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INTRODUCTION

This report for the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership is based on a telephone survey of a random sample of 400 Rhode Island registered voters.

Interviewing was conducted by telephone between April 25 and April 28, 2021. Each completed interview lasted just over nine minutes.

Interviews were completed only with registered voters in Rhode Island who passed a screen designed to establish their registration status.

The following category of respondents were screened out of the survey, and thus not included in the final sample of 400 Rhode Island voters:

- Residents who indicated they were not registered to vote or not sure of their registration status in Rhode Island.

SAMPLING

The sample is an area random probability sample of Rhode Island residents; respondents' telephone numbers were selected using a computer generated random sample of Rhode Island registered voters. Eighty percent of the calls were made to cell phones and 20% to landlines.

(A sampling note: Several symbols are used in the tables of this report to designate groups whose sample size is too small to ensure meaningful results.)

A single + will be found next to all groups whose sample size is less than 70 respondents but at least 50.

Two +'s (++) will be found next to all groups whose sample size is less than 50.

Efforts were made to avoid underrepresenting young voters, a fairly common problem in telephone polls. Interviewers were instructed to ask for the youngest person of voting age presently at home to ensure an adequate sampling of young voters.

Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding off.

In reading the data in this report and the computer's printouts provided to the Hassenfeld Institute for Public Leadership, one should bear in mind that the results are subject to sampling error; that is, the difference between the results obtained from our sample and the results, which would be obtained by surveying the entire adult voting population.

The size of a possible sampling error varies with the percentage of any group given a particular answer, and with the size of each group analyzed; i.e., ALL VOTERS, men, women, income, ages 18-39, etc.

The following table outlines the range of error in samples of different sizes and at different percentages of response.

For the overall sample of 400 the sampling margin of error 95 times out of 100 is approximately 4.9%, though slightly lower (4.0%) for responses selected by very high or low percentages of the total sample.

GLOSSARY

Throughout this report, mention will be made of several different groups within the state. For the reader's benefit, a description is offered below of how these groups have been derived from specific survey questions.

SEX

Male	(47.3%)
Female	(52.7%)

These categories are derived by the respondent's voice.

AGE

18-39	(26.0%)
40-59	(41.0%)
60 and older	(32.5%)
Refused ++	(0.5%)

These categories are derived from Question 2

POLITICAL PARTY

Democrat	(42.3%)
Republican +	(13.8%)
Independent	(39.8%)
Refused ++	(4.3%)

These categories are derived from Question 12

INCOME

Less than \$25,000 ++	(8.3%)
\$25,000 to \$74,999	(29.0%)
\$75,000 to \$99, 999	(17.5%)
\$100,000 to \$199,999	(26.8%)
\$200,000 or greater ++	(9.8%)
Refused ++	(8.8%)

These categories are derived from Question 13

KEY TO THE SYMBOLS
USED IN THESE TABLES

*	Less than half of one percent
(Vol.)	Volunteered response
+	Groups with less than 70 but at least 50 respondents
++	Groups with less than 50 respondents
NA	Not applicable or not available

Section I

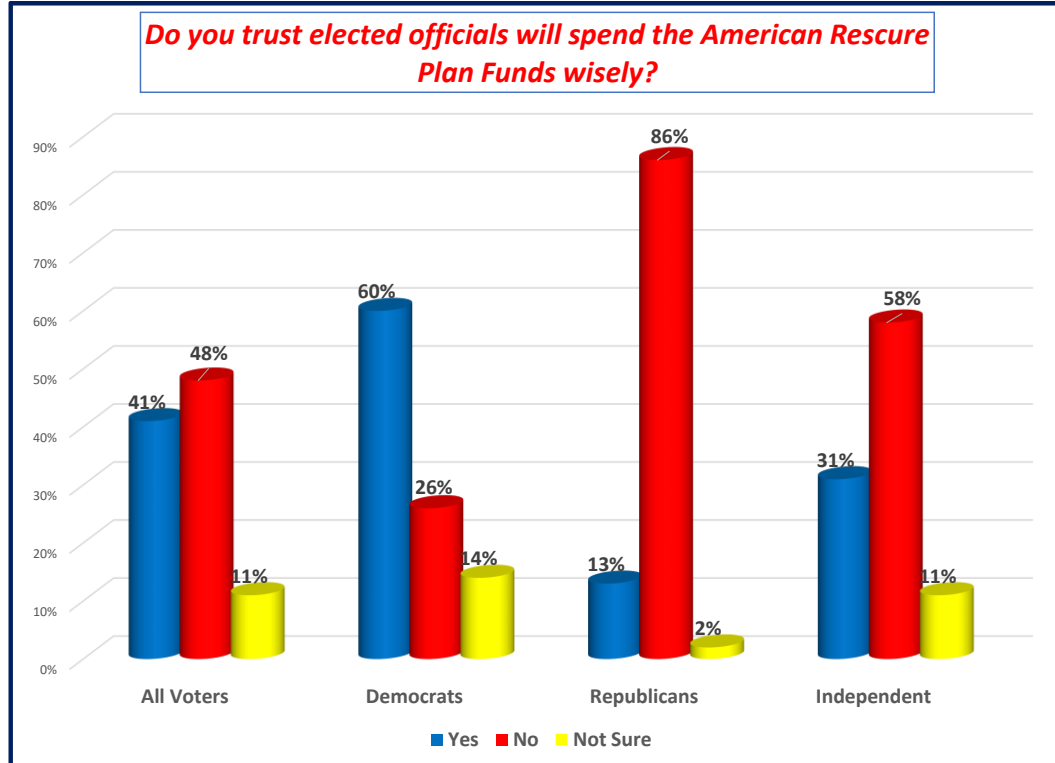
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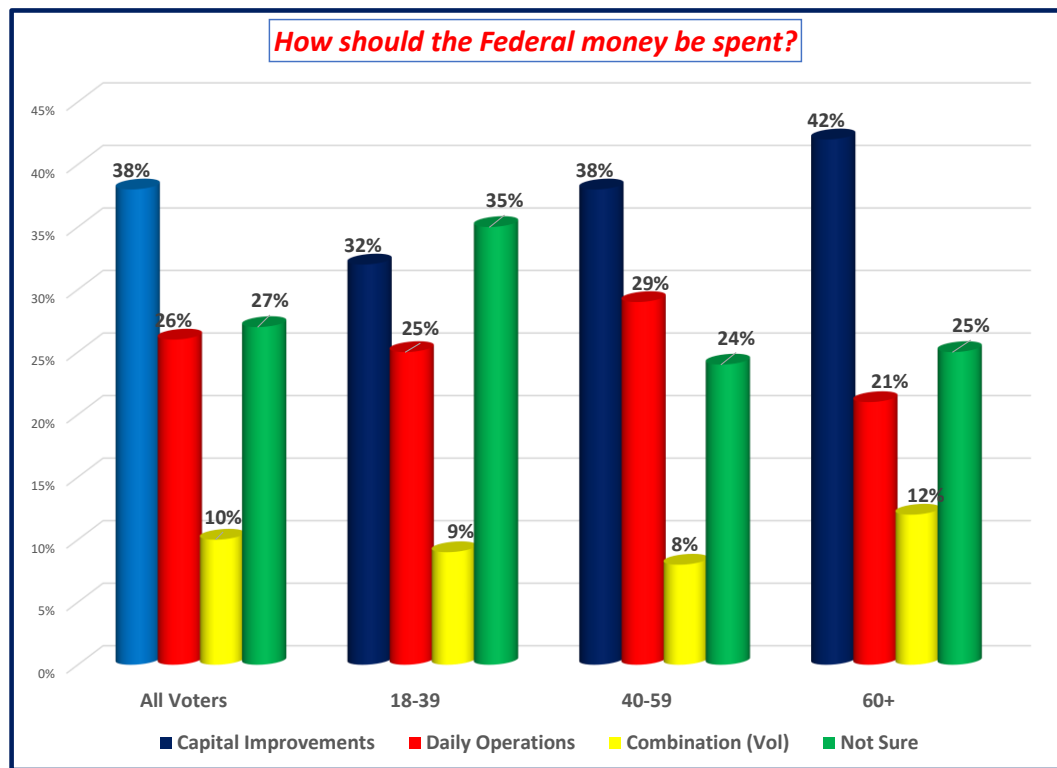
- Findings:
 - Rhode Islanders are divided on if the state, cities & towns will spend the American Rescue Plan Act funds wisely
 - Thirty-eight percent of voters said the priority should be to spend the American Rescue Plan Act funds on capital improvements while 26% said daily operations
 - A majority of voters said it is important to spend the state funds from the American Rescue Plan Act on grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic, job training and re-skilling programs and reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic
 - A majority of voters said it is important to spend the cities and town funds from the American Rescue Plan Act on enhancing public school programs, expanding senior services and investing in one-time projects, such as sewage, roads, bridges and school facility
 - A majority of voters said it is important if the state decides to spend the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act on capital projects. The most important to them were repairing roads and bridges and modernizing school facilities
 - A majority of voters said that they are not willing to have a tax increase to pay for operational programs when the American Rescue Plan funds run out

- Rhode Island voters were asked if they trust their elected officials in Rhode Island to spend the American Rescue Plan Act funds wisely. Forty-one percent of voters said they did while 48% said they do not trust them and 11% are not sure on the question (Q.3).
 - Fifty-nine percent of males said they do not trust their elected officials to spend the funds wisely and 33% said they do.
 - Forty-eight percent of females said they trust their elected officials and 38% said they do not.
 - Fifty percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said they do not trust their elected officials to spend the funds wisely.
 - Voters over the age of 60 are divided with 42% have trust in the elected officials and 48% not having trust.
 - Sixty percent of Democrats have trust in their elected officials.
 - Eighty-six percent of Republicans do not trust their elected officials.
 - Fifty-eight percent of Independent voters said they do not trust their elected officials to spend the funds wisely.

- A majority of voters who earn over \$100,000 do not have trust that their elected officials will spend the funds wisely.



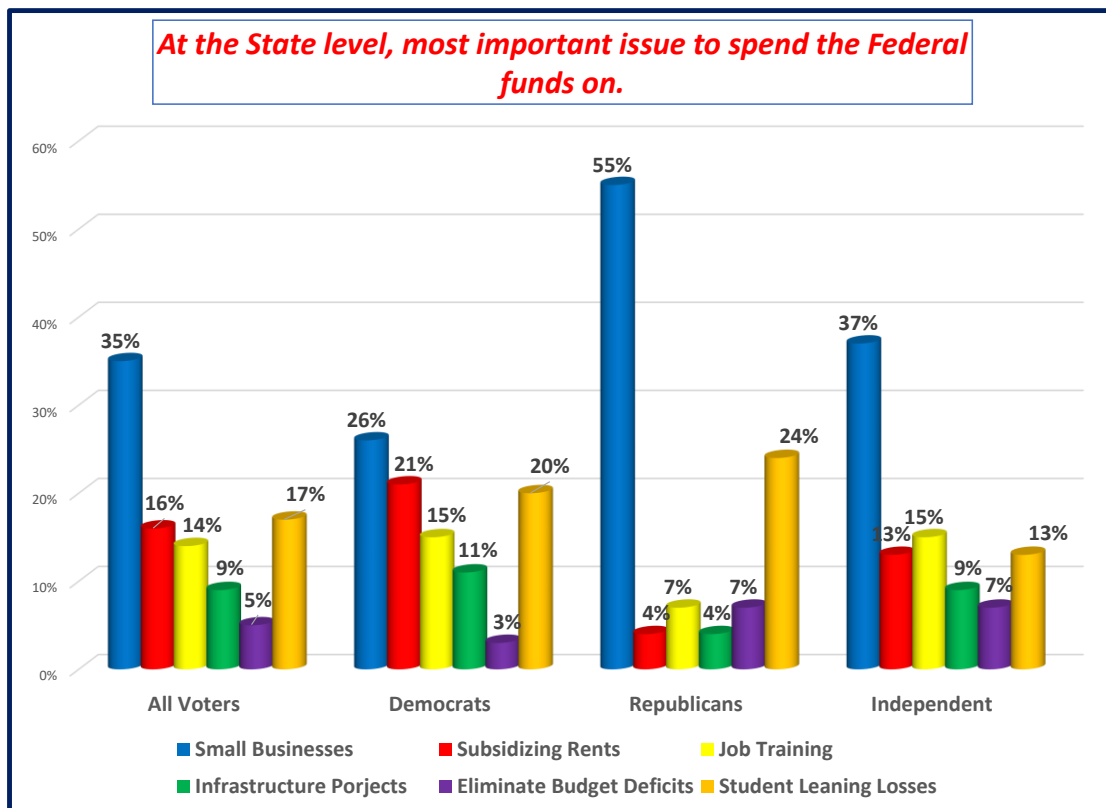
- Rhode Island voters were asked if they think the priority should be to spend most of the federal money on one time capital improvements or daily government operations. Thirty-eight percent of voters said it should be spent on capital improvements, 26% said daily operations, 10% volunteered a combination of both and 27% are not sure on the question (Q.4).
 - Forty-three percent of males said capital improvements.
 - Females are divided with 34% saying capital improvements, 27% daily operations and 31% were not sure on the question.
 - Forty-two percent of voters over the age of 60 said capital improvements.
 - Thirty-five percent of voters under the age of 40 were not sure on the question.
 - Forty-seven percent of Republicans said capital improvements while 24% said daily operations.
 - Independent voters are divided with 31% saying capital improvements, 25% daily operations, 12% a combination of both and 32% were not sure.
 - Forty-two percent of voters who earned between \$100K and \$199K said the funds should be spend mostly on capital improvements.



