



SMALL BUSINESS
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Survey: Small Business Focused on Ensuring Economic Recovery with Vaccination Efforts and Economic Investment in Main Street

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About Small Business for America's Future

- Small Business for America's Future is a national coalition of business owners and leaders working to provide small businesses a voice at every level of government.
- We're committed to ensuring policymakers prioritize Main Street by advancing a just and equitable economic framework that works for small business owners, their employees and their communities.





Key Findings

Small business owners want the Biden Administration to take action on a number of issues

- From Oct. 18 - 26, 2021, Small Business for America's Future conducted a **national survey of 1,032 small business owners** in its network to learn more about their policy priorities and the legislative action America's small business community wants Congress and the administration to take.
- The results found that the pandemic continues to affect millions of small businesses across the country, and **74%** of small business owners agree that with government programs like the Paycheck Protection Program expiring, it is important that lawmakers continue bolstering the economy by supporting policies like the infrastructure and care economy investment.
- A majority (**60%**) of small businesses also believe that vaccination efforts are important to ensuring a full economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic with strong support (**68%**) for requiring vaccinations for federal government employees, health care workers and private businesses with more than 100 employees.



Small business owners support provisions in the Build Back Better Agenda

Small business owners support investments made through the Build Back Better Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, and say they will hold elected officials accountable if they vote against the legislation.

- **81%** support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and **66%** say the legislation will help small business.
- Small business owners support key policies included in the Build Back Better Act:
 - **91%** support increasing investment in affordable care for aging people and people with disabilities
 - **87%** support ensuring living wages for care workers
 - **85%** support guaranteeing affordable childcare for working parents
- Small business owners are prepared to make their voices heard at the ballot box if this legislation isn't passed:
 - **66%** said they would be less likely to vote for lawmakers who oppose the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill
 - **64%** said they would be less likely to vote for lawmakers who oppose the Build Back Better Act
 - **83%** said lawmakers' support for Medicare negotiation of drug prices will be important to their vote in the 2022 midterm elections (including **58%** saying it is very important)



Small business owners want people to get vaccinated so they can get back to work

Small business owners believe vaccines are a key to economic recovery and support the Biden Administration's vaccine mandates for federal workers and businesses with more than 100 employees.

- **65%** support the Biden Administration's executive order requiring federal government employees, healthcare workers, and businesses with 100 or more employees to mandate vaccines or weekly testing for their employees
- **67%** of small business owners agree that requiring companies with 100 or more employees to have all their employees vaccinated against COVID-19, or be tested weekly will help get more Americans back to work
- The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic was the single biggest challenge facing **44%** of small business owners



Small business owners continue to look towards the Small Business Administration for support

Small business owners also show overwhelming support for the direct lending proposals through the Small Business Administration in the Build Back Better Act.

- **87%** of small business owners support a proposed provision in the reconciliation framework that would allow the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make loans under \$150,000 directly to small business owners who cannot get them from other lenders.
- An overwhelming majority (**92%**) of small business owners said if their business was looking for a loan of up to \$150,000, they would consider applying for credit from the Small Business Administration
 - Over half (**51%**) said they would definitely apply for a loan from the SBA

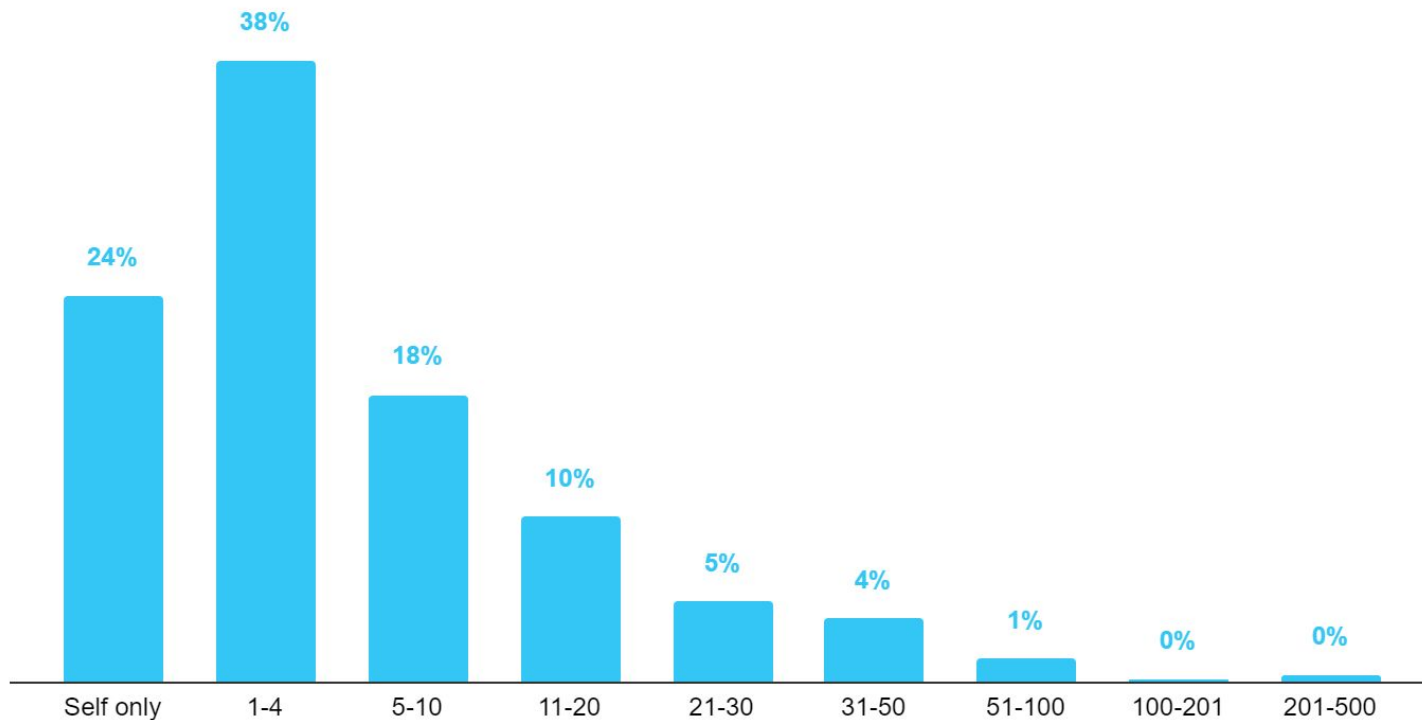


An overhead, top-down view of a collaborative office workspace. Several people are seated around a large wooden table, working on various devices. In the top left, a person's hands are on a white keyboard. In the top center, another person is typing on a white keyboard. In the top right, a person is writing in a notebook. In the bottom left, a person is using a laptop. In the bottom center, a person is holding a tablet. In the bottom right, a person is using a mouse. The table is cluttered with various items: two large computer monitors, a laptop, a smartphone, a coffee cup, a small potted plant, pens, pencils, notebooks, and a calculator. The text "Survey Results" is overlaid in the center of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

Survey Results

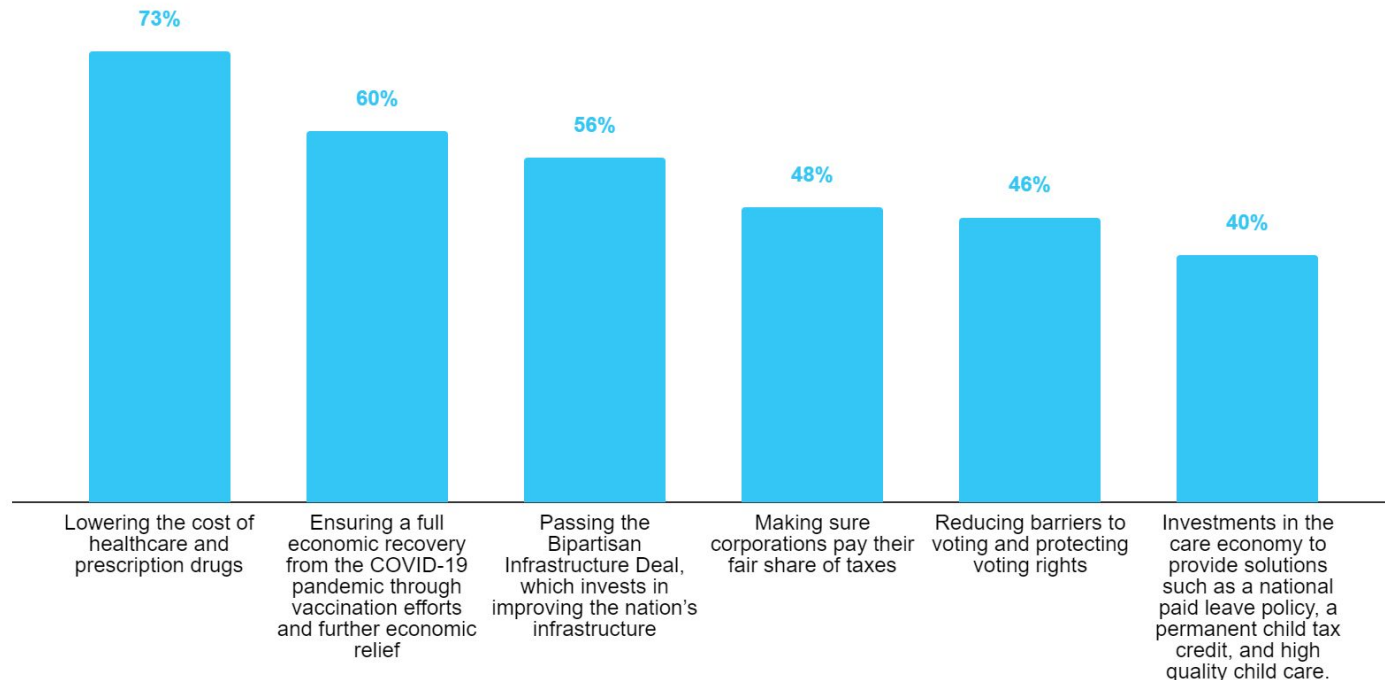
Not including yourself, how many employees do you have?

