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Fair Housing Forum: Increasing Fair Access to Credit

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BPC-Morning Consult Polling on Housing Issues

Takeaway: There is also strong support across the political spectrum on the fundamental value of housing.

Value Statement	Adults	Democrats	Independents	Republicans
Every child and family should have access to a safe, decent, and affordable home	87%	93%	85%	82%
Zip codes, or where we live, should not determine success in life	84%	89%	80%	83%
Housing is foundational to other positive life outcomes such as staying healthy, holding onto a job, and doing well in school	84%	90%	80%	79%
Our economy is stronger when all families have access to quality homes they can afford	80%	89%	76%	75%
Owning a home is an essential part of the American dream	79%	84%	71%	80%
Housing is a human right	74%	86%	71%	63%
To help people experiencing homelessness, we should first get them off the streets and into housing, then address other underlying problems	74%	83%	71%	64%



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Takeaway: Most housing proposals that had been under consideration in the Build Back Better Act enjoy broad public support.

See all results [here](#).

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Funding for home repairs and modifications to help seniors age in their own homes, prevent deadly falls	76%	86%	71%	73%
A first-time homebuyer tax credit	70%	79%	63%	64%
Funding for limited, one-time assistance to renters to prevent evictions	70%	83%	64%	57%
Funding for public housing repairs	69%	83%	65%	57%
Tax credits to develop and renovate homes in distressed communities	69%	84%	64%	54%
Funding for energy efficient and disaster resilient home improvements	69%	83%	64%	56%
Tax credits to develop low-income affordable rental homes	68%	84%	62%	55%
Downpayment assistance for first-time homebuyers	66%	81%	60%	53%
Funding for rural and tribal communities with substandard housing	65%	80%	62%	50%
Additional housing vouchers	57%	75%	56%	36%
Incentives to local communities to remove zoning/land-use restrictions that prevent new development	50%	66%	45%	35%



Promising Solutions

Enhancing Supply

1. Increase Support for the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
2. Eliminate Restrictive Land Use and Zoning Policies
3. Preserve Public Housing
4. Build and Rehab Owner-Occupied Housing in Distressed Communities

Supporting Families

1. Expand and Reform HUD's Housing Voucher Program
2. Create a Permanent Emergency Rental Assistance Program
3. Support Sustainable Homeownership





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