%	32%	16%	6%
Think things are about the same	28%	26%	33%	21%	27%	26%
Not sure	5%	7%	4%	1%	3%	3%





	Base	Education				
		High School Graduate or Less	Some College But Did Not Finish	2-Year College Degree	4-Year College Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID						
Democrats	47%	42%	48%	42%	46%	61%
Republicans	38%	40%	39%	37%	42%	28%
Not sure	15%	18%	13%	21%	12%	11%

	Base	Education				
		High School Graduate or Less	Some College But Did Not Finish	2-Year College Degree	4-Year College Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID						
Yes	45%	42%	54%	40%	38%	48%
No	39%	41%	32%	41%	46%	37%
Not sure	16%	17%	14%	19%	16%	15%

	Base	Education				
		High School Graduate or Less	Some College But Did Not Finish	2-Year College Degree	4-Year College Degree	Post-Graduate Degree
Support / Oppose Funding For Medicines / Vaccines For COVID						
Support	65%	68%	61%	51%	66%	71%
Oppose	28%	24%	32%	44%	28%	23%
Not sure	7%	8%	8%	5%	6%	6%





	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID						
Support	62%	65%	57%	55%	62%	67%
Oppose	30%	25%	31%	37%	33%	28%
Not sure	8%	10%	13%	8%	5%	5%

	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines						
Support	69%	71%	66%	69%	70%	69%
Oppose	24%	22%	26%	27%	24%	26%
Not sure	6%	7%	8%	4%	5%	4%

	Bas- e	Education				
		High School Gra- duate or Less	Some College B- ut Did Not Finish	2-Year Colleg- e Degree	4-Year Colleg- e Degree	Post-Graduat- e Degree
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID						
Yes	56%	56%	59%	41%	54%	62%
No	31%	29%	29%	36%	35%	30%
Not sure	13%	16%	13%	23%	10%	7%





	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Biden Approval			
Approve	43%	48%	38%
Disapprove	48%	47%	48%
Not sure	9%	5%	14%

	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Biden Covid-19 Approval			
Approve	50%	50%	50%
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	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Think COVID In America Is Getting Worse / Better / Staying The Same			
Think things are getting better	52%	53%	50%
Think things are getting worse	16%	15%	17%
Think things are about the same	28%	29%	26%
Not sure	5%	3%	6%





	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Trust Democrats / Republicans More On COVID			
Democrats	47%	46%	49%
Republicans	38%	43%	33%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%

	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID			
Yes	45%	47%	43%
No	39%	41%	38%
Not sure	16%	13%	19%

	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Support / Oppose Funding For Medecines / Vaccines For COVID			
Support	65%	65%	64%
Oppose	28%	27%	30%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%





	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Support / Oppose Funding For Free Testing For COVID			
Support	62%	61%	63%
Oppose	30%	29%	30%
Not sure	8%	11%	6%

	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Support / Oppose Funding For R&D For New Variants / Vaccines			
Support	69%	71%	68%
Oppose	24%	21%	27%
Not sure	6%	8%	4%

	Bas- e	Mode	
		Landli...	Text
Informed Congress Should / Not Approve Additional Resources for COVID			
Yes	56%	56%	56%
No	31%	31%	31%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%

