

# Voters in Pennsylvania Support the Build Back Better Agenda

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## INTRODUCTION

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From the end of April into early May, Data for Progress polled likely voters in the state of Pennsylvania to test support for President Biden's Build Back Better agenda. We find that likely voters support all three elements of this agenda: the American Rescue Plan, the American Jobs Plan, and the American Families Plan.

In Pennsylvania, a majority of self-identifying Republicans support the American Rescue Plan (62 percent) and the American Jobs Plan (56 percent). Close to half of Republicans (46 percent) support the American Families Plan—and some of the individual provisions of the American Families Plan enjoy either majority or plurality support from Republican voters.

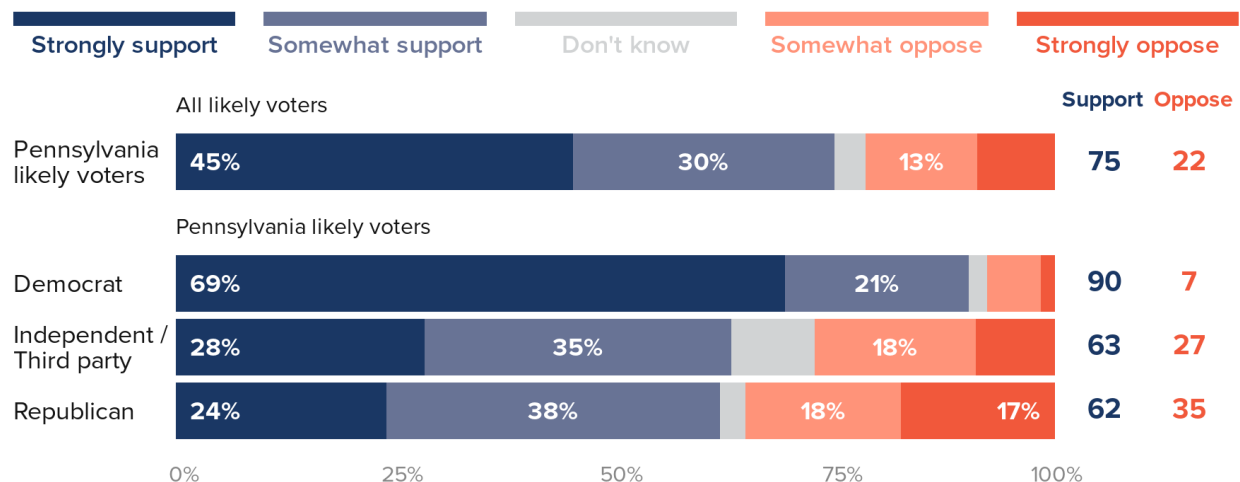
We also find that Biden's job approval rating in the state is currently running slightly ahead of his share of the vote in the 2020 election.

# VOTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN — AND CREDIT DEMOCRATS FOR PASSING ITS MAJOR PROVISIONS

We provided likely voters in Pennsylvania with a description of the American Rescue Plan's major provisions and then asked them if they support or oppose the pandemic relief measure. We find that, by a 53-percentage-point margin, likely voters in the state support the law (75 percent support, 22 percent oppose). Among likely voters in the state that self-identify as Democrats, Independents, and Republicans, the law is backed by margins of 83-points, 36-points, and 27-points, respectively.

## Voters in Pennsylvania Support the American Rescue Plan

Voters were provided a description of the American Rescue Plan and then asked if they support or oppose it.



