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TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Remington Research Group
RE: "Build Back Better" Agenda Is Toxic in America's Middle Districts
DATE: September 7th, 2021

KEY FINDINGS

American Action Network surveyed Americans in 7 middle-of-the-road Congressional Districts to gauge voter sentiment about economic proposals being considered in Congress. The data show the left's "Build Back Better" agenda is toxic, and that Americans believe the liberal \$3.5 trillion spending proposal will only increase the economic pain families are already feeling.

BIDEN APPROVAL RATING UNDERWATER

President Biden's job approval rating has turned sharply negative across all districts surveyed. The President is upside down by an average of 7 points across these districts.

Biden Job Approval				
District	Member	NET Approval	Approve	Disapprove
CA-10	Harder	-7%	44%	51%
FL-07	Murphy	-3%	46%	49%
IA-03	Axne	-8%	43%	51%
MI-08	Slotkin	-12%	42%	54%
MI-11	Stevens	-6%	45%	51%
VA-02	Luria	-4%	46%	50%
WA-08	Schrier	-4%	46%	50%
AVERAGE		-7%	44%	51%

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BIDEN UPSIDE DOWN ON ECONOMY AND FOREIGN POLICY

Biden's underwater approval rating follows sharply negative ratings on the Presidents' handling of both the economy and foreign policy.

Biden Approval on...			
District	Member	<u>The Economy</u>	<u>Foreign Policy</u>
CA-10	Harder	-9% (42/51)	-9% (41/50)
FL-07	Murphy	-1% (47/48)	-6% (43/49)
IA-03	Axne	-10% (42/52)	-10% (42/52)
MI-08	Slotkin	-13% (41/54)	-13% (41/54)
MI-11	Stevens	-7% (44/51)	-9% (43/52)
VA-02	Luria	-5% (45/50)	-9% (42/51)
WA-08	Schrier	-3% (45/48)	-6% (43/49)
AVERAGE		-7% (44/51)	-9% (42/51)

REPUBLICANS LEAD THE GENERIC BALLOT

A generic Republican challenger leads by an average 6 points in these districts.

Generic Congressional Ballot				
District	Member	NET	Republican	Democrat
CA-10	Harder	+7%	49%	42%
FL-07	Murphy	+3%	48%	45%
IA-03	Axne	+9%	51%	42%
MI-08	Slotkin	+9%	52%	43%
MI-11	Stevens	+6%	51%	45%
VA-02	Luria	+3%	49%	46%
WA-08	Schrier	+4%	49%	45%
AVERAGE		+6%	50%	44%

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LIBERAL INCUMBENTS ARE WEAK ON NAMED BALLOT

Q: If the 2022 General Election for US Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democrat, [NAME OF INCUMBENT] or the Republican, [NAME OF CANDIDATE]?

Named Ballot			
District	Member	Named Republican Challenger	Democrat Member of Congress
CA-10	Harder	*	*
FL-07	Murphy	43%	46%
IA-03	Axne	46%	44%
MI-08	Slotkin	*	*
MI-11	Stevens	*	*
VA-02	Luria	46%	45%
WA-08	Schrier	44%	45%

* indicate races without challengers announced and were omitted from this question.

AMERICANS BLAME GOVERNMENT SPENDING FOR INFLATION

Q: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The recent massive increase in government spending is the primary cause of inflation, driving up the cost of living.

Agree/Disagree: Gov't Spending Primary Cause of Inflation				
District	Member	NET Agree	Agree	Disagree
CA-10	Harder	+23%	52%	29%
FL-07	Murphy	+12%	46%	34%
IA-03	Axne	+18%	51%	33%
MI-08	Slotkin	+22%	54%	32%
MI-11	Stevens	+15%	51%	36%
VA-02	Luria	+18%	51%	33%
WA-08	Schrier	+20%	51%	31%
AVERAGE		+18%	51%	33%

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THE LEFT'S SPENDING PLAN IS UNPOPULAR

Q: Democrats have proposed spending \$3.5 trillion in new social welfare spending. Do you approve or disapprove of this new \$3.5 trillion dollars in social welfare spending?

