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**GRANITE STATERS WARY OF GETTING INVOLVED IN UKRAINE; BIDEN JOB APPROVAL UNDERWATER IN NH**

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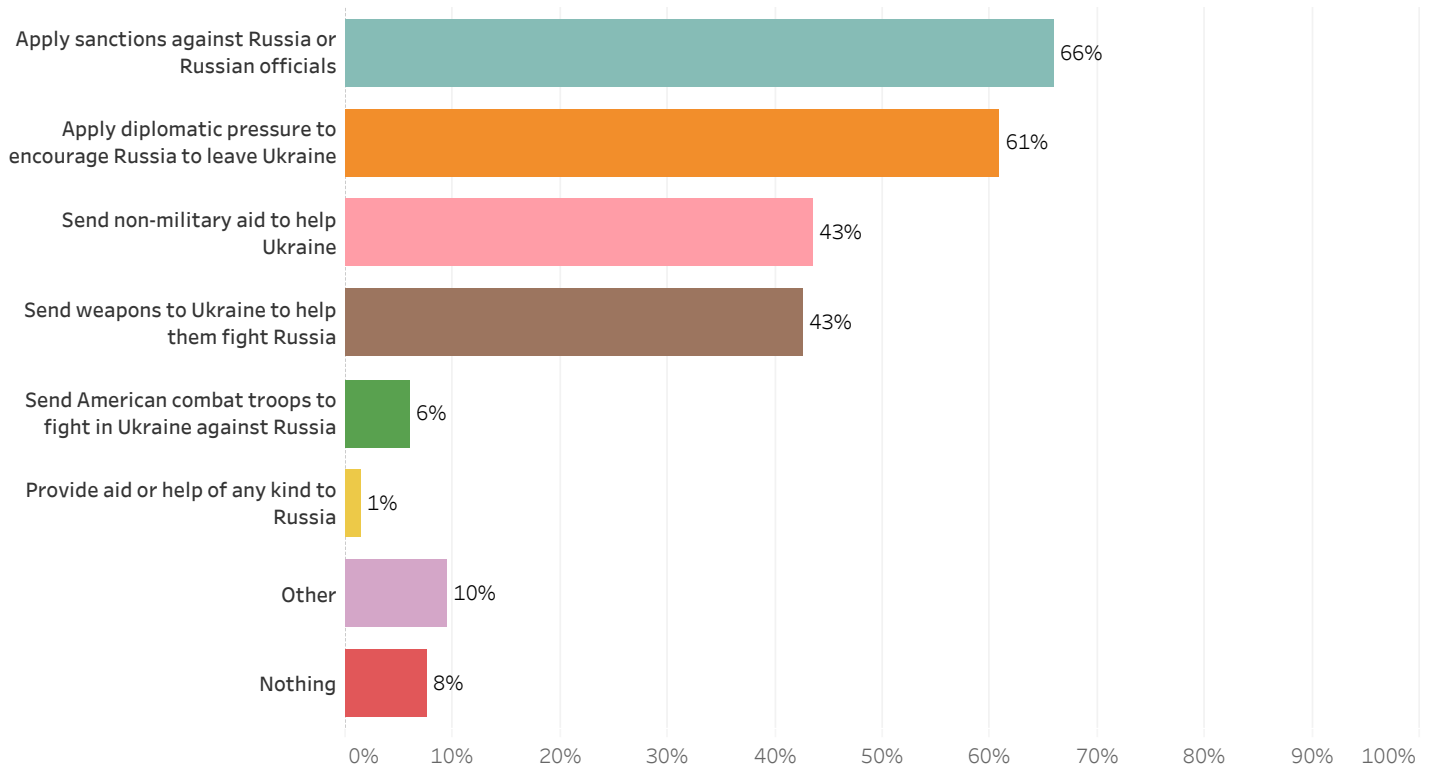
DURHAM, NH - As the crisis in Ukraine explodes, a majority of New Hampshire residents want to use diplomacy and sanctions to pressure Russia and less than half back sending weapons or aid to Ukraine and few want to send American troops. Amid the crisis, approval of Biden's handling of foreign affairs and his overall job performance has improved somewhat since January, but a majority continue to disapprove of his handling of the economy.

**Crisis in Ukraine**

Russia invaded Ukraine this morning across several fronts. Just before this development, New Hampshire residents were asked what they would like the United States to do if Russia were to invade Ukraine.

Two-thirds (66%) of Granite Staters want to apply sanctions against Russia or Russian officials and 61% want to apply diplomatic pressure to encourage Russia to leave Ukraine. However, less than half of New Hampshire residents want the United States to take more robust action such as sending weapons to Ukraine to help them fight Russia (43%) or to even send non-military aid to help Ukraine (43%), while only 6% want to send American combat troops. One percent want to provide aid or help of any kind to Russia rather than Ukraine, 10% want to do something else, and 8% want the U.S. to do nothing in response. Democrats are more likely than Republicans to say they want to apply diplomatic pressure or sanctions or to provide non-military aid to Ukraine, while Republicans are slightly more likely to want the U.S. to do nothing. "It is very important to remember that these data were collected before Russia invaded Ukraine," said Andrew Smith, Director of the UNH Survey Center. "I expect support for a stronger U.S. response to increase."