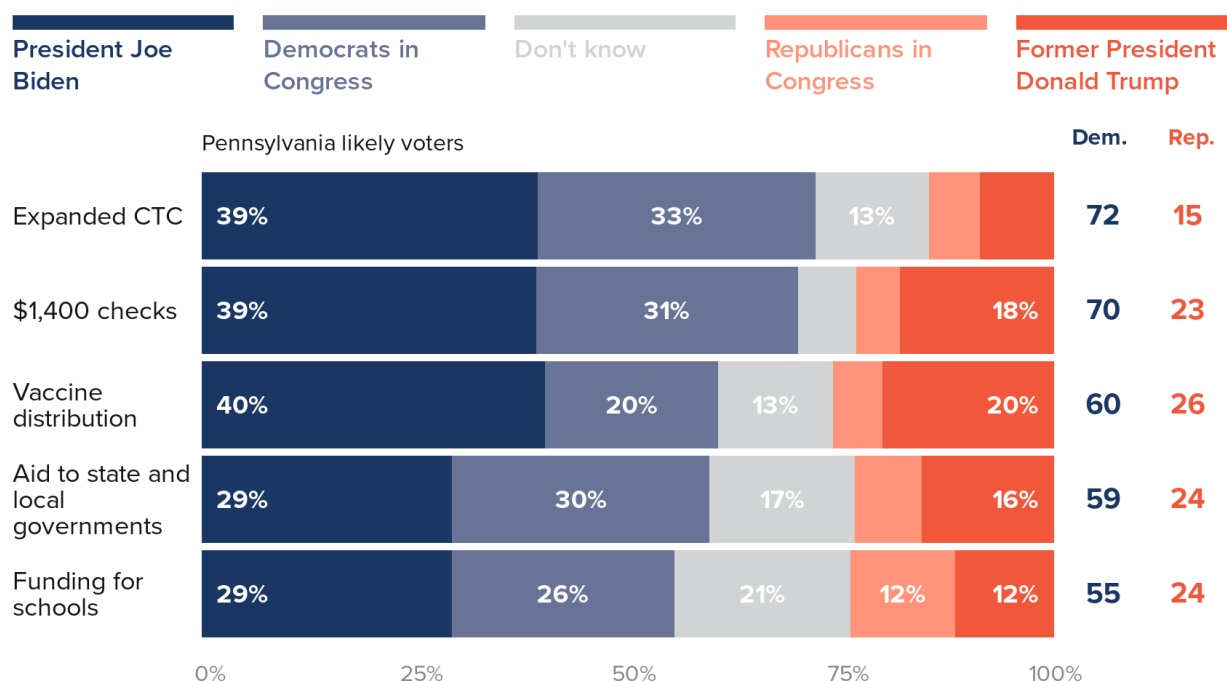
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We also asked likely voters in Pennsylvania who they credit for passing the major components of the American Rescue Plan, with the options being Biden, congressional Democrats, congressional Republicans, and former President Donald Trump. A majority of likely voters credit the Democratic Party (either Biden or congressional Democrats) for all five components that we tested. By a 47-point margin, likely voters give Democrats credit for \$1,400 checks. They also give Democrats credit for the expanded child tax credit, vaccine distribution, sending aid to state and local governments, and passing additional funding for schools — by margins of 57-points, 34-points, 35-points, and 31-points, respectively.

## Voters in Pennsylvania Credit the Democratic Party for Passing the Provisions of the American Rescue Plan

Below is a list of pandemic relief provisions from the American Rescue Plan, a bill that was signed into law in March, 2021. For each provision, say who you think is most responsible for them.



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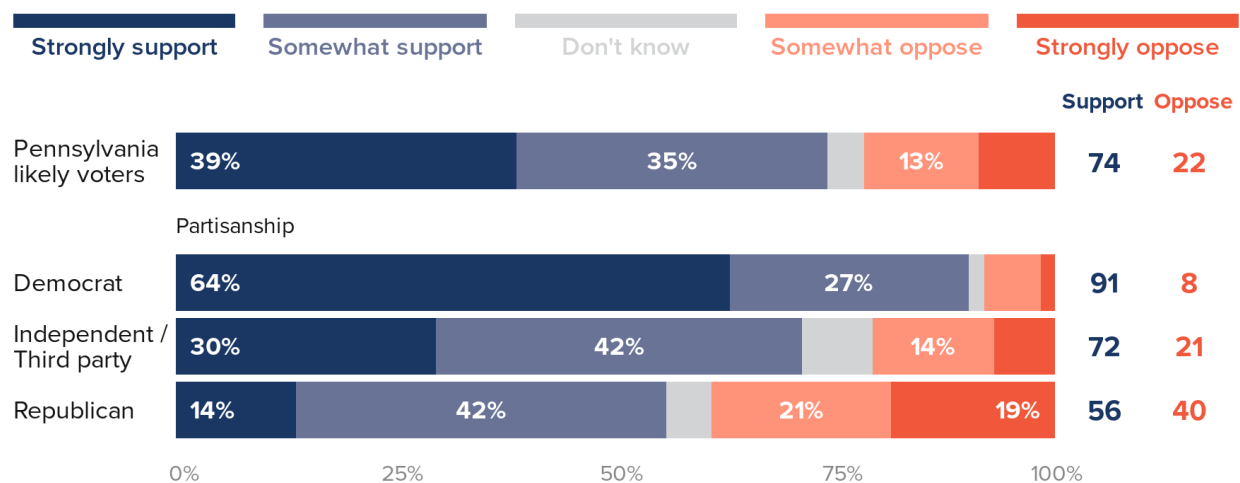
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# VOTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORT THE AMERICAN JOBS PLAN, INCLUDING WHEN TOLD IT WILL BE PAID FOR BY RAISING TAXES ON CORPORATIONS