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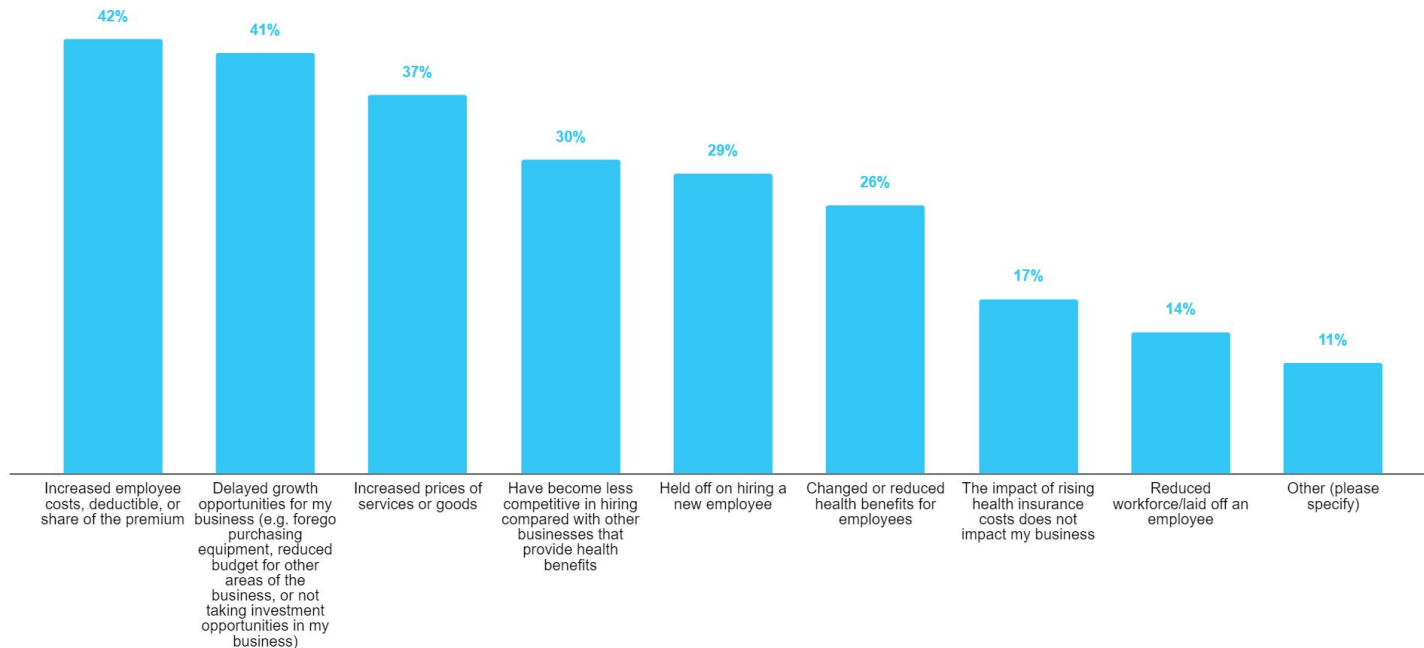
Below are issues the Biden Administration and Congress are discussing. Please select the issues that are important to your business. (Select all that apply).

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What is the impact of rising health insurance costs on your business? (Check all that apply)

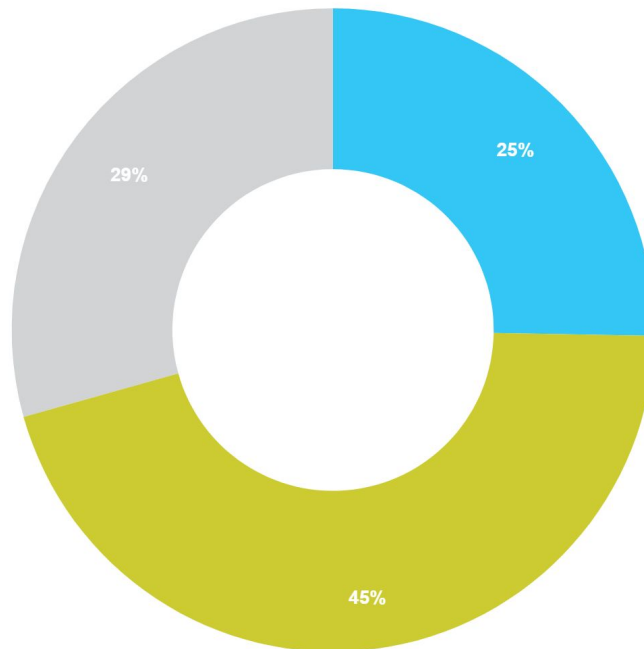
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What are you most concerned about when it comes to the federal government's efforts to lower the cost of prescription drugs?

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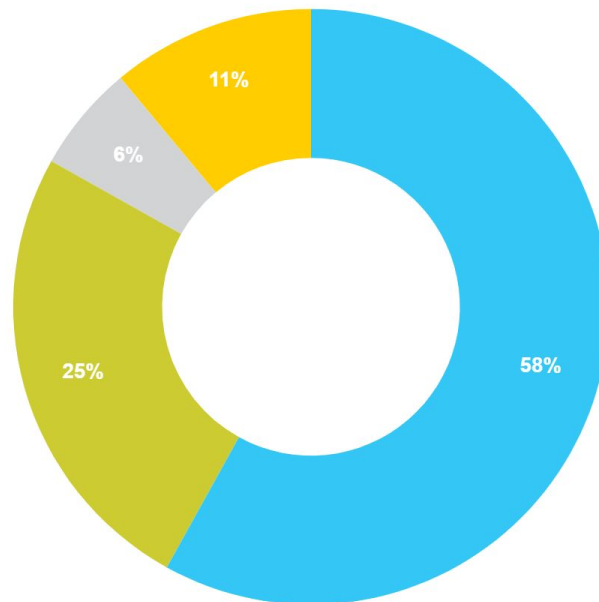
- The Biden Administration and Congress will go too far.
- The Biden Administration and Congress will not go far enough.
- Neither too far or not far enough. I think the Biden Administration and Congress will take the appropriate amount of action.



Thinking about your vote in the 2022 midterm election, how important is it to you that your current senator and/or representative supports allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices when you decide whether to vote for them?