- Voters were asked a series of questions of how important it is to spend the federal fund on certain items at the state level.
 - **Grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic:** Seventy-six percent of voters said the item is important (56% very important, 20% important), 9% not important (4% not important at all, 5% not important) and 14% were neutral on the issue (Q5a).
 - Seventy-eight percent of females said it is important compared to 73% of males.
 - Eighty-one percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said it is important.
 - Eighty-nine percent of Republicans said it is important.
 - Eighty-five percent of voters who earn over \$200K said it is important.
 - **Subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants:** Fifty percent of voters said the item is important (32% very important, 18% important), 25% not important (13% not important at all, 12% not important) and 23% were neutral on the issue (Q5b).
 - Sixty percent of females said it is important.
 - Males are divided with 32% saying it is not important, 39% important and 26% neutral on it.

- Fifty-one percent of voters over the age of 60 said it is important.
 - Sixty-eight percent of Democrats said it is important.
 - Among Republicans 47% said it is not important, 24% important and 29% neutral.
 - Independent voters are divided with 31% saying it is not important, 40% important and 25% neutral on the issue.
 - Eight-two percent of voters who earn less than \$25K said it is important.
- **Job Training and re-skilling programs:** Sixty percent of voters said the item is important (37% very important, 23% important), 14% not important (7% not important at all, 7% not important) and 25% were neutral on the issue (Q5c).
 - Sixty-six percent of females said it is important (45% very important).
 - Sixty-two percent of voters under the age of 40 said it is important.
 - Sixty-eight percent of Democrats said it is important.
 - Seventy percent of voters who earn less than \$25K said it is important.
 - Twenty-two percent of Republicans said it is not important.
- **One-time infrastructure projects:** Forty-three percent of voters said the item is important (22% very important, 21% important), 28% not important (16% not important at all, 12% not important) and 24% were neutral on the issue (Q5d).
 - Fifty percent of males said it is important and 28% said it is not important.
 - Females are divided 30% said it is not important, 37% said it is important and 26% are neutral on this issue.
 - Fifty percent of voters over the age of 60 said it is important.
 - Voters between the ages of 40 and 59 are divided on this issue with 32% saying it is not important, 38% important and 28% neutral.
 - Fifty-one percent of Democrats said it is important.
 - Thirty-one percent of Republicans and Independent voters said it is not important.
- **Eliminate projected budget deficits:** Thirty-one percent of voters said the item is important (16% very important, 15% important), 34% not important (21% not important at all, 13% not important) and 27% were neutral on the issue (Q5e).

- Forty-six percent of males said the issue is not important.
 - Thirty-eight percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said it is not important.
 - Forty-six percent of Republican voters said it is not important.
 - Forty-nine percent of voters who earn under \$25K said it is important.
 - Forty-six percent of voters who earn more than \$200K said it is not important.
- **Reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic:** Fifty-eight percent of voters said the item is important (37% very important, 21% important), 19% not important (10% not important at all, 9% not important) and 18% were neutral on the issue (Q5f).
 - Sixty-six percent of females said this is important to them.
 - Sixty-three percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said it is important to them.
 - Sixty-eight percent of Democrats said it is important to them
 - Twenty-six percent of Republicans said it is not important to them.
 - Seventy-three percent of voters who earn less than \$25K said it is important to them.
- When asked which of the six issues is the most important to them. Thirty-five percent said grants and loans to small business is the most important to them, 17% student learning losses, 16% subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants, 14% job training, 9% infrastructure projects and 5% eliminating the projected budget deficits (Q.6).
 - Thirty-seven percent of males said loans and grants to small businesses.
 - Fifty-five percent of Republicans said loans and grants to small businesses.
 - Forty-two percent of voters who earn less than \$25K said subsidizing rents is the most important.
 - Fifty-four percent of those who earn over \$200K said loans and grants to small businesses is the most important.

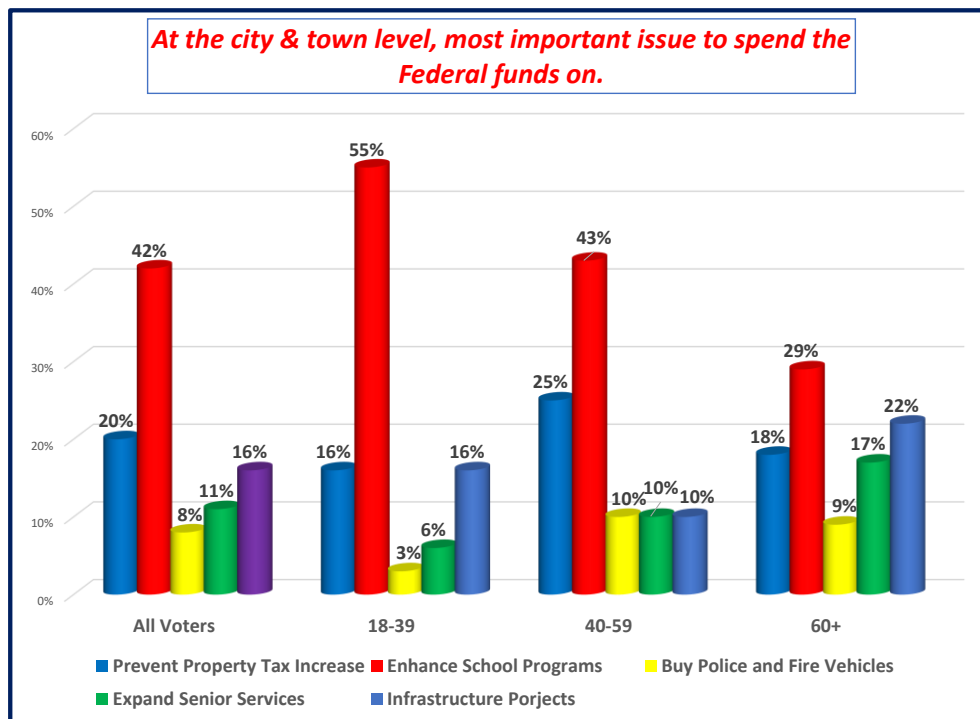


- Voters were asked a series of questions of how important it is to spend the federal fund on certain items at the city and town level.
 - **Preventing any near-term increases to property taxes:** Forty-six percent of voters said the item is important (30% very important, 16% important), 30% not important (17% not important at all, 13% not important) and 21% were neutral on the issue (Q7a).
 - Forty-six percent of voters over the age of 60 said it is important to them.
 - Democrats are divided with 42% saying it is important, 34% not important and 22% neutral on the issue.
 - Sixty percent of Republicans said it is important to them.
 - Fifty-two percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$74K said it is important to them.
 - Thirty-nine percent of voters who earn over \$200K said it is not important to them.
 - **Enhancing public school programs:** Sixty-three percent of voters said the item is important (41% very important, 22% important), 21% not important (9% not important at all, 12% not important) and 15% were neutral on the issue (Q7b).

- Seventy-one percent of females said it is important compared to 54% of males.
 - Sixty-five percent of voters under the age of 59 said it is important to them.
 - Seventy-two percent of Democrats said it is important to them
 - Fifty-one percent of Republicans said it is important to them, 20% not important and 27% neutral on the issue
 - Sixty-nine percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$74K said the issue is important to them.
- **Buying new police and fire vehicles and equipment:** Twenty-six percent of voters said the item is important (16% very important, 10% important), 47% not important (25% not important at all, 22% not important) and 26% were neutral on the issue (Q7c).
 - Fifty-one percent of voters who are under 40 said it is not important.
 - Fifty-seven percent of Democrats said it is not important.
 - Fifty-six percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$74K said it is not important.
 - Thirty-eight percent of Republicans said it is important to them.
- **Expanding services for seniors:** Fifty-three percent of voters said the item is important (28% very important, 25% important), 22% not important (6% not important at all, 16% not important) and 24% were neutral on the issue (Q7d).
 - Sixty-one percent of females said expanding senior services is important to them.
 - Sixty-three percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said it is important to them.
 - Fifty-nine percent of Democrats said it is important to them.
 - Among Independent voters, 43% said it is important to them, 30% not important and 25% are neutral on the issue.
 - Sixty-one percent of voters who earn under \$75K said it is important to them.
- **Invest in one-time local infrastructure projects, such as sewage, roads and bridges, school facility upgrades:** Fifty-four percent of voters said the item is important (29% very important, 25% important), 20% not important (11% not important at all, 9% not important) and 25% were neutral on the issue (Q7e).
 - Fifty-eight percent of males said it is important compared to 49% of females.

- Among the age groups the strongest support for this issue comes from voters over the age of 60 with 63% saying it is important.
 - Sixty-three percent of Democrats said this is important to them.
 - Forty-two percent of Republicans said it is important to them, 26% said it is not important and 33% are neutral on the issue.
 - Fifty-eight percent of those who earn under \$25K said it is important to them and 59% of those who earn over \$200K.

- When asked which of the five local issues is the most important to them. Forty-two percent enhancing public school programs, 20% preventing any near-term increase to property taxes, 16% infrastructure projects, 11% expanding senior programs and 8% buying new police and fire vehicles and equipment (Q.8).
 - Fifty percent of females said school programs is the most important to them.
 - Among males, 32% said school programs, 21% infrastructure projects and 20% property taxes.
 - Fifty-five percent of voters under 40 said expanding school programs is the most important.
 - Forty-seven percent of Democrats said expanding educational programs is the most important.
 - Thirty-three percent of Republicans said property taxes is the most important to them.
 - Forty-eight percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$74K said expanding educational programs is the most important to them.



- Voters were asked a series of questions of how important it is to spend the federal fund on certain capital improvements at the state level.

- **Increasing affordable housing:** Fifty-three percent of voters said increasing affordable housing is important (32% very important, 21% important), 24% not important (12% not important at all, 12% not important) and 21% were neutral on the issue (Q.9a).

- Sixty-three percent of females said it is important to them.
 - Fifty-nine percent of voters under the age of 40 said it is important.
 - Seventy-two percent of Democrats said increasing affordable housing is important.
 - Seventy-six percent of voters who earn under \$25K said this is important to them.
 - Forty-seven percent of Republicans said it is not important to them and 22% said it is important to them.

- **Modernizing school facilities:** Fifty-nine percent of voters said modernizing school facilities is important (33% very important, 26% important), 20% not important (7% not important at all, 13% not important) and 21% were neutral on the issue (Q.9b).

