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**N=146 Capitol Hill chiefs of staff, legislative directors, communications directors, press secretaries, and staff directors**

**COLUMN KEY:**

**TOTAL: n=146 senior Capitol Hill staffers**

**DEM: n=73 Democratic staffers**

**GOP: n=73 Republican staffers**

**HOUSE: n=74 House staffers**

**SENATE: n=72 Senate staffers**

**QUESTION S1: What is your gender?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Male	58%	57%	59%	71%	45%
Female	40%	43%	38%	29%	52%
Nonbinary	1%	0%	3%	0%	3%

**QUESTION S2: And what is your age?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
18-24	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%
25-40	64%	59%	70%	71%	57%
41-56	29%	34%	25%	25%	34%
57-75	5%	8%	3%	1%	9%
76+	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

**QUESTION S3: Approximately how many years have you worked in Congress total?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Less than 1 year	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%
1 to 2 years	4%	7%	1%	5%	3%
2 to 3 years	4%	1%	7%	5%	3%
3 to 5 years	16%	18%	15%	17%	15%
5 to 10 years	27%	29%	24%	32%	21%
10+ years	46%	44%	49%	39%	54%

**QUESTION S4: Do you work in a Republican or Democratic office? If independent, please choose the party your member caucuses with.**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democratic	50%	100%	0%	49%	51%
Republican	50%	0%	100%	51%	49%

**QUESTION S5: Do you work in the House or Senate?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
House	51%	50%	52%	100%	0%
Senate	49%	50%	48%	0%	100%



**QUESTION S6: Which of the following titles best describes your role?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Chief of Staff	35%	41%	28%	36%	34%
Communications Director	27%	27%	27%	24%	30%
Deputy Chief of Staff	9%	11%	7%	12%	6%
Legislative Director	9%	7%	10%	17%	0%
Staff Director	8%	2%	13%	7%	9%
Press Secretary	6%	4%	8%	1%	12%
Deputy Legislative Director	3%	3%	3%	0%	6%
Deputy Staff Director	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Deputy Communications Director	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Deputy Press Secretary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%



**QUESTION 1: Who do you believe has been MOST effective in the negotiations surrounding the debt limit?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Speaker Kevin McCarthy	49%	21%	78%	48%	51%
President Joe Biden	46%	76%	15%	47%	44%
Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell	3%	0%	6%	0%	6%
House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries	2%	4%	1%	5%	0%
Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

**QUESTION 2: Has Speaker Kevin McCarthy been more or less effective than you initially believed he would be after winning the speakership?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
More Effective	85%	73%	97%	82%	87%
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Much more effective	26%	4%	48%	29%	23%
Somewhat more effective	59%	68%	49%	54%	64%
Neither more nor less effective	8%	15%	1%	10%	6%
Less Effective	7%	13%	2%	8%	6%
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Somewhat less effective	5%	8%	1%	6%	3%
Much less effective	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

**QUESTION 3: Which party do you believe will come out of the debt limit negotiations stronger?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
The Democratic Party	54%	86%	22%	55%	53%
The Republican Party	34%	2%	65%	36%	32%
I don't know	12%	11%	12%	9%	15%

**QUESTION 4: Do you believe the debt limit deal Kevin McCarthy struck with Joe Biden will strengthen or weaken the Speaker's standing among the Republican Party's most right wing members?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Strengthen	7%	0%	14%	6%	9%
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Significantly strengthen	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat strengthen	7%	0%	14%	6%	9%
Neither strengthen nor weaken	13%	8%	19%	14%	12%
Weaken	78%	89%	67%	80%	76%
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Somewhat weaken	55%	56%	54%	47%	64%
Significantly weaken	23%	33%	13%	33%	12%
I don't know	2%	3%	0%	0%	3%



**QUESTION 5: Do you believe the most recent debt limit fight makes it more or less likely that Congress will significantly reform or eliminate the debt limit?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
More Likely	22%	34%	9%	30%	12%
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Much more likely	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%
Somewhat more likely	20%	32%	9%	28%	12%
Neither more nor less likely	54%	56%	53%	50%	58%
Less Likely	21%	9%	34%	16%	27%
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Somewhat less likely	11%	4%	17%	10%	12%
Much less likely	10%	4%	16%	6%	15%
I don't know	3%	1%	5%	3%	3%