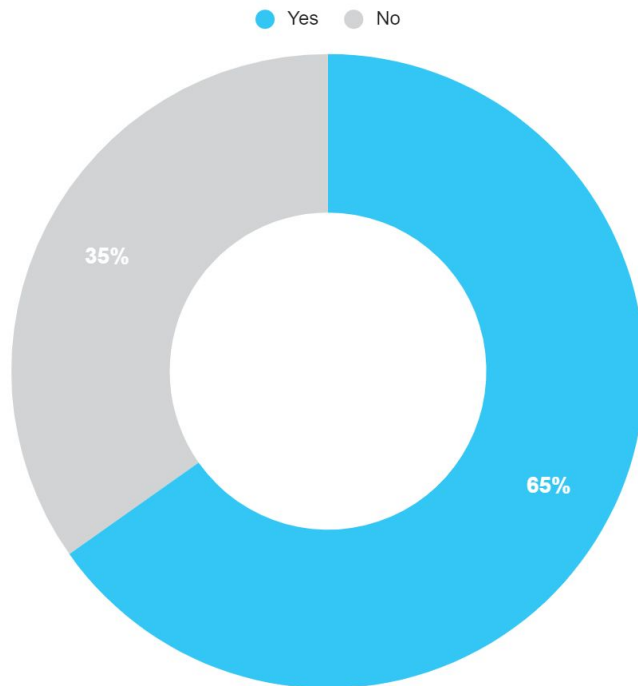
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● Very important ● Somewhat important ● Somewhat unimportant ● Not important



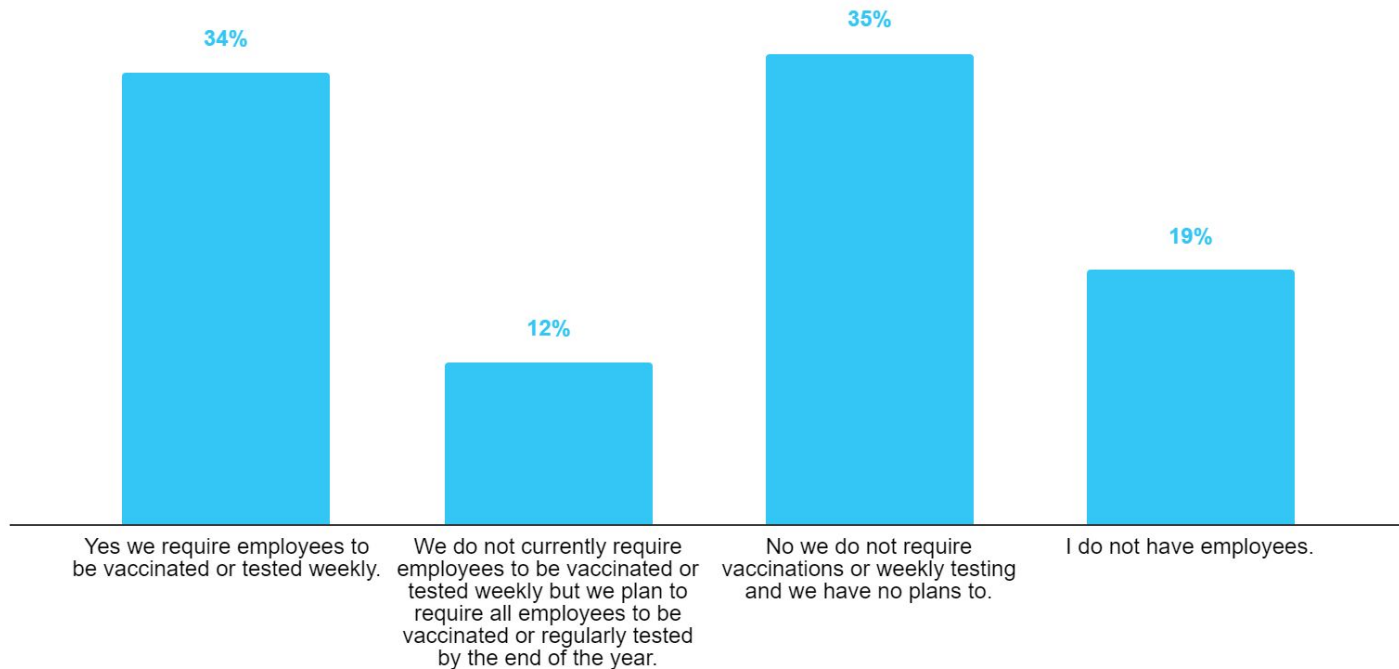
Do you support Biden Administration's executive order that requires companies with 100 or more employees to have all their employees vaccinated against COVID-19, or be tested weekly for it by December 8, 2021

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Does your business currently require employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19, or be tested weekly?

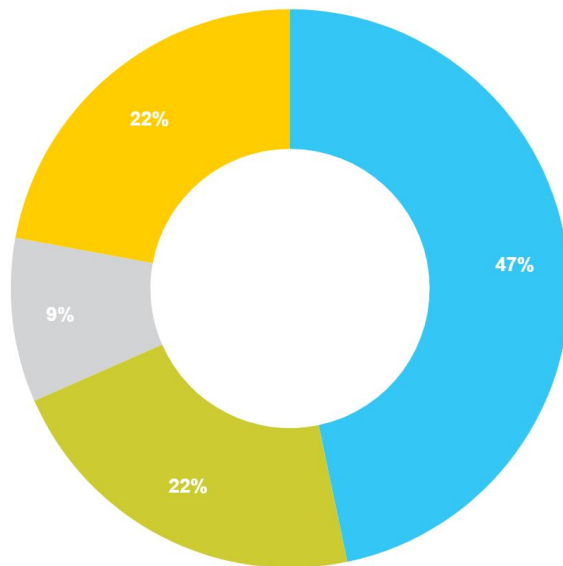
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Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Requiring vaccinations for federal government employees, health care workers and private businesses with more than 100 employees will bring the pandemic under control, which will help the economy and Main Street small businesses fully recover.”

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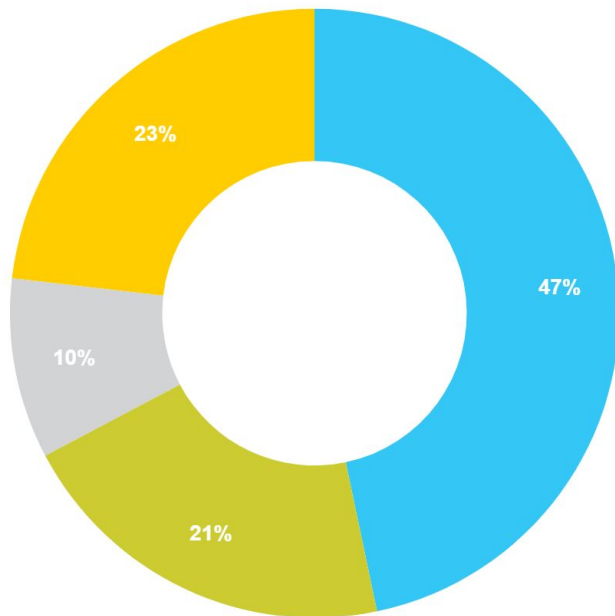
● Strongly Agree ● Somewhat Agree ● Somewhat Disagree ● Strongly Disagree



