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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: 8.14

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	**39**
2. Don't Know	**10**
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	**42**
2. Don't know	**7**
3. Disapprove	**51**

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	41	52	6
4. **Democrats in Congress**	100	42	51	6
5. **Nancy Pelosi**	97	37	51	10

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

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

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)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
7. The Economy	**51**	**35**	**14**
8. Jobs	**49**	**36**	**16**
9. Taxes	**44**	**40**	**16**
10. Health care	**37**	**48**	**15**
11. Immigration	**43**	**40**	**16**
12. Climate change	**25**	**50**	**24**
13. The environment	**27**	**51**	**22**

14. 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	**39**
2.	Lean Republican	**3**
3.	Undecided	**11**
4.	Lean Democrat	**3**
5.	Democrat	**43**
	TOTAL REPUBLICAN	**42**
	TOTAL DEMOCRAT	**47**

(ROTATE 15-16)

15. 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	**38**
2.	Less favorable	**48**
3.	Don't Know	**14**

16. 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	**39**
2.	Less favorable	**48**
3.	Don't Know	**13**

ECONOMY

17. 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	**48**
2.	Don't Know	**20**
3.	Wrong Track	**32**

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

1. Approve	**47**
2. Disapprove	**45**
3. Don't know	**8**

19. **Which of the following best describes your view of government over the past 10 years? (ROTATE)**

1. Government works as it should for the most part with well-meaning people who go into public service. Change can come as a result of government working as it is supposed to and being adequately funded.	**22**
2. Government is fundamentally broken with many corrupt politicians and bureaucrats in the system. Change has to come from the outside to reform a broken system.	**70**
3. Don't know	**7**

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements (ROTATE 20-28)

20. **Given the federal government's track record, any attempt to raise taxes on the wealthy and expand government services will mean everyone has to pay more.**

1. Believe	**55**
2. Do not believe	**28**
3. Don't Know	**17**

21. **Raising taxes on the wealthy will raise taxes on many small businesses.**

1. Believe	**46**
2. Do not believe	**33**
3. Don't Know	**21**

22. The economy is working for the wealthy and corporations but not average people.

1. Believe	**59**
2. Do not believe	**29**
3. Don't Know	**12**

23. We need to make structural changes in our government, economy and country to deal with income inequality.

1. Believe	**64**
2. Do not believe	**23**
3. Don't Know	**13**

24. Greed is corrupting capitalism.

1. Believe	**69**
2. Do not believe	**17**
3. Don't know	**14**

25. While capitalism may work well for countries and large companies, it does not work as well for individuals.

1. Believe	**36**
2. Do not believe	**39**
3. Don't Know	**25**

26. Taxes should not be raised any further until government can live within its means.

1. Believe	**65**
2. Do not believe	**21**
3. Don't Know	**14**

27. Since the end of the 2008-2009 recession, median household income adjusted for inflation has increased 8.2%.

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

28. The richest one percent are writing the rules of the economy and imposing economic inequality.

1.	Believe	**60**
2.	Do not believe	**24**
3.	Don't Know	**16**

29. How serious a problem is income inequality? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1.	Very serious	**43**
2.	Somewhat serious	**30**
3.	Somewhat not serious	**14**
4.	Not serious at all	**8**
5.	Don't know	**5**
	TOTAL SERIOUS	**73**
	TOTAL NOT SERIOUS	**22**

CONTRASTS

30. What should be the focus of government economic policy? (ROTATE)

1.	Economic growth and jobs	**63**
2.	Redistribution of wealth and addressing income inequality	**30**
3.	Don't Know	**8**

31. **Some Democratic presidential candidates have said that we need to reduce the deficit and increase government services by asking the wealthiest Americans and corporations to pay their fair share. Do you think this will or will not lead to a balanced budget? (ROTATE)**

1.	Will	**37**
2.	Will not	**43**
3.	Don't Know	**20**

CONTRASTS (ROTATE Q32-34)