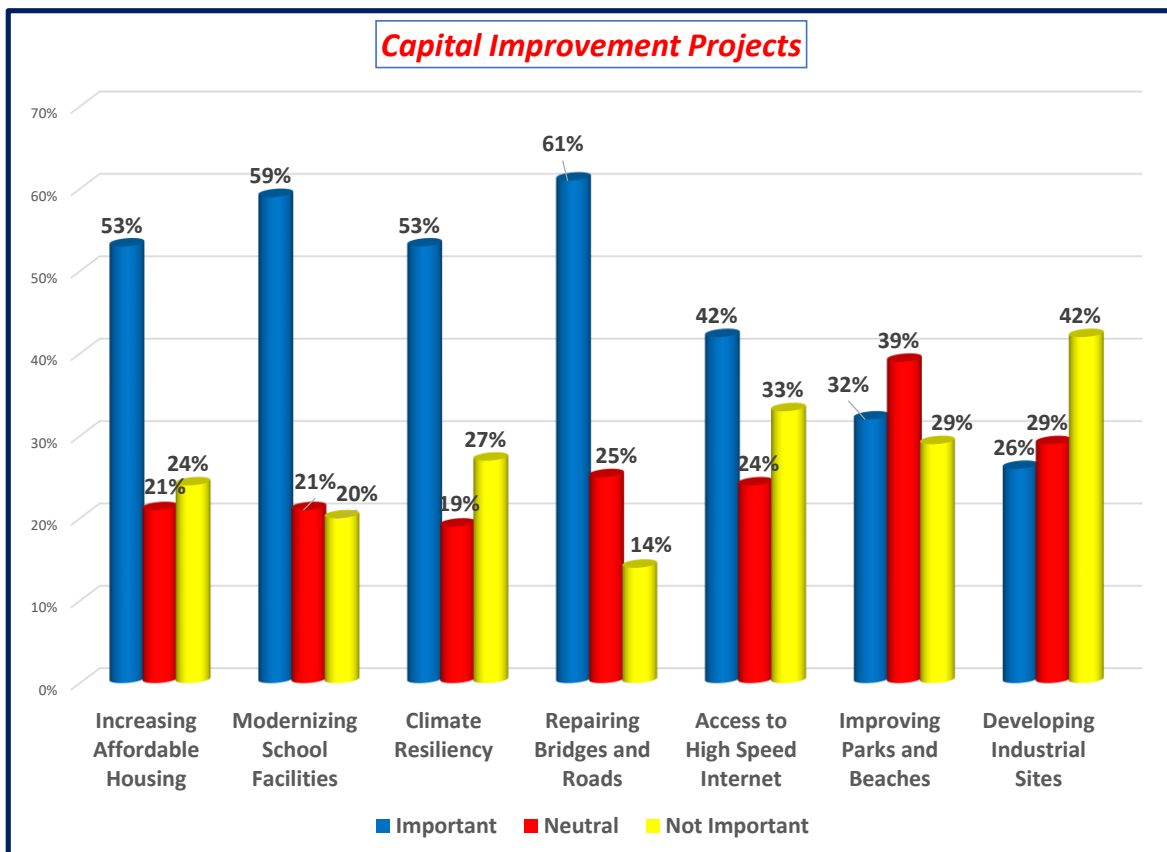
- Sixty-six percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said it is important to them.
 - Sixty-eight percent of Democrats said it is important to them.

- Twenty-eight percent of Independent voters said it is not important to them while 52% said it is important.
 - Thirty-one percent of Republicans said they are neutral on the question while 51% said it is important to them.
 - Sixty-three percent of voters who earn between \$25K and \$74K said it is important and 64% of those who earn between \$100K and \$199K said it is important to them.
- **Investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy:** Fifty-three percent of voters said increasing affordable housing is important (30% very important, 23% important), 27% not important (17% not important at all, 10% not important) and 19% were neutral on the issue (Q.9c).
 - Males are divided on this question with 35% saying it is not important and 45% saying it is important.
 - Fifty-nine percent of females said investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy is important to them.
 - Seventy-eight percent of Democrats said it is important to them.
 - Sixty-six percent of Republicans said it is not important to them.
 - Independent voters are divided with 38% saying it is important, 31% not important and 30% being neutral on the issue.
 - Sixty-one percent of voters who earn under \$25K said it is important to them.
- **Repairing bridges and roads:** Sixty-one percent of voters said repairing bridges and roads is important (32% very important, 29% important), 14% not important (7% not important at all, 7% not important) and 25% were neutral on the issue (Q.9d).
 - Sixty-six percent of males said that repairing bridges and road is important to them while 12% do not.
 - Seventy-three percent of voters over the age of 60 said repairing bridges and roads is important.
 - Voters under the age of 40 are divided with 44% saying it is important, 21% saying it is not important and 33% are neutral on the issue.
 - Sixty-nine percent of Democrats said this is important to them.
 - Among Republicans, 53% said it is important, 16% not important and 29% are neutral on the issue.
 - Sixty-seven percent of voters who earn under \$25K said it is important to them.

- **Access to high speed internet:** Forty-two percent of voters said increasing affordable housing is important (23% very important, 19% important), 33% not important (16% not important at all, 17% not important) and 24% were neutral on the issue (Q.9e).
 - There is little difference among the sexes on this issue.
 - Voters over the age of 60 are divided with 39% saying it is important, 34% saying it is not important and 25% neutral on the question.
 - Fifty-one percent of Democrats said it is important to them.
 - Voters who earn less than \$100K are divided on the issue while a majority of those who earn over \$100K said it is important to them.

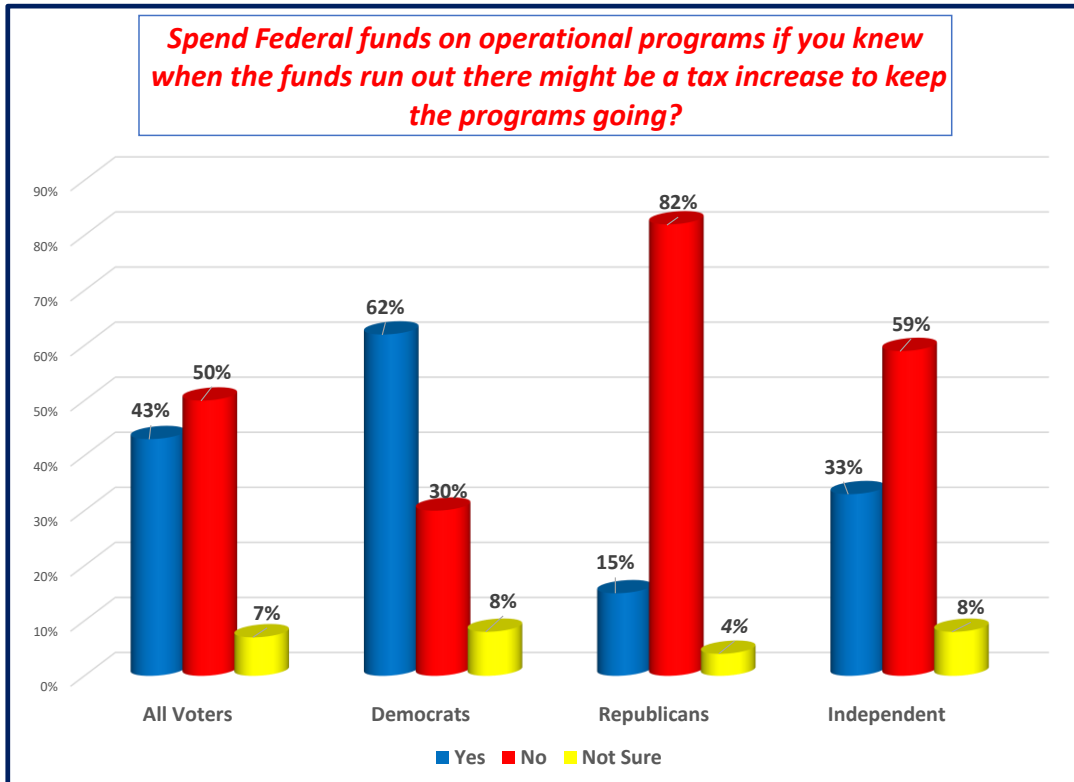
- **Improving state parks and beaches:** Voters of Rhode Island are divided on this issue with 32% of voters saying improving parks and beaches is important (12% very important, 20% important), 29% not important (12% not important at all, 17% not important) and 39% were neutral on the issue (Q.9f).
 - Thirty-four percent of voters under the age of 40 said it is not important to them while 40% are neutral and 25% said it is important to them.
 - Forty-two percent of voters over the age of 60 said it is important to them.
 - Democrats are divided with 24% saying it is not important, 39% neutral and 37% saying it is important.
 - Forty-two percent of Republicans said improving state parks and beaches is not important.

- **Developing industrial sites and business parks:** More Rhode Island voters felt that this issue is not important rather than important. Twenty-six percent of voters said developing industrial sites and business parks is important (10% very important, 16% important), 42% not important (20% not important at all, 22% not important) and 29% were neutral on the issue (Q.9g).
 - Forty-five percent of females said it is not important to them while 22% said it is important.
 - Fifty percent of Democrats said developing industrial sites and business parks is not important to them.
 - Republicans are divided on this question.
 - Thirty-five percent of Independent voters said it is not important to them while 30% said it is important and 30% are neutral on the issue.



- Rhode Island voters were asked if they would still spend the American Rescue Plan funds on operational programs, if you knew that when the federal funds are gone in three years, in order to keep the programs going, there may have to be an increase in taxes. Fifty percent of the voters said no they would not while 43% said yes they would and 7% are not sure on the question (Q.10).
 - Fifty-six percent of males said they would not spend the funds on operational programs if there is a need for a tax increase while 37% said they would.
 - Forty-nine percent of females said they would spend the money on operational programs while 44% would not.
 - Voters under the age of 40 are divided on the question.
 - Fifty-one percent of voters between the ages of 40 and 59 said they would not spend the funds on operational programs if there is a need for a tax increase while 41% will.
 - Fifty-two percent of voters over the age of 60 said they would not spend the funds on operational programs while 42% will.
 - Forty-nine percent of voters who earn under \$75K said they would spend the money even if it means a tax increase.
 - Sixty-two percent of Democrats said they would use the money on operational programs even if it means a tax increase.

- Eighty-two percent of Republican voters said they would not use it on operational programs if it means a tax increase.
- Fifty-nine percent of Independent voters said they would not use it on operational programs if it means a tax increase.
- Fifty-three percent of voters who earn between \$75K and \$99K said they would not use it on operational programs if it means a tax increase.
- Fifty-nine percent of voters who earn over \$200K said they would not use it on operational programs if it means a tax increase.



Section II

TABLES OF QUESTIONS

Q.1

Registered to vote

(N=400)

Row%	Registered to Vote		
	Yes	No	Not Sure
Total	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Gender			
Male	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Female	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Age Group			
18 - 39	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
40 - 59	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
60+	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party			
Dem	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rep	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Indep	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Income			
<25k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
25k-74k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
75k-99k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
100k-199k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>200k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Sex

(N=400)

Row%	Gender	
	Male	Female
Total	47.3%	52.8%
Gender		
Male	100.0%	0.0%
Female	0.0%	100.0%
Age Group		
18 - 39	39.4%	60.6%
40 - 59	47.0%	53.0%
60+	53.8%	46.2%
Refused	50.0%	50.0%
Political Party		
Dem	39.1%	60.9%
Rep	61.8%	38.2%
Indep	51.6%	48.4%
Refused	41.2%	58.8%
Income		
<25k	30.3%	69.7%
25k-74k	42.2%	57.8%
75k-99k	55.7%	44.3%
100k-199k	44.9%	55.1%
>200k	61.5%	38.5%
Refused	54.3%	45.7%

Q.2

Age

(N=400)

Row%	Age Group			
	18 - 39	40 - 59	60+	Refused
Total	26.0%	41.0%	32.5%	0.5%
Gender				
Male	21.7%	40.7%	37.0%	0.5%
Female	29.9%	41.2%	28.4%	0.5%
Age Group				
18 - 39	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
40 - 59	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
60+	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Political Party				
Dem	26.0%	38.5%	34.9%	0.6%
Rep	16.4%	54.5%	29.1%	0.0%
Indep	30.2%	39.0%	30.8%	0.0%
Refused	17.6%	41.2%	35.3%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	30.3%	21.2%	45.5%	3.0%
25k-74k	24.1%	37.1%	38.8%	0.0%
75k-99k	25.7%	38.6%	35.7%	0.0%
100k-199k	33.6%	45.8%	20.6%	0.0%
>200k	23.1%	59.0%	17.9%	0.0%
Refused	8.6%	42.9%	45.7%	2.9%

Q.3

The State of Rhode Island, cities and towns are receiving over \$2 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act because of the pandemic. Do you trust that elected officials in Rhode Island will spend these funds wisely?