**Desired U.S. Response to Russian Invasion of Ukraine (Select all that apply) - February 2022**

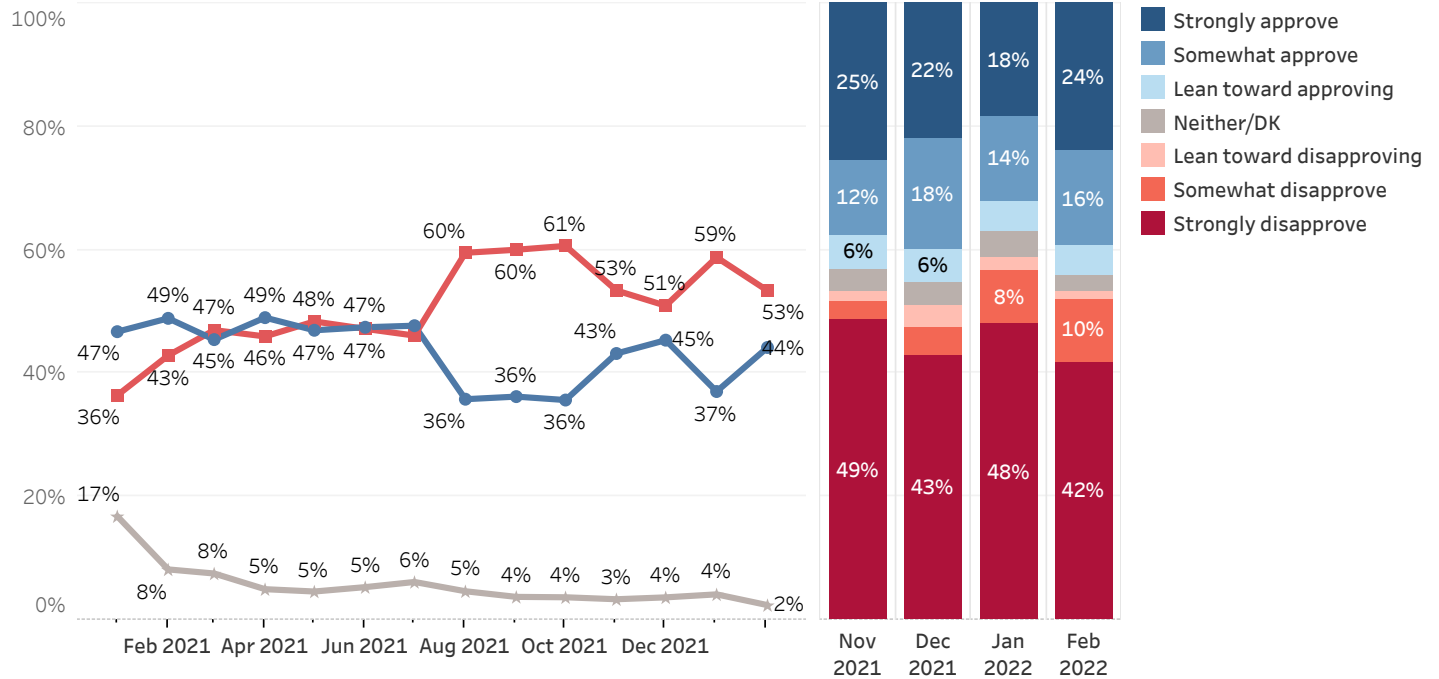


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## Presidential Approval

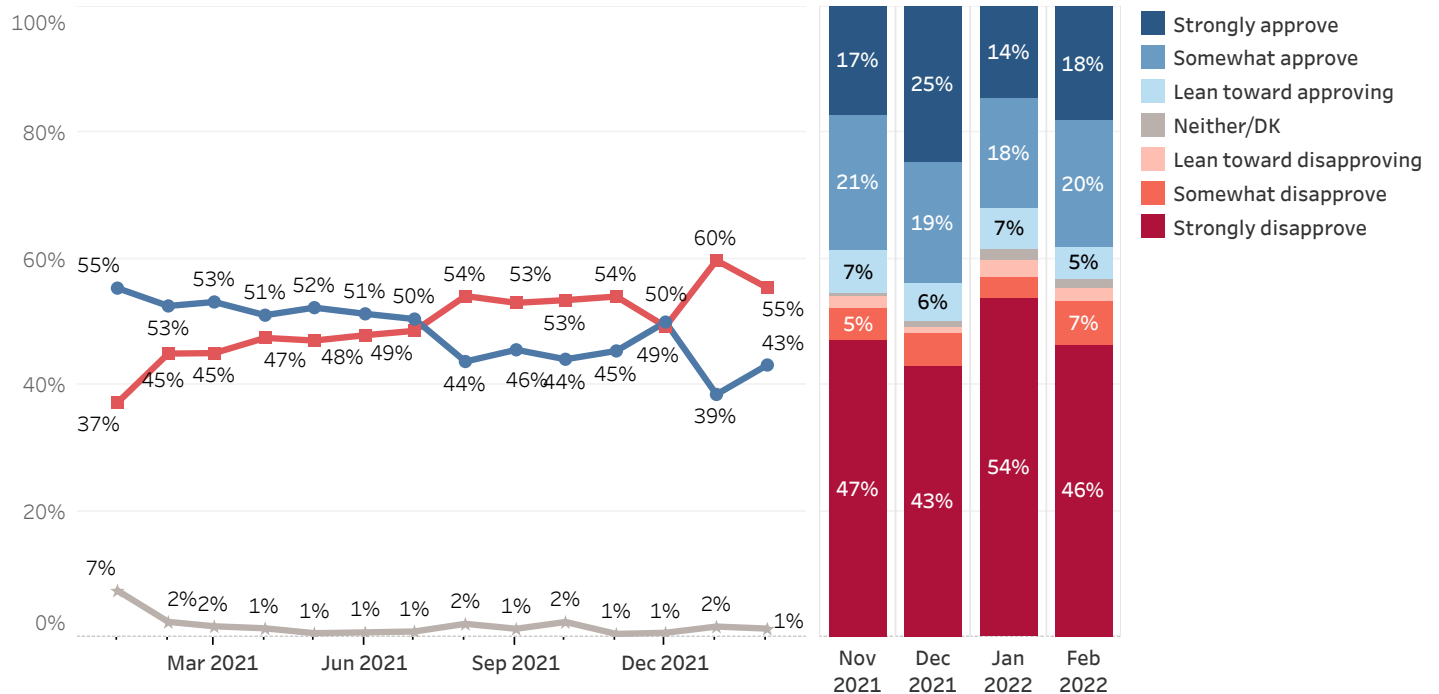
The Biden Administration has said the United States will apply sanctions and diplomatic pressure in addition to sending weapons and other aid to the Ukrainians. Amidst this crisis in Ukraine, approval of Biden's handling of foreign affairs has increased slightly since January: 44% of Granite Staters approve of Biden's handling of foreign affairs, 53% disapprove, and 2% are unsure. Net approval of Biden's