



**S1.** Are you at least 18 years old and registered to vote at [ADDRESS ON FILE]?

Yes .....	100%
No .....	-
Don't know/Refused .....	-

**P1.** No matter how you may be planning to vote, when it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as a strong Democrat, not very strong Democrat, strong Republican, not very strong Republican, or as independent? [IF INDEPENDENT/DON'T KNOW] Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party or the Republican Party?

Strong Democrat .....	16%
Weak Democrat .....	4
Independent / Closer to the Democrats .....	8
Independent .....	11
Independent / Closer to the Republicans .....	21
Weak Republican .....	6
Strong Republican .....	32
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	1
DEMOCRAT (NET) .....	20%
INDEPENDENT (NET) .....	43
REPUBLICAN (NET) .....	37
DEMOCRAT W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	29%
REPUBLICAN W/ LEANERS (NET) .....	59

**Q1.** Now I'm going to read you a statement, and I'd like to know if you agree or disagree with it.

[SPLIT A] Billionaires pay their fair share in federal taxes.  
[SPLIT B] Americans earning over \$400,000 a year pay their fair share in federal taxes.

	Total	Split	
		A	B
Strongly agree .....	20%	13%	27%
Somewhat agree .....	14	13	14
Somewhat disagree .....	19	18	19
Strongly disagree .....	40	48	32
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	8	8	8
AGREE (NET) .....	33%	26	40
DISAGREE (NET) .....	59	66	51

Do you agree or disagree with that statement? [IF CHOICE]  
And do you strongly [AGREE/DISAGREE] or just somewhat?

**Q2.** As you may know, lawmakers are considering a plan that will create millions of new jobs, improve infrastructure like roads and bridges, and help West Virginia families afford health insurance, childcare, housing, education, and home- or community-based care for seniors. It will also expand Medicare to cover vision, hearing and dental benefits; ensure all workers have paid family and medical leave; make the expanded child tax credit for low- and middle-income families permanent; and make preschool available to all 3- and 4-year-olds. The cost of this plan would be roughly \$3.5 trillion.

Strongly support .....	33%
Somewhat support .....	15
Somewhat oppose .....	10
Strongly oppose .....	37
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	5
SUPPORT (NET) .....	48%
OPPOSE (NET) .....	47

After hearing this information, do you support or oppose this plan? [IF CHOICE] Is that strongly [SUPPORT/OPPOSE] or just somewhat?

**B1.** Now I'm going to read a series of proposals from lawmakers that wouldn't raise taxes on anyone earning under \$400,000 a year, and I'd like to know whether you are more or less likely to support a candidate for office who supports each of these proposals, or if it doesn't make a difference in your support for them. Here's the first... [ITEM] Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for office who supports this proposal, or does it not make a difference? [IF MORE/LESS LIKELY] Is that much [MORE/LESS] likely or just somewhat?

	MORE LIKELY		No difference	LESS LIKELY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Much	Some		Some	Much		MORE LIKELY	LESS LIKELY
• [ALWAYS READ FIRST] [ANNUAL WEALTH TAX] Apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year	31%	20	21	9	14	5	51%	22
• [SPLIT A] [WYDEN GENERAL] Close the loophole that often allows the wealthy to avoid paying taxes on investment gains for their entire lives.....	48%	17	9	8	14	5	65%	22
• [WYDEN HIGHER THRESHOLD] Require individuals with more than \$50 million in untaxed investment gains to pay tax gains above \$50 million at the same rate as wages and salaries.....	40%	21	16	8	11	6	60%	18
• [SPLIT A] [ONE-TIME WEALTH TAX] Apply a one-time 2.5% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million, and a 5% tax on wealth above \$100 million.....	36%	19	14	6	20	4	55%	26

**B1.** Now I'm going to read a series of proposals from lawmakers that wouldn't raise taxes on anyone earning under \$400,000 a year, and I'd like to know whether you are more or less likely to support a candidate for office who supports each of these proposals, or if it doesn't make a difference in your support for them. Here's the first... [ITEM] Would you be more or less likely to support a candidate for office who supports this proposal, or does it not make a difference? [IF MORE/LESS LIKELY] Is that much [MORE/LESS] likely or just somewhat?