(N=400)

Row%	Do you trust that elected officials in Rhode Island will spend these funds wisely?		
	Yes	No	Not sure
Total	41.0%	48.0%	11.0%
Gender			
Male	33.3%	58.7%	7.9%
Female	47.9%	38.4%	13.7%
Age Group			
18 - 39	39.4%	45.2%	15.4%
40 - 59	41.5%	50.0%	8.5%
60+	42.3%	47.7%	10.0%
Refused	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Political Party			
Dem	59.8%	26.0%	14.2%
Rep	12.7%	85.5%	1.8%
Indep	31.4%	57.9%	10.7%
Refused	35.3%	52.9%	11.8%
Income			
<25k	36.4%	36.4%	27.3%
25k-74k	45.7%	42.2%	12.1%
75k-99k	41.4%	48.6%	10.0%
100k-199k	40.2%	50.5%	9.3%
>200k	41.0%	59.0%	0.0%
Refused	31.4%	57.1%	11.4%

Q.4

At the state and local level, do you think the priority should be to spend most of the federal money on one time capital improvements or daily government operations?

(N=400)

Row%	Priority to spend most of the federal money on			
	Cap Impro	Daily Ops	Combo	Not Sure
Total	38.0%	25.5%	9.5%	27.0%
Gender				
Male	42.9%	23.8%	11.1%	22.2%
Female	33.6%	27.0%	8.1%	31.3%
Age Group				
18 - 39	31.7%	25.0%	8.7%	34.6%
40 - 59	38.4%	29.3%	7.9%	24.4%
60+	42.3%	20.8%	12.3%	24.6%
Refused	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	42.6%	26.0%	10.1%	21.3%
Rep	47.3%	23.6%	1.8%	27.3%
Indep	31.4%	24.5%	11.9%	32.1%
Refused	23.5%	35.3%	5.9%	35.3%
Income				
<25k	21.2%	30.3%	9.1%	39.4%
25k-74k	35.3%	29.3%	12.1%	23.3%
75k-99k	41.4%	20.0%	12.9%	25.7%
100k-199k	42.1%	22.4%	8.4%	27.1%
>200k	41.0%	30.8%	2.6%	25.6%
Refused	40.0%	22.9%	5.7%	31.4%

Q.5a

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	4.3%	5.0%	14.0%	20.3%	55.5%	1.0%
Gender						
Male	5.3%	6.3%	13.8%	23.8%	49.2%	1.6%
Female	3.3%	3.8%	14.2%	17.1%	61.1%	0.5%
Age Group						
18 - 39	3.8%	4.8%	17.3%	22.1%	51.0%	1.0%
40 - 59	4.3%	4.3%	10.4%	20.1%	61.0%	0.0%
60+	4.6%	6.2%	16.2%	19.2%	51.5%	2.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	3.6%	5.9%	16.0%	20.1%	54.4%	0.0%
Rep	7.3%	0.0%	3.6%	27.3%	61.8%	0.0%
Indep	4.4%	6.3%	16.4%	18.9%	51.6%	2.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	11.8%	82.4%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	6.1%	0.0%	15.2%	9.1%	66.7%	3.0%
25k-74k	4.3%	6.0%	12.9%	19.0%	57.8%	0.0%
75k-99k	4.3%	8.6%	12.9%	20.0%	51.4%	2.9%
100k-199k	3.7%	2.8%	16.8%	24.3%	52.3%	0.0%
>200k	2.6%	5.1%	7.7%	23.1%	61.5%	0.0%
Refused	5.7%	5.7%	17.1%	20.0%	48.6%	2.9%

Q.5a

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	9.3%	14.0%	75.8%	1.0%
Gender				
Male	11.6%	13.8%	73.0%	1.6%
Female	7.1%	14.2%	78.2%	0.5%
Age Group				
18 - 39	8.7%	17.3%	73.1%	1.0%
40 - 59	8.5%	10.4%	81.1%	0.0%
60+	10.8%	16.2%	70.8%	2.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	9.5%	16.0%	74.6%	0.0%
Rep	7.3%	3.6%	89.1%	0.0%
Indep	10.7%	16.4%	70.4%	2.5%
Refused	0.0%	5.9%	94.1%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	6.1%	15.2%	75.8%	3.0%
25k-74k	10.3%	12.9%	76.7%	0.0%
75k-99k	12.9%	12.9%	71.4%	2.9%
100k-199k	6.5%	16.8%	76.6%	0.0%
>200k	7.7%	7.7%	84.6%	0.0%
Refused	11.4%	17.1%	68.6%	2.9%

Q.5b

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	12.8%	11.8%	22.5%	18.3%	32.0%	2.8%
Gender						
Male	17.5%	14.8%	25.9%	13.2%	25.9%	2.6%
Female	8.5%	9.0%	19.4%	22.7%	37.4%	2.8%
Age Group						
18 - 39	7.7%	5.8%	34.6%	16.3%	31.7%	3.8%
40 - 59	16.5%	13.4%	18.9%	18.3%	32.3%	0.6%
60+	12.3%	14.6%	17.7%	20.0%	30.8%	4.6%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	4.7%	5.3%	19.5%	22.5%	45.0%	3.0%
Rep	23.6%	23.6%	29.1%	12.7%	10.9%	0.0%
Indep	16.4%	15.1%	25.2%	16.4%	23.3%	3.8%
Refused	23.5%	5.9%	5.9%	11.8%	52.9%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	6.1%	3.0%	18.2%	63.6%	0.0%
25k-74k	14.7%	12.1%	15.5%	17.2%	37.9%	2.6%
75k-99k	10.0%	8.6%	30.0%	18.6%	27.1%	5.7%
100k-199k	13.1%	12.1%	23.4%	17.8%	31.8%	1.9%
>200k	12.8%	20.5%	41.0%	12.8%	12.8%	0.0%
Refused	14.3%	11.4%	25.7%	28.6%	14.3%	5.7%

Q.5b

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	24.5%	22.5%	50.3%	2.8%
Gender				
Male	32.3%	25.9%	39.2%	2.6%
Female	17.5%	19.4%	60.2%	2.8%
Age Group				
18 - 39	13.5%	34.6%	48.1%	3.8%
40 - 59	29.9%	18.9%	50.6%	0.6%
60+	26.9%	17.7%	50.8%	4.6%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	10.1%	19.5%	67.5%	3.0%
Rep	47.3%	29.1%	23.6%	0.0%
Indep	31.4%	25.2%	39.6%	3.8%
Refused	29.4%	5.9%	64.7%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	15.2%	3.0%	81.8%	0.0%
25k-74k	26.7%	15.5%	55.2%	2.6%
75k-99k	18.6%	30.0%	45.7%	5.7%
100k-199k	25.2%	23.4%	49.5%	1.9%
>200k	33.3%	41.0%	25.6%	0.0%
Refused	25.7%	25.7%	42.9%	5.7%

Q.5c

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
job training and re-skilling programs?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Jobs training and re-skilling programs					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	6.5%	7.3%	25.0%	22.5%	37.3%	1.5%
Gender						
Male	7.9%	7.4%	30.2%	23.3%	29.1%	2.1%
Female	5.2%	7.1%	20.4%	21.8%	44.5%	0.9%
Age Group						
18 - 39	5.8%	8.7%	21.2%	28.8%	32.7%	2.9%
40 - 59	7.9%	4.9%	31.1%	20.1%	35.4%	0.6%
60+	5.4%	9.2%	20.8%	20.0%	43.1%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	4.7%	7.1%	18.9%	27.2%	40.8%	1.2%
Rep	14.5%	7.3%	27.3%	27.3%	23.6%	0.0%
Indep	5.0%	6.3%	32.1%	16.4%	37.7%	2.5%
Refused	11.8%	17.6%	11.8%	17.6%	41.2%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	3.0%	15.2%	12.1%	18.2%	51.5%	0.0%
25k-74k	3.4%	8.6%	24.1%	14.7%	48.3%	0.9%
75k-99k	8.6%	4.3%	24.3%	30.0%	28.6%	4.3%
100k-199k	5.6%	3.7%	29.0%	31.8%	29.0%	0.9%
>200k	15.4%	10.3%	25.6%	15.4%	30.8%	2.6%
Refused	8.6%	8.6%	28.6%	17.1%	37.1%	0.0%

Q.5c

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
job training and re-skilling programs?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Jobs training and re-skilling programs			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	13.8%	25.0%	59.8%	1.5%
Gender				
Male	15.3%	30.2%	52.4%	2.1%
Female	12.3%	20.4%	66.4%	0.9%
Age Group				
18 - 39	14.4%	21.2%	61.5%	2.9%
40 - 59	12.8%	31.1%	55.5%	0.6%
60+	14.6%	20.8%	63.1%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	11.8%	18.9%	68.0%	1.2%
Rep	21.8%	27.3%	50.9%	0.0%
Indep	11.3%	32.1%	54.1%	2.5%
Refused	29.4%	11.8%	58.8%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	18.2%	12.1%	69.7%	0.0%
25k-74k	12.1%	24.1%	62.9%	0.9%
75k-99k	12.9%	24.3%	58.6%	4.3%
100k-199k	9.3%	29.0%	60.7%	0.9%
>200k	25.6%	25.6%	46.2%	2.6%
Refused	17.1%	28.6%	54.3%	0.0%

Q.5d

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
one time infrastructure projects?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	One time infrastructure projects					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	15.5%	12.3%	23.8%	21.3%	21.8%	5.5%
Gender						
Male	15.9%	9.0%	21.2%	25.4%	24.9%	3.7%
Female	15.2%	15.2%	26.1%	17.5%	19.0%	7.1%
Age Group						
18 - 39	9.6%	14.4%	26.0%	22.1%	19.2%	8.7%
40 - 59	18.9%	13.4%	28.0%	18.3%	19.5%	1.8%
60+	16.2%	9.2%	16.9%	23.1%	26.9%	7.7%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	14.2%	7.7%	23.7%	23.7%	27.2%	3.6%
Rep	20.0%	10.9%	30.9%	20.0%	14.5%	3.6%
Indep	13.8%	17.0%	23.3%	19.5%	18.2%	8.2%
Refused	29.4%	17.6%	5.9%	17.6%	23.5%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	9.1%	18.2%	15.2%	33.3%	15.2%
25k-74k	17.2%	10.3%	29.3%	20.7%	18.1%	4.3%
75k-99k	15.7%	17.1%	14.3%	25.7%	17.1%	10.0%
100k-199k	12.1%	15.0%	25.2%	21.5%	23.4%	2.8%
>200k	15.4%	10.3%	33.3%	23.1%	17.9%	0.0%
Refused	25.7%	5.7%	14.3%	17.1%	31.4%	5.7%

