Accountable.US May 2020 – Coronavirus Survey Results

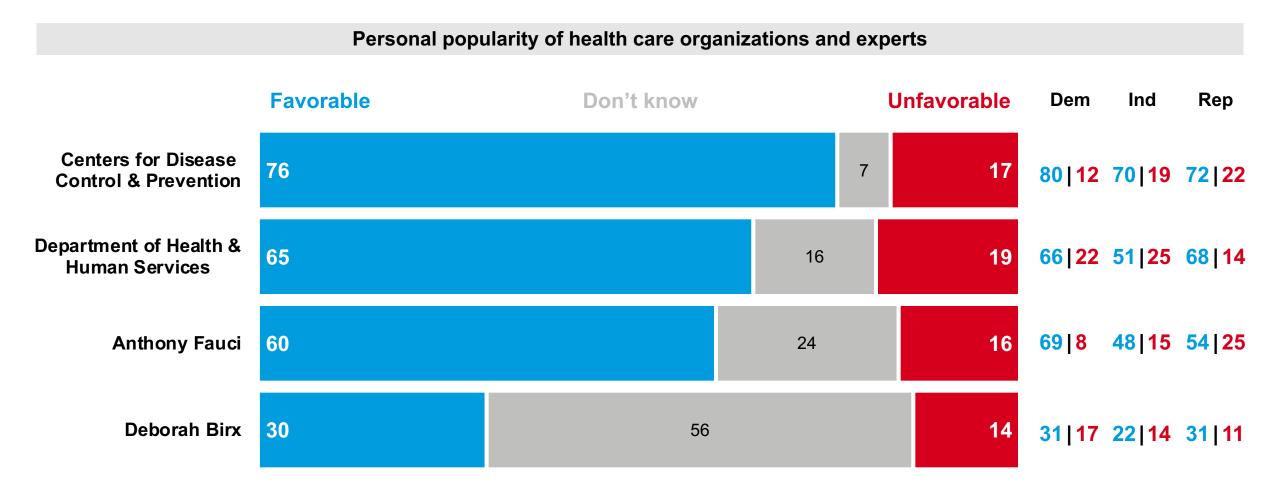




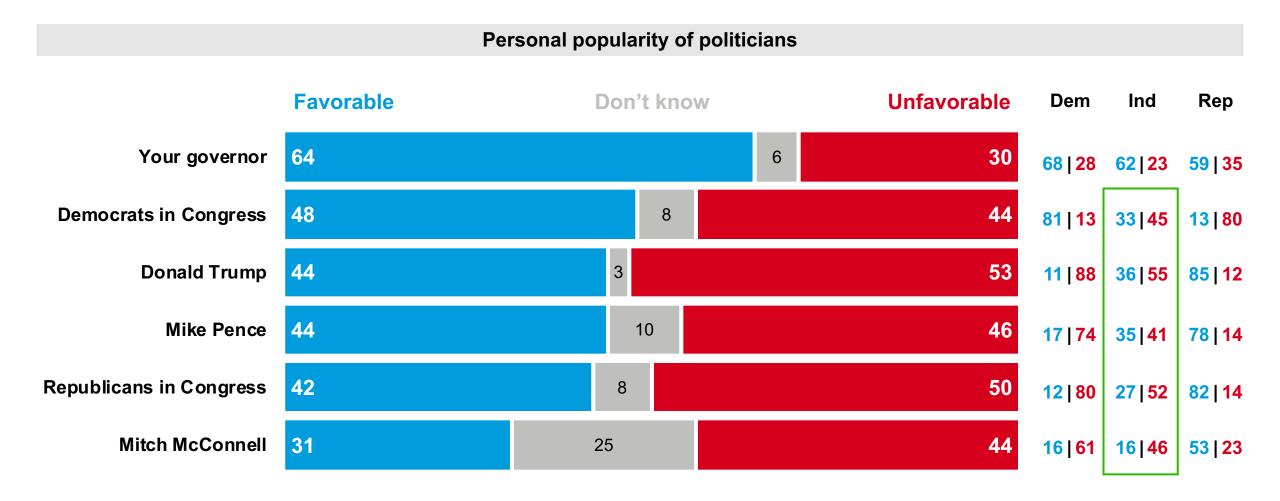


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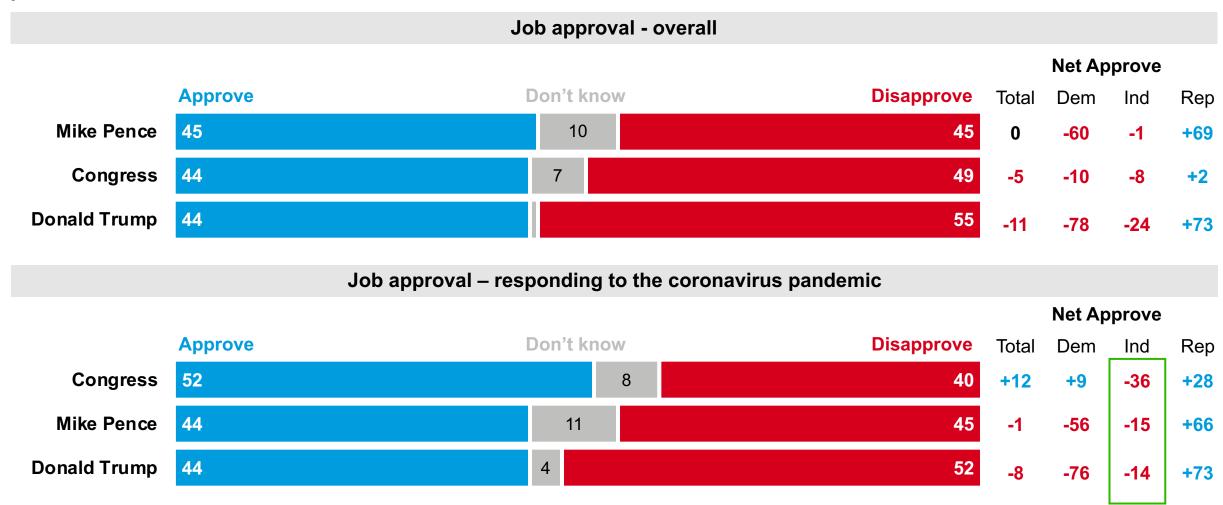