We also tested support for the American Jobs Plan, explaining that this would be paid for by raising taxes on large corporations. By a margin of 52-points, we find that likely voters in Pennsylvania support the plan (74 percent support, 22 percent oppose). Democrats, Independents, and Republicans in the state support the plan by margins of 83-points, 51-points, and 16-points, respectively.

## Voters in Pennsylvania Support the American Jobs Plan

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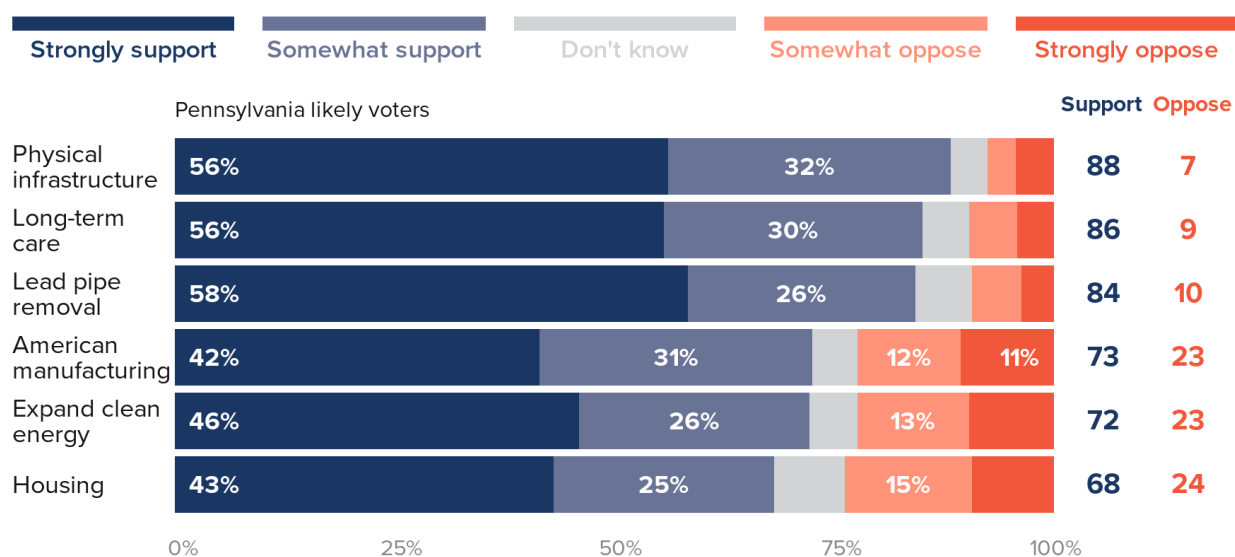
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We also tested support for some of the individual components of the American Jobs Plan. We find majority support for all of them. Of note, investments in home- and community-based care for seniors and people with disabilities is one of the most popular parts of the American Jobs Plan, backed by a margin as one of the most popular parts of the American Jobs Plan, backed by a margin of 77-points (86 percent support, nine percent oppose). Likely voters also support expanding the use of clean energy by a margin of 49-points (72 percent support, 23 percent oppose).