handling of foreign affairs (-9) has improved markedly since January (-22). Eighty-seven percent of Democrats and 42% of Independents approve of Biden's handling of foreign affairs but only 3% of Republicans approve.

### Approval of President Biden's Handling of Foreign Affairs



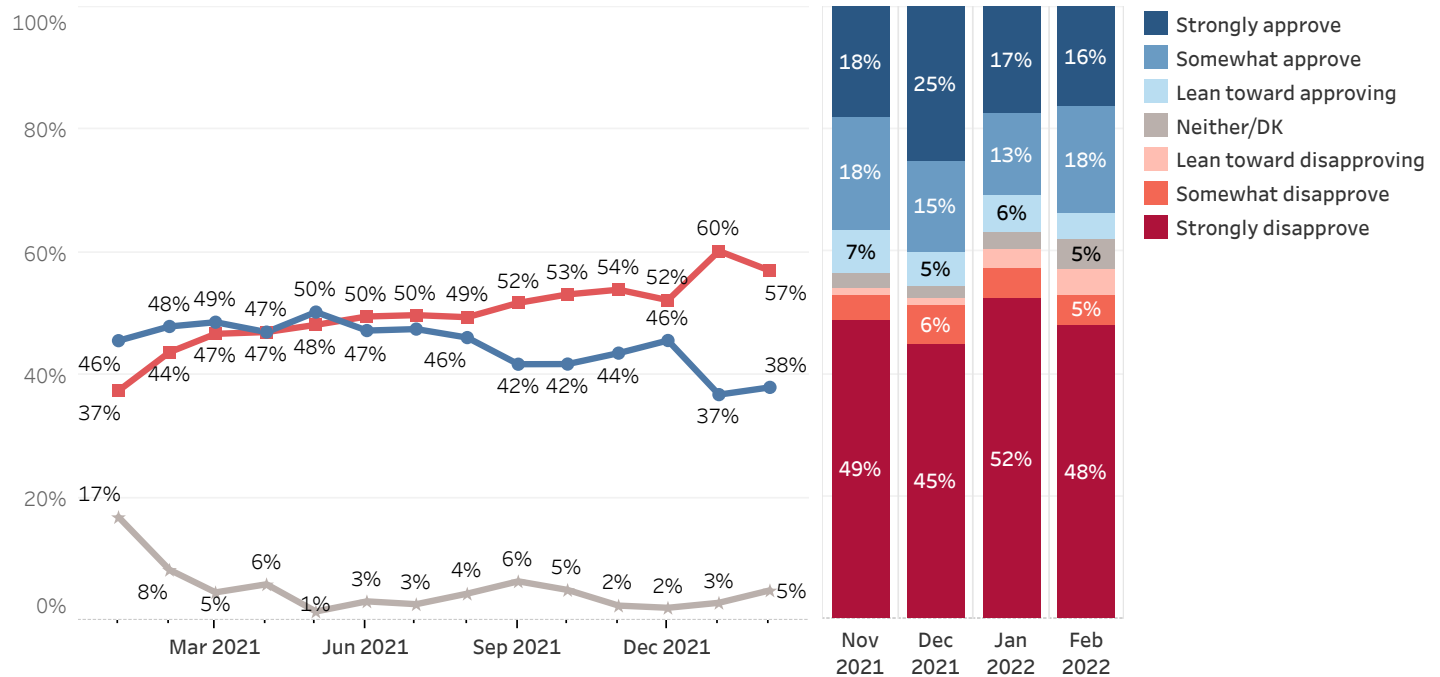
Currently, 43% of Granite Staters approve of Biden's performance as President, 55% disapprove, and 1% are unsure. Biden's net approval rating (the percentage who approve minus the percentage who disapprove) among Granite Staters is -12, up from -21 in January. In February 2018, former President Donald Trump had a net approval rating of -24.

