In July 2021, Black to the Future Action Fund and Socioanalitica Research conducted the first Temperature Check Poll, a national survey of over 1,000 Black people about important issues impacting our community. We asked people to weigh in on the current state of the country and its leaders, policy priorities, and how issues like the COVID-19 pandemic and its health and economic consequences have affected our communities. Read on for an executive summary of the poll results.

More than six in ten (62%) respondents report that they are satisfied with the direction the country is headed.

The top four priorities of respondents are:

- $2,000 monthly relief checks (41%)
- Raising the minimum wage to $15/hour (36%)
- Addressing structural racism and white supremacy (28%)
- Protecting voting rights (28%)
Economy

More than eight in ten respondents (83%) are in favor of sending $2,000 monthly COVID relief checks until the economy recovers.

A majority of respondents, 52%, are in favor of making the Child Tax Credit expansion permanent.

Top 3 uses for monthly stimulus checks are:

- **Utilities**: 57%
- **Food**: 55%
- **Household supplies/personal care products**: 44%
Democracy

More than seven in ten (71%) say the Senate should require a simple majority of 51 votes to pass legislation.

Housing

More than one-third (35%) of Black renters and mortgage holders report that they are not currently caught up with their payments.

70% of respondents say they are in favor of Congress authorizing an eviction and foreclosure ban until the economy recovers.

75% of respondents favor Congress authorizing rent and mortgage cancellation until the economy recovers.

White supremacy

Top 3 things the Biden-Harris Administration should do to combat white Supremacy:

- Remove white supremacists from law enforcement (42%)
- Declare white supremacist acts as domestic terrorism (40%)
- Prevent those who committed hate crimes from getting firearms (35%)
Methodology

The Black to the Future Action Fund/Socioanalítica Research Temperature Check Poll was conducted online in English among a sample of 1,002 Black adult (18 years and older) respondents living in the United States. The survey was conducted between July 7 and July 17, 2021. The data were weighted by region, age, gender, and education using the 2019 American Community Survey 5-year dataset. The margin of error is 3.1% at the 95% confidence level and the design effect is 1.8.

About Us

The Black to the Future Action Fund works to make Black communities powerful in politics, so that we can be powerful in the entirety of our lives. We work to enact policies that improve the lives of Black communities, and to elect Black and pro-Black legislators with progressive values who move progressive policies. Together we work to ensure that Black people have what all people deserve — dignity, safety, and power.