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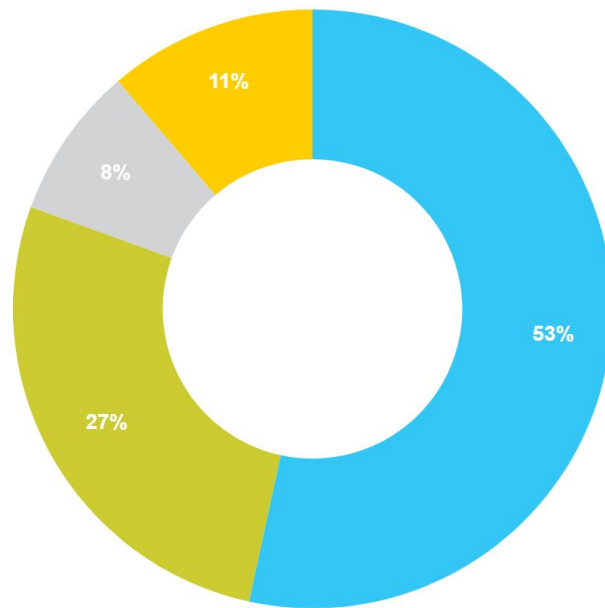
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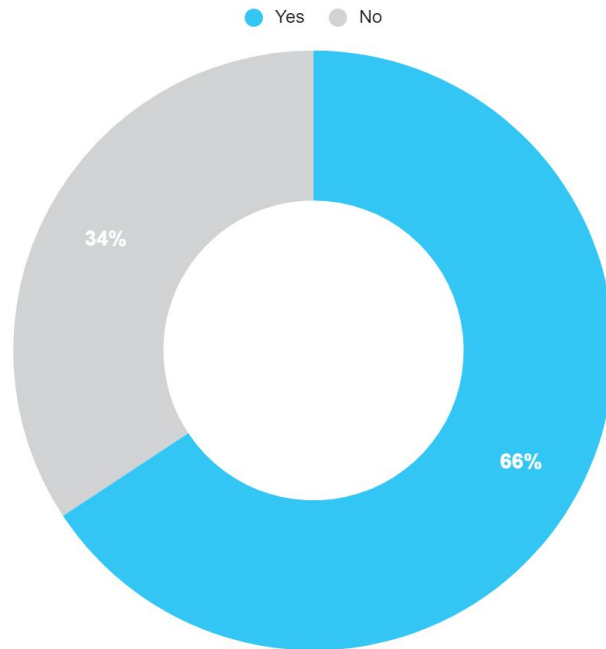
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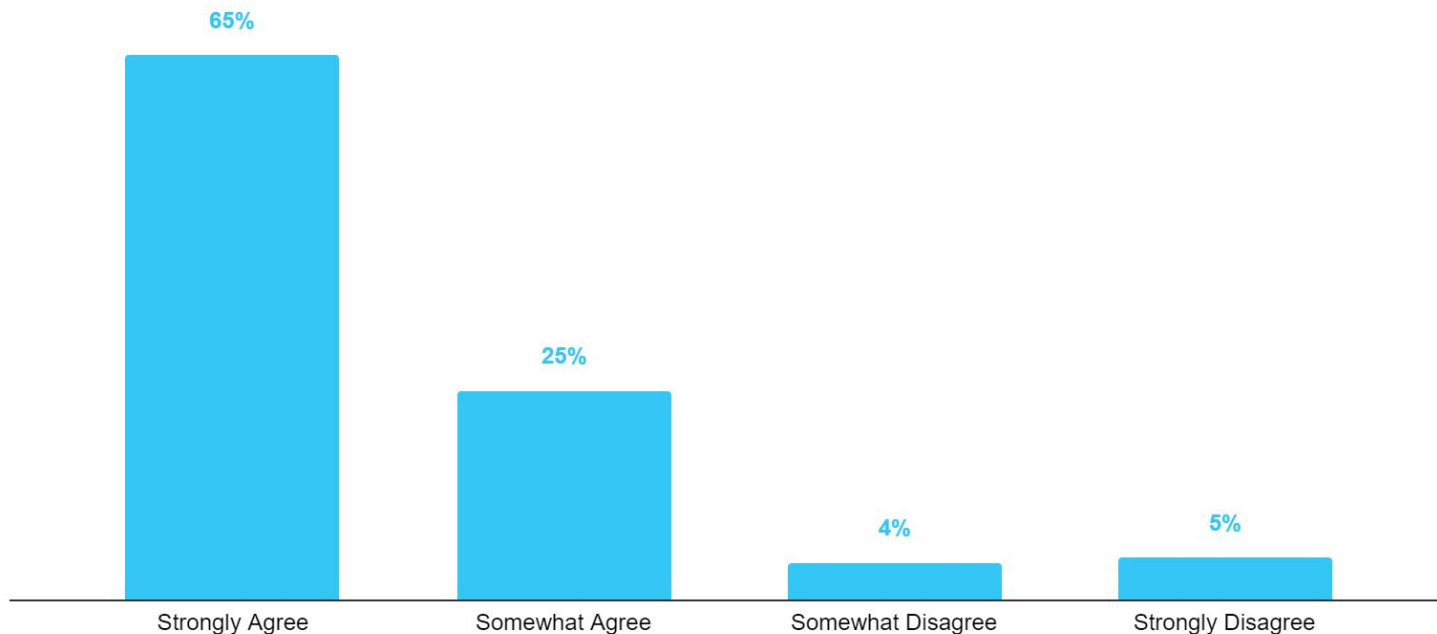
As you may know, the Senate has passed, and the House of Representatives are considering, an infrastructure bill that will invest in the country's roads, bridges, broadband internet and other important infrastructure. Do you think this infrastructure legislation will help small businesses

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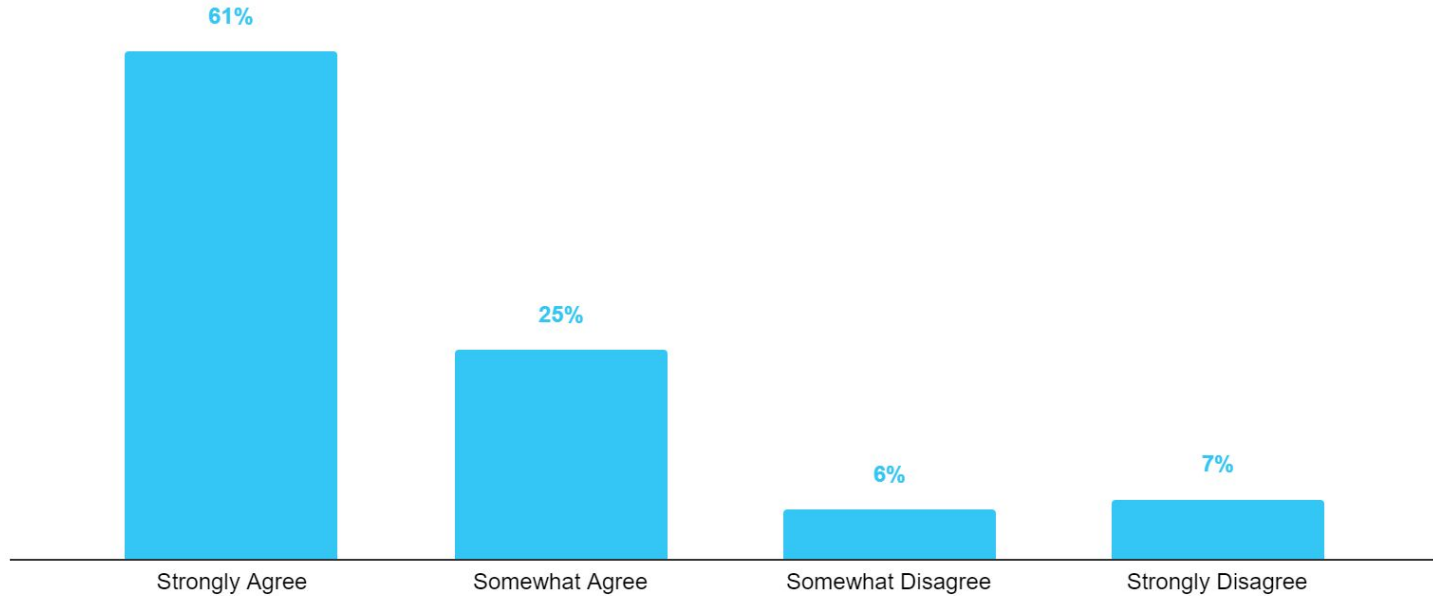
Do you support government investment in affordable care for aging people and people with disabilities

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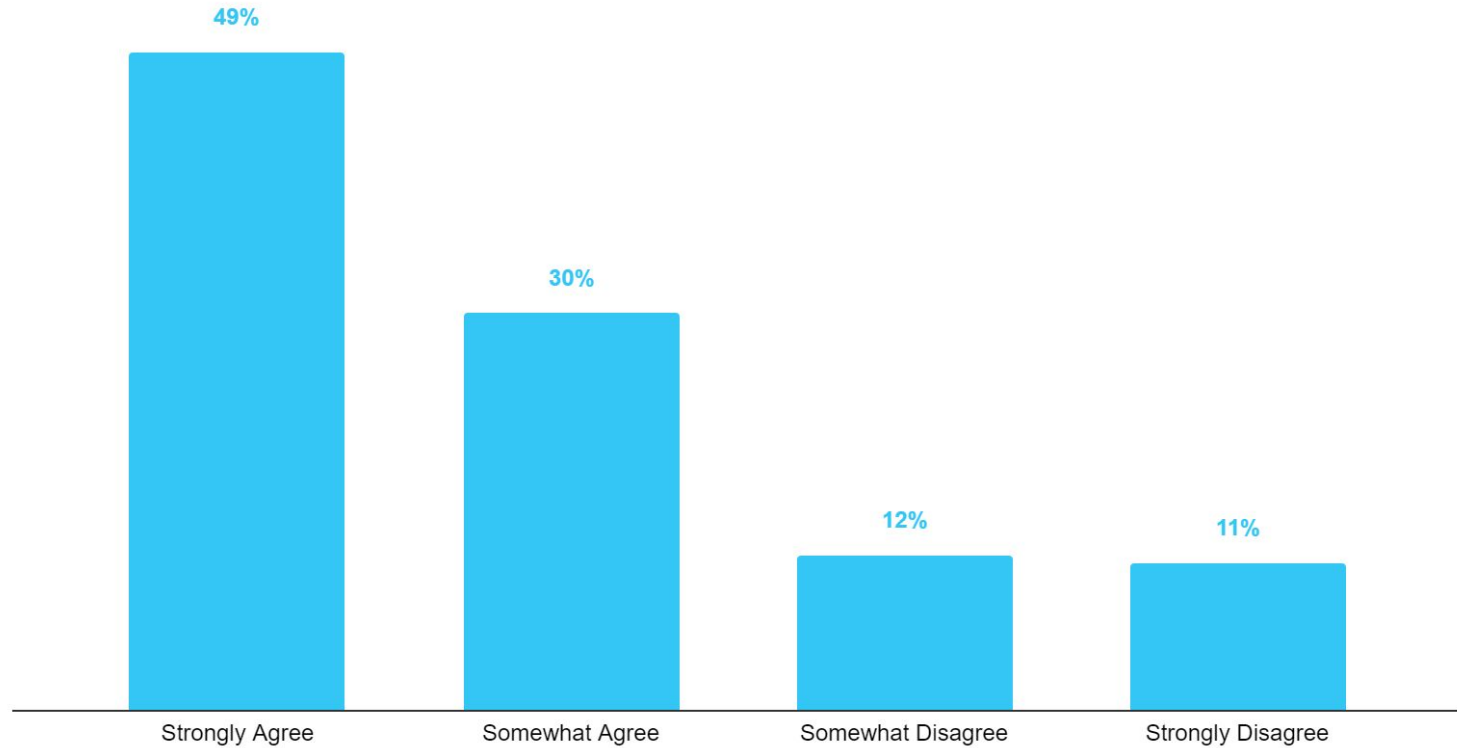
Do you support government investment to provide living wages for care workers

