



To: GLAAD
From: Pathfinder Opinion Research
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Re: Nationwide Survey of LGBTQ Adults¹

Recent survey results gauged opinions of LGBTQ Americans on Joe Biden's job performance as we approach his 100th day in office, as well as several other issues facing the country.

Biden's Performance

The LGBTQ community gives Joe Biden strong, positive ratings on his overall job performance during his first 100 days in office. They also rate positively his performance on several specific issues, like advancing LGBTQ equality, advancing racial equality, responding to COVID-19, and prioritizing LGBTQ inclusion in administration hiring and appointments.

Filibuster

Three-quarters (78%) of LGBTQ Americans are concerned that Republicans can use the filibuster to block Democrats from passing progressive policies like voting rights, immigration reform, gun reform, and LGBTQ equality measures. After reading a short description of the filibuster, alongside a support and opposition statement on the parliamentary procedure, a plurality of these adults say the U.S. Senate should end the use of the filibuster. Likewise, a plurality indicate they would be less likely to vote for a Senator who votes to keep the filibuster in place.

Transgender Legislation:

Most LGBTQ Americans have heard or read about anti-transgender legislation being introduced in several states this year, and many of those who are aware are prepared to take direct action in protest, including boycotting tourism and companies headquartered in these states and working to defeat politicians who support these bills. More than three-quarters (76%) say that these types of anti-LGBTQ bills make them feel unsafe in their own community.

COVID Safety and Vaccines:

There is a low level of vaccine hesitancy among LGBTQ Americans, with more than three-quarters (77%) indicating they will receive the vaccine when it is available or have already received at least one dose. Further, nearly all respondents report following COVID-19 safety guidelines on mask wearing, social distancing, and avoiding crowds all or most of the time.

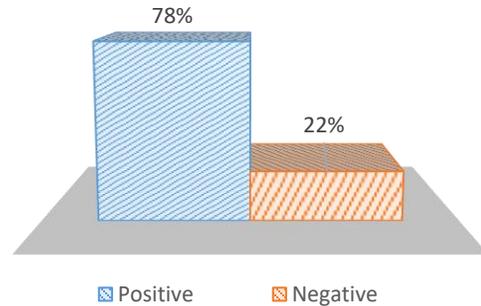
¹These findings represent the results of a survey conducted by Pathfinder Opinion Research from April 15-20, 2021 among n=800 LGBTQ adults in the United States. Interviews were conducted online utilizing a national research panel. Respondents were selected to represent the national LGBT population based on demographic estimates of this universe published by the Williams Institute and weighted by gender, age, race, education, and geographic region based on Williams Institute data.

Joe Biden's Job Ratings

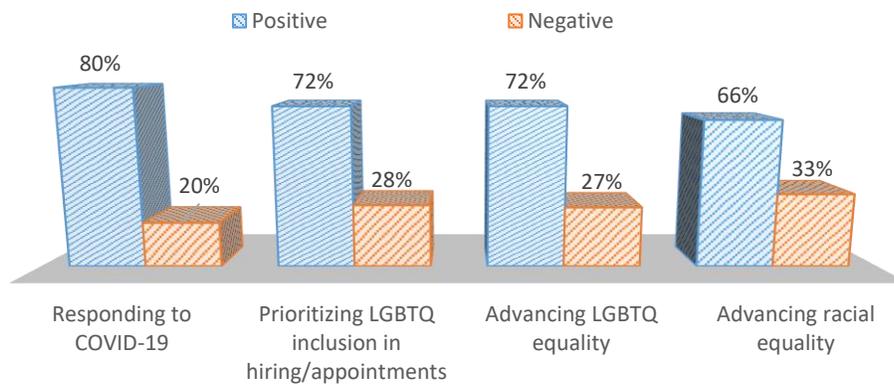
Joe Biden's performance rating among LGBTQ Americans is solid. Nearly eight-in-ten rate Biden positively on his job performance as he approaches his 100th day in office.

These adults also rate Biden positively on his handling of specific issues. A strong majority praise Biden's performance specifically on advancing LGBTQ equality, responding to COVID-19, advancing racial equality, and the Administration's prioritizing LGBTQ inclusion in hiring and political appointments.

Joe Biden's job rating for first 100 days in office

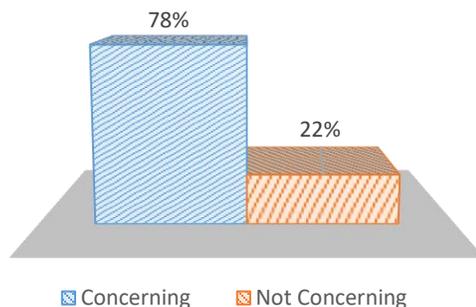


Job rating of Joe Biden on specific issues



Opinions on the Filibuster

Republicans using the filibuster to block progressive policy



More than three-quarters of LGBTQ Americans find it concerning *“that Republicans can use the filibuster to block Democrats from passing legislation like voting rights, immigration reform, gun reform, and LGBTQ equality measures”* (78% concerning / 22% not concerning; 46% very concerning)

A plurality of LGBTQ Americans express support for ending the filibuster in the U.S. Senate after reading a short description of the parliamentary procedure.

Normally 51 votes are required to pass legislation in the U.S. Senate. However, a filibuster allows one member to prevent a vote on legislation until 60 Senators agree to give it a full vote.

