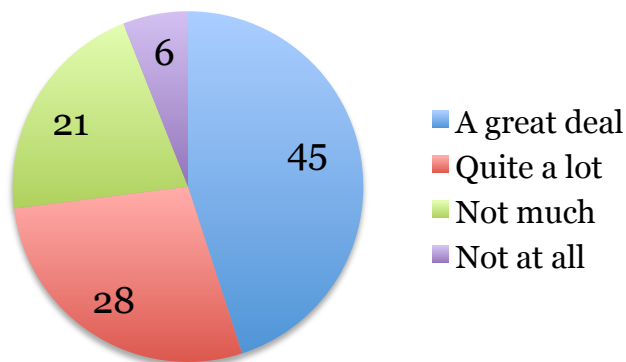


Four National Polls in 2013 Find Widespread Support for Early Education

(1) Preschool for low-income children improves academic performance

Do you think that preschool programs for children from low-income and poverty-level households would help students perform better in schooling in their teenage years?

Almost three-quarters of respondents said “yes.”



In a separate question, when asked about the importance of three education issues – making college affordable, investing in early childhood, and redesigning high school – an **overwhelming majority of Americans (84%)** stated that **investing in early childhood programs is “very” (61%) or “somewhat” (23%) important.**

Source: “Which way do we go?” PDK/Gallup Poll of the Public’s Attitudes Toward the Public Schoolsⁱ

(2) Majority of Americans support public funding for preschool for low- and moderate-income children

Another proposal has been made that would allow low- and moderate-income four-year old children be given the opportunity to attend a preschool program, with the government paying the tuition. What do you think of this proposal?

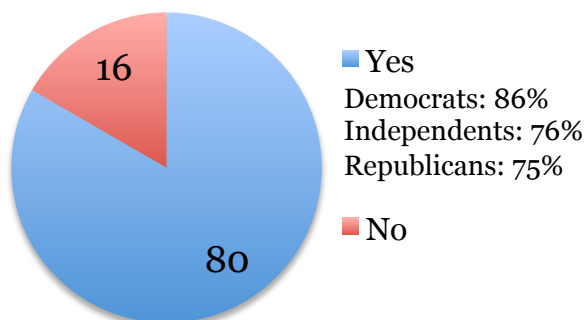
	Public	Teachers	Parents
Completely or somewhat favor	60%	73%	61%
Completely or somewhat oppose	27	22	26
Neither favor nor oppose	14	5	13

A substantial majority of those polled, especially teachers, are in favor of publicly-funded preschool tuition for four-year old children from low- and moderate-income families.

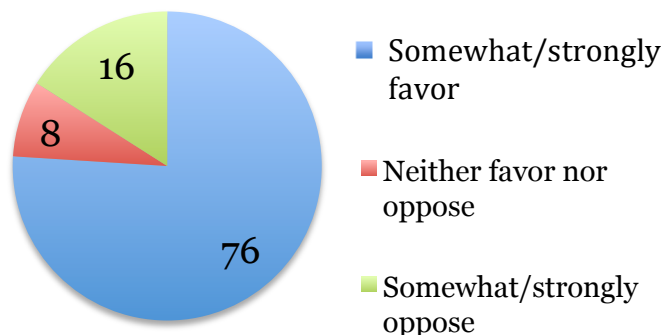
Source: “The 2013 Education Next Survey on What Americans Are Thinking about Common Core and Other Education Policies,” Education Nextⁱⁱ

(3) Majority of parents believe that preschool improves student performance in later years and would favor using public funds for preschool for all

Do you believe that pre-school programs improve student performance in later years of school or not?



Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose a plan to use public funds to make preschool available to all 4 year olds in the U.S.?



Source: "Parents' Attitudes on the Quality of Education in the United States," Associated Press-NORCⁱⁱⁱ

(4) Early childhood education is a top priority for a wide range of voters, second only to increasing jobs and economic growth, and most voters support public funding for preschool

Rate how important you personally consider each goal to be (% "extremely" or "very" important)

Increasing jobs and economic growth	92%
Ensuring children get a strong start	86%
Improving the quality of our public schools	85%
Reducing tax burdens on families	73%
Securing our borders	63%

70% of American voters support a federal plan to help states and local communities provide better early childhood education:

- Democrats (84%), Independents (64%) and Republicans (60%)
- Voters of every age group (79% of those under 35, to 65% of seniors)
- Voters in every region of the country (68% or higher)
- Voters in every education level and income category (65% or higher)

Source: "Early childhood education is a top priority for voters, second only to increasing jobs and economic growth," Public Opinion Strategies and Hart Research, for the First Five Years Fund^{iv}

ⁱ http://pdkintl.org/noindex/2013_PDKGallup.pdf

ⁱⁱ <http://educationnext.org/files/2013ednextpoll.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.apnorc.org/projects/Pages/parents-attitudes-on-the-quality-of-education-in-the-united-states.aspx>

^{iv} <http://growamericastronger.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Poll-Facts-Sheet.pdf>

Numbers may not round to 100 because answers such as "don't know" or "refused" were small and were omitted.