

From December 11 to December 13, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1136 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±2.9 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

[1] What do you see as more important right now?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Getting the national debt under control	21	12	20	31	20	23	23	20	20	24	13	23
Passing another coronavirus-relief bill	74	84	74	65	74	75	70	77	75	74	79	74
Don't know	4	4	5	4	6	2	6	3	6	2	7	3
Weighted N	1136	447	249	440	602	534	407	729	693	443	130	839

[2] Lawmakers in Congress are now debating another coronavirus-relief bill. When thinking about this, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
We should pass a large coronavirus relief bill that sends out, for example, more \$1,200 checks to most Americans even if it means adding to the national debt. Families are hurting and it's important they get help now.	67	79	66	56	68	66	68	67	72	60	70	65
While we should pass a coronavirus-relief bill, it should be small and targeted and without another round of \$1,200 checks. Congress has already spent trillions of dollars and the national debt is growing out of control.	27	16	25	38	25	28	24	28	22	35	19	30
Don't know	6	5	9	6	7	5	8	5	7	5	10	5
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[3] Lawmakers in Congress are now debating another coronavirus-relief bill. Some lawmakers are currently trying to delay the passage of a bill because of concerns about the national debt.

When thinking about this, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
These lawmakers are right to do this. After already spending trillions on aid, it is important we get a growing national debt under control.	26	17	25	35	22	29	28	24	22	31	16	28
These lawmakers are wrong to do this. Americans need help now and the national debt is something we can deal with after the pandemic.	66	76	65	56	68	63	60	69	69	61	74	64
Don't know	8	7	10	9	10	7	12	7	9	7	10	8
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[4] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Renewing expanded unemployment benefits

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	44	58	38	34	47	41	45	44	46	41	55	42
Somewhat support	32	26	37	36	28	37	28	35	29	37	21	35
Somewhat oppose	10	6	9	14	11	8	11	9	8	12	4	11
Strongly oppose	8	5	11	8	5	10	8	7	8	7	6	7
Don't know	6	5	5	8	7	4	8	5	8	2	15	5
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[5] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Sending out another round of \$1,200 check to most Americans

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	56	69	48	46	58	54	59	54	61	48	66	54
Somewhat support	21	18	26	21	21	20	18	22	17	27	12	22
Somewhat oppose	11	4	12	16	11	10	9	12	9	14	7	13
Strongly oppose	7	5	9	9	5	10	8	7	8	6	5	8
Don't know	6	4	6	7	6	6	7	5	6	4	10	4
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[6] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Providing aid to state and local governments for social services including public schools, libraries and first responders

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	46	62	39	35	50	42	47	46	48	44	57	44
Somewhat support	29	25	36	30	29	30	29	29	25	35	17	31
Somewhat oppose	9	3	10	14	9	9	9	9	9	9	7	10
Strongly oppose	8	4	9	12	4	13	6	9	9	7	2	9
Don't know	7	5	7	10	8	6	9	6	9	5	17	5
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[7] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Funding for additional coronavirus testing

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	46	67	37	31	49	44	45	47	46	47	55	45
Somewhat support	30	22	37	34	28	32	26	32	27	35	13	33
Somewhat oppose	11	4	9	18	11	10	10	11	9	13	5	12
Strongly oppose	7	4	9	8	5	9	10	5	9	3	11	6
Don't know	6	4	7	8	7	6	9	5	9	3	16	4
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[8] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Funding to pay for and ensure access to the coronavirus vaccine

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	56	72	50	42	57	55	50	59	54	59	56	58
Somewhat support	24	16	31	28	24	23	23	24	22	27	14	25
Somewhat oppose	8	3	6	13	8	8	9	7	8	7	8	8
Strongly oppose	6	4	5	7	5	6	8	4	7	3	7	5
Don't know	7	5	7	9	6	8	10	5	8	5	14	5
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[9] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing passing another coronavirus-relief bill. Below is a list of proposals that may be included, all of which will be paid for by adding to the national debt. For each item, say whether you support or oppose it. -- Making sure that public schools have the resources they need to safely reopen