	MORE LIKELY		No difference	LESS LIKELY		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Much	Some		Some	Much		MORE LIKELY	LESS LIKELY
• [SPLIT B] [CORPORATE TAX RATE] Raise the corporate tax rate for large corporations from 21% and set it back to its previous 28% .....	37%	15	13	11	21	3	52%	32
• [SPLIT B] [ONE-TIME BILLIONAIRES] Apply a one-time tax on billionaires' untaxed investment gains above \$1 billion, at the same rate as wages and salaries .....	33%	18	18	9	14	8	51%	22
• [SPLIT B] [WEALTH TAX- NO TRUMP] Apply a one-time 14.5% tax on an individual's wealth above \$10 million.....	31%	19	18	9	19	3	51%	28
• [SPLIT A] [WEALTH TAX- TRUMP] Apply a one-time 14.5% tax on an individual's wealth above \$10 million, as originally proposed by Donald Trump in 1999.....	29%	21	15	10	21	4	50%	31
• [SPLIT B] [BIDEN INCOME TAX RATE] Raise the top income tax rate on individuals earning more than \$400,000 a year by 2.6% .....	28%	21	17	10	20	4	49%	30
• [SPLIT A] [MILLIONAIRES SURTAX] Raise the income tax rate for those earning over \$1 million a year by 10 percentage points.....	28%	18	14	13	23	5	46%	36

**VS1.** And thinking again about the first proposal you heard about... Do you support or oppose the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year? [IF CHOICE] And is that strongly or just somewhat?

Strongly support .....	39%
Somewhat support.....	25
Somewhat oppose.....	10
Strongly oppose.....	19
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	7
SUPPORT (NET).....	64%
OPPOSE (NET).....	29

**B2.** Thinking again about the plan you heard earlier that would create new jobs, improve infrastructure, and help West Virginia families afford health insurance, childcare, housing, education, and senior care... I'm going to read you a list of ways lawmakers are proposing to pay for it, and then I'd like to know if you would support or oppose the plan if it were paid for by each method. Here's the first... [ITEM] Do you support or oppose the plan to create jobs, improve infrastructure, and make insurance, childcare, housing, education, and senior care more affordable if it were paid for by this proposal? [IF CHOICE] And is that strongly or just somewhat?

	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strongly	Some	Some	Strongly		SUPPORT	OPPOSE
• [SPLIT A] [WYDEN GENERAL] Close the loophole that often allows the wealthy to avoid paying taxes on investment gains for their entire lives.....	53%	17	5	20	6	70%	24
• [SPLIT B] [ONE-TIME BILLIONAIRES] Apply a one-time tax on billionaires' untaxed investment gains above \$1 billion, at the same rate as wages and salaries .....	40%	26	11	18	6	65%	29
• [ANNUAL WEALTH TAX] Apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year.....	42%	22	11	22	4	64%	32
• [SPLIT A] [ONE-TIME WEALTH TAX] Apply a one-time 2.5% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million, and a 5% tax on wealth above \$100 million.....	35%	24	15	21	5	59%	36

**B2.** Thinking again about the plan you heard earlier that would create new jobs, improve infrastructure, and help West Virginia families afford health insurance, childcare, housing, education, and senior care... I'm going to read you a list of ways lawmakers are proposing to pay for it, and then I'd like to know if you would support or oppose the plan if it were paid for by each method. Here's the first... **[ITEM]** Do you support or oppose the plan to create jobs, improve infrastructure, and make insurance, childcare, housing, education, and senior care more affordable if it were paid for by this proposal? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat?

