

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
November 22-24, 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	37
2. Don't Know	10
3. Wrong Track	53

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

1. Approve	42
2. Don't know	12
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 FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	41	49	9
4. Democrats in Congress	99	42	48	9
5. Joe Biden	99	43	50	6
6. Donald Trump	99	42	52	5

- 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	8
3. Retirement and Investments	2
4. Terrorism	2

5. Health care	10
6. The Economy	24
7. Jobs	3
8. Taxes	4
9. Crime and Safety	6
10. Environment/Climate Change	8
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	4
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	4
15. Immigration	10
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 8-18)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	46	39	15
9. Jobs	44	41	15
10. Taxes	46	39	16
11. Health care	36	48	16
12. Crime and safety	46	37	17
13. The supply chain	43	36	21
14. Education	37	45	18
15. Energy	42	41	17
16. Gas Prices	47	35	18
17. Inflation	46	34	19
18. Fiscal Responsibility	45	35	20

19. 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	12
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	42
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	43
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	45

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 20, then 21-22, then 23)

	MEAN
20. Your political ideology	5.54
21. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.46
22. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.80
23. Ideology of Joe Biden	3.95

ECONOMY

24. 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	14
3. Wrong Track	50

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

1. Approve	41
2. Disapprove	49
3. Don't know	10

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

1. Approve	36
2. Disapprove	52
3. Don't know	12

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

1. Correct	39
2. Incorrect	46
3. Don't know	15

BBB BILL

28. The \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill was recently signed into law. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

1. Favor	44
2. Oppose	38
3. Don't know	18

29. President Biden and Democrats in Congress are proposing the Build Back Better plan that will cost around \$1.7 trillion. Do you favor or oppose this plan?

1. Favor	42
2. Oppose	41
3. Don't know	17

30. Some Democrats have described the Build Back Better bill as new legislation to provide paid family and medical leave, establish a universal Pre-K program, expand Medicare coverage for seniors to include dental, vision, and hearing coverage, lower health care costs by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower drug prices, provide tax breaks for clean energy, and expand the Child Tax Credit for most families with children.

Do you think this is an accurate or inaccurate description of all of the provisions of the bill?

1. Accurate	47
2. Inaccurate	31
3. Don't know	23

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 31-34)

31. The Build Back Better plan will strengthen the middle class by bringing down costs on everyday essentials.

1. Believe	34
2. Do not believe	46
3. Don't know	19

32. The Build Back Better plan will enact tax cuts for the middle class by asking the wealthiest to pay their fair share.

1. Believe	39
2. Do not believe	42
3. Don't know	19

33. The Build Back Better plan will help relieve supply chain problems.

1. Believe	30
2. Do not believe	46
3. Don't know	24

34. Under the Build Back Better plan, 68% of households earning over \$1 million will receive a tax cut of \$500 or more.

1. Believe	27
2. Do not believe	44
3. Don't know	29

35. Some have said that raising the state and local deduction cap at \$80,000 would mean that 68% of households earning \$1 million or more will receive a tax cut of \$500 or more. Would you favor or oppose raising the state and local deduction cap at \$80,000?

1. Favor	32
2. Oppose	38
3. Don't know	29

CONTRASTS

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

1. Democrats who say that 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 reconciliation bill.	40
2. Republicans who say that President Biden's \$1.7 trillion plan doesn't address serious needs dealing with inflation, rising cost of living, and the supply chain. The first priority for the country should be dealing with inflation, such as gas prices and grocery costs, and scarcity of goods caused by supply chain problems.	44
3. Don't know	16

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2. Republicans who say that President Biden's \$1.7 trillion 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. We need to do everything we can to help businesses get back on their feet so they can get Americans back to work and keep the economy moving in the right direction.	45
3. Don't know	15

GAS PRICES

39. Which of the following is the reason prices are going up? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Corporations are increasing prices to expand profits	23
2. Corporations are increasing prices because of increased costs due to the supply chain problems, paying workers higher wages, and inflation.	64
3. Don't know	13

40. Which of the following items is giving you the most difficulty? (ROTATE – CHOOSE TWO)

1. Cost of health care and insurance	27
2. Taxes	25
3. Gas prices	53
4. Food costs	52
5. Mortgage	9
6. Household utilities and goods	25
7. Cost of education and student loans	9
8. None of these	-
9. Don't Know	-

41. Which is the biggest problem for the US economy? (ROTATE – CHOOSE TWO)

1. Not enough jobs, unemployment	12
2. Shortage of workers to fill jobs	29
3. Businesses have not returned to normal since the coronavirus outbreak	21
4. Inflation and rising costs of goods and services	56
5. Coronavirus restrictions and lockdowns	19
6. Gas prices	33
7. Shortages of products and services	29
8. Don't Know	-

