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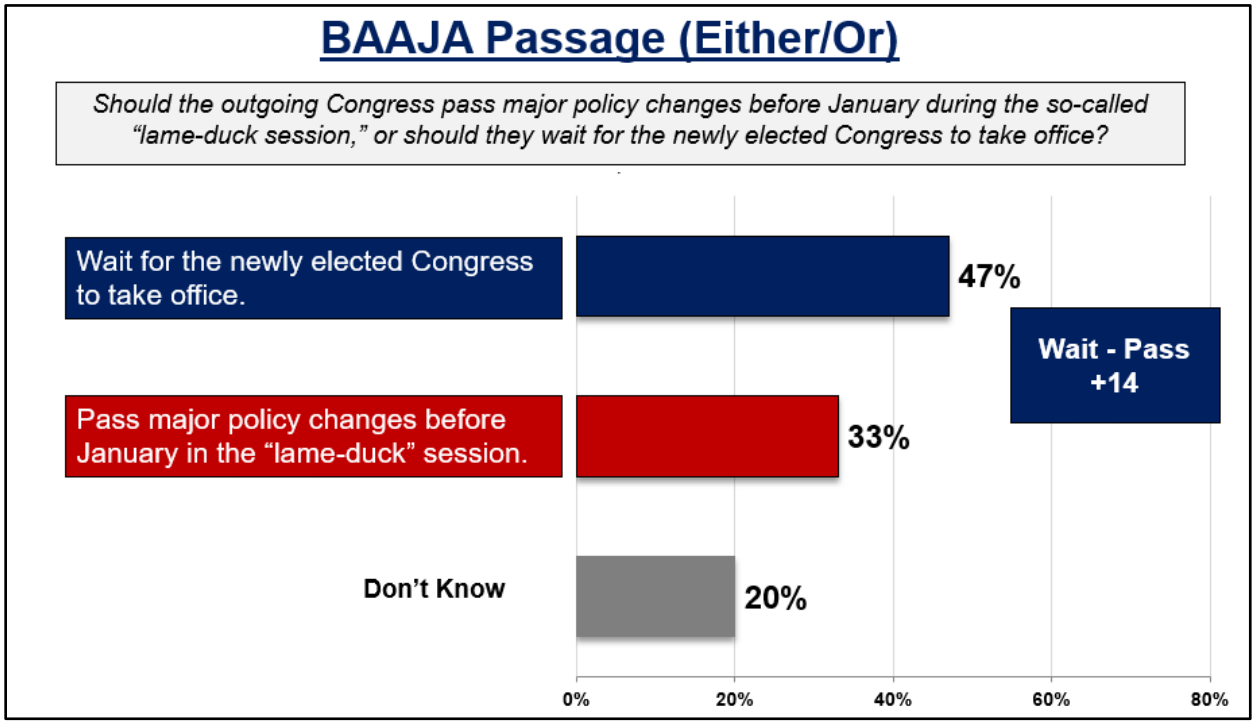
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Survey Finds Americans Oppose BAAJA Bill and Reject Lame-Duck Action

A new nationwide survey of 1,200 registered voters reveals that Americans broadly oppose the so-called Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA) legislation upon hearing a basic description of it. Furthermore, voters strongly reject the idea of the outgoing Congress passing major policy overhauls during the post-election "lame-duck" session, strongly preferring that lawmakers wait until the newly elected Congress takes office in January. These findings demonstrate that pushing BAAJA before the new Congress convenes runs directly counter to the will of the electorate and carries clear political consequences for lawmakers who participate in that effort and allow it to move forward in haste.

Voters Oppose Outgoing Congress Making Major Policy Changes in the Lame-Duck Session

When asked whether the outgoing Congress should enact major policy initiatives during the lame-duck period or leave significant legislation to incoming lawmakers, voters decisively choose patience and democratic accountability. A near majority of voters (47%) believe Congress should "wait for the newly elected Congress to take office," compared to just a third (33%) who believe they should "pass major policy changes before January in the 'lame-duck' session."



Americans Oppose BAAJA in its Current Form and Reject Weakening Environmental Protections

When provided with an initial, balanced description of the BAAJA legislation currently being debated in Congress, and noting that it aims to speed up energy and infrastructure permitting (including AI data centers) while weakening clean water and endangered species protections and restricting court challenges, voters oppose the measure by a wide margin. Overall, 56% of voters oppose BAAJA (including 34% who strongly oppose it), while only 29% support it and 15% are undecided.

