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Interviews: <u>403 likely 2022 voters</u>
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Study #14242
FFYF Battleground Survey – **Virginia**
March 2022

47 Male
53 Female

Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

S1.   Are you currently registered to vote in Virginia?

Registered	100	**CONTINUE**
Not registered	-	**TERMINATE**

S2.   For statistical purposes only, please indicate your age below.

18-24	8
25-29	6
30-34	7
35-39	9
40-44	10
45-49	6
50-54	7
55-59	11
60-64	8
65 -69	11
70-74	11
75 and older	6

S3.   Regardless of how you may be registered, do you consider yourself a **(ROTATE "DEMOCRAT" AND "REPUBLICAN":)** a Democrat, a Republican, or something else? **(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "SOMETHING ELSE," ASK:)** Would you say you **(ROTATE "REPUBLICAN" AND "DEMOCRAT":)** lean more toward Republicans, lean more toward Democrats, or do you not lean either way?

Strong Democrat	25
Not very strong Democrat	16
Something else/lean Democrat	5
Something else/do not lean either way	13
Something else/lean Republican	5
Not very strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	23
Total Democrat	**46**
Total Republican	**41**

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S4a. Some of the people did not vote in the 2020 election for president and other offices because they were too busy, didn't like any of the choices, or for some other reason. What about you? Did you vote in the 2020 election for president?

Yes, voted..................................	96	**Skip to QS5a**
No, did not vote	4	**CONTINUE**

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY 'NO, DID NOT VOTE' OR 'NOT SURE' IN QS4a.)
S4b. Were you already registered to vote at the time of the November 2020 presidential election, or did you register to vote after the November 2020 election?

Registered to vote at the time of the November 2020 election........	-	**TERMINATE**
Registered to vote after the November 2020 election	100	**CONTINUE**

S5. And to ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race?

White	72
Black/African American.....................	15
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	6
Native American/American Indian.....	-
Another race/Other	2

S6. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

Employed full time	53
Employed part time (less than 35 hours a week)..	11
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work	3
Disabled, unable to work	5
Stay-at-home parent...	4
Full-time student	2
Retired	21

1. How big of a problem do you think each of the following is in the United States today?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PROPORTION WHO SAY VERY OR PRETTY BIG PROBLEM

	Total Big Problem	Very Big Problem	Pretty Big Problem	Somewhat Of A Problem	Not Really A Problem	I'm Not Sure
The cost of living for families, including the cost of rent, groceries, and child care	**87**	62	25	11	1	1
The cost of prescription drugs	**73**	39	34	20	5	2
The federal budget deficit.......................................	**72**	45	27	18	7	3
The pace of economic recovery from the pandemic..	**71**	36	34	23	6	1
Extreme weather and other effects of climate change	**52**	30	22	27	21	1

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2. As you may know, Congress is considering legislation that would lower the cost of prescription drugs, address climate change by increasing the use of clean energy, and make child care more available and more affordable for families. Do you favor or oppose Congress passing legislation like this?

Favor—strongly	47
Favor—somewhat	37
Oppose—somewhat	10
Oppose—strongly	6
Total Favor	**84**
Total Oppose	**16**

3. How important do you think it is that this legislation do each of the following things?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PROPORTION WHO SAY VERY OR PRETTY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	Very Important	Pretty Important	Not That Important	Not Important At All
Lower the cost of prescription drugs	**94**	56	38	5	1
Lowering the cost of child care for families	**82**	42	40	14	4
Address climate change by increasing the use of clean energy	**73**	40	33	16	11

4. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

This legislation should NOT include making child care more available and affordable because the country cannot afford to do this	30
This legislation SHOULD include child care because it will make the cost of living more affordable for families and help parents be able to work	70

5a. Do you think that helping to open more child care and early learning programs and lowering child care costs for families are a good investment or bad investment of taxpayers' money?

Very good investment	36
Somewhat good investment	40
Somewhat bad investment	19
Very bad investment	5
Total Good Investment	**76**
Total Bad Investment	**24**

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5b.   Right now there are tens of thousands of parents across the country who need child care for their young children but who are unable to get it, because there is a shortage of child care programs and many of those that do exist are too expensive for families to afford.

Which of the following statements do you agree with more when it comes to the high cost and shortage of child care?

The high cost and shortage of child care will get better on its own, without action from the government	36
The only way child care will be affordable and meeting demand is if the government takes action to ensure it is..	64

6.   Do you think federal government spending in general is...?

Too high for what the country can afford................................	58
About right	28
Too low for all the things the country needs...........................	15

7.   Do you have any children under the age of 18?

Yes	25	**SKIP TO Q.8b/c**
No..	75	**CONTINUE**

8abc.   From what you know, at any point in the past several years have any of the following had trouble finding child care for their children?

