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N=158 Capitol Hill chiefs of staff, legislative directors, communications directors, press secretaries, and staff directors

COLUMN KEY:

TOTAL: n=158 senior Capitol Hill staffers

DEM: n=80 Democratic staffers GOP: n=78 Republican staffers HOUSE: n=113 House staffers SENATE: n=45 Senate staffers

QUESTION S1: What is your gender?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Male	63%	60%	65%	70%	44%
Female	37%	40%	35%	30%	56%

QUESTION S2: And what is your age?

TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
6%	5%	6%	7%	2%
77%	77%	76%	79%	71%
17%	16%	17%	13%	26%
1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
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QUESTION S3: Approximately how many years have you worked in Congress total?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Less than 1 year	7%	6%	7%	8%	3%
1 to 2 years	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%
2 to 3 years	11%	13%	9%	12%	9%
3 to 5 years	18%	19%	17%	19%	15%
5 to 10 years	27%	26%	27%	29%	21%
10+ years	32%	31%	33%	27%	46%

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

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	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	72%	72%	71%	100%	0%
Senate	28%	28%	29%	0%	100%



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

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Chief of Staff	27%	30%	25%	28%	25%
Deputy Chief of Staff	8%	11%	5%	5%	16%
Legislative Director	17%	15%	18%	19%	9%
Deputy Legislative Director	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Communications Director	27%	20%	35%	32%	15%
Deputy Communications Director	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%
Press Secretary	12%	19%	6%	9%	22%
Deputy Press Secretary	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%
Staff Director	3%	0%	7%	3%	5%
Deputy Staff Director	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%



QUESTION 1: Which issues are Democratic and Republican members of Congress actually closer to agreement on than the media or public opinion would suggest?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
China relations	61%	59%	64%	57%	74%
Infrastructure	52%	45%	59%	50%	57%
Technology regulation	49%	53%	45%	47%	54%
Prescription drug costs	45%	41%	49%	41%	57%
Criminal justice reform	41%	37%	46%	38%	50%
Marijuana legalization	25%	33%	17%	26%	22%
Cryptocurrency regulation	23%	26%	21%	22%	26%
Immigration	15%	18%	12%	11%	27%
LGBT+ equality	7%	6%	9%	8%	6%
Environment/climate	6%	2%	10%	6%	6%
Social security and entitlements	5%	6%	4%	4%	7%
Health insurance coverage	4%	3%	4%	3%	7%
Gun control	2%	4%	0%	3%	0%
Taxes	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Election reform	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%
DC statehood	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
None of the above	8%	7%	9%	9%	5%

QUESTION 2A: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

ELECTION REFORM

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	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	13%	16%	9%	16%	5%
Very likely	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%
Somewhat likely	11%	15%	6%	14%	2%
There's a 50/50 chance	15%	21%	8%	13%	19%
Unlikely	70%	60%	80%	67%	77%
Somewhat unlikely	30%	28%	32%	27%	36%
Very unlikely	40%	32%	48%	40%	40%
I don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%	0%

QUESTION 2B: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

GUN CONTROL

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	8%	10%	6%	11%	0%
Very likely	2%	2%	1%	3%	0%
Somewhat likely	6%	7%	5%	9%	0%
There's a 50/50 chance	10%	15%	4%	6%	19%
Unlikely	80%	72%	88%	79%	81%
Somewhat unlikely	32%	31%	34%	30%	38%
Very unlikely	47%	41%	54%	49%	44%
I don't know	3%	4%	1%	4%	0%



QUESTION 2C: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

INFRASTRUCTURE

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	76%	86%	67%	75%	80%
Very likely	44%	51%	36%	41%	52%
Somewhat likely	33%	35%	30%	35%	28%
There's a 50/50 chance	15%	6%	24%	16%	12%
Unlikely	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%
Somewhat unlikely	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%
Very unlikely	3%	2%	3%	4%	0%
I don't know	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%

QUESTION 2D: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

IMMIGRATION

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	15%	19%	10%	14%	16%
Very likely	2%	3%	1%	1%	5%
Somewhat likely	12%	16%	9%	13%	10%
There's a 50/50 chance	18%	21%	15%	16%	23%
Unlikely	65%	56%	74%	66%	61%
Somewhat unlikely	31%	29%	32%	30%	32%
Very unlikely	34%	27%	42%	36%	30%
I don't know	3%	4%	1%	4%	0%

