Infographic: Either or? Where does the public stand on vaccine mandates and vaccine passports?

There's much higher public support for government-imposed vaccine mandates than businesses' use of "vaccine passports," even if they're called something else, according to recent surveys by the COVID States Project.

Why it matters: Private businesses are increasingly responsible for making pandemic policy, but this polling suggests that it'd be much more popular for the government to take the stronger role, at least when it comes to vaccine requirements.

By the numbers: 62% of respondents said they somewhat or strongly support local, state or federal governments requiring everyone to get a vaccine.

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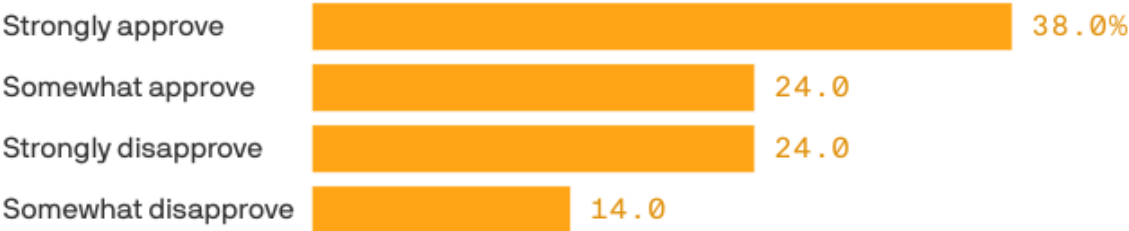SIGN UP

What they're saying: "It seems like the public is more comfortable with mandates when they're characterized as coming from the government," said Matthew Baum, a Harvard professor who was an author of the project.

"When you put businesses into the question as the responsible party … support is just a lot lower."

Vaccine mandates are more popular than vaccine passports

Survey of 21,733 U.S. adults, April 1 to May 3, 2021

Do you approve of the federal, state, and local governments requiring everyone to get a COVID-19 vaccine?

Strongly approve	38.0%
Somewhat approve	24.0
Strongly disapprove	24.0
Somewhat disapprove	14.0

Do you support businesses' use of vaccine passports?*

No	50.3%
Yes	27.5
Don't know	22.5

Data: The COVID States Project; Note: For the second question, respondents were randomly assigned one of four wordings of the question, and this chart shows the averages of the four wordings; Chart: Michelle McGhee/Axios

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