**WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY**
**1,000 Registered Voters**
**October 8-10, 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 | **38** |
| 2. | Don't Know | **11** |
| 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 | **8** |
| 3. | Disapprove | **46** |

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4 THEN 5-10)**

|   |   | NAME ID | TOTAL FAV | TOTAL UNFAVORABLE | NO OPINION |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | **Republicans in Congress** | **100** | **39** | **52** | **8** |
| 4. | **Democrats in Congress** | **100** | **43** | **50** | **7** |
| 5. | **Joe Biden** | **100** | **48** | **48** | **4** |
| 6. | **Donald Trump** | **100** | **45** | **50** | **5** |
| 7. | **Nancy Pelosi** | **99** | **34** | **56** | **9** |
| 8. | **Bernie Sanders** | **98** | **41** | **48** | **10** |
| 9. | **Joe Manchin** | **83** | **26** | **33** | **24** |
| 10. | **Kyrsten Sinema** | **74** | **22** | **29** | **23** |

**11. 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 | **3** |
| 5. Health care | **11** |
| 6. The Economy | **28** |
| 7. Jobs | **3** |
| 8. Taxes | **5** |
| 9. Crime and Safety | **4** |
| 10. Environment/Climate Change | **7** |
| 11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs | **3** |
| 12. National Deficit/Spending | **4** |
| 13. Energy | **2** |
| 14. Gas prices | **2** |
| 15. Immigration | **9** |
| 16. Other | **3** |
| 17. Prescription Drugs | **1** |
| 18. Don't know | **3** |

**Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 12-22)**

| | REPUBLICAN PARTY | DEMOCRATIC PARTY | DON'T KNOW |
|---|---|---|---|
| **12. The Economy** | **46** | **36** | **18** |
| **13. Jobs** | **44** | **40** | **17** |
| **14. Taxes** | **43** | **40** | **17** |
| **15. Health care** | **36** | **46** | **19** |
| **16. Crime and safety** | **45** | **36** | **19** |
| **17. Situation in Afghanistan** | **42** | **34** | **25** |
| **18. Education** | **39** | **42** | **19** |
| **19. Energy** | **40** | **40** | **20** |
| **20. Gas Prices** | **45** | **34** | **21** |
| **21. Inflation** | **42** | **37** | **20** |

| 22. Fiscal Responsibility | 42 | 36 | 22 |
|---|---|---|---|

**23. 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 | **14** |
| 4. | Lean Democrat | **3** |
| 5. | Democrat | **41** |
| | TOTAL REPUBLICAN | **43** |
| | TOTAL DEMOCRAT | **44** |

**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 24, then 25-26, then 27)**

| | MEAN |
|---|---|
| **24. Your own political ideology** | **5.61** |
| **25. Ideology of Republicans in Congress** | **6.51** |
| **26. Ideology of Democrats in Congress** | **3.84** |
| **27. Ideology of Joe Biden** | **3.88** |

**ECONOMY**

**28. 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 | **12** |
| 3. | Wrong Track | **50** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Approve | **47** |
| 2. | Disapprove | **47** |
| 3. | Don't know | **6** |

## $3.5 TRILLION BILL

**30. 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 | **32** |
| 3. | Don't know | **20** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Favor | **40** |
| 2. | Oppose | **42** |
| 3. | Don't know | **18** |

**32. 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 | **35** |
| 2. | A government spending bill with too many unrelated special interest priorities that will increase inflation | **52** |
| 3. | Don't know | **13** |

**33. 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. | **43** |
| 2. Republicans who say that 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 | **13** |

**Do you believe or not believe the following statements:**

**34. The Build Back Better Plan costs zero dollars.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Believe | **21** |
| 2. Do not believe | **62** |
| 3. Don't know | **17** |

**35. The Build Back Better Plan is paid for by undoing tax breaks for the rich and big corporations that are holding us back from making the investments we need to compete in the world, with a price tag of zero.**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Believe | **35** |
| 2. Do not believe | **47** |
| 3. Don't know | **19** |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Democrats who say that the Build Back Better plan is paid for by undoing tax breaks for the rich and big corporations that are holding us back from making the investments we need to compete in the world, with a price tag of zero. | **38** |
| 2. Republicans who say that 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. 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. | **46** |
| 3. Don't know | **16** |

**37. In thinking about the impact of this plan, will this plan help, hurt, or have no impact on businesses' ability to recover from COVID? (ROTATE 1-2)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Help | **32** |
| 2. | Hurt | **36** |
| 3. | No impact | **15** |
| 4. | Don't know | **17** |

**38. Which of the following statements do you 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. | **46** |
| 3. | Don't know | **12** |

**39. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: 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 | **42** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **45** |
| 3. | Don't know | **13** |

**40. If Democrats in Congress proposed a $2 trillion plan instead of a $3.5 trillion plan, would you favor or oppose this plan?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Favor | **41** |
| 2. | Oppose | **34** |
| 3. | Don't know | **24** |

**41. There is a proposal to require banks to report data to the IRS on all transactions over $600. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Favor | **26** |
| 2. | Oppose | **59** |
| 3. | Don't know | **14** |

**42. The federal government says there will be $7 trillion in uncollected tax revenue over the next decade unless something is done, such as increasing the size of the IRS or having more reporting requirements. Do you believe or not believe that this is true?**

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

**43. In thinking about proposals such as requiring banks to report transactions over $600 to the IRS, which statement do you agree with more?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | This will help to protect consumers and crack down on tax evasion especially from the wealthy. | **28** |
| 2. | This will lead to intrusion into personal privacy and government surveillance of private bank accounts of all Americans. | **57** |
| 3. | Don't know | **15** |

