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# Pandemic Preparedness is the Most Popular Provision the HELP Committee is Considering

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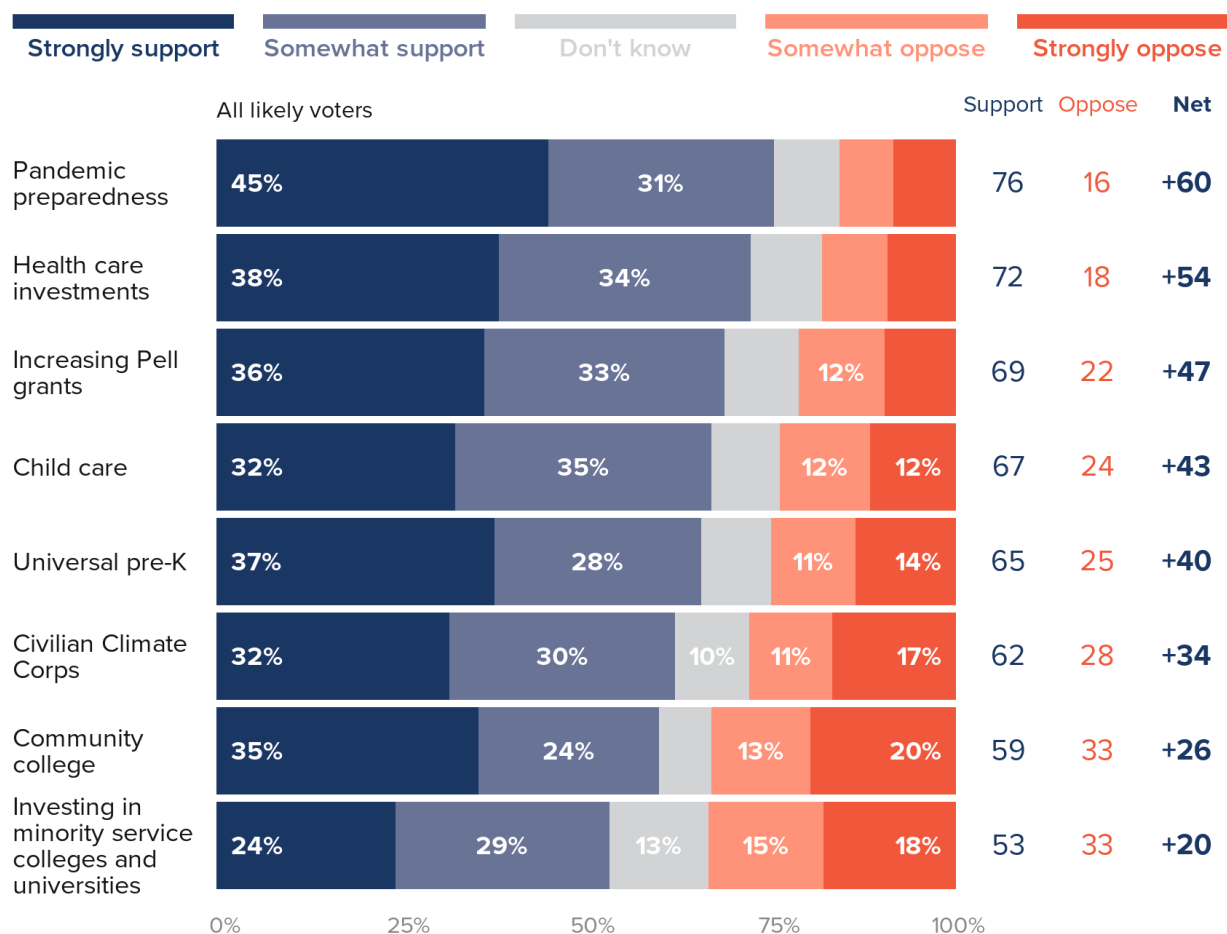
As part of an August [survey](#) of 1,227 likely voters nationally, Guarding Against Pandemics and Data for Progress tested attitudes towards the [proposals](#) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) are now considering including in the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation package.

We find that pandemic preparedness is both the most popular policy the HELP committee is currently considering, as well as the policy likely voters see as most important. Furthermore, applying a slight means-test to some of the policies HELP is considering modestly increases support for these proposals.

Of the proposals tested, the most popular is pandemic preparedness, backed by a +60-point margin. In addition, we find that placing a \$75,000 means-test for families headed by two-people, increases support for the pre-K and community college proposals by plus-three-points, on net.

## Pandemic Preparedness is the Most Popular Proposal the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions is Considering

Below is a list of different proposals some lawmakers in Congress are considering. For each proposal, say whether you support or oppose it.



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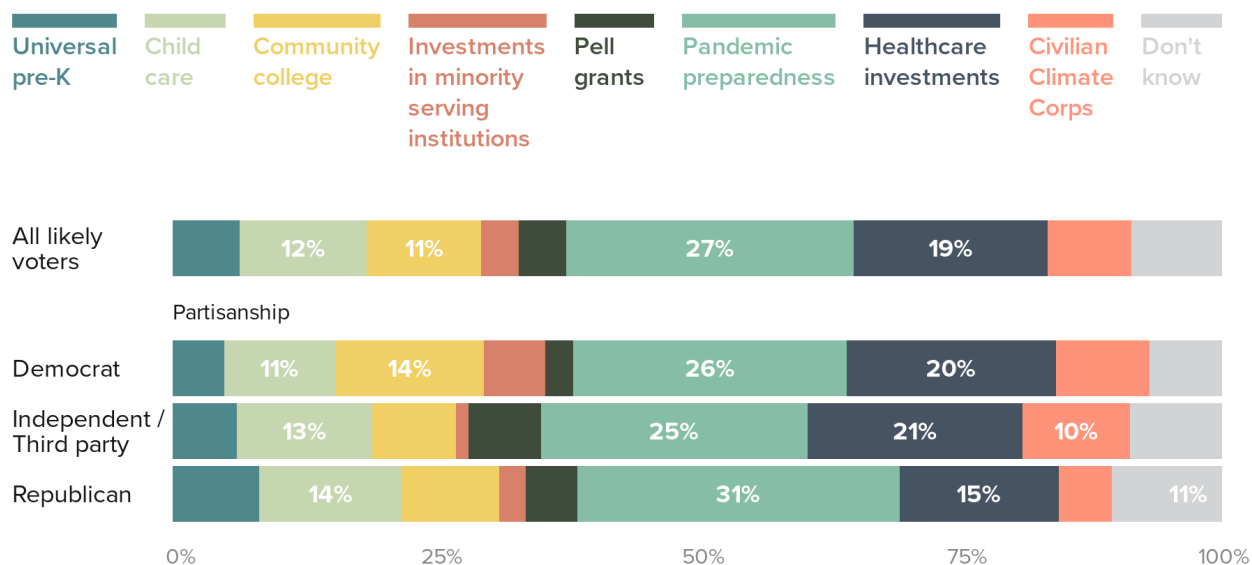
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We then asked likely voters to identify what proposal the HELP committee is considering that voters consider to be the most important. We find that a plurality (27 percent) think that pandemic preparedness is the most important. This includes pluralities of likely voters that self-identify as Democrats (26 percent), Independents (25 percent), and Republicans (31 percent).

## Pandemic Preparedness is the top Priorities for a Plurality of Voters

The U.S. Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions has been allocated \$726 billion to fund the following proposals. Of the policies listed below, which do you think is the most important?



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From August 18 to 20, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,227 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

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