	SUPPORT		OPPOSE		(DK/Ref.)	NET	
	Strongly	Some	Some	Strongly		SUPPORT	OPPOSE
• <b>[SPLIT B] [BIDEN INCOME TAX RATE]</b> Raise the top income tax rate on individuals earning more than \$400,000 a year by 2.6%.....	33%	26	9	27	5	59%	36
• <b>[SPLIT A] [MILLIONAIRES SURTAX]</b> Raise the income tax rate for those earning over \$1 million a year by 10 percentage points.....	33%	22	16	25	4	55%	41
• <b>[SPLIT B] [CORPORATE TAX RATE]</b> Raise the corporate tax rate for large corporations from 21% and set it back to its previous 28%.....	38%	17	11	28	6	55%	39
• <b>[DEFICIT FINANCING]</b> Increase federal borrowing, adding to the national debt.....	11%	14	14	55	6	25%	69

Now thinking about the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year... I'm going to read you some statements from supporters and opponents of that proposal, and then I'd like to get your opinion.

**[SPLIT A: FAIRNESS]** Supporters of this proposal say that these tax increases would apply to those with wealth of \$50 million or more. It would not raise taxes on working people or small businesses because they are already doing their part. Now it's time for the ultra-wealthy to step up and pay their fair share. Revenue from this proposal would be used to make the necessary infrastructure, health care, senior care, childcare, housing, and education improvements we desperately need to help our economy compete with major countries like China.

**[SPLIT B: INVESTMENTS]** Supporters of this proposal say that America needs to invest in our future and be better able to compete with major countries like China, and the ultra-wealthy should contribute to that goal just like working people and small businesses already do. Revenue from this proposal would be used to make infrastructure, health care, senior care, childcare, housing, and education more affordable; ensure all workers have paid family and medical leave; and permanently expand the child tax credit for working families.

Opponents of this proposal say that Americans are already paying too much in taxes and that these tax increases are a backdoor way to raise taxes on all of us, not just the 1%. Prices are going up, inflation is out of control, and all Washington liberals want to do is raise our taxes. These tax increases will slow economic growth, hurt small businesses, destroy jobs, and stifle innovation. We can't afford that, especially now, as our economy is still recovering from the pandemic.

**v2.** Sometimes people change their minds in surveys like this and sometimes they don't. After hearing these statements, would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office who supported the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year, or would it make no difference? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that much **[MORE/LESS]** likely or just somewhat?

	Total	Split	
		Fairness	Investments
Much more likely.....	28%	28%	28%
Somewhat more likely.....	18	20	16
No difference.....	20	19	22
Somewhat less likely.....	9	8	10
Much less likely.....	21	21	21
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	4	4	4
MORE LIKELY (NET).....	46%	48	44
LESS LIKELY (NET).....	30	29	31

**vs2.** And after hearing these statements, do you support or oppose the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat?

	Total	Split	
		Fairness	Investments
Strongly support.....	37%	35%	38%
Somewhat support.....	23	24	23
Somewhat oppose.....	13	16	10
Strongly oppose.....	24	23	24
<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused).....	3	2	4
SUPPORT (NET).....	60%	59	62
OPPOSE (NET).....	37	39	34

**B3.** Now I'm going to read some statements from supporters of the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year, which wouldn't raise taxes on anyone earning under \$400,000 a year, and I'd like to know how convincing you find each one as a reason to support it. Here's the first statement... **[ITEM]** Is this a convincing reason to support this proposal, or is it not convincing? **[IF CONVINCING]** And is it very convincing or just somewhat convincing?

