

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: 8.00

- 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	35
2. Don't Know	12
3. Wrong Track	53

- 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 THEN 5-6)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	42	50	7
4. Democrats in Congress	99	48	45	6
5. Donald Trump	99	42	53	4
6. Joe Biden	99	51	42	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	2
2. Social Security	9
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	2
5. Health care	19
6. The Economy	26
7. Jobs	3
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	6
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	2
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	4
16. Other	6
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 8-12, then 13-14)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	44	42	14
9. Jobs	42	43	15
10. Taxes	41	43	16
11. Health care	37	46	17
12. Crime and safety	44	41	15
13. Public health concerns like coronavirus	35	48	17
14. Restarting the economy after the coronavirus	42	43	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	10
4. Lean Joe Biden	2
5. Joe Biden	45
TOTAL DONALD TRUMP	43
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	47

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	40
2. Lean Republican	1
3. Undecided	13
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	43
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	42
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	46

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	5.52
18. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.47
19. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.99
20. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.47
21. Ideology of Joe Biden	4.06

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 22-34)

	MEAN
22. The economy and jobs	7.32
23. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.73
24. Foreign policy/Terrorism/Iran/situation in the Middle East	6.34
25. Cost of living	6.98
26. Protests in cities across the country	6.44
27. Coronavirus	7.17
28. Stock market and economic trends	6.18
29. Discussions about re-opening the economy	6.76
30. Issues related to police	6.85
31. State of scientific discovery and innovation, including status of a vaccine or a cure for coronavirus	7.01
32. Race relations	6.34
33. Free speech	6.99
34. Supreme Court nominations	6.89

35. Which one of these four issues is the most important facing the country? (ROTATE)

1. The coronavirus	48
2. The economy	29
3. Supreme Court nominations	9
4. Race relations	9
5. Don't Know	6

36. In thinking about the role of people like you in the political and public policy discourse about issues, do you think your voice is heard effectively?

1. Yes	35
2. No	47
3. Don't Know/Refused	19

**37. In thinking about free speech, which statement comes closer to how you feel?
(ROTATE)**

1. Free speech and freedom of belief exist in this country, and you can feel free to speak your mind and express your personal beliefs in the workplace and social settings.	37
2. True free speech and freedom of belief do not exist in this country today because of political correctness and potential consequences such as losing a job for not conforming to the beliefs and narratives that are being promoted by the media, academia and elites.	50
3. Don't know	13

38. 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	50
2. No	38
3. Don't know	12

39. Do you feel pressured or intimidated by others that results in your not speaking out about your personal beliefs and views?

1. Yes	31
2. No	61
3. Don't know	8

ECONOMY

40. 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	37
2. Don't Know	16
3. Wrong Track	47

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

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

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

1. Starting to improve	25
2. Staying about the same	26
3. Getting worse	37
4. Too soon to tell	9
5. Don't know	3

43. 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	52
3. Don't know	7

44. 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	54
2. Should not be allowed yet	36
3. Don't know	11

45. 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	63
2. Should not be allowed yet	26
3. Don't know	11

46. Many schools and universities have allowed sports to resume. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

1. Approve	45
2. Disapprove	40
3. Don't know	15

47. 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	14

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

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

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

	BELIEVE	DO NOT BELIEVE	DON'T KNOW
49. By moving forward with filling a Supreme Court vacancy, Republicans are not only exercising their constitutional responsibility but following their democratic mandate from voters to get things done.	43	34	23
50. The Constitution gives Senators the responsibility to confirm a Supreme Court Justice even during an election year, and voters who elected them expect them to follow through on that responsibility.	48	26	26
51. A Senate controlled by the party opposite that of the president hasn't filled a Supreme Court vacancy in a presidential election year for over a century.	37	22	41
52. 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.	42	36	22
53. Republicans would not give Merrick Garland a hearing 10 months before the presidential election in 2016.	48	17	35
54. If a qualified Supreme Court nominee is put forward, then Senators should vote on that nominee to fill the vacancy.	46	29	24
55. Democrats will oppose any Supreme Court nominee that Republicans put forward.	57	20	23
56. The current conservative majority on the Supreme Court is not legitimate.	31	37	31
57. Adding seats to the Supreme Court is the only strategy that re-balances the court after the 2016 election was unfairly awarded to Trump.	33	38	30
58. Democrats never accepted the outcome of the 2016 election.	45	33	21
59. Adding seats to the Supreme Court through court expansion would mean we begin to lose any credibility the court has.	42	29	29
60. If Republicans attempt to fill the Supreme Court seat, Democrats should abolish the filibuster and expand the court if they retake the Senate.	33	36	31

61. Which statement 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.	44
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.	45
3. Don't Know	12

62. Which statement 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. 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.	32
3. Don't Know	22

63. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Democrats have said that nothing is off the table if Republicans confirm a Supreme Court nominee. Do you believe or not believe that means including ending the legislative filibuster and expanding the number of justices to the Supreme Court?

