

WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
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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: 7.58

- 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	36
2. Don't Know	12
3. Wrong Track	52

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

1. Approve	43
2. Don't know	10
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 5-7, THEN 8)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	41	50	8
4. Democrats in Congress	99	39	54	6
5. Joe Biden	99	46	50	4
6. Donald Trump	99	43	51	6
7. Nancy Pelosi	98	32	57	8
8. The police	99	69	22	8

9. 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	3
5. Health care	13
6. The Economy	28
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	7
10. Environment/Climate Change	7
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	2
12. National Deficit/Spending	5
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	4
15. Immigration	7
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 10-18)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
10. The Economy	45	38	17
11. Jobs	45	40	15
12. Taxes	42	40	18
13. Health care	36	47	17
14. Crime and safety	48	36	17
15. Foreign policy	45	36	19
16. Energy	40	40	20
17. Gas Prices	46	34	19
18. Inflation	48	33	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	39
2. Lean Republican	5
3. Undecided	12
4. Lean Democrat	4
5. Democrat	40
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	44
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	44

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 ROTATE LIST Q21-24, THEN ROTATE Q25-26, THEN ROTATE Q27-29)

	MEAN
20. Your own political ideology	5.62
21. Your own ideology on economic issues, such as taxes, budget, and jobs	5.72
22. Your own ideology on moral issues such as abortion and LGBTQ rights	5.36
23. Your own ideology on social issues such as education, health care, and environment	5.42
24. Your own ideology on foreign affairs such as defense, terrorism, and foreign policy	5.81
25. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.34
26. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	4.40
27. Ideology of Joe Biden	4.40
28. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.55
29. Ideology of Nancy Pelosi	4.17

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 30-53)

	MEAN
30. The economy and jobs	7.37
31. Situation with coronavirus	6.44
32. COVID mandates and restrictions	5.97
33. Possible new tax rate increases	6.50
34. Big Tech involvement in deciding what information that is posted on social media is legitimate or not	6.08
35. The national deficit and debt	6.80
36. Immigration and the situation at the border	6.58
37. Inflation	7.25
38. Gas prices	7.08
39. Supply chain/shortages of products	7.06
40. Critical race theory being taught in schools	5.45
41. Mask mandates in K-12 schools	5.66
42. The situation in Afghanistan	5.63
43. The situation with Russia and Ukraine	6.34
44. Nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice	6.22
45. President Biden's Build Back Better plan	5.11
46. Election reform	5.76
47. Crime and safety	7.10
48. Health care	7.18
49. Congressional investigation into events of January 6	5.52
50. Racial equity	6.01
51. Voting rights	6.41
52. Cultural issues such as gender identity	5.11
53. Student learning loss in K-12 schools	6.57

ECONOMY

54. 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

55. Would you say you are better off, worse off or about the same compared to two years ago?

1. Better off	27
2. Worse off	38
3. About the same	33
4. Don't know	3

56. In thinking more specifically about how the economy is doing, which comes closer to your view?

1. The economy is getting better, but the rate of progress is still unacceptable.	27
2. The economy is getting better, and the rate of progress is acceptable.	23
3. The economy is not getting better at all.	43
4. Don't know	7

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

1. Approve	42
2. Disapprove	50
3. Don't know	9

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

1. Approve	36
2. Disapprove	54
3. Don't know	10

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

1. Approve	48
2. Disapprove	44
3. Don't know	8

BELIEF STATEMENTS

60. In thinking about the current state of inflation, which statement comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1. Inflation is a very serious problem.	72
2. Stories about inflation are receiving too much focus by the news media to undermine confidence in the Biden administration.	20
3. Don't Know	8

61. What impact do you think a tax increase would have on inflation? (ROTATE 1-3, THEN 3-1, 4 ALWAYS LAST)

1. It would increase inflation	49
2. It would have no impact on inflation	20
3. It would decrease inflation	10
4. Don't know	21

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 62-64)

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

1. Believe	57
2. Do not believe	27
3. Don't know	16

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

1. Believe	63
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't know	15

64. Since last May, the average family has lost about \$377 a month or three years of real wage growth under President Biden.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't Know	20

65. Over the course of COVID, do you think that the shutdowns, restrictions and mandates...?

1. Went too far	36
2. Have been about right	36
3. Did not go far enough	22
4. Don't know	5

Would you favor or oppose the following proposals? (ROTATE Q66-67)

66. Raising the corporate tax rate from 21% to 25%

1. Favor	46
2. Oppose	34
3. Don't Know	20

67. Raising the top capital gains tax rate from 23.8% to 28%

1. Favor	37
2. Oppose	41
3. Don't Know	23

68. If both of these tax increases were implemented, do you think this would help, hurt or have no impact on the US financial situation? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Help	32
2. Hurt	39
3. No impact	12
4. Don't know	16