QUESTION 2E: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

LGBT+ EQUALITY

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	14%	20%	8%	17%	7%
Very likely	3%	4%	3%	4%	0%
Somewhat likely	11%	16%	6%	12%	7%
There's a 50/50 chance	15%	19%	10%	12%	20%
Unlikely	65%	58%	73%	63%	71%
Somewhat unlikely	38%	41%	35%	38%	38%
Very unlikely	27%	18%	37%	25%	33%
I don't know	6%	4%	9%	8%	2%



QUESTION 2F: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	42%	43%	40%	39%	48%
Very likely	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%
Somewhat likely	37%	38%	36%	33%	47%
There's a 50/50 chance	32%	35%	28%	29%	39%
Unlikely	23%	20%	27%	27%	13%
Somewhat unlikely	16%	12%	20%	19%	9%
Very unlikely	8%	7%	8%	9%	5%
I don't know	3%	2%	4%	4%	0%

QUESTION 2G: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	27%	35%	18%	24%	34%
Very likely	8%	10%	7%	5%	16%
Somewhat likely	18%	25%	11%	19%	18%
There's a 50/50 chance	24%	20%	27%	24%	22%
Unlikely	46%	40%	52%	47%	44%
Somewhat unlikely	30%	28%	32%	29%	30%
Very unlikely	16%	12%	21%	18%	13%
I don't know	4%	5%	3%	5%	0%

QUESTION 2H: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

DC STATEHOOD

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Very likely	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Somewhat likely	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
There's a 50/50 chance	4%	6%	3%	6%	0%
Unlikely	91%	90%	93%	89%	98%
Somewhat unlikely	24%	27%	21%	21%	30%
Very unlikely	68%	63%	72%	67%	68%
I don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%	0%



QUESTION 2I: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	13%	21%	6%	16%	7%
Very likely	3%	5%	0%	4%	0%
Somewhat likely	11%	16%	6%	12%	7%
There's a 50/50 chance	19%	20%	17%	20%	14%
Unlikely	65%	55%	74%	59%	78%
Somewhat unlikely	35%	32%	38%	31%	44%
Very unlikely	30%	23%	37%	28%	33%
I don't know	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%

QUESTION 2J: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	11%	18%	4%	11%	12%
Very likely	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Somewhat likely	10%	16%	3%	9%	12%
There's a 50/50 chance	16%	14%	18%	14%	22%
Unlikely	68%	63%	74%	69%	67%
Somewhat unlikely	35%	29%	41%	34%	40%
Very unlikely	33%	34%	32%	35%	27%
I don't know	4%	5%	4%	6%	0%

QUESTION 2K: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	39%	41%	37%	36%	47%
Very likely	9%	6%	11%	9%	8%
Somewhat likely	31%	35%	26%	27%	39%
There's a 50/50 chance	32%	34%	30%	34%	29%
Unlikely	24%	20%	27%	24%	23%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	15%	18%	15%	22%
Very unlikely	7%	5%	9%	9%	2%
I don't know	5%	4%	6%	6%	2%



QUESTION 2L: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

TECHNOLOGY REGULATION

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	34%	35%	32%	33%	36%
Very likely	7%	11%	3%	4%	12%
Somewhat likely	27%	24%	30%	28%	23%
There's a 50/50 chance	28%	28%	28%	27%	29%
Unlikely	32%	30%	35%	34%	29%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	20%	24%	24%	17%
Very unlikely	11%	9%	12%	10%	12%
I don't know	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%

QUESTION 2M: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

CRYPTOCURRENCY REGULATION

TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
15%	12%	17%	9%	29%
1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
14%	11%	16%	8%	28%
24%	29%	20%	26%	21%
44%	43%	44%	46%	38%
25%	23%	27%	27%	20%
19%	20%	18%	19%	18%
17%	16%	19%	19%	12%
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QUESTION 2N: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

