

Rebuilding America's Future



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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. How concerned are you about the condition of America's **INFRASTRUCTURE**.

TOTAL	
94%	CONCERNED
26%	EXTREMELY CONCERNED
38%	VERY CONCERNED
30%	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
5%	ONLY A LITTLE CONCERNED
2%	NO, NOT AT ALL CONCERNED
6%	NOT CONCERNED

2. How concerned are you about the condition of America's **ROADS, CLEAN WATER FACILITIES, SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE**.

TOTAL	
91%	CONCERNED
23%	EXTREMELY CONCERNED
37%	VERY CONCERNED
31%	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
8%	ONLY A LITTLE CONCERNED
1%	NO, NOT AT ALL CONCERNED
9%	NOT CONCERNED

- 3/4. **(TOP TWO CHOICES)** Which of the following do you think is the most important aspect of our infrastructure that needs fixing first? And what is next most important? And what is the next most important aspect of our infrastructure?

TOTAL	
41%	ENERGY FACILITIES
38%	ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
30%	CLEAN WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES
22%	THE ELECTRICITY GRID
18%	SCHOOL BUILDINGS
18%	PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/MASS TRANSIT
15%	BRIDGES
7%	DAMS AND LEVEES
5%	BROADBAND INTERNET EXPANSION
4%	PASSENGER FREIGHT RAIL
3%	AIRPORTS
1%	BIKE LANE/BIKE PATHS

5. Generally speaking, should the **STATE** government...infrastructure spending in your community?

TOTAL	
84%	INCREASE
40%	SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE
44%	INCREASE A LITTLE
11%	NOT CHANGE
2%	DECREASE A LITTLE
2%	SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE
5%	DECREASE

6. Generally speaking, should the **FEDERAL** government...infrastructure spending in your community?

TOTAL	
83%	INCREASE
34%	SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE
48%	INCREASE A LITTLE
13%	NOT CHANGE
3%	DECREASE A LITTLE
1%	SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASE
4%	DECREASE

7. And over the past five years or so, how effective have/ has **POLITICAL LEADERS IN WASHINGTON** been in improving your state's infrastructure?

TOTAL	
22%	EFFECTIVE
4%	VERY EFFECTIVE
18%	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE
49%	NOT VERY EFFECTIVE
29%	NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE
78%	NOT EFFECTIVE

8. And over the past five years or so, how effective have/ has **YOUR GOVERNOR** been in improving your state's infrastructure?

TOTAL	
51%	EFFECTIVE
6%	VERY EFFECTIVE
46%	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE
37%	NOT VERY EFFECTIVE
12%	NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE
49%	NOT EFFECTIVE

9. Which should be the single highest priority of the national effort to build America’s future and improve America’s infrastructure? All are important, but which matters the most to you?

TOTAL	
41%	THAT EVERY PROJECT BE ACCOUNTABLE, EACH HAVING MEASUREMENTS TO GUARANTEE THE MONEY IS SPENT WISELY AND EFFECTIVELY
17%	CREATES MORE THAN A MILLION AMERICAN JOBS IN LESS THAN A YEAR
9%	IS TRULY NATIONAL IN SCOPE SO THAT IMPROVEMENTS WILL HAPPEN IN EVERY STATE
8%	IMPROVES THE SAFETY OF AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE
7%	THAT THE “BUILDING AMERICA’S FUTURE” EFFORT START AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
7%	THAT YOU CAN SEE AND FEEL THE BENEFITS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
7%	IT’S THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE
4%	REDUCES HASSLES AND TIME WASTED IN TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL

10. Thinking about infrastructure spending, which is most important to you?

TOTAL	
31%	ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PROJECTS—MAKING SURE THEY ARE ON TIME AND BUDGET
24%	TRANSPARENCY—THE ABILITY FOR CITIZENS TO SEE EXACTLY WHERE THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT
16%	THAT IT ACHIEVES MEASURABLE RESULTS
13%	CITIZENS HAVING INPUT IN THE PROCESS
8%	OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE IMPARTIALITY AND FAIRNESS WHEN AWARDED CONTRACTS
7%	THE INVOLVEMENT OF EXPERTS, SUCH AS ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL PLANNERS

11. As Americans, we have the right to SAFE travel: safe roads, safe railways and safe runways.

TOTAL	
98%	AGREE
80%	STRONGLY AGREE
18%	SOMEWHAT AGREE
1%	SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
1%	STRONGLY DISAGREE
2%	DISAGREE

12. Now complete this sentence for me. We'll know we have succeeded in improving our infrastructure when...?

TOTAL	
40%	THE INVESTMENT HAS BEGUN TO PAY FOR ITSELF THROUGH A REVIVED ECONOMY.
17%	OUR QUALITY OF LIFE HAS IMPROVED.
13%	OUR INFRASTRUCTURE IS SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN WHEN WE STARTED.
11%	WE CAN KEEP UP WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE 21 ST CENTURY.
7%	OUR INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS ARE "GREEN".
5%	TRAFFIC IS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED.
6%	AMERICA HAS THE BEST INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE WORLD.

13. And finally, after thinking about it for a while, do you ...a large scale national effort to build America's **infrastructure**?

TOTAL	
94%	SUPPORT
55%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
39%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
2%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
1%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
2%	OPPOSE
4%	NO OPINION

14. And if you had to pay for this program to build America's future with a 1% increase in your federal taxes, would you ... the Building America's Future effort?

TOTAL	
81%	SUPPORT
43%	STRONGLY SUPPORT
39%	SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
10%	SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
8%	STRONGLY OPPOSE
19%	OPPOSE

15. **(SPLIT SAMPLE)** Would you rather drink...

TOTAL	
37%	WATER OUT OF A TOILET BOWL
63%	WATER FROM YOUR NEAREST RIVER

16. Would you rather ...

TOTAL	
43%	BE STUCK IN AN UNEXPECTED TRAFFIC JAM THAT DOESN'T MOVE FOR A FULL HOUR
57%	ENDURE HOUR-LONG DENTAL APPOINTMENT

17. Would you rather...

TOTAL	
54%	BE AUDITED BY THE IRS BUT NEVER GET STUCK IN TRAFFIC FOR A YEAR
46%	DEAL WITH TRAFFIC JAMS FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR BUT NEVER BE AUDITED BY THE IRS

18. What would improve the quality of your life more...

TOTAL	
26%	A SIGNIFICANTLY SHORTER, MORE HASSLE-FREE COMMUTE EVERY DAY
74%	A 5% PAY RAISE

19. Which is more annoying ...?

TOTAL	
79%	A HOME INTERNET CONNECTION THAT IS ALWAYS SLOW
21%	A ONE-TIME ROOT CANAL

20. Which is in greater need of repair ...?

TOTAL	
95%	AMERICA'S ROADS, BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS
5%	BRITNEY SPEARS' CAREER