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Student Debt Cancelation Receives a Failing Grade from Voters

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Rainey Center fielded an online survey of 1,010 respondents over web panels from July 14-15, 2024 and weighted it to education, gender, race and 2020 election results. The margin of error is +/- 4.0.

Do you think President Biden has done a good or poor job of implementing student loan debt forgiveness?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Very Good	17	13	20	20	15	19
Somewhat Good	25	27	26	21	28	22
Somewhat Poor	13	18	10	11	16	11
Very Poor	33	25	36	39	27	39
Don't Know	12	17	8	9	14	10

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Very Good	28	8	19	17	37	11	2
Somewhat Good	35	29	20	23	40	27	7
Somewhat Poor	13	14	19	13	14	14	12
Very Poor	17	31	22	37	5	27	67
Don't Know	6	19	20	11	4	21	12

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Very Good	21	15	36	1	6
Somewhat Good	27	23	41	6	24
Somewhat Poor	16	12	11	14	19
Very Poor	24	37	8	65	24
Don't Know	11	12	5	14	27

President Biden has implemented several student loan forgiveness programs thus far. Which of these do you support or oppose? Automatically canceling debt for borrowers who would otherwise be eligible for loan forgiveness under income-driven repayment (IDR) plans, like the SAVE Plan, or Public Service Loan Forgiveness but are not enrolled in those programs.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	27	29	28	23	30	24
Somewhat Support	22	25	23	17	22	23
Somewhat Oppose	12	11	14	13	12	12
Strongly Oppose	23	10	24	39	17	28
Don't Know	16	24	12	9	19	12

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	36	26	28	26	47	24	10
Somewhat Support	32	31	14	20	33	20	13
Somewhat Oppose	12	16	16	11	8	11	18
Strongly Oppose	5	10	10	29	3	21	45
Don't Know	14	18	32	14	9	25	14

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Strongly Support	36	22	49	9	10
Somewhat Support	20	23	29	13	26
Somewhat Oppose	10	14	8	18	10
Strongly Oppose	22	23	4	49	12
Don't Know	12	18	10	12	42

President Biden has implemented several student loan forgiveness programs thus far. Which of these do you support or oppose? Providing student loan forgiveness for students who attended fraudulent universities.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	31	33	33	27	33	30
Somewhat Support	20	20	23	17	20	21
Somewhat Oppose	9	11	4	12	9	9
Strongly Oppose	24	13	25	38	20	28
Don't Know	15	23	14	6	18	13

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	36	32	25	31	49	33	12
Somewhat Support	27	18	20	19	22	19	19
Somewhat Oppose	6	16	14	8	10	9	8
Strongly Oppose	12	18	13	28	8	17	47
Don't Know	18	16	28	13	11	22	14

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Strongly Support	43	25	52	12	20
Somewhat Support	19	21	20	18	26
Somewhat Oppose	8	10	8	10	11
Strongly Oppose	20	26	8	47	11
Don't Know	10	19	12	13	32

President Biden has implemented several student loan forgiveness programs thus far. Which of these do you support or oppose? Canceling student debt for borrowers with undergraduate loans who entered repayment at least 20 years ago and debt for graduate school borrowers who entered repayment at least 25 years ago.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	31	34	30	27	33	29
Somewhat Support	20	23	22	14	21	20
Somewhat Oppose	12	13	13	11	13	12
Strongly Oppose	23	12	24	40	18	28
Don't Know	13	19	11	8	15	11

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	42	34	33	28	54	27	10
Somewhat Support	26	27	18	19	26	20	16
Somewhat Oppose	15	15	16	11	9	12	16
Strongly Oppose	3	8	8	31	4	20	47
Don't Know	14	17	25	11	8	21	12

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Strongly Support	38	26	55	8	17
Somewhat Support	20	20	24	15	24
Somewhat Oppose	11	13	8	16	17
Strongly Oppose	23	23	4	50	11
Don't Know	7	17	10	10	31



President Biden has implemented several student loan forgiveness programs thus far. Which of these do you support or oppose? Canceling student debt for borrowers who previously enrolled in low-financial-value programs.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	24	25	26	20	23	25
Somewhat Support	24	29	22	18	27	21
Somewhat Oppose	12	12	11	14	11	14
Strongly Oppose	24	13	25	40	20	29
Don't Know	15	20	15	8	19	11

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	37	18	31	22	42	21	9
Somewhat Support	30	39	23	21	30	27	15
Somewhat Oppose	9	11	5	14	13	9	16
Strongly Oppose	9	11	12	30	5	20	49
Don't Know	13	20	29	13	10	23	12

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Strongly Support	33	19	44	8	7
Somewhat Support	23	25	28	15	35
Somewhat Oppose	8	15	11	15	11
Strongly Oppose	24	25	5	50	14
Don't Know	12	17	12	12	33

President Biden has implemented several student loan forgiveness programs thus far. Which of these do you support or oppose? Canceling student debt for borrowers experiencing hardship in their lives that prevents them from fully paying back their loans now or in the future.

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Strongly Support	30	32	33	24	34	27
Somewhat Support	23	23	24	22	24	22
Somewhat Oppose	13	11	13	14	9	16
Strongly Oppose	21	13	21	35	16	27
Don't Know	12	21	9	4	16	8

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Strongly Support	44	37	29	27	53	28	9
Somewhat Support	27	20	21	23	31	22	16
Somewhat Oppose	11	13	18	12	9	10	19
Strongly Oppose	4	10	9	27	1	20	44
Don't Know	13	20	24	10	6	19	12

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Strongly Support	38	26	55	9	15
Somewhat Support	23	24	28	17	27
Somewhat Oppose	12	13	7	19	14
Strongly Oppose	21	22	2	45	17
Don't Know	7	16	8	12	27

When it comes to President Biden's student loan policies, which comes closer to your view?

	All	18-44	45-64	65+	Female	Male
Enough in Forgiving Student Loan Debt	39	23	43	58	33	46
Keep Chipping Away So More People's Loans are Forgiven	40	48	39	30	43	36
Don't Know	21	29	18	13	24	18

	Black	Latino/a	Other	White	Dem.	Ind.	Rep.
Enough in Forgiving Student Loan Debt	12	33	27	46	20	34	65
Keep Chipping Away So More People's Loans are Forgiven	75	40	33	35	66	34	18
Don't Know	13	27	40	19	14	32	17

	College	Non-college	Dem. Joe Biden	Rep. Donald Trump	Didn't Vote / Other
Enough in Forgiving Student Loan Debt	37	40	20	65	28
Keep Chipping Away So More People's Loans are Forgiven	47	36	66	17	24
Don't Know	16	23	14	18	49





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