### Approval of President Biden's Job Performance



Granite Staters' opinion of Biden's handling of the economy remains low; only 38% of Granite State currently approve of Biden's handling of the economy, 57% disapprove, and 5% are unsure. Net approval of Biden's handling of the economy (-19) is largely unchanged since January (-23). Seventy-eight percent of Democrats approve of Biden's handling of the economy but only 26% of Independents and 3% of Republicans approve.

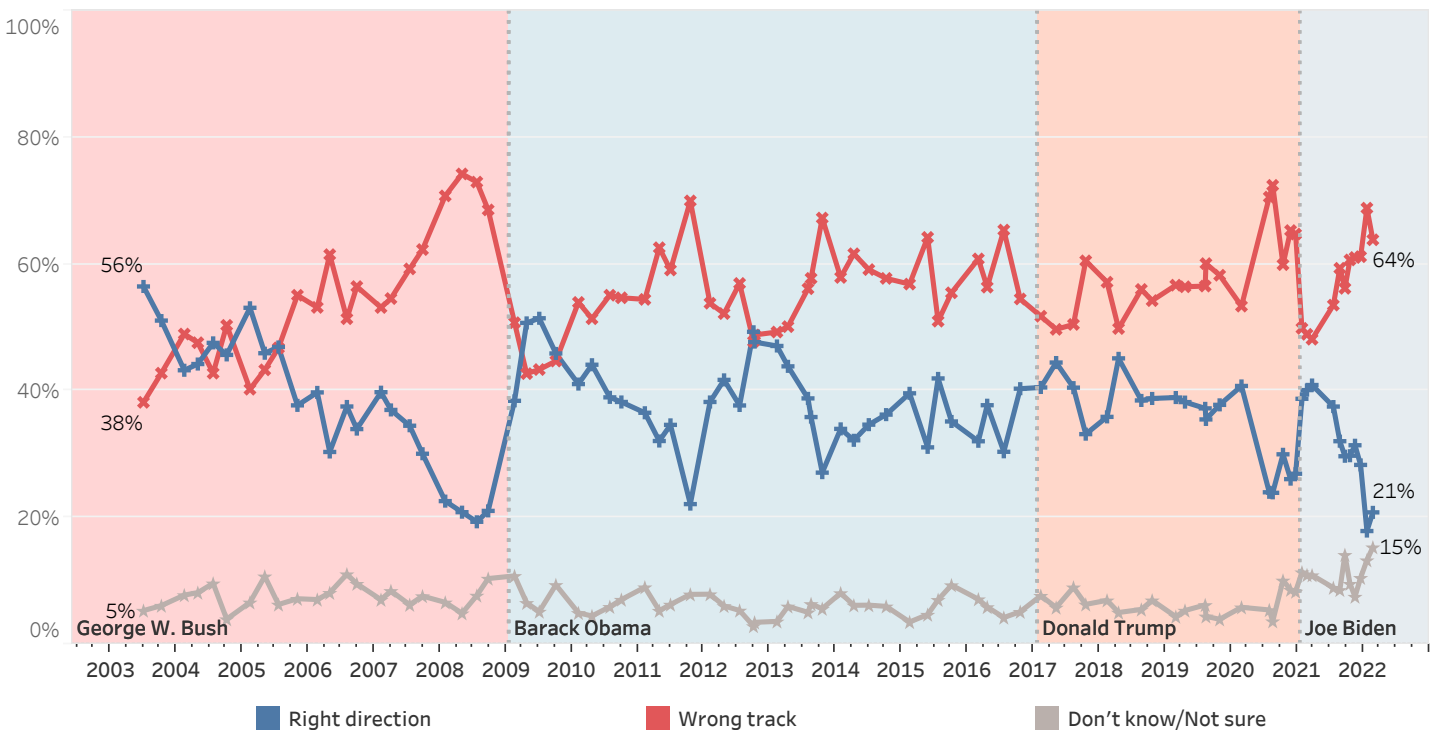
**Approval of President Biden's Handling of the Economy**



**Direction of U.S.**

Only 21% of New Hampshire residents believe that things in the United States are headed in the right direction, 64% believe things are seriously off on the wrong track, and 15% are unsure. Forty-four percent of Democrats say the country is headed in the right direction, up from 39% in January, but only 10% of Independents and 2% of Republicans agree.

