



SUPPORT FOR ENDING
PANDEMIC WELFARE
SPENDING

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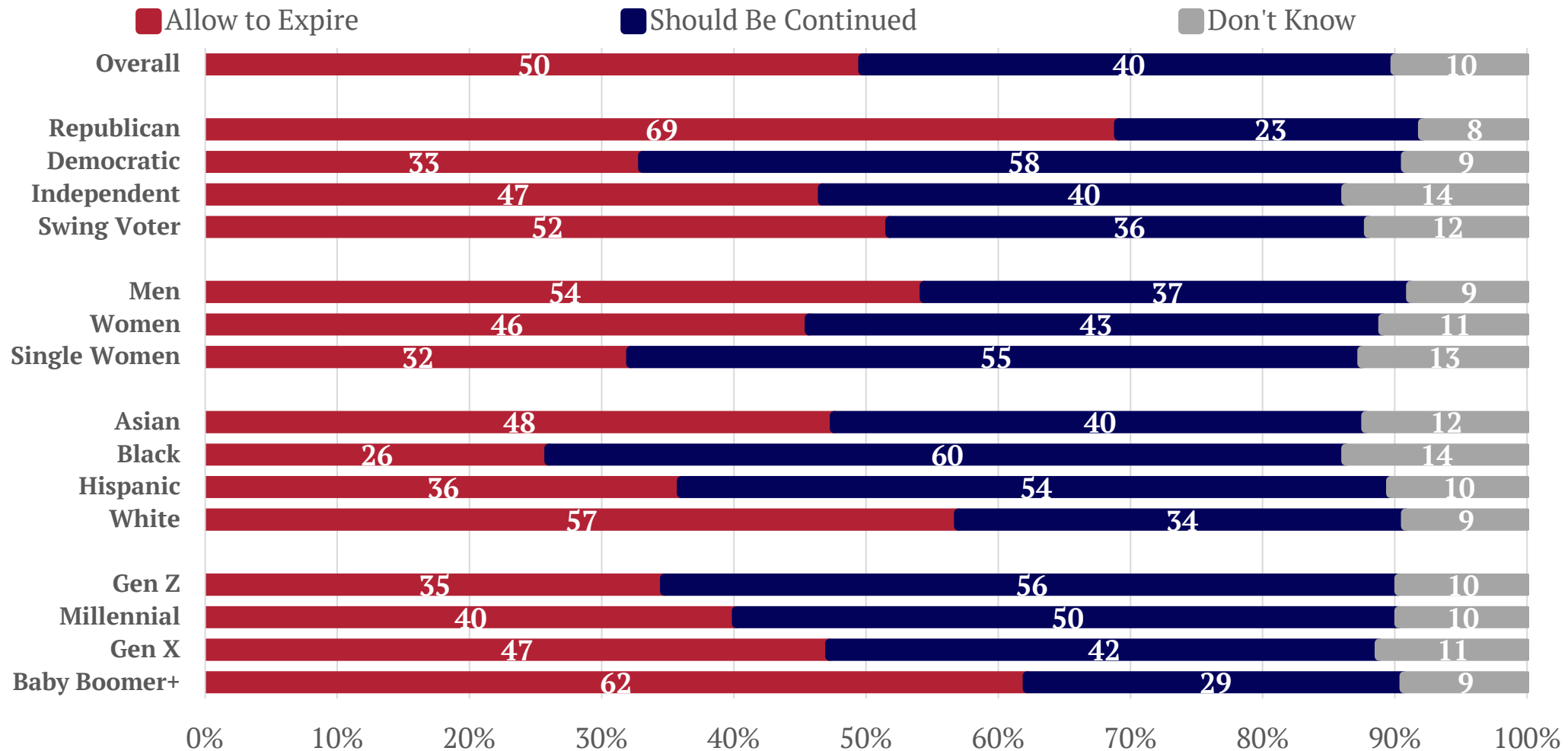
KEY TAKEAWAYS

- A plurality of Americans favor ending the additional welfare spending Congress passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This plurality is built on support of Republicans who favor allowing the spending to expire 69-23.
- Independents are narrowly divided, 47-40, in favor of ending the programs.
- 50% of voters who favor continuing the pandemic era welfare programs prefer paying for it by cutting spending elsewhere, rather than increasing the budget deficit or raising taxes.