Health care experts are extremely popular after several weeks of the coronavirus pandemic



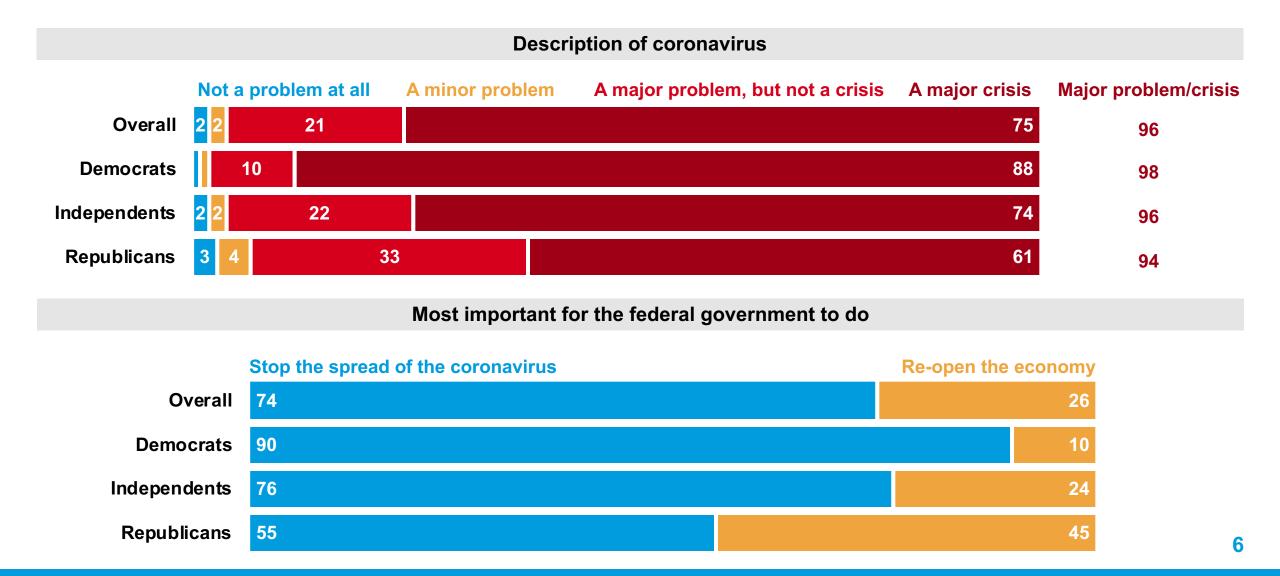
Far less positive feeling for President Trump and the Republicans in Washington