## Voters in Pennsylvania Support the Provisions of the American Jobs Plan

Below is a list of proposed investments included in the American Jobs Plan. For each proposal, say whether you support or oppose it.



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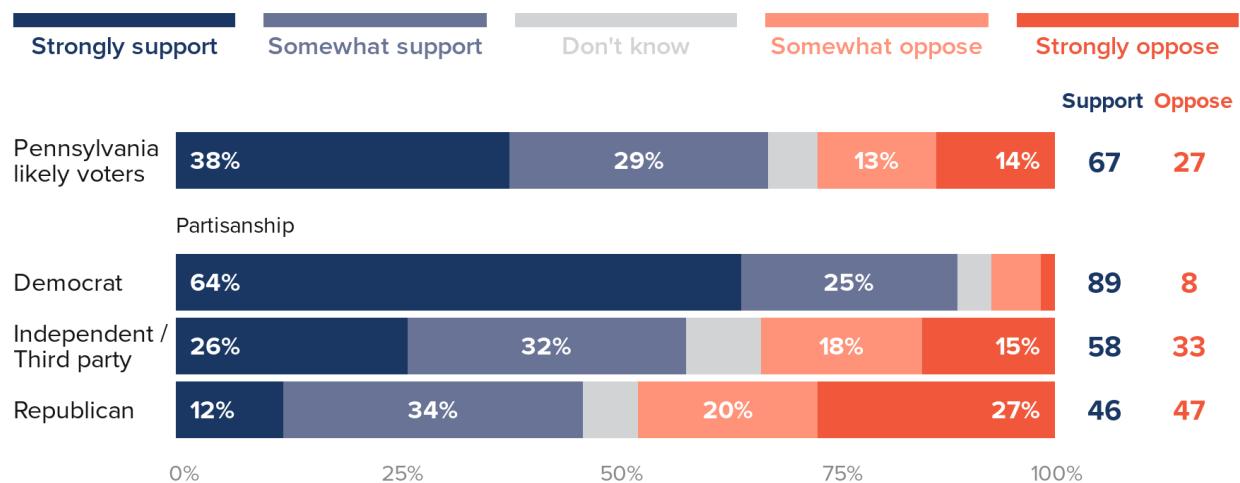
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# VOTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA SUPPORT THE AMERICAN FAMILIES PLAN, INCLUDING WHEN TOLD IT WOULD BE PAID FOR BY RAISING TAXES ON THE WEALTHY

We then tested support for the American Families Plan and explained to likely voters that it would be paid for by raising taxes on Americans making more than \$400,000 a year and increasing the capital gains tax on individuals who earn more than \$1 million a year. We find that, by a 40-point margin, likely voters in Pennsylvania support passing the American Families Plan (67 percent support, 27 percent oppose). Democrats support the plan by an 81-point margin and Independents do so by a 25-point margin. Forty-six percent of Republicans support the plan and 47 percent of Republicans oppose it.