MOST SUPPORT ENDING ADDITIONAL COVID WELFARE SPENDING

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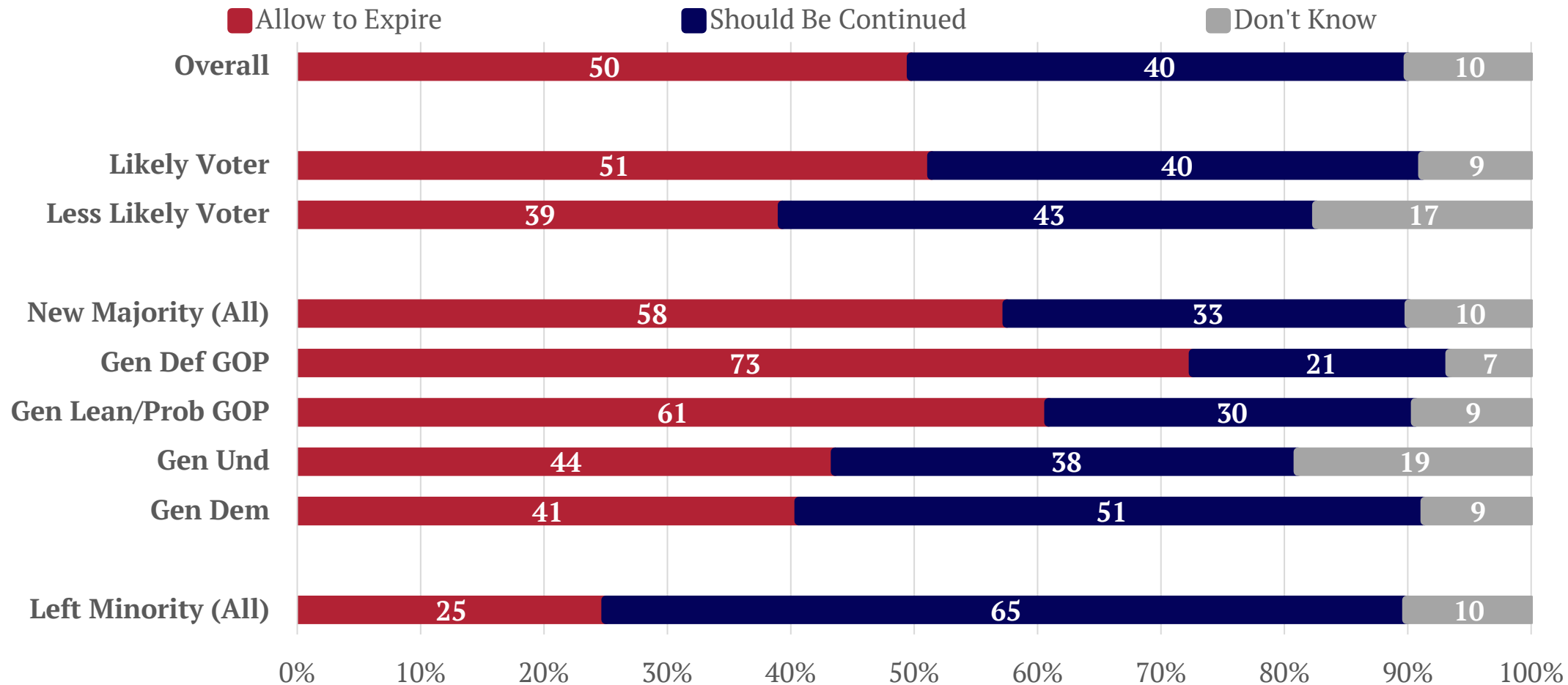
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ISSUE IS DIVISIVE AMONG KEY GROUPS OF NEW MAJORITY

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LITTLE SUPPORT FOR RAISING TAXES OR BUDGET DEFICIT TO PAY FOR CONTINUED SPENDING

(OF THOSE WHO SAID THE SPENDING SHOULD BE CONTINUED)

“How should the government pay for continuing the pandemic-era additional welfare spending?”