	CONVINCING		Not convincing	(DK/Ref.)	NET
	Very	Some			CONVINCING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT A] [EXAMPLES]</b> In some years, the wealthiest billionaires like Jeff Bezos and Mark Zuckerberg paid zero in federal taxes. This proposal would ensure that billionaires are at least contributing something every year to invest in America and create a stronger economy for everyone.....</li> </ul>	48%	18	31	3	67%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT A] [TAX BURDEN]</b> This proposal levels the playing field, making sure that working people aren't paying more in taxes than the wealthiest Americans. Right now, on average, 99% of American families pay 7% of their wealth in taxes, whereas the wealthiest families pay just 3%. It's time to update our system to ensure those with the most wealth pay their fair share.....</li> </ul>	45%	19	33	3	64%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT B] [PROPERTY TAXES]</b> Most working-class Americans already pay a wealth tax on their largest asset, their home. But the wealthiest Americans don't pay taxes on many of their largest assets. This proposal will ensure that the wealthiest Americans are paying their fair share.....</li> </ul>	41%	24	33	2	65%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT B] [AMERICAN JOBS PLAN]</b> Asking the wealthiest Americans to finally pay their fair share in taxes will help the economic recovery in the wake of the pandemic by funding overdue investments in infrastructure, health care, senior care, childcare, housing, and education and to help get the country back to work.....</li> </ul>	29%	30	38	3	59%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT B] [TRUMP]</b> When he was considering running for President in 2000, Donald Trump advocated for an even more ambitious tax than the one lawmakers are proposing today. Then, he called for a 14.5% tax on fortunes over \$10 million. His tax would have meant that Amazon founder Jeff Bezos would pay a one-off tax of \$15.7 billion, for example, while giving 99% of Americans deep reductions in their income taxes. ....</li> </ul>	25%	27	40	7	52%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>[SPLIT A] [COMPETITIVENESS]</b> America needs to invest in its families in order to compete with China and other growing economies. This proposal will ensure we can make the investments necessary to maintain our leadership and economic edge on the global stage .....</li> </ul>	25%	30	43	3	54%

**Q16.** And after hearing these statements, regardless of whether you support the proposal, which of the following is the best reason to support the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year?

	It will improve health care, education and infrastructure.	43%
	It will ensure billionaires pay their share.....	37
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	20

**v3.** Once again, after hearing these statements, would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office who supported the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year, or would it make no difference? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that much **[MORE/LESS]** likely or just somewhat?

	Much more likely.....	27%
	Somewhat more likely .....	19
	No difference .....	28
	Somewhat less likely .....	6
	Much less likely .....	16
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	4
	MORE LIKELY (NET).....	47%
	LESS LIKELY (NET).....	22

**vs3.** And again, after hearing these statements, do you support or oppose the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year? **[IF CHOICE]** And is that strongly or just somewhat?

	Strongly support .....	39%
	Somewhat support.....	23
	Somewhat oppose.....	11
	Strongly oppose.....	23
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused) .....	5
	SUPPORT (NET).....	62%
	OPPOSE (NET).....	33

**B4.** Now I'm going to read some short statements from opponents of the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year, and I'd like to know whether each one raises doubts for you about supporting the proposal. Here's the first statement... [ITEM] Does this statement raise doubts for you about supporting this proposal or does it not raise doubts? [IF RAISES DOUBTS] Does it raise major doubts or just minor doubts?

	RAISES DOUBTS		Does not raise doubts	(DK/Ref.)	NET
	Major	Minor			RAISES DOUBTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT A] [SMALL BUSINESS] Small businesses have been put through the wringer over the last year, and the last thing they need is a new tax. Officials say this tax won't impact small business, but Washington is full of empty promises, and this is a risk we cannot take.....</li> </ul>	45%	19	34	2	64%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT A] [SPENDING] Government spending is already way out of control. We don't need any new taxes because we don't need any new wasteful government spending.....</li> </ul>	43%	15	39	3	58%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT A] [SLIPPERY SLOPE] This proposal is just another backdoor attempt by Washington liberals to raise taxes on all of us, not just the 1%.....</li> </ul>	43%	14	39	3	58%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT B] [CHINA] Raising taxes slows economic growth, and America can't afford to lose our edge to other competitive nations, like China. This proposal would set the US back on the global stage and give countries like China the upper hand.....</li> </ul>	37%	20	38	5	57%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT B] [SOCIALISM] This proposal is textbook socialism that would stifle innovation and make America look more like Cuba.....</li> </ul>	37%	18	40	5	55%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [SPLIT B] [JOB CREATORS] Wealthy Americans are job creators, and we can't afford to tax them. Doing so will hurt the rest of us.....</li> </ul>	30%	24	39	6	54%

**V4.** One final time, after hearing these statements, would you be more or less likely to vote for a candidate for office who supported the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year, or would it make no difference? [IF CHOICE] And is that much [MORE/LESS] likely or just somewhat?