**QUESTION 6: Which of the following do you believe is MORE likely to happen?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Congress will not pass all 12 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year and an automatic continuing resolution will be triggered	79%	83%	76%	76%	82%
Congress will pass all 12 appropriations bills before the end of the fiscal year	16%	15%	17%	17%	15%
I don't know	5%	2%	7%	6%	3%

**QUESTION 7: How likely or unlikely is it that this Congress will pass legislation requiring the Supreme Court to adopt a stricter code of ethics or more substantial disclosure requirements?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	5%	10%	1%	5%	6%
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Very likely	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat likely	5%	10%	1%	5%	6%
Neither likely nor unlikely	2%	1%	3%	4%	0%
Unlikely	91%	88%	95%	89%	94%
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Somewhat unlikely	39%	37%	41%	41%	37%
Very unlikely	52%	51%	54%	48%	57%
I don't know	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%

**QUESTION 8: Does the member of Congress you work for support or oppose the federal government banning TikTok?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Support	55%	38%	73%	45%	66%
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Strongly support	22%	10%	34%	20%	24%
Somewhat support	33%	28%	39%	24%	42%
Neither support nor oppose/Undecided	17%	26%	8%	27%	6%
Oppose	12%	19%	6%	18%	6%
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Somewhat oppose	9%	12%	6%	14%	3%
Strongly oppose	3%	7%	0%	4%	3%
I don't know	15%	18%	13%	10%	21%



**QUESTION 9: Does the member of Congress you work for support or oppose President Biden's decision to allow Western allies to supply Ukraine with American F-16 fighter jets and have American troops train Ukrainian pilots to use them?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Support	76%	84%	68%	65%	88%
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Strongly support	47%	49%	45%	41%	54%
Somewhat support	29%	34%	23%	24%	34%
Neither support nor oppose/Undecided	9%	9%	8%	14%	3%
Oppose	5%	0%	9%	9%	0%
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Somewhat oppose	3%	0%	6%	6%	0%
Strongly oppose	2%	0%	3%	3%	0%
I don't know	11%	7%	15%	13%	9%

**QUESTION 10: Does the member of Congress you work for believe Senator Dianne Feinstein will retire before her term ends or serve the full duration of her term?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
She will serve the full duration of her term	36%	48%	25%	27%	46%
She will retire before her term ends	23%	13%	32%	25%	20%
I don't know	41%	39%	43%	49%	33%

**QUESTION 11: Does the member of Congress you work for believe Senator Dianne Feinstein should retire before her term ends or serve the full duration of her term?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
She should retire before the end of her term	31%	38%	25%	44%	19%
She should serve the full duration of her term	22%	14%	29%	9%	36%
I don't know	47%	48%	46%	48%	46%

**QUESTION 12: Following Congressman George Santos' felony charges relating to his campaign, what do you believe is the most likely outcome for him?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
He will resign before his term is over.	36%	40%	32%	38%	34%
He will serve his full term in Congress.	34%	36%	33%	29%	40%
He will be expelled from the House.	13%	8%	17%	14%	12%
He will be censured by the House.	10%	8%	11%	8%	12%
He will be reprimanded by the House.	7%	8%	6%	11%	3%

**QUESTION 13: Do you believe the verdict finding former President Donald Trump liable for sexual abuse and defamation will help or harm him in the 2024 Republican primary for president?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	24%	22%	26%	24%	24%
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Significantly help	3%	1%	4%	2%	3%
Somewhat help	21%	21%	22%	22%	21%
Neither help nor harm	48%	42%	53%	53%	42%
Harm	25%	31%	18%	19%	31%
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Somewhat harm	23%	31%	14%	18%	28%
Significantly harm	2%	0%	4%	1%	3%
I don't know	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%