There is currently some debate about whether the U.S. Senate should keep the filibuster or end the filibuster as a procedural tool. Based on what you currently know, do you think the U.S. Senate should....

Keep the filibuster	31%
End the filibuster.....	43%
Not sure	26%
Refuse	*

When provided simple arguments on each side of the issue, an even greater percentage of LGBTQ adults say the U.S. Senate should end the use of the filibuster.

Supporters of the filibuster say the 60-vote requirement encourages compromise and forces the Senate to be more deliberative.

Opponents of the filibuster say the 60-vote requirement causes gridlock and allows the minority party to obstruct the will of the majority.

After reading this, do you think the U.S. Senate should....

Keep the filibuster	28%
End the filibuster.....	47%
Not sure	24%
Refuse	*

After reading these descriptions, a plurality of LGBTQ Americans say they would be less likely to vote for a U.S. Senator who voted to keep the filibuster.

Suppose a U.S. Senator voted to keep the filibuster. Which is closest to your opinion:

You would be more likely to vote for this Senator because of their position on the filibuster 24%

You would be less likely to vote for this Senator because of their position on the filibuster 43%

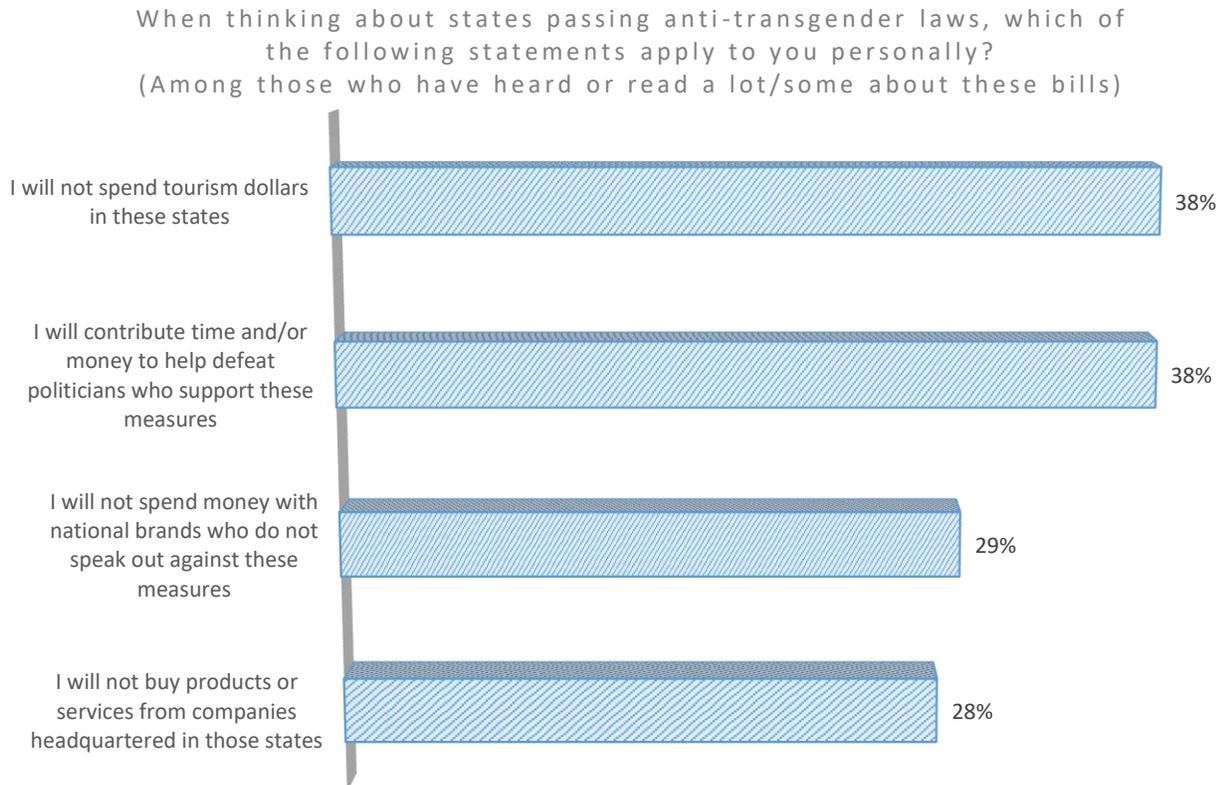
Their position on the filibuster would not affect your vote choice either way..... 33%

Don't Know/Refuse..... *

Opinions on the Anti-Transgender Legislation

Most LGBTQ adults have heard or read a lot/some about anti-transgender legislation being introduced in several states (61%), while 39% have heard not too much/nothing at all about this legislation.

Many of those who are aware of these bills are also poised to take direction action in protest against states and elected officials who pass these laws.



On a personal level, LGBTQ Americans say these types of laws threaten their own safety. More than three-quarters agree with the statement *“When elected officials try to pass laws that limit LGBTQ rights, it makes me feel unsafe in my community”* (76% agree / 24% disagree; 46% strongly agree).

COVID Safety Behaviors

This survey points to low levels of vaccine hesitancy and high levels of public safety compliance among LGBTQ Americans. More than three-quarters indicate that they will either receive the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them or that they have already received at least one dose of the vaccine. Further, nearly all say they wear a mask in stores and businesses (91%), follow social distancing guidelines in public (89%), and avoid large crowds in favor of small, private gatherings (86%) all or most of the time.

