

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
June 7-10, 2021

- 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	46
2. Don't Know	11
3. Wrong Track	43

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

1. Approve	54
2. Don't know	8
3. Disapprove	38

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 FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	43	50	7
4. Democrats in Congress	100	48	45	7
5. Donald Trump	99	43	52	5
6. Joe Biden	100	53	42	4

- 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	7
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	2

5. Health care	12
6. The Economy	24
7. Jobs	4
8. Taxes	5
9. Crime and Safety	6
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	2
12. National Deficit/Spending	5
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	2
15. Immigration	11
16. Other	4
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	4

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 8-16)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	44	42	15
9. Jobs	42	43	15
10. Taxes	44	39	16
11. Health care	36	49	15
12. Education	36	47	16
13. Energy	38	47	16
14. Gas prices	44	37	19
15. Immigration situation at the US border with Mexico	43	41	16
16. Fiscal responsibility	42	37	21

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	40
2. Lean Republican	3
3. Undecided	12
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	44
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 18, then 19-20, then 21)

	MEAN
18. Your own political ideology	5.53
19. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.45
20. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.75
21. Ideology of Joe Biden	3.87

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 22-37)

	MEAN
22. The economy and jobs	7.40
23. State of coronavirus vaccine	6.45
24. Re-opening the economy	7.16
25. Cancel culture	4.87
26. Possible new tax rate increases	6.38
27. Big Tech involvement in deciding what information that is posted on social media is legitimate or not	5.96
28. Climate change	5.78
29. School reopening	6.70
30. An infrastructure bill	6.05

31. Transgender issues related to women's sports	4.74
32. Election reform bills being considered in Congress	5.92
33. Election reform bills considered at the state level	6.05
34. The national deficit	6.75
35. Immigration and the situation at the border	6.77
36. Inflation	6.67
37. Critical race theory being taught in schools	5.54

ECONOMY

38. 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	45
2. Don't Know	17
3. Wrong Track	37

39. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling the economy?

1. Approve	53
2. Disapprove	40
3. Don't know	8

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

1. Starting to improve	66
2. Staying about the same	13
3. Getting worse	6
4. Too soon to tell	11
5. Don't know	3

41. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling the immigration situation at the US border with Mexico?

1. Approve	39
2. Disapprove	45
3. Don't know	16

42. Given expectations of the economy, do you think the economy is performing ... (ROTATE 1 AND 3)

1. Better than you expected	24
2. About the same as you expected	42
3. Worse than you expected	27
4. Don't Know	7

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ASK 43, THEN ROTATE 44-50, THEN 51, THEN 52- DO NOT ROTATE 51-52)

43. Inflation is increasing.

1. Believe	74
2. Do not believe	10
3. Don't Know	16

44. Under President Biden's plan, anybody making more than \$400,000 will see a small to significant tax increase. If you make less than \$400,000 you will not see one single penny in additional federal tax.

1. Believe	45
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't Know	21

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

1. Believe	70
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't Know	13

46. Government policies under President Biden and Democrats in Congress have caused inflation to increase and prices to go up.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	27
3. Don't Know	20

47. Government policies have led to a decline in purchasing power of the US dollar over time.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	19
3. Don't Know	23

48. The Covid stimulus bill passed in March has personally helped me.

1. Believe	54
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't Know	12

49. Because of government spending policies, I am paying more in higher prices.

1. Believe	60
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't Know	20

50. Raising taxes on the wealthy will personally benefit me.

1. Believe	34
2. Do not believe	46
3. Don't Know	20

51. Increased government spending will generate economic growth.

1. Believe	36
2. Do not believe	42
3. Don't Know	23

52. Increased government spending on infrastructure, like roads and bridges, will generate economic growth.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	29
3. Don't Know	21

53. Over two million jobs have been created since the beginning of this year. Do you think that this improvement in the economy is because of...? (ROTATE)

1. President Biden's economic policies	35
2. Policies already put into place last year including the 2020 CARES Act and Operation Warp Speed	44
3. Don't Know	22

