PEW RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY 2019

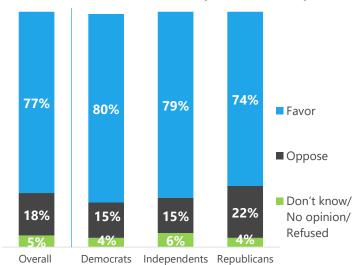
Findings are based on a nationally representative survey on spending on infrastructure in flood prone areas. Respondents also stated whether or not they were concerned with the number of extreme weather events increasing over the next ten years.



77% are in favor of a proposal requiring all federal spending on resilient infrastructure located in flood prone areas to be better constructed to withstand the impacts of flooding.

This proposal would also include using federal funds to build new structures and facilities or to help rebuild those that have been severely damaged by flooding. This proposal has widespread approval, with more than three-fourths in favor. The proportions of those who favor the proposal are nearly identical across political affiliation; 80% of Democrats, 79% of Independents, and 74% of Republicans. Respondents who live in a coastal community support this proposal, 80%, along with 76% of those living inland.

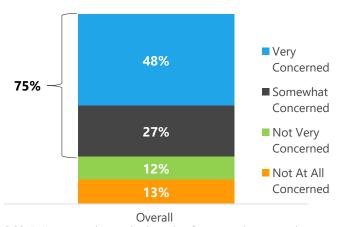
Favor/Oppose Federal Spending on Resilient Infrastructure (by Political Party)



FLOO6. One proposal would require that all future federal spending on infrastructure located in flood prone areas be better constructed to withstand the impacts of flooding. This includes when federal funds are used to build new structures and facilities or to help rebuild those that have been severely damaged by flooding. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

Overall, three-fourths of respondents are very concerned or somewhat concerned that the number of extreme weather events will increase over the next ten years.

Concerned Number of Extreme Weather Events Will Increase Over the Next 10 Years



FLOO4/9. How concerned are you that the number of extreme weather events, such as storms, floods, excessive heat and wildfires will increase over the next 10 years? Would you say you are ...?

When asked whether Congress should spend money to put infrastructure in good working condition, or should spend slightly more money to build and repair resilient infrastructure to make it more resilient to harsh weather such as floods and future sea rise, half (49%, 37% strongly favor) supports spending more for resilient infrastructure, compared to 43 percent who favor the status quo (26% strongly).

Respondents agree similarly, regardless of their political affiliation; 56% of Democrats, 51% of Republicans, and 46% of Independents feel that Congress should spend more on infrastructure. Democrats are the most likely to feel strongly about this. Respondents who live inland are just as likely to favor more spending on infrastructure as those who live in a coastal community (49% each).

This study was conducted for The Pew Charitable Trusts via telephone by SSRS on its Omnibus survey platform. The SSRS Omnibus is a national, weekly, dual-frame bilingual telephone survey. Interviews were conducted from February 26 – March 3, 2019 among a sample of 1,003 respondents in English (965) and Spanish (38). Telephone interviews were conducted by landline (401) and cell phone (602, including 410 without a landline phone). The SSRS Omnibus sample is designed to represent the adult U.S. population. The SSRS Omnibus uses a fully-replicated, stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households, and randomly generated cell phone numbers. Sample telephone numbers are computer-generated and loaded into on-line sample files accessed directly by the computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system. The margin of error with design effect for total respondents is +/-3.57% at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error with design effect for half sample B (528 respondents) is +/-4.96% at the 95% confidence level. All SSRS Omnibus data are weighted to represent the target population.