

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
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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: 7.89

- 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	37
2. Don't Know	11
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	43
2. Don't know	7
3. Disapprove	50

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
3. Republicans in Congress	99	39	49	11
4. Democrats in Congress	99	42	46	11
5. Nancy Pelosi	97	36	48	13

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

1. Education	4
2. Social Security	9
3. Retirement and Investments	2
4. Terrorism	5
5. Health care	17
6. The Economy	14
7. Jobs	4
8. Taxes	4
9. Crime and Safety	4
10. Environment/Climate Change	7
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	5
12. National Deficit/Spending	4
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	10
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	45	38	17
8. Jobs	45	39	15
9. Taxes	43	40	17
10. Health care	35	48	17
11. Immigration	41	42	17
12. Climate change	26	49	25
13. The environment	28	50	23
14. Impeachment	33	45	22
15. Defense/foreign affairs	44	37	19
16. Income inequality	32	46	22

17. 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	37
2. Lean Republican	3
3. Undecided	14
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	43
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	41
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	45

NEWS STORIES

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 18-33)

18. The economy and jobs	7.23
19. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	7.29
20. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.35
21. Issues related to women, such as equal pay, contraception issues and the MeToo movement	5.83
22. Foreign policy/Terrorism/Iran/situation in the Middle East	6.72
23. Allegations of Donald Trump ties to Russia	5.21
24. Cost of living	7.05
25. Trade/Tariffs/China/Trade agreement with Mexico and Canada	6.28
26. The debate regarding the cost of prescription drugs	6.71
27. Border security	6.31
28. Abortion issues	5.77
29. Climate change	5.93
30. Discussions about socialism	5.12
31. Democrats' subpoenas of Trump officials	5.21
32. Impeachment of the President	5.45
33. Democratic Presidential Primary	5.27

(ROTATE 34-35)

34. 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	36
2. Less favorable	43
3. Don't Know	21

35. 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	38
2. Less favorable	43
3. Don't Know	19

**For each of the following descriptions, to what extent does each term describe or not describe how you feel about the current state of politics and issues in the country:
(ROTATE LIST)**

	DEFINITELY DESCRIBES	SOMEWHAT DESCRIBES	SOMEWHAT DOES NOT DESCRIBE	DOES NOT DESCRIBE	DON'T KNOW
36. Angry	30	30	19	14	7
37. Despondent and hopeless	13	26	23	30	8
38. Engaged/wanting to become more active and involved	17	31	24	18	9
39. Interested	31	36	17	10	6
40. Frustrated	42	31	11	11	5
41. Wanting to tune it all out	25	30	18	21	6
42. Satisfied	8	13	18	54	8
43. Excited	9	13	20	49	8
44. Looking for reliable sources of accurate information about what is happening in politics	36	32	14	10	8

ECONOMY

45. 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	49
2. Don't Know	17
3. Wrong Track	34

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

1. Approve	48
2. Disapprove	44
3. Don't know	8

IMPEACHMENT

47. Do you favor or oppose impeaching President Trump?

1. Favor	46
2. Oppose	45
3. Don't know	9

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 48-49)

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

1. Believe	51
2. Do not believe	39
3. Don't Know	11

49. Congress should investigate the Biden-Ukraine relationship.

1. Believe	52
2. Do not believe	30
3. Don't Know	18

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

1. Congress should impeach President Trump and remove him from office	36
2. Voters – not Congress - should decide whether President Trump should be removed or re-elected in next year's election	52
3. Don't Know	12

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

1. Yes	57
2. No	39
3. Don't Know	4

52. Do you think the House of Representatives has or has not provided sufficient evidence and testimony for the Senate to review in its upcoming trial?

1. Has	36
2. Has not	41
3. Don't Know	22

53. How important is a college education today?

1. Very important	47
2. Fairly important	35
3. Not too important	14
4. Don't Know	4

54. Do you believe or not believe this statement: Most college graduates today are ready to enter the workforce.

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	51
3. Don't Know	14

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 55-56)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
55. Republicans in the US Senate	99	40	48	11
56. Democrats in the US Senate	99	45	44	10

57. 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	36
2. Democratic candidate	41
3. Third party candidate/Other	5
4. Did not vote in that election	12
5. Don't Know	6

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

1. Satisfied	41
2. Not satisfied	44
3. Don't Know	15

59. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Elites do not understand the problems I am facing.

1. Believe	61
2. Do not believe	19
3. Don't Know	21

60. Which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. The middle class does not feel needed or useful in what they are doing and the work they do.	20
2. The middle class feels value in what they are doing and the work that they do, but are not valued by the nation's elites and institutions.	52
3. The middle class feels value in what they are doing and the work that they do, and are valued by the nation's elites and institutions.	15
4. Don't Know	13

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

61. 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

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

1. Republican (GO TO Q64)	33
2. Democrat (GO TO Q63)	38
3. Independent (GO TO Q63)	24
4. Other (GO TO Q63)	3
5. Don't Know (GO TO Q63)	2

63. (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	2	2
2. Joe Biden	20	16	33
3. Michael Bloomberg	9	13	19
4. Pete Buttigieg	6	4	10
5. John Delaney	1	3	4
6. Tulsi Gabbard	3	2	5
7. Amy Klobuchar	4	6	8
8. Deval Patrick	1	1	1
9. Bernie Sanders	16	17	28
10. Tom Steyer	3	5	7

11. Elizabeth Warren	9	15	20
12. Andrew Yang	5	5	9
13. Someone else (SPECIFY)	*	1	1
14. I do not plan to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary	12	1	12
15. Don't know	11	8	18

RESUME WITH ALL

64. 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	13
2. Somewhat Liberal	13
3. Moderate	36
4. Somewhat Conservative	19
5. Very Conservative	15
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	30
2. No	69
3. Don't Know	2

66. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	32
2. Married	51
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	11
5. Widowed	4
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	11
2. 15K-30K	16
3. 30K-50K	19
4. 50K-75K	19
5. 75K-100K	13
6. 100-200K	16
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	3

68. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	15
2. Mainline Protestant	11
3. Catholic	27
4. Jewish	3
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	11
7. Other	26
8. Don't Know	5

69. What is your race?

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

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

1. Yes	12
2. No	86
3. Don't know	1

71. 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

72. 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	54
2. No	43
3. Don't know	3

73. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	39
2. Employed, part-time	10
3. Unemployed	9
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	8
6. Student	3
7. Retired	25
8. Don't Know	*

**74. 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	39
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	39
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	5
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	1
5. Other (SPECIFY)	1
6. Did not vote in presidential race	12
7. Don't Know	3

75. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

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

76. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	25
2. Suburban	50
3. Rural	25

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	18
2. South	26
3. Midwest	22
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	14