69. If both of these tax increases were implemented, do you think this would help, hurt or have no impact on inflation? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Help	26
2. Hurt	39
3. No impact	15
4. Don't know	20

CRIME & SAFETY

70. In thinking about the current state of crime and safety, which comes closer to your view?

1. Crime and safety are very serious problems, and are getting worse in many places around the country.	72
2. Stories about crime and safety incidents are receiving too much focus by the news media to undermine confidence in the Biden administration and some mayors.	19
3. Don't Know	9

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE Q71-82)

71. Stronger law enforcement is critical in stopping gun violence, but it's made more effective when we make real investments in making our communities stronger and in addressing the causes of crime before it spills over into violence.

1. Believe	66
2. Do not believe	19
3. Don't Know	16

72. Across America, violent crime is escalating.

1. Believe	71
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't Know	12

73. To deal with crime, we need a comprehensive approach that makes sure cities and states have the funding, training, and know-how they need to invest in proven tactics including community policing, street outreach and youth programs.

1. Believe	71
2. Do not believe	15
3. Don't Know	13

74. Crime is getting worse in many cities because prosecutors and local governments are not prosecuting crime, downgrading felony charges for crimes like armed robbery, and releasing criminals on low bail.

1. Believe	66
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't Know	13

75. Families, communities and small business are being endangered and experiencing the devastating effects of rhetoric about defunding the police, and police department budget cuts at the hands of politicians.

1. Believe	61
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't Know	17

76. We need a sensible approach to police reform that calls for training, accountability, and transparency.

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

77. To deal with crime, we need a strategy that steps up and focuses law enforcement efforts on violent offenders, stems the trafficking of illegal guns, and makes real investments in communities to intervene in and prevent gun violence.

1. Believe	68
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't Know	14

78. We should fully enforce laws on the books.

1. Believe	63
2. Do not believe	19
3. Don't Know	18

79. Policing in our country is inherently and intentionally racist.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	46
3. Don't Know	16

80. We should increase funding for police and law enforcement to provide the training and equipment that police officers need to ensure maximum safety.

1. Believe	65
2. Do not believe	20
3. Don't Know	15

81. We need to defund the police.

1. Believe	21
2. Do not believe	64
3. Don't Know	15

82. Many states have passed laws that allow individuals charged with crimes to be released on low or no bail.

1. Believe	56
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't Know	21

83. In thinking about crime and safety, who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say stronger law enforcement is critical in stopping gun violence, but it's made more effective when we make real investments in making our communities stronger and in addressing the causes of crime before it spills over into violence. We need a comprehensive approach that makes sure cities and states have the funding, training, and know-how they need to invest in proven tactics including community policing, street outreach and youth programs. We need to focus law enforcement efforts on violent offenders, stem the trafficking of illegal guns, and make real investments in communities to prevent gun violence.	38
2. Republicans who say that across America, violent crime is escalating. Families, communities and small businesses are being endangered by the devastating effects of rhetoric about defunding the police, and local prosecutors not enforcing the law and releasing violent criminals without bail. Republicans believe laws need to be fully enforced and that funding for police departments needs to be increased to provide the training and equipment police officers need to ensure maximum safety. We stand with law enforcement in their efforts to ensure the safety of our communities and protection of America's families and children.	46
3. Don't know	15

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

84. In what year were you born?

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

85. 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	2

86. 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	19
5. Very Conservative	17
6. Don't Know	3

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

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

88. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	27
2. Married	51
3. Separated	2
4. Divorced	14
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	11
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	19
4. 50K-75K	16
5. 75K-100K	13
6. 100-200K	19
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	3

90. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	14
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	29
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	9
7. Other	26
8. Don't Know	5

91. What is your race?

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

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

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

93. 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

94. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	42
2. Employed, part-time	9
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	6
6. Student	3
7. Retired	25
8. Don't Know	1

ISSUE SETS

95. What group of issues concerns you the most? (ROTATE 1-4)

1. Economic issues such as taxes, budget and jobs	47
2. Social issues such as education, health, care and environment	24
3. Moral issues such as abortion and LGBTQ rights	9
4. Foreign affairs such as defense, terrorism, and foreign policy	12
5. Don't know	7

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE Q96-97)

96. Democrats want to defund the police.

1. Believe	48
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't know	18

97. Republicans want to defund the police by not supporting the American Rescue Plan, which included funding for police.

1. Believe	30
2. Do not believe	50
3. Don't know	20

98. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	32
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	18
2. South	27
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	15