



**WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY**  
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In thinking about this 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: 8.13**

- 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	<b>39</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>11</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>50</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>41</b>
2. Don't know	<b>8</b>
3. Disapprove	<b>51</b>

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4, THEN 5)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
<b>3. Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>4. Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>5. Nancy Pelosi</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>

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

1. Education	<b>4</b>
2. Social Security	<b>10</b>
3. Retirement and Investments	<b>1</b>
4. Terrorism	<b>5</b>
5. Health care	<b>19</b>
6. The Economy	<b>15</b>
7. Jobs	<b>3</b>
8. Taxes	<b>5</b>
9. Crime and Safety	<b>3</b>
10. Environment/Climate Change	<b>8</b>
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	<b>3</b>
12. National Deficit/Spending	<b>4</b>
13. Energy	<b>1</b>
14. Gas prices	<b>1</b>
15. Immigration	<b>9</b>
16. Other	<b>3</b>
17. Prescription Drugs	<b>2</b>
18. Don't know	<b>4</b>

**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
<b>7. The Economy</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>8. Jobs</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>9. Taxes</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>10. Health care</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>11. Immigration</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>12. Income inequality</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18</b>

**13. 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	<b>37</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>4</b>
3. Undecided	<b>10</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>3</b>
5. Democrat	<b>46</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	<b>40</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	<b>49</b>

**(ROTATE 14-15)**

**14. 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	<b>37</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>50</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>13</b>

**15. 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	<b>45</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>43</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>12</b>

**Ideological Scales**

**On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being very liberal, 5 being moderate, and 9 being very conservative how would you rate... (ASK 16, then 17-18, then 19-25)**

	MEAN
<b>16. Your own political ideology</b>	<b>5.46</b>
<b>17. Ideology of Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>6.55</b>
<b>18. Ideology of Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>3.76</b>
<b>19. Ideology of Donald Trump</b>	<b>6.69</b>

<b>20. Ideology of Nancy Pelosi</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>21. Ideology of Joe Biden</b>	<b>4.11</b>
<b>22. Ideology of Elizabeth Warren</b>	<b>3.47</b>
<b>23. Ideology of Bernie Sanders</b>	<b>3.22</b>
<b>24. Ideology of Pete Buttigieg</b>	<b>3.99</b>
<b>25. Ideology of Mike Bloomberg</b>	<b>4.17</b>

## **ECONOMY**

**26. 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	<b>47</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>16</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>37</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>45</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>47</b>
3. Don't know	<b>8</b>

**28. Do you think that the state of the economy is more the result of (ROTATE)**

1. President Obama's policies	<b>35</b>
2. President Trump's policies	<b>52</b>
3. Don't know	<b>13</b>

**29. Which party do you have more confidence in to create policies to increase your wages? (ROTATE)**

1. The Republican Party	<b>40</b>
2. The Democratic Party	<b>46</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>14</b>

On a scale of 1 to 9 with 1 being that it wouldn't help at all, 5 that it would somewhat help, and 9 that it would help a great deal, how well would each of the following address your personal economic situation? (ROTATE 30-38)

	MEAN
30. Extending tax credits for businesses that offer at least two weeks of paid leave at 50% of wages	5.27
31. Making permanent the doubled child tax credit in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act	5.47
32. Increasing the maximum amount that can be saved in dependent care savings accounts	5.50
33. Limiting annual out of pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries to \$3100	5.67
34. Repealing the tax on health insurance premiums, saving about \$5000 for families and \$200-\$300 for individuals	6.20
35. Raising taxes on the wealthy	6.23
36. Imposing a 1-2% wealth tax on individual wealth above \$16 million	6.10
37. Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with drug companies	6.38
38. Creating a new \$2000 out of pocket limit on prescription drug costs for Medicare beneficiaries	5.50

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE 39-47)

39. The US has added 6.5 million jobs since the beginning of 2017.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	27
3. Don't Know	22

40. The average unemployment rate over the last 3 months has been 3.5 percent, the lowest it has been in 50 years.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	24
3. Don't Know	19

**41. The country has record low unemployment rates for African Americans and Hispanics.**

1. Believe	<b>48</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>28</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>24</b>

**42. A majority of the country is living paycheck to paycheck.**

1. Believe	<b>69</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>18</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>13</b>

**43. Over the last three years, the net worth of the bottom half of wage earners has increased by 47%.**

1. Believe	<b>28</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>45</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>28</b>

**44. Real median household income is at the highest level ever recorded.**

1. Believe	<b>35</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>37</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>28</b>

**45. For the middle class, health care costs have grown faster than wage increases.**

1. Believe	<b>74</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>12</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>14</b>

**46. The child tax credit has been doubled, benefitting 40 million families and lifting 650,000 single mothers and 1 million children out of poverty.**

1. Believe	<b>32</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>32</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>37</b>

**47. The United States is now the number one producer of oil and natural gas.**

1. Believe	<b>43</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>30</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>27</b>

## **HEALTH CARE**

**48. Do you favor or oppose the health care law that some refer to as Obamacare or the Affordable Care Act?**

1. Favor	<b>49</b>
2. Oppose	<b>37</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>14</b>

**49. Which of the following health care systems would be better? (ROTATE)**

1. The current system	<b>18</b>
2. A system that builds off of the Affordable Care Act	<b>53</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>30</b>

**50. Which of the following health care systems would be best? (ROTATE)**

1. The current system	<b>10</b>
2. A system that builds off of the Affordable Care Act	<b>28</b>
3. A modernized health care system	<b>47</b>
4. Don't Know	<b>15</b>

