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## WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON THE PROPOSED FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

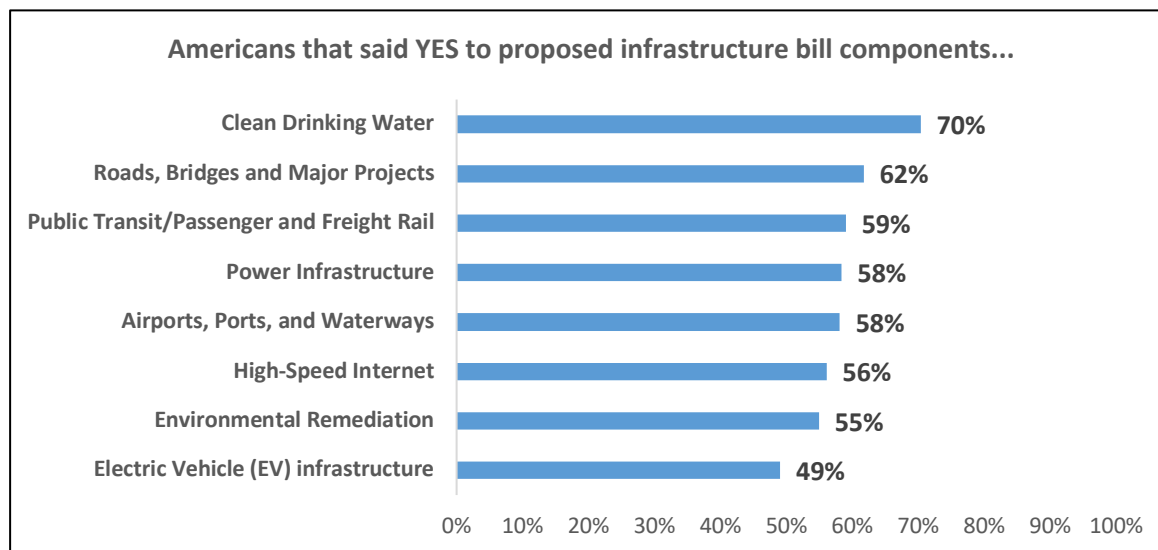
**BROOKVILLE, NY, August 16, 2021** – Results of a newly released Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis national poll reveal what Americans think of the federal infrastructure bill proposal.

**A BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN WAS PASSED BY THE U.S. SENATE. NEXT STOP...HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
On Tuesday, August 10, 2021 the US Senate passed a bipartisan infrastructure bill called the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that features \$550 billion in new federal spending over five years on American infrastructure including clean drinking water, roads, bridges, airports, railroads, high speed internet, environmental remediation, power and electric vehicle infrastructure. The bill now heads to the House of Representatives for a vote and approval before it can be sent to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.

### A SLIGHT MAJORITY OF AMERICANS (55%) BELIEVE THE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WILL ADD JOBS AND BENEFIT AMERICAN WORKERS

Americans were asked if they believed the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill will add jobs and benefit American workers. Of the respondents, 55% said yes, 24% said no and 21% were unsure or had no answer. Male respondents said yes at a higher rate (59%) than female respondents (51%).

### WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON INFRASTRUCTURE BILL COMPONENTS



SOURCE: LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY HORNSTEIN CENTER POLL (AUGUST 2021)

Americans were asked if they agreed with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill components. The percentage of Americans that said yes to the proposed infrastructure bill components include: clean drinking water (70%); roads, bridges, and major projects (62%); public transit/passenger and freight rail (59%); power infrastructure (58%); airports, ports, and waterways (58%); high-speed internet (56%); environmental remediation (55%) and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure (49%).

## **CONFIDENCE LEVEL IS MIXED THAT NO NEW TAXES WILL OCCUR FOR ANYONE MAKING LESS THAN \$400,000**

National poll results found that 41% of respondents said they believe the federal government will not create new taxes for anyone making less than \$400,000. 37% of respondents said they did not believe that no new taxes would occur. 22% of respondents were unsure or had no answer.

## **METHODOLOGY**

This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from August 11 – 12, 2021 among a national sample of 1,539 adults ages 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from over 2.5 million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age and gender using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

## **ABOUT THE LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY STEVEN S. HORNSTEIN CENTER FOR POLICY, POLLING, AND ANALYSIS**

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**NATIONAL POLL:  
WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON THE PROPOSED FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL**

AUGUST 11-12, 2021

1,539 RESPONDENTS

MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 2.5%

Do you believe the federal government’s proposed infrastructure bill will boost economic growth in America?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	48%	53%	43%	46%	49%	45%	51%	46%	49%	52%	53%	56%	52%	45%	44%	40%	56%
No	25%	27%	23%	20%	21%	29%	28%	23%	27%	23%	25%	24%	23%	24%	29%	28%	18%
Unsure/No Answer	28%	21%	34%	35%	30%	25%	21%	31%	24%	26%	22%	20%	25%	31%	27%	32%	26%

Do you believe the federal government’s proposed infrastructure bill will add jobs and benefit American workers?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	55%	59%	51%	54%	54%	52%	61%	53%	59%	55%	58%	64%	57%	53%	52%	53%	62%
No	24%	26%	22%	20%	21%	30%	22%	22%	25%	27%	25%	15%	24%	23%	27%	22%	19%
Unsure/No Answer	21%	15%	27%	26%	25%	18%	17%	25%	16%	19%	17%	20%	19%	24%	21%	25%	19%