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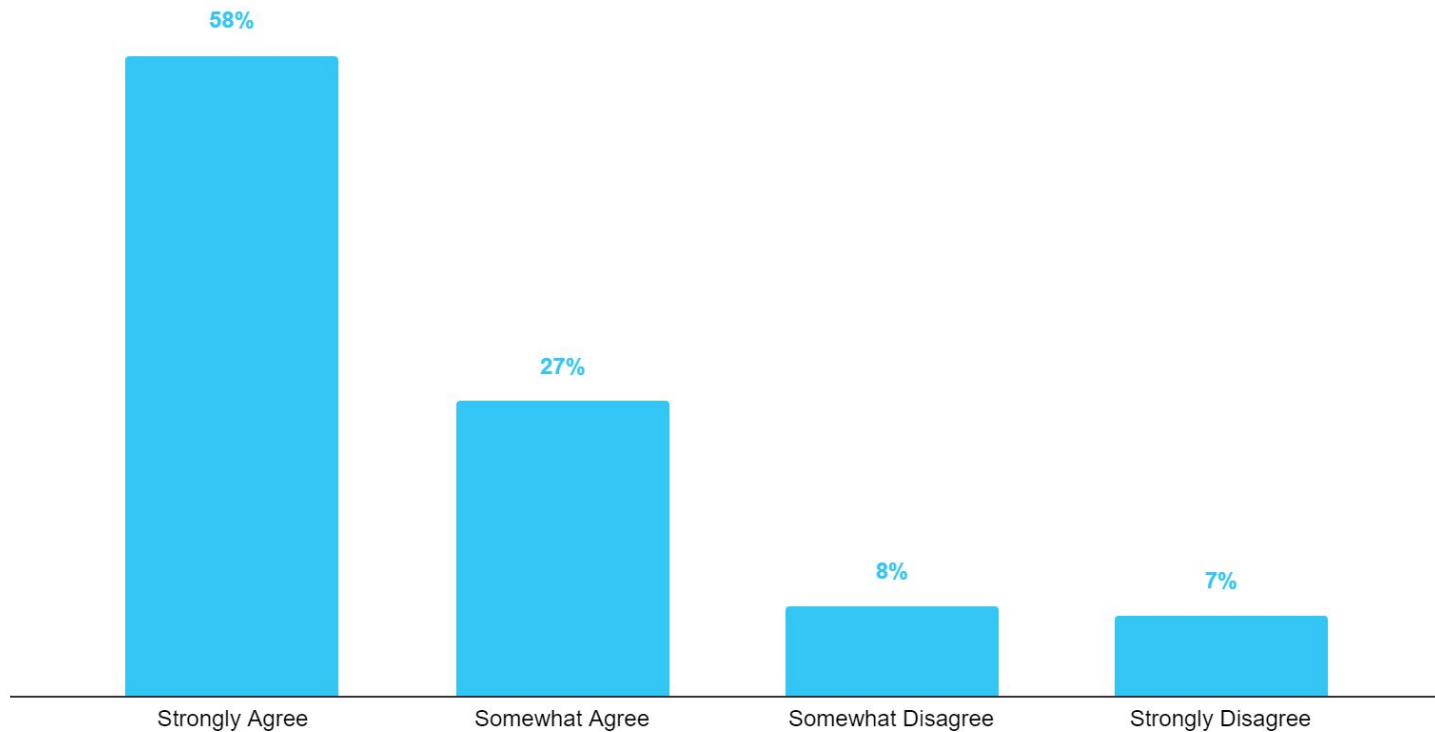
Do you support government investment to increase paid family and medical leave

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Do you support government investment to provide affordable child care?

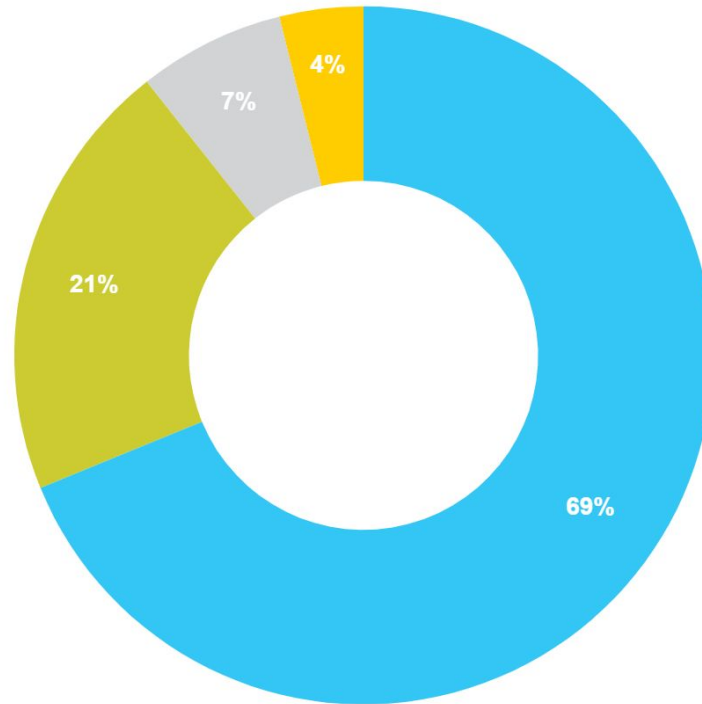
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Do you support direct lending by the Small Business Administration to small businesses when banks and other lenders won't make the loan

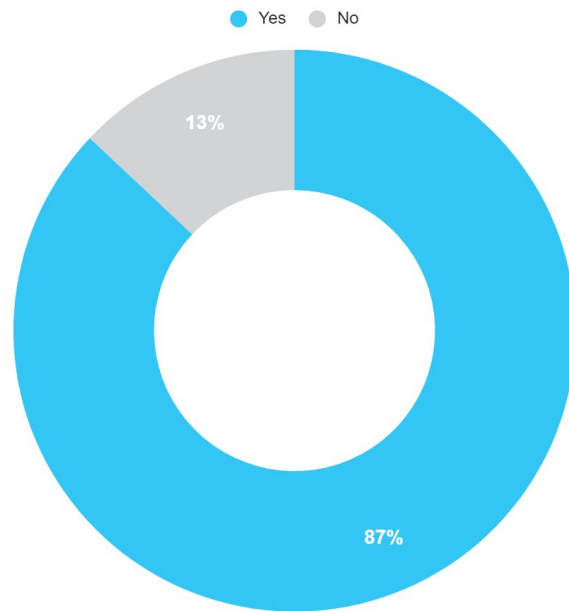
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As part of the current legislative package the president has in front of Congress for infrastructure and social programs, there is a provision that would allow the Small Business Administration to make loans under \$150,000 directly to small business owners who cannot get them from other lenders. Do you support this provision?