**U.S. Heading in Right Direction or On Wrong Track**

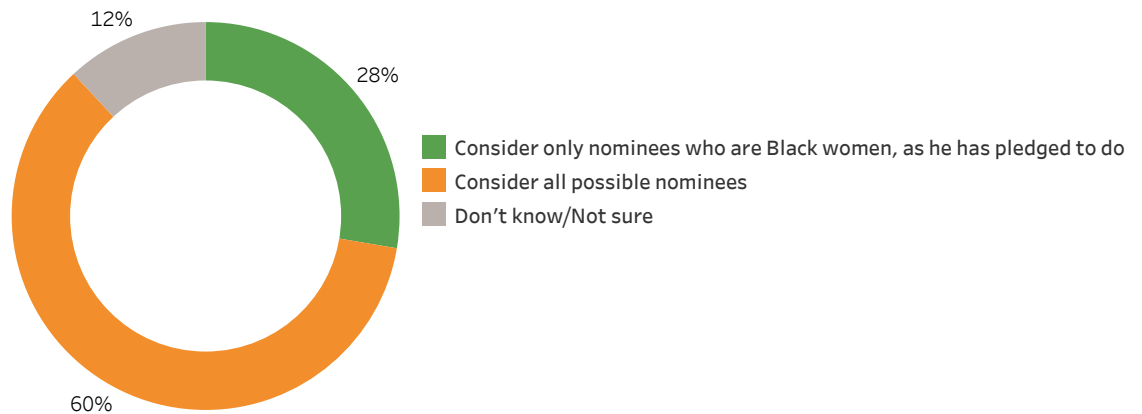


## The Supreme Court

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer recently announced he will retire from the court at the end of this term. While on the campaign trail, President Biden promised that he would nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court. Most Granite Staters (60%) say they would like Biden to consider all possible nominees, while only 28% say they would like Biden to consider only nominees who are Black women as he has pledged to do.

Only a slight majority of Democrats (53%) would like Biden to only consider nominees who are Black women, but 60% of Independents and 83% of Republicans would like Biden to consider all possible nominees.

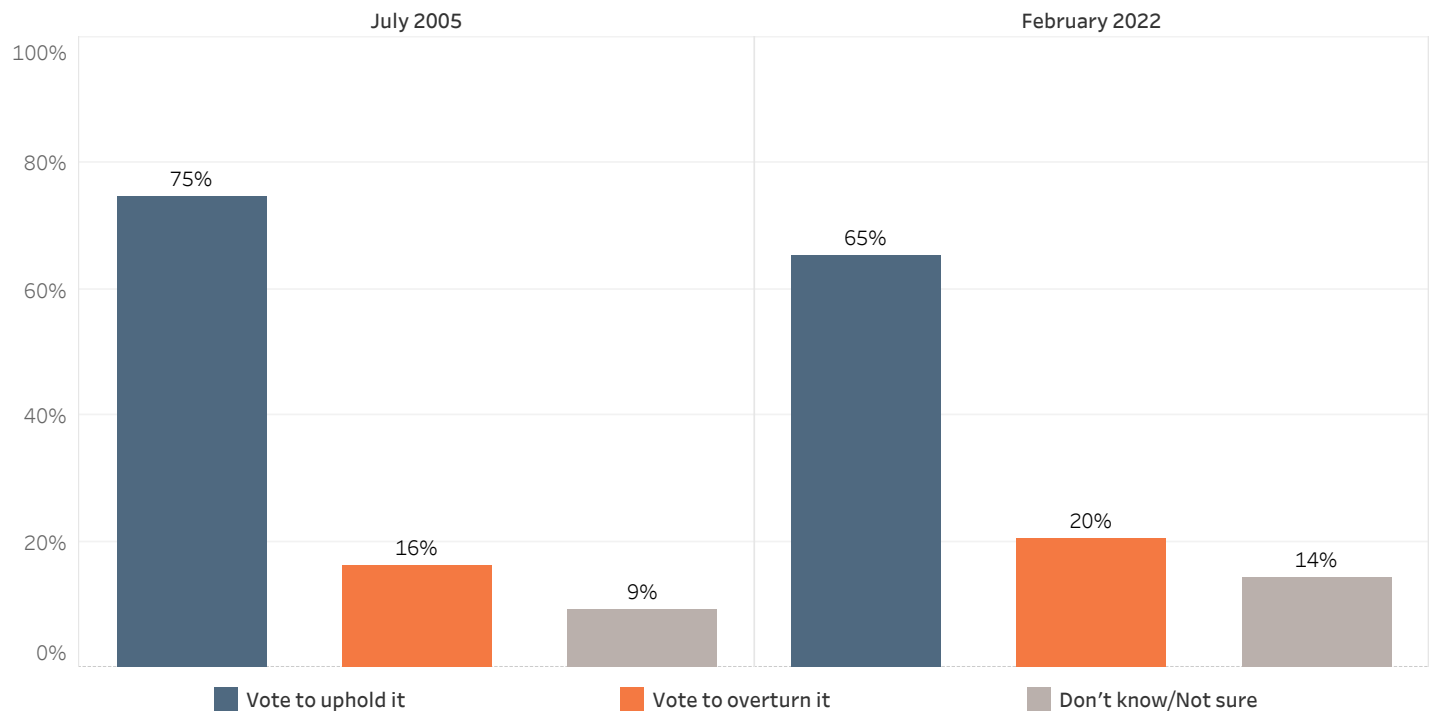
Should Biden Consider Only Black Women or All Possible Nominees



