

PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS 2020 FLOOD INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY



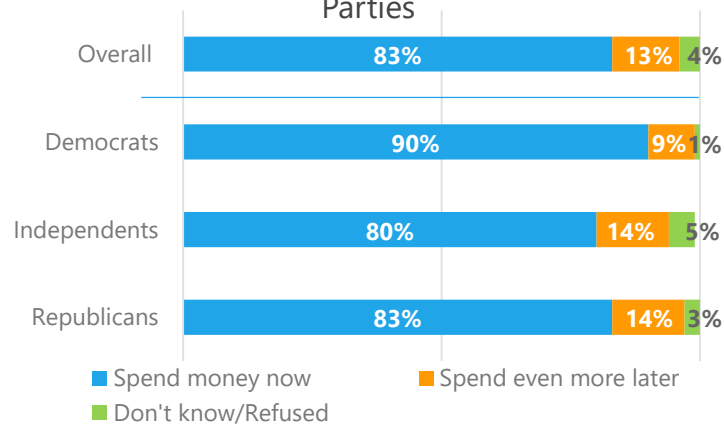
Findings are based on a nationally representative survey where respondents were asked their opinions about infrastructure spending to improve ability to withstand harsh weather and floods. Respondents also stated their level of concern about the number of extreme weather events increasing over the next ten years.

83 percent of respondents support spending money now to make sure transportation infrastructure can withstand harsh weather in the future.

When asked whether Congress should provide funding now to ensure transportation infrastructure is able to withstand harsh weather or if they should spend even more later to repair and rebuild after a disaster, 83 percent (66 percent strongly) support spending money now, compared to 13 percent who favor spending even more later (8 percent strongly).

Respondents across political parties support this approach with 80 percent of Independents, 83 percent of Republicans and 90 percent of Democrats in support.

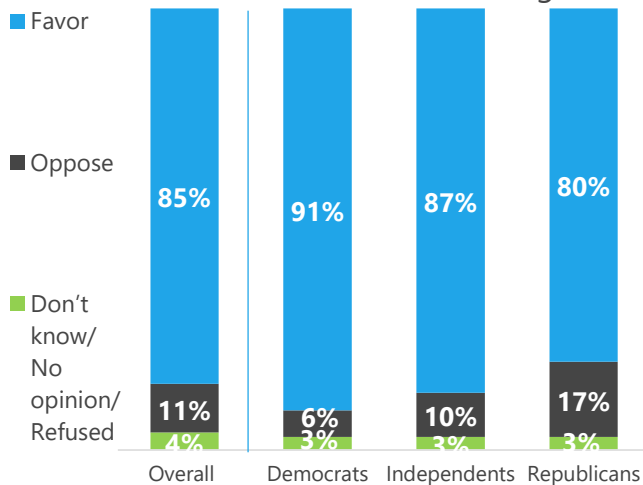
Support for Increase in Transportation Infrastructure Spending Across Political Parties



Another proposal is for the federal government to give grants to states and communities to make highways and roads safer to better withstand harsh weather...If the choice was between Congress spending money now to fund infrastructure or paying even more money after a disaster to repair and rebuild, which should they choose?

85 percent are in favor of a proposal requiring all structures using federal funding be built to withstand future flooding if they are in flood prone areas.

Large Majority Favor Requirement for Structures in Flood Prone Areas to Withstand Future Flooding



One proposal that Congress is considering is to require all structures using federal funding be built to withstand future flooding if they are in flood prone areas. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

There are also high levels of support across political party identification with 80 percent of Republicans, 91 percent of Democrats, and 87 percent of Independents in favor. Support for the proposal is also high in both coastal (84 percent) and inland (86 percent) regions across the United States.

A third of respondents (33 percent) said they were uncomfortable with the ability of infrastructure in their community to withstand extreme weather.

Almost three-quarters of respondents are concerned that the number of extreme weather events will increase over the next 10 years.

This concern is uniformly high across regions of the country with 77 percent in the South, 74 percent in the North East, 73 percent in the West, and 70 percent in the Midwest saying they are at least somewhat concerned.

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 11 – 16, 2020 among a sample of 800 respondents in English (767) and Spanish (33). Telephone interviews were conducted by landline (246) and cell phone (554, including 359 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 +/- 3.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All SSRS Omnibus data are weighted to represent the target population.