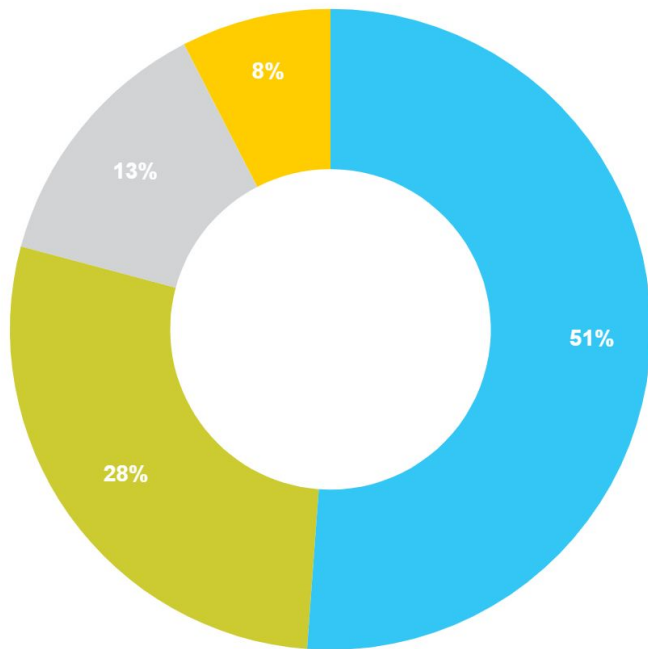
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If your business was looking for a loan of up to \$150,000, how likely would you be to apply for credit from the Small Business Administration if this were an option?

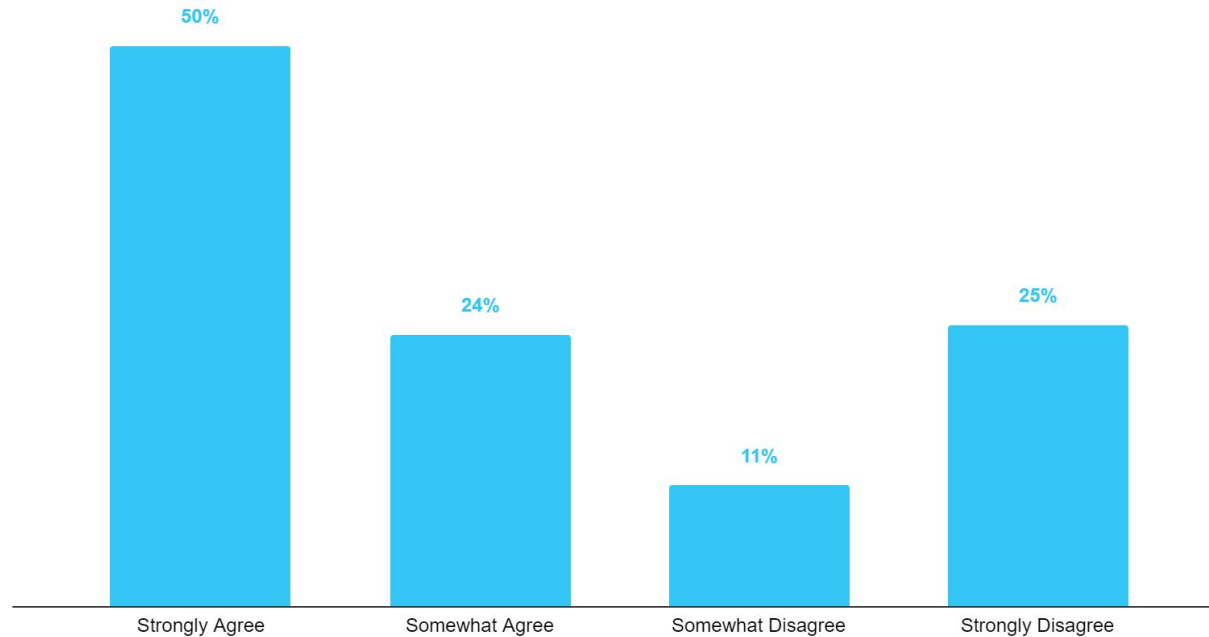
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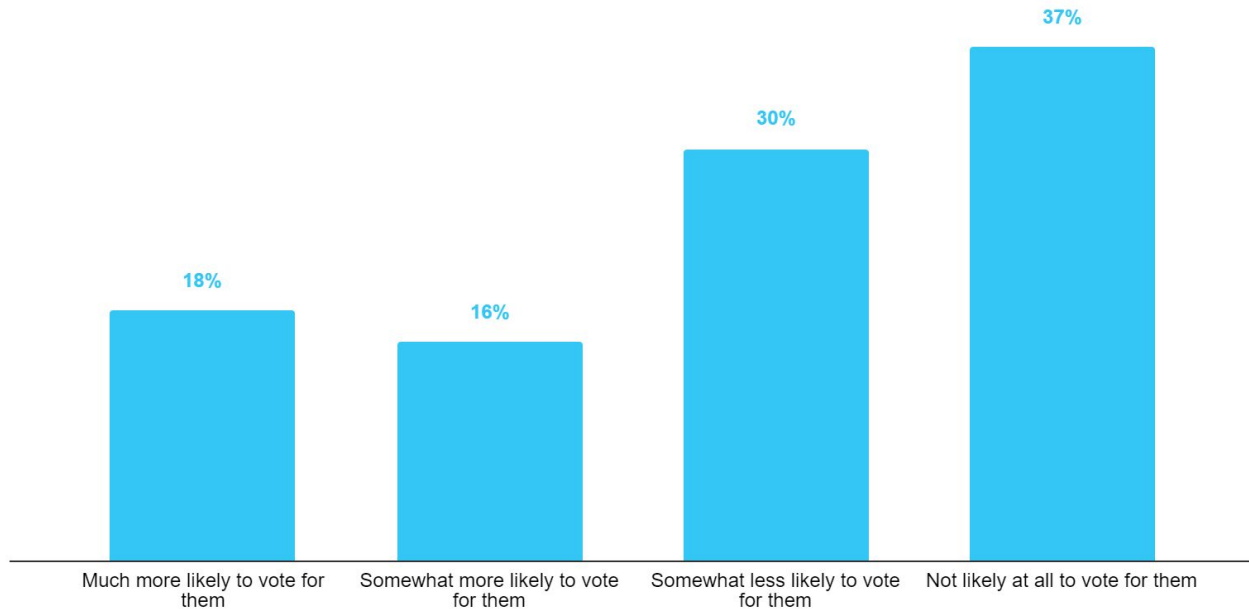
Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statement: “As the pandemic continues, and government programs like the Paycheck Protection Program expire, it is important that lawmakers continue bolstering our economy by supporting policies like the infrastructure and care economy investment.”

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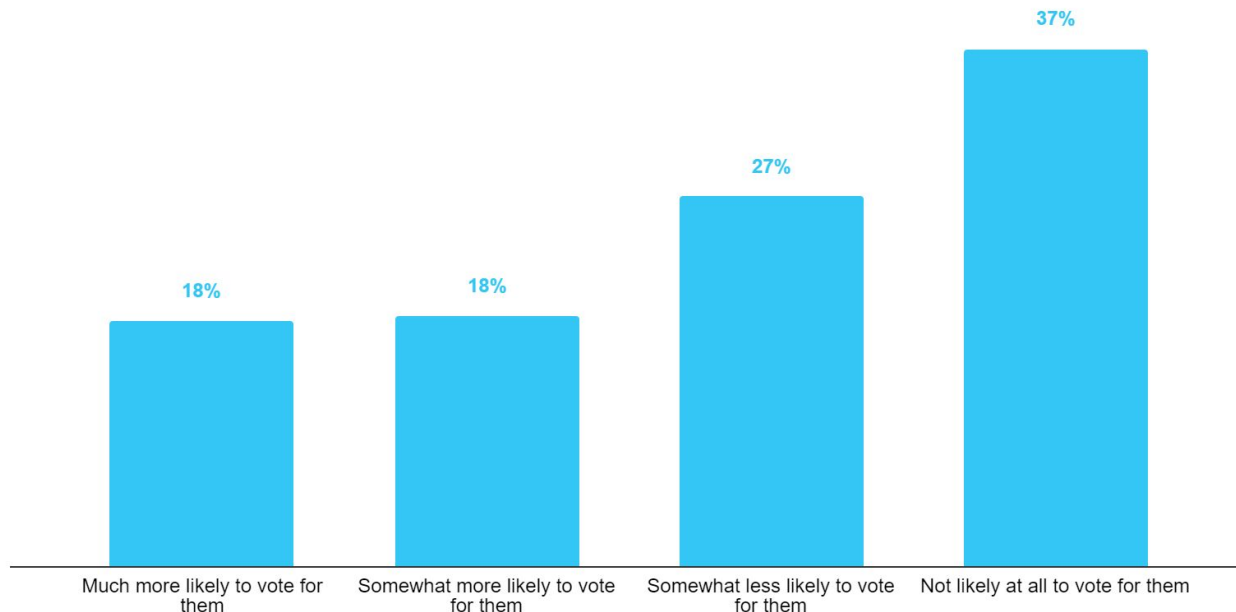
If your Congressional representative voted AGAINST legislation that invests in infrastructure like roads, bridges, broadband internet and more, would it make you more likely or less likely to vote for them in the next election?

