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**AXIOS**

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## INTRODUCTION

President Biden has dropped huge political capital on the now-frozen Infrastructure Bill. Given Biden's high emphasis on bipartisanship, this Bill is a key bellwether for the future of cross-party teamwork.

- **State of play:** Despite initial momentum, the bill has hit potentially fatal headwinds, due mainly to Democrats' intraparty duels.

As lawmakers lock horns, calculate and decide, it's essential to understand how key voting blocs view the various spending plans sitting in limbo.

Alongside **AXIOS**, we interviewed 804 young people (ages 18-29) on how they view the present political moment.

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*Based on a survey of 810 college students conducted on June 24-28, 2021.*

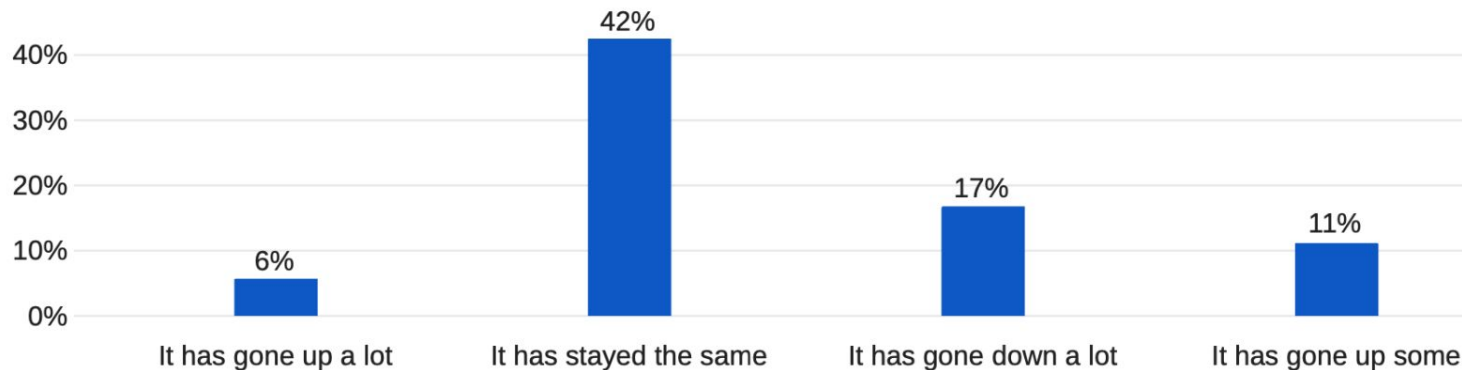
Wave I



## III FINDINGS

### 1. Biden approval dips

**“How has your approval of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president changed since taking office?”**



