



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: 7.85

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	33
2. Don't Know	9
3. Wrong Track	57

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

1. Approve	44
2. Don't know	8
3. Disapprove	49

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 FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	46	46	6
4. Democrats in Congress	99	45	49	5
5. Joe Biden	99	44	52	3
6. Donald Trump	99	44	52	4
7. Nancy Pelosi	98	33	54	10
8. Elon Musk	96	46	29	20

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	9
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	2
5. Health care	12
6. The Economy	29
7. Jobs	3
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	5
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	3
13. Energy	2
14. Gas prices	6
15. Immigration	6
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 10-20)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
10. The Economy	50	36	14
11. Jobs	48	39	13
12. Taxes	48	38	14
13. Health care	39	46	15
14. Crime and safety	47	38	15
15. Foreign policy	45	37	19
16. Energy	42	42	16
17. Gas Prices	49	34	17
18. Inflation	48	33	18
19. Immigration	48	37	16

20. Education

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42

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21. 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	42
2. Lean Republican	3
3. Undecided	11
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	41
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	45
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	44

ECONOMY

22. 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	31
2. Don't Know	13
3. Wrong Track	56

23. 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	51
3. Don't know	8

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

1. Approve	34
2. Disapprove	56
3. Don't know	9

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

1. Approve	36
2. Disapprove	53
3. Don't know	11

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

1. Approve	38
2. Disapprove	48
3. Don't know	14

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 27-31)

27. The government needs more money in order to help the nation recover from COVID and to make needed investments in communities.

1. Believe	41
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	18

28. The federal government has had the largest annual revenue increase in five decades.

1. Believe	45
2. Do not believe	24
3. Don't know	31

29. There was a significant level of fraud and waste in federal government relief money for the coronavirus pandemic.

1. Believe	67
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't know	15

30. An all of the above energy strategy will increase energy production in America to lower gas prices and help get the supply chain moving.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	31
3. Don't Know	26

31. This year we're on track to cut the deficit by more than 1 trillion, 300 billion dollars which would be the largest one-year reduction in the deficit in U.S. history.

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

32. Thinking about the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan passed last year, do you think this made inflation better, worse, or did it have no impact? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Better	22
2. Worse	46
3. No impact	18
4. Don't know	14

TWITTER

33. In thinking about social media like Twitter and Facebook, which would you rather have? (ROTATE)

1. More content moderation by Twitter and Facebook that would curb inflammatory and offensive content but potentially with censorship of free speech of certain individuals, organizations and viewpoints	39
2. Less content moderation by Twitter and Facebook to allow more free speech and freedom of expression of all viewpoints, but potentially with less ability to curb inflammatory and offensive content	43
3. Don't know	18

CBDC

Do you believe or not believe these statements? (ROTATE 34-36)

34. Because of inflation, savings in US dollars are losing value every year.

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

35. I have the right to take risks with my own money, even if I lose money.

1. Believe	80
2. Do not believe	13
3. Don't know	7

36. Spending and fiscal policies by the federal government have caused the US dollar to lose value and have increased inflation, so politicians and bureaucrats should not be telling individuals how they should make financial decisions with their own money.

1. Believe	65
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't know	17

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

1. The federal government should take regulatory steps to protect people from losing money on investments.	29
2. The federal government taking regulatory measures to protect people from losing money on investments will do more harm than good and the government should not be getting involved.	51
3. Don't know	19

38. Which of the following comes with more risk? (ROTATE)

1. Government-backed currency that is impacted by policy decisions and spending by the federal government	38
2. An investment that has no government backing but is not impacted by action by the federal government	37
3. Don't know	26

39. Which of the following is a bigger threat to your personal finances? (ROTATE)

1. Losing money in a higher risk investment of your choosing	29
2. A federal government spending action that could devalue the dollar even more and increase inflation	57
3. Don't know	14

40. Have you ever heard of the concept of a US digital dollar?

1. Yes	44
2. No	47
3. Don't know	9

41. Some lawmakers have proposed a Central Bank Digital Currency which would be a digital dollar issued by the government and backed by the Federal Reserve. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

1. Favor	26
2. Oppose	41
3. Don't know	33

42. In terms of the proposal to create a Central Bank Digital Currency, Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Supporters of this proposal who say this would make it faster and cheaper to move money around the financial system, help those who do not have bank accounts, and provide an efficient way for the government to distribute financial aid.	32
2. Opponents of this proposal who say this would allow the federal government to conduct surveillance on personal finances, be a government intrusion of privacy, and give government more power to control the economy and currency.	46
3. Don't know	22

Do you plan on having each of these sources of income as part of your financial plan for the future? (ROTATE 43-49, then 50)

	DEFINITELY YES	PROBABLY YES	UNSURE/ DON'T KNOW	PROBABLY NO	DEFINITELY NO
43. A 401K	33	21	15	12	20
44. Social security	51	26	24	5	3
45. Pension	32	18	16	13	20
46. Value of your home	40	23	18	8	10
47. Personal savings	51	27	13	4	4
48. Stocks and investments	32	24	21	9	13
49. Bitcoin or another form of cryptocurrency	14	16	17	20	32
50. Continuing to work rather than retiring	19	25	21	13	22

REFORM

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being it does not concern you at all, 5 neutral and 9 being it is extremely concerning to you, how much does each of the following concern you about Congress? (ROTATE LIST Q51-58)

51. The way Congress spends my money	7.39
52. Influence of special interests	7.23
53. Partisanship	6.85
54. Lack of accountability	7.42
55. Not fulfilling its Constitutional role	7.24

56. Not presenting a clear plan to voters and following through	7.18
57. Gerrymandering of Congressional districts	6.76
58. Your voice not being heard	7.16

EDUCATION

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q59-61)

59. Some schools have lowered the standards for passing more difficult courses in order to get more students to take those courses.