1. Believe	52
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't Know	31

64. 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

65. Do you believe or not believe this statement: Eliminating the use of the Senate legislative filibuster would hurt checks and balances and allow the majority party too much power to get their partisan agenda passed.

1. Believe	42
2. Do not believe	23
3. Don't Know	34

66. How concerned are you about recent political protests and threats of violence? (ROTATE top to bottom, bottom to top)

1. Very concerned	46
2. Somewhat concerned	30
3. Somewhat not concerned	10
4. Not concerned at all	8
5. Don't Know	6
TOTAL CONCERNED	76
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	18

67. How personally affected do you think that you are by incidents like these? (ROTATE top to bottom, bottom to top)

1. Very personally affected	15
2. Somewhat personally affected	26
3. Somewhat not personally affected	22
4. Not personally affected at all	28
5. Don't Know	9
TOTAL PERSONALLY AFFECTED	41
TOTAL NOT PERSONALLY AFFECTED	50

68. Are the recent stories of threats of violence over political disagreements... (ROTATE)

1. Isolated incidents	26
2. Part of a widespread problem	60
3. Don't Know	14

69. Which comes closer to your view about the recent stories of threats of violence over political disagreements? (ROTATE)

1. These incidents started recently and are something new	32
2. These incidents have always been happening, but there is more awareness now	55
3. Don't Know	14

70. Do you think it is appropriate or not appropriate for people to protest elected officials at their homes?

1. Appropriate	36
2. Not appropriate	49
3. Don't Know	15

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 71-72)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
71. Republicans in the US Senate	99	41	49	9
72. Democrats in the US Senate	98	48	43	8

73. 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	3
4. Did not vote in that election	14
5. Don't Know	5

74. 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	65
2. Leaning toward one candidate but haven't finally decided	16
3. Have not decided yet	10
4. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	4
5. Don't Know	6

75. Which way are you most likely to vote this November? (ROTATE 1-3, then 4)

1. You will vote in person on Election Day	35
2. You will vote in person prior to the election	20
3. You will vote by mail	35
4. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	3
5. Don't Know	8

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

1. Very confident	40
2. Somewhat confident	32
3. Somewhat not confident	12
4. Not confident at all	9
5. Don't Know	8
TOTAL CONFIDENT	72
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	21

77. In thinking about the role that scores from standardized tests like the SAT or ACT play in admissions decisions, do you think eliminating these test scores as admissions criteria would have a (ROTATE) positive or negative effect in helping colleges better understand their applicants, or would this have no impact? (ROTATE 1 and 3, then 3 and 1)

1. Positive effect	24
2. No impact	25
3. Negative effect	27
4. Don't know	25

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

1. Favor	50
2. Oppose	33
3. Don't know	17

79. Some people have said that they are considering moving because of high taxes in their state or city. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	25
2. No	63
3. Don't know	13

80. Some people have said that they are considering moving because of concerns over safety in the area where they live. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	21
2. No	70
3. Don't know	9

81. Some people have said that they are considering moving because of decisions made by state or local governments where they live. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	22
2. No	67
3. Don't know	11

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

82. 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

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

1. Republican	33
2. Democrat	38
3. Independent	24
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	3

84. 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	18
5. Very Conservative	16
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	28
2. No	69
3. Don't Know	4

86. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	28
2. Married	49
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	13
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	3

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

1. Less than 15K	13
2. 15K-30K	15
3. 30K-50K	15
4. 50K-75K	17
5. 75K-100K	16
6. 100-200K	13
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	6

88. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	18
2. Mainline Protestant	11
3. Catholic	26
4. Jewish	3
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	9
7. Other	24
8. Don't Know	7

89. What is your race?

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

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

1. Yes	13
2. No	82
3. Don't know	5

91. 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

92. 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	48
2. No	45
3. Don't know	7

93. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	37
2. Employed, part-time	9
3. Unemployed	13
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	7
6. Student	2
7. Retired	24
8. Don't Know	2

**94. 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	37
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	4
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	1
5. Other (SPECIFY)	-
6. Did not vote in presidential race	12
7. Don't Know	5

95. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

1. Straight Republican	19
2. Mostly Republican	16
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	6
4. Split your ticket evenly	10
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	7
6. Mostly Democrat	15
7. Straight Democrat	19
8. Don't Know	9

96. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	30
2. Suburban	47
3. Rural	23

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	18
2. South	34
3. Midwest	17
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	13