54. In your opinion, which does more to get the economy moving in the right direction? (ROTATE)

1. Increasing government spending	30
2. Reducing taxes on businesses	46
3. Don't Know	23

55. Which approach is more likely to increase federal revenues? (ROTATE)

1. Increasing taxes	24
2. Increasing economic growth	60
3. Don't Know	17

56. In thinking about your concerns about the economy, which of the following concerns you most? (ROTATE)

1. Fear of losing your savings and investments	19
2. Fear of losing your job	8
3. Fear of losing your home or a significant decline in your home's value	9
4. Fear of credit card debt	8
5. Fears about managing your cost of living, such as health care and property taxes	36
6. Don't know	20

57. Which is the larger cause of the national deficit? (ROTATE)

1. Taxing too little	21
2. Spending too much	64
3. Don't know	15

58. Which of the following comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1. People should have the right to invest and take risks with their own money as they choose.	66
2. Taking risks with money means too much risk to the economy and people can get hurt, so government should put safeguards in place.	21
3. Don't know	12

59. In thinking about the current difficulties in filling job openings, which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. People are making more money by drawing unemployment than by working	63
2. Businesses aren't paying high wages to attract workers	28
3. Don't Know	9

IRS

60. The Biden administration has recently proposed doubling the size of the IRS. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

1. Favor	31
2. Oppose	42
3. Don't know	26

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

1. Increasing the size of the IRS will crack down on tax evaders and the wealthy and corporations that are not paying their fair share in taxes.	34
2. Increasing the size of the IRS will lead to government audits of innocent individuals, more government intrusion into individuals' finances, and increased bureaucracy and paperwork for businesses.	47
3. Don't know	19

62. In thinking about inflation, which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Inflation has been happening long before now	35
2. Inflation has been accelerated because of current government policies	44
3. I do not think significant inflation is happening	8
4. Don't know	12

EDUCATION

63. In thinking about the disruptions to learning due to the school closures that K-12 students experienced during the pandemic, how much of an impact do you think this will have on our national economy? (ROTATE 1 AND 3)

1. Little or no impact	14
2. Some impact	40
3. A great deal of impact	33
4. Don't know	13

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 64-65)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
64. Republicans in the US Senate	100	43	48	9
65. Democrats in the US Senate	99	47	45	7

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

66. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	17
2. 35-44	19
3. 45-54	20
4. 55-64	21
5. 65+	23

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

1. Republican	35
2. Democrat	37
3. Independent	25
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	2

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	12
2. Somewhat Liberal	11
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	19
5. Very Conservative	17
6. Don't Know	3

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

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

70. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	27
2. Married	57
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	10
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	9
2. 15K-30K	13
3. 30K-50K	17
4. 50K-75K	18
5. 75K-100K	13
6. 100-200K	23
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	3

Do you plan on having each of these sources of income as part of your financial plan for the future? (ROTATE 72-78, then 79)

	DEFINITELY YES	PROBABLY YES	UNSURE /DON'T KNOW	PROBABLY NO	DEFINITELY NO
72. A 401K	34	18	18	8	23
73. Social security	52	23	18	4	3
74. Pension	32	16	18	10	23
75. Value of your home	37	22	23	6	11
76. Personal savings	52	25	14	4	5
77. Stocks and investments	34	21	19	9	16
78. Bitcoin or another form of cryptocurrency	13	11	17	15	43
79. Continuing to work rather than retiring	18	20	24	12	26

80. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	15
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	31
4. Jewish	3
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	10
7. Other	22
8. Don't Know	6

81. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	13
2. African-American	12
3. Asian	3
4. White	69
5. Other	3
6. Don't Know	*

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

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

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

1. Did not complete high school	2
2. High school graduate	20
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	13
5. College graduate – Bachelors	25
6. Postgraduate study or degree	16

84. 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	42
2. No	54
3. Don't know	3

85. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	41
2. Employed, part-time	8
3. Unemployed	10
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	6
6. Student	2
7. Retired	28
8. Don't Know	1

86. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	33
2. Suburban	50
3. Rural	17

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	18
2. South	30
3. Midwest	19
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	15