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Strongly support	56	67	48	50	60	52	54	58	58	54	64	56
Somewhat support	28	20	31	34	26	30	23	30	25	32	15	31
Somewhat oppose	6	4	8	7	5	8	9	5	6	7	4	6
Strongly oppose	4	4	7	2	3	5	7	3	4	4	4	3
Don't know	6	4	6	7	6	6	7	5	8	3	13	4
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[10] Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
The government needs to balance its books the way a household would. If our national debt gets too large we all leave an unaffordable burden of debt to our children.	22	13	23	32	21	24	24	21	20	26	14	25
The government should prioritize passing coronavirus-relief to get aid to struggling Americans and their families, even if it means adding to the national debt.	71	82	71	59	70	71	65	74	71	70	72	69
Don't know	7	5	7	9	9	5	11	5	9	4	14	6
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[11] How convincing or not convincing do you find the following argument: Just like households take on debt to pay for a new home or an education, the government should also take on debt to invest in the American economy and that by creating economic growth, this investment will pay for itself in the long term.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Very convincing	33	41	26	29	29	37	32	33	32	34	38	33
Somewhat convincing	46	45	47	45	49	42	47	45	47	43	47	46
Not very convincing	16	11	20	19	18	14	14	17	15	16	10	16
Not at all convincing	6	3	7	7	5	7	7	5	6	6	5	5
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[12] Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Just like households sometimes take on debt to pay for a new home or an education, the federal government should occasionally take on new debt to pay for investments that will drive economic growth, paying for itself in the long run.	70	80	72	58	69	71	65	72	71	68	73	69
The federal government should avoid adding to the national debt as much as it can. It is wrong to leave our children with an unaffordable burden they'll have to spend the rest of their lives paying back.	21	12	19	31	20	22	22	20	18	26	15	22
Don't know	9	8	10	11	11	8	13	8	12	6	12	9
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[13] How important or not important do you think it is that the government always pays for any new program, such as spending on infrastructure, especially if that investment will help drive economic growth?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
All new government spending be paid for as we go. Just like households, the government needs to be disciplined in its finances	38	30	38	47	37	40	38	39	39	38	34	39
When we're making investments to create economic growth, it is okay to add to the national debt in the short run	51	60	50	42	51	51	49	52	49	55	47	53
Don't know	10	10	11	11	12	9	13	9	13	7	20	9
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[14] When thinking about how President-elect Joe Biden should approach the national debt when he takes office, which of the following most accurately describes how you think he should address it?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Limiting additions to the national debt should be a top priority for Biden in his new administration -- and a factor he should consider heavily as he's determining the spending needed for different policy proposals.	45	33	42	58	42	48	38	48	43	47	31	47
Limiting additions to the national debt should be a lower priority for Biden in the new administration, and a factor that he should not weigh as heavily as he's determining the spending needed for different policy proposals.	40	56	40	25	41	40	42	39	39	43	45	40
Don't know	15	11	18	17	17	13	19	13	18	11	24	13
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[15] When thinking about your perspective on how lawmakers in a new Congress should approach the government debt, which of the following most accurately describes your position?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
Limiting additions to the national debt is the number one priority I'd like to see lawmakers address	15	10	15	19	13	16	14	15	14	15	12	15
Limiting additions to the national debt is important to me, but not the top priority I'd like to see lawmakers address	41	33	45	47	41	42	32	46	39	44	24	45
Limiting additions to the national debt is less important to me and a lower priority I'd like to see lawmakers address	16	24	18	9	17	16	22	13	16	17	28	14
Limiting additions to the national debt is not a priority for me	16	23	10	13	16	17	18	16	16	16	15	17
Don't know	12	10	11	13	14	9	14	10	15	7	22	10
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[16] Would you support or oppose Congress putting pressure on the Biden administration to limit additions to the national debt?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
I somewhat oppose Congress's efforts to do so.	20	27	22	11	21	18	21	19	20	19	19	21
I somewhat support Congress's efforts to do so.	23	16	22	30	22	24	22	23	22	25	18	24
I strongly oppose Congress's efforts to do so.	23	39	18	10	22	23	23	23	23	22	39	19
I strongly support Congress's efforts to do so.	23	8	25	37	19	27	19	25	21	26	12	25
Don't know	12	11	13	12	16	8	16	10	15	8	12	11
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[17] When thinking about future elections for House and Senate seats, how heavily do lawmakers' positions on the national debt factor in how you'd evaluate your vote?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
A lawmaker's focus on reducing the national debt will be a deciding factor in how I vote in future elections.	17	13	17	22	17	18	18	17	19	15	16	18
A lawmaker's focus on reducing the national debt is something I'll consider when I vote in future elections, but it won't be a deciding factor.	46	43	47	49	47	46	40	50	41	54	40	49
A lawmaker's focus on reducing the national debt is not a factor I'll consider when voting in future elections.	23	30	22	16	21	25	26	21	23	23	28	23
Don't know	13	14	14	12	15	11	16	12	16	8	16	10
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[18] When it comes to hosting in-person holiday parties this year, which of the following statements most accurately describes your approach to them?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
I will be hosting at least one holiday party with 5 or fewer attendees from outside my immediate household.	9	9	11	9	9	10	13	8	8	11	7	9
I will be hosting at least one holiday party with 10 or fewer attendees from outside my immediate household.	9	6	9	13	9	9	13	7	9	10	13	10
I will be hosting at least one holiday party with more than ten attendees from outside my immediate household.	7	6	5	9	7	7	12	4	8	6	7	7
I will not be hosting any holiday parties with people outside my immediate household.	63	71	61	58	64	63	48	72	62	65	59	65
Other	11	8	15	12	11	11	15	9	12	8	14	8
Weighted N	1136	447	249	440	602	534	407	729	693	443	130	839

[19] When it comes to attending in-person holiday parties this year, which of the following statements most accurately describes your approach to them?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
I will be attending at least one holiday party with 5 or fewer attendees from outside my immediate household.	10	8	11	12	11	9	14	8	10	11	6	11
I will be attending at least one holiday party with 10 or fewer attendees from outside my immediate household.	11	7	11	15	10	12	15	8	9	13	12	11
I will be attending at least one holiday party with more than ten attendees from outside my immediate household.	10	7	11	12	8	12	14	7	10	9	11	10
I will not be attending any holiday parties hosted by people outside my immediate household.	64	74	60	56	65	62	48	72	63	64	63	63
Other	5	4	6	6	6	4	8	4	7	3	8	5
Weighted N	1136	447	249	440	602	534	407	729	693	443	130	839

[20] When it comes to attending in-person holiday parties this year, which of these statements best reflects your experience?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third Party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
My work is holding an in-person holiday party and I plan to attend.	6	8	4	4	4	7	11	3	5	6	8	5
My work is holding an in-person holiday party and I do not plan to attend.	3	4	3	3	2	5	5	2	3	4	5	3
My work is not holding an in-person holiday party.	35	35	34	35	35	34	45	29	29	44	43	34
I do not currently work	51	50	51	52	55	47	30	63	56	43	39	53
Other	5	3	8	6	4	6	8	3	7	2	5	5
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