Partisanship drives opinions about Washington generally, but less ideological Americans are not happy with Congress and the Trump administration on the pandemic



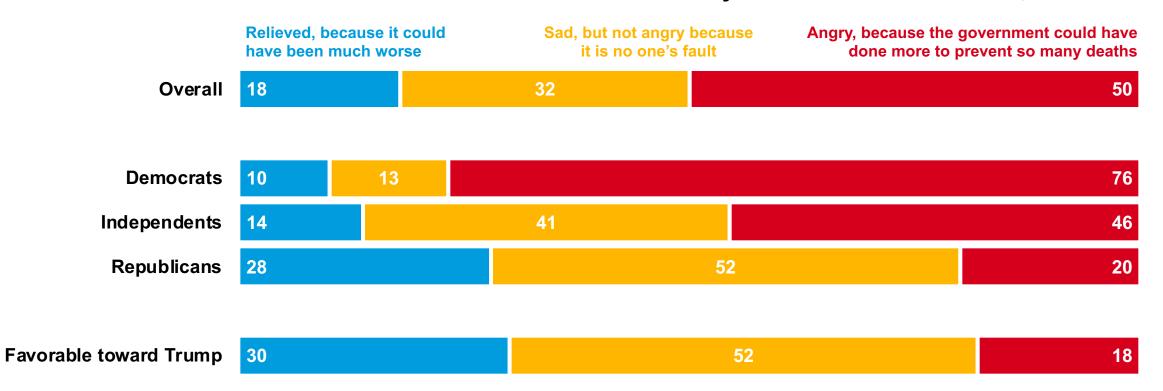
Most Americans are taking the pandemic seriously and believe health and safety take precedence over the economy



Few agree with Trump's assertion that the situation could have been worse; Most Americans believe the government could have done more

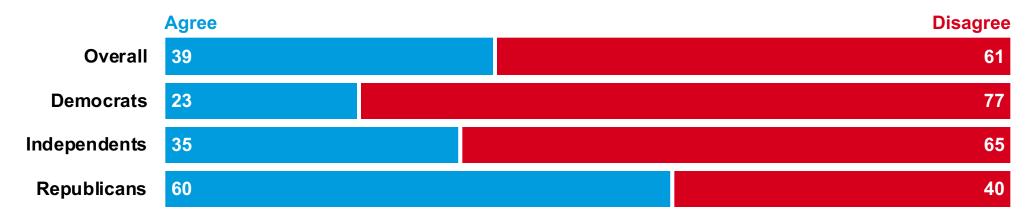
Attitudes toward coronavirus deaths

President Trump's health advisors now expect that more than 70,000 people will die in the US as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. Which best describes how you will feel if there are 70,000 deaths?

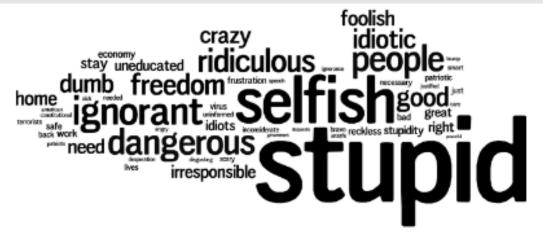


Most Americans disagree with the protestors demanding things re-open and there is little sympathy for their position

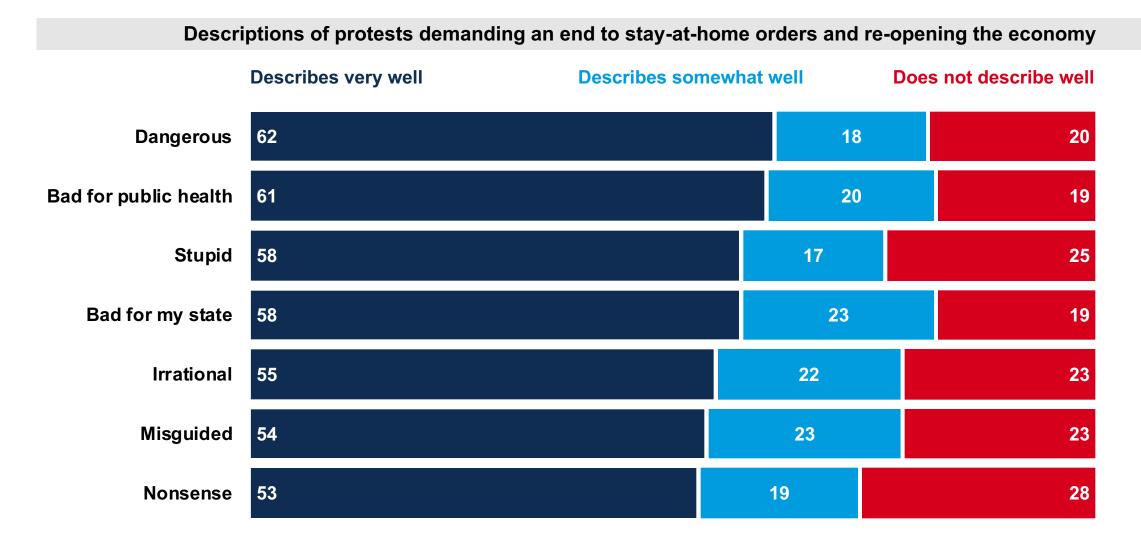
Do you agree with the protests demanding an end to stay-at-home orders and re-opening the economy?



