

NATIONAL SURVEY

FOR YES.EVERY KID. FOUNDATION

JANUARY 23-24, 2023 | N=1,000 ADULTS NATIONWIDE

Key Findings

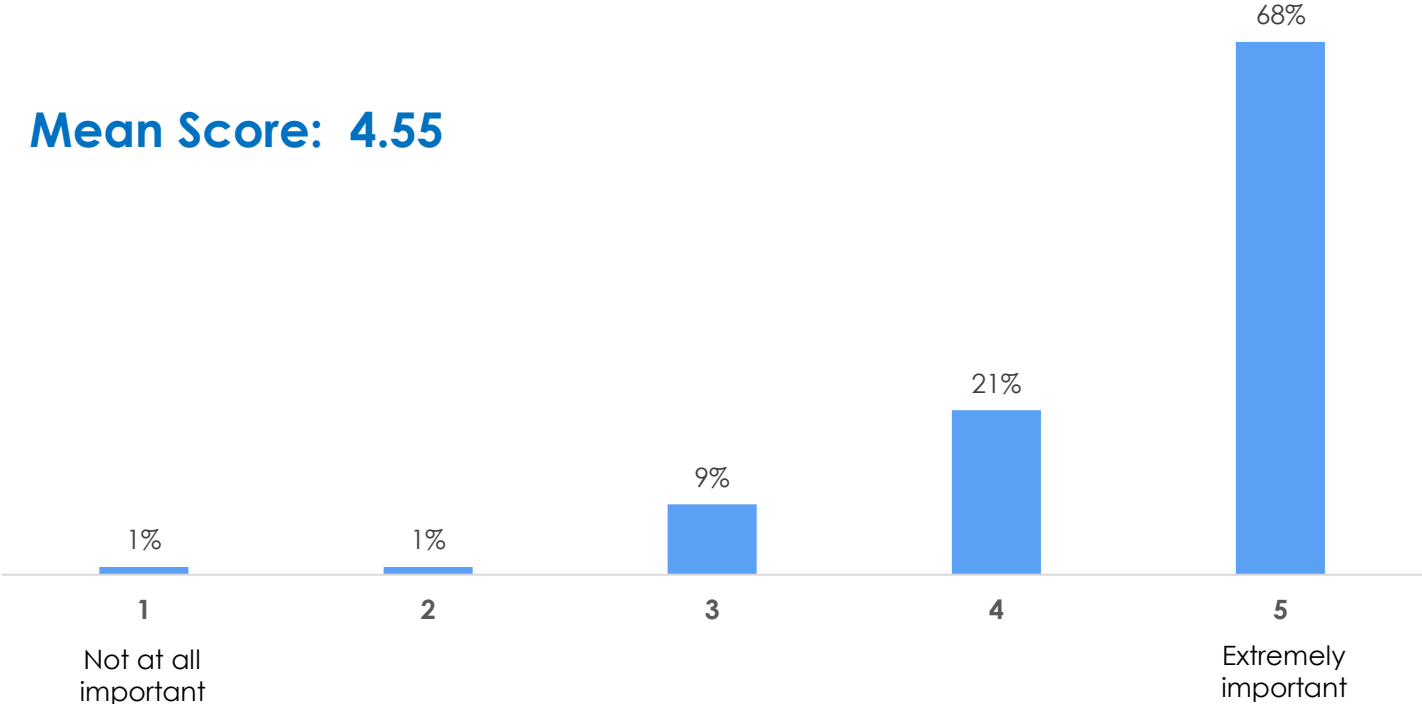
- **Americans believe it is highly important that all students in the United States have access to a good public school. When asked to rate the importance of this access on a scale from 1-5, more than two thirds (68%) of Americans rate it as a number 5, for extremely important.**
- **Three quarters of American adults (75%) support making it possible for students to access any public school in their state regardless of where they live. Only 16% oppose this idea.**
 - Support for access is high across all demographic groups, including all partisans. Support stands at 75% among Republicans, 73% among Independents, and 77% among Democrats.
 - While support is high across all age groups, it is highest among younger adults. More than eight-in-ten (83%) adults 18-34 support access, compared with 65% of adults ages 65 or older.
- **Nearly nine-in-ten (86%) adults support giving every child in the United States the ability to attend the public school in their state that best meets their needs. A majority (55%) of adults *strongly* support this access for children.**

Key Findings

- **Americans do not believe all students have the same access to good public schools. While higher income students and students from neighborhoods with expensive homes are believed to have a great deal of access, Americans say students who are lower income, middle income, racial minorities, or have learning disabilities do not have as much access.**
 - More than seven-in-ten adults (72%) say higher income students have a *great deal* of access to good public schools, compared with only 21% who say the same for lower income students.
- **However, adults believe all of these student groups would benefit from being allowed to attend any public school that best meets their needs.**
 - A majority of adults say all of the groups would benefit from greater access, including higher income students (56% say they would benefit) and lower income students (77%).
- **There is strong agreement with messages in support of greater access to public schools, which further indicates the broad support among Americans for this access.**

