

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
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In thinking about this year's election for Congress, based on a 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: 7.93

- 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	34
2. Don't Know	12
3. Wrong Track	54

- 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	11
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)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	41	50	8
4. Democrats in Congress	99	46	45	8
5. Colleges and universities	99	64	24	11

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

1. Education	5
2. Social Security	9
3. Retirement and Investments	*
4. Terrorism	3
5. Health care	16
6. The Economy	21
7. Jobs	5
8. Taxes	4
9. Crime and Safety	7
10. Environment/Climate Change	5
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	4
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	6
16. Other	3
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	6

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	37	17
8. Jobs	44	39	16
9. Taxes	42	40	19
10. Health care	37	46	17
11. Public health concerns like coronavirus	34	46	20
12. China	41	36	23

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	37
2. Lean Republican	4
3. Undecided	13
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	42
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	42
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	45

(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	35
2. Less favorable	45
3. Don't Know	20

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	43
2. Less favorable	39
3. Don't Know	18

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? (ROTATE LIST)

	MEAN
16. The economy and jobs	7.28
17. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	7.10
18. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.41
19. Foreign policy/Terrorism/Iran/situation in the Middle East	6.34
20. Cost of living	6.89
21. China	5.97
22. Coronavirus	7.09
23. Stock market and economic trends	6.29
24. Discussions about re-opening the economy	6.91
25. Education/distance learning	6.25
26. Issues related to police	6.70
27. State of scientific discovery and innovation, including status of a vaccine or a cure for coronavirus	6.86
28. Race relations	6.46
29. Discussions over removal of Confederate statues	5.26

ECONOMY

30. 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	36
2. Don't Know	18
3. Wrong Track	46

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

1. Approve	44
2. Disapprove	49
3. Don't know	8

32. Do you think the situation with the coronavirus is... (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Starting to improve	27
2. Staying about the same	21
3. Getting worse	30
4. Too soon to tell	18
5. Don't know	4

For each of the following descriptions, to what extent does each term describe or not describe how you feel about the current state of investing in the US economy and stock market: (ROTATE LIST)

	DEFINITELY DESCRIBES	SOMEWHAT DESCRIBES	SOMEWHAT DOES NOT DESCRIBE	DOES NOT DESCRIBE AT ALL	DON'T KNOW
33. Confident	14	29	23	25	8
34. Optimistic	19	33	21	19	8
35. Cautious	34	35	15	8	7
36. Uncertain	29	31	18	14	7
37. Scared	20	28	20	24	8
38. Focusing on the long term investment picture rather than acting on current market trends	25	34	16	12	13

39. Which of the following best describes how either you or your spouse has invested? (ROTATE 1-4)

1. Stocks or mutual fund only (GO TO Q40)	12
2. 401K, IRA, retirement fund only (GO TO Q40)	27
3. Bonds only (GO TO Q41)	3
4. Combination of stocks, IRA/retirement funds, and/or bonds (GO TO Q40)	25
5. None of these (GO TO Q41)	28
6. Don't know (GO TO Q41)	5

40. (AMONG THOSE ANSWERING 1, 2, OR 4 IN Q39 ONLY) Looking ahead over the next six months, do you think that you will invest more money in the stock market, take money out of the stock market, or will you not change your investments at all? (ROTATE)

1. Invest more money in the stock market	24
2. Take money out of the stock market	16
3. No change in investments	54
4. Don't know	7

RESUME WITH ALL

41. In thinking about the stock market performance during the coronavirus crisis, which statement comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1. We have not seen the bottom of the stock market yet, and the worst is still to come.	36
2. The stock market has likely hit its low point already.	37
3. Don't Know	27

42. Some small business owners have protested their state's decision to remain locked down. Do you agree or disagree with their protests? (ROTATE)

1. Agree	48
2. Disagree	34
3. Don't Know	18

43. Do you think that the closures of businesses to prevent the spread of the virus have been worth it or not worth it? (ROTATE)

1. Worth it	64
2. Not worth it	23
3. Don't Know	12

44. Recently there have been a number of large scale protests about racial injustice. Do you agree or disagree with their protests? (ROTATE)

1. Agree	57
2. Disagree	30
3. Don't Know	13

HEALTH CARE

45. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling the current health situation involving the coronavirus?

1. Approve	41
2. Disapprove	48
3. Don't know	10

46. Do you think that current social distancing measures are...

1. Too strict and are overreacting	18
2. About right	52
3. Not strict enough and should go farther	26
4. Don't Know	5

47. On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being no risk at all, 5 being a moderate level of risk and 9 being a very high risk, how much of a health risk do you personally feel from the coronavirus at this time?