Do you believe an increased deficit from the federal government’s proposed infrastructure bill will cause an economic downturn in America?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	41%	44%	39%	39%	39%	46%	41%	40%	42%	42%	42%	49%	44%	39%	44%	40%	38%
No	29%	32%	27%	24%	29%	27%	36%	27%	31%	32%	32%	36%	30%	28%	28%	32%	31%
Unsure/No Answer	30%	25%	34%	37%	32%	27%	23%	33%	26%	27%	27%	15%	27%	33%	29%	28%	31%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Roads, Bridges and Major Projects?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	62%	66%	58%	49%	60%	62%	75%	58%	66%	61%	68%	75%	67%	62%	59%	54%	67%
No	19%	21%	17%	21%	19%	22%	13%	19%	18%	23%	22%	19%	17%	18%	22%	22%	15%
Unsure/No Answer	19%	13%	25%	30%	21%	16%	12%	23%	16%	17%	10%	7%	17%	21%	20%	24%	19%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Public Transit/Passenger and Freight Rail?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	59%	62%	56%	54%	59%	57%	66%	58%	61%	60%	58%	68%	64%	57%	54%	57%	66%
No	21%	24%	18%	17%	20%	25%	21%	18%	22%	24%	27%	25%	17%	22%	26%	19%	16%
Unsure/No Answer	20%	14%	26%	29%	21%	18%	13%	24%	16%	16%	15%	7%	19%	22%	20%	24%	18%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	49%	56%	43%	50%	55%	46%	46%	45%	50%	56%	55%	64%	56%	46%	41%	45%	63%
No	30%	29%	31%	25%	22%	34%	39%	30%	32%	30%	23%	27%	28%	31%	36%	37%	20%
Unsure/No Answer	21%	14%	26%	25%	22%	20%	15%	24%	18%	15%	22%	8%	16%	23%	24%	19%	17%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Airports, Ports, and Waterways?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	58%	61%	55%	51%	55%	58%	67%	54%	61%	61%	67%	73%	67%	55%	54%	54%	62%
No	20%	22%	18%	21%	19%	23%	18%	21%	21%	19%	20%	17%	16%	20%	23%	25%	18%
Unsure/No Answer	22%	16%	27%	28%	25%	19%	15%	26%	18%	20%	13%	10%	17%	25%	23%	21%	21%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Clean Drinking Water?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	70%	71%	69%	63%	71%	70%	76%	66%	76%	68%	82%	81%	75%	67%	68%	69%	74%
No	15%	17%	13%	16%	13%	16%	16%	15%	14%	18%	12%	12%	14%	14%	16%	14%	14%
Unsure/No Answer	15%	12%	17%	22%	16%	14%	8%	19%	10%	15%	7%	7%	11%	19%	15%	16%	11%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in High-Speed Internet?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	56%	60%	53%	55%	60%	52%	57%	54%	59%	57%	62%	68%	61%	55%	50%	51%	65%
No	25%	27%	23%	20%	20%	30%	28%	22%	26%	26%	23%	24%	23%	23%	28%	28%	19%
Unsure/No Answer	19%	14%	24%	25%	19%	18%	15%	24%	15%	18%	15%	8%	16%	22%	22%	21%	16%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Environmental Remediation?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	55%	57%	53%	56%	58%	49%	57%	53%	57%	54%	70%	58%	62%	51%	51%	51%	60%
No	23%	25%	21%	16%	19%	30%	25%	19%	25%	27%	20%	25%	20%	25%	25%	23%	21%
Unsure/No Answer	22%	17%	26%	28%	23%	21%	18%	28%	18%	19%	10%	17%	18%	24%	24%	26%	19%

Do you agree with the federal government's proposed infrastructure bill to invest in Power Infrastructure?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION				
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	58%	63%	54%	52%	56%	60%	65%	55%	62%	62%	63%	71%	62%	58%	54%	57%	63%
No	19%	21%	17%	16%	19%	20%	20%	18%	20%	18%	18%	15%	20%	16%	22%	19%	15%
Unsure/No Answer	23%	16%	29%	32%	25%	20%	15%	27%	18%	21%	18%	14%	18%	26%	24%	24%	22%

Do you believe President Biden will keep his promise of no new taxes on anyone making less than \$400,000?

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	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	Northeast	Midwest	South	Mountain	Pacific
Yes	41%	43%	40%	42%	44%	38%	41%	44%	40%	41%	45%	36%	45%	40%	38%	34%	48%
No	37%	40%	34%	31%	32%	40%	44%	32%	39%	41%	35%	47%	37%	35%	41%	42%	29%
Unsure/No Answer	22%	18%	26%	28%	25%	22%	14%	24%	20%	19%	20%	17%	18%	25%	21%	25%	23%

### Nature of Sample

Age	Percent
< 18	0%
18-29	23%
30-44	27%
45-60	27%
> 60	23%

Gender	Percent
Male	48%
Female	52%

Household Income	Percent
\$0-\$49,999	41%
\$50,000-\$99,999	31%
\$100,000-\$149,999	12%
\$150,000-\$174,999	3%
\$200,000+	3%
Prefer not to answer	10%

Region	Percent
Northeast	19%
Midwest	20%
South	42%
Mountain	7%
Pacific	12%

<b>Device Type</b>	<b>Percent</b>
iOS Phone / Tablet	52%
Android Phone / Tablet	37%
Other Phone / Tablet	0%
Windows Desktop / Laptop	8%
MacOS Desktop / Laptop	3%
Other	0%