More than two thirds say it is extremely important that all students have access to good public schools

Mean Score: 4.55

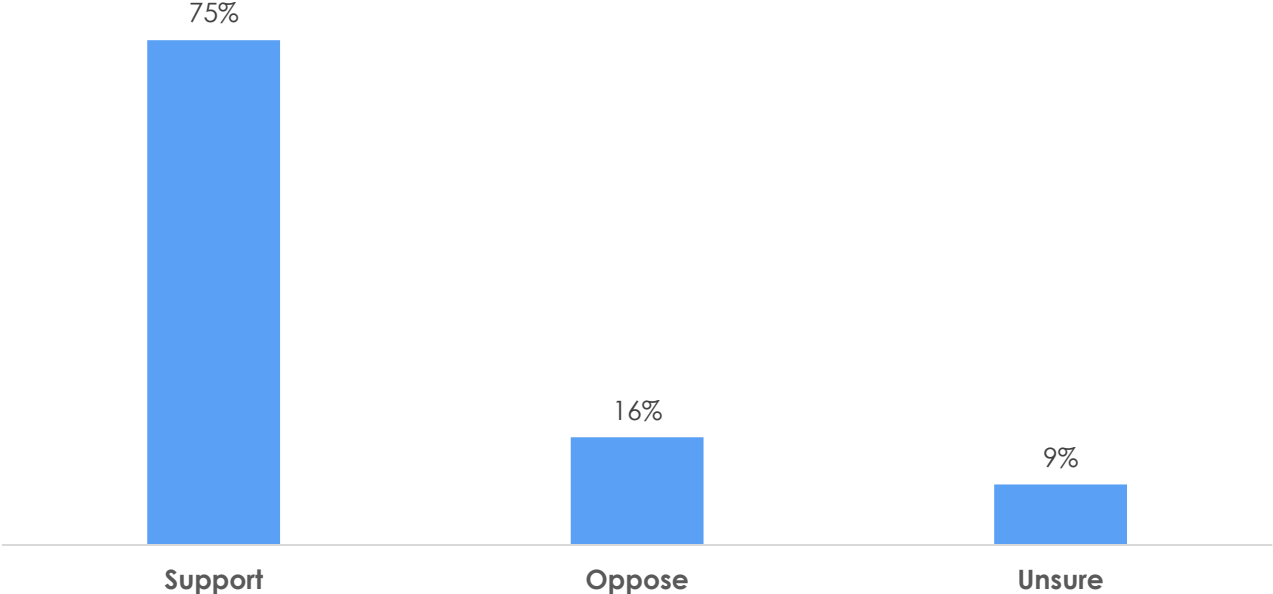


	% rating 5 in importance
All	68%
Democrat	76%
Black	73%
Urban	71%
Registered Voter	70%
Male	68%
Female	68%
White	68%
Hispanic	68%
Suburban	67%
Rural	67%
Republican	64%
Independent	63%

3 | N=1,000 | Q: How important is it to you that all students in the United States have access to a good public school? On a scale from 1-5, with 5 being extremely important and 1 being not at all important, how would you rate the importance of all students in the United States having access to a good public school?

Three quarters of adults in the United States support giving students access to any public school