42. Do you think that recent increases in gas prices are the result of....? (ROTATE)

1. New environmental policies put into place by President Biden, such as stopping the Keystone Pipeline and halting new oil and gas leasing on federal lands	51
2. Rising demand as people travel due to a stronger economy and stagnant supply	34
3. Don't know	15

43. Do you think that recent increases in gas prices are the result of....? (ROTATE)

1. New environmental policies put into place by President Biden, such as stopping the Keystone Pipeline and halting new oil and gas leasing on federal lands	50
2. Price gouging by oil and gas companies	36
3. Don't know	14

TAXES

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE Q44-46)

44. Most lawmakers trying to raise taxes on businesses have never built a company or created a product.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	23
3. Don't know	27

45. Government lawmakers have a right to take more of my money in taxes if it goes toward the country recovering from the coronavirus pandemic and making the investments we need.

1. Believe	31
2. Do not believe	49
3. Don't know	20

46. While there are many contributing factors to the current supply chain problems, from this list, who or what is most to blame? (ROTATE – CHOOSE TWO)

1. President Biden and Democrats in Congress	35
2. Republicans in Congress	17
3. Unions	7
4. The coronavirus pandemic	40
5. Consumer demand	18
6. Shortages of available workers	30
7. Government regulations and bureaucracy	22
8. Government mandates of vaccines of workers	19
9. China	13
10. Don't Know	-

47. Which year has had more coronavirus deaths? 2020, or 2021? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. 2020	50
2. 2021	33
3. Don't know	17

EDUCATION

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE 48-52)

48. Keeping the country's schools fully open will help keep the economy moving in the right direction.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't know	20

49. We need to pass the Build Back Better plan in order to have affordable childcare, universal preschool, expanded school meal programs, and increased Pell Grants to help low-income students access and complete college.

1. Believe	40
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	19

50. We need to make sure parents' voices are heard when it comes to their children's education.

1. Believe	72
2. Do not believe	14
3. Don't know	14

51. Passing the Build Back Better plan will help improve the educational outcomes of America's students.

1. Believe	38
2. Do not believe	40
3. Don't know	23

52. With the right support, students can rise to any academic challenge they face.

1. Believe	68
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't know	15

53. How confident are you in the ability of the US educational system to prepare students for the future? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. Very confident	15
2. Somewhat confident	37
3. Somewhat not confident	22

4. Not at all confident	20
5. Don't know	6
TOTAL CONFIDENT	52
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	42

Please rank the following countries based on how highly you think their students achieve academically. Rank them 1-8, where 1 is best, by clicking on the countries in that order. Clicking a country twice will deselect it. (ROTATE COUNTRIES)

	MEAN
54. The United States	4.13
55. China	3.85
56. South Korea	4.72
57. India	5.60
58. The United Kingdom	4.74
59. Germany	4.61
60. Japan	3.03
61. Israel	5.32

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

1. Democrats who say that we need to pass the Build Back Better plan in order to have affordable childcare, universal preschool, expanded school meal programs, and increased Pell Grants to help low-income students access and complete college.	40
2. Republicans who say we need to do everything we can to keep the economy moving in the right direction, including keeping the schools fully open. We need to make sure parents' voices are heard and set high achievement standards, because with the right support students can rise to any academic challenge they face.	46
3. Don't know	14

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

63. 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

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

1. Republican	35
2. Democrat	37
3. Independent	23
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	3

65. 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	12
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	18
5. Very Conservative	18
6. Don't Know	3

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

1. Yes	32
2. No	67
3. Don't Know	1

67. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	24
2. Married	54
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	13
5. Widowed	6
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	11
2. 15K-30K	15
3. 30K-50K	16
4. 50K-75K	17
5. 75K-100K	16
6. 100-200K	17
7. Over 200K	5
8. Don't Know	4

69. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	12
2. Mainline Protestant	11
3. Catholic	30
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	10
7. Other	26
8. Don't Know	6

70. What is your race?

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

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

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

72. 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

73. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	39
2. Employed, part-time	8
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	8
6. Student	3
7. Retired	30
8. Don't Know	*

74. For which presidential candidate did you vote in the 2020 election? (ROTATE 1-2, THEN 3)

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	41
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	47
3. Third party candidate/Other	3
4. Did not vote	7
5. Don't Know	1

75. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	30
2. Suburban	50
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	29
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	14