## Voters in Pennsylvania Support the American Families Plan

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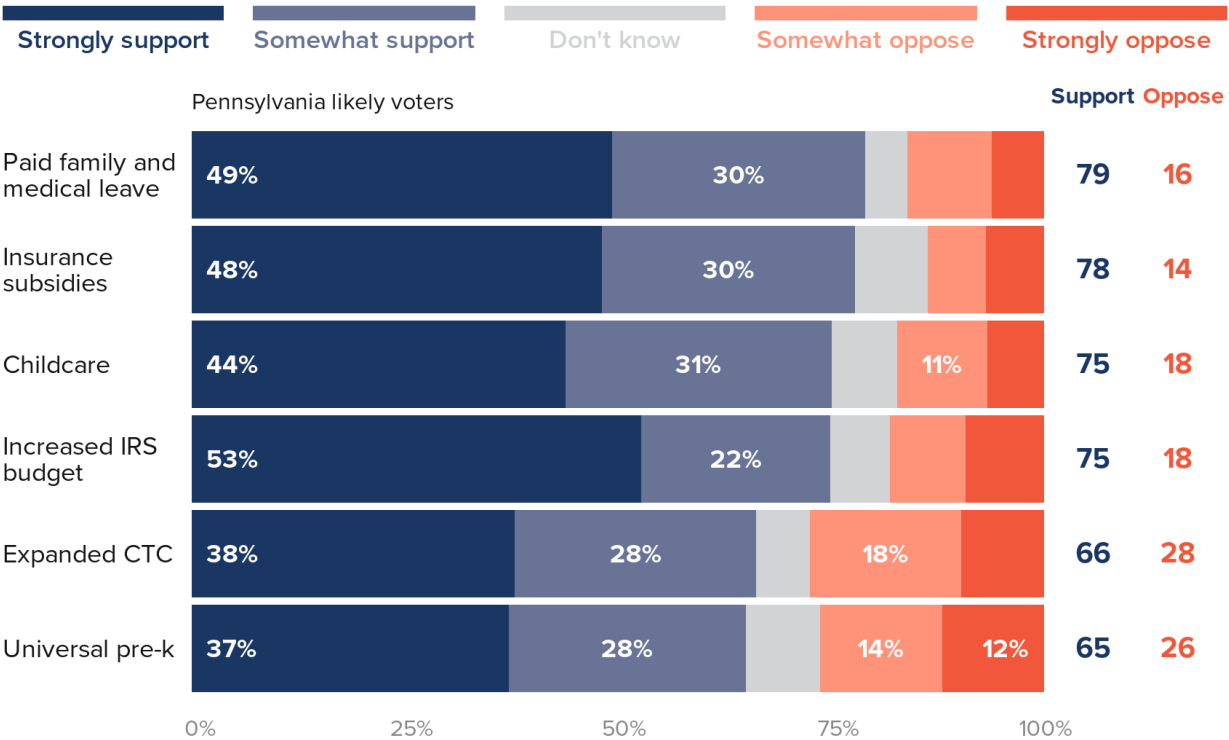
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Next, we asked likely voters about individual provisions of the American Families Plan. We find majority support for each component. Paid family and medical leave is supported by a 63-point margin and increased health insurance subsidies is supported by a 64-point margin. By a 57-point margin, likely voters support increasing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) budget to improve enforcement and ensure that the wealthiest Americans pay their fair share in taxes (75 percent support, 18 percent oppose). Likely voters also support investments in universal childcare, extending the expanded child tax credit, and universal pre-k by margins of 57-points, 38-points, and 39-points, respectively.

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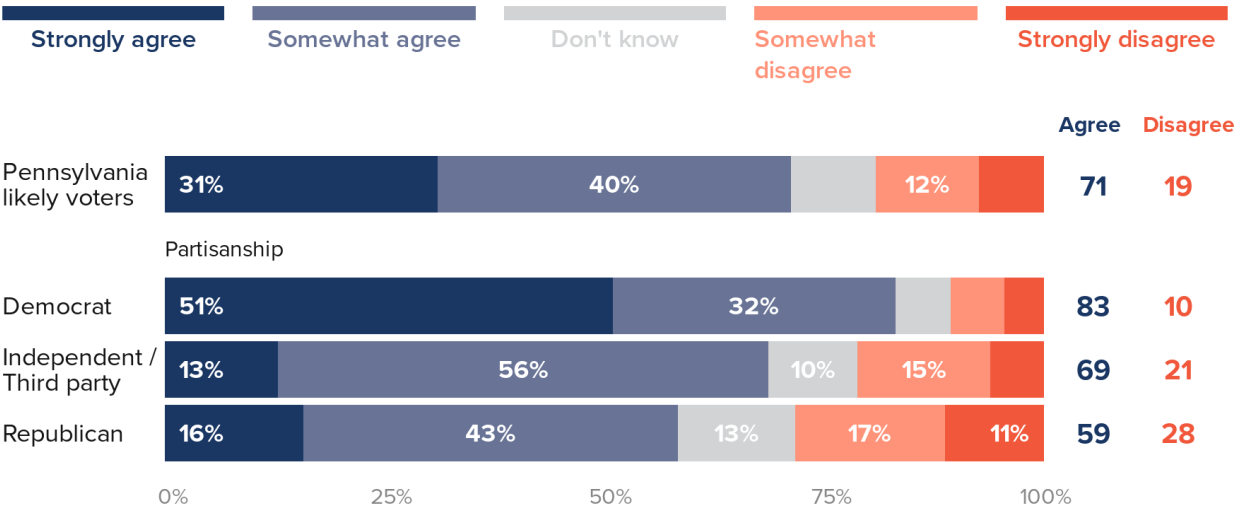
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We then tested whether or not likely voters in the state see an economic, rather than just moral, rationale for investing in caregiving. We find that by a 52-point margin, likely voters agree that investing in the caregiving sector creates economic growth by allowing the family members of those receiving care to enter the workforce (71 percent agree, 19 percent disagree). A majority of Democrats, Independents, and Republicans agree with this argument by margins of 73-points, 48-points, and 31-points, respectively.