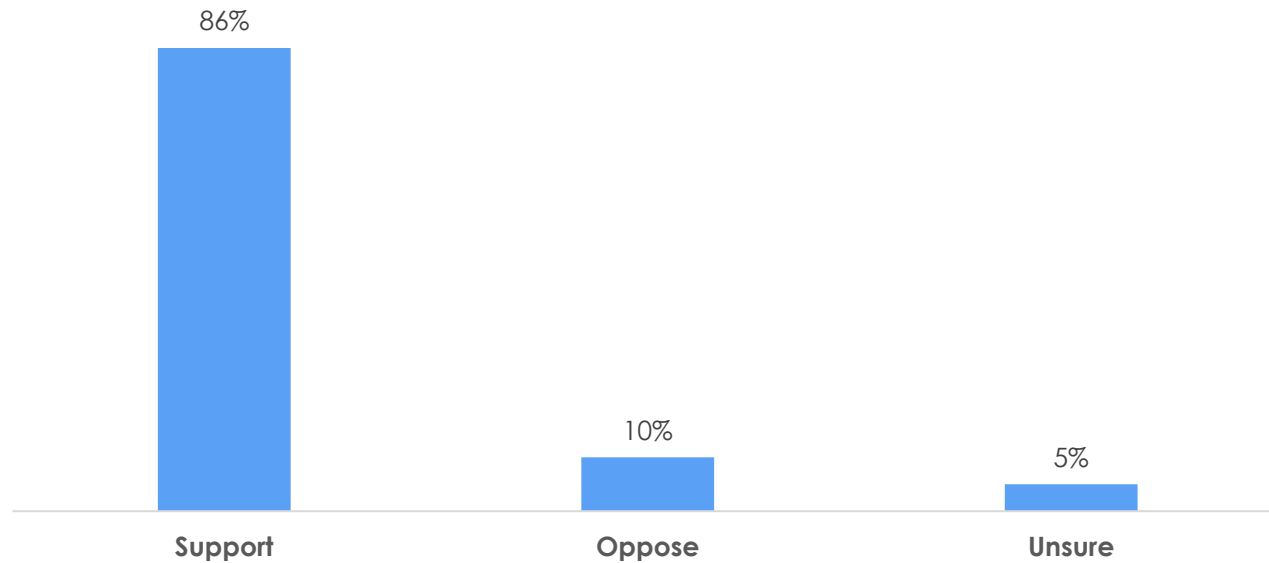
Q: As you may know, children throughout the country are assigned a public school based on their home address, and most are not allowed to choose a different school. Thinking about this...Would you support or oppose making it possible for students to access any public school in their state regardless of where they live?



	Support	Oppose
All	75%	16%
Urban	84%	10%
Black	82%	10%
Democrat	77%	14%
Registered Voter	76%	16%
Female	76%	14%
Rural	76%	14%
Male	75%	17%
Republican	75%	19%
Hispanic	75%	15%
White	73%	17%
Independent	73%	13%
Suburban	69%	20%

Nearly nine-in-ten support giving every child the ability to attend the public school that best meets their needs

Q: Do you support or oppose giving every child in the United States the ability to attend the public school in their state that best meets their needs?



	Support	Oppose
All	86%	10%
Democrat	90%	6%
Urban	89%	9%
Male	87%	10%
Hispanic	87%	7%
Black	86%	11%
Registered Voter	86%	10%
Female	85%	10%
White	85%	10%
Suburban	85%	10%
Independent	85%	10%
Rural	84%	11%
Republican	82%	14%

Higher income students are said to have greater access to public schools than other student groups

	Great deal of access	Some access	Very little access	No access	Unsure
Higher income students	72%	16%	7%	1%	4%
Students from neighborhoods with expensive homes	68%	19%	7%	2%	4%
Middle income students	34%	50%	11%	1%	4%
Students who are a racial minority	23%	40%	28%	3%	6%
Lower income students	21%	33%	35%	6%	5%
Students with learning disabilities	21%	40%	30%	3%	7%
Students from neighborhoods with low-cost homes	21%	36%	33%	6%	5%

All student groups are expected to benefit from access to any public school that meets their needs, especially lower income students

	Would benefit	Would not benefit	Unsure
Lower income students	77%	12%	11%
Students from neighborhoods with low-cost homes	76%	13%	11%
Students with learning disabilities	76%	10%	14%
Students who are a racial minority	75%	11%	14%
Middle income students	71%	15%	13%
Students from neighborhoods with expensive homes	57%	27%	17%
Higher income students	56%	27%	17%

There is strong agreement with all messages tested, illustrating the strong support among adults for providing students with access to the public schools that work best for them

Message Testing	Total Agree	Total Disagree	Strongly agree	Not so strongly agree	Not so strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
Every child should have access to the best public schools that work for them – regardless of race, gender, income, or zip code.	82%	13%	67%	16%	9%	3%	5%
States have district boundaries that traditionally leave underprivileged children behind. Those kids should have access to the best public schools, just like the kids of wealthy families.	80%	13%	58%	22%	9%	4%	7%
A student should not be prevented from accessing the public schools that work best for them just because of the neighborhood they grow up in or how much money their family makes.	79%	14%	61%	18%	9%	5%	6%
Children should not be forced to stay in a public school if they or their parents believe another school best meets their needs.	79%	14%	58%	21%	10%	4%	7%