Word to describe the protests demanding an end to stay-at-home orders and re-opening the economy

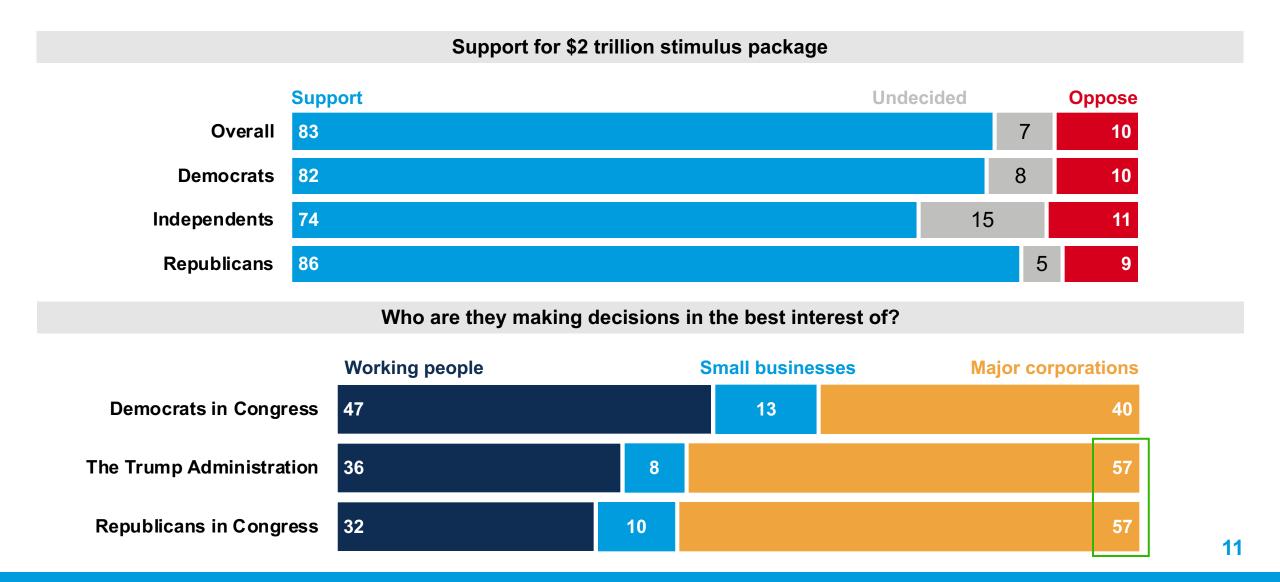


The negativity toward the protesters is strong, with most Americans calling them dangerous and bad for public health