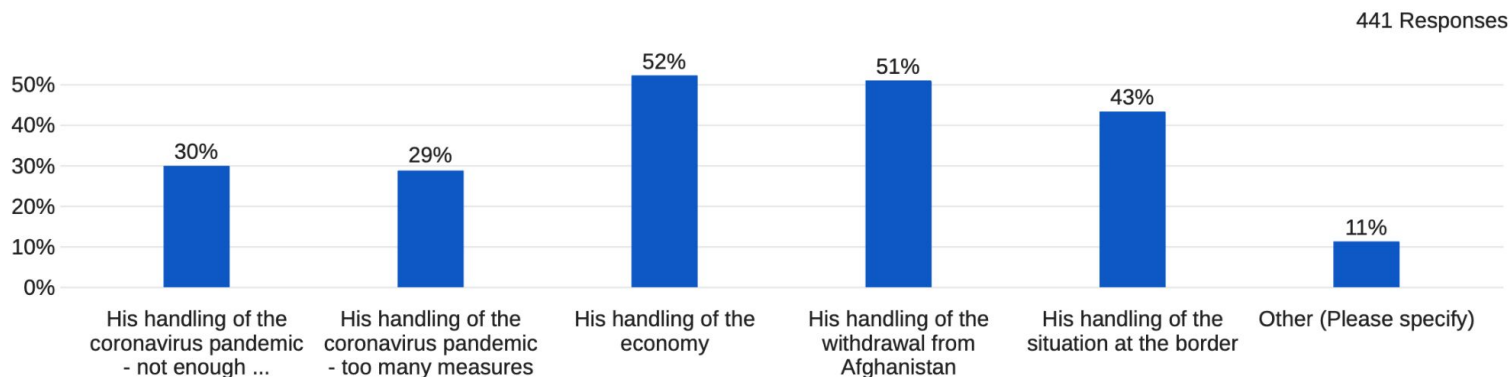


### III

## FINDINGS

### 1. Afghanistan, economy sway views most

**“Why has your approval changed (select all that apply)?”**

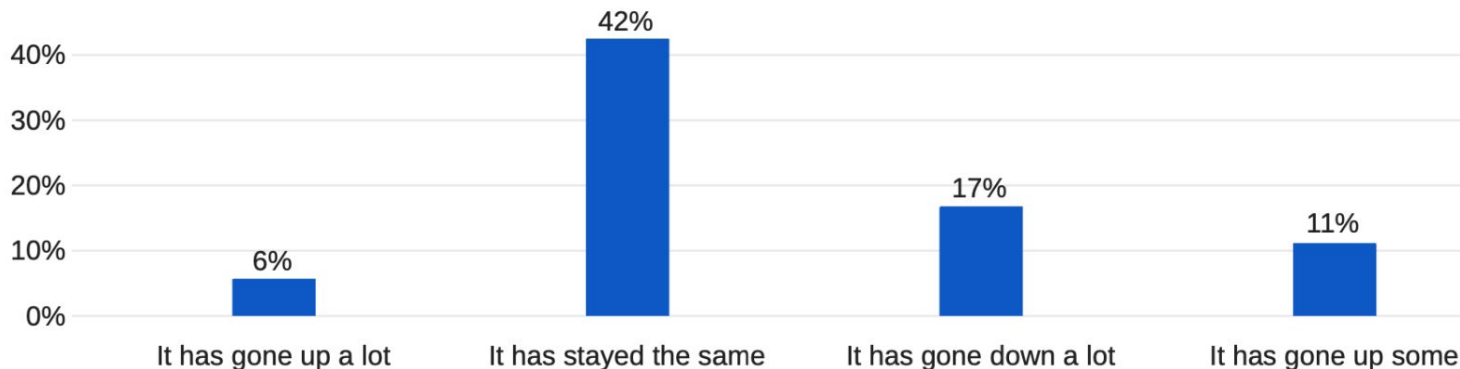




### III FINDINGS

## 2. Young people blame unvaccinated Americans for COVID trouble

**“Over the past three months, the number of new coronavirus cases and deaths has increased. In your view, who is most responsible for the worsening of the COVID landscape?”**