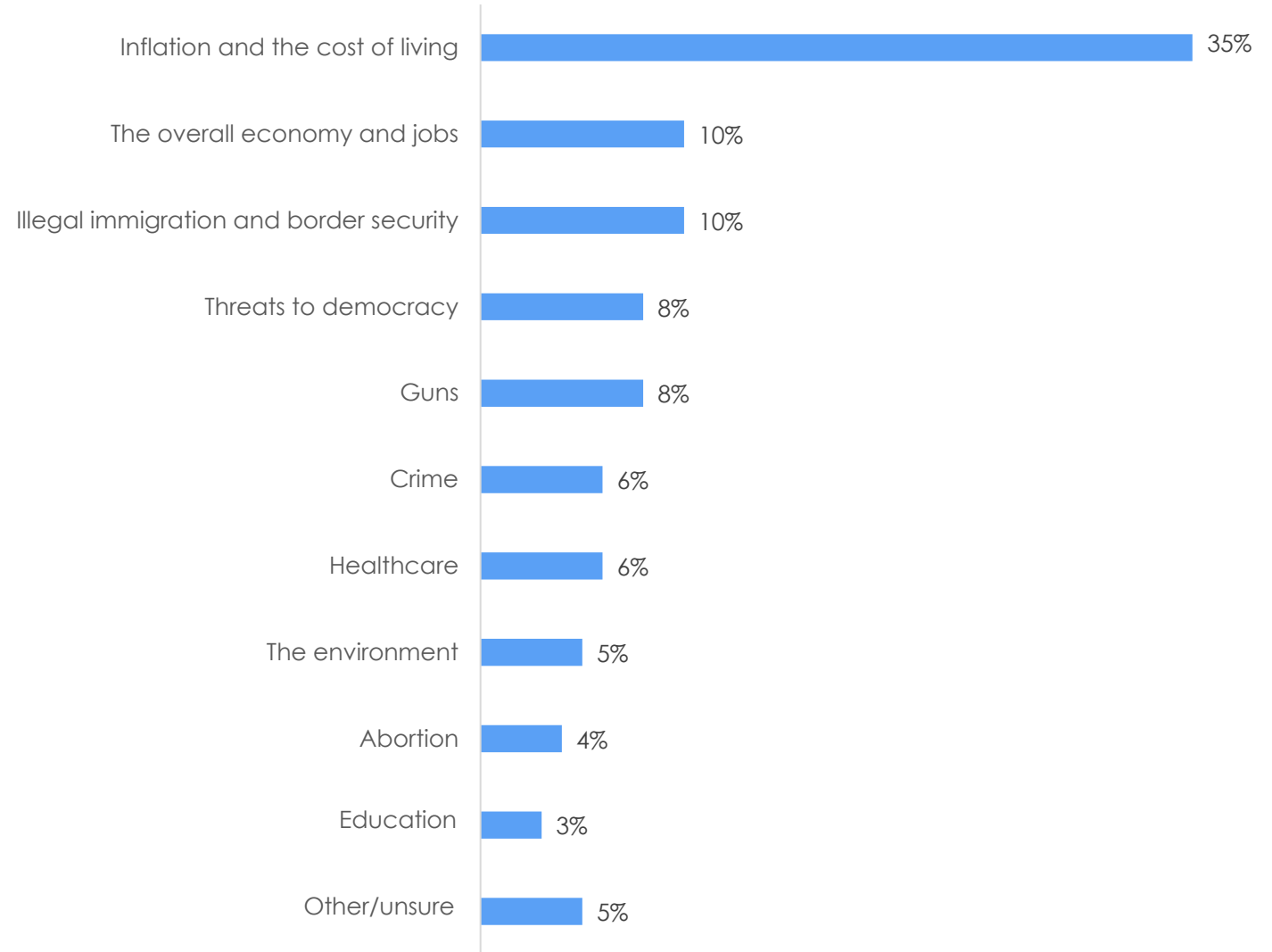
Agreement with the messages is high among key demographic groups

Message Testing	Total Agree	Registered Voter	Republican	Independent	Democrat	White	Black	Hispanic
Every child should have access to the best public schools that work for them – regardless of race, gender, income, or zip code.	82%	84%	80%	80%	86%	83%	81%	80%
States have district boundaries that traditionally leave underprivileged children behind. Those kids should have access to the best public schools, just like the kids of wealthy families.	80%	80%	74%	78%	86%	80%	80%	79%
A student should not be prevented from accessing the public schools that work best for them just because of the neighborhood they grow up in or how much money their family makes.	79%	81%	76%	78%	84%	79%	77%	82%
Children should not be forced to stay in a public school if they or their parents believe another school best meets their needs.	79%	79%	77%	79%	80%	80%	78%	72%

Economic issues are seen as the most important matters facing the country

Inflation is the top issue throughout all key demographic groups.

Q: Which one of the following do you consider to be the most important issue facing the country?



Design and Methodology

Arc Insights conducted this study of N=1,000 adults across the United States.

Interviews were collected online January 23-24, 2023. Survey design and the analysis presented here was carried out by Arc Insights. Fieldwork was led by Dynata, a data and analytics company. The margin of error is +/- 3%. Weighting was applied to ensure a balanced sample.

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