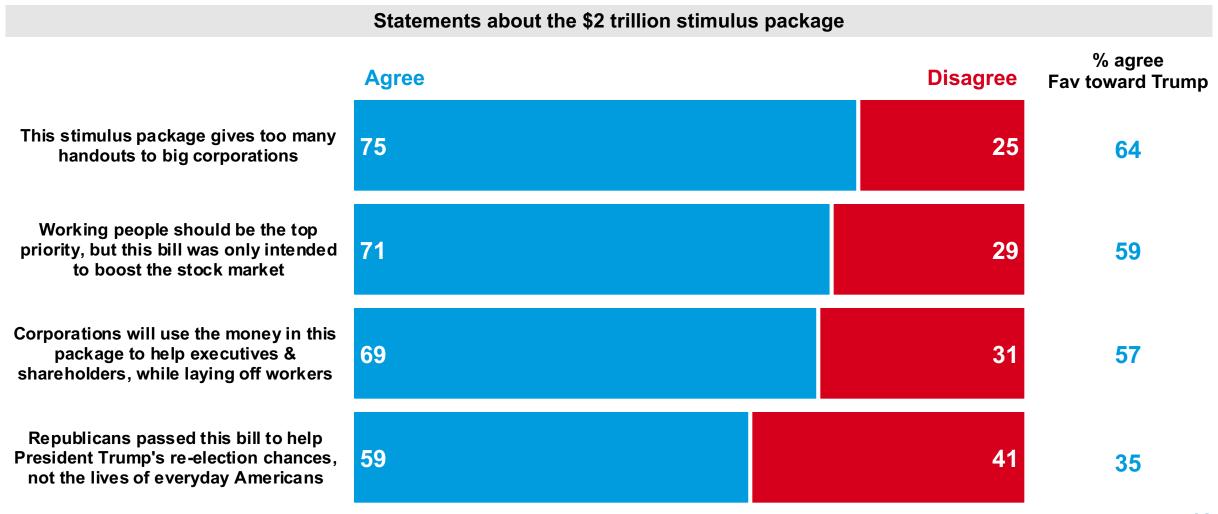


Previous Stimulus Package

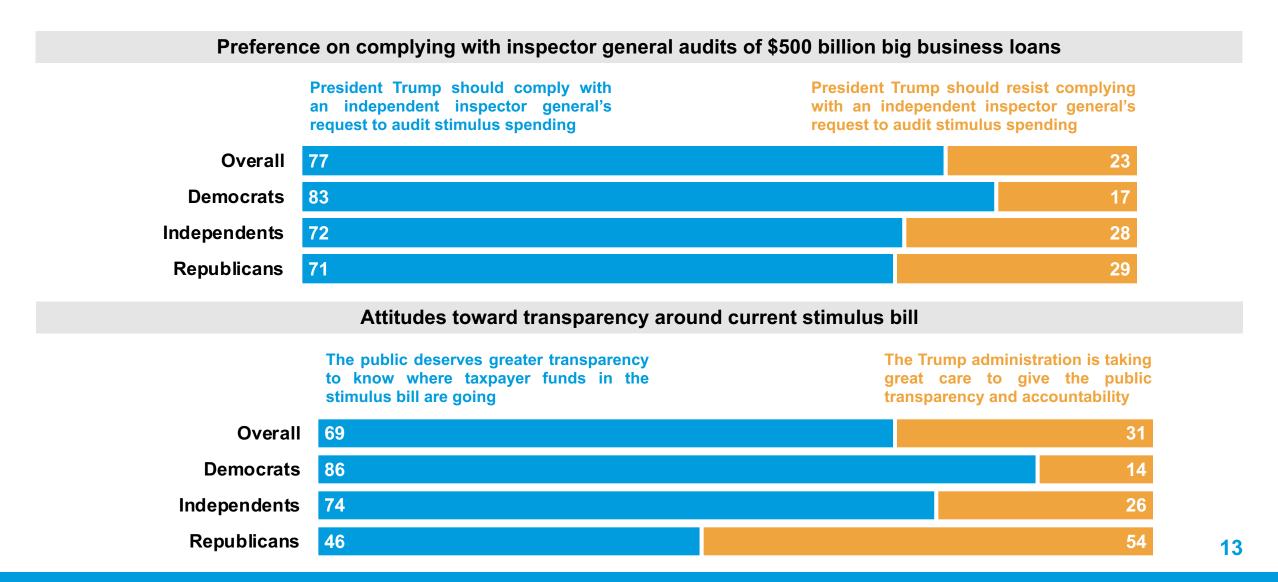
While Americans support the last stimulus package, most believe Trump and Republicans acted in the best interest of major corporations, not working people