SOCIAL SECURITY AND ENTITLEMENTS

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	4%	7%	1%	4%	5%
Very likely	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Somewhat likely	4%	7%	1%	4%	5%
There's a 50/50 chance	11%	12%	10%	14%	5%
Unlikely	77%	72%	83%	75%	83%
Somewhat unlikely	22%	24%	21%	22%	22%
Very unlikely	55%	48%	62%	53%	60%
I don't know	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%



QUESTION 20: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

TAXES

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	37%	50%	24%	35%	42%
Very likely	13%	19%	7%	13%	12%
Somewhat likely	24%	30%	18%	22%	29%
There's a 50/50 chance	26%	23%	30%	31%	15%
Unlikely	32%	22%	42%	28%	42%
Somewhat unlikely	17%	12%	22%	12%	28%
Very unlikely	15%	11%	20%	16%	14%
I don't know	4%	5%	3%	5%	2%

QUESTION 2P: How likely or unlikely is it that Congress will pass legislation on each of the following issues during this Congress?

CHINA RELATIONS

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Likely	59%	61%	57%	50%	83%
Very likely	28%	30%	26%	18%	53%
Somewhat likely	31%	31%	32%	32%	30%
There's a 50/50 chance	20%	22%	17%	23%	11%
Unlikely	13%	7%	20%	17%	5%
Somewhat unlikely	5%	2%	8%	5%	5%
Very unlikely	8%	5%	12%	12%	0%
I don't know	8%	10%	6%	11%	2%

QUESTION 3: Which do you believe is the most likely outcome for the Biden administration's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan during this Congress?

The American Jobs Plan and the American Families 46% 52% 40% 46% 47%	
Plan are grouped together for reconciliation and passed by Congress on a party line vote	
Congress passes hard infrastructure but neither 39% 28% 51% 41% 36%	
the full American Jobs Plan nor the American	
Families Plan	
Congress passes the American Jobs Plan but not 10% 16% 3% 9% 13%	
the American Families Plan	
Congress passes the American Families Plan but 2% 3% 1% 2% 4%	
not the American Jobs Plan	
None of the above are passed by Congress 2% 0% 4% 3% 0%	



QUESTION 4: The Biden administration announced it supports waiving intellectual property protections for American companies that have developed COVID-19 vaccines. Does the member you work for support or oppose waiving intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Support	34%	61%	7%	33%	37%
Strongly support	21%	40%	1%	20%	23%
Somewhat support	13%	20%	6%	13%	14%
Oppose	35%	11%	60%	38%	28%
Somewhat oppose	14%	6%	22%	15%	11%
Strongly oppose	21%	5%	38%	23%	17%
Undecided/I don't know	30%	28%	32%	28%	35%

QUESTION 5: Does the member you work for plan to request community project funding, previously known as earmarks, this year?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE	
Yes	69%	89%	48%	80%	42%	
No	22%	4%	41%	18%	34%	
They have not decided one way or another	6%	4%	7%	2%	16%	
I don't know	3%	2%	4%	1%	9%	

QUESTION 6: Have House Republicans strengthened or weakened their caucus with the debate around whether to keep Rep. Liz Cheney in a leadership role?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Strengthened	18%	12%	24%	19%	16%
Greatly strengthened	3%	0%	6%	4%	2%
Somewhat strengthened	15%	12%	18%	15%	15%
Neither strengthened nor weakened	21%	19%	23%	20%	25%
Weakened	57%	65%	48%	58%	53%
Somewhat weakened	35%	38%	31%	35%	33%
Greatly weakened	22%	27%	18%	23%	20%
I don't know	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%

QUESTION 7: Which of the following makes governing and reaching compromise MORE difficult?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
The conservative wing of the Republican Party	62%	95%	27%	63%	59%
The progressive wing of the Democratic Party	38%	5%	73%	37%	41%

QUESTION 8: How concerned are you that primary challenges from left-wing candidates will threaten the party's majority in either the House or Senate in 2022?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Concerned	22%	22%	0%	28%	8%
Very concerned	5%	5%	0%	7%	0%
Somewhat concerned	17%	17%	0%	21%	8%
Not Concerned	77%	77%	0%	71%	92%
A little concerned	29%	29%	0%	31%	23%
Not at all concerned	48%	48%	0%	40%	69%
I don't know	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%