**QUESTION 14: Do you believe Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' feud with Disney will help or harm him in the 2024 Republican primary for president?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Help	32%	17%	46%	32%	32%
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Significantly help	2%	0%	4%	1%	3%
Somewhat help	30%	17%	43%	31%	29%
Neither help nor harm	25%	21%	30%	27%	24%
Harm	39%	59%	20%	41%	38%
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Somewhat harm	33%	46%	20%	35%	31%
Significantly harm	6%	13%	0%	6%	6%
I don't know	3%	3%	4%	1%	6%

**QUESTION 15: How likely or unlikely is it that any prominent elected Democratic lawmakers will challenge President Biden for the 2024 Democratic nomination for president now that Biden has announced his reelection?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	11%	4%	18%	11%	12%
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Very likely	3%	3%	4%	1%	6%
Somewhat likely	8%	1%	15%	10%	6%
Neither likely nor unlikely	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Unlikely	88%	96%	80%	87%	88%
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Somewhat unlikely	19%	12%	25%	22%	15%
Very unlikely	69%	84%	54%	65%	73%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

**QUESTION 16: Who do you believe is a MORE effective House leader?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Hakeem Jeffries	52%	89%	15%	53%	50%
Kevin McCarthy	48%	11%	85%	47%	50%

**QUESTION 17: Who do you believe is a MORE effective Senate leader?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Mitch McConnell	70%	49%	91%	71%	69%
Chuck Schumer	30%	51%	9%	29%	31%

**QUESTION 18: How much longer do you think Kevin McCarthy will remain Speaker of the House?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
1-3 months	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%
4-6 months	13%	21%	6%	11%	15%
7-12 months	18%	21%	15%	18%	18%
13-18 months	9%	10%	8%	6%	12%
The entire Congress	55%	43%	66%	61%	48%



**QUESTION 19: Do you agree or disagree that President Joe Biden is the Democratic Party's best option to win the 2024 presidential election?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Agree	79%	79%	0%	78%	81%
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Strongly agree	36%	36%	0%	35%	38%
Somewhat agree	43%	43%	0%	43%	44%
Neither agree nor disagree	6%	6%	0%	13%	0%
Disagree	13%	13%	0%	8%	19%
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Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	0%	5%	19%
Strongly disagree	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%
I don't know	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%

**QUESTION 20: Do you agree or disagree that former President Donald Trump is the Republican Party's best option to win the 2024 presidential election?**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Agree	5%	0%	5%	4%	6%
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Strongly agree	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat agree	4%	0%	4%	2%	6%
Neither agree nor disagree	2%	0%	2%	4%	0%
Disagree	93%	0%	93%	92%	94%
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Somewhat disagree	17%	0%	17%	21%	12%
Strongly disagree	77%	0%	77%	71%	82%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



**QUESTION 21-22: If Biden does not win the Democratic nomination for president, who is most likely to be the party's nominee for president in 2024? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Gretchen Whitmer	41%	41%	0%	58%	25%
Kamala Harris	39%	39%	0%	40%	38%
Pete Buttigieg	36%	36%	0%	40%	31%
J.B. Pritzker	15%	15%	0%	18%	13%
Gavin Newsom	11%	11%	0%	23%	0%
Cory Booker	4%	4%	0%	3%	6%
Roy Cooper	4%	4%	0%	8%	0%
Amy Klobuchar	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Kirsten Gillibrand	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bernie Sanders	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Elizabeth Warren	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Robert F. Kennedy	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I don't know	24%	24%	0%	5%	44%

**QUESTION 23-24: If former President Trump does not win the GOP nomination for president, who is most likely to be the Republican nominee for president in 2024? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)**

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Ron DeSantis	85%	0%	85%	92%	76%
Tim Scott	59%	0%	59%	60%	59%
Nikki Haley	17%	0%	17%	6%	29%
Glenn Youngkin	16%	0%	16%	19%	12%
Mike Pence	12%	0%	12%	12%	12%
Chris Christie	6%	0%	6%	0%	12%
Tucker Carlson	2%	0%	2%	4%	0%
Kristi Noem	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Vivek Ramaswamy	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Liz Cheney	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Asa Hutchinson	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mike Pompeo	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Kim Reynolds	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Mark Cuban	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Chris Sununu	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%