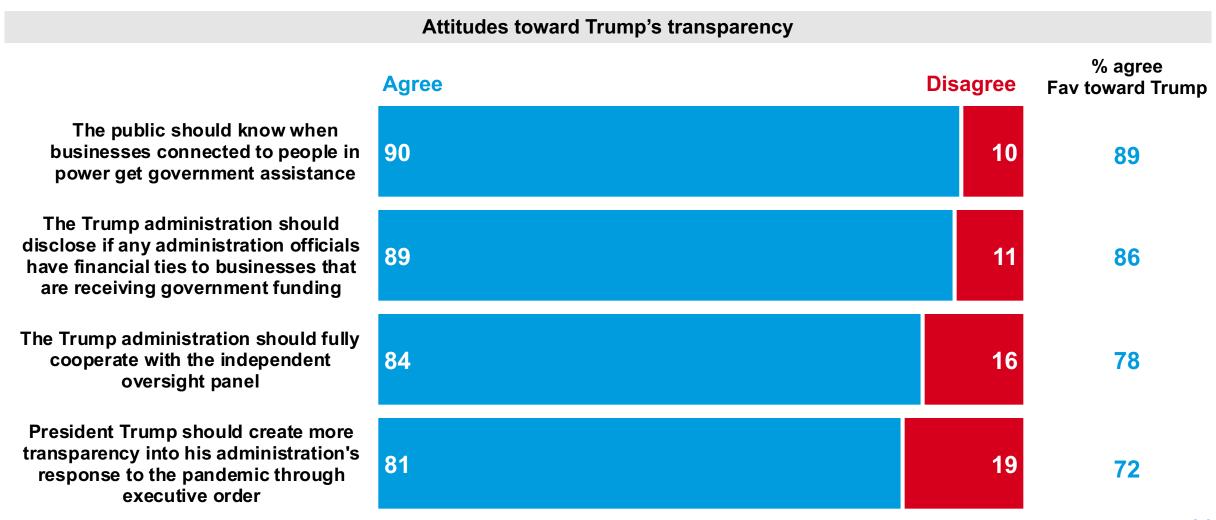
Big majorities believe the stimulus plan was designed to help corporations and Trump, not hard-working people



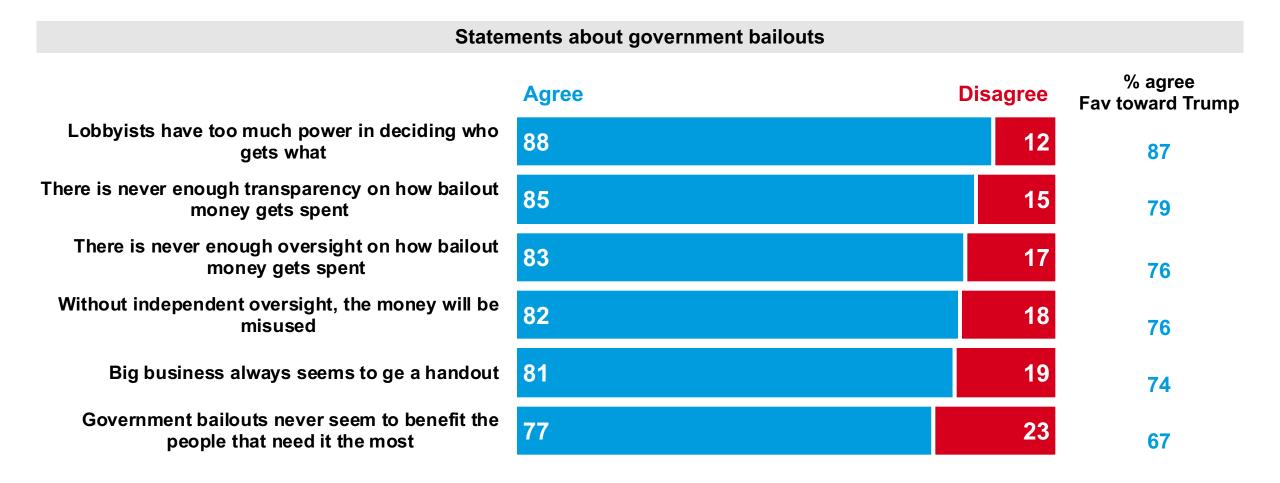
Americans want Trump to comply with transparency measures and most recognize that he isn't being transparent



Huge majorities of Americans expect Trump to be transparent and cooperate with watchdogs

