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DEMOCRATS HOLD UPPER HAND ON CORONAVIRUS NEGOTIATIONS

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KEY FINDINGS:

- ▶ Voters overwhelmingly desire more spending to address the coronavirus pandemic (53% support more relief, 18% believe there has been enough relief, 12% believe there has been too much)
- ▶ Voters support the core aspects of Democratic relief bills but balk at liability protections for big businesses

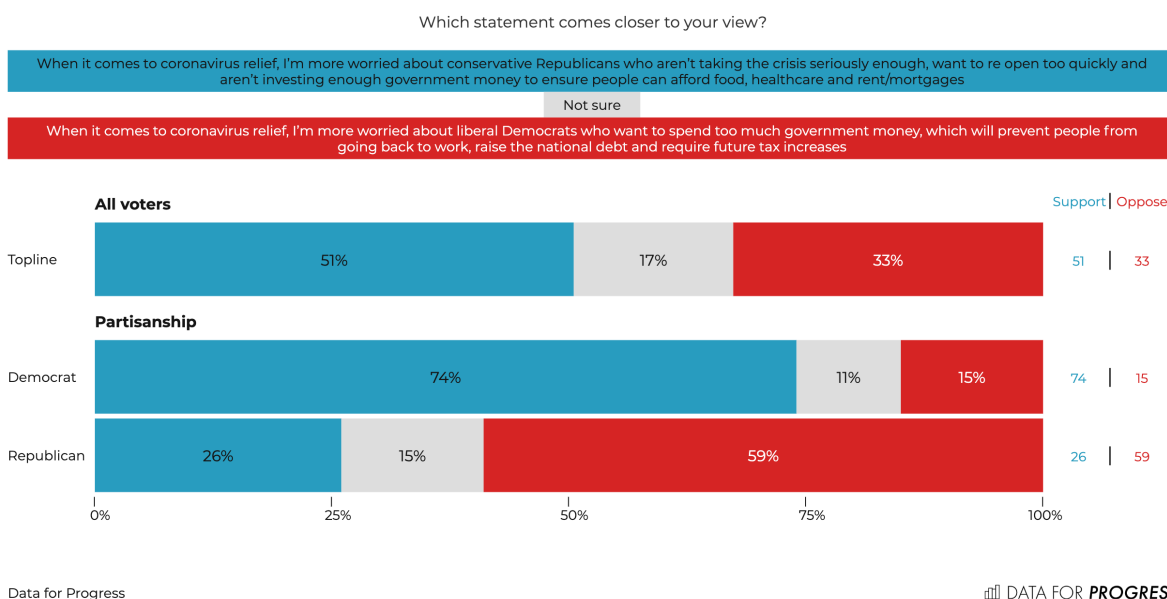
THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

We then asked voters if they were more concerned about either conservative Republicans limiting aid or liberal Democrats wanting to spend too much, we found that, among all voters, an 18-percentage-point margin was more concerned about the actions of conservative Republicans. Attitudes

were correlated with partisanship. Among voters who self-identify as Democrats, a 59-point margin were more concerned with the actions of conservative Republicans. Among voters who self-identify as Republicans this pattern is mostly reversed with a 33-point margin being more concerned about the possible response of liberal Democrats.