Among the cases that the Supreme Court will consider in the near future are cases that some believe could overturn or undermine the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision which legalized abortion.

Nearly two-thirds (65%) of Granite Staters would like whoever Biden nominates for the Supreme Court to be someone who would vote to uphold *Roe v. Wade*, only 20% want it to be someone who would vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and 14% are unsure. In July 2005, shortly before Chief Justice John Roberts was appointed to the Court by former President George W. Bush, 75% wanted a Justice who would vote to uphold *Roe v. Wade* while 16% wanted a Justice who would vote to overturn it.

Preferred Opinion on *Roe v. Wade* for New Justice



## Granite State Poll Methodology

These findings are based on the latest Granite State Poll, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. One thousand eighty-one (1,081) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between February 18 and February 22, 2022. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 3.0 percent. These MSE's have not been adjusted for design effect. The response rate for the February 2022 Granite State Poll is 29%. The design effect for the survey is 2.9%.

Data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as party registration levels provided by the NH Secretary of State and to 2020 election results in New Hampshire.

The Granite State Panel is part of an effort by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to investigate new ways of gathering and understanding the opinion of New Hampshire residents. Approximately 7,500 New Hampshire adults have been recruited from randomly-selected landline and cell phone numbers to participate in the panel. Panelists are then asked to participate in online surveys sponsored by the UNH Survey Center.

The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%.

For more information about the methodology used in the Granite State Panel, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at [andrew.smith@unh.edu](mailto:andrew.smith@unh.edu).

### February 2022 Granite State Poll Demographics

		%	N
Gender of Respondent	Men	49%	515
	Women	51%	533
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	27%	285
	35 to 49	23%	245
	50 to 64	30%	318
	65 and older	21%	220
Level of Education	High school or less	36%	384
	Tech school/Some college	31%	330
	College graduate	21%	222
	Postgraduate work	13%	135
Region of State	Central/Lakes	17%	182
	Connecticut Valley	15%	161
	Manchester Area	15%	162
	Mass Border	24%	258
	North Country	9%	95
	Seacoast	20%	219
Party ID	Democrat	42%	447
	Independent	15%	158
	Republican	43%	457
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	28%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	42%	442
	Registered Republican	29%	308
2020 Presidential Vote	Voted for Trump	45%	476
	Voted for Biden	52%	554
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	2%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	1%	13

### Desired U.S. Response to Russian Invasion of Ukraine (Select all that apply)

If Russia were to invade Ukraine, which of the following actions do you think the United States should take in response? (Please select all that apply)

		<u>Apply diplomatic pressure to encourage Russia to leave Ukraine</u>	<u>Apply sanctions against Russia or Russian officials</u>	<u>Provide aid or help of any kind to Russia</u>	<u>Send American combat troops to fight in Ukraine against Russia</u>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	61%	66%	1%	6%
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	85%	88%	1%	5%
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	65%	65%	3%	9%
	Registered Republican	33%	53%	0%	3%
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	78%	85%	1%	7%
	Independent	66%	53%		13%
	Republican	43%	52%	2%	3%
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	78%	79%	2%	8%
	Fox News viewer	61%	73%	3%	5%
	Conservative radio listener	50%	62%		2%
	CNN viewer	63%	63%	1%	7%
	Local NH news viewer	59%	68%	1%	6%
	MSNBC viewer	72%	68%	2%	6%
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	53%	58%	0%	7%
	35 to 49	55%	52%	0%	9%
	50 to 64	60%	70%	4%	4%
	65 and older	79%	87%	1%	4%
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	63%	71%	1%	6%
	Women	58%	60%	2%	5%
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	46%	56%	2%	
	Tech school/Some college	68%	73%	1%	8%
	College graduate	69%	65%	1%	9%
	Postgraduate work	72%	77%	1%	11%
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	74%	71%	1%	4%
	Connecticut Valley	56%	51%	0%	8%
	Manchester Area	49%	70%	1%	3%
	Mass Border	55%	57%	1%	6%
	North Country	48%	69%	3%	7%
	Seacoast	74%	79%	3%	9%
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	41%	48%	1%	5%
	Voted for Biden	79%	83%	1%	7%
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	65%	69%	14%	
	Did not vote in 2020	40%	13%		2%