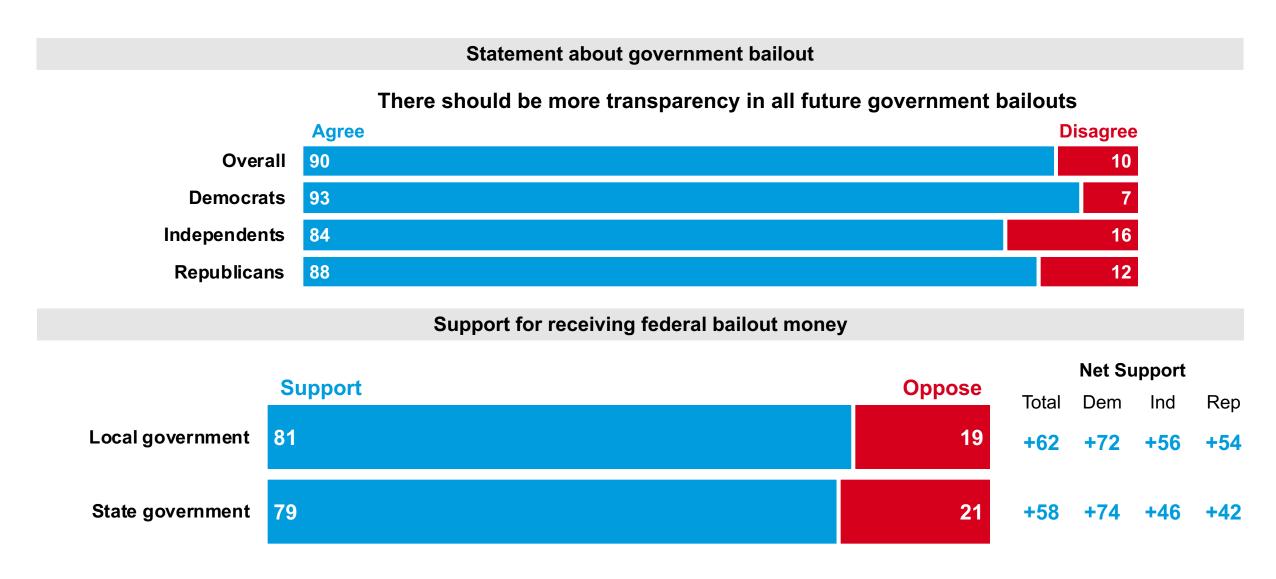


Most think that government bailouts don't benefit working people and most already think future bills will benefit Trump and corporations



Considerations for the Next Stimulus

Americans are looking for more transparency in future bailouts and want federal help directed to state and local governments



Americans overwhelmingly support stringent requirements on businesses that receive public bailout funds

Conditions for future bailout money

	Support	Oppose	% support Fav toward Trump
Businesses must maintain payrolls & use federal funds to keep people working	92	8	94
CEOs must certify their companies are complying with the rules & face criminal penalties for violating them	91	9	93
Corporate boards must get shareholder approval for all political spending	86	14	87
Businesses would be banned from buying back stock until they repay the bailout money	85	15	86
Businesses would be banned from paying out dividends or executive bonuses while they receive federal funds & the ban would be in place for 3 years	84	16	83
Union contracts must remain in place	81	19	75
Corporations would have to provide at least one seat to workers on their board of directors	80	20	75
Businesses must provide \$15 an hour minimum wage	74	26	62
Businesses would be permanently banned from buying back stock	69	31	64

Americans support a series of initiatives aimed at helping those on the frontlines of combatting the pandemic, including vote-by-mail

Proposed provisions in next stimulus package % support Support **Oppose Fav toward Trump** Federal worker protections for first responders & emergency 93 93 personnel Additional funding for hospitals to obtain more equipment 89 Grants for local communities to combat the pandemic 89 87 13 Grants for states to combat the pandemic 82 Grants to public schools to help continue teaching during the 87 13 81 pandemic A national vote-by-mail provision to ensure Americans can 76 24 **60** securely & safely vote during the pandemic

Most also want to see the next stimulus package include more provisions to financially help small businesses and workers

Proposed provisions in next stimulus package % support Support **Oppose Fav toward Trump** 93 Additional funding for small businesses 96 91 Outlawing price gouging for essential items people need to buy 91 Stronger conditions & requirements on businesses that accept 89 11 86 bailout money 86 14 Further expanding unemployment benefits **79** 84 16 A second round of direct cash payments for Americans 82 A program putting Americans to work building renewable energy 83 17 **75** infrastructure 70 30 Investments in renewable energy & emissions cuts **59**

Trump Corruption

Trump's mismanagement of the pandemic raises concerns for a large majority of Americans