Q.5d

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
one time infrastructure projects?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	One time infrastructure projects			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	27.8%	23.8%	43.0%	5.5%
Gender				
Male	24.9%	21.2%	50.3%	3.7%
Female	30.3%	26.1%	36.5%	7.1%
Age Group				
18 - 39	24.0%	26.0%	41.3%	8.7%
40 - 59	32.3%	28.0%	37.8%	1.8%
60+	25.4%	16.9%	50.0%	7.7%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	21.9%	23.7%	50.9%	3.6%
Rep	30.9%	30.9%	34.5%	3.6%
Indep	30.8%	23.3%	37.7%	8.2%
Refused	47.1%	5.9%	41.2%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	18.2%	18.2%	48.5%	15.2%
25k-74k	27.6%	29.3%	38.8%	4.3%
75k-99k	32.9%	14.3%	42.9%	10.0%
100k-199k	27.1%	25.2%	44.9%	2.8%
>200k	25.6%	33.3%	41.0%	0.0%
Refused	31.4%	14.3%	48.6%	5.7%

Q.5e

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
eliminate projected budget deficits?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Eliminate projected budget deficits					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	21.0%	13.3%	26.5%	15.3%	15.8%	8.3%
Gender						
Male	29.1%	16.4%	24.9%	11.1%	13.8%	4.8%
Female	13.7%	10.4%	28.0%	19.0%	17.5%	11.4%
Age Group						
18 - 39	14.4%	17.3%	27.9%	18.3%	9.6%	12.5%
40 - 59	23.2%	15.2%	26.2%	15.2%	15.9%	4.3%
60+	23.8%	7.7%	25.4%	12.3%	20.8%	10.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	14.2%	15.4%	29.6%	18.3%	14.8%	7.7%
Rep	36.4%	9.1%	14.5%	14.5%	18.2%	7.3%
Indep	22.0%	12.6%	27.7%	12.6%	16.4%	8.8%
Refused	29.4%	11.8%	23.5%	11.8%	11.8%	11.8%
Income						
<25k	3.0%	3.0%	27.3%	24.2%	24.2%	18.2%
25k-74k	19.8%	12.1%	29.3%	16.4%	12.9%	9.5%
75k-99k	14.3%	17.1%	32.9%	17.1%	10.0%	8.6%
100k-199k	24.3%	13.1%	26.2%	13.1%	17.8%	5.6%
>200k	30.8%	15.4%	15.4%	12.8%	20.5%	5.1%
Refused	34.3%	17.1%	17.1%	8.6%	17.1%	5.7%

Q.5e

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
eliminate projected budget deficits?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Eliminate projected budget deficits			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	34.3%	26.5%	31.0%	8.3%
Gender				
Male	45.5%	24.9%	24.9%	4.8%
Female	24.2%	28.0%	36.5%	11.4%
Age Group				
18 - 39	31.7%	27.9%	27.9%	12.5%
40 - 59	38.4%	26.2%	31.1%	4.3%
60+	31.5%	25.4%	33.1%	10.0%
Refused	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	29.6%	29.6%	33.1%	7.7%
Rep	45.5%	14.5%	32.7%	7.3%
Indep	34.6%	27.7%	28.9%	8.8%
Refused	41.2%	23.5%	23.5%	11.8%
Income				
<25k	6.1%	27.3%	48.5%	18.2%
25k-74k	31.9%	29.3%	29.3%	9.5%
75k-99k	31.4%	32.9%	27.1%	8.6%
100k-199k	37.4%	26.2%	30.8%	5.6%
>200k	46.2%	15.4%	33.3%	5.1%
Refused	51.4%	17.1%	25.7%	5.7%

Q.5f

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	9.5%	9.3%	18.0%	21.3%	37.0%	5.0%
Gender						
Male	12.7%	12.7%	19.6%	23.8%	25.4%	5.8%
Female	6.6%	6.2%	16.6%	19.0%	47.4%	4.3%
Age Group						
18 - 39	5.8%	10.6%	17.3%	25.0%	34.6%	6.7%
40 - 59	9.8%	7.3%	16.5%	18.9%	44.5%	3.0%
60+	12.3%	10.8%	20.8%	20.8%	29.2%	6.2%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	4.7%	9.5%	16.0%	17.2%	50.3%	2.4%
Rep	12.7%	12.7%	18.2%	16.4%	34.5%	5.5%
Indep	12.6%	8.2%	21.4%	26.4%	23.3%	8.2%
Refused	17.6%	5.9%	5.9%	29.4%	41.2%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	6.1%	12.1%	3.0%	24.2%	48.5%	6.1%
25k-74k	11.2%	8.6%	16.4%	19.8%	39.7%	4.3%
75k-99k	5.7%	5.7%	25.7%	24.3%	34.3%	4.3%
100k-199k	4.7%	7.5%	19.6%	24.3%	38.3%	5.6%
>200k	17.9%	17.9%	10.3%	17.9%	35.9%	0.0%
Refused	20.0%	11.4%	25.7%	11.4%	20.0%	11.4%

Q.5f

**At the state level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	18.8%	18.0%	58.3%	5.0%
Gender				
Male	25.4%	19.6%	49.2%	5.8%
Female	12.8%	16.6%	66.4%	4.3%
Age Group				
18 - 39	16.3%	17.3%	59.6%	6.7%
40 - 59	17.1%	16.5%	63.4%	3.0%
60+	23.1%	20.8%	50.0%	6.2%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	14.2%	16.0%	67.5%	2.4%
Rep	25.5%	18.2%	50.9%	5.5%
Indep	20.8%	21.4%	49.7%	8.2%
Refused	23.5%	5.9%	70.6%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	18.2%	3.0%	72.7%	6.1%
25k-74k	19.8%	16.4%	59.5%	4.3%
75k-99k	11.4%	25.7%	58.6%	4.3%
100k-199k	12.1%	19.6%	62.6%	5.6%
>200k	35.9%	10.3%	53.8%	0.0%
Refused	31.4%	25.7%	31.4%	11.4%

Q.6

Now of the six state issues I just mentioned which one is the most important to you?

(N=400)

Row%	Most Important Issue						
	Small Bus	Sub Rent	Training	Infra Proj	Budget Def	Stud Learn	Not Sure
Total	35.0%	15.5%	13.8%	8.5%	5.0%	17.3%	5.0%
Gender							
Male	36.5%	9.5%	16.4%	13.2%	6.9%	11.6%	5.8%
Female	33.6%	20.9%	11.4%	4.3%	3.3%	22.3%	4.3%
Age Group							
18 - 39	37.5%	20.2%	14.4%	6.7%	2.9%	14.4%	3.8%
40 - 59	37.8%	12.2%	10.4%	6.1%	6.7%	23.8%	3.0%
60+	30.0%	15.4%	17.7%	13.1%	4.6%	10.8%	8.5%
Refused	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party							
Dem	26.0%	21.3%	14.8%	10.7%	3.0%	19.5%	4.7%
Rep	54.5%	3.6%	7.3%	3.6%	7.3%	23.6%	0.0%
Indep	36.5%	13.2%	15.1%	8.8%	6.9%	13.2%	6.3%
Refused	47.1%	17.6%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	11.8%
Income							
<25k	9.1%	42.4%	15.2%	3.0%	3.0%	12.1%	15.2%
25k-74k	34.5%	18.1%	12.9%	7.8%	3.4%	20.7%	2.6%
75k-99k	38.6%	10.0%	18.6%	8.6%	2.9%	15.7%	5.7%
100k-199k	33.6%	14.0%	11.2%	10.3%	7.5%	18.7%	4.7%
>200k	53.8%	5.1%	12.8%	10.3%	2.6%	12.8%	2.6%
Refused	37.1%	8.6%	14.3%	8.6%	11.4%	14.3%	5.7%

Q.7a

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
preventing any near-term increases to property taxes?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Prevent any near-term increases to property taxes					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	16.8%	12.8%	20.8%	15.5%	30.0%	4.3%
Gender						
Male	17.5%	13.2%	18.5%	14.8%	30.7%	5.3%
Female	16.1%	12.3%	22.7%	16.1%	29.4%	3.3%
Age Group						
18 - 39	16.3%	14.4%	24.0%	18.3%	21.2%	5.8%
40 - 59	12.8%	12.8%	23.2%	12.2%	37.2%	1.8%
60+	22.3%	11.5%	13.8%	17.7%	28.5%	6.2%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	18.9%	15.4%	21.9%	16.0%	26.0%	1.8%
Rep	14.5%	7.3%	14.5%	14.5%	45.5%	3.6%
Indep	15.1%	12.6%	22.0%	15.1%	28.3%	6.9%
Refused	17.6%	5.9%	17.6%	17.6%	35.3%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	18.2%	9.1%	18.2%	6.1%	36.4%	12.1%
25k-74k	16.4%	8.6%	19.8%	19.0%	32.8%	3.4%
75k-99k	11.4%	15.7%	21.4%	17.1%	28.6%	5.7%
100k-199k	17.8%	12.1%	26.2%	15.9%	26.2%	1.9%
>200k	17.9%	20.5%	12.8%	17.9%	30.8%	0.0%
Refused	22.9%	17.1%	17.1%	5.7%	28.6%	8.6%

Q.7a

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
preventing any near-term increases to property taxes?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Prevent any near-term increases to property taxes			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	29.5%	20.8%	45.5%	4.3%
Gender				
Male	30.7%	18.5%	45.5%	5.3%
Female	28.4%	22.7%	45.5%	3.3%
Age Group				
18 - 39	30.8%	24.0%	39.4%	5.8%
40 - 59	25.6%	23.2%	49.4%	1.8%
60+	33.8%	13.8%	46.2%	6.2%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	34.3%	21.9%	42.0%	1.8%
Rep	21.8%	14.5%	60.0%	3.6%
Indep	27.7%	22.0%	43.4%	6.9%
Refused	23.5%	17.6%	52.9%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	27.3%	18.2%	42.4%	12.1%
25k-74k	25.0%	19.8%	51.7%	3.4%
75k-99k	27.1%	21.4%	45.7%	5.7%
100k-199k	29.9%	26.2%	42.1%	1.9%
>200k	38.5%	12.8%	48.7%	0.0%
Refused	40.0%	17.1%	34.3%	8.6%

Q.7b

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
enhance public school programs?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Enhance public school programs					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	8.8%	12.0%	15.0%	22.5%	40.5%	1.3%
Gender						
Male	12.2%	14.3%	17.5%	21.7%	32.3%	2.1%
Female	5.7%	10.0%	12.8%	23.2%	47.9%	0.5%
Age Group						
18 - 39	8.7%	14.4%	10.6%	19.2%	46.2%	1.0%
40 - 59	8.5%	6.7%	18.9%	23.8%	41.5%	0.6%
60+	9.2%	16.9%	13.8%	23.8%	33.8%	2.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	5.3%	8.9%	13.0%	21.9%	50.3%	0.6%
Rep	10.9%	9.1%	27.3%	21.8%	29.1%	1.8%
Indep	11.3%	17.0%	14.5%	23.9%	32.7%	0.6%
Refused	11.8%	5.9%	0.0%	17.6%	52.9%	11.8%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	15.2%	6.1%	15.2%	51.5%	3.0%
25k-74k	7.8%	12.1%	11.2%	23.3%	45.7%	0.0%
75k-99k	7.1%	17.1%	18.6%	22.9%	32.9%	1.4%
100k-199k	8.4%	7.5%	18.7%	23.4%	41.1%	0.9%
>200k	10.3%	7.7%	17.9%	23.1%	41.0%	0.0%
Refused	14.3%	17.1%	14.3%	22.9%	25.7%	5.7%

Q.7b

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
enhance public school programs?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Enhance public school programs			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	20.8%	15.0%	63.0%	1.3%
Gender				
Male	26.5%	17.5%	54.0%	2.1%
Female	15.6%	12.8%	71.1%	0.5%
Age Group				
18 - 39	23.1%	10.6%	65.4%	1.0%
40 - 59	15.2%	18.9%	65.2%	0.6%
60+	26.2%	13.8%	57.7%	2.3%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	14.2%	13.0%	72.2%	0.6%
Rep	20.0%	27.3%	50.9%	1.8%
Indep	28.3%	14.5%	56.6%	0.6%
Refused	17.6%	0.0%	70.6%	11.8%
Income				
<25k	24.2%	6.1%	66.7%	3.0%
25k-74k	19.8%	11.2%	69.0%	0.0%
75k-99k	24.3%	18.6%	55.7%	1.4%
100k-199k	15.9%	18.7%	64.5%	0.9%
>200k	17.9%	17.9%	64.1%	0.0%
Refused	31.4%	14.3%	48.6%	5.7%

