

**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: 7.99**

- 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	<b>27</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>10</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>63</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>40</b>
2. Don't know	<b>9</b>
3. Disapprove	<b>51</b>

**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)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
<b>3. Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>4. Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>5. Joe Biden</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>6. Donald Trump</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>7. Nancy Pelosi</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>8</b>

**8. Which of the following issues would you say is most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (ROTATE)**

1. Education	1
2. Social Security	6
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	2
5. Health care	4
6. The Economy	22
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	5
10. Environment/Climate Change	7
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	3
13. Energy	2
14. Gas prices	3
15. Immigration	5
16. Inflation	17
17. Abortion	8
18. Prescription Drugs	*
19. Guns	4
20. Other	2
21. Don't know	2

**Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 9-18)**

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
<b>9. The Economy</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>10. Jobs</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>11. Taxes</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>12. Health care</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>13. Abortion</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>14. Education</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>15. Crime and safety</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>16. Gas prices</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>17. Inflation</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>18. Immigration</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>14</b>

**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? (ROTATE answer options 1 and 3)**

1. Republican	<b>41</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>5</b>
3. Undecided	<b>10</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>3</b>
5. Democrat	<b>42</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	<b>45</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	<b>45</b>

**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 Q21-22, THEN ROTATE Q23-25)**

	MEAN
<b>20. Your own political ideology</b>	<b>5.60</b>
<b>21. Ideology of Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>6.65</b>
<b>22. Ideology of Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>3.68</b>
<b>23. Ideology of Joe Biden</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>24. Ideology of Donald Trump</b>	<b>6.93</b>
<b>25. Ideology of Nancy Pelosi</b>	<b>3.62</b>

## **ECONOMY**

**26. 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	<b>25</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>12</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>62</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>37</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>56</b>
3. Don't know	<b>7</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>35</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>56</b>
3. Don't know	<b>9</b>

**29. In thinking more specifically about how the economy is doing, which comes closer to your view? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

1. The economy is getting better, but the rate of progress is still unacceptable.	<b>26</b>
2. The economy is getting better, and the rate of progress is acceptable.	<b>18</b>
3. The economy is not getting better at all.	<b>51</b>
4. Don't know	<b>5</b>

**30. By the end of the year, do you think inflation will be better, about the same or worse than it is now? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

1. Better	<b>19</b>
2. About the same	<b>35</b>
3. Worse	<b>40</b>
4. Don't know	<b>6</b>

**31. Which description comes closest to the personal economic and lifestyle impact of inflation? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

1. You have adjusted well with little difficulty	<b>19</b>
2. It has been inconvenient	<b>26</b>
3. It has been difficult	<b>36</b>
4. It has been catastrophic	<b>16</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>3</b>

**32. Do you think that the US is or is not in a recession?**

1. Is	<b>59</b>
2. Is not	<b>24</b>
3. Don't know	<b>17</b>

**33. Which of the following items is giving you the most difficulty? (ROTATE)**

**A. What is your first choice?**

**B. What is your second choice?**

	FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	COMBINED ANSWERS
1. Cost of health care and insurance	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>
2. Taxes	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
3. Gas prices	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>
4. Food costs	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>61</b>
5. Mortgage	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
6. Household utilities and goods	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>
7. Cost of education and student loans	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
8. None of these	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
9. Don't Know	<b>2</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>2</b>

## 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 34-57)

	MEAN
34. The economy and jobs	7.38
35. Situation with coronavirus	5.70
36. Possible new tax rate increases	6.89
37. The national deficit and debt	6.88
38. Immigration and the situation at the border	6.63
39. Inflation	7.62
40. Gas prices	7.31
41. Supply chain/shortages of products	7.03
42. The situation in Afghanistan	5.15
43. The situation with Russia and Ukraine	6.12
44. Crime and safety	7.30
45. Health care	7.05
46. Congressional investigation into events of January 6	5.39
47. Voting rights	6.59
48. Cultural issues such as gender identity	4.66
49. New education test scores showing large declines in reading and math	6.39
50. Abortion/The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade	6.42
51. Food prices/grocery costs	7.60
52. FBI raid on former President Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago	5.64
53. President Biden's executive order to forgive student loan debt	5.59
54. The Inflation Reduction Act recently passed by Congress	5.97
55. Guns	6.44
56. Climate change	5.80
57. President Biden's speech on threats to democracy and MAGA Republicans	5.35

