



Opinion research on EITC expanded definition of work

Expanding the definition of work makes EITC modernization more popular.

Covering family caregivers and students builds public support:

- Nationally, 66% support the expanded definition of work (+46 net support). Democrats +57 net support, Independents +44, Republicans +34
- CA: +41 net support for caregivers, +24 students
- CO: +67 net support for caregivers, +46 students
- IL: +51 net support for expansion

National

*David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 925 sample, June 2-7, 2017.
(Following a battery of cash transfer policies and then pro/con messaging)*

Which of the following would you be more likely to support?

- Policy that benefits individuals who do paid work, or go to school or care for a family member full-time **66%**
- Policy that benefits everyone in America who does paid work **20%**
- Don't know 13, Prefer not to say 2

Key crosstabs (expanded definition of work/only those who do paid work)

- Party: Democrat 72/15, Republican 58/24, Independent 65/21
- Ethnicity: White 64/20, Latino 70/23, Asian 73/15, Black 74/21
- 2016 vote: Trump 55/26, Clinton 74/14, Other 65/24
- Region: Northeast 68/18, Midwest 68/19, South 66/23, West 62/20
- Education: Not College Graduate 68/18, College Graduate 64/21
- Density: Urban Area 70/18, Suburb 63/23, Small Town 61/19, Rural Area 67/18

National

[*YouGov Blue for Data for Progress*](#), online survey of 1505 respondents age 18+, July 2018

Preceding question: “Do you support or oppose a proposal to give a tax cut to lower and middle-income taxpayers, paid for by a tax increase on high-income people? The details of this tax reform proposal are: Taxes would be raised only on those making over \$500,000 a year and no one earning less would pay any new taxes. The money raised would be required to fund tax refunds of up to \$2,000 per year for people who work and earn less than \$75,000. Families with children would receive a slightly larger refund, and caregivers and students would also get this tax cut.”

YouGov survey for Data for Progress
 July, 2018
 1,505 U.S. respondents, age 18+

Party ID (3 category)

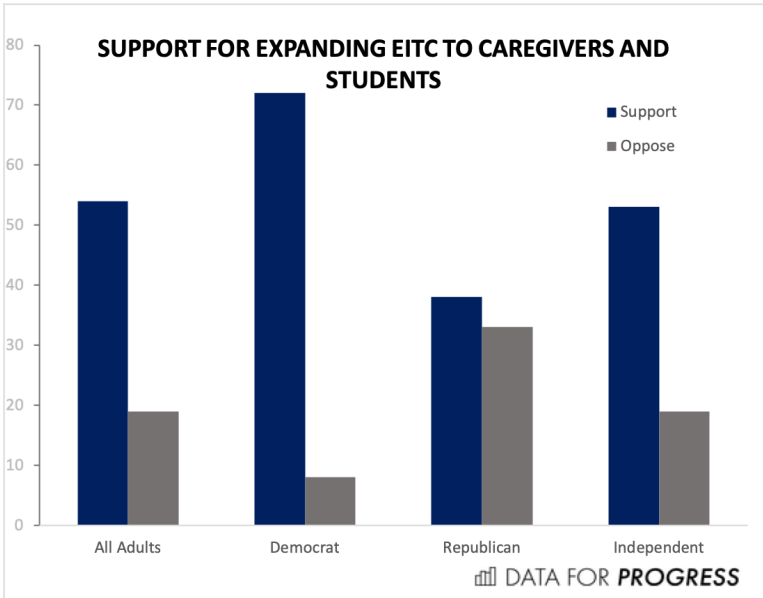
Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Currently, students and caregivers don't qualify for many tax credits that are reserved for those who work. Would you support or oppose classifying students and caregivers as workers in order to give them access to these tax credits?

Expand worker definition Combined

Currently, students and caregivers don't qualify for many tax credits that are reserved for those who work. Would ...

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	Not sure	All
Support	72	38	53	49	38	54
Oppose	8	33	19	42	8	19
Neither support nor oppose	13	22	17	8	14	16
Not sure	8	7	10	1	40	10
Unweighted N	506	393	447	66	93	1,505



State by state polling estimates

Data for Progress modeled state support based on their survey above: <https://www.dataforprogress.org/wftc>

CA

David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 2000 sample, June 29-July 5, 2017. (in a section of several policy tradeoffs in a poll on various guaranteed income and EITC policies)
 Which of the following would you be more likely to support?

- One that benefits Californians who do paid work 31%
- One that benefits Californians who do paid work and also those who are going to college or caring for a child or senior in their family 56%
- Don't know/won't say 13%

David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 2000 sample, July 27-31 2017.

(Re a potential EITC ballot measure, "Below is a list of policy details that could be changed about this measure. Please indicate which make you more likely to VOTE YES and which make you more likely to VOTE NO.")

- "Include all Californians that are caring full-time for a family member" -- 56% more likely to vote yes (24 much more), 15% more likely to vote no (8% much more)
- "Include Californians that are full-time students" -- 46% more likely to vote yes (22% much more), 22% more likely to vote no (13% much more)

CO

David Binder Research, online survey of 2018 likely voters, 1200 sample, December 8-18, 2017
(In a poll that asked, regarding a potential EITC ballot measure, "Below are some potential details about the measure. Please indicate whether you support or oppose each aspect.")

- "Coloradans who are caring for a young child or a sick or elderly family member are eligible" -- 80% support (46 strong) 13 opposed.
- "Coloradans who are students at least half-time in a higher education institution are eligible" -- 68% support (34 strong) 22 opposed.

IL

Change Research, Online survey of IL registered voters, 2176 sample, Nov. 9-12, 2018.
(preceded by: Do you support or oppose a tax cut for lower and middle-income taxpayers to help with daily expenses or emergencies, paid for by a tax increase on the wealthiest? The money would be required to fund an earned income tax credit of up to \$2,000 per year, for people who work and earn less than \$70,000.)