32. **Which is a bigger obstacle to the economy? (ROTATE)**

1.	Corporate greed and unethical business behavior	**57**
2.	Government policies like regulation, mandates and taxes	**33**
3.	Don't Know	**11**

33. **Which is a bigger obstacle to the economy? (ROTATE)**

1.	Income inequality	**43**
2.	Government policies like regulation, mandates and taxes	**48**
3.	Don't Know	**9**

34. **Which is a bigger obstacle to the economy? (ROTATE)**

1.	The wealthy having too much accumulated wealth	**43**
2.	Government policies like regulation, mandates and taxes	**45**
3.	Don't Know	**12**

35. **Congress is considering a proposal that would raise taxes on capital gains to the same rates as ordinary income, and taxing the gains every year rather than when those assets are sold or transferred. Would your favor or oppose such a proposal?**

1.	Favor	**38**
2.	Oppose	**34**
3.	Don't Know	**29**

CONTRASTS (ROTATE Q36-38)

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

1.	Those who say that the economy is working for the wealthy and corporations but not average people. We need to make the rich pay their fair share to help the middle class and address income inequality.	**47**
2.	Those who say the solution to the economy is not government – it is the American people. We need to create policies that empower the American people and small businesses to invest and create jobs and opportunities.	**44**
3.	Don't Know	**9**

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

1.	Those who say that the economy is working for the wealthy and corporations but not average people. We need to make the rich pay their fair share to help the middle class and address income inequality.	**49**
2.	Those who say families run their own economies every day in their households. Any attempt to raise taxes and expand government means everyone will have to pay more.	**41**
3.	Don't Know	**10**

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

1.	Those who say that the economy is working for the wealthy and corporations but not average people. We need to make the rich pay their fair share to help the middle class and address income inequality.	**45**
2.	Those who say families run their own economies every day in their households. Government should have to learn to live within its means before asking anyone to pay more in taxes.	**45**
3.	Don't Know	**9**

IMPEACHMENT

39. Do you favor or oppose impeaching President Trump?

1.	Favor	**46**
2.	Oppose	**44**
3.	Don't know	**10**

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Below is a series of statements that have been made about the impeachment investigation of President Trump, involving his phone call with the President of Ukraine. Do you believe or not believe each statement: (ROTATE 40-41)

40. Democrats refuse to accept the outcome of the 2016 election, and they have been trying to impeach the President ever since.

1.	Believe	**52**
2.	Do not believe	**39**
3.	Don't Know	**10**

41. Congress should investigate the Biden-Ukraine relationship.

1.	Believe	**49**
2.	Do not believe	**34**
3.	Don't Know	**16**

42. Which comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1.	Congress should impeach President Trump and remove him from office	**35**
2.	Voters – not Congress - should decide whether President Trump should be removed or re-elected in next year's election	**55**
3.	Don't Know	**10**

43. Did you watch any of the Congressional hearings on impeachment?

1.	Yes	**62**
2.	No	**34**
3.	Don't Know	**4**

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 44-45)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
44. Republicans in the US Senate	99	43	48	8
45. Democrats in the US Senate	99	45	48	7

46. Which of the following is closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1. Climate change is primarily the result of manmade causes, such as the burning of fossil fuels	54
2. Climate change is primarily the result of natural changes in the Earth's environment.	35
3. Don't know	11

47. In last year's election, for which candidate did you vote for US Congress from your Congressional district? (ROTATE answer options 1-2)

1. Republican candidate	39
2. Democratic candidate	43
3. Third party candidate/Other	4
4. Did not vote in that election	11
5. Don't Know	4

48. Are you satisfied or not satisfied with what the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives has done so far?

1. Satisfied	40
2. Not satisfied	48
3. Don't Know	12

49. Would you favor or oppose a proposal that would allow college athletes to be paid?

1.	Favor	**40**
2.	Oppose	**40**
3.	Don't Know	**21**

50. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: 47 percent of Americans do not pay any federal income taxes.