**SEEN/READ/HEARD**

**(ROTATE Q58-59)**

**58. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Republican candidates?**

1. The economy and jobs	<b>7</b>
2. Situation with coronavirus	<b>1</b>
3. Possible new tax rate increases	<b>2</b>
4. The national deficit and debt	<b>2</b>
5. Immigration and the situation at the border	<b>9</b>
6. Inflation	<b>11</b>
7. Gas prices	<b>3</b>
8. Supply chain/shortages of products	<b>1</b>
9. The situation in Afghanistan	<b>1</b>
10. The situation with Russia and Ukraine	<b>2</b>
11. Crime and safety	<b>2</b>
12. Health care	<b>1</b>
13. Congressional investigation into events of January 6	<b>4</b>
14. Voting rights	<b>2</b>
15. Cultural issues such as gender identity	<b>1</b>
16. New education test scores showing large declines in reading and math	<b>*</b>
17. Abortion/The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade	<b>8</b>
18. Food prices/grocery costs	<b>2</b>
19. FBI raid on former President Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago	<b>12</b>
20. President Biden's executive order to forgive student loan debt	<b>4</b>
21. The Inflation Reduction Act recently passed by Congress	<b>3</b>
22. Guns	<b>3</b>
23. Climate change	<b>1</b>
24. President Biden's speech on threats to democracy and MAGA Republicans	<b>5</b>
25. Something else	<b>1</b>
26. Don't know	<b>13</b>

**59. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Democratic candidates?**

1. The economy and jobs	<b>3</b>
2. Situation with coronavirus	<b>2</b>
3. Possible new tax rate increases	<b>1</b>
4. The national deficit and debt	<b>1</b>
5. Immigration and the situation at the border	<b>1</b>
6. Inflation	<b>3</b>
7. Gas prices	<b>4</b>
8. Supply chain/shortages of products	<b>1</b>
9. The situation in Afghanistan	<b>1</b>
10. The situation with Russia and Ukraine	<b>2</b>
11. Crime and safety	<b>2</b>
12. Health care	<b>1</b>
13. Congressional investigation into events of January 6	<b>7</b>
14. Voting rights	<b>4</b>
15. Cultural issues such as gender identity	<b>2</b>
16. New education test scores showing large declines in reading and math	<b>*</b>
17. Abortion/The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade	<b>16</b>
18. Food prices/grocery costs	<b>3</b>
19. FBI raid on former President Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago	<b>7</b>
20. President Biden's executive order to forgive student loan debt	<b>7</b>
21. The Inflation Reduction Act recently passed by Congress	<b>7</b>
22. Guns	<b>3</b>
23. Climate change	<b>7</b>
24. President Biden's speech on threats to democracy and MAGA Republicans	<b>5</b>
25. Something else	<b>1</b>
26. Don't know	<b>11</b>



## **BELIEF STATEMENTS**

**Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q60-66)**

**60. The \$80 billion in new funding for the IRS will not increase audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans.**

1. Believe	<b>28</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>47</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>25</b>

**61. Inflation has been over 8% for the last 5 months.**

1. Believe	<b>69</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>16</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>16</b>

**62. At 8% inflation, people are losing the equivalent of one month's income of their yearly income.**

1. Believe	<b>67</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>14</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>19</b>

**63. Even if there is some impact on inflation and gas prices, it is worth it to transition to green energy.**

1. Believe	<b>35</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>45</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>20</b>

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

1. Believe	<b>54</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>34</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>13</b>

**65. Gas prices are going down significantly.**

1. Believe	<b>34</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>57</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>9</b>

**66. Gas prices are now reasonable.**

1. Believe	<b>22</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>71</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>7</b>

**67. In thinking about what is a fair share of taxes for the wealthy and large corporations, which comes closer to how you define their fair share? (ROTATE)**

