

THE WHITE HOUSE

MEMO

Date: July 29, 2021
From: Mike Donilon
To: Interested Parties
Re: Swing Voters Want Bipartisanship and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal's Investments in Our Economic Strength

The President and a bipartisan group of Democratic and Republican senators reached an agreement Wednesday on the details of an infrastructure package **that makes the most significant long-term investment in our infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century.**

The bipartisan package includes investments that both parties have long agreed are necessary: rebuilding roads and bridges, getting rid of lead pipes and providing clean drinking water, ensuring every American has access to reliable high-speed Internet, and a range of other measures that are going to **create good-paying union jobs, grow the economy, and help us outcompete the world.**

The American people believe this is a good deal for our country. Public polling consistently shows overwhelming support for the bipartisan infrastructure deal from across the political spectrum. And, a growing coalition of labor, business, and other stakeholders agree that now is the time to invest in a stronger, more sustainable, resilient, and just economy.

President Biden ran on the message that we need to bring people together to meet the challenges facing our country and deliver results for working families. And the American people embraced that message. While a lot of pundits have doubted bipartisanship was even possible, the American people have been very clear it is what they want.

Americans want legislators to come together on a bipartisan deal.

There is broad support for solving the country's infrastructure problems – and the American people believe that the parties find the best solutions when they meet in the middle. **A majority of voters in battleground Congressional districts want a new infrastructure bill passed with bipartisan support** when asked by No Labels-HarrisX in [May](#) (55%), [June](#) (52-73% in different districts), and [July](#) (72%).

Additional recent public data suggests voters think **it's important for the country that the President works towards bipartisanship.**

In a [Georgetown University Battleground poll](#):

- Voters see political polarization as the leading challenge for the country. 32% pick polarization in their top two issues, 7pp higher than the next most important issue.
- Despite wide gaps on the importance of many other pressing issues, the Georgetown poll found that voters across party and demographic lines ranked polarization highly.
- An overwhelming majority of respondents said they want a leader who is willing to compromise to get things done (69%).

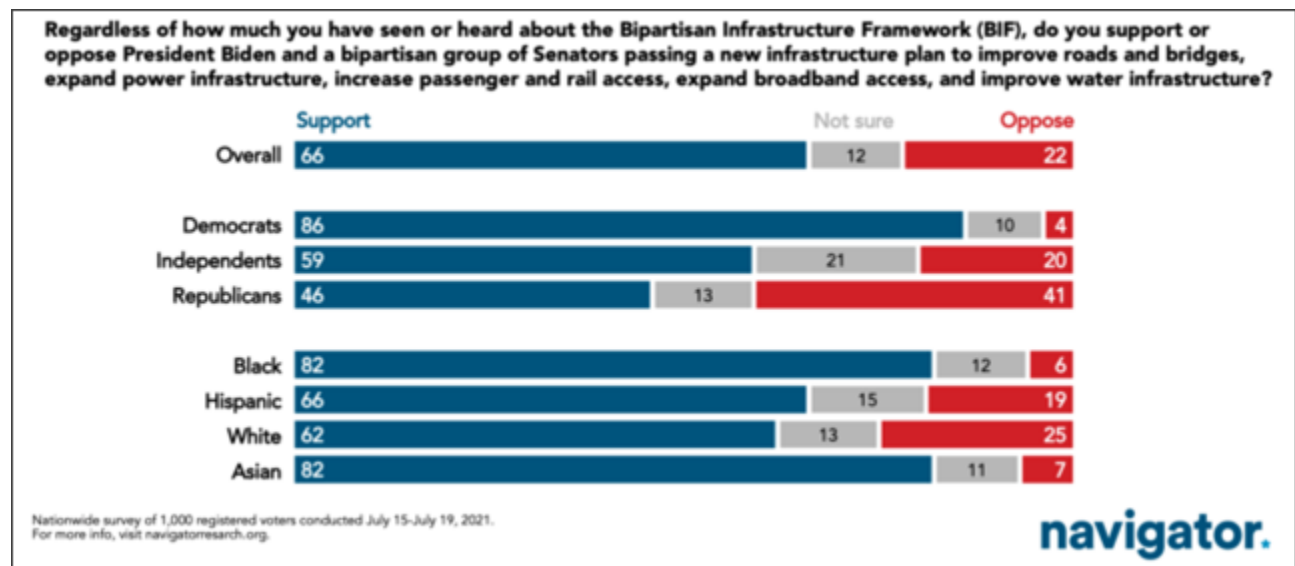
A [CNN poll](#) found that **74% of voters choose “working across the aisle to get things done in Washington**, even if it means losing out on some high-priority policies" against "standing firm on their beliefs without compromise, even if it means not much gets done in Washington.”

Voters across the political spectrum want a bipartisan infrastructure deal

A [July Yahoo/YouGov national poll](#) asked Americans if they support a bipartisan infrastructure deal put together by a group of senators. According to the poll, **53% of Republicans, 51% of Independents, and 64% of Democrats favor the agreement.**

This is consistent [with their June findings](#) that showed the strong backing of Republicans, Independents, and Democrats for the deal.

Similarly, a [recent Navigator poll](#) backs this claim. A bipartisan infrastructure agreement elicits broad support among a diverse coalition.



The individual components are even more popular: there is **strong, bipartisan support** for the inclusion of funding for roads, bridges, ports; for clean water pipes; for the electric grid; and for high-speed Internet service ([AP/NORC](#)).

<p>Funding for roads, bridges, and ports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republicans: 79% • Independents: 80% • Democrats: 87% • Overall: 83% 	<p>Funding for pipes for drinking water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republicans: 70% • Independents: 79% • Democrats: 85% • Overall: 79%
<p>Funding for the electric grid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republicans: 59% • Independents: 62% • Democrats: 73% • Overall: 66% 	<p>Funding for high-speed Internet service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republicans: 44% • Independents: 54% • Democrats: 78% • Overall: 62%

A strong [57% of Independent](#) support President Biden’s infrastructure proposal, demonstrating how important it is for these voters to pass a bipartisan deal.

Wednesday’s bipartisan agreement is an important signal to voters that they’re being heard and that their government can work as they think it should – with elected officials from both sides of the aisle coming together to address the concerns that matter most in their lives.

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