Strong Majority Oppose BAAJA in Current Form	
As you may know, Congress is considering a bill called the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act, or BAAJA, which would change permitting requirements to make it easier and faster to build new energy and infrastructure projects, including AI data centers. It would also weaken existing protections for clean water and endangered species and restrict the ability to challenge potential violations of environmental laws in court.	
Total Support	**29%**
Total Oppose	**56%**
Don't Know	**15%**
Support - Oppose	**-27**

Opposition intensifies significantly when voters evaluate specific provisions and elements associated with the bill. Across every major element tested, majorities or substantial pluralities expressed strong opposition:

- ***Weakens protections for clean water*:** 76% oppose (54% strongly oppose) vs. 16% support.
- ***Weakens protections for endangered species*:** 73% oppose (51% strongly oppose) vs. 18% support.
- ***Could endanger or damage public lands like Boundary Waters & ANWR*:** 69% oppose (48% strongly oppose) vs. 22% support.
- ***Eliminates Tribal consultation & weakens historic/sacred site protections*:** 67% oppose (45% strongly oppose) vs. 22% support.
- ***Makes it faster/easier for big tech to build new data centers*:** 63% oppose (43% strongly oppose) vs. 28% support.
- ***Restricts ability to challenge environmental violations in court*:** 62% oppose (41% strongly oppose) vs. 26% support.

Voters Disapprove of Trump's Job Performance and Reject Giving Him Unchecked Authority, Especially on Future Projects

Voters' resistance to BAAJA is compounded by deep dissatisfaction with Donald Trump's job performance. Nearly two-thirds of voters (65%) disapprove of the job Trump is doing as President, including a majority (51%) who strongly disapprove, while just 31% approve.

Given this broad disapproval, and considering the recent resounding midterm election result, it is unsurprising that voters soundly reject provisions that grant Trump greater executive control over infrastructure and energy decisions. By essentially a 2-to-1 margin, voters state opposition to the bill because it "gives President Trump more authority to approve and fund energy and infrastructure projects he prefers, and restricts the ability of future administrations to change or cancel those actions" (61% oppose, 48% strongly oppose vs. 31% support).

Strong Majority Oppose Expanding Trump Authority	
Here are some provisions included in the BAAJA bill. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each one. ***Gives President Donald Trump more authority to approve and fund energy and infrastructure projects he prefers, and restricts the ability of future administrations to change or cancel those actions.***	
Total Support	**31%** *(14% strongly)*
Total Oppose	**61%** *(48% strongly)*
Don't Know	**8%**
Support - Oppose	**-30**

Voting for BAAJA As-Is Carries Sharp Repercussions for Members of Congress and Would-be Democratic Presidential Contenders

Lawmakers considering advancing BAAJA before the end of the year face severe electoral headwinds. Nearly six in ten voters (59%) state they would be **less likely** to support a member of Congress who votes for BAAJA in its current form before the new Congress takes office, compared to only 21% who say they would be more likely.

The political risk is especially pronounced for Democratic members of Congress considering entering their party's presidential nominating contest. When asked specifically about how the issue could impact their vote in the 2028 primaries, more than two-thirds of Democratic voters (68%) say they would be **less likely** to back a candidate seeking the 2028 Democratic presidential nomination if they voted for BAAJA during the lame-duck session, while only 17% say they would be more likely.

Congressional/Presidential Candidate Support Likelihood		
	*Would you be **MORE or LESS likely to support a member of Congress** who would vote to support the BAAJA bill in its current form and before the new Congress is in place next year*	*If a candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for president in 2028 voted to support this current BAAJA legislation before the new Congress could weigh in on it, **would that make you more or less likely to support that candidate in the Democratic primary**.*
More Likely	**21%**	**17%**
Less Likely	**59%**	**68%**
Don't Know	**20%**	**16%**
More - Less	**-38**	**-51**

In Sum, these polling results highlight legitimate voter concerns toward prematurely passing BAAJA legislation before a new Congress is in place and serves as a clear warning to Capitol Hill that Americans strongly oppose the current iteration of BAAJA and reject efforts by the outgoing Congress to pass major policy changes in a lame-duck session.

Survey Methodology: *From November 6-10, 2026, Tulchin Research conducted a survey among 1,200 registered voters nationwide. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 3 percentage points.*