1.	Believe	**48**
2.	Do not believe	**30**
3.	Don't Know	**22**

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

51. 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**

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

1.	Republican (GO TO Q54)	**33**
2.	Democrat (GO TO Q53)	**38**
3.	Independent (GO TO Q53)	**25**
4.	Other (GO TO Q53)	**2**
5.	Don't Know (GO TO Q53)	**2**

53. (AMONG DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS, OTHER, AND DON'T KNOW ONLY) If the Democratic Presidential Primaries were held today, for which candidate would you be most likely to vote? (ROTATE LIST 1-19)

   A. Who is your first choice?
   B. Who is your second choice?

		FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	COMBINED
1.	Michael Bennet	**1**	**1**	**2**
2.	Joe Biden	**28**	**20**	**42**
3.	Michael Bloomberg	**7**	**8**	**13**
4.	Cory Booker	**3**	**5**	**6**
5.	Pete Buttigieg	**5**	**8**	**11**
6.	Julian Castro	**1**	**2**	**3**
7.	John Delaney	*****	**1**	**1**
8.	Tulsi Gabbard	**1**	**1**	**2**
9.	Amy Klobuchar	**3**	**5**	**7**
10.	Deval Patrick	*****	**-**	*****

11. Bernie Sanders	**11**	**16**	**23**
12. Tom Steyer	**2**	**3**	**5**
13. Elizabeth Warren	**9**	**14**	**19**
14. Marianne Williamson	*****	**1**	**1**
15. Andrew Yang	**3**	**5**	**7**
16. Someone else (SPECIFY)	*****	**1**	**1**
17. I do not plan to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary	**12**	**2**	**13**
18. Don't know	**13**	**7**	**18**

RESUME WITH ALL

54. 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	**10**
2. Somewhat Liberal	**16**
3. Moderate	**36**
4. Somewhat Conservative	**21**
5. Very Conservative	**13**
6. Don't Know	**4**

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

1. Yes	**33**
2. No	**66**
3. Don't Know	**2**

56. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	**31**
2. Married	**53**
3. Separated	**2**
4. Divorced	**11**
5. Widowed	**3**
6. Don't Know	**1**

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

1.	Less than 15K	**11**
2.	15K-30K	**14**
3.	30K-50K	**17**
4.	50K-75K	**17**
5.	75K-100K	**15**
6.	100-200K	**19**
7.	Over 200K	**4**
8.	Don't Know	**3**

58. What is your religion?

1.	Evangelical Protestant	**13**
2.	Mainline Protestant	**15**
3.	Catholic	**26**
4.	Jewish	**4**
5.	Mormon	**1**
6.	Atheist/Agnostic	**11**
7.	Other	**25**
8.	Don't Know	**6**

59. What is your race?

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

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

1. Yes	**14**
2. No	**84**
3. Don't know	**2**

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

1. Did not complete high school	**2**
2. High school graduate	**22**
3. Attended college but received no degree	**24**
4. Associates degree	**11**
5. College graduate – Bachelors	**24**
6. Postgraduate study or degree	**17**

62. 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	**50**
2. No	**47**
3. Don't know	**4**

63. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	**42**
2. Employed, part-time	**9**
3. Unemployed	**7**
4. Self-employed	**6**
5. Homemaker	**8**
6. Student	**4**
7. Retired	**24**
8. Don't Know	**1**

64. 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	**40**
2.	Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	**40**
3.	Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	**4**
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**

65. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

1.	Straight Republican	**17**
2.	Mostly Republican	**18**
3.	Slightly more Republican than Democrat	**8**
4.	Split your ticket evenly	**10**
5.	Slightly more Democrat than Republican	**9**
6.	Mostly Democrat	**18**
7.	Straight Democrat	**15**
8.	Don't Know	**5**

66. What type of area do you live in?

1.	Urban	**28**
2.	Suburban	**52**
3.	Rural	**21**

Gender

1.	Male	**48**
2.	Female	**52**

Region

1.	Northeast	**19**
2.	South	**26**
3.	Midwest	**20**
4.	Plains/Mountains	**21**
5.	West Coast	**15**