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

60. In many cases, student grades do not reflect how well a student knows a subject because the rigor and quality of their courses have decreased because of the pandemic.

1. Believe	63
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't know	16

61. Grading standards in high schools have varied widely because of the pandemic such that we need standardized tests like the SAT or ACT to provide a common understanding of where our high school students are in math and reading.

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

HEALTH CARE

62. Which do you think will better address prescription drug costs? (ROTATE)

1. A proposal that lowers costs for medicines delivered in a doctor's office, caps out of pocket drug spending for seniors, and allows Americans with high deductible plans to pay less for certain services and prescriptions	49
2. A proposal to allow the federal government to negotiate drug prices for Medicare	32
3. Don't know	19

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe these statements? (ROTATE Q63-66, THEN Q67-68)

63. Republicans plan to help all Americans live better, healthier, and longer lives by guaranteeing access to new medicines and cures and lowering out-of-pocket spending on drugs.

1. Believe	45
2. Do not believe	36
3. Don't know	19

64. Republicans will prevent bureaucrats from overruling doctors' decisions and will remove barriers patients face to medical innovations without undermining patient safety.

1. Believe	41
2. Do not believe	38
3. Don't know	20

65. Democrats' plan to allow the federal government to negotiate drug prices for Medicare will reduce drug costs.

1. Believe	46
2. Do not believe	35
3. Don't know	19

66. The Biden Administration is proposing a new agency that will provide a pathway for critical health breakthroughs that cannot be accomplished through traditional research.

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

67. The Biden Administration recently took steps to significantly restrict seniors' access to the first new Alzheimer's drug in almost two decades.

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't know	31

68. Republicans want to cut Medicare and other health care services.

1. Believe	42
2. Do not believe	40
3. Don't know	18

VIDEOS

You will be shown two short videos, one from a Republican and one from a Democrat.

**(ROTATE VIDEO ORDER – VIDEO A with 69-75, VIDEO B with 76-82)
(FIRST 500 – VIDEO A, THEN VIDEO B; SECOND 500 – VIDEO B, THEN VIDEO A)**

VIDEO A- GOP

69. As you watch this video, please identify if the content you are seeing is making you more or less favorable to Republicans. Use a 1-9 scale, with 1 being much less favorable, 5 being neutral, and 9 being much more favorable.

MEAN: 6.38

70. Now having watched this video, would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression of Republicans in Congress?

1. Strongly favorable	39
2. Somewhat favorable	32
3. Somewhat unfavorable	9
4. Strongly unfavorable	12
5. No opinion	8
TOTAL FAVORABLE	71
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	21

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 71-75)

71. Across America, inflation is increasing, sending gas prices and food costs skyrocketing.

1. Believe	77
2. Do not believe	15
3. Don't Know	8

72. Republicans believe that an all of the above energy strategy will increase energy production in America to lower gas prices and help get the supply chain moving.

1. Believe	60
2. Do not believe	25
3. Don't Know	15

73. Republicans will stop wasteful government spending that is making inflation worse and keep taxes as low as possible.

1. Believe	49
2. Do not believe	37
3. Don't Know	14

74. Republicans will keep taxes as low as possible.

1. Believe	51
2. Do not believe	36
3. Don't Know	13

75. We need to do everything we can to help get businesses back on their feet so they can get Americans back to work to get the economy moving in the right direction.

1. Believe	74
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't Know	10

VIDEO B – DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIC MESSAGE

76. As you watch this video, please identify if the content you saw made you more or less favorable to Democrats. Use a 1-9 scale, with 1 being much less favorable, 5 being neutral, and 9 being much more favorable.

MEAN: 5.41

77. Now having watched this video, would you say you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression of Democrats in Congress?

1. Strongly favorable	30
2. Somewhat favorable	26
3. Somewhat unfavorable	12
4. Strongly unfavorable	26

5. No opinion	5
TOTAL FAVORABLE	56
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	38

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 78-82)

78. Inflation has been going up because of the Putin price hike.

1. Believe	38
2. Do not believe	47
3. Don't Know	15

79. President Biden and Democrats will ensure billionaires and large corporations pay their fair share.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	43
3. Don't Know	14

80. President Biden and Democrats will lower costs for working families and invest in strengthening our supply chain.

1. Believe	40
2. Do not believe	47
3. Don't Know	13

81. President Biden and Democrats will reduce the deficit.

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	50
3. Don't Know	14

82. Democrats will build back a stronger country.

1. Believe	40
2. Do not believe	47
3. Don't Know	13

83. Now having watched both of these videos, which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of inflation – (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE)

1. The Republican Party	49
2. The Democratic Party	41
3. Don't know	10

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. 65+	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	25
4. Other	1
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	12
2. Somewhat Liberal	11
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	20
5. Very Conservative	16
6. Don't Know	3

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

1. Yes	33
2. No	66
3. Don't Know	1

88. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	23
2. Married	59
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	12
5. Widowed	4
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	13
3. 30K-50K	15
4. 50K-75K	17
5. 75K-100K	17
6. 100-200K	20
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	4

90. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	14
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	30
4. Jewish	3
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	9
7. Other	25
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	14
2. No	84
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	40
2. Employed, part-time	9
3. Unemployed	9
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	6
6. Student	2
7. Retired	28
8. Don't Know	*

95. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	35
2. Suburban	45
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	17
2. South	32
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	11