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From July 21 to 23, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,186 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 ± 3 percentage points.

N=1,186 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R	
[1] How concerned or not concerned are you about a possible future pandemic that is similar to or worse than the coronavirus pandemic?	Very concerned	38%	56%	32%	22%
	Somewhat concerned	25	25	26	24
	A little concerned	23	15	24	30
	Not at all concerned	14	3	18	24
[2] How confident or not confident are you in the ability of the federal government to respond to a future pandemic that is similar to the coronavirus pandemic?	Very confident	13%	19%	9%	8%
	Somewhat confident	29	40	26	19
	A little confident	30	28	30	30
	Not at all confident	29	13	35	42
[3] When thinking about the coronavirus pandemic, which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?	The United States was unprepared for this virus leading to an unacceptable loss of life, loss of personal freedoms, high unemployment, and business closures. We need to be ready for any future pandemics so the events of the past year and a half are never repeated.	67%	78%	72%	53%
	The coronavirus pandemic was a once in a hundred year event and we couldn't have possibly known it was coming. While it was a tragedy, there wasn't much we could do to prepare and little we could have done to make things go better. We need to spend our energy on more pressing issues.	24	15	19	38
	Don't know	8	7	10	9
[4] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion to prepare for possible future pandemics and ensure economic competitiveness and resiliency. This funding would go to, for example, researching vaccines and treatments, expanding early detection and testing capacity, and increasing the size of America's stockpile of supplies needed for responding to pandemics. Do you support or oppose this proposal?	Strongly support	36%	53%	35%	18
	Somewhat support	35	30	34	42
	Somewhat oppose	14	7	13	21
	Strongly oppose	7	3	8	11
	Don't know	8	7	9	8
	SUPPORT (TOTAL)	71%	83%	69%	60
	OPPOSE (TOTAL)	21	10	21	32
SUPPORT (NET)	+50	+73	+48	+28	

[5] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Strengthening medical supply chains to make sure the United States doesn't have to rely on countries such as China for essential supplies

		D	I	R
Strongly support	58%	64%	62%	48
Somewhat support	25	20	19	33
Somewhat oppose	5	5	4	6
Strongly oppose	4	2	4	6
Don't know	9	9	10	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	83%	84%	81%	81
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	9	7	8	12
SUPPORT (NET)	+74	+77	+73	+69

[6] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Building vaccines for a number of possible viruses so that in the event of a pandemic they can be rolled out within 100 days

		D	I	R
Strongly support	37%	47%	39%	25
Somewhat support	32	32	28	36
Somewhat oppose	11	8	7	18
Strongly oppose	8	4	9	10
Don't know	12	9	16	11
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	69%	79%	67%	61
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	19	12	16	28
SUPPORT (NET)	+50	+67	+51	+33

[7] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Researching and developing tests and treatments for emerging and future viruses

		D	I	R
Strongly support	45%	57%	46%	32
Somewhat support	34	28	32	42
Somewhat oppose	6	5	5	9
Strongly oppose	5	3	6	8
Don't know	9	9	11	10
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	79%	85%	78%	74
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	8	11	17
SUPPORT (NET)	+68	+77	+67	+57

[8] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Improving early detection systems to look for viruses and alert officials and the public in case of a pandemic-level threat

		D	I	R
Strongly support	49%	63%	48%	36
Somewhat support	28	20	29	36
Somewhat oppose	9	7	6	13
Strongly oppose	5	3	6	6
Don't know	9	8	10	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	77%	83%	77%	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	14	10	12	19
SUPPORT (NET)	+63	+73	+65	+53

[9] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Expanding vaccine production capacity to make sure that vaccines can be manufactured quickly and in large quantities

		D	I	R
Strongly support	44%	56%	47%	29
Somewhat support	31	26	24	43
Somewhat oppose	9	6	11	11
Strongly oppose	6	3	8	9
Don't know	9	9	11	8
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	75%	82%	71%	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	15	9	19	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+60	+73	+52	+52

[10] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion in preparing for possible future pandemics. Below is a list of ways some of this funding may be spent. For each way, please say whether you support or oppose it. -
 - Conducting training for personnel who would respond to pandemics

		D	I	R
Strongly support	48%	60%	46%	35
Somewhat support	33	25	30	42
Somewhat oppose	5	4	7	6
Strongly oppose	6	3	5	9
Don't know	9	8	11	8
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	81%	85%	76%	77
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	7	12	15
SUPPORT (NET)	+70	+78	+64	+62

[11] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing \$30 billion to prepare for possible future pandemics. When thinking about this proposal, which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
Investing \$30 billion in pandemic preparedness is a small price to pay compared to the \$17 trillion cost of the coronavirus pandemic. By investing now, we can save lives and money later.	55%	71%	55%	37%
The government has already spent billions on the coronavirus pandemic and there's just no need to spend more now. We don't need to add more to an already out of control national debt.	36	21	31	54
Don't know	10	8	14	8

[12] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing in vaccine research and development. When thinking about this proposal, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
We should invest public funds in vaccine research and development because we need to be ready for the next pandemic and make sure we can quickly adapt coronavirus vaccines if new variants emerge	54%	73%	50%	36%
We should not invest public funds in vaccine research because private pharmaceutical companies are already doing that and we can rely on the free market to help promote and guide this research	36	19	38	52
Don't know	10	8	13	12

[13] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing in early warning systems and detection abilities for new viruses.

When thinking about this proposal, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
We should invest public funds in early detection systems because \$30 billion is a small price to pay compared to the trillions of dollars the coronavirus pandemic cost. By investing now, we can make sure we aren't caught unprepared ever again. 54%	68%	57%	36%
Investing in early detection systems is costly and something our country can hardly afford, especially when our deficit is higher than ever before. Whatever this idea's merits, it will just add to the deficit and force us to eventually raise taxes. 35	22	29	53
Don't know 11	10	14	11

[14] Some lawmakers in Congress are proposing investing in strengthening our medical supply chains.

When thinking about this proposal, which of the following statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
We should invest public funds in strengthening our medical supply chains because this is the only way we can make sure our doctors and first responders have the supplies they need, without the United States having to rely on a country such as China. 65%	83%	63%	46%
We should not make this investment because we don't need more government meddling in private markets. The free market does a good job allocating resources and the government intervening here will only create overhead as companies compete for lucrative federal contracts. 26	8	26	44
Don't know 10	9	11	10

[15] Would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate who supports investing \$30 billion in pandemic preparedness?

		D	I	R
Much more likely 22%	37%	18%	9	
Somewhat more likely 32	39	33	24	
Somewhat less likely 15	7	13	24	
Much less likely 15	5	16	24	
Wouldn't affect my choice 16	11	21	18	
MORE LIKELY (TOTAL) 54%	76%	51%	33	
LESS LIKELY (TOTAL) 30	12	29	48	
MORE LIKELY (NET) +24	+64	+22	-15	