## Voters in Pennsylvania Agree that Investments in Caregiving can Generate Economic Growth

Do you agree or disagree that investments that create jobs in caregiving, childcare, or long-term care for seniors and people with disabilities can create economic growth and opportunities because they can allow other family members to enter the workforce?



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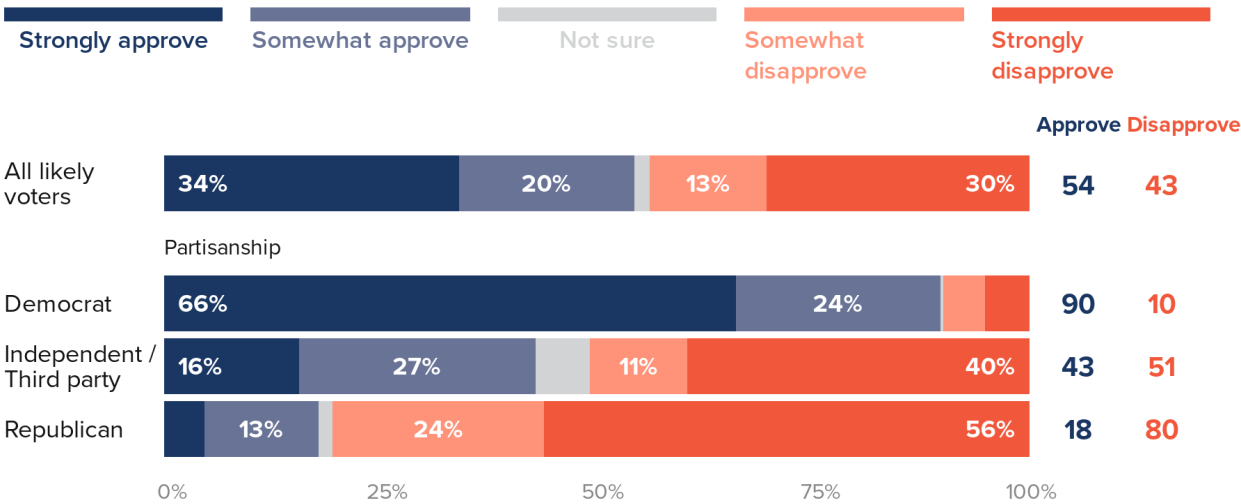


# POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

We also asked likely voters in Pennsylvania if they approve or disapprove of the job that Joe Biden is doing as President. We find that likely voters in Pennsylvania approve by an 11-point margin. Democrats approve of the President by an 80-point margin (90 percent approve, 10 percent disapprove), while Independents disapprove of Biden by an eight-point margin (43 percent approve, 51 percent disapprove). Eighteen percent of Republicans approve of the job Biden is doing and 80 percent disapprove.

## A Majority of Likely Voters in Pennsylvania Approve of the Job President Biden is Doing as President

Do you approve or disapprove of the job that President Joe Biden is doing as President?



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## SURVEY METHODOLOGY

From April 30 to May 5, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 631 likely voters in Pennsylvania 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  $\pm 4$  percentage points.