### Desired U.S. Response to Russian Invasion of Ukraine (Select all that apply)

If Russia were to invade Ukraine, which of the following actions do you think the United States should take in response? (Please select all that apply)

		<u>Send non-military aid to help Ukraine</u>	<u>Send weapons to Ukraine to help them fight Russia</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Nothing</u>	<u>N</u>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	43%	43%	10%	8%	1,081
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	70%	51%	7%	0%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	46%	38%	11%	8%	442
	Registered Republican	18%	46%	10%	12%	308
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	65%	47%	9%	1%	447
	Independent	46%	28%	9%	18%	158
	Republican	23%	44%	10%	10%	457
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	57%	37%	8%	8%	263
	Fox News viewer	30%	43%	13%	8%	259
	Conservative radio listener	19%	21%	12%	9%	164
	CNN viewer	49%	61%	7%	4%	319
	Local NH news viewer	41%	47%	8%	8%	741
	MSNBC viewer	47%	51%	13%	5%	186
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	44%	37%	7%	5%	285
	35 to 49	44%	32%	12%	15%	245
	50 to 64	37%	43%	9%	7%	318
	65 and older	51%	60%	9%	3%	220
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	42%	46%	11%	8%	515
	Women	44%	40%	8%	7%	533
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	18%	45%	10%	7%	384
	Tech school/Some college	58%	43%	10%	5%	330
	College graduate	53%	34%	8%	11%	222
	Postgraduate work	62%	47%	10%	8%	135
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	53%	48%	4%	7%	182
	Connecticut Valley	25%	35%	23%	9%	161
	Manchester Area	34%	32%	4%	7%	162
	Mass Border	41%	60%	6%	7%	258
	North Country	30%	28%	4%	3%	95
	Seacoast	65%	38%	14%	10%	219
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	20%	42%	12%	11%	476
	Voted for Biden	66%	45%	8%	3%	554
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	15%	44%	11%	25%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	11%	14%	8%	47%	13

## Approval of President Biden's Handling of Foreign Affairs

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling foreign affairs?

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	44%	53%	2%	1,079
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	92%	4%	4%	294
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	43%	55%	2%	442
	Registered Republican	3%	97%	0%	308
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	87%	9%	4%	447
	Independent	42%	53%	5%	158
	Republican	3%	97%	0%	457
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	65%	31%	4%	263
	Fox News viewer	6%	91%	3%	259
	Conservative radio listener	0%	100%		164
	CNN viewer	60%	37%	3%	319
	Local NH news viewer	47%	52%	2%	740
	MSNBC viewer	69%	25%	5%	185
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	35%	60%	6%	285
	35 to 49	42%	58%	1%	245
	50 to 64	41%	58%	2%	318
	65 and older	64%	35%	1%	220
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	39%	59%	1%	514
	Women	49%	48%	3%	532
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	26%	73%	1%	384
	Tech school/Some college	56%	44%	1%	329
	College graduate	50%	46%	4%	221
	Postgraduate work	60%	34%	6%	135
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	54%	43%	2%	182
	Connecticut Valley	28%	69%	3%	161
	Manchester Area	40%	59%	1%	162
	Mass Border	40%	58%	2%	258
	North Country	56%	44%	0%	95
	Seacoast	50%	46%	4%	219
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	0%	100%	0%	476
	Voted for Biden	84%	13%	3%	553
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	16%	79%	6%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	8%	49%	43%	13



## Approval of President Biden's Job Performance

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	43%	55%	1%	1,081
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	89%	10%	1%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	42%	57%	2%	442
	Registered Republican	3%	97%	0%	308
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	89%	10%	1%	447
	Independent	30%	65%	5%	158
	Republican	3%	97%	0%	457
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	59%	39%	2%	263
	Fox News viewer	6%	92%	2%	259
	Conservative radio listener	0%	100%		164
	CNN viewer	59%	39%	2%	319
	Local NH news viewer	47%	52%	1%	741
	MSNBC viewer	69%	28%	3%	186
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	31%	66%	3%	285
	35 to 49	42%	58%	0%	245
	50 to 64	41%	58%	1%	318
	65 and older	64%	36%	0%	220
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	40%	59%	1%	514
	Women	46%	52%	2%	533
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	26%	73%	1%	384
	Tech school/Some college	50%	49%	0%	330
	College graduate	50%	48%	2%	222
	Postgraduate work	65%	32%	2%	135
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	56%	43%	1%	182
	Connecticut Valley	27%	70%	2%	161
	Manchester Area	41%	59%	0%	162
	Mass Border	36%	61%	3%	258
	North Country	57%	43%		95
	Seacoast	48%	51%	0%	219
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	0%	100%		476
	Voted for Biden	82%	17%	1%	554
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	21%	79%		17
	Did not vote in 2020	32%	28%	40%	13

## Approval of President Biden's Handling of the Economy

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling the economy?

