Statewide Education Study November 19-23, 2021 (N=400)

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Q. **[Aggregate expenditure limit]** There is one final school issue I would like to discuss. Here is a little background information:

In 1980, voters in the State of Arizona approved a series of amendments to the Arizona Constitution including an aggregate spending limit for all public schools. This limit is a statewide cap on what these schools are allowed to spend in a school year.

The limit is based on what schools spent in 1980 and is minimally adjusted each year to account for inflation and student population. This year, the Arizona Department of Education has calculated that school districts' budgets will exceed the spending limit by \$1.2 billion, meaning funds that have already been distributed to schools and are part of this year's budget cannot be legally spent because they exceed the limit.

The legislature has until March 1, 2022, to vote for an annual exemption to the limit for the current fiscal year, otherwise schools statewide cannot spend these funds and will be required to reduce their current fiscal year budgets by more than 17%. Knowing just what you know right now, do you think the Arizona State Legislature should pass an exemption?

23.7% 8.5%	Drobably No.	19.0%	Total Yes Total No Don't know, Refused
8.0%	Don't Know, Refused		

GOP:	57.1% Yes	Maricopa:	73.4% Yes	
DEM:	86.8% Yes	Pima:	75.7% Yes	
PND:	84.4% Yes	Rural:	69.4% Yes	
IND:	75.0% Yes			

- Q. Are there children under 18 living at home with you?
 - 31.5% Yes 65.3% No
 - 3.2% Refused

[DO NOT READ]

- Q. In politics, do you consider yourself to be conservative, moderate, or liberal? [Wait for response. If conservative or liberal, ask:] Would that be very conservative/liberal or just somewhat conservative/liberal?
 - 18.5% Very Conservative
 - 17.0% Somewhat Conservative
 - 29.3% Moderate
 - 13.3% Somewhat Liberal
 - 12.2% Very Liberal
 - 4.2% Don't Know
 - 5.5% Refused