Q.7c

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
buying new police and fire vehicles and equipment?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Buy new police and fire vehicles and equipment					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	25.0%	22.0%	25.8%	10.0%	15.5%	1.8%
Gender						
Male	24.9%	24.3%	22.2%	9.0%	17.5%	2.1%
Female	25.1%	19.9%	28.9%	10.9%	13.7%	1.4%
Age Group						
18 - 39	26.0%	25.0%	30.8%	5.8%	11.5%	1.0%
40 - 59	26.2%	22.6%	24.4%	12.2%	14.6%	0.0%
60+	23.1%	17.7%	23.8%	10.8%	20.0%	4.6%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	36.1%	21.3%	23.7%	7.7%	10.7%	0.6%
Rep	9.1%	18.2%	29.1%	18.2%	20.0%	5.5%
Indep	19.5%	24.5%	26.4%	10.1%	17.6%	1.9%
Refused	17.6%	17.6%	29.4%	5.9%	29.4%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	21.2%	33.3%	6.1%	30.3%	0.0%
25k-74k	24.1%	15.5%	25.9%	10.3%	22.4%	1.7%
75k-99k	27.1%	28.6%	27.1%	11.4%	4.3%	1.4%
100k-199k	29.0%	20.6%	28.0%	13.1%	9.3%	0.0%
>200k	25.6%	30.8%	17.9%	2.6%	20.5%	2.6%
Refused	25.7%	25.7%	17.1%	8.6%	14.3%	8.6%

Q.7c

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
buying new police and fire vehicles and equipment?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Buy new police and fire vehicles and equipment			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	47.0%	25.8%	25.5%	1.8%
Gender				
Male	49.2%	22.2%	26.5%	2.1%
Female	45.0%	28.9%	24.6%	1.4%
Age Group				
18 - 39	51.0%	30.8%	17.3%	1.0%
40 - 59	48.8%	24.4%	26.8%	0.0%
60+	40.8%	23.8%	30.8%	4.6%
Refused	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	57.4%	23.7%	18.3%	0.6%
Rep	27.3%	29.1%	38.2%	5.5%
Indep	44.0%	26.4%	27.7%	1.9%
Refused	35.3%	29.4%	35.3%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	30.3%	33.3%	36.4%	0.0%
25k-74k	39.7%	25.9%	32.8%	1.7%
75k-99k	55.7%	27.1%	15.7%	1.4%
100k-199k	49.5%	28.0%	22.4%	0.0%
>200k	56.4%	17.9%	23.1%	2.6%
Refused	51.4%	17.1%	22.9%	8.6%

Q.7d

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
expanding services for seniors?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Expand services for seniors					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	6.3%	15.5%	24.3%	24.3%	28.3%	1.5%
Gender						
Male	8.5%	19.0%	27.0%	18.0%	25.4%	2.1%
Female	4.3%	12.3%	21.8%	29.9%	30.8%	0.9%
Age Group						
18 - 39	4.8%	25.0%	24.0%	25.0%	19.2%	1.9%
40 - 59	4.3%	7.9%	23.8%	33.5%	29.3%	1.2%
60+	10.0%	17.7%	24.6%	12.3%	33.8%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	4.1%	13.0%	23.1%	28.4%	30.8%	0.6%
Rep	9.1%	9.1%	27.3%	30.9%	21.8%	1.8%
Indep	8.2%	21.4%	25.2%	17.0%	26.4%	1.9%
Refused	0.0%	5.9%	17.6%	29.4%	41.2%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	6.1%	18.2%	12.1%	48.5%	6.1%
25k-74k	4.3%	11.2%	22.4%	24.1%	37.1%	0.9%
75k-99k	7.1%	25.7%	25.7%	22.9%	18.6%	0.0%
100k-199k	3.7%	14.0%	28.0%	31.8%	21.5%	0.9%
>200k	12.8%	17.9%	28.2%	23.1%	17.9%	0.0%
Refused	8.6%	20.0%	17.1%	17.1%	31.4%	5.7%

Q.7d

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
expanding services for seniors?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Expand services for seniors			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	21.8%	24.3%	52.5%	1.5%
Gender				
Male	27.5%	27.0%	43.4%	2.1%
Female	16.6%	21.8%	60.7%	0.9%
Age Group				
18 - 39	29.8%	24.0%	44.2%	1.9%
40 - 59	12.2%	23.8%	62.8%	1.2%
60+	27.7%	24.6%	46.2%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	17.2%	23.1%	59.2%	0.6%
Rep	18.2%	27.3%	52.7%	1.8%
Indep	29.6%	25.2%	43.4%	1.9%
Refused	5.9%	17.6%	70.6%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	15.2%	18.2%	60.6%	6.1%
25k-74k	15.5%	22.4%	61.2%	0.9%
75k-99k	32.9%	25.7%	41.4%	0.0%
100k-199k	17.8%	28.0%	53.3%	0.9%
>200k	30.8%	28.2%	41.0%	0.0%
Refused	28.6%	17.1%	48.6%	5.7%

Q.7e

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
investing in one-time local infrastructure projects, such as sewage,
roads and bridges, school facility upgrades?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Invest in one-time local infrastructure projects					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	10.5%	9.3%	25.3%	25.0%	28.5%	1.5%
Gender						
Male	13.2%	7.4%	19.6%	23.8%	34.4%	1.6%
Female	8.1%	10.9%	30.3%	26.1%	23.2%	1.4%
Age Group						
18 - 39	8.7%	11.5%	31.7%	26.9%	20.2%	1.0%
40 - 59	12.2%	9.1%	28.7%	25.6%	23.8%	0.6%
60+	10.0%	7.7%	16.2%	21.5%	41.5%	3.1%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	6.5%	7.7%	21.9%	26.6%	36.7%	0.6%
Rep	18.2%	7.3%	32.7%	23.6%	18.2%	0.0%
Indep	10.7%	11.3%	27.0%	23.9%	23.9%	3.1%
Refused	23.5%	11.8%	17.6%	23.5%	23.5%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	0.0%	30.3%	18.2%	39.4%	3.0%
25k-74k	8.6%	7.8%	25.9%	28.4%	28.4%	0.9%
75k-99k	12.9%	15.7%	20.0%	21.4%	28.6%	1.4%
100k-199k	8.4%	6.5%	29.9%	27.1%	27.1%	0.9%
>200k	10.3%	20.5%	10.3%	28.2%	30.8%	0.0%
Refused	20.0%	5.7%	31.4%	17.1%	20.0%	5.7%

Q.7e

**At the city & town level, how important is it to spend the
American Rescue Plans funds on
investing in one-time local infrastructure projects, such as sewage,
roads and bridges, school facility upgrades?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Invest in one-time local infrastructure projects			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	19.8%	25.3%	53.5%	1.5%
Gender				
Male	20.6%	19.6%	58.2%	1.6%
Female	19.0%	30.3%	49.3%	1.4%
Age Group				
18 - 39	20.2%	31.7%	47.1%	1.0%
40 - 59	21.3%	28.7%	49.4%	0.6%
60+	17.7%	16.2%	63.1%	3.1%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	14.2%	21.9%	63.3%	0.6%
Rep	25.5%	32.7%	41.8%	0.0%
Indep	22.0%	27.0%	47.8%	3.1%
Refused	35.3%	17.6%	47.1%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	9.1%	30.3%	57.6%	3.0%
25k-74k	16.4%	25.9%	56.9%	0.9%
75k-99k	28.6%	20.0%	50.0%	1.4%
100k-199k	15.0%	29.9%	54.2%	0.9%
>200k	30.8%	10.3%	59.0%	0.0%
Refused	25.7%	31.4%	37.1%	5.7%

Q.8

Now of the five city & town issues I just mentioned which one is the most important to you?

(N=400)

Row%	Most Important Town Issue					
	Prop Tax	Schools	Police/Fire	Seniors	Infra Proj	Not Sure
Total	20.3%	41.8%	7.8%	11.3%	15.8%	3.3%
Gender						
Male	20.1%	32.3%	10.6%	13.2%	20.6%	3.2%
Female	20.4%	50.2%	5.2%	9.5%	11.4%	3.3%
Age Group						
18 - 39	16.3%	54.8%	2.9%	5.8%	16.3%	3.8%
40 - 59	25.0%	42.7%	9.8%	10.4%	10.4%	1.8%
60+	17.7%	29.2%	9.2%	16.9%	22.3%	4.6%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	14.2%	46.7%	4.7%	10.7%	20.7%	3.0%
Rep	32.7%	29.1%	16.4%	7.3%	14.5%	0.0%
Indep	22.6%	40.3%	7.5%	11.9%	12.6%	5.0%
Refused	17.6%	47.1%	11.8%	23.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	15.2%	45.5%	15.2%	6.1%	6.1%	12.1%
25k-74k	18.1%	48.3%	8.6%	11.2%	9.5%	4.3%
75k-99k	27.1%	34.3%	5.7%	12.9%	15.7%	4.3%
100k-199k	21.5%	42.1%	5.6%	10.3%	20.6%	0.0%
>200k	20.5%	38.5%	12.8%	10.3%	17.9%	0.0%
Refused	14.3%	34.3%	2.9%	17.1%	28.6%	2.9%

Q.9a

If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on?
Increasing affordable housing
1 not important at all, 5 very important

(N=400)

Row%	Increasing affordable housing					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	12.0%	12.0%	21.3%	21.0%	32.0%	1.8%
Gender						
Male	16.4%	15.9%	23.3%	16.4%	25.9%	2.1%
Female	8.1%	8.5%	19.4%	25.1%	37.4%	1.4%
Age Group						
18 - 39	7.7%	9.6%	23.1%	25.0%	33.7%	1.0%
40 - 59	14.6%	11.6%	23.8%	19.5%	29.9%	0.6%
60+	12.3%	14.6%	16.9%	20.0%	32.3%	3.8%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	5.9%	7.1%	14.2%	26.0%	46.2%	0.6%
Rep	20.0%	27.3%	29.1%	12.7%	9.1%	1.8%
Indep	15.7%	12.6%	25.8%	19.5%	23.3%	3.1%
Refused	11.8%	5.9%	23.5%	11.8%	47.1%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	12.1%	6.1%	0.0%	15.2%	60.6%	6.1%
25k-74k	11.2%	12.1%	17.2%	18.1%	40.5%	0.9%
75k-99k	10.0%	15.7%	30.0%	21.4%	21.4%	1.4%
100k-199k	8.4%	13.1%	22.4%	27.1%	28.0%	0.9%
>200k	20.5%	15.4%	28.2%	17.9%	17.9%	0.0%
Refused	20.0%	2.9%	25.7%	20.0%	25.7%	5.7%

Q.9a

If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on?
Increasing affordable housing
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)

(N=400)

Row%

	Increasing affordable housing			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	24.0%	21.3%	53.0%	1.8%
Gender	-----			
Male	32.3%	23.3%	42.3%	2.1%
Female	16.6%	19.4%	62.6%	1.4%
Age Group	-----			
18 - 39	17.3%	23.1%	58.7%	1.0%
40 - 59	26.2%	23.8%	49.4%	0.6%
60+	26.9%	16.9%	52.3%	3.8%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party	-----			
Dem	13.0%	14.2%	72.2%	0.6%
Rep	47.3%	29.1%	21.8%	1.8%
Indep	28.3%	25.8%	42.8%	3.1%
Refused	17.6%	23.5%	58.8%	0.0%
Income	-----			
<25k	18.2%	0.0%	75.8%	6.1%
25k-74k	23.3%	17.2%	58.6%	0.9%
75k-99k	25.7%	30.0%	42.9%	1.4%
100k-199k	21.5%	22.4%	55.1%	0.9%
>200k	35.9%	28.2%	35.9%	0.0%
Refused	22.9%	25.7%	45.7%	5.7%

