



To: Interested Parties
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Re: NRCC April Battleground Congressional District Survey
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1. Nancy Pelosi has found a way to become even more unpopular.

- In February, Nancy Pelosi was already the most unpopular elected official in the country, at a 41% favorable – 52% unfavorable rating. Since then, Pelosi’s image has dropped a net seven points to 38% favorable – 56% unfavorable.
- Pelosi hits 60% unfavorable in Trump/Democratic districts. Democrats in these districts are going to have an uphill battle defending their decisions to vote in lockstep with Pelosi’s socialist agenda.
- Republicans continue to be in position to flip the House. In ticket-splitting districts, 54% want “a Republican who will be a check-and-balance to Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats’ agenda in Congress” while just 41% want “a Democrat who will help Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats pass their agenda in Congress.”

2. Democrats have staked the Biden Presidency and their Congressional majority on the economy... and Republicans have the advantage.

- Voters trust Republicans over Democrats in Congress on jobs and the economy by +5 (46% GOP – 41% Dem).
- The advantage grows to +11 among Independents (42% GOP – 31% Dem).
- A majority (57%) of voters do not believe that President Biden’s COVID-19 stimulus is helping them and their family.
- Voters do not believe the Democrats’ false promises that Biden’s proposed tax increases will just be on the wealthy. By a three-point margin (47%-44%), voters believe Biden will raise taxes on those earning less than \$400,000, and that rises to +10 with Independents (49%-39%) and +12 in ticket-splitting districts (51%-39%).

3. Voters understand that Democrats created a crisis at the southern border.

- Seventy five percent (75%) of voters see the border situation as a crisis or a major problem. Just 23% say the situation at the border is a minor problem or not a problem at all.
- Immigration and border security is now the most important issue for President Biden and Congress to focus on. Concern about the border has increased from 11% in February to 28% now, and border security now ranks ahead of jobs and the economy (24%) as the most important issue.
- President Biden’s ratings on immigration and border security have dropped a net 15 points going from 43% approve – 46% disapprove in February to 37% approve – 55% disapprove now.
- As a result of Democrats’ failure to stop the border crisis, Independents trust Republicans over Democrats to handle the issue of immigration by +16 (43% GOP – 27% Dem).

4. Support for Republicans will only grow as voters learn about Democrats' wasteful spending.

- 72% of Independents are less likely to vote for “a Democrat who supports two trillion dollars in wasteful spending that funds Democrat pet projects without any accountability or transparency for how the money is spent.”
- 71% of Independents are less likely to vote for “a Democrat who voted for a 2.3 trillion-dollar infrastructure plan that spends 93% on things OTHER than improving our roads and bridges.”
- 69% of Independents are less likely to vote for “a Democrat who supports two trillion dollars in wasteful spending that will drag down hourly wages over the next ten years.”
- 68% of Independents are less likely to vote for “a Democrat who voted for a bloated and expensive infrastructure bill that could cost the United States one million jobs in the first two years.”

This survey was conducted April 18-21, 2021 among N=1,000 voters across 85 Battleground Congressional Districts, including an oversample in the 16 ticket-splitting districts, with 65% of the interviews conducted via cell phone, 15% via landline and 20% online.