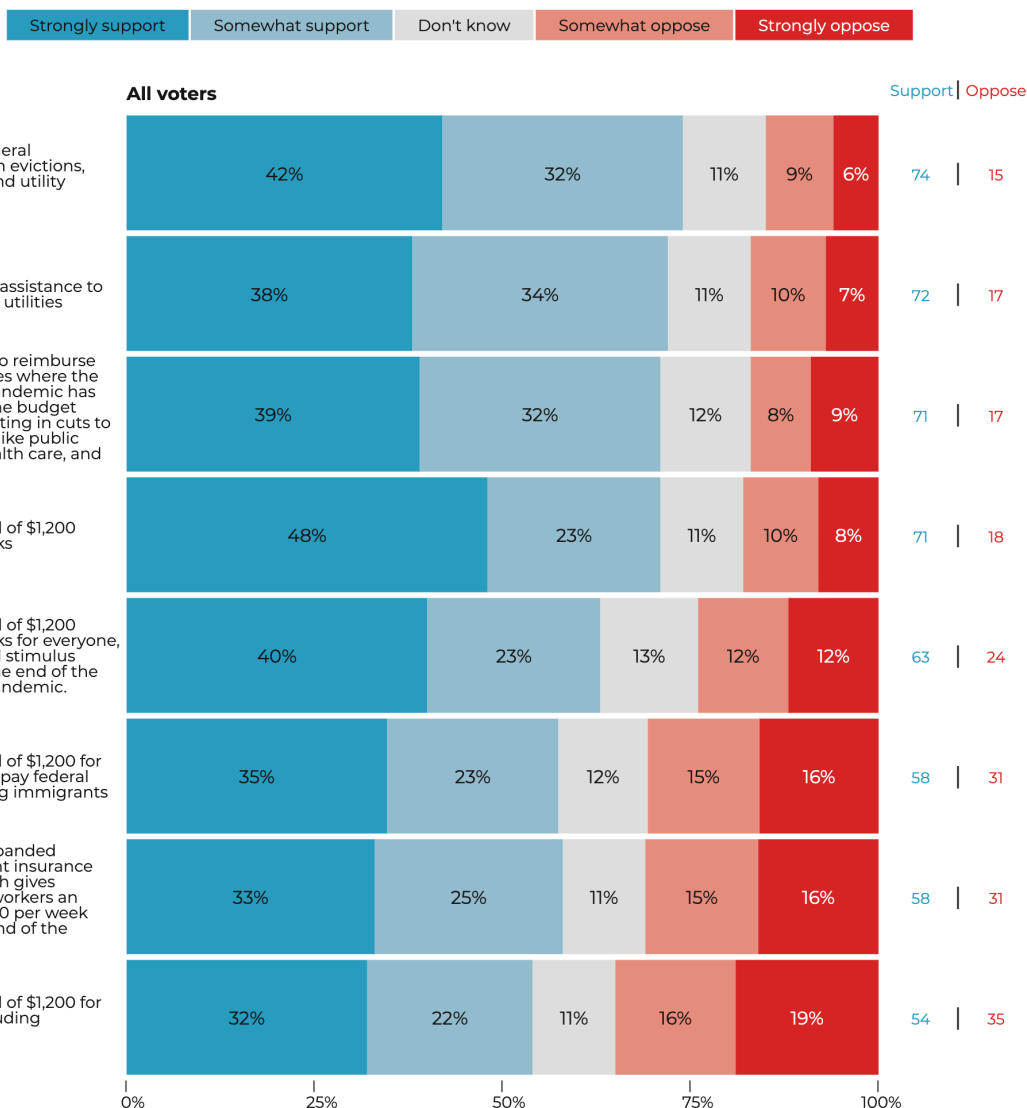
Voters support a series of progressive proposals that could be included in a future economic relief package. Voters support extending the federal moratorium on evictions, foreclosures, and utility shut offs by a 59-point margin. The providing of rental assistance is supported by a 55-point margin. Aid for cities and states is supported by a 50-point margin. The extension of the \$600 per week unemployment benefit is supported by a 27-point margin. A host of proposals around additional \$1,200, including one proposal that calls for recurring payments and another that includes immigrants, also enjoy net support among voters. Of note, a proposal to send another round of \$1,200 checks enjoys 48 percent strong support.

Voters Are Concerned That Conservative Republicans Will Limit The Government's Response To The Coronavirus



Voters Support Expansive Economic Relief

Would you support or oppose the following policies being included in a future stimulus plan?



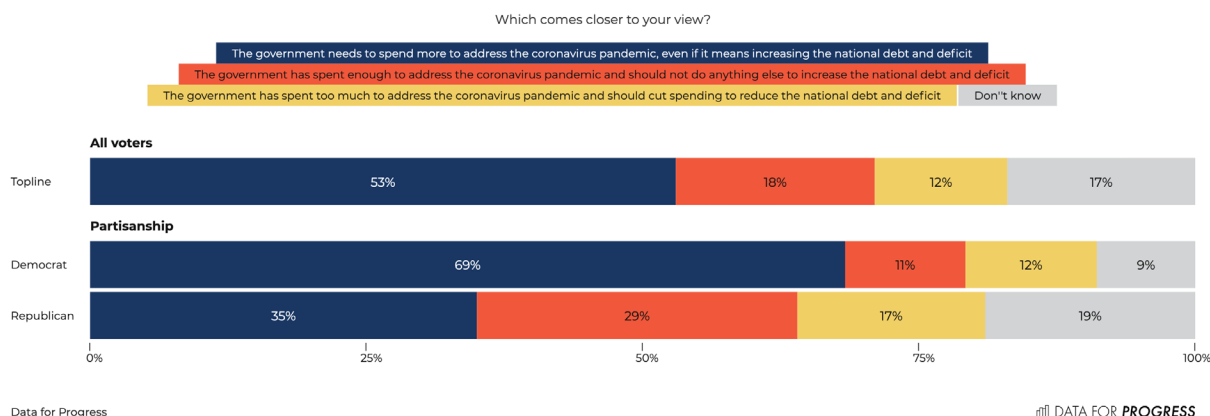
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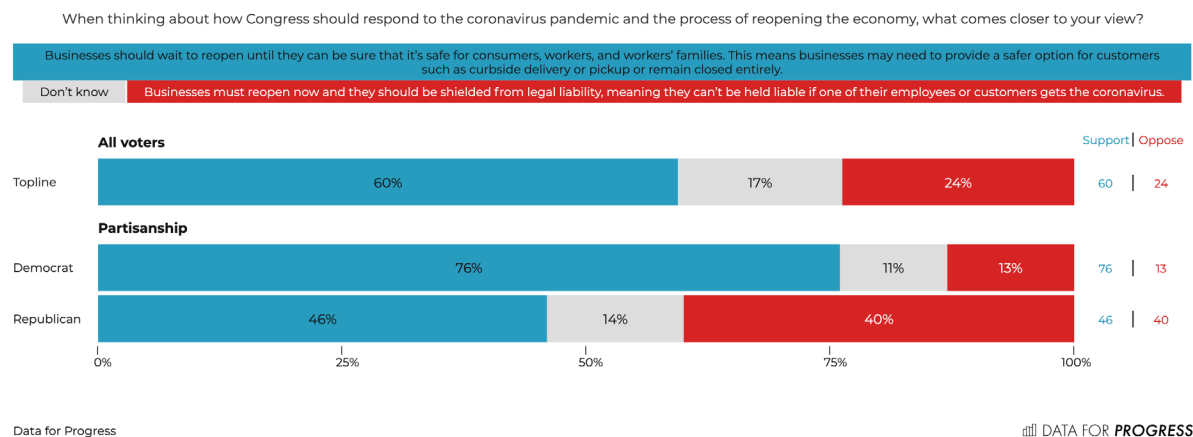
What is likely driving voters' support for these proposals is the consistent thinking among voters that the government simply needs to spend more money to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Among all voters, a majority (56 percent) think the government needs to spend more to address the pandemic. Similarly, a majority (69 percent) of Democrats think the government should spend more. Meanwhile, a plurality (35 percent) of Republicans think the government should spend more.

