



Temperature Check Poll

September 2021
Results

Executive Summary



In September 2021, [Black to the Future Action Fund](#) and [Socioanalítica Research](#) conducted the second iteration of its year-long Temperature Check Poll, a national survey of over 1,000 Black people about important issues impacting our communities. Compared to July, the survey results find that:



Satisfaction with the direction of the country and with the state of the economy has significantly dropped.

So have the approval of the President, governors, and Congress.



COVID relief policies continue to be a high priority—and Black people demand more action from Congress.

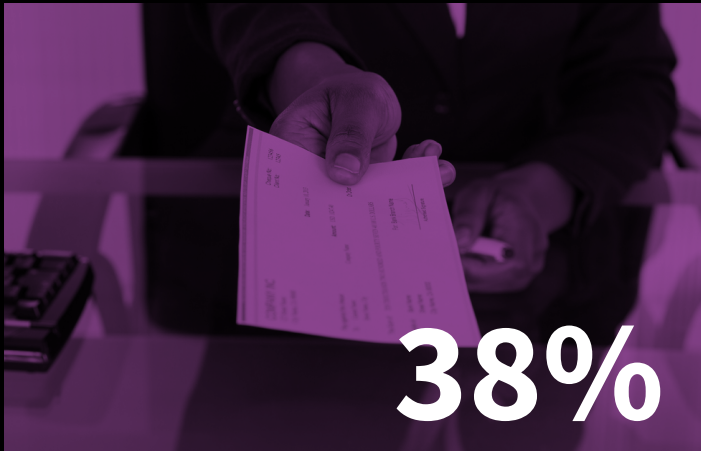


New questions reveal that majorities of Black people are **in favor of both vaccine and mask mandates.**

Bottomline: Black voters - and Black communities - are not satisfied with the current direction of the country.

September 2021 Results

The top-four policy priorities of respondents to our Temperature Check Poll remain unchanged:



38%

\$2,000 monthly relief checks



35%

Raising the minimum wage to \$15/hour



30%

Addressing structural racism and white supremacy



30%

Protecting voting rights

Direction of Country

61%

In July, **61% of respondents** reported satisfaction with the direction the country was headed.

43%

In September, only **43% expressed satisfaction** with the direction of the country, an **18 percentage point decline in two months.**

Economy

83%

83% of respondents state their household financial situation has stayed the same or gotten worse during the pandemic.

47%

47% of respondents making \$20,000 or less a year report that their finances have gotten worse during the pandemic.

Economy

When asked how they would spend \$2,000 stimulus checks, respondents' top priorities are:

62%

utilities

57%

food

48%

household items

40%

paying off debt



Public Health

Black people support policies to mitigate the spread of the Delta variant:

57%

A majority of respondents (57%) favor businesses requiring customers to show proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test.

67%

Two-thirds (67%) of respondents also support a vaccination mandate for government employees like teachers and police.

63%

63% of respondents favor businesses and organizations mandating employees get the COVID-19 vaccine.

80%

80% of respondents favor mask mandates for school staff and students.

Solutions



72%

The majority of respondents support an eviction and foreclosure ban (72%) and rent and mortgage cancellation (76%).



71%

71% of respondents favor abolishing the Senate filibuster.



85%

More than eight in ten respondents (85%) support monthly Child Tax Credit payments.

White Supremacy

The Biden-Harris Administration should fight white supremacy by:



43%

Declaring white supremacist acts as domestic terrorism (43%).



35%

Preventing those who have committed hate crimes from getting firearms (35%).



42%

Removing white supremacists from federal, state, and local police departments (42%).



32%

Declaring white supremacy a national security threat (32%).

Methodology: The Black to the Future Action Fund/Socioanalítica Research Temperature Check Poll was conducted online in English among a sample of 1,001 Black adult (18 years and older) respondents living in the United States. The survey was conducted between September 6 and September 14, 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 percent at the 95% confidence level and the design effect is 1.7. The margin of error accounting for the design effect is +/- 4.1.

About Black to the Future Action Fund

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.

About Socioanalítica Research

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