

# DATA FOR PROGRESS

From July 21 to 23, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,186 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  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

N=1,186 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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<b>[1]</b> Do you approve or disapprove of President Biden's handling of student loan debt issues?	Strongly approve . . . . .	17%	34%	12%	4%
	Somewhat approve . . . . .	29	42	29	14
	Somewhat disapprove . . . . .	15	11	16	18
	Strongly disapprove . . . . .	27	2	24	55
	Not sure . . . . .	12	10	20	9
	APPROVE (TOTAL) . . . . .	46%	76%	41%	18%
	DISAPPROVE (TOTAL) . . . . .	42	13	40	73
	APPROVE (NET) . . . . .	<b>+4</b>	+63	+1	-55

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<b>[2]</b> As a result of the pandemic, the federal government placed a pause on student loan repayments to provide financial relief to borrowers. This pause is due to end in September 2021. At that point borrowers will be required to resume repayment on their student loans on their pre-coronavirus schedule. Do you support or oppose the federal government extending this pause past September 2021?	Strongly support . . . . .	28%	41%	29%	14
	Somewhat support . . . . .	27	32	25	24
	Somewhat oppose . . . . .	16	13	18	19
	Strongly oppose . . . . .	19	6	16	36
	Don't know . . . . .	9	8	11	8
	SUPPORT (TOTAL) . . . . .	55%	73%	54%	38
	OPPOSE (TOTAL) . . . . .	35	19	34	55
	SUPPORT (NET) . . . . .	<b>+20</b>	+54	+20	-17

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<b>[3]</b> Some policymakers are proposing <b>bringing back</b> a Department of Education standard designed to make sure that the graduates of colleges and universities that receive federal student aid are making enough money to pay back their student loans. When thinking about this standard, which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?	We should bring this standard back . . . . .	<b>60%</b>	77%	55%	44%
	We should not bring this standard back . . . . .	<b>25</b>	11	25	40
	Don't know . . . . .	<b>15</b>	12	20	17

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<b>[4]</b> Currently, during a personal bankruptcy proceeding, it is harder to discharge student loan debt than other kinds of debt, such as credit card debt and mortgage debt. Do you support or oppose treating student loan debt the same as any other kind of debt during bankruptcy proceedings?	Strongly support . . . . .	29%	34%	29%	23
	Somewhat support . . . . .	32	31	30	35
	Somewhat oppose . . . . .	19	16	19	21
	Strongly oppose . . . . .	11	9	8	14
	Don't know . . . . .	9	9	13	7
	SUPPORT (TOTAL) . . . . .	61%	65%	59%	58
	OPPOSE (TOTAL) . . . . .	30	25	27	35
	SUPPORT (NET) . . . . .	<b>+31</b>	+40	+32	+23

**[5]** When thinking about higher education in the United States, do you think that President Biden should be doing more or less to address the student debt crisis or do you think that he is doing enough already?

		D	I	R
The President should be doing more . . . . .	<b>37%</b>	45%	31%	33%
The President is doing enough already . . . . .	<b>35</b>	45	40	21
The President should be doing less . . . . .	<b>18</b>	2	17	36
Don't know . . . . .	<b>10</b>	9	12	10

**[6]** Some people have proposed banning executives, lawyers and lobbyists who worked for or on behalf of for-profit colleges from roles at the Department of Education whose responsibilities include oversight of for-profit colleges.  
Do you support or oppose such a ban?

		D	I	R
Strongly support . . . . .	30%	37%	29%	23
Somewhat support . . . . .	30	34	30	25
Somewhat oppose . . . . .	15	12	12	20
Strongly oppose . . . . .	6	3	5	10
Don't know . . . . .	20	14	24	22
SUPPORT (TOTAL) . . . . .	60%	71%	59%	48
OPPOSE (TOTAL) . . . . .	21	15	17	30
SUPPORT (NET) . . . . .	<b>+39</b>	+56	+42	+18