

# WoW203 Lab 2 Presentation

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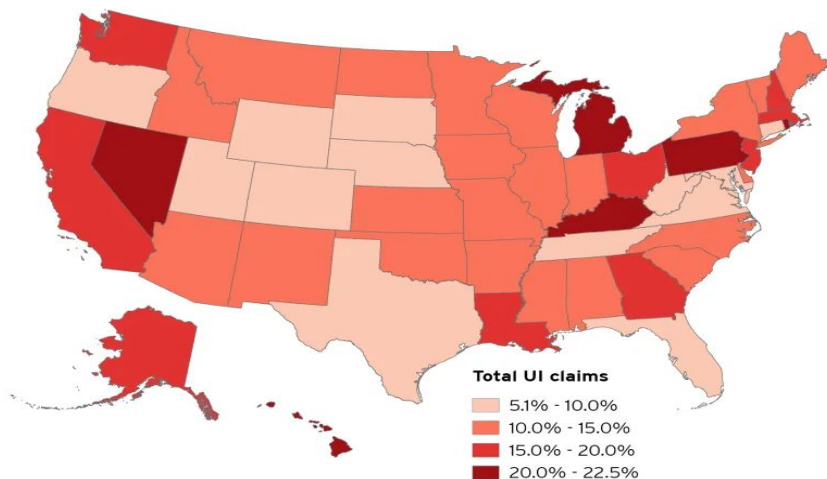


# Research Question-1

How effective was UI and stimulus relief at reducing case rate per 100k across states?

MAP 1

**Unemployment insurance claims by state relative to March 2020 employment**  
March 14 to April 11

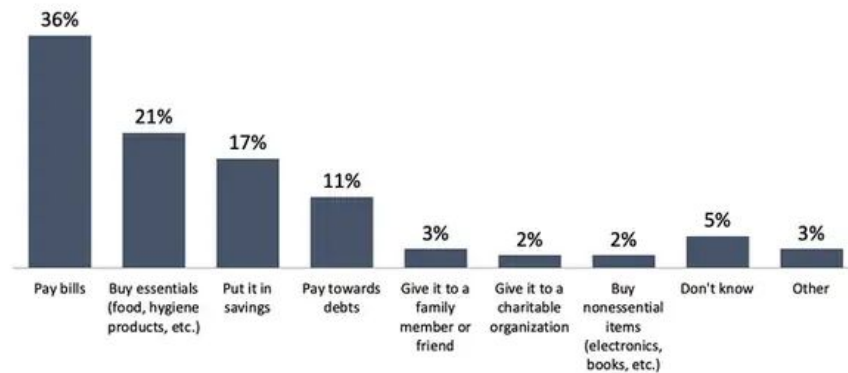


Source: Brookings analysis of Department of Labor and BLS-LAUS data

**B** Metropolitan Policy Program  
at BROOKINGS

## How US Adults Would Spend A \$1,000 Government Stimulus Payment

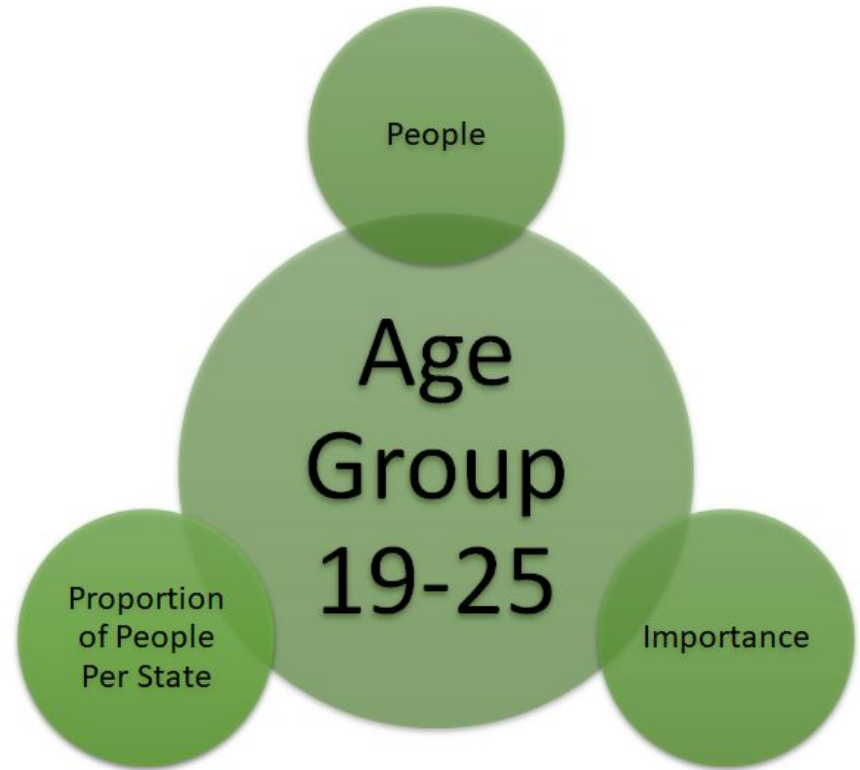
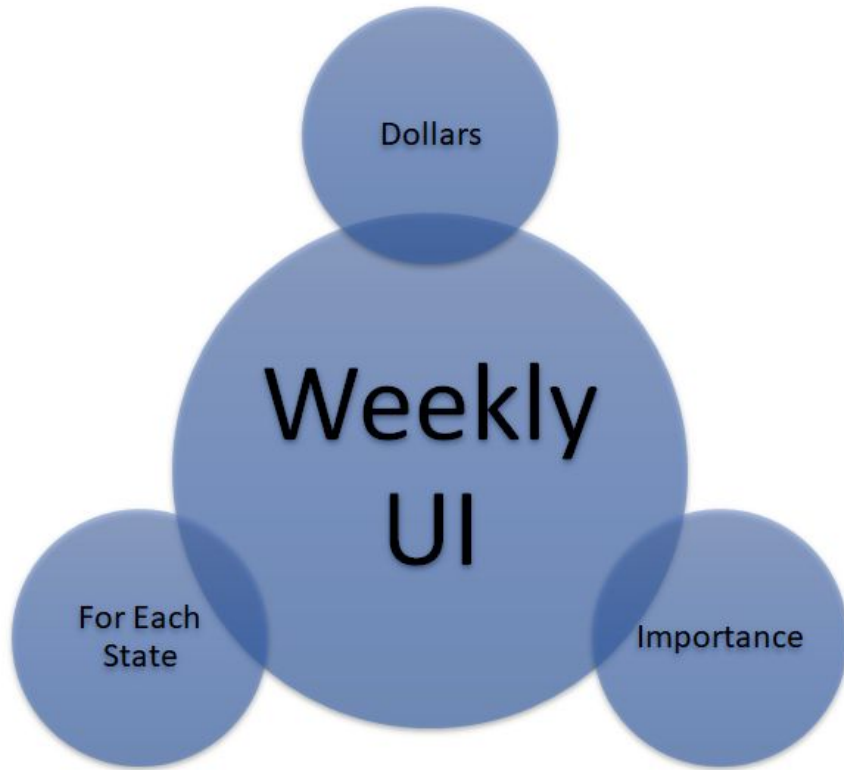
*Q: If you were to receive \$1,000 from the federal government, what would you be most likely to do with the majority of the funds?*