MEAN: 5.85

48. Some states have started to open up at a limited level. Do you think that they should be able to start opening up at a limited level, or is it too soon and this should not be allowed yet?

1. Should be able to open up	55
2. Should not be allowed yet	35
3. Don't know	10

49. If social distancing is followed and people are encouraged to wear masks, do you think that states should be able to start opening up at a limited level, or is it too soon and this should not be allowed yet?

1. Should be able to open up	64
2. Should not be allowed yet	25
3. Don't know	10

50. How concerned are you about a second wave of coronavirus cases once the restrictions are loosened and states begin to re-open?

1. Very concerned	39
2. Somewhat concerned	33
3. Somewhat not concerned	14
4. Not concerned at all	9
5. Don't Know	5
TOTAL CONCERNED	72
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	23

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE 51-53)

51. Some people are making more money by drawing unemployment benefits than they will by working, and this will be an obstacle toward some businesses like restaurants being able to reopen.

1. Believe	66
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't know	17

52. China misled the world about the seriousness of coronavirus.

1. Believe	61
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't know	17

53. We have been successful at flattening the curve of new coronavirus cases.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	35
3. Don't know	22

For each of the following outcomes, do you expect or do not expect each to happen as a result of coronavirus? (ROTATE 54-56)

54. Most children will go back to school in the fall.

1. Expect	46
2. Do not expect	34
3. Don't Know	20

55. There will be a second wave that will force closures and restrictions again across much of the country.

1. Expect	60
2. Do not expect	21
3. Don't Know	19

56. Sports will resume in the fall.

1. Expect	45
2. Do not expect	33
3. Don't Know	23

57. Which comes closest to what you think should happen with schools in the fall?

1. Schools should re-open and kids should go back in person while maintaining social distancing and safety measures.	27
2. Schools should not re-open until there is a vaccine, and online learning at home should continue.	30
3. Schools should re-open to allow kids to go back in person, but online learning should be an option for parents who do not feel comfortable with their children going back to school in person.	32
4. Don't Know	10

58. Do you think that the fundamentals of the US economy are...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Very strong	18
2. Somewhat strong	29
3. Somewhat weak	26
4. Very weak	15
5. Don't Know	12
TOTAL STRONG	47
TOTAL WEAK	41

59. Do you think that the fundamentals of China's economy are...(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Very strong	13
2. Somewhat strong	26
3. Somewhat weak	21
4. Very weak	10
5. Don't Know	31
TOTAL STRONG	39
TOTAL WEAK	31

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 60-64)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
60. China	99	20	63	16
61. Russia	99	21	60	19
62. United States	100	75	19	6
63. European Union	97	50	25	23
64. Mexico	99	42	36	21

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 65-66)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
65. Republicans in the US Senate	99	42	49	9
66. Democrats in the US Senate	99	46	44	9

67. 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	37
2. Democratic candidate	41
3. Third party candidate/Other	7
4. Did not vote in that election	10
5. Don't Know	6

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

68. 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

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

1. Republican	33
2. Democrat	38
3. Independent	26
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	2

70. 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

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

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

72. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	30
2. Married	53
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	10
5. Widowed	4
6. Don't Know	1

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

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

74. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	14
2. Mainline Protestant	13
3. Catholic	27
4. Jewish	5
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	12
7. Other	21
8. Don't Know	6

75. What is your race?

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

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

1. Yes	14
2. No	83
3. Don't know	3

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

1. Did not complete high school	3
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

78. 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	49
2. No	47
3. Don't know	4

79. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	39
2. Employed, part-time	10
3. Unemployed	11
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	7
6. Student	2
7. Retired	25
8. Don't Know	1

80. Have you or a close family member lost a job or had working hours reduced as a result of the coronavirus?

1. Yes	38
2. No	59
3. Don't know	3

**81. 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	39
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	4
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	3
5. Other (SPECIFY)	1
6. Did not vote in presidential race	10
7. Don't Know	4

82. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

1. Straight Republican	18
2. Mostly Republican	15
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	9
4. Split your ticket evenly	12
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	9
6. Mostly Democrat	16
7. Straight Democrat	16
8. Don't Know	6

83. About how much do you have in investments such as stocks, a 401k, IRA or mutual funds? (ROTATE)

1. None	24
2. \$1-\$25,000	14
3. \$25,001-\$50,000	8
4. \$50,001-\$100,000	14
5. \$100,001-\$500,000	20
6. More than \$500,000	11
7. Don't know	9

84. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	28
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	17
2. South	29
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	18
5. West Coast	16