We also asked voters their opinions about liability shields and business reopening. We found that, among all voters, a 36-point margin prefer that businesses either provide some safer alternate services such as delivery, curbside pick up, or remain closed altogether until they can be sure they can safely reopen. Among Democrats and Republicans, a 63- and six-point margin, respectively, preferred businesses remaining closed or offering safer options.

Voters Think The Government Needs To Spend More To Adress The Coronavirus Pandemic



Voters Think Businesses Should Wait To Reopen Until It Is Safe And Should Not Be Shielded From Legal Liability



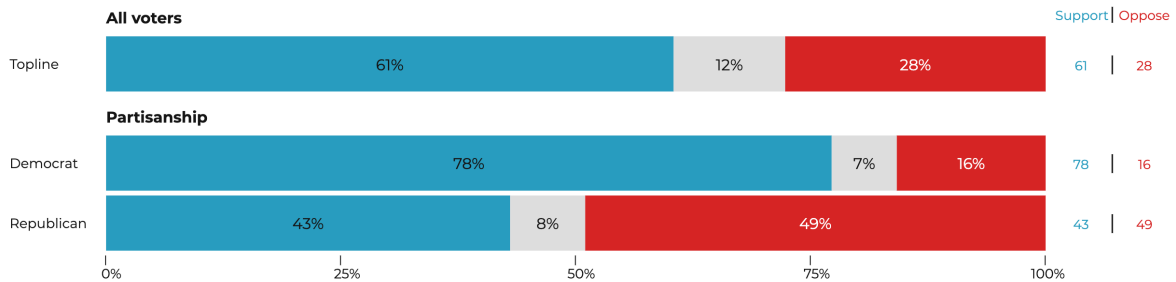
Most Voters Think Schools Should Wait To Reopen Until It Is Safe

President Donald Trump is now threatening to cut off aid to states and cities that have seen their budgets strained because of the coronavirus pandemic if they choose not to reopen their schools in the fall because it's deemed unsafe. When thinking about the reopening schools in the fall, what comes closer to your view?

Schools should wait to reopen and instruction should occur online or remotely until we can be sure that it's safe for teachers, students, and their families to return. When schools reopen they should be provided funding to ensure they can observe social distancing guidelines and that teachers and students have the personal protective equipment (PPE) that they need.

Don't know

Schools must reopen in the fall no matter what and those cities and states that choose not to should see their funding from the federal government cut. Keeping schools closed is another play by Democrats and teachers' unions to hurt the President of the United States in the midst of a pandemic.



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We then asked voters their opinion about school reopening, noting in the question wording President Trump's threat to cut off aid for jurisdictions that do not reopen their schools. We found most voters strongly disagree with the president. Among all voters, a 33-point margin support keeping schools closed until a reopening can be carried out safely. Democratic and Republican voters are split on the issue. By a 62-point margin Democrats think schools should wait to reopen until it is safe. Among Republicans, meanwhile, a six-point margin think schools must reopen in the fall no matter what.

CONCLUSION

Voters are taking the coronavirus pandemic extremely seriously. There is real caution about rushing a reopening of schools and businesses. In general, voters think the government needs to spend more money to combat the pandemic. In

addition, a host of progressive economic relief proposals, including the extension of the \$600 a week unemployment benefit are extremely popular.

METHODOLOGY

From July 24 through July 25, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,318 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 +/- 2.7 percentage points.

From July 10 through July 12, 2020, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,390 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 +/- 2.6 percentage points.

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