Wave II

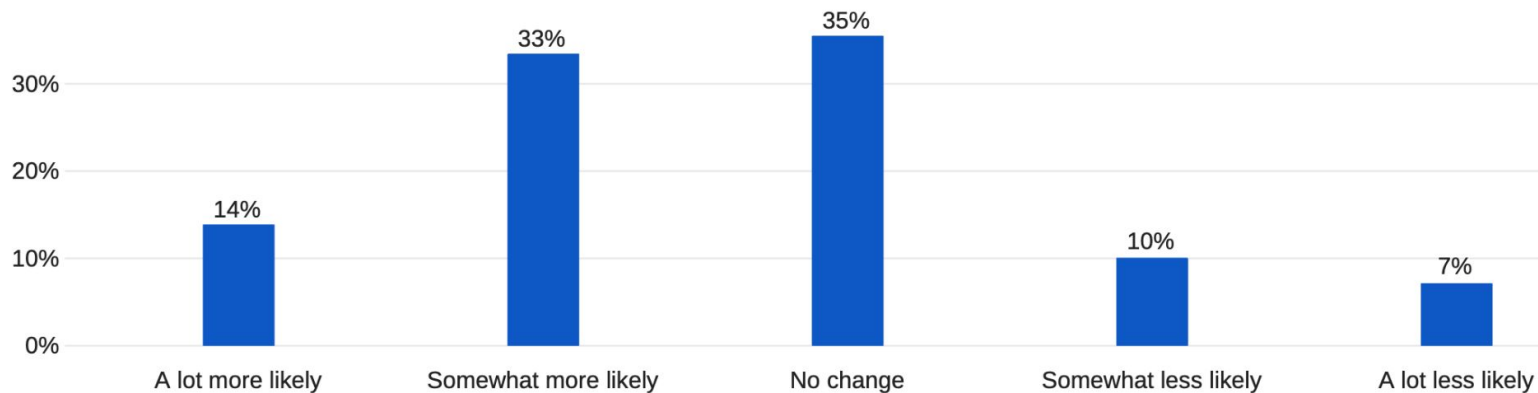




## FINDINGS

### 1. Young people believe infrastructure will boost Democrats' success

**“Do you believe Democrats are \_\_\_\_\_ to retain the control of Congress if infrastructure or social spending bills pass?”**

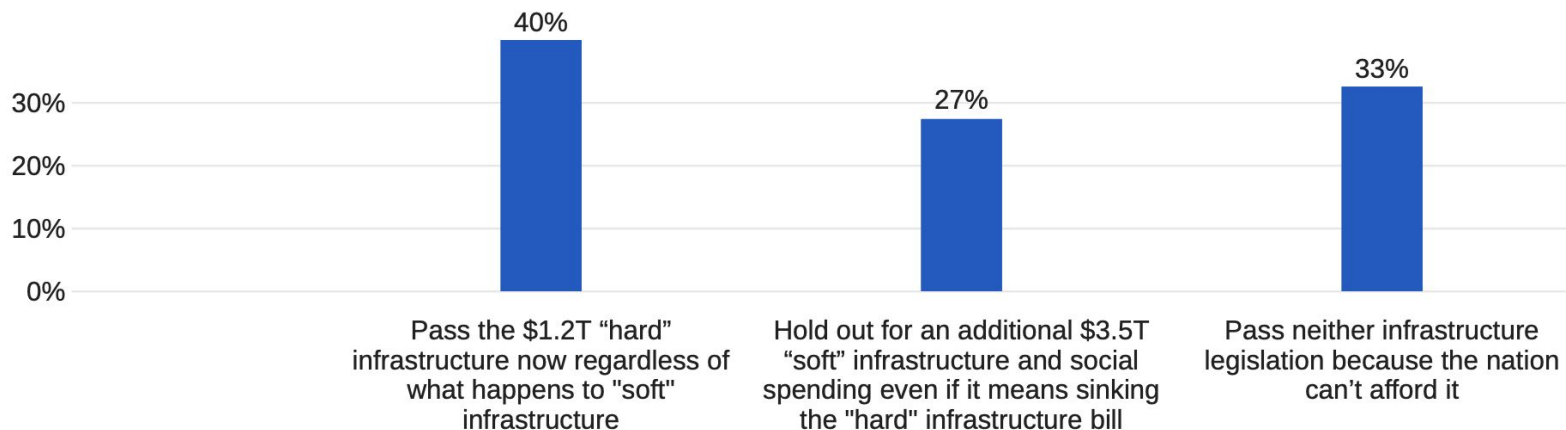




### III FINDINGS

2. 67% support passing “soft” or “hard” infrastructure, but split on how to do it.