Q.9b

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money
on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following
to spend the money on
modernizing school facilities?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Modernizing school facilities					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	6.8%	13.0%	20.5%	25.5%	33.0%	1.3%
Gender						
Male	10.1%	12.2%	20.6%	25.9%	29.6%	1.6%
Female	3.8%	13.7%	20.4%	25.1%	36.0%	0.9%
Age Group						
18 - 39	8.7%	15.4%	18.3%	24.0%	31.7%	1.9%
40 - 59	5.5%	9.1%	18.9%	27.4%	38.4%	0.6%
60+	6.9%	16.2%	24.6%	24.6%	26.2%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	3.0%	10.7%	17.8%	24.3%	43.8%	0.6%
Rep	5.5%	10.9%	30.9%	38.2%	12.7%	1.8%
Indep	10.7%	17.6%	18.2%	23.9%	28.3%	1.3%
Refused	11.8%	0.0%	35.3%	11.8%	35.3%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	15.2%	15.2%	21.2%	36.4%	3.0%
25k-74k	6.0%	11.2%	18.1%	24.1%	38.8%	1.7%
75k-99k	5.7%	20.0%	21.4%	31.4%	21.4%	0.0%
100k-199k	6.5%	9.3%	20.6%	31.8%	31.8%	0.0%
>200k	7.7%	10.3%	30.8%	10.3%	41.0%	0.0%
Refused	8.6%	17.1%	20.0%	20.0%	28.6%	5.7%

Q.9b

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money
on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following
to spend the money on
modernizing school facilities?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Modernizing school facilities			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	19.8%	20.5%	58.5%	1.3%
Gender				
Male	22.2%	20.6%	55.6%	1.6%
Female	17.5%	20.4%	61.1%	0.9%
Age Group				
18 - 39	24.0%	18.3%	55.8%	1.9%
40 - 59	14.6%	18.9%	65.9%	0.6%
60+	23.1%	24.6%	50.8%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	13.6%	17.8%	68.0%	0.6%
Rep	16.4%	30.9%	50.9%	1.8%
Indep	28.3%	18.2%	52.2%	1.3%
Refused	11.8%	35.3%	47.1%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	24.2%	15.2%	57.6%	3.0%
25k-74k	17.2%	18.1%	62.9%	1.7%
75k-99k	25.7%	21.4%	52.9%	0.0%
100k-199k	15.9%	20.6%	63.6%	0.0%
>200k	17.9%	30.8%	51.3%	0.0%
Refused	25.7%	20.0%	48.6%	5.7%

Q.9c

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	17.3%	9.8%	19.0%	22.8%	29.8%	1.5%
Gender						
Male	23.8%	11.6%	16.4%	21.7%	23.3%	3.2%
Female	11.4%	8.1%	21.3%	23.7%	35.5%	0.0%
Age Group						
18 - 39	11.5%	9.6%	23.1%	27.9%	26.0%	1.9%
40 - 59	19.5%	13.4%	17.1%	19.5%	29.3%	1.2%
60+	19.2%	5.4%	18.5%	21.5%	33.8%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	5.3%	4.1%	11.2%	25.4%	52.7%	1.2%
Rep	43.6%	21.8%	14.5%	12.7%	3.6%	3.6%
Indep	18.9%	11.9%	30.2%	22.6%	15.7%	0.6%
Refused	35.3%	5.9%	5.9%	29.4%	17.6%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	9.1%	3.0%	21.2%	21.2%	39.4%	6.1%
25k-74k	16.4%	6.9%	25.0%	22.4%	29.3%	0.0%
75k-99k	18.6%	11.4%	22.9%	20.0%	25.7%	1.4%
100k-199k	16.8%	13.1%	13.1%	26.2%	30.8%	0.0%
>200k	20.5%	12.8%	17.9%	15.4%	33.3%	0.0%
Refused	22.9%	8.6%	8.6%	28.6%	22.9%	8.6%

Q.9c

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	27.0%	19.0%	52.5%	1.5%
Gender				
Male	35.4%	16.4%	45.0%	3.2%
Female	19.4%	21.3%	59.2%	0.0%
Age Group				
18 - 39	21.2%	23.1%	53.8%	1.9%
40 - 59	32.9%	17.1%	48.8%	1.2%
60+	24.6%	18.5%	55.4%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	9.5%	11.2%	78.1%	1.2%
Rep	65.5%	14.5%	16.4%	3.6%
Indep	30.8%	30.2%	38.4%	0.6%
Refused	41.2%	5.9%	47.1%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	12.1%	21.2%	60.6%	6.1%
25k-74k	23.3%	25.0%	51.7%	0.0%
75k-99k	30.0%	22.9%	45.7%	1.4%
100k-199k	29.9%	13.1%	57.0%	0.0%
>200k	33.3%	17.9%	48.7%	0.0%
Refused	31.4%	8.6%	51.4%	8.6%

Q.9d

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on repairing bridges and roads?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Repairing bridges and roads					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	7.3%	6.8%	24.5%	29.3%	31.5%	0.8%
Gender						
Male	7.4%	4.8%	20.6%	28.6%	37.6%	1.1%
Female	7.1%	8.5%	28.0%	29.9%	26.1%	0.5%
Age Group						
18 - 39	10.6%	10.6%	32.7%	28.8%	15.4%	1.9%
40 - 59	5.5%	6.7%	26.8%	28.7%	32.3%	0.0%
60+	6.9%	3.8%	15.4%	30.0%	43.1%	0.8%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	5.3%	6.5%	19.5%	32.5%	36.1%	0.0%
Rep	9.1%	7.3%	29.1%	30.9%	21.8%	1.8%
Indep	8.2%	5.7%	28.9%	25.2%	30.8%	1.3%
Refused	11.8%	17.6%	17.6%	29.4%	23.5%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	6.1%	9.1%	18.2%	27.3%	39.4%	0.0%
25k-74k	6.9%	8.6%	20.7%	29.3%	34.5%	0.0%
75k-99k	8.6%	5.7%	32.9%	27.1%	24.3%	1.4%
100k-199k	7.5%	5.6%	28.0%	32.7%	26.2%	0.0%
>200k	7.7%	10.3%	17.9%	25.6%	38.5%	0.0%
Refused	5.7%	0.0%	22.9%	28.6%	37.1%	5.7%

Q.9d

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on repairing bridges and roads?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Repairing bridges and roads			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	14.0%	24.5%	60.8%	0.8%
Gender				
Male	12.2%	20.6%	66.1%	1.1%
Female	15.6%	28.0%	55.9%	0.5%
Age Group				
18 - 39	21.2%	32.7%	44.2%	1.9%
40 - 59	12.2%	26.8%	61.0%	0.0%
60+	10.8%	15.4%	73.1%	0.8%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	11.8%	19.5%	68.6%	0.0%
Rep	16.4%	29.1%	52.7%	1.8%
Indep	13.8%	28.9%	56.0%	1.3%
Refused	29.4%	17.6%	52.9%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	15.2%	18.2%	66.7%	0.0%
25k-74k	15.5%	20.7%	63.8%	0.0%
75k-99k	14.3%	32.9%	51.4%	1.4%
100k-199k	13.1%	28.0%	58.9%	0.0%
>200k	17.9%	17.9%	64.1%	0.0%
Refused	5.7%	22.9%	65.7%	5.7%

Q.9e

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on
access to high speed internet?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Access to high speed internet					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	16.0%	16.5%	24.3%	19.3%	22.8%	1.3%
Gender						
Male	18.0%	13.2%	23.3%	22.8%	20.6%	2.1%
Female	14.2%	19.4%	25.1%	16.1%	24.6%	0.5%
Age Group						
18 - 39	15.4%	15.4%	24.0%	16.3%	26.9%	1.9%
40 - 59	16.5%	16.5%	22.6%	22.0%	22.0%	0.6%
60+	16.2%	17.7%	25.4%	18.5%	20.8%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	11.8%	12.4%	23.7%	23.7%	27.2%	1.2%
Rep	21.8%	20.0%	21.8%	18.2%	16.4%	1.8%
Indep	18.2%	19.5%	25.8%	14.5%	21.4%	0.6%
Refused	17.6%	17.6%	23.5%	23.5%	11.8%	5.9%
Income						
<25k	15.2%	15.2%	21.2%	24.2%	18.2%	6.1%
25k-74k	23.3%	15.5%	25.0%	14.7%	20.7%	0.9%
75k-99k	10.0%	25.7%	27.1%	21.4%	15.7%	0.0%
100k-199k	13.1%	13.1%	24.3%	18.7%	30.8%	0.0%
>200k	7.7%	12.8%	17.9%	35.9%	25.6%	0.0%
Refused	22.9%	17.1%	25.7%	8.6%	20.0%	5.7%

Q.9e

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on access to high speed internet?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Access to high speed internet			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	32.5%	24.3%	42.0%	1.3%
Gender				
Male	31.2%	23.3%	43.4%	2.1%
Female	33.6%	25.1%	40.8%	0.5%
Age Group				
18 - 39	30.8%	24.0%	43.3%	1.9%
40 - 59	32.9%	22.6%	43.9%	0.6%
60+	33.8%	25.4%	39.2%	1.5%
Refused	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	24.3%	23.7%	50.9%	1.2%
Rep	41.8%	21.8%	34.5%	1.8%
Indep	37.7%	25.8%	35.8%	0.6%
Refused	35.3%	23.5%	35.3%	5.9%
Income				
<25k	30.3%	21.2%	42.4%	6.1%
25k-74k	38.8%	25.0%	35.3%	0.9%
75k-99k	35.7%	27.1%	37.1%	0.0%
100k-199k	26.2%	24.3%	49.5%	0.0%
>200k	20.5%	17.9%	61.5%	0.0%
Refused	40.0%	25.7%	28.6%	5.7%

Q.9f

If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on
improving state parks and beaches?
1 not important at all, 5 very important

(N=400)

Row%	Improving state parks and beaches					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	11.5%	17.0%	38.8%	19.8%	12.5%	0.5%
Gender						
Male	14.3%	18.5%	34.4%	18.5%	13.2%	1.1%
Female	9.0%	15.6%	42.7%	20.9%	11.8%	0.0%
Age Group						
18 - 39	13.5%	20.2%	40.4%	15.4%	9.6%	1.0%
40 - 59	10.4%	20.7%	40.2%	16.5%	12.2%	0.0%
60+	11.5%	9.2%	36.2%	26.9%	15.4%	0.8%
Refused	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	7.1%	16.6%	39.1%	23.1%	14.2%	0.0%
Rep	9.1%	32.7%	32.7%	14.5%	9.1%	1.8%
Indep	14.5%	12.6%	42.1%	18.9%	11.3%	0.6%
Refused	35.3%	11.8%	23.5%	11.8%	17.6%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	0.0%	6.1%	51.5%	21.2%	21.2%	0.0%
25k-74k	15.5%	13.8%	40.5%	14.7%	15.5%	0.0%
75k-99k	2.9%	25.7%	42.9%	20.0%	8.6%	0.0%
100k-199k	12.1%	19.6%	29.9%	29.0%	9.3%	0.0%
>200k	7.7%	12.8%	48.7%	17.9%	12.8%	0.0%
Refused	28.6%	17.1%	28.6%	8.6%	11.4%	5.7%

Q.9f

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on improving state parks and beaches?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Improving state parks and beaches			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	28.5%	38.8%	32.3%	0.5%
Gender				
Male	32.8%	34.4%	31.7%	1.1%
Female	24.6%	42.7%	32.7%	0.0%
Age Group				
18 - 39	33.7%	40.4%	25.0%	1.0%
40 - 59	31.1%	40.2%	28.7%	0.0%
60+	20.8%	36.2%	42.3%	0.8%
Refused	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	23.7%	39.1%	37.3%	0.0%
Rep	41.8%	32.7%	23.6%	1.8%
Indep	27.0%	42.1%	30.2%	0.6%
Refused	47.1%	23.5%	29.4%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	6.1%	51.5%	42.4%	0.0%
25k-74k	29.3%	40.5%	30.2%	0.0%
75k-99k	28.6%	42.9%	28.6%	0.0%
100k-199k	31.8%	29.9%	38.3%	0.0%
>200k	20.5%	48.7%	30.8%	0.0%
Refused	45.7%	28.6%	20.0%	5.7%