**44. In thinking about a paid family and medical leave program, which plan would you prefer? (ROTATE)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Plan A, which would provide twelve weeks of universal paid family and medical leave and guaranteed access to child care by creating a paid family and medical leave program funded by taxpayer dollars and run by the IRS. | **25** |
| 2. | Plan B, which would expand access to paid family and medical leave by incentivizing more employers to provide leave and focusing on gaps in coverage; expand the employer-provided family and medical leave tax credit and create new family savings accounts; incentivize and reduce costs for small employers to offer paid family leave; and target policies to low-wage workers. | **49** |
| 3. | Don't know | **26** |

**45. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)**

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Democrats who say Congress needs to act on paid family and medical leave by passing the Build Back Better plan, which includes a historic slate of measures to invest in the American family and economy, and which includes life-changing provisions that will level the playing field, expand opportunity, and rebuild our economy to be more equitable and inclusive. | **38** |
| 2. | Republicans who say that Congress needs to act on paid family and medical leave by passing the Protecting Worker Paycheck and Family Choice Act, which will improve access to paid leave and affordable child care. Instead of a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach rife with government mandates, it will put families first and keep small businesses on the path of rebuilding the economy. | **45** |
| 3. | Don't know | **18** |

## BORDER APPROVAL

**46. 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 | **33** |
| 2. | Disapprove | **53** |
| 3. | Don't know | **14** |

## EDUCATION

**47. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: Parents should not be telling schools what those schools should teach their children.**

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | **43** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **40** |
| 3. | Don't know | **17** |

**48. The Department of Justice has directed the FBI and US Attorneys' Offices to investigate and create a plan to combat parent protests over the teaching of critical race theory in schools and mask mandates. Do you favor or oppose this action?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Favor | **38** |
| 2. | Oppose | **41** |
| 3. | Don't know | **21** |

**TUITION FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUESTIONS**

**Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 49-52)**

**49. A student's return on tuition for a bachelor's degree will be greater than the return on tuition for a community college degree.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | **40** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **30** |
| 3. | Don't know | **30** |

**50. Eliminating tuition at community college is a better investment of federal dollars than addressing tuition and student debt at four-year colleges and universities.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | **41** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **32** |
| 3. | Don't know | **26** |

**51. Community college is relatively inexpensive.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | **54** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **30** |
| 3. | Don't know | **15** |

**52. Online learning platforms already offer what community colleges offer for an even lower cost.**

|  |  |  |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | **46** |
| 2. | Do not believe | **27** |
| 3. | Don't know | **26** |

**Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—**

**53. 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** |

**54. 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 | **1** |
| 5. | Don't Know | **2** |

**55. 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 | **19** |
| 5. | Very Conservative | **17** |
| 6. | Don't Know | **3** |

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

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

**57. What is your current marital status?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Single, never married | **27** |
| 2. | Married | **52** |
| 3. | Separated | **1** |
| 4. | Divorced | **12** |
| 5. | Widowed | **7** |
| 6. | Don't Know | ***** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Less than 15K | **12** |
| 2. | 15K-30K | **18** |
| 3. | 30K-50K | **15** |
| 4. | 50K-75K | **16** |
| 5. | 75K-100K | **14** |
| 6. | 100-200K | **19** |
| 7. | Over 200K | **4** |
| 8. | Don't Know | **3** |

**59. What is your religion?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Evangelical Protestant | **17** |
| 2. | Mainline Protestant | **13** |
| 3. | Catholic | **29** |
| 4. | Jewish | **3** |
| 5. | Mormon | **1** |
| 6. | Atheist/Agnostic | **10** |
| 7. | Other | **21** |
| 8. | Don't Know | **6** |

**60. What is your race?**

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

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Yes | **14** |
| 2. | No | **84** |
| 3. | Don't know | **1** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Did not complete high school | **3** |
| 2. | High school graduate | **19** |
| 3. | Attended college but received no degree | **24** |
| 4. | Associates degree | **13** |
| 5. | College graduate – Bachelors | **25** |
| 6. | Postgraduate study or degree | **16** |

**63. What is your employment status?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Employed, full time | **40** |
| 2. | Employed, part-time | **9** |
| 3. | Unemployed | **11** |
| 4. | Self-employed | **5** |
| 5. | Homemaker | **8** |
| 6. | Student | **2** |
| 7. | Retired | **26** |
| 8. | Don't Know | **-** |

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

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Donald Trump, the Republican candidate | 42 |
| 2. | Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate | 48 |
| 3. | Third party candidate/Other | 2 |
| 4. | Did not vote | 7 |
| 5. | Don't Know | 1 |

**65. If it were true that almost 20 million people making under $400,000 would see a tax increase through the $3.5 trillion plan, then would you favor or oppose the plan?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Favor | 34 |
| 2. | Oppose | 50 |
| 3. | Don't know | 16 |

**66. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: The top 30% of income earners pay 90% of all federal income taxes.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Believe | 39 |
| 2. | Do not believe | 43 |
| 3. | Don't know | 18 |

**67. If that were true, are they paying more than their fair share, about right on their fair share, or less than their fair share? (ROTATE 1 AND 3)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | More than their fair share | 23 |
| 2. | About right on their fair share | 26 |
| 3. | Less than their fair share | 28 |
| 4. | Don't know | 23 |

**68. Would you say that inflation is impacting you… (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | A lot | **31** |
| 2. | Some | **32** |
| 3. | A little | **24** |
| 4. | Not at all | **7** |
| 5. | Don't know | **5** |

**69. What type of area do you live in?**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Urban | **35** |
| 2. | Suburban | **47** |
| 3. | Rural | **18** |

**Gender**

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

**Region**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Northeast | **19** |
| 2. | South | **29** |
| 3. | Midwest | **20** |
| 4. | Plains/Mountains | **20** |
| 5. | West Coast | **13** |