

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
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In thinking about next year's election for Congress, based on scale of 1 to 9, where 1 is that you will not be voting and 9 is that you will absolutely be voting, how likely are you to vote in that election?

MEAN: 8.09

- 1. Generally speaking, would you say things in the country are headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?**

1. Right Direction	35
2. Don't Know	13
3. Wrong Track	52

- 2. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?**

1. Approve	39
2. Don't know	9
3. Disapprove	52

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	100	38	57	5
4. Democrats in Congress	100	44	51	4
5. Nancy Pelosi	98	38	52	8

- 6. Which of the following issues would you say is most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (ROTATE)**

1. Education	3
2. Social Security	8

3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	4
5. Health care	20
6. The Economy	13
7. Jobs	4
8. Taxes	4
9. Crime and Safety	3
10. Environment/Climate Change	8
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	4
12. National Deficit/Spending	4
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	14
16. Other	3
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	2

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE LIST BELOW Q7-15)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
7. The Economy	44	41	15
8. Jobs	45	42	14
9. Taxes	39	46	15
10. Health care	33	52	15
11. Defense/terrorism	47	37	16
12. Immigration	43	45	11
13. Retirement	33	47	20
14. Border Security	51	35	15
15. Climate Change	22	57	20

16. If the elections were held today for US Congress in your state, would you be more likely to vote for (ROTATE) the Republican candidate or the Democrat candidate?

1. Republican	36
2. Lean Republican	4
3. Undecided	11
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	46
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	40
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	49

(ROTATE 17-18)

17. Overall, in thinking about what you heard recently from Republicans in Congress, did this make you more favorable or less favorable to them?

1. More favorable	29
2. Less favorable	53
3. Don't Know	18

18. Overall, in thinking about what you heard recently from Democrats in Congress, did this make you more favorable or less favorable to them?

1. More favorable	36
2. Less favorable	44
3. Don't Know	20

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being not important at all, 3 being somewhat important; 5 being important, 7 being very important and 9 being extremely important, how important is each of the following issues or news stories to you in deciding how to vote for Congress in the future? (ROTATE LIST)

	MEAN
19. The economy and jobs	6.98
20. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	7.00
21. Affordable Care Act/health care	6.33
22. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues and the MeToo movement	5.69

23. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	6.39
24. Immigration	6.48
25. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	4.65
26. Cost of living	6.74
27. Trade/Tariffs/China	5.98
28. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	5.52
29. Border security	6.16
30. Mueller investigation and report	4.72
31. Green New Deal	4.46
32. Abortion issues	6.15
33. Anti-Semitism	5.60
34. Climate change	5.66
35. Discussions about socialism	4.79
36. Trump tax returns	4.37
37. Democrats' subpoenas of Trump officials	4.43

(ROTATE 38-39)

38. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Republicans in Congress? (ROTATE)

1. The economy and jobs	7
2. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	2
3. Affordable Care Act/health care	2
4. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues, and the MeToo movement	1
5. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	3
6. Immigration	21
7. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	4
8. Cost of living	2
9. Trade/Tariffs/China	5
10. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	1
11. Border security	18
12. Mueller investigation and report	4
13. Green New Deal	*
14. Abortion issues	9

15. Anti-Semitism	*
16. Climate change	1
17. Discussions about socialism	2
18. Trump tax returns	2
19. Democrats' subpoenas of Trump officials	4
20. Something else (SPECIFY)	1
21. Don't know	9

39. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Democrats in Congress? (ROTATE)

1. The economy and jobs	3
2. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	2
3. Affordable Care Act/health care	4
4. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues, and the MeToo movement	2
5. Foreign policy/Terrorism/ISIS/situation in the Middle East	1
6. Immigration	5
7. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	16
8. Cost of living	2
9. Trade/Tariffs/China	1
10. Single payer health care/Medicare for All	3
11. Border security	2
12. Mueller investigation and report	16
13. Green New Deal	3
14. Abortion issues	7
15. Anti-Semitism	*
16. Climate change	3
17. Discussions about socialism	1
18. Trump tax returns	8
19. Democrats' subpoenas of Trump officials	9
20. Something else (SPECIFY)	1
21. Don't know	9

ECONOMY

40. Generally speaking, would you say the economy is headed in the right direction, or are things seriously headed off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction	43
2. Don't Know	20
3. Wrong Track	36

41. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling the economy?

1. Approve	42
2. Don't know	10
3. Disapprove	48

42. Which of the following economic systems would be better? (ROTATE)

1. Capitalism	52
2. Socialism	19
3. Don't Know	29

43. How well or not well do you think the current system of the United States' trade with other countries is working?

1. Very well	9
2. Somewhat well	34
3. Somewhat not well	29
4. Not well at all	17
5. Don't Know	10
TOTAL WELL	43
TOTAL NOT WELL	46

44. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling trade?