	Had Trouble Finding Childcare	Did Not Have Trouble Finding Childcare	Not Sure
You personally *	33	61	6
Any of your coworkers **	32	43	25
A friend or family member of yours...........	31	47	22

* Asked only of respondents who say they have kids under age 18 in Q7.
** Asked only of respondents who are employed full or part time in QS6.

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY 'YES' TO Q8a, Q8b, or Q8c.)
9.   Thinking about any of the people you know who had trouble finding child care in the past several years, did it cause them major problems, some problems, or no real problems?

Major problems..................................	30
Some problems..................................	67
No real problems	1
Not sure	2

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY 'YES' TO COWORKERS IN Q8b.)
10a.   Thinking specifically about your coworkers, when they had trouble finding child care, did this affect their ability to work?

Yes, affected their ability to work	90
No, did not affect their ability to work	10

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY 'YES' TO COWORKERS IN Q8b.)
10b.   Did it have an impact on your work or on your company?

Yes, had an impact on my work or company	56
No, did not have an impact on my work or company	44

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11. Below are a few short statements for why lowering the cost of child care SHOULD be included in the legislation we have been discussing. Please indicate whether you think this is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not that convincing, or not at all convincing reason for including making child care affordable in this legislation.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PROPORTION WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT CONVINCING

	Total Convincing	Very Convincing	Somewhat Convincing	Not That Convincing	Not Convincing At All
It will help families make ends meet at a time when many parents are struggling with other essential expenses like food and gas.	**78**	42	36	15	7
It will provide stable, high-quality care and learning for millions of young children at a time in their lives when brain development and stability is most important.	**76**	37	40	15	8
It will strengthen the economy over the long term by ensuring that parents who need to work have affordable, reliable, high-quality care for their children	**74**	36	38	19	7
It will help millions of women who were forced to leave their jobs because of the pandemic to get back into the workforce	**73**	40	32	17	10
It will strengthen the education system because children will start kindergarten better prepared to learn.	**71**	32	39	21	9
It will reduce shortages and long waitlists for child care in communities across the country, in part by raising wages for child care teachers so that they can stay in the profession.	**69**	28	41	21	10

12. Below are a few more statements. Please indicate if you agree or disagree with each one.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PROPORTION WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE

	Total Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Caring for young children is not a partisan issue, so Democratic AND Republican members of Congress should support making child care more available and affordable	**79**	46	33	12	9
Your community would benefit from having child care be more available and affordable	**77**	38	39	13	10
Ensuring that tens of thousands of parents with young children are able to work is as important as dealing with prescription drug costs and clean energy	**74**	35	39	16	10
Making child care more available and affordable will help the economy recover from the pandemic by helping people get back to work	**73**	41	32	17	10

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13. If your member of Congress votes to pass this federal funding legislation and it does NOT include making child care more available and affordable for families, how would this make you feel about your member of Congress?

Upset with them..................................	11
Disappointed with them	58
Pleased with them	24
Happy with them................................	7
Total Upset/Disappointed	**69**
Total Pleased/Happy	**31**

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "UPSET" OR "DISAPPOINTED" IN Q13.)
14a. Please explain why you would be (upset with/disappointed in) your member of Congress if they did not include funding for child care in this legislation.

RESULTS NOT YET AVAILABLE

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY "PLEASED" OR "HAPPY" IN Q13.)
14b. Please explain why you would be (pleased/happy) with your member of Congress if they did not include funding for child care in this legislation.

RESULTS NOT YET AVAILABLE

These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.

F1. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school..	-
Some high school	1
High school graduate...	26
Some college, no degree	18
Vocational training/2-year college.........................	10
4-year college/bachelor's degree	25
Some postgraduate work, no degree....................	2
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree .	16
Doctoral/law degree..	2

F2. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, middle of the road, or conservative?

Very liberal..	11
Somewhat liberal	15
Middle of the road.............................	41
Somewhat conservative.....................	17
Very conservative..............................	17
Total Liberal	**25**
Total Conservative	**33**

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY THEY VOTED IN QS4a.)
F3. Which candidate did you vote for in the election for president?

Joe Biden, the Democrat	52
Donald Trump, the Republican	45
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian	3

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F4.   Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

Urban	19
Suburban	56
Small town	6
Rural	19

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PARENTS IN Q7.)
F3.   Are any of your children age five or younger?

Yes	44
No	56

F4.   If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

Less than $10,000	4
Between $10,000 and $20,000	6
Between $20,000 and $30,000	7
Between $30,000 and $40,000	8
Between $40,000 and $50,000	8
Between $50,000 and $75,000	26
Between $75,000 and $100,000	16
Between $100,000 and $150,000	17
More than $150,000	9

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