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**SUBJECT:** RECENT POLL SHOWS DEMOCRATIC POLICIES AT RISK OF COSTING THEM THE HOUSE AND THAT REPUBLICAN FISCAL PROPOSALS AND ALTERNATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSAL HAVE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT

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A WPA Intelligence national poll, conducted on behalf of the Club for Growth PAC July 20-28, 2021, shows Democrats' continued efforts to explode the federal budget, and the resulting surge in debt and inflation have cleared the way for Republicans to retake the House next November. Republicans have strong arguments on deficit and debt control and on alternative solutions to infrastructure that attract the support of sizeable majorities of voters including a substantial number of Democrats.

**Republicans pulled to within two points on the generic congressional ballot by late July, a position that would correlate with likely retaking the House, particularly with a bump from redistricting.**

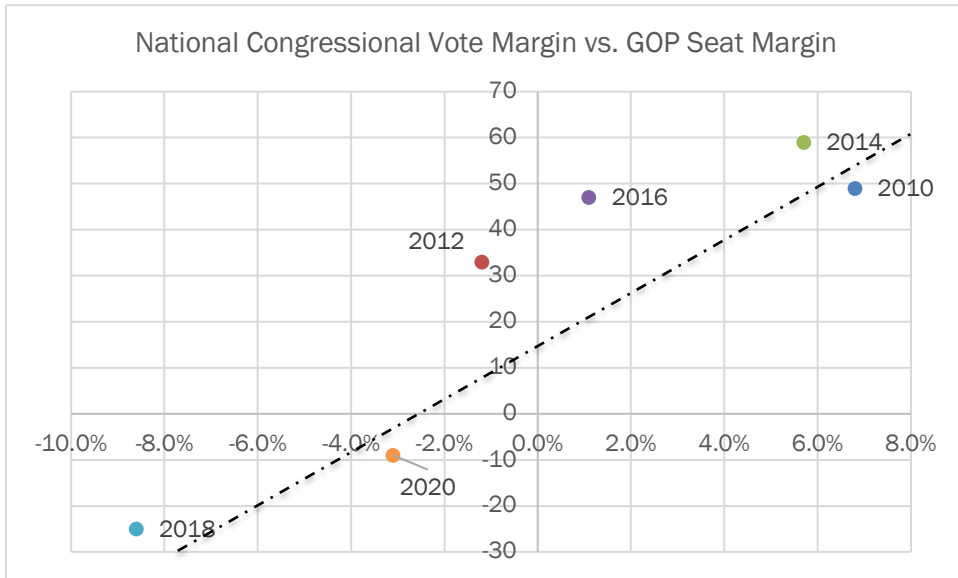
- Republicans were within just two points of Democrats on the generic ballot at 42% to 44% for a Democratic candidate.

Generic Ballot	
Republican	42%
Democratic	44%
Undecided	14%

- This Democratic advantage has narrowed even further since our poll. The Real Clear Politics average currently gives Democrats just a 0.3 point generic ballot advantage.

Generic Ballot	Quinnipiac 7/27 - 8/2	Susquehanna 8/12 - 18	NBC New/WSJ 8/14 - 17
Republican	44%	39%	46%
Democratic	45%	38%	47%
Advantage	D+1	R+1	D+1

- Democrats needed a better than three-point margin to barely hold the House in 2020 and most experts believe that Republicans will gain seats through redistricting.
- The chart below shows election results from 2010 onward and the GOP advantage or disadvantage in the national congressional vote plotted against the eventual seat margin.
  - This suggests that Republicans can sustain slightly worse than a D+2 generic margin and still re-take the House.
  - This analysis does not include any additional advantages Republicans will gain from redistricting. After the last redistricting, Democrats won the national congressional vote by 1.2-points, but Republicans held a 33-seat margin in the House.