Source: YouGov Daily Question, n=12,118 US adults, March 2020

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# Variables





# Regression Table

Table 1: Regression Table

	Dependent variable:		
	case_rate_per_100000		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
adults_19_25	96,997.020*** (17,428.040)	92,872.060*** (16,798.810)	74,334.310*** (17,168.180)
weekly_ui		-1.953** (0.851)	-2.829*** (0.848)
days_till_stay_at_home			3.618** (1.608)
days_till_emp_mask			6.425*** (1.941)
gov_party			-308.645 (248.033)
pop_density			1.366** (0.611)
tests_per_100k			0.013** (0.006)
Constant	-5,663.542*** (1,518.141)	-3,196.069* (1,809.375)	-2,538.011 (1,697.460)
Observations	50	50	50
R <sup>2</sup>	0.392	0.453	0.636
Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>	0.380	0.430	0.576
Residual Std. Error	903.573 (df = 48)	865.945 (df = 47)	747.225 (df = 42)
F Statistic	30.976*** (df = 1; 48)	19.494*** (df = 2; 47)	10.498*** (df = 7; 42)

Note:

\*p<0.1; \*\*p<0.05; \*\*\*p<0.01

## Model 1: Baseline Model without Weekly UI

Case Rate =  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$  Proportion of Adults 19-25

## Model 2: Model of Focus Containing Weekly UI

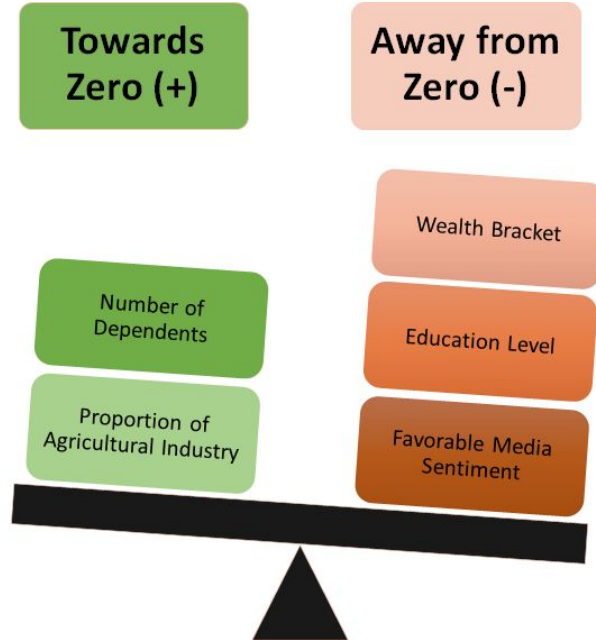
Case Rate =  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$  Proportion of Adults 19-25  
+  $\beta_2$  Weekly UI

## Model 3: Inclusive Model Testing Robustness of Weekly UI

Case Rate =  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$  Proportion of Adults 19-25  
+  $\beta_2$  Weekly UI  
+  $\beta_3$  Days till Stay-At-Home Order  
+  $\beta_4$  Days till Employee Mask Mandate  
+  $\beta_5$  If Governor is Republican  
+  $\beta_6$  Population Density  
+  $\beta_7$  Testing per 100K

# Omitted Variable Bias & Conclusions

Negative UI  
Coefficient  
(model 2)



Potential for:  
Overestimation