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If your Congressional representative voted AGAINST legislation that invests in our care economy so that all working people and their loved ones are better able to receive and provide care , would it make you more likely or less likely to vote for them in the next election?

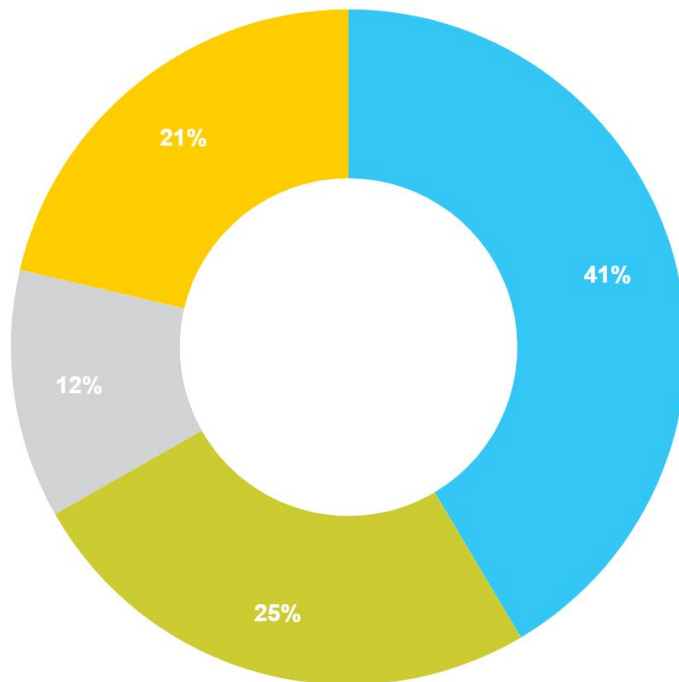
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Do you support partially rolling back the 40% corporate tax rate cuts made in 2017 to pay for infrastructure and care economy investments?

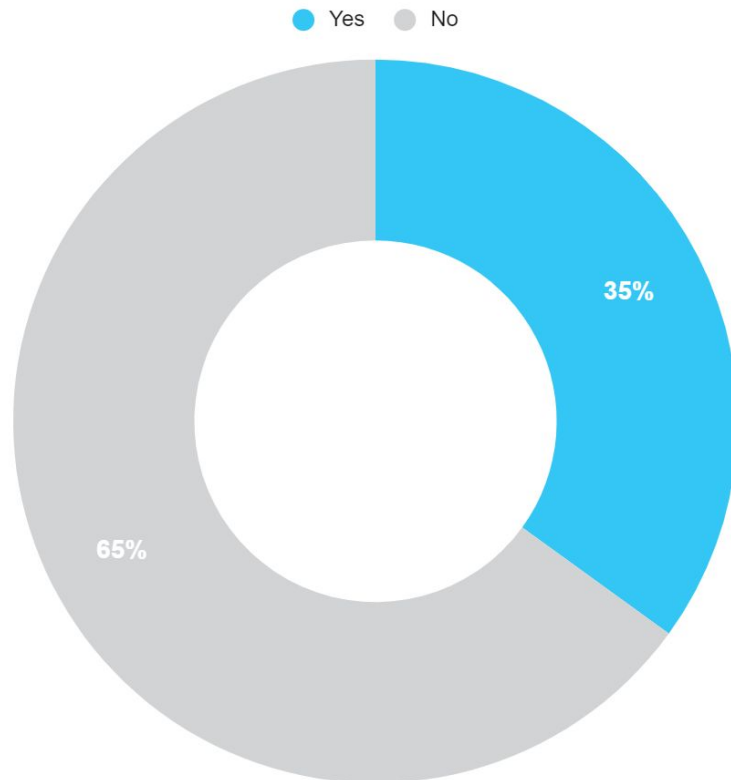
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Do you believe large corporations pay their fair share of taxes?

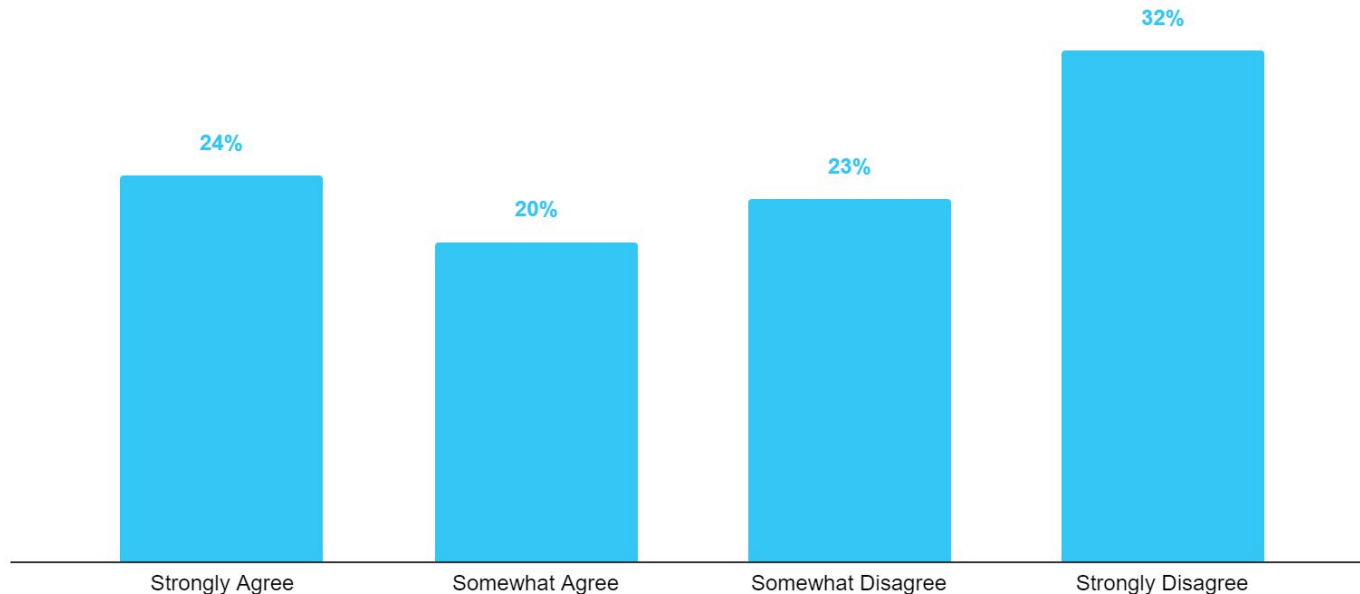
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How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

“Raising taxes on Americans making over \$400,000 a year would harm small businesses.”

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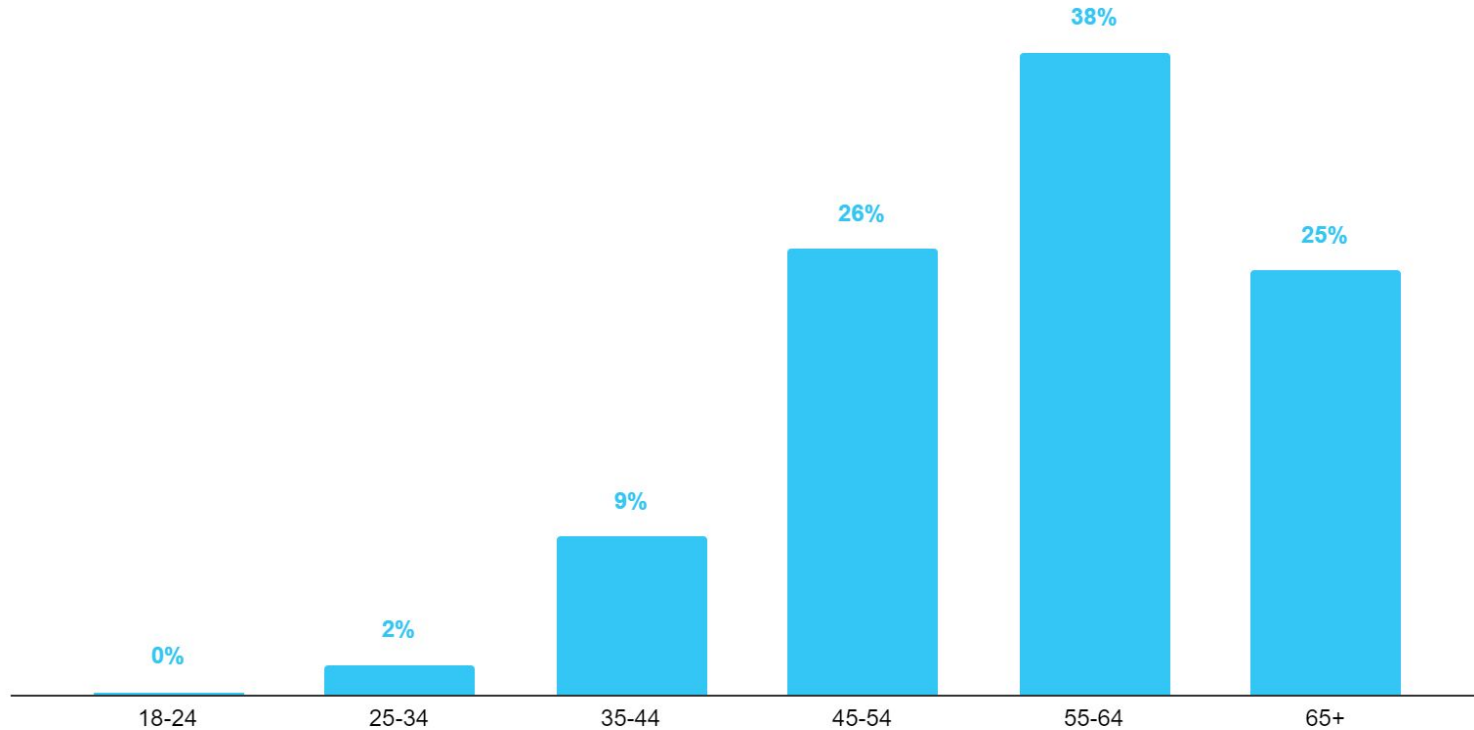


