FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR STATE & LOCAL SERVICES

Key findings from a survey among 1008 likely voters nationwide Conducted online May 4 to 7, 2020.



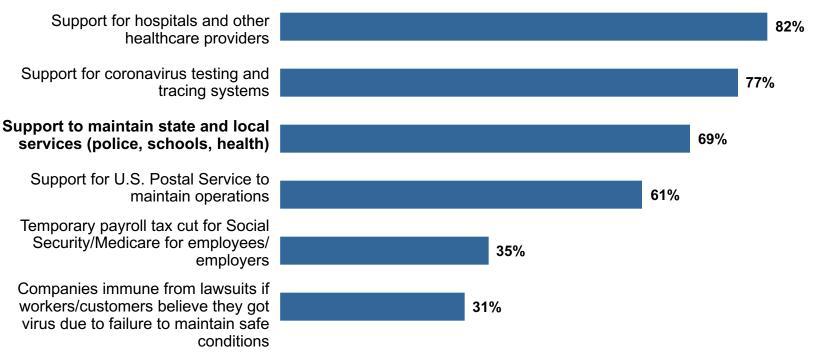






Support for State and Local Services is Top Voter Priority

VERY IMPORTANT* for Congress to include in next coronavirus legislation









Voters Say Funding Services Is More Important than Keeping Deficit Down

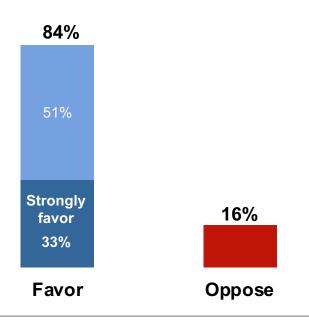
Provide needed funding for education, Keep down government healthcare, other public services spending/debt Higher priority for next coronavirus 74% 26% legislation Won't spend enough to support Will spend too much, the economy and help people driving up budget deficit Neither Bigger concern about federal gov't 55% 14% 31% efforts on the economic downturn





Overwhelming Support for \$1T Federal Aid Package for States, Cities, and Towns

Proposal to provide \$1 trillion in federal aid to states, cities, and towns, to replace lost revenue from economic shutdown and maintain public services such as healthcare, law enforcement, and education*



- * Description of Proposal Elements (given prior to question)
 - \$500 billion in general aid to states, cities, and towns
 - \$200 billion in aid to public K-12 schools and universities
 - Federal government pay a larger share of Medicaid costs during the coronavirus epidemic, reducing the share paid by states
 - Lift restriction that previous federal aid may only be used for new coronavirus-related expenses, so that states and localities can use these funds to maintain services





Broad Support for \$1T in Federal Aid to States, Cities, and Towns

Proposal to provide \$1 trillion in federal aid to states, cities, and towns

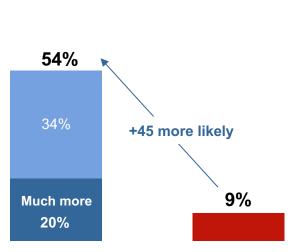
	Favor	Oppose		Favor	Oppose
Northeast	86%	14%	Democrats	94%	6%
South	84%	16%	Independents	87%	13%
Midwest	82%	18%	Republicans	72%	28%
West	84%	16%	2016 Trump voters	73%	27%
Urban	91%	9%	2016 Clinton voters	92%	8%
Suburban	83%	17%	White non-college grads	82%	18%
Small town/rural	77%	23%	White college grads	81%	19%
Age 18 to 34	91%	9%			
Age 35 to 49	88%	12%			
Age 50 to 64	78%	22%			
Age 65/older	81%	19%			





Voters Will Back Candidates Who Support Federal Aid

If a candidate for Congress supported this proposal for federal aid, I would be:



	More likely	Less likely	Net more likely
Democrats	68%	3%	+65
Independents	47%	6%	+41
Republicans	44%	16%	+28
2020 presidential swing voters	50%	8%	+42

More likely to vote for candidate

Less likely to vote for candidate





Voters Believe Need for Federal Aid Is Real

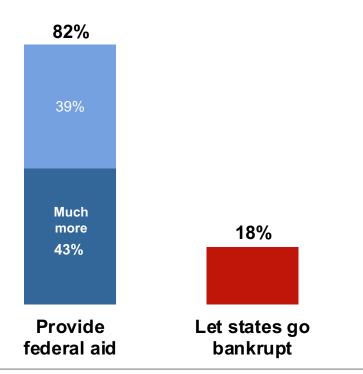
TRUE FALSE Without federal aid, states, counties, and cities will be forced to raise 83% 17% sales taxes, property taxes, and other taxes States and localities will see their tax revenues decline by about 20% 83% 17% this year on average States and localities will struggle to combat the coronavirus if they do 81% 19% not receive federal aid It will take states and localities longer to re-open their economies if 77% 23% they do not receive federal aid Without federal aid, states and localities will need to cut funding for 77% 23% education and public services by about 20% on average





Voters Overwhelmingly Reject McConnell's Call for Bankruptcy

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said that Congress should allow states to go bankrupt rather than provide federal aid. Which do you think is the better way to deal with state revenue shortfalls?



	Federal aid	Let go bankrupt
Northeast	82%	18%
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Midwest	84%	16%
West	81%	19%
Democrats	93%	7%
Independents	86%	14%
Republicans	68%	32%





Voters Believe Congressional Failure to Provide Aid Would Hurt their State and their Community

If Congress does not pass federal aid to states, cities, and towns, how much do you think that will hurt your state/local community?

