



Punchbowl News' The Canvass
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N=143 Capitol Hill chiefs of staff, legislative directors, communications directors, press secretaries, and staff directors

COLUMN KEY:

TOTAL: n=143 senior Capitol Hill staffers
DEM: n=73 Democratic staffers
GOP: n=70 Republican staffers
HOUSE: n=111 House staffers
SENATE: n=32 Senate staffers

QUESTION S1: What is your gender?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Male	59%	58%	61%	64%	42%
Female	41%	42%	39%	36%	58%
Nonbinary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION S2: And what is your age?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
18-24	4%	2%	6%	4%	2%
25-40	73%	71%	75%	77%	58%
41-56	20%	23%	17%	17%	32%
57-75	3%	4%	2%	2%	8%
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%	2%	5%	3%	2%
1 to 2 years	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%
2 to 3 years	11%	12%	9%	10%	12%
3 to 5 years	16%	16%	15%	18%	8%
5 to 10 years	32%	31%	34%	38%	14%
10+ years	32%	34%	31%	26%	56%

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	51%	100%	0%	51%	50%
Republican	49%	0%	100%	49%	50%

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

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
House	78%	78%	77%	100%	0%
Senate	22%	22%	23%	0%	100%



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

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Chief of Staff	31%	37%	25%	31%	32%
Communications Director	30%	25%	35%	32%	24%
Legislative Director	18%	14%	22%	22%	4%
Deputy Chief of Staff	7%	10%	4%	8%	6%
Press Secretary	5%	4%	6%	2%	16%
Staff Director	4%	3%	5%	4%	7%
Deputy Communications Director	3%	6%	0%	1%	11%
Deputy Staff Director	1%	0%	3%	2%	0%
Deputy Legislative Director	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Deputy Press Secretary	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



QUESTION 1A: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass each of the following during this Congress?

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	98%	100%	96%	98%	100%

Very likely	98%	100%	95%	97%	100%
Somewhat likely	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
There's a 50/50 chance	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Unlikely	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

Somewhat unlikely	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Very unlikely	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

QUESTION 1B: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass each of the following during this Congress?

FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	6%	12%	0%	6%	6%

Very likely	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat likely	6%	12%	0%	6%	6%
There's a 50/50 chance	10%	11%	8%	11%	4%
Unlikely	84%	77%	90%	82%	90%

Somewhat unlikely	21%	25%	16%	22%	15%
Very unlikely	63%	52%	75%	60%	75%
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%

QUESTION 1C: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass each of the following during this Congress?

BUILD BACK BETTER RECONCILIATION PACKAGE

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	62%	88%	36%	63%	62%

Very likely	40%	68%	11%	39%	40%
Somewhat likely	23%	20%	25%	23%	22%
There's a 50/50 chance	21%	12%	31%	21%	21%
Unlikely	16%	0%	33%	16%	17%

Somewhat unlikely	12%	0%	24%	12%	11%
Very unlikely	5%	0%	9%	4%	7%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



QUESTION 2-3: Which of the following proposals that could potentially be included in the final reconciliation bill is MOST important to the member of Congress you work for? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Extending the current Child Tax Credit	44%	44%	0%	50%	22%
Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices	35%	35%	0%	36%	33%
Universal pre-K	28%	28%	0%	26%	33%
Paid family and medical leave	23%	23%	0%	30%	0%
Expanding tax credits for clean energy and electric vehicles	18%	18%	0%	20%	11%
Extending current Affordable Care Act subsidies	17%	17%	0%	12%	33%
Expanding Medicaid in states that have not adopted Medicaid expansion yet	14%	14%	0%	12%	22%
Expanding Medicare to cover hearing	7%	7%	0%	6%	11%
Two years of free community college	2%	2%	0%	0%	11%
I don't know	6%	6%	0%	4%	11%

QUESTION 4-5: Which of the following proposals that could potentially be included in the final reconciliation bill does the member of Congress you work for oppose MOST? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Expanding tax credits for clean energy and electric vehicles	35%	0%	35%	33%	43%
Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices	30%	0%	30%	33%	22%
Expanding Medicaid in states that have not adopted Medicaid expansion yet	28%	0%	28%	26%	35%
Two years of free community college	25%	0%	25%	26%	22%
Extending current Affordable Care Act subsidies	23%	0%	23%	26%	13%
Universal pre-K	11%	0%	11%	10%	13%
Paid family and medical leave	10%	0%	10%	8%	17%
Extending the current Child Tax Credit	10%	0%	10%	10%	9%
Expanding Medicare to cover hearing	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
I don't know	13%	0%	13%	13%	13%

QUESTION 6: If both an infrastructure bill and a reconciliation package pass Congress, does the member you work for believe they will have an impact on inflation?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
They will increase inflation	52%	7%	99%	49%	64%
They will reduce inflation	14%	28%	0%	15%	11%
They will have no impact on inflation	28%	53%	1%	29%	24%
I don't know	6%	11%	0%	7%	0%

QUESTION 7: If a reconciliation bill passes, how likely is it that it will fulfill President Biden's pledge that it will not add a single penny to the deficit?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	30%	58%	0%	32%	22%