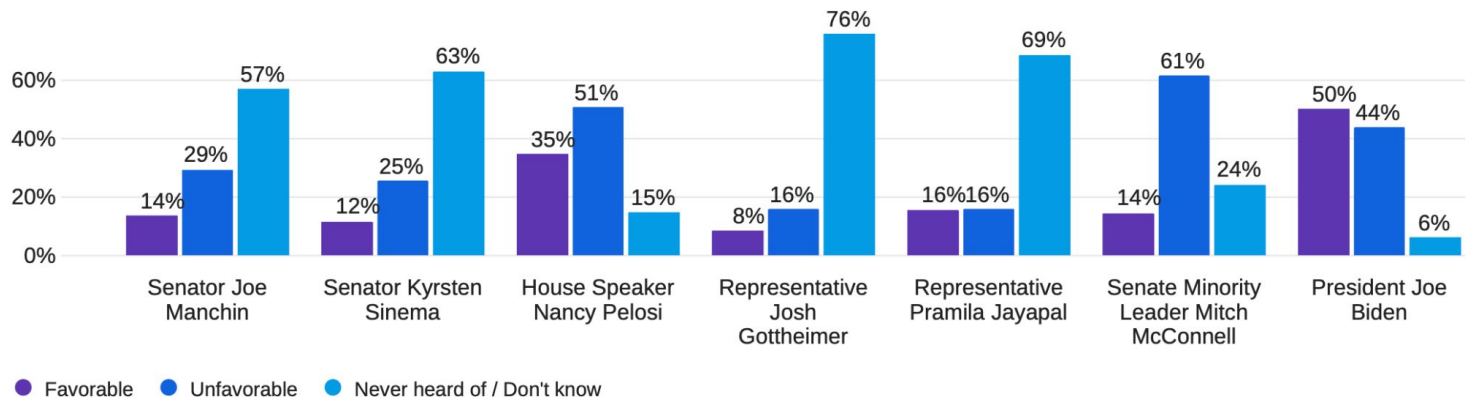
#### “Congress should ...”





### 3. Recognition/popularity gap between major dealmakers

**“Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people?”**

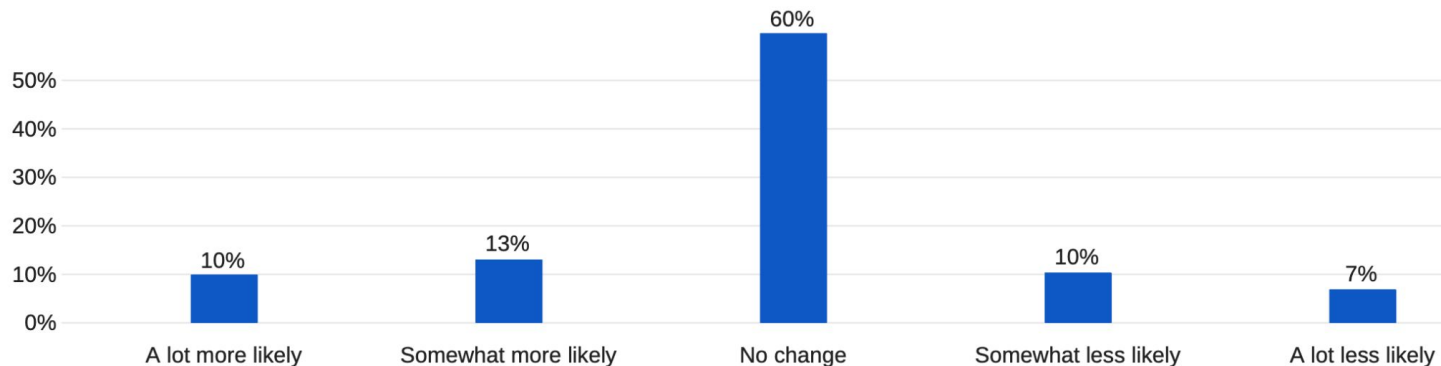




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### 4. Bills won't have major influence on youth vote

**“If no infrastructure or social spending bills pass in Congress, are you \_\_\_\_\_ to support Democrats in the 2021 Midterm elections?”**





## IV METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted in two waves from September 30th to October 5th, and the second wave from September 30th to October 8th, 2021 from a representative sample of 812 and 804 young people between the ages 18-29.

The Generation Lab conducts polling using a demographically representative panel of young people from counties selected by applying probability proportional to size (PPS) sampling to ensure that all individuals in the population have the same probability of selection irrespective of the size of their county.

We add individuals to the Generation Lab Youth Panel by disseminating digital media ads in selected counties. The final frame used in our polling closely resembles a probability-based panel of individuals between the ages of 13 and 29 in the United States. The results of this survey were weighted based on age, sex, race, and education using statistics from the Census Bureau.



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## ABOUT US

*The Generation Lab is a polling and research firm studying young people and the trends that shape their world.*

*We translate youth views and behavior for media, academia, businesses, government, and the American public. Whether through a one-day snapshot poll, or a multi-year longitudinal study, we pursue youth truth for our clients and the American public.*



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