

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: 8.05

- 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	46
2. Don't know	7
3. Disapprove	47

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4 THEN 5-6)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	41	49	10
4. Democrats in Congress	99	46	45	8
5. Donald Trump	99	42	51	6
6. Joe Biden	99	50	43	6

7. 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	10
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	2
5. Health care	19
6. The Economy	26
7. Jobs	4
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	6
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	3
16. Other	5
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	5

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 8-12, then 13-14)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	46	42	12
9. Jobs	44	43	13
10. Taxes	45	41	14
11. Health care	36	49	15
12. Crime and safety	43	43	14
13. Public health concerns like coronavirus	36	49	15
14. Restarting the economy after the coronavirus	43	42	15

15. If the elections were held today for President, would you be more likely to vote for: (ROTATE) Donald Trump, the Republican candidate, or Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate?

1. Donald Trump	41
2. Lean Donald Trump	2
3. Undecided	9
4. Lean Joe Biden	2
5. Joe Biden	46
TOTAL DONALD TRUMP	43
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	48

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	41
2. Lean Republican	2
3. Undecided	10
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	46
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	43
TOTAL DEMCORAT	47

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 17, then 18-19, then 20-21)

	MEAN
17. Your own political ideology	5.62
18. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.45
19. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	4.00
20. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.50
21. Ideology of Joe Biden	4.01

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 22-39)

	MEAN
22. The economy and jobs	7.37
23. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.66
24. Foreign policy/Terrorism/Iran/situation in the Middle East	6.38
25. Protests in cities across the country	6.38
26. Coronavirus	7.29
27. Stock market and economic trends	6.18
28. Discussions about re-opening the economy	6.84
29. Issues related to police	6.66
30. State of scientific discovery and innovation, including status of a vaccine or a cure for coronavirus	6.92
31. Race relations	6.23
32. Free speech	6.96
33. Supreme Court nomination of Amy Coney Barrett	6.30
34. Hunter Biden emails	4.90
35. Presidential debates	5.63
36. The President getting COVID	5.31
37. Trump tax returns	5.32
38. Possible new tax rate increases	6.57
39. Big Tech involvement in deciding what information that is posted on social media is legitimate or not	6.13

40. Did you watch the presidential debate on Thursday night?

1. Yes	66
2. No	32
3. Don't Know	2

41. From what you saw or have seen, read or heard about the debate, who do you think performed better in the debate? (ROTATE 1-5, then 6; with ROTATING 5-1, then 6)

1. Biden did much better than Trump	28
2. Biden did slightly better than Trump	11
3. They were both about the same	12
4. Trump did slightly better than Biden	9
5. Trump did much better than Biden	24
6. Don't Know	15

42. Many people keep quiet about political views online to avoid conflicts with friends and family. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	55
2. No	38
3. Don't know	7

43. Would you say that you are and you family are better off, worse off or about the same as you were four years ago? (ROTATE 1-2, then 3)

1. Better off	30
2. Worse off	28
3. About the same	39
4. Don't know	3

ECONOMY

44. 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	39
2. Don't Know	16
3. Wrong Track	45

45. Do you think the condition of the nation's economy is (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Excellent	9
2. Good	29
3. Not so good	38
4. Poor	20
5. Don't Know	4

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

1. Approve	49
2. Disapprove	45
3. Don't know	6

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

1. Starting to improve	21
2. Staying about the same	21
3. Getting worse	46
4. Too soon to tell	9
5. Don't know	3

48. 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	43
2. Disapprove	50
3. Don't know	7

49. 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	51
2. Should not be allowed yet	38
3. Don't know	11

50. 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	28
3. Don't know	8

51. Should wearing a mask be (ROTATE) mandatory or voluntary?

1. Mandatory	67
2. Voluntary	27
3. Don't know	7

SCOTUS

52. In thinking about the recent Supreme Court vacancy due to the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, do you favor or oppose filling this vacancy on the court before the November election?

1. Favor	45
2. Oppose	40
3. Don't know	15

53. Do you favor or oppose the nomination of Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court?

1. Favor	44
2. Oppose	36
3. Don't know	20

54. Do you favor or oppose a proposal to expand the number of justices on the Supreme Court?

1. Favor	33
2. Oppose	41
3. Don't Know	26

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

1. If a qualified nominee for the Supreme Court is put forward, the Senate has a constitutional responsibility to vote on that nominee.	46
2. The Senate should not vote on the Supreme Court nominee prior to the election. The decision on a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court should be made by the President who is elected on November 3.	43
3. Don't Know	12

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

1. Republicans who say if a qualified nominee for the Supreme Court is put forward, they have a constitutional responsibility to vote on that nominee.	44
2. If Republicans attempt to fill the Supreme Court seat, Democrats should abolish the filibuster and expand the number of justices on the Supreme Court if they retake the Senate.	33
3. Don't Know	23

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 57-58)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
57. Republicans in the US Senate	99	44	47	8
58. Democrats in the US Senate	99	47	44	8

59. Which describes the current state of how you may vote in the elections for President this November? (ROTATE 1-3, then 4)

1. Definitely made up your mind	70
2. Leaning toward one candidate but haven't finally decided	14
3. Have not decided yet	9
4. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	3
5. Don't Know	5

60. Which way are you most likely to vote this November? (ROTATE 1, then 2-4, then 5, then 6)

1. You have already voted	40
2. You will vote in person on Election Day	26
3. You will vote in person prior to the election	14
4. You will vote by mail	12
5. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	3
6. Don't Know	4

61. How confident are you in the election process that will happen this November?

1. Very confident	40
2. Somewhat confident	35
3. Somewhat not confident	12
4. Not confident at all	7
5. Don't Know	6
TOTAL CONFIDENT	75

62. Do you favor or oppose repealing the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act?

1. Favor	31
2. Oppose	28
3. Don't Know	41

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

1. Joe Biden will not raise taxes.	11
2. Joe Biden will raise taxes on those making \$400,000 or more, but not on people like you.	38
3. Joe Biden will raise taxes on everyone.	38
4. Don't Know	14

64. To what extent will your view of President Trump impact how you will vote in Congressional races?

1. A great deal	46
2. Somewhat	23
3. Little or not at all	21
4. Don't Know	10

65. 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	39
3. Third party candidate/Other	5
4. Did not vote in that election	14
5. Don't Know	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	23
4. Other	3
5. Don't Know	3

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	13
2. Somewhat Liberal	13
3. Moderate	36
4. Somewhat Conservative	20
5. Very Conservative	14
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	29
2. No	68
3. Don't Know	3

70. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	31
2. Married	49
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	13
5. Widowed	4
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	15
2. 15K-30K	16
3. 30K-50K	18
4. 50K-75K	16
5. 75K-100K	11
6. 100-200K	14
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	7

72. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	16
2. Mainline Protestant	11
3. Catholic	28
4. Jewish	6
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	10
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	3
6. Don't Know	-

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

1. Yes	15
2. No	83
3. Don't know	2

75. 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

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	52
2. No	43
3. Don't know	5

77. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	32
2. Employed, part-time	12
3. Unemployed	13
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	7
6. Student	2
7. Retired	27
8. Don't Know	1

78. Are you a gun owner?

1. Yes	24
2. No	74
3. Don't know	2

**79. 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	38
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	37
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	4
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	2
5. Other	1
6. Did not vote in presidential race	15
7. Don't Know	3

80. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

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

81. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	33
2. Suburban	48
3. Rural	19

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	35
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	15
5. West Coast	12