

BLUEPRINT BORDER DEAL

1. Below are some things people say Biden might do if elected. For each, say whether you are worried about it happening:

	Worried	Not worried
Biden would allow immigrants to illegally cross the US border with Mexico	60%	40%
Biden would allow all immigrants living illegally in the United States to stay forever	57%	43%

Following Biden's age, the national debt, and rising prices, **immigration was the top concern among voters.** Unlike with his age and prices, Biden has immense latitude to determine border policy. He can loudly support the bipartisan border security deal negotiated by the Senate and take executive action to manage the flow of immigrants into the United States. Among non-college-educated white voters, 69% are concerned about allowing illegal border crossing, and 68% are worried about allowing all immigrants living in the United States illegally to stay forever. 70% of independents are worried about allowing immigrants living in the United States illegally to stay forever, and 69% are worried about illegal border crossings.

2. Have you heard about recent bipartisan negotiations to reach a deal that would increase resources for security and enforcement at the border, tighten restrictions on who can seek asylum and refugee status in the United States, and send aid to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan?

Have heard about	52%
Have not heard about	48%

This is an issue that is **very much in Biden's narrative control** and one that he can advance successfully by being aggressively supportive of border enforcement funding, as he is doing.

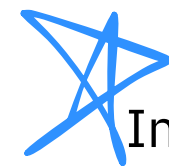
3. Based on your knowledge of the negotiations, do you support or oppose a bipartisan deal that would increase resources for security and enforcement at the border, tighten restrictions on who can seek asylum and refugee status in the United States, and send aid to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan?

TOTAL SUPPORT	58%
TOTAL OPPOSE	22%
Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	12%
Don't know	20%

Only half of all voters have heard about the bipartisan negotiations, and only 44% of independents have. **There is more to gain from Biden loudly championing this deal.** Many voters still don't know about it, and therefore, they won't give Biden credit for his policy stance.

The deal has more than half of voters in support. What's more, **"strong" support is double "strong" opposition.** The bill also has strong support across parties, with a majority of Republicans and independents in support, as well as 59% of non-college-educated white voters (only 22% of non-college-educated white voters are opposed).

4. Below are some proposals in the bipartisan border security and foreign aid deal. For each, say whether you [support or oppose] the policy:



Increase resources for security and enforcement at the border

Tighten restrictions on who can seek asylum and refugee status in the United States

Provide aid to Taiwan

Provide aid to Israel

Provide aid to Ukraine

Support	Oppose
84%	16%
75%	25%
66%	34%
62%	38%
59%	41%

Among voters, the most popular aspects of this package are the border security aspects. Severing the border security provisions and exclusively including the foreign aid aspects of the bill would significantly diminish it in the eyes of voters. Of particular importance: the Ukraine aid aspect of the bill is underwater with independents, while the increased resources for border security has a whopping 82 % support among independents. **87% of Black voters support additional resources at the border, as do 67% of Hispanic voters.**

74% of Democrats support more resources for security and enforcement at the border, as do 64% of those aged 18-29 and 81% of those aged 30-44.



5. Does the House Republican caucus refusing to vote on the bipartisan border security and foreign aid deal make you [more or less] supportive of Republicans in the 2024 congressional elections?

TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE

TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE

Much more supportive

Somewhat more supportive

Doesn't affect my opinion

Somewhat less supportive

Much less supportive

27%
34%
18%
9%
39%
7%
27%

Republican opposition to the border deal leads to a third of voters being less supportive of voting for them, including 27% saying they'd be "much less supportive." That "much less supportive" number includes **23% of crucial independent voters and 21% of non-college-educated white voters.** As the issue becomes more salient, these numbers will likely worsen for Republicans.

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6. **Would you be [more or less] supportive of a Democrat who supports the bipartisan border security and foreign aid deal?**

TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE
TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE

Much more supportive
Somewhat more supportive
Doesn't affect my opinion
Somewhat less supportive
Much less supportive

38%
18%

18%
20%
45%
7%
11%

On the other hand, Democrats gain from supporting the border deal. In particular, the deal strengthens Democrats with voters of color, with 54% of Black voters being more supportive (only 10% less supportive) and 34% of Hispanic voters more supportive (only 16% less supportive.) **Democrats who support the bill also gain with independents (25% more supportive, 13% less supportive).**

For Democrats in tough districts, this deal is a **no-brainer way to appeal to moderate constituencies** and may even strengthen them with the base.

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7. **Would you be [more or less] supportive of a Republican who supports the bipartisan border security and foreign aid deal?**

TOTAL MORE SUPPORTIVE
TOTAL LESS SUPPORTIVE

Much more supportive
Somewhat more supportive
Doesn't affect my opinion
Somewhat less supportive
Much less supportive

39%
17%

13%
26%
44%
7%
10%

However, if Republicans were to flip to support the bill, it would neutralize the issue, as both Republicans and Democrats would gain roughly equally. **However, as long as Republicans remain opposed, Democrats will strengthen their electoral position heading into November.**