Trump actions during coronavirus pandemic

% concerning

- [No bid contracts] President Trump gave millions in coronavirus contracts directly to his friends, rather than have them follow the usual open bidding process that keeps taxpayer dollars safe
- [No coordination w/states] The federal government has created a bidding war with the states for equipment instead of working with them
- [Kushner-Nepotism] President Trump gave his son-in-law control over a coronavirus task force, which has confused and slowed down the agencies that normally respond to crises like FEMA
- [Special treatment] President Trump gave administration officials and lobbyists special treatment by awarding their businesses "essential" status so they could continue to operate during the crisis
- [Allies & corporations first] President Trump has favored political allies and corporate special interests about public health and the national interest
- [Governors] President Trump is basically saying he will only work with governors who praise him publicly and attacks those who are critical of the federal government's response
- [Self-dealing] President Trump signed a stimulus bill that would allow his own company to be eligible for bailout money when the bill was being written
- **[Kushner-Supplies]** Trump's son-in-law criticized states for using the National Strategic Stockpile of medical supplies
- [Signature] President Trump made sure his name was printed on all stimulus checks, delaying them in the process, pandering for his own reelection

Trump's favoritism toward his political allies and corporate special interests raises the most concerns for many Americans

Statement from people who argue President Trump has mismanaged the coronavirus crisis

mismanaged, it has been riddled with corruption.

President Trump has favored political allies and corporate special interests above public health and the national interest.

when small businesses across the country were struggling due to the crisis, Trump picked winners and losers by choosing to bail out major corporations run by his friends. And after being approached by administration officials and lobbyists, he gave them special treatment by awarding their businesses with "essential" status so they could continue to operate during the coronavirus crisis. President Trump even gave millions in coronavirus contracts directly to his friends, rather than have them follow the usual open bidding process that keeps taxpayer dollars safe.

Trump's alleged favoritism towards his own self interest also raises the most concerns

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President Trump is also favoring his own businesses and businesses with ties to family members, over our national

security and small businesses that can't make ends meet. He signed a stimulus bill that would still allow the Trump Organization to be eligible for bailout money, even though they didn't need it. And he gave his SON-in-law control of a special task force to respond to the coronavirus crisis. This confused the federal response because it was unclear who was in charge, which slowed down the agencies that normally respond to crises, like FEMA.

The Trump administration's lack of coordination in responding to the crisis has left states to fend for themselves. Trump's son-in-law criticized states for using the National Strategic Stockpile of medical supplies, which otherwise could have cost lives. At the same time, the federal government has created a bidding war with the states for equipment instead of working cooperatively. Despite this, President Trump is basically saying he will only work with governors who praise him publicly and attacks those who are critical of the federal government's response.

But even when the Trump administration took action and sent \$1,200 checks to every eligible American

measure so that he could print his name on each check, pandering for his own reelection.

Most describe Trump's dysfunctional interaction with governors and local governments as incompetent and corrupt

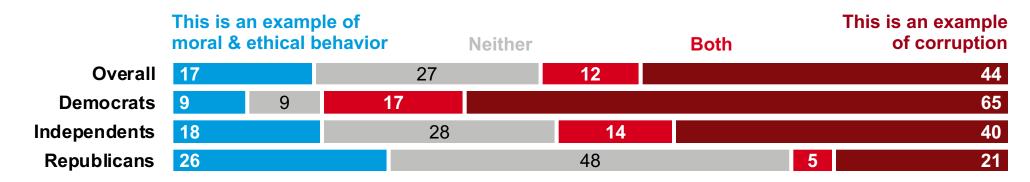
Description of Trump action on medical equipment

The Trump administration was not coordinating its own bids for medical equipment with state and local governments, which created a bidding war for these life saving supplies. Which statement comes closer to your view?



Description of Trump helping governors who praise him

President Trump is helping states whose governors praise him publicly. Which statement comes closest to your view?



Conclusions

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- The stature of health care experts overshadows Trump and Congressional Republicans. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, Americans have extremely positive feelings for health care experts, while viewing President Trump and his Republican allies in Congress unfavorably.
- Americans take the coronavirus seriously and their health is of paramount concern. A huge majority think stopping the spread of the virus should take precedence over re-opening the economy.
- Most disapprove of how Trump is handling the coronavirus pandemic. Few believe he has held off what could have been far worse.
- Americans are concerned about corruption within the administration's response. Most think he has put his friends and political allies ahead of the rest of the country and there is real concern about Trump's self-dealing as the pandemic has unfolded.
- Most think the response so far only benefits Trump and corporations. There is overwhelming support for the \$2 trillion dollar stimulus package, but most believe it did more for corporations than for hardworking Americans. Most also recognize that Trump is not living up to the transparency they expect for doling out the taxpayer dollars.
- Americans want future relief to go to hard-working people. There is overwhelming support for safeguards to be put in future stimulus packages to ensure that help goes to those on the front lines of the pandemic and workers struggling financially.

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