

TO: Interested Parties

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RE: West Virginia Statewide General Election Public Opinion Survey

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## **METHODOLOGY**

Survey conducted December 8 through December 9, 2021. 1,145 likely 2022 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2022 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-2.8% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding. The methodology utilized in this survey is the same methodology that allowed RRG to be one of the only pollsters in the country to predict the 2016 Presidential election and be rated by 538 as a top 5 GOP polling firm.

# **KEY POLL FINDINGS**

West Virginia voters are familiar with and have already formed strong opinions on President Joe Biden's Build Back Better Act (BBB). 62% of respondents report having seen, read, or heard "a lot" about the bill. A 53% majority of West Virginias strongly oppose the legislation, with 59% of independents strongly opposing.

Q: How much have you seen, read or heard about President's Biden's Build Back Better Act?

A lot: 62% Just some: 20% Nothing at all: 18%

Q: Thinking about what you've seen, read or heard about the Build Back Better Act, do you support or oppose the bill?

Strongly support: 28% Somewhat support: 9% Somewhat oppose: 6% Strongly oppose: 53%

Not sure: 4%



West Virginians are almost uniformly feeling the impacts of high inflation and increasing costs of living. 73% of respondents report that higher prices have negatively impacted their personal finances. 56% of all voters and 59% of independents strongly disagree that their personal financial situations are improving.

Q: How concerned are you about inflation and the rising cost of goods like groceries and gas?

Not concerned: 9%

Somewhat concerned: 16% Very concerned: 73%

Not sure: 3%

Q: Have higher prices, including at the gas pump or the grocery store, negatively impacted your family's

Yes: 73% No: 18% Not sure: 9%

Q: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: I am personally seeing the benefits of a strong economy and expect my financial situation to continue to improve.

Strongly agree: 16% Somewhat agree: 12% Somewhat disagree: 13% Strongly disagree: 56%

Not sure: 4%

A large majority of West Virginians believe that the Build Back Better Act will make inflation worse and want Congress to avoid taking actions that would increase prices even further. 64% of voters believe the BBB will make inflation worse. 66% of West Virginians, and 67% of independents, strongly agree that Congress should slow down and reconsider the Build Back Better Act in light of inflation concerns.

Q: Do you believe the multi-trillion-dollar spending package being considered by Congress, also known as the Build Back Better Act, will:

Make inflation worse: 64% Decrease inflation: 14%

No effect: 8% Not sure: 15%



Q: Do you agree or disagree with the statement: Congress should slow down and get the Build Back Better Act right. Now is not the time to pass major spending bills that could make inflation worse.

Strongly agree: 66% Somewhat agree: 9% Somewhat disagree: 7% Strongly disagree: 14%

Not sure: 4%

Voters are also concerned with the effects higher taxes would have on U.S. businesses and their ability to compete internationally. 58% of respondents strongly agree that higher taxes on businesses will yield less investment in U.S. workers and innovation. 68% oppose requiring U.S. businesses to pay more in taxes than their international competitors, including 69% of independents. Additionally, a significant 56% of voters they would be much less likely to support a candidate who passes tax laws that benefit wealthy individuals in blue states.

Q: Do you agree or disagree with this statement: If American businesses have to pay more in taxes, they will have less money to invest in U.S. workers, customers and innovations.

Strongly agree: 58% Somewhat agree: 13% Somewhat disagree: 10% Strongly disagree: 14%

Not sure: 5%

Q: Should the U.S. require American companies to pay additional taxes and penalties that Chinese and European companies are not required to pay?

Yes: 16% No: 68% Not Sure: 16%

Q: Would you be more or less likely to support a politician who helps to pass new tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires living in states like New York and California?

Much more likely: 10% Somewhat more likely: 9% Somewhat less likely: 13%

Much less likely: 56% (55% of independents)

No difference: 11%



Finally, 84% of voters agree that any new social spending programs should be targeted to low income and middle-class families, with an eye-popping 73% in strong agreement.

Q: Do you agree or disagree with this statement: If Congress establishes new social spending programs, they should ensure that the money only goes to low income and middle-class families who need it, not wealthy families.

Strongly agree: 73% Somewhat agree: 11% Somewhat disagree: 5% Strongly disagree: 5%

Not sure: 6%