	Overall	GOP	DEM	IND	Swing Voter	Men	Women	Single Women	Asian	Black	Hisp.	White	Gen Z	Millennial	Gen X	Baby Boomers+
Cut Spending Elsewhere	50%	65%	44%	50%	50%	45%	54%	53%	52%	48%	54%	49%	56%	49%	52%	45%
Incr. Budget Deficit/Debt	18%	19%	21%	11%	16%	18%	18%	21%	15%	24%	20%	15%	22%	22%	15%	14%
Raise Taxes	16%	7%	19%	18%	15%	25%	10%	11%	30%	7%	12%	19%	11%	14%	16%	21%
Other	5%	4%	6%	4%	6%	6%	5%	5%	0%	6%	7%	5%	4%	4%	5%	8%
Don't Know	11%	5%	10%	16%	14%	6%	14%	11%	3%	15%	6%	11%	7%	11%	12%	12%

	Overall	Likely Voter	Less Likely Voter	New Majority (All)	Gen Def GOP	Gen Lean/Prob GOP	Gen Und	Gen Dem	Left Minority (All)
Cut Spending Elsewhere	50%	51%	46%	59%	66%	65%	52%	54%	36%
Incr. Budget Deficit/Debt	18%	18%	19%	18%	18%	18%	13%	22%	17%
Raise Taxes	16%	18%	8%	8%	8%	8%	4%	11%	29%
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Don't Know	11%	9%	21%	11%	4%	6%	27%	9%	10%

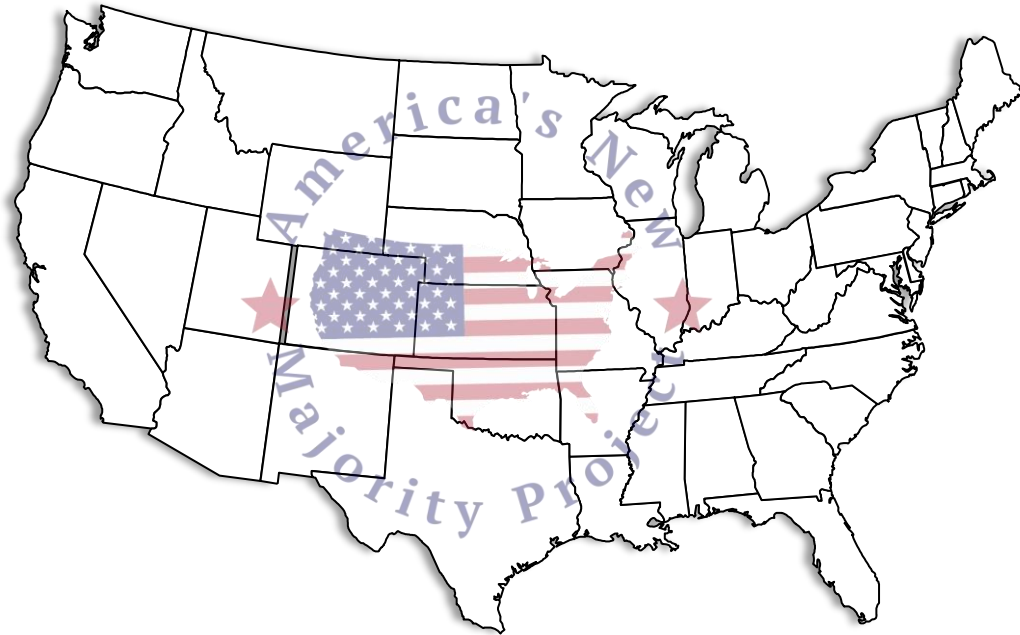


Methodology

Mclaughlin & Associates partnered with Gingrich360 to conduct a national survey for America's New Majority Project. This national survey was conducted among 2,000 registered voters between September 7-10, 2023.

All interviews were conducted online. Survey invitations were distributed randomly within predetermined geographic units. These units were structured to correlate with actual general election turnout.

The sample of 2,000 registered voters has an accuracy of +/- 2.2% at a 95% confidence interval. The numbers in this presentation have been rounded and may not equal 100%.



New England	5%
Middle Atlantic	13%
East North Central	16%
West North Central	6%
South Atlantic	21%
East South Central	6%
West South Central	11%
Mountain	7%
Pacific	15%

18-29	15%
30-40	17%
41-55	25%
56-65	19%
66+	24%

White	68%
Hispanic	13%
Black	13%
Asian	4%
Other	2%

Male	47%
Female	53%

Democratic	36%
Republican	37%
Independent	27%

Less/4yr College	66%
Bachelor's/P.G	34%

