WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
September 4-6, 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	**39**
2.	Don't Know	**10**
3.	Wrong Track	**51**

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

1.	Approve	**46**
2.	Don't know	**9**
3.	Disapprove	**44**

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4 THEN 5-8)

		NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3.	**Republicans in Congress**	**99**	**38**	**55**	**6**
4.	**Democrats in Congress**	**100**	**44**	**51**	**5**
5.	**Joe Biden**	**99**	**48**	**47**	**4**
6.	**Donald Trump**	**99**	**42**	**54**	**3**
7.	**Nancy Pelosi**	**98**	**36**	**56**	**6**
8.	**Bernie Sanders**	**99**	**45**	**45**	**9**

9. 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	**8**
3. Retirement and Investments	**1**
4. Terrorism	**5**
5. Health care	**12**
6. The Economy	**25**
7. Jobs	**3**
8. Taxes	**4**
9. Crime and Safety	**4**
10. Environment/Climate Change	**8**
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	**3**
12. National Deficit/Spending	**4**
13. Energy	**1**
14. Gas prices	**2**
15. Immigration	**9**
16. Other	**3**
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 10-17)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON"T KNOW
10. The Economy	**44**	**42**	**14**
11. Jobs	**44**	**42**	**14**
12. Taxes	**43**	**43**	**14**
13. Health care	**35**	**49**	**16**
14. Defense/Foreign Affairs	**47**	**37**	**16**
15. Crime and safety	**47**	**38**	**14**
16. Situation in Afghanistan	**44**	**35**	**21**
17. Education	**36**	**47**	**17**

18. 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	**39**
2. Lean Republican	**3**
3. Undecided	**12**
4. Lean Democrat	**3**
5. Democrat	**42**
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	**43**
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 19, then 20-21, then 22)

	MEAN
19. Your own political ideology	**5.71**
20. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	**6.50**
21. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	**3.87**
22. Ideology of Joe Biden	**3.93**

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 23-37)

	MEAN
23. The economy and jobs	**7.32**
24. Situation with coronavirus and the delta variant	**7.06**
25. Re-opening the economy	**7.13**
26. Possible new tax rate increases	**6.50**
27. Big Tech involvement in deciding what information that is posted on social media is legitimate or not	**6.02**
28. School reopening	**6.69**
29. An infrastructure bill	**6.34**
30. The national deficit	**6.75**
31. Immigration and the situation at the border	**6.84**
32. Inflation	**6.83**
33. Critical race theory being taught in schools	**5.44**

34. The situation in Afghanistan	**6.72**
35. The $3.5 trillion plan being proposed by Democrats and President Biden	**6.41**
36. Mask mandates in K-12 schools	**6.52**
37. Supreme Court decision on Texas abortion case	**6.56**

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	**38**
2.	Don't Know	**16**
3.	Wrong Track	**46**

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

1.	Approve	**45**
2.	Disapprove	**47**
3.	Don't know	**8**

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

1.	Repealing the tax cuts would help economic recovery from COVID	**28**
2.	Keeping tax cuts in place would help economic recovery from COVID	**48**
3.	Don't Know	**25**

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

1.	Raising the corporate tax rate in the US would make America less competitive compared to other countries, which is the last thing we need to be able to economically recover from the coronavirus.	**37**
2.	Raising the corporate tax rate in the US would help pay for economic recovery from the coronavirus and provide relief to Americans who are struggling.	**43**
3.	Don't know	**19**

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q42-50)

42. Any tax increase will slow economic growth and undermine the competitiveness of American businesses.

1. Believe	**47**
2. Do not believe	**29**
3. Don't know	**25**

43. 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	**43**
2. Do not believe	**36**
3. Don't know	**21**

44. Because of what has happened with Covid, I am willing to pay more in taxes.

1. Believe	**23**
2. Do not believe	**59**
3. Don't know	**18**

45. The last thing we need to do right now is raise taxes on businesses and individuals.

1. Believe	**52**
2. Do not believe	**29**
3. Don't know	**19**

46. Inflation is increasing.

1. Believe	**72**
2. Do not believe	**13**
3. Don't know	**15**

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

1.	Believe	52
2.	Do not believe	29
3.	Don't know	18

48. Right now the top federal income tax rate on the wealthy is 37%.

1.	Believe	37
2.	Do not believe	24
3.	Don't know	39

49. A recent study has shown has shown that the top 1% of incomes will pay about 50% of federal income taxes this year.

1.	Believe	36
2.	Do not believe	33
3.	Don't know	32

50. The American Rescue Plan passed this year in March turned the economy around and got it back on track.

1.	Believe	34
2.	Do not believe	41
3.	Don't know	25

51. Do you think President Biden's economic policies are correct or incorrect?

1.	Correct	40
2.	Incorrect	44
3.	Don't know	16

$3.5 TRILLION BILL

52. The Senate recently passed with bipartisan support a $1 trillion infrastructure plan, which is now awaiting a vote in the House Do you favor or oppose this plan?

