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# CLEAN SLATE FOR WORKER POWER PROJECT

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## SUMMARY

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To better understand how Americans are thinking about the recommendations proposed in the Worker Power and Voice in the Pandemic Response report issued by the Clean Slate for Worker Power project, this memo briefly summarizes results from a new survey of 1,301 likely voters conducted by Data for Progress.

The survey probed respondents' support for three items related to the report's recommendations: (1) general support for worker voice in setting workplace health and safety standards, (2) requiring businesses to let employees elect a workplace safety and health advocate, and (3) requiring businesses to give workers access to online coworker discussion spaces.

The results demonstrate strong support for all three reforms. Overall, 67% of likely voters said that they thought workers needed a formal voice in setting workplace health and safety rules while

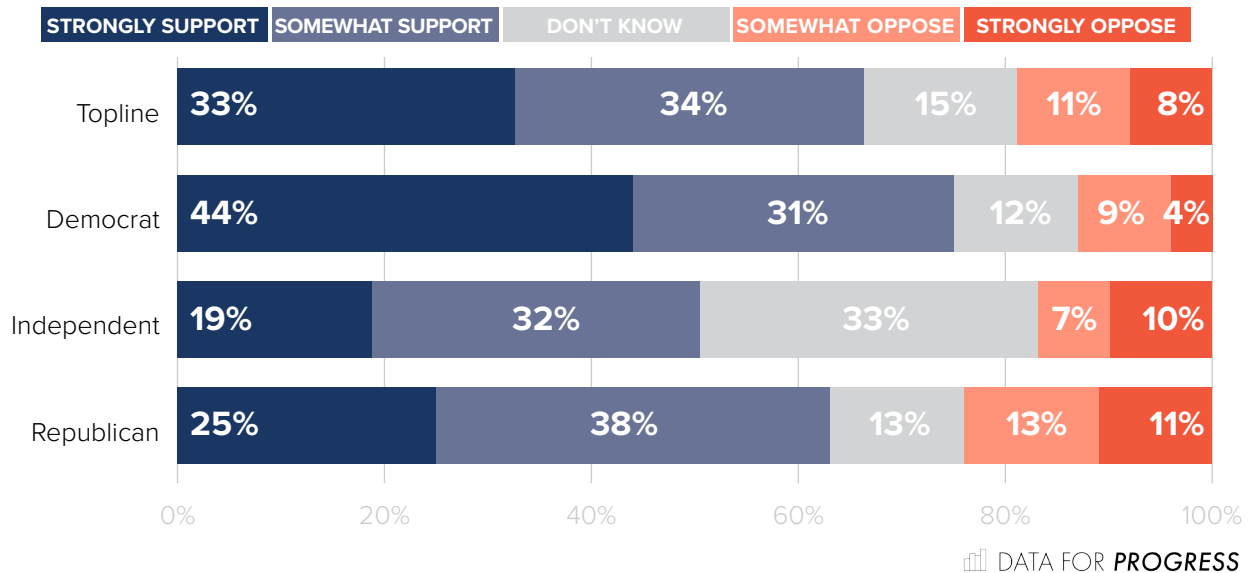
only 19% of likely voters disagreed. Support for worker voice in setting health and safety rules was higher for Democrats (75%) than Republicans (63%)—but well over half of Republican likely voters still agreed with the idea that workers deserve a formal voice in health and safety standards.

There was similarly strong support for requiring businesses to let employees elect a workplace safety and health advocate (68% support versus just 16% oppose), again with higher support among Democrats (77%) but still well over half Republican support (62%).