Very likely	13%	26%	0%	15%	6%
Somewhat likely	16%	32%	0%	16%	17%
Unlikely	68%	36%	100%	66%	72%

Somewhat unlikely	15%	29%	0%	14%	17%
Very unlikely	53%	7%	100%	52%	56%
I don't know	3%	6%	0%	2%	6%



QUESTION 8: How would you evaluate the overall performance of the Biden administration's first year?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Successful	45%	86%	3%	43%	50%

Very successful	8%	16%	0%	7%	11%
Somewhat successful	37%	70%	3%	36%	39%
Neither successful nor unsuccessful	3%	6%	0%	4%	0%
Unsuccessful	52%	8%	97%	52%	50%

Somewhat unsuccessful	15%	5%	26%	15%	15%
Very unsuccessful	37%	3%	72%	37%	35%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 9-11: Looking ahead to next year, which of the following issues are MOST likely to be a top focus of Congress in 2022? Please pick your top three choices in order. (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP THREE)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Supply chain issues	61%	60%	62%	57%	75%
Immigration	37%	22%	52%	38%	33%
Environment/climate	36%	35%	38%	40%	22%
Technology regulation	34%	35%	33%	37%	25%
Election reform	34%	45%	22%	37%	23%
Prescription drug costs	28%	34%	22%	28%	30%
Foreign policy	15%	15%	14%	12%	23%
Taxes	11%	6%	17%	8%	21%
Health insurance coverage	9%	7%	11%	9%	8%
Criminal justice reform	9%	13%	5%	7%	15%
Abortion	8%	8%	9%	7%	13%
Infrastructure	6%	9%	4%	6%	8%
Cryptocurrency regulation	5%	2%	8%	5%	4%
Marijuana legalization	5%	8%	1%	6%	0%
Social security and entitlements	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%

QUESTION 12: Do you believe the debate over reconciliation and the bipartisan infrastructure bill has helped or harmed the Democratic party's position ahead of the 2022 midterm elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Harmed	63%	63%	0%	62%	67%
Neither helped nor harmed	25%	25%	0%	26%	22%
Helped	12%	12%	0%	12%	11%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

QUESTION 13: Do you believe the debate over reconciliation and the bipartisan infrastructure bill has helped or harmed the Republican party's position ahead of the 2022 midterm elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Helped	85%	0%	85%	80%	100%
Neither helped nor harmed	10%	0%	10%	13%	0%
Harmed	5%	0%	5%	7%	0%
I don't know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



QUESTION 14: Who do you believe will be in control of the House of Representatives after the 2022 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republicans	87%	76%	99%	87%	89%
Democrats	13%	24%	1%	13%	11%

QUESTION 15: Who do you believe will be in control of the Senate after the 2022 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Republicans	52%	22%	83%	51%	55%
Democrats	48%	78%	17%	49%	45%

QUESTION 16: Which of the following do you believe is MORE likely to help Democrats preserve their congressional majorities in the 2022 midterm elections? The political strategy of the...

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Moderate Democrats	61%	61%	0%	60%	67%
Progressive Democrats	39%	39%	0%	40%	33%

QUESTION 17: Which of the following do you believe is MORE likely to help Republicans retake control of Congress in the 2022 midterm elections? The political strategy of the...

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Moderate Republicans	57%	0%	57%	54%	65%
Conservative Republicans	43%	0%	43%	46%	35%

QUESTION 18: After the 2022 midterm elections, do you believe the Republican party needs new leadership in Congress?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Yes	54%	0%	54%	61%	30%

Yes, regardless of the outcome	28%	0%	28%	30%	22%
Yes, but only if Republicans underperform	26%	0%	26%	31%	9%
No, Mitch McConnell and Kevin McCarthy should stay	46%	0%	46%	39%	70%

QUESTION 19: After the 2022 midterm elections, do you believe the Democratic party needs new leadership in Congress?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Yes	80%	80%	0%	80%	78%

Yes, regardless of the outcome	62%	62%	0%	64%	56%
Yes, but only if Democrats underperform	17%	17%	0%	16%	22%
No, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer should stay	20%	20%	0%	20%	22%



QUESTION 20: How likely are you to leave Capitol Hill for another job in the next year?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	26%	27%	26%	29%	18%

Very likely	11%	10%	11%	12%	8%
Somewhat likely	16%	16%	15%	17%	10%
Neither likely nor unlikely	14%	13%	16%	12%	22%
Unlikely	45%	45%	46%	42%	56%

Somewhat unlikely	15%	9%	22%	17%	9%
Very unlikely	30%	36%	24%	25%	47%
It depends on the outcome of the 2022 midterms	14%	16%	12%	17%	4%

QUESTION 21: How likely are you to leave the office of the member for whom you currently work for another job on Capitol Hill in the next year?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	17%	22%	11%	18%	11%

Very likely	7%	9%	4%	9%	0%
Somewhat likely	10%	13%	8%	10%	11%
Neither likely nor unlikely	7%	5%	10%	9%	2%
Unlikely	68%	67%	69%	64%	82%

Somewhat unlikely	14%	12%	16%	16%	7%
Very unlikely	54%	55%	54%	48%	76%
It depends on the outcome of the 2022 midterms	8%	6%	10%	9%	4%