1.	Favor	**48**
2.	Oppose	**31**
3.	Don't know	**21**

53. Democrats in Congress are proposing a $3.5 trillion plan. Do you favor or oppose this plan?

1.	Favor	**41**
2.	Oppose	**39**
3.	Don't know	**20**

54. Do you think the $3.5 trillion plan being proposed by Democrats is mostly…? (ROTATE)

1.	Transformational change to meet the needs of working people and families at a crucial time	**37**
2.	A government spending bill with too many unrelated special interest priorities that will increase inflation	**46**
3.	Don't know	**17**

55. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: President Biden and Congressional Democrats' Build Back Better plan represents a once-in-a-century opportunity to deliver more jobs, cut taxes and lower health care costs, and does so in a way that is fiscally sound, including by making the wealthiest and big corporations pay their fair share.

1.	Believe	**45**
2.	Do not believe	**39**
3.	Don't know	**16**

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

1. The Build Back Better plan represents a once-in-a-century opportunity to deliver more jobs, cut taxes and lower health care costs, and does so in a way that is fiscally sound, including by making the wealthiest and big corporations pay their fair share. We need to pass this bill.	**38**
2. The $3.5 trillion plan is a reckless taxing and spending bill that will hurt workers and middle-class families, as it will result in fewer jobs, lower wages, and more inflation, pushing costs higher and higher.	**44**
3. Don't know	**19**

PROPOSED TAX INCREASES AS PART OF THE $3.5 TRILLION/BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN

Do you favor or oppose the following proposed tax increases as part of the $3.5 trillion/Build Back Better plan? (ROTATE 57-61)

57. Raise the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%

1. Favor	**46**
2. Oppose	**35**
3. Don't know	**18**

58. Raising the top capital gains tax rate from 23.8% to 43.4%

1. Favor	**34**
2. Oppose	**44**
3. Don't know	**22**

59. Doubling the US tax on foreign income to 21%

1. Favor	**48**
2. Oppose	**25**
3. Don't know	**27**

60. Increase the IRS' staffing to enforce tax collection

1. Favor	**42**
2. Oppose	**37**
3. Don't know	**21**

61. Raising the top federal income tax rate from 37% to 39.6%

1. Favor	**42**
2. Oppose	**38**
3. Don't know	**20**

PROPOSED SPENDING INCREASES

These are some of the spending and policy items in the $3.5 trillion/Build Back Better plan. Do you favor or oppose increasing spending for that provision or proposal? (ROTATE Q62-73)

62. Expansions of paid family and medical leave

1. Favor	**51**
2. Oppose	**30**
3. Don't know	**19**

63. A major buildup of child-care programs

1. Favor	**50**
2. Oppose	**31**
3. Don't know	**19**

64. Extensions of household tax credits, including the enhanced child tax credit implemented during the pandemic

1. Favor	**48**
2. Oppose	**33**
3. Don't know	**19**

65. An expansion of Medicare benefits to include dental, vision and hearing, and a reduction in the Medicare eligibility age

1. Favor	**62**
2. Oppose	**24**
3. Don't know	**14**

66. An extension of increased Affordable Care Act subsidies

1. Favor	**48**
2. Oppose	**33**
3. Don't know	**19**

67. Universal pre-K

1. Favor	**47**
2. Oppose	**31**
3. Don't know	**21**

68. Tuition-free community college

1. Favor	**44**
2. Oppose	**39**
3. Don't know	**17**

69. Tax incentives and grants to encourage adoption of green energy, manufacturing and transportation

1. Favor	**55**
2. Oppose	**28**
3. Don't know	**17**

70. Funding to increase the number of electric vehicles in the federal fleet

1.	Favor	**43**
2.	Oppose	**38**
3.	Don't know	**19**

71. Civilian Climate Corps funding

1.	Favor	**37**
2.	Oppose	**36**
3.	Don't know	**27**

72. A push for the US to receive 80% of its electricity from clean sources by 2030

1.	Favor	**50**
2.	Oppose	**31**
3.	Don't know	**19**

73. Offering a pathway to lawful, permanent status in the US for certain migrants

1.	Favor	**47**
2.	Oppose	**33**
3.	Don't know	**20**

74. Which of the following statements do agree with more? (ROTATE)

1.	Democrats who say their Build Back Better plan will cut taxes for middle class families, create jobs by investing in infrastructure like roads, bridges and high-speed Internet, and cut your health care costs. No one making under $400,000 will pay more taxes.	**42**
2.	Republicans who say we need to do everything we can to help businesses get back on their feet so they can get Americans back to work to keep the economy moving in the right direction. We need to modernize our infrastructure, but without excessive spending that will increase inflation.	**42**
3.	Don't know	**16**