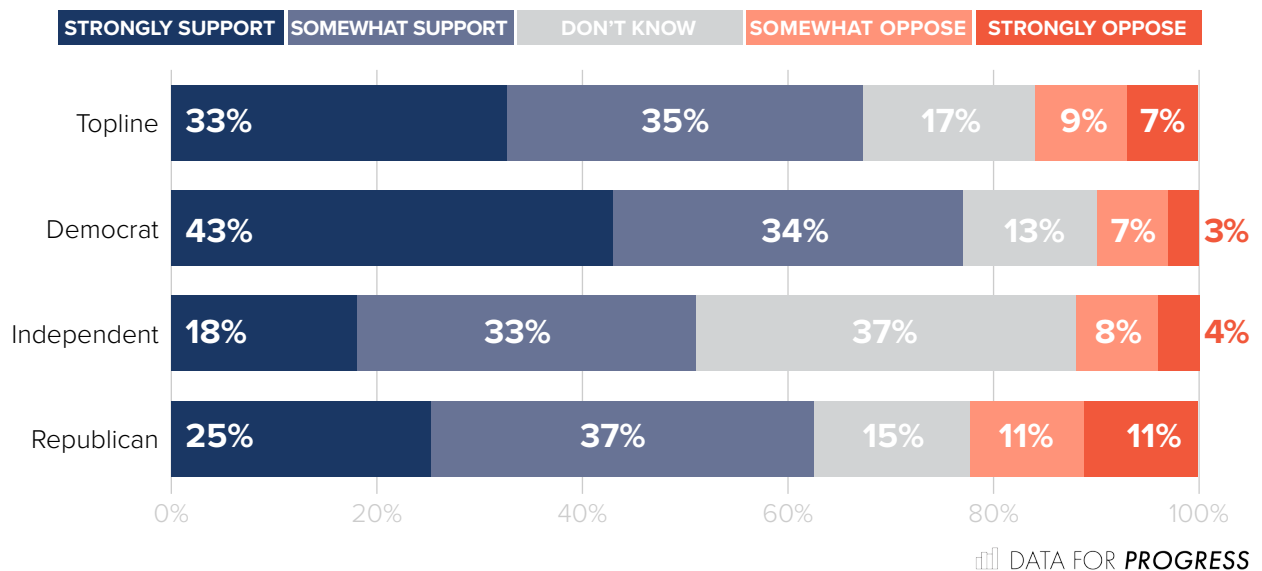
Support for the online discussion space proposal was lower than the other two items (at 58% support versus 22% oppose), but it still garnered majority support among likely voters. 68% of Democrats and 53% of Republicans supported the idea.

# INDIVIDUAL SURVEY ITEMS

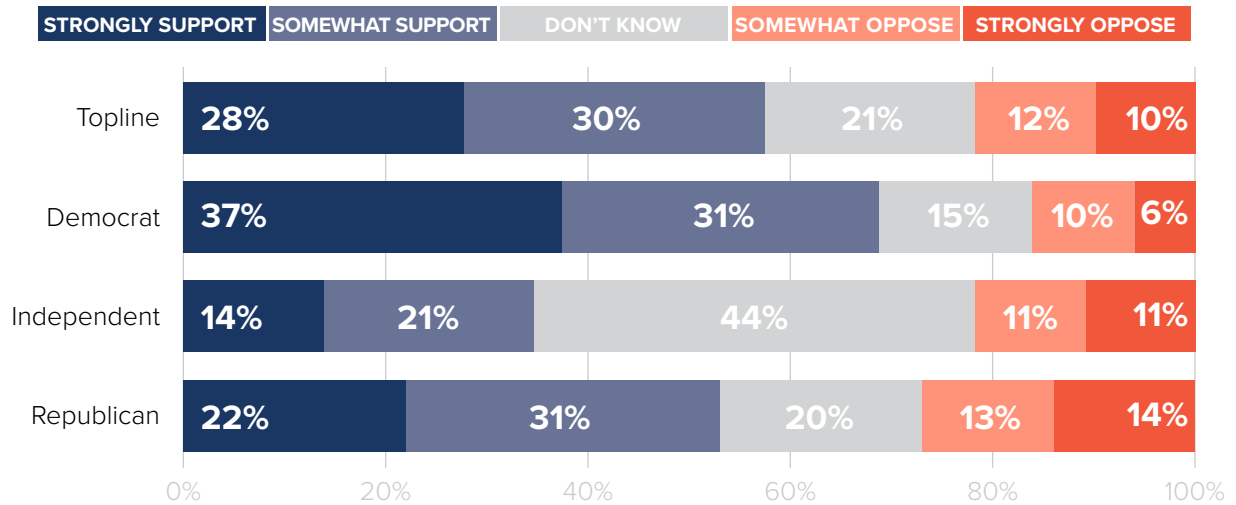
*General Support for Worker Voice:* How much do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Workers deserve a formal voice in setting workplace health and safety rules dealing with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic.”



*Workplace Safety and Health Advocate:* Would you support or oppose requiring businesses to let employees elect a workplace safety and health advocate? The advocate would ensure workers have information about safety and health rules at their jobs, including how to deal with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The advocate would also help workers to report safety and health issues to their employer and the government.



Online Discussion Space: Would you support or oppose requiring employers to give workers access to an online discussion space where workers could talk about workplace issues and problems without supervision or interference from managers?



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## METHODOLOGY

The survey was fielded from 6/7/2020 to 6/8/2020 on a national likely voter sample recruited by Data for Progress from web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error on the full sample is  $\pm 2.7$  percent.

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