Approve/Disapprove: New \$3.5 Trillion Spending				
District	Member	NET Approve	Approve	Disapprove
CA-10	Harder	-20%	34%	54%
FL-07	Murphy	-11%	39%	50%
IA-03	Axne	-21%	34%	55%
MI-08	Slotkin	-21%	35%	56%
MI-11	Stevens	-24%	35%	59%
VA-02	Luria	-16%	38%	54%
WA-08	Schrier	-17%	37%	54%
AVERAGE		-19%	36%	55%

BUILD BACK BETTER AGENDA IS TOXIC

Q: Do you approve or disapprove of the \$3.5 trillion in additional proposed spending by congressional leaders like Nancy Pelosi in order to "Build Back Better"?

Approve/Disapprove: Build Back Better				
District	Member	NET	Approve	Disapprove
CA-10	Harder	-18%	36%	54%
FL-07	Murphy	-10%	39%	49%
IA-03	Axne	-22%	33%	55%
MI-08	Slotkin	-21%	35%	56%
MI-11	Stevens	-18%	38%	56%
VA-02	Luria	-17%	35%	52%
WA-08	Schrier	-18%	35%	53%
AVERAGE		-18%	36%	54%

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AMERICANS BELIEVE SPENDING PLAN WILL MAKE INFLATION WORSE

Q: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Liberal-led spending has already raised record price increases for working families. Spending \$3.5 trillion for a liberal wish list will only make the rising costs families face even worse.

Agree/Disagree: Reconciliation will Exacerbate Inflation				
District	Member	NET Agree	Agree	Disagree
CA-10	Harder	+15	48%	33%
FL-07	Murphy	+9	45%	36%
IA-03	Axne	+11	47%	36%
MI-08	Slotkin	+7	46%	39%
MI-11	Stevens	+7	46%	39%
VA-02	Luria	+16	49%	33%
WA-08	Schrier	+11	48%	37%
AVERAGE		+11	47%	36%

AMERICANS OPPOSE RAISING TAXES TO PAY FOR IT

Q: Do you support or oppose raising taxes on small businesses for an infrastructure plan, only a small fraction of which funds roads and bridges, while the rest funds liberal priorities like housing, community college, and green energy?

Support/Oppose: Raising Taxes				
District	Member	NET	Support	Oppose
CA-10	Harder	-23%	30%	53%
FL-07	Murphy	-24%	29%	53%
IA-03	Axne	-33%	25%	58%
MI-08	Slotkin	-29%	27%	56%
MI-11	Stevens	-24%	31%	55%
VA-02	Luria	-31%	25%	56%
WA-08	Schrier	-27%	28%	55%
AVERAGE		-27%	28%	55%

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AMERICANS BELIEVE \$3.5 TRILLION SPENDING PLAN IS UNNECESSARY AND WASTEFUL

Q: Democrats in Congress want to spend an additional \$3.5 trillion for a massive expansion of federal social and environmental programs. This spending is in addition to the \$6 trillion that has already been passed for COVID recovery and other programs. Do you think this proposed spending would be necessary for the American economy or unnecessary and wasteful?

Necessary/Unnecessary: Biden Spending Plan				
District	Member	NET	Necessary	Unnecessary
CA-10	Harder	+22%	33%	55%
FL-07	Murphy	+10%	40%	50%
IA-03	Axne	+25%	32%	57%
MI-08	Slotkin	+22%	34%	56%
MI-11	Stevens	+19%	37%	56%
VA-02	Luria	+20%	35%	55%
WA-08	Schrier	+20%	35%	55%
AVERAGE		+20	35%	55%

METHODOLOGY

Surveys were conducted August 28 through August 30, 2021 the following seven Congressional districts: CA-10, FL-07, IA-03, MI-08, MI-11, VA-02 and WA-08. 800 likely 2022 General Election voters participated in each of the seven surveys. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2022 General Election. Margin of Error is +/-3.2%. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.