**51. Which of the following health care systems would be better? (ROTATE)**

1. A modernized health care system	<b>48</b>
2. A system that builds off of the Affordable Care Act	<b>34</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>17</b>

**IMPEACHMENT**

**52. Do you favor or oppose impeaching President Trump?**

1. Favor	<b>45</b>
2. Oppose	<b>45</b>
3. Don't know	<b>9</b>

**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 53-54)**

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

1. Believe	<b>51</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>37</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>13</b>

**54. The President's misconduct cannot be decided at the ballot box for we cannot be assured that the vote will be fairly won.**

1. Believe	<b>39</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>41</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>20</b>



**55. Which comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)**

1. Congress should impeach President Trump and remove him from office	<b>38</b>
2. Voters – not Congress - should decide whether President Trump should be removed or re-elected in this year's election	<b>53</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>9</b>

**56. Is impeachment of the President worth it or not worth it?**

1. Worth it	<b>42</b>
2. Not worth it	<b>48</b>
3. Don't know	<b>10</b>

**57. Do you agree or disagree with the Senate's decision to acquit President Trump of impeachment charges against him?**

1. Agree	<b>47</b>
2. Disagree	<b>44</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>9</b>

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 58-59)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
<b>58. Republicans in the US Senate</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>59. Democrats in the US Senate</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>7</b>

**60. In the 2018 election, for which candidate did you vote for US Congress from your Congressional district? (ROTATE answer options 1-2)**

1. Republican candidate	<b>36</b>
2. Democratic candidate	<b>43</b>
3. Third party candidate/Other	<b>4</b>
4. Did not vote in that election	<b>12</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

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

1. Satisfied	<b>39</b>
2. Not satisfied	<b>47</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>14</b>

**Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—**

**62. In what year were you born?**

1. 18-34	<b>23</b>
2. 34-44	<b>21</b>
3. 45-54	<b>19</b>
4. 55-64	<b>19</b>
5. 65+	<b>18</b>

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

1. Republican (GO TO Q65)	<b>33</b>
2. Democrat (GO TO Q64)	<b>38</b>
3. Independent (GO TO Q64)	<b>24</b>
4. Other (GO TO Q64)	<b>2</b>
5. Don't Know (GO TO Q64)	<b>3</b>

**64. (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 1-11)**

**A. Who is your first choice?**

**B. Who is your second choice?**

	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	COMBINED
1. Joe Biden	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
2. Mike Bloomberg	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>
3. Pete Buttigieg	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>
4. Tulsi Gabbard	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
5. Amy Klobuchar	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
6. Bernie Sanders	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>
7. Tom Steyer	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
8. Elizabeth Warren	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>
9. Someone else (SPECIFY)	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
10. I do not plan to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

11. Don't know

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## RESUME WITH ALL

**65. 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	11
2. Somewhat Liberal	15
3. Moderate	36
4. Somewhat Conservative	20
5. Very Conservative	14
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	27
2. No	72
3. Don't Know	2

**67. What is your current marital status?**

1. Single, never married	33
2. Married	50
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	10
5. Widowed	3
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	10
2. 15K-30K	16
3. 30K-50K	15

4. 50K-75K	<b>19</b>
5. 75K-100K	<b>16</b>
6. 100-200K	<b>16</b>
7. Over 200K	<b>4</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**69. What is your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant	<b>14</b>
2. Mainline Protestant	<b>13</b>
3. Catholic	<b>27</b>
4. Jewish	<b>4</b>
5. Mormon	<b>1</b>
6. Atheist/Agnostic	<b>12</b>
7. Other	<b>24</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>5</b>

**70. What is your race?**

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

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

1. Yes	<b>13</b>
2. No	<b>86</b>
3. Don't know	<b>1</b>

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

1. Did not complete high school	<b>1</b>
2. High school graduate	<b>23</b>
3. Attended college but received no degree	<b>24</b>
4. Associates degree	<b>11</b>
5. College graduate – Bachelors	<b>24</b>
6. Postgraduate study or degree	<b>17</b>

**73. 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	<b>53</b>
2. No	<b>44</b>
3. Don't know	<b>3</b>

**74. What is your employment status?**

1. Employed, full time	<b>41</b>
2. Employed, part-time	<b>10</b>
3. Unemployed	<b>8</b>
4. Self-employed	<b>6</b>
5. Homemaker	<b>6</b>
6. Student	<b>4</b>
7. Retired	<b>26</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

**75. 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	<b>40</b>
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	<b>39</b>
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	<b>3</b>

4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	<b>2</b>
5. Other <b>(SPECIFY)</b>	<b>1</b>
6. Did not vote in presidential race	<b>12</b>
7. Don't Know	<b>3</b>

**76. Generally speaking, how do you vote?**

1. Straight Republican	<b>18</b>
2. Mostly Republican	<b>17</b>
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	<b>8</b>
4. Split your ticket evenly	<b>9</b>
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	<b>8</b>
6. Mostly Democrat	<b>19</b>
7. Straight Democrat	<b>16</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>6</b>

**77. Since the beginning of 2017, have you contributed money to a political party or candidate?**

1. Yes	<b>19</b>
2. No	<b>79</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**78. What type of area do you live in?**

1. Urban	<b>26</b>
2. Suburban	<b>50</b>
3. Rural	<b>24</b>

**Gender**

1. Male	<b>48</b>
2. Female	<b>52</b>

## Region

1. Northeast	<b>19</b>
2. South	<b>29</b>
3. Midwest	<b>20</b>
4. Plains/Mountains	<b>17</b>
5. West Coast	<b>15</b>