Q.9g

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on developing industrial sites and business parks?
1 not important at all, 5 very important**

(N=400)

Row%	Developing industrial sites and business parks					
	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
Total	19.8%	21.8%	29.3%	16.3%	9.3%	3.8%
Gender						
Male	18.0%	20.1%	28.6%	18.5%	10.6%	4.2%
Female	21.3%	23.2%	29.9%	14.2%	8.1%	3.3%
Age Group						
18 - 39	21.2%	19.2%	27.9%	15.4%	10.6%	5.8%
40 - 59	22.6%	19.5%	30.5%	17.7%	7.9%	1.8%
60+	14.6%	26.9%	29.2%	14.6%	10.0%	4.6%
Refused	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Party						
Dem	22.5%	27.8%	29.0%	10.7%	8.3%	1.8%
Rep	10.9%	20.0%	32.7%	23.6%	9.1%	3.6%
Indep	17.6%	17.0%	29.6%	19.5%	10.1%	6.3%
Refused	41.2%	11.8%	17.6%	17.6%	11.8%	0.0%
Income						
<25k	15.2%	18.2%	39.4%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%
25k-74k	18.1%	19.0%	28.4%	21.6%	10.3%	2.6%
75k-99k	20.0%	22.9%	30.0%	15.7%	5.7%	5.7%
100k-199k	19.6%	25.2%	30.8%	13.1%	9.3%	1.9%
>200k	20.5%	15.4%	25.6%	23.1%	15.4%	0.0%
Refused	28.6%	28.6%	20.0%	8.6%	5.7%	8.6%

Q.9g

**If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on developing industrial sites and business parks?
1 not important at all, 5 very important
(Combined)**

(N=400)

Row%	Developing industrial sites and business parks			
	1/2	3	4/5	Not Sure
Total	41.5%	29.3%	25.5%	3.8%
Gender				
Male	38.1%	28.6%	29.1%	4.2%
Female	44.5%	29.9%	22.3%	3.3%
Age Group				
18 - 39	40.4%	27.9%	26.0%	5.8%
40 - 59	42.1%	30.5%	25.6%	1.8%
60+	41.5%	29.2%	24.6%	4.6%
Refused	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party				
Dem	50.3%	29.0%	18.9%	1.8%
Rep	30.9%	32.7%	32.7%	3.6%
Indep	34.6%	29.6%	29.6%	6.3%
Refused	52.9%	17.6%	29.4%	0.0%
Income				
<25k	33.3%	39.4%	18.2%	9.1%
25k-74k	37.1%	28.4%	31.9%	2.6%
75k-99k	42.9%	30.0%	21.4%	5.7%
100k-199k	44.9%	30.8%	22.4%	1.9%
>200k	35.9%	25.6%	38.5%	0.0%
Refused	57.1%	20.0%	14.3%	8.6%

Q.10

Would you still spend the American Rescue Plan funds on operational programs, if you knew that when the federal funds are gone in three years, in order to keep the programs going, there may have to be an increase in taxes?

(N=400)

Row%	Increase in taxes		
	Yes	No	Not sure
Total	43.0%	49.8%	7.3%
Gender			
Male	36.5%	56.1%	7.4%
Female	48.8%	44.1%	7.1%
Age Group			
18 - 39	47.1%	46.2%	6.7%
40 - 59	40.9%	50.6%	8.5%
60+	42.3%	51.5%	6.2%
Refused	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%
Political Party			
Dem	61.5%	30.2%	8.3%
Rep	14.5%	81.8%	3.6%
Indep	33.3%	58.5%	8.2%
Refused	41.2%	58.8%	0.0%
Income			
<25k	48.5%	48.5%	3.0%
25k-74k	49.1%	44.8%	6.0%
75k-99k	40.0%	52.9%	7.1%
100k-199k	44.9%	48.6%	6.5%
>200k	35.9%	59.0%	5.1%
Refused	25.7%	54.3%	20.0%

Q.11

Phone Type

(N=400)

Row%	Phone Type	
	Land	Cell
Total	20.3%	79.8%
Gender		
Male	20.1%	79.9%
Female	20.4%	79.6%
Age Group		
18 - 39	19.2%	80.8%
40 - 59	12.2%	87.8%
60+	30.8%	69.2%
Refused	50.0%	50.0%
Political Party		
Dem	16.0%	84.0%
Rep	16.4%	83.6%
Indep	25.8%	74.2%
Refused	23.5%	76.5%
Income		
<25k	33.3%	66.7%
25k-74k	20.7%	79.3%
75k-99k	21.4%	78.6%
100k-199k	15.0%	85.0%
>200k	7.7%	92.3%
Refused	34.3%	65.7%

Q.12

Political Party

(N=400)

Row%	Political Party			
	Dem	Rep	Indep	Refused
Total	42.3%	13.8%	39.8%	4.3%
Gender				
Male	34.9%	18.0%	43.4%	3.7%
Female	48.8%	10.0%	36.5%	4.7%
Age Group				
18 - 39	42.3%	8.7%	46.2%	2.9%
40 - 59	39.6%	18.3%	37.8%	4.3%
60+	45.4%	12.3%	37.7%	4.6%
Refused	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Political Party				
Dem	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Rep	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Indep	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Income				
<25k	45.5%	0.0%	42.4%	12.1%
25k-74k	37.1%	10.3%	46.6%	6.0%
75k-99k	47.1%	12.9%	38.6%	1.4%
100k-199k	42.1%	17.8%	37.4%	2.8%
>200k	46.2%	28.2%	25.6%	0.0%
Refused	42.9%	11.4%	40.0%	5.7%

Q.13

Income

(N=400)

Row%	Income					
	<25k	25k-74k	75k-99k	100k-199k	>200k	Refused
Total	8.3%	29.0%	17.5%	26.8%	9.8%	8.8%
Gender						
Male	5.3%	25.9%	20.6%	25.4%	12.7%	10.1%
Female	10.9%	31.8%	14.7%	28.0%	7.1%	7.6%
Age Group						
18 - 39	9.6%	26.9%	17.3%	34.6%	8.7%	2.9%
40 - 59	4.3%	26.2%	16.5%	29.9%	14.0%	9.1%
60+	11.5%	34.6%	19.2%	16.9%	5.4%	12.3%
Refused	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%
Political Party						
Dem	8.9%	25.4%	19.5%	26.6%	10.7%	8.9%
Rep	0.0%	21.8%	16.4%	34.5%	20.0%	7.3%
Indep	8.8%	34.0%	17.0%	25.2%	6.3%	8.8%
Refused	23.5%	41.2%	5.9%	17.6%	0.0%	11.8%
Income						
<25k	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
25k-74k	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
75k-99k	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
100k-199k	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
>200k	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Refused	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%

APPENDIX

FILLED IN SURVEY

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Rhode Island – April, 2021

HELLO, MY NAME IS _____, I'M CALLING FROM FLEMING & ASSOCIATES, A PUBLIC OPINION POLLING FIRM. WE ARE CONDUCTING A SURVEY HERE IN RHODE ISLAND AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE YOUNGEST PERSON (male\female) OF VOTING AGE WHO IS CURRENTLY AT HOME A FEW QUESTIONS. (If the youngest person at home is 85, you should still speak to that person.)

Q.1 Are you are currently registered to vote in the State of Rhode Island, or are you not registered to vote at this time?

Yes, registered...**100% (Continue)** No, not registered/state **0% (Terminate)** Not Sure **0% (Terminate)**

Record respondent's gender (**DO NOT ASK**) Male.....**47%** Female.....**53%**

Q.2 Could you tell me which age group you belong to? (**READ LIST**)

18 to 39...**26%** 40 to 59...**41%** 60 or older.....**33%** Refused....**1%**

Q.3 The State of Rhode Island, cities and towns are receiving over \$2 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act because of the pandemic. Do you trust that elected officials in Rhode Island will spend these funds wisely?

Yes.....**41%** No....**48%** Not sure...**11%**

Q.4 At the state and local level, do you think the priority should be to spend most of the federal money on one time capital improvements or daily government operations?

Capital Improvements.....**38%** Daily operations...**26%** Combination (Vol)... **10%** Not sure...**27%**

Q.5 At the state level, with the limited amount of federal money from the American Rescue Plan, how important is each of the following items to spend this money on? Rank each one on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not important at all and 5 being very important. (**Rotate order**)

	1	2	3	4	5	Not sure
Grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic	4%	5%	14%	20%	56%	1%
Subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants	13%	12%	23%	18%	32%	3%
Jobs training and re-skilling programs	7%	7%	25%	23%	37%	2%
One time infrastructure projects	16%	12%	24%	21%	22%	6%
Eliminate projected budget deficits	21%	13%	27%	15%	16%	8%
Reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic	10%	9%	18%	21%	37%	5%

Q.6 Now of the six state issues I just mentioned which one is the most important to you?

Grants and loans to help small businesses hurt by the pandemic... **35%**
 Subsidizing rent for affordable housing tenants..... **16%** Jobs training and re-skilling programs.... **14%**
 One-time infrastructure projects.... **9%** Eliminate projected budget deficits.... **5%** Reversing student learning losses resulting from the pandemic.... **17%** Not sure..... **5%**

Q.7 At the city & town level, there is a limited amount of federal money from the American Rescue Plan for cities and towns. How important is each of the following items to spend this money on? Rank each one on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not important at all and 5 being very important. **(Rotate order)**

	1	2	3	4	5	Not sure
Prevent any near-term increases to property taxes	17%	13%	21%	16%	30%	4%
Enhance public school programs	9%	12%	15%	23%	41%	1%
Buy new police and fire vehicles and equipment	25%	22%	26%	10%	16%	2%
Expand services for seniors	6%	16%	24%	24%	28%	2%
Invest in one-time local infrastructure projects, such as sewage, roads and bridges, school facility upgrades	11%	9%	25%	25%	29%	2%

Q.8 Now of the five local issues I just mentioned which one is the most important to you?

Prevent any near-term increases to property taxes.... **20%** Enhance public school programs... **42%**
 Buy new police and fire vehicles and equipment.... **8%** Expand services for seniors..... **11%**
 Invest in one-time local infrastructure projects... **16%** Not sure..... **3%**

Q.9 If the State decided to spend a majority of the American Rescue Plan money on capital improvements projects, how important is each of the following to spend the money on? Rank each one on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not important at all and 5 being very important. **(Rotate order)**

	1	2	3	4	5	Not sure
Increasing affordable housing	12%	12%	21%	21%	32%	2%
Modernizing school facilities	7%	13%	21%	26%	33%	1%
Investing in climate resiliency and renewable energy	17%	10%	19%	23%	30%	2%
Repairing bridges and roads	7%	7%	25%	29%	32%	1%
Access to high speed internet	16%	17%	24%	19%	23%	1%
Improving state parks and beaches	12%	17%	39%	20%	13%	1%

Developing industrial sites and business parks **20%** **22%** **29%** **16%** **9%** **4%**

Q.10 Would you still spend the American Rescue Plan funds on operational programs, if you knew that when the federal funds are gone in three years, in order to keep the programs going, there may have to be an increase in taxes?

Yes..... **43%** No..... **50%** Not sure.... **7%**

Now I would like to ask you a few final questions for statistical purposes only.

Q.11 Have I reached you on a landline or a cell phone?

Landline.... **20%** Cell phone ... **80%**

Q.12 Would you consider yourself more of a Democrat or a Republican?

Democrat..... **42%** Republican... **14%** Independent (Vol)..... **40%** Refused... **4%**

Q.13 And finally, for statistical purposes only, would you please tell me which group your total household income for last year was in? **(READ LIST)**

Less than \$25,000..... **8%** \$25,000 to \$74,999..... **29%** \$75,000 to \$99,999..... **18%**
\$100,000 to \$199,999.... **27%** \$200,000 and greater.... **10%** Refused (don't read)..... **9%**

That's the end of our interview, Thank you very much.