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	38%	57%	5%	1,079
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	81%	11%	8%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	36%	59%	5%	441
	Registered Republican	2%	97%	0%	308
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	78%	14%	9%	447
	Independent	26%	66%	8%	157
	Republican	3%	97%	0%	457
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	55%	42%	3%	263
	Fox News viewer	4%	93%	3%	257
	Conservative radio listener	0%	100%		164
	CNN viewer	55%	41%	4%	317
	Local NH news viewer	41%	54%	5%	739
	MSNBC viewer	67%	28%	4%	186
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	20%	67%	13%	285
	35 to 49	39%	60%	1%	243
	50 to 64	36%	61%	2%	318
	65 and older	60%	37%	3%	220
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	37%	62%	2%	515
	Women	39%	53%	7%	532
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	26%	73%	1%	384
	Tech school/Some college	37%	54%	9%	329
	College graduate	47%	47%	6%	220
	Postgraduate work	62%	35%	3%	135
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	46%	51%	4%	181
	Connecticut Valley	27%	71%	3%	161
	Manchester Area	38%	60%	2%	162
	Mass Border	31%	61%	8%	258
	North Country	57%	43%	0%	95
	Seacoast	40%	52%	8%	219
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	0%	100%	0%	476
	Voted for Biden	72%	20%	8%	553
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	18%	82%		16
	Did not vote in 2020	31%	29%	40%	13

## U.S. Heading in Right Direction or On Wrong Track

Do you think things in this country are generally going in the right direction or are they seriously off on the wrong track?

		Right direction	Wrong track	Don't know/Not sure	N
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	21%	64%	15%	1,081
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	44%	36%	20%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	20%	71%	10%	442
	Registered Republican	1%	80%	19%	308
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	44%	37%	19%	447
	Independent	10%	80%	10%	158
	Republican	2%	85%	13%	457
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	65 and older	33%	52%	15%	220
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	18%	74%	8%	514
	Women	23%	54%	23%	533
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	18%	64%	18%	384
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<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	0%	88%	12%	476
	Voted for Biden	39%	42%	19%	554
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	22%	77%	1%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	2%	69%	29%	13

## Should Biden Consider Only Black Women or All Possible Nominees

Which of the following comes closest to how you would like President Biden to handle the selection of his nominee for the Supreme Court?

		<u>Consider all possible nominees</u>	<u>Consider only nominees who are Black women, as he has pledged to do</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	60%	28%	12%	1,080
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	35%	56%	9%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	66%	28%	6%	442
	Registered Republican	75%	3%	22%	308
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	Conservative radio listener	98%	2%		164
	CNN viewer	37%	37%	26%	319
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<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	84%	2%	14%	476
	Voted for Biden	39%	51%	9%	554
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	99%	1%	0%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	58%	2%	40%	13

### Preferred Opinion on Roe v. Wade for New Justice

Would you want the new Supreme Court Justice to be someone who would vote to overturn Roe v. Wade, the decision that legalized abortion, or vote to uphold it?

		<u>Vote to overturn it</u>	<u>Vote to uphold it</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
<b>STATEWIDE</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	20%	65%	14%	1,077
<b>Voting Registration</b>	Registered Democrat	2%	97%	1%	295
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	20%	63%	18%	439
	Registered Republican	39%	43%	17%	307
<b>Party ID</b>	Democrat	2%	97%	2%	446
	Independent	23%	58%	19%	158
	Republican	38%	38%	24%	455
<b>Media Usage</b>	NHPR listener	13%	77%	10%	263
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	Conservative radio listener	66%	13%	21%	162
	CNN viewer	5%	82%	14%	319
	Local NH news viewer	21%	64%	15%	739
	MSNBC viewer	7%	80%	13%	186
<b>Age of Respondent</b>	18 to 34	20%	65%	15%	285
	35 to 49	19%	73%	8%	245
	50 to 64	24%	58%	19%	317
	65 and older	18%	69%	14%	219
<b>Gender of Respondent</b>	Men	26%	56%	18%	512
	Women	15%	75%	10%	532
<b>Level of Education</b>	High school or less	27%	58%	15%	384
	Tech school/Some college	17%	67%	17%	329
	College graduate	18%	71%	11%	221
	Postgraduate work	12%	77%	11%	133
<b>Region of State</b>	Central/Lakes	15%	66%	19%	182
	Connecticut Valley	27%	56%	17%	160
	Manchester Area	26%	56%	18%	162
	Mass Border	19%	69%	12%	258
	North Country	18%	76%	6%	95
	Seacoast	18%	70%	12%	217
<b>2020 Presidential Vote</b>	Voted for Trump	41%	36%	24%	474
	Voted for Biden	4%	93%	4%	553
	Voted for other 2020 candidate	23%	50%	27%	17
	Did not vote in 2020	1%	56%	43%	13