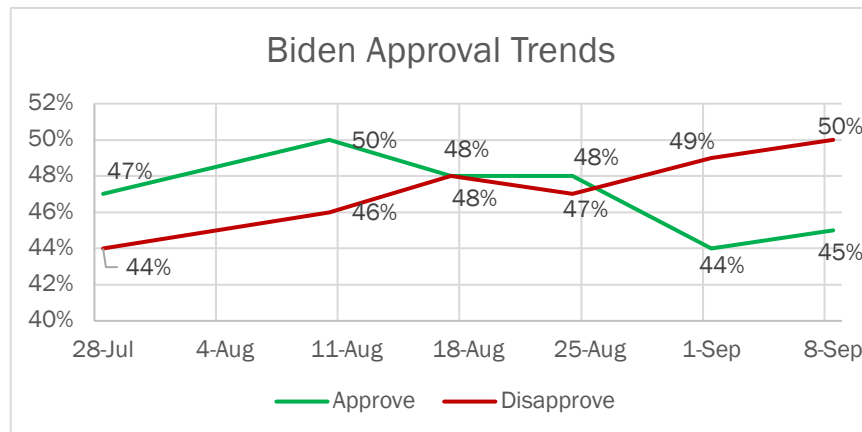


**With mounting inflation and a public policy agenda driven by borrow-and-spend programs, Joe Biden's approval rating had already shrunk by late July to below 50%.**

- Just 47% of voters approve of the job Biden is doing, compared to 44% who disapprove.

Biden Job Approval	
Approve	47%
Disapprove	44%
Not Sure	9%

- Since our poll in July, Biden's job approval has worsened significantly.
  - The first shift occurred in early-to-mid August as continued inflation and worsening covid outbreaks drove his job approval to neutral.
  - The second major shift happened with the catastrophe in Afghanistan. Biden's job approval has been five points net negative in the last two major national polls released.



### Voters view inflation, ballooning deficits, and high taxes as the biggest problems today.

- A majority (51%) of voters view inflation and rising prices as a very big problem.
- Nearly as many (47%) view federal deficits adding to the already 28 trillion dollars in national debt as a very big problem.
- More than two-in-five (41%) view high taxes as a very big problem.
- Just 23% currently view unemployment and lack of jobs as a very big problem.

Issue	% Very Big Problem
Inflation and Rising Prices	51%
Federal deficits that are adding to the already 28 trillion dollars in national debt	47%
High Taxes	41%
High unemployment and a lack of jobs	23%

### Voters support making the middle-class tax cuts permanent and stopping the massive proposed Democratic tax hikes.

- A majority (55%) of voters would support making the middle-class tax cuts permanent and stopping the Democrats from enacting the largest tax increase in our country's history.
- Just 21% say they would oppose it.

Making middle class tax cuts permanent and stopping Democrats from enacting the largest tax increases in our country's history.	
Support	55%
Oppose	21%
Not Sure	24%

- Independents side with Republicans in support of tax cuts, with 83% of Republicans and 53% of Independents in support.
- Even among Democrats, 32% say they support making the middle-class tax cuts permanent and stopping massive tax hikes.

	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Support	83%	53%	32%
Oppose	2%	22%	37%
Not Sure	15%	25%	31%

**Voters overwhelmingly support ending continuous deficit spending and requiring a balanced federal budget.**

- Nearly two-thirds (64%) of voters would support ending continuous deficit spending and requiring that the federal budget be balanced.
- Just 13% say they would oppose it.

Ending continuous deficit spending and requiring that the federal budget be balanced.	
Support	64%
Oppose	13%
Not Sure	23%

- Independents overwhelmingly side with Republicans in support of a balanced budget requirement, with 84% of Republicans and 63% of Independents in support.
- Even among Democrats, 24% say they support a balanced budget requirement.

	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Support	84%	63%	49%
Oppose	3%	8%	24%
Not Sure	13%	29%	27%

**A super-majority of voters also support reducing out-of-control spending to stop runaway inflation, including cutting the unspent money from Biden’s previous two trillion-dollar spending bill.**

- Three-in-five voters (60%) support cutting spending, like the unspent money from Biden’s previous two trillion-dollar spending bill, to stop the wave of inflation.
- Just 19% oppose these spending cuts.

Reducing out-of-control spending, like cutting the unspent money from Biden’s two trillion-dollar spending bill, to stop the wave of inflation which is driving up the cost of everything from gas to groceries and beyond.

Support	60%
Oppose	19%
Not Sure	21%

- Republicans and Independents both overwhelmingly support spending cuts, with 91% of Republicans and 60% of Independents in support.
- This proposal effectively splits Democrats with 31% in support and just 36% opposed.

	Republican	Independent	Democrat
Support	91%	60%	31%
Oppose	2%	18%	36%
Not Sure	7%	22%	33%

**Methodology**

WPAi conducted a poll of n = 1,000 voters nationwide. Data was collected from a national online panel of voters who have been matched back to their state’s voter files. Fielding was conducted from July 20-28, 2021. The sample was stratified by geography, age, gender, ethnicity, and party affiliation to ensure a representative sample. The survey has a margin of error of  $\pm 3.1\%$  at the 95% confidence level.