QUESTION 9: How concerned are you that primary challenges from right-wing candidates will threaten the party's chances at securing a majority in either the House or Senate in 2022?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE	
Concerned	34%	0%	34%	29%	47%	
Very concerned	16%	0%	16%	15%	19%	
Somewhat concerned	18%	0%	18%	15%	28%	
Not Concerned	64%	0%	64%	69%	53%	
A little concerned	36%	0%	36%	38%	31%	
Not at all concerned	28%	0%	28%	31%	22%	
I don't know	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%	

QUESTION 10: Who do you believe will be in control of the House of Representatives after the 2022 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE	
Republicans	78%	57%	99%	79%	75%	
Democrats	22%	43%	1%	21%	25%	

QUESTION 11: Who do you believe will be in control of the Senate after the 2022 elections?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Democrats	70%	80%	59%	72%	63%
Republicans	30%	20%	41%	28%	37%

QUESTION 12: Who do you believe is MOST likely to be the next Democratic speaker after Nancy Pelosi?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Rep. Hakeem Jefferies	74%	74%	0%	72%	77%
Rep. Katherine Clark	8%	8%	0%	9%	8%
Rep. Karen Bass	7%	7%	0%	7%	8%
Rep. Steny Hoyer	5%	5%	0%	7%	0%
Rep. Adam Schiff	5%	5%	0%	3%	8%
Rep. Jim Clyburn	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%

QUESTION 13: Who do you believe is MOST likely to be the next Republican speaker?

		TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Rep.	Kevin McCarthy	66%	0%	66%	69%	59%
Rep.	Steve Scalise	22%	0%	22%	20%	28%
Rep.	Jim Jordan	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%
Rep.	Elise Stefanik	2%	0%	2%	0%	6%
Rep.	Mike Johnson	1%	0%	1%	2%	0 %
Rep.	Tom Emmer	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other		6%	0%	6%	7%	3%



QUESTION 14: Who do you believe is MOST likely to be the next Democratic Senate majority leader after Chuck Schumer?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Sen. Dick Durbin	37%	37%	0%	40%	31%
Sen. Patty Murray	26%	26%	0%	24%	31%
Sen. Amy Klobuchar	16%	16%	0%	19%	8%
Sen. Chris Murphy	5%	5%	0%	7%	0%
Sen. Elizabeth Warren	5%	5%	0%	3%	8%
Sen. Mark Warner	2%	2%	0%	0%	8%
Other	9%	9%	0%	7%	15%

QUESTION 15: Who do you believe is MOST likely to be the next Republican Senate majority leader after Mitch McConnell?

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Sen. John Cornyn	39%	0%	39%	33%	53%
Sen. John Thune	38%	0%	38%	40%	34%
Sen. Lindsey Graham	6%	0%	6%	7%	3%
Sen. John Barrasso	4%	0%	4%	4%	6%
Sen. Joni Ernst	4%	0%	4%	5%	0%
Sen. Shelley Moore Capito	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%
Other	6%	0%	6%	9%	0%

QUESTION 16/17: Who is the most influential Republican voice outside of members of Congress, presidents, or vice presidents? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Tucker Carlson	87%	0%	87%	87%	88%
Sean Hannity	51%	0%	51%	53%	47%
Ben Shapiro	19%	0%	19%	20%	16%
Ronna McDaniel	9%	0%	9%	9%	9%
Mark Levin	6%	0%	6%	5%	6%
Laura Ingraham	4%	0%	4%	4%	6%
Chris Christie	3%	0%	3%	4%	3%
Steve Bannon	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Other	19%	0%	19%	16%	25%

QUESTION 18/19: Who is the most influential Democratic voice outside of members of Congress, presidents, or vice presidents? (COMBINED CHOICE - TOP TWO)

	TOTAL	DEM	GOP	HOUSE	SENATE
Stacey Abrams	86%	86%	0%	86%	85%
Rachel Maddow	62%	62%	0%	62%	62%
Jaime Harrison	15%	15%	0%	16%	15%
Chris Hayes	8%	8%	0%	9%	8%
Van Jones	2%	2%	0%	3%	0%
Joy Reid	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lawrence O'Donnell	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Ari Melber	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	26%	26%	0%	24%	31%