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Demographic Data

What is your age?

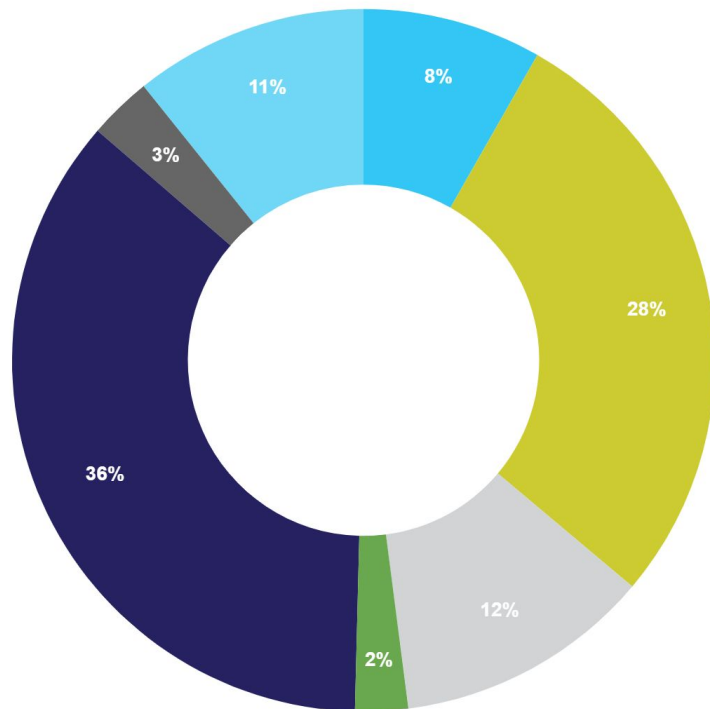
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How do you identify yourself? (Select all that apply).

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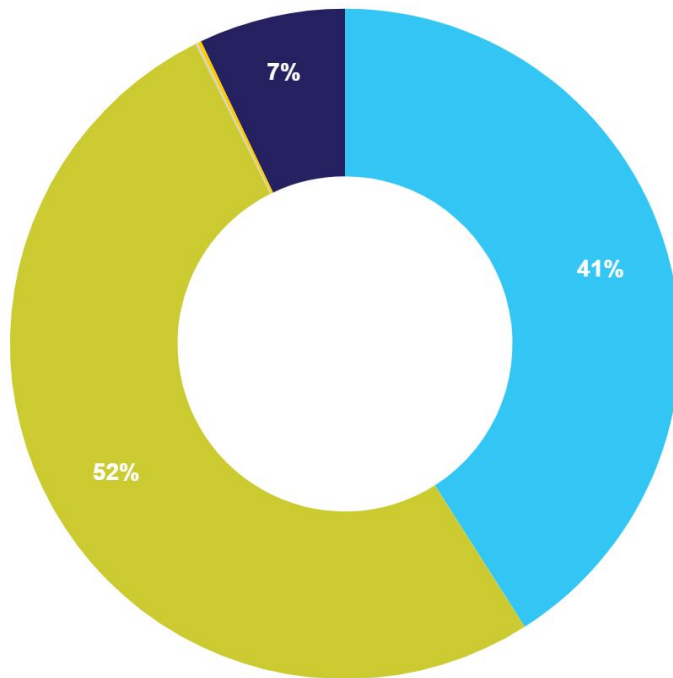
● AAPI ● Black ● Hispanic ● Native American ● White ● Multiracial ● Prefer not to say

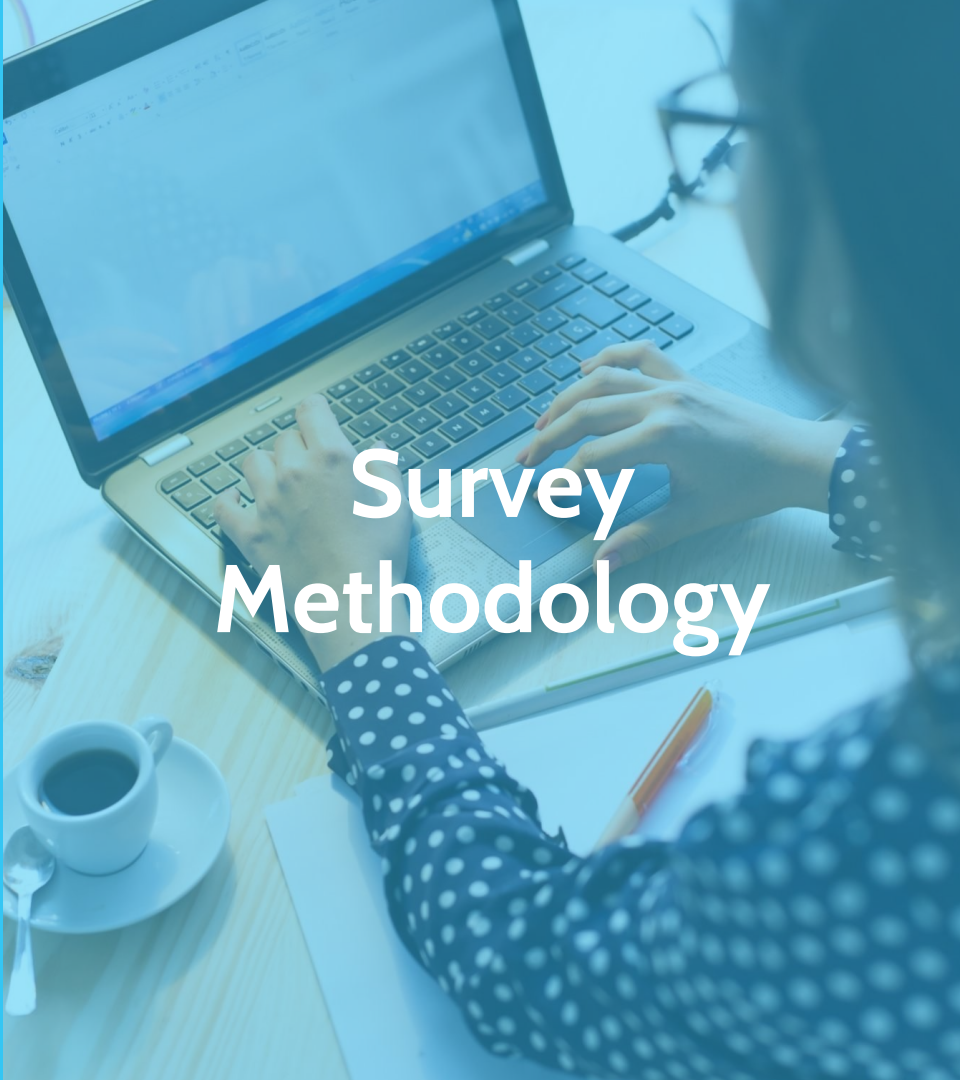


What is your gender identity?

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Female Male Transgender Non-Binary Prefer not to say



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Survey Methodology

1,032 Total Responses

Methodology:

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