1. Approve	39
2. Don't know	15
3. Disapprove	46

45. Do you agree or disagree with the use of trade tariffs?

1. Agree	37
2. Disagree	35
3. Don't Know	28

46. Do you think that tariffs help, have no impact, or hurt the economy? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Help	25
2. No Impact	12
3. Hurt	41
4. Don't Know	22

47. How personally affected do you think that you are by tariffs? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Very personally affected	12
2. Somewhat personally affected	36
3. Somewhat not personally affected	23
4. Not personally affected at all	13
5. Don't Know	16
TOTAL AFFECTED	48
TOTAL NOT AFFECTED	36

48. In thinking about trade tariffs, which statement best describes your position? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. I support the President, and agree with his policy of using trade tariffs.	28
2. I support the President, but I do not agree with his policy of using trade tariffs.	11
3. I do not support the President, but I agree with his policy of using trade tariffs.	11
4. I do not support the President, and I do not agree with his policy of using trade tariffs.	35
5. Don't Know	15

49. Some say that a tariff is a tax. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

1. Agree	58
2. Disagree	21
3. Don't Know	21

50. Do you believe or not believe this statement: tariffs will increase the cost of products.

1. Believe	75
2. Do not believe	11
3. Don't Know	14

51. Do you believe or not believe this statement: Tariffs may lead to stock market volatility in the short term, but will ultimately lead to a better trade deal for the United States.

1. Believe	44
2. Do not believe	29
3. Don't know	26

52. Do you believe or not believe this statement: Lower expectations have a bigger impact on student performance than school funding.

1. Believe	51
2. Do not believe	25
3. Don't Know	23

CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM

For each of the following outcomes, which system would be more likely to deliver that outcome? (ROTATE LIST BELOW)

	CAPITALISM	SOCIALISM	DON'T KNOW
53. Ensures the greater good of society	46	30	24
54. Protects and values individuals	52	25	23
55. Will produce the kind of society you would want your children and the next generation to grow up in	50	25	26
56. Best supports small businesses	59	18	23

57. Which do you think is the more effective argument for capitalism versus socialism? (ROTATE)

1. More about why socialism is wrong and doesn't work	22
2. More about why capitalism works and is the correct approach	51
3. Don't know	27

58. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say they are running to lower health care costs, people can have bigger paychecks, and cleaner government.	43
2. Republicans who say they are running to ensure capitalism works the right way so that small businesses can thrive and individuals can have a good income to support a family.	44
3. Don't know	13

CLIMATE CHANGE

59. In thinking about the current policy discussion around climate change, do you think it can be described as...(ROTATE)

1. An honest discussion about the issue	35
2. Dogmatic discussion from both sides	41
3. Don't know	24

Do you believe or not believe these statements: (ROTATE STATEMENTS)

60. Recent weather events such as hurricanes, wildfires and flooding are the result of climate change.

1. Believe	54
2. Do not believe	32
3. Don't know	14

61. The United States is leading the world in reducing greenhouse gas emissions thanks to energy sector competition and innovation.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	36
3. Don't know	27

62. In 2017, US carbon emissions were the lowest they have been since 1992.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	28
3. Don't know	35

63. China and India accounted for nearly half of the increase in global carbon emissions in 2017.

1. Believe	64
2. Do not believe	11
3. Don't know	25

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 64-65)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
64. Republicans in the US Senate	99	40	53	6
65. Democrats in the US Senate	100	47	47	6

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

66. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	23
2. 35-44	21
3. 45-54	19
4. 55-64	19
5. 65+	18

67. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself (ROTATE) a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

1. Republican	33
2. Democrat	38
3. Independent	24
4. Other	4
5. Don't Know	1

68. If you had to classify yourself, would you say you are very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative or very conservative in your political beliefs?

1. Very Liberal	12
2. Somewhat Liberal	15
3. Moderate	37
4. Somewhat Conservative	22
5. Very Conservative	13
6. Don't Know	1

69. Are there children in your household under the age of 18 years old?

1. Yes	29
2. No	69
3. Don't Know	2

70. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	29
2. Married	50
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	12
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	1

71. What is the annual income of your household before taxes? Is it...

1. Less than 15K	10
2. 15K-30K	15
3. 30K-50K	17
4. 50K-75K	17
5. 75K-100K	15
6. 100-200K	19
7. Over 200K	3
8. Don't Know	4

72. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	14
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	27
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	13
7. Other	22
8. Don't Know	6

73. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	12
2. African-American	12
3. Asian	3
4. White	70
5. Other	2
6. Don't Know	1

74. Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

1. Yes	13
2. No	84
3. Don't know	3

75. What was the last grade of school that you completed?

1. Did not complete high school	2
2. High school graduate	21
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	11
5. College graduate – Bachelors	24
6. Postgraduate study or degree	17
7. Don't Know	1

76. Many people consider themselves “living paycheck to paycheck” in terms of their personal financial situations. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	47
2. No	49
3. Don't know	4

77. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	40
2. Employed, part-time	9
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	9
6. Student	3
7. Retired	24
8. Don't Know	1

**78. In the 2016 presidential election, for which presidential candidate did you vote?
(ROTATE answer options 1-2, then 3-4)**

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	37
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	43
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	3
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	2
5. Other (SPECIFY)	2
6. Did not vote in presidential race	10
7. Don't Know	3

79. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	29
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	23

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	17
2. South	27
3. Midwest	22
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	15