Do you believe or not believe the following statements:

75. **The proposed $3.5 trillion in new spending isn't to solve urgent problems, but to re-envision America's social policies.**

1.	Believe	**53**
2.	Do not believe	**23**
3.	Don't know	**24**

76. **Spending trillions more dollars not only ignores present economic reality, but makes it certain that America will be fiscally weakened when it faces a future recession or national emergency.**

1.	Believe	**49**
2.	Do not believe	**30**
3.	Don't know	**21**

77. **Democrats say the Build Back Better plan includes a historic tax cut for those making less than $400,000 a year. Do you believe or not believe their plan includes this tax cut?**

1.	Believe	**39**
2.	Do not believe	**41**
3.	Don't know	**20**

TAX STUDY

78. **Do you believe or not believe the following statement: 61% of Americans paid no federal income taxes last year.**

1.	Believe	**40**
2.	Do not believe	**37**
3.	Don't know	**23**

79. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Last year, the top 20% of earners paid 78% of federal taxes.

1.	Believe	**42**
2.	Do not believe	**34**
3.	Don't know	**24**

80. If this were true, would you consider the top 20% paying their fair share?

1.	Yes	**53**
2.	No	**27**
3.	Don't know	**20**

AFGHANISTAN

81. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling the situation in Afghanistan?

1.	Approve	**36**
2.	Disapprove	**50**
3.	Don't know	**14**

82. Do you think that the US should have stayed in Afghanistan, or was the US right to withdraw from Afghanistan when it did? (ROTATE)

1.	The US should have stayed in Afghanistan	**34**
2.	The US was right to withdraw from Afghanistan when it did	**48**
3.	Don't know	**18**

EDUCATION

83. **Internationally the United States currently ranks in 37th in math, 18th in science, and 13th in reading. Would you consider this to be excellent, good, satisfactory, poor, or failing? (ROTATE 1-5, 5-1)**

1.	Excellent	**7**
2.	Good	**13**
3.	Satisfactory	**14**
4.	Poor	**32**
5.	Failing	**27**
6.	Don't know	**6**

84. **Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The US is becoming the world's "C" student.**

1.	Agree	**70**
2.	Disagree	**15**
3.	Don't Know	**15**

85. **If a student entered a grade a year behind where they needed to be, and ended that school year half a year behind where they needed to be, would you consider this a successful student outcome?**

1.	Agree	**36**
2.	Disagree	**47**
3.	Don't Know	**17**

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

86. 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**

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

1. Republican	**35**
2. Democrat	**37**
3. Independent	**24**
4. Other	**2**
5. Don't Know	**3**

88. 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	**10**
2. Somewhat Liberal	**13**
3. Moderate	**38**
4. Somewhat Conservative	**18**
5. Very Conservative	**18**
6. Don't Know	**3**

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

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

90. What is your current marital status?

1.	Single, never married	**26**
2.	Married	**52**
3.	Separated	**3**
4.	Divorced	**13**
5.	Widowed	**6**
6.	Don't Know	**1**

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

1.	Less than 15K	**9**
2.	15K-30K	**15**
3.	30K-50K	**15**
4.	50K-75K	**18**
5.	75K-100K	**13**
6.	100K-200K	**22**
7.	Over 200K	**4**
8.	Don't Know	**4**

92. What is your religion?

1.	Evangelical Protestant	**14**
2.	Mainline Protestant	**14**
3.	Catholic	**28**
4.	Jewish	**4**
5.	Mormon	**1**
6.	Atheist/Agnostic	**9**
7.	Other	**24**
8.	Don't Know	**6**

93. What is your race?

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

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

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

95. 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**

96. What is your employment status?

1.	Employed, full time	**43**
2.	Employed, part-time	**10**
3.	Unemployed	**9**
4.	Self-employed	**5**
5.	Homemaker	**6**
6.	Student	**2**
7.	Retired	**26**
8.	Don't Know	*****

97. Which of the following economic systems would be better? (ROTATE)

1. Capitalism	**53**
2. Socialism	**17**
3. Don't Know	**30**

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 98-99)

98. Democrats support defunding the police.

1. Believe	**49**
2. Do not believe	**34**
3. Don't know	**16**

99. Republicans support anti-immigration policies.

1. Believe	**54**
2. Do not believe	**28**
3. Don't know	**18**

100. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	**32**
2. Suburban	**47**
3. Rural	**21**

Gender

1. Male	**48**
2. Female	**52**

Region

1.	Northeast	**19**
2.	South	**27**
3.	Midwest	**20**
4.	Plains/Mountains	**20**
5.	West Coast	**15**