	Much more likely.....	27%
	Somewhat more likely.....	20
	No difference.....	24
	Somewhat less likely.....	9
	Much less likely.....	18
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused).....	2
	MORE LIKELY (NET).....	47%
	LESS LIKELY (NET).....	27

**VS4.** And one final time, after hearing these statements, do you support or oppose the proposal to apply a 2% tax on an individual's wealth above \$50 million each year? [IF CHOICE] And is that strongly or just somewhat?

	Strongly support.....	37%
	Somewhat support.....	24
	Somewhat oppose.....	9
	Strongly oppose.....	25
<b>VOL:</b>	(Don't know/Refused).....	5
	SUPPORT (NET).....	61%
	OPPOSE (NET).....	34

Now I have just a few final questions for statistical purposes.

**D100.** Gender [BY OBSERVATION]

	Male.....	48%
	Female.....	52

**DAGE.** Derived Age

	18-29.....	16%
	30-44.....	24
	45-54.....	16
	55-64.....	17
	65+.....	28
<b>VOL:</b>	(Refused).....	-

<b>D102.</b> What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?	Did not complete high school .....	5%
	Graduated high school .....	20
	Attended technical/vocational school .....	5
	Attended some college but no degree.....	21
	Graduated two-year college with Associate's degree .....	20
	Graduated four-year college with Bachelor's degree .....	19
	Obtained Master's, PhD, or other professional degree (MD, DMD, etc.).....	10
	<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	*

<b>D120.</b> For your current employment status, are you employed full time, employed part time, not employed but looking for work, retired, a student, or a homemaker?	Employed full time .....	50%
	Employed part time.....	11
	Not employed, but looking for work .....	3
	Retired .....	26
	Student .....	1
	Homemaker .....	6
	Other (SPECIFY).....	3
	<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	*

<b>D103.</b> Are you or is anyone in your household an active or retired member of a labor union? Is that you or someone else in your household?	Yes-Respondent.....	13%
	Yes-Household member.....	6
	<b>VOL:</b> (Yes-Both) .....	1
	No .....	79
	<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	*

YES (NET)..... 20%

<b>D105.</b> When it comes to politics, do you generally think of yourself as:	Very liberal.....	6%
	Somewhat liberal .....	13
	Moderate .....	22
	Somewhat conservative .....	24
	Very conservative .....	30
	<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	5
	LIBERAL (NET) .....	19%
	CONSERVATIVE (NET).....	54

<b>D106.</b> What is your current marital status?	Married .....	67%
	Not married but living with partner.....	6
	Never married.....	12
	Divorced or separated .....	9
	Widowed .....	5
	<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	1

<b>D311.</b> Do you think of yourself as a member of the working class, middle class, or are you financially better off than that? Would you describe yourself as lower middle class, upper middle class, or somewhere in between?	Working class .....	36%
	Lower middle class.....	11
	Middle class.....	40
	Upper middle class .....	7
	Financially better off than that .....	4
	<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	3

<b>D310.</b> And, for statistical purposes only, what would you say is your total annual family income before taxes?	Less than \$25,000 .....	9%
	\$25,000 to under \$50,000 .....	17
	\$50,000 to under \$75,000 .....	21
	\$75,000 to under \$100,000 .....	20
	\$100,000 to under \$200,000 .....	15
	\$200,000 to under \$400,000 .....	3
	\$400,000 or more .....	1
	<b>VOL:</b> (Don't know/Refused) .....	13

<b>VH20.</b> Thinking back, in the November 2020 general election for President, did you vote for Democrat Joe Biden, for Republican Donald Trump, for someone else, or did you not vote in that election?	Voted for Democrat Joe Biden .....	26%
	Voted for Republican Donald Trump .....	61
	Voted for someone else .....	4
	Did not vote .....	5
	<b>VOL:</b> (Refused).....	4

Party	Democrat .....	37%
	Independent.....	27
	Republican.....	36

## Region

Bluefield-Beckley-Oak Hill WV .....	16%
Charleston-Huntington WV - Kanawha County .....	10
Charleston-Huntington WV - Rest .....	23
Clarksburg-Weston WV .....	14
Parkersburg WV .....	5
Pittsburgh PA .....	7
Washington DC/Hagerstown .....	15
Wheeling WV-Steubenville OH .....	9