1. The wealthy and corporations should pay what they legally owe under current tax law	<b>58</b>
2. The wealthy and corporations should pay what they legally owe under current tax law plus additional taxes because they can afford it and others need the money more than they do.	<b>35</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>7</b>

## IRS/TAX QUESTIONS

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

1. Increasing the size of the IRS will crack down on tax evaders and the wealthy and corporations that are not paying their fair share in taxes.	39
2. Increasing the size of the IRS will lead to government audits of innocent individuals, more government intrusion into individuals' finances, and increased bureaucracy and paperwork for businesses.	48
3. Don't know	13

## EDUCATION

### 69. Recently, President Biden announced the cancellation of up to \$10,000 of federal student loan debt per borrower for those making under \$125,000 for those filing as single individuals or families making under \$250,000. Do you favor or oppose this action?

1. Favor	46
2. Oppose	45
3. Don't know	9

### 70. Do you think the cancellation of up to \$10,000 of federal student loan debt per borrower will (ROTATE) help, hurt, or have no impact on inflation? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Help	25
2. Hurt	37
3. No impact	28
4. Don't know	11

### 71. Some have said that that canceling debt for student loan borrowers is unfair to those who chose not to go to college or who have already paid off their debt. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?

1. Agree	61
2. Disagree	30
3. Don't know	9

**72. Some have asserted that Biden’s student loan debt cancellation unfairly transfers that debt from the 13% of the country that has student debt to the 87% of the country that does not have student debt. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?**

1. Agree	<b>54</b>
2. Disagree	<b>25</b>
3. Don’t know	<b>21</b>

**ABORTION**

**73. The Supreme Court recently overturned the Roe v. Wade decision on abortion. Which proposal would you prefer? (ROTATE)**

1. Congress should pass a federal law to codify Roe v. Wade to ensure a woman’s right to choose.	<b>53</b>
2. We should defer to states to allow them to set their own laws regarding abortion in their states.	<b>36</b>
3. Don’t know	<b>11</b>

**74. While both may be important to you, which matters more to you in thinking about the elections this fall? (ROTATE)**

1. A candidate’s position on abortion	<b>27</b>
2. A candidate’s position on the economy and inflation	<b>63</b>
3. Don’t know	<b>10</b>

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE Q75-77)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
<b>75. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>76. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>77. The federal government</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7</b>

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

**78. In what year were you born?**

1. 18-34	<b>17</b>
2. 35-44	<b>19</b>
3. 45-54	<b>20</b>
4. 55-64	<b>21</b>
5. 65+	<b>23</b>

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

1. Republican	<b>35</b>
2. Democrat	<b>37</b>
3. Independent	<b>25</b>
4. Other	<b>2</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**80. 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	<b>10</b>
2. Somewhat Liberal	<b>13</b>
3. Moderate	<b>38</b>
4. Somewhat Conservative	<b>20</b>
5. Very Conservative	<b>16</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>3</b>

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

1. Yes	<b>32</b>
2. No	<b>68</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

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

1. Single, never married	<b>30</b>
2. Married	<b>50</b>
3. Separated	<b>20</b>
4. Divorced	<b>14</b>
5. Widowed	<b>4</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Less than 15K	<b>9</b>
2. 15K-30K	<b>15</b>
3. 30K-50K	<b>17</b>
4. 50K-75K	<b>17</b>
5. 75K-100K	<b>15</b>
6. 100-200K	<b>19</b>
7. Over 200K	<b>4</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**84. What is your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant	<b>15</b>
2. Mainline Protestant	<b>12</b>
3. Catholic	<b>27</b>
4. Jewish	<b>4</b>
5. Mormon	<b>1</b>
6. Atheist/Agnostic	<b>12</b>
7. Other	<b>24</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>5</b>

**85. What is your race?**

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

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

1. Did not complete high school	<b>1</b>
2. High school graduate	<b>21</b>
3. Attended college but received no degree	<b>24</b>
4. Associates degree	<b>13</b>
5. College graduate – Bachelors	<b>25</b>
6. Postgraduate study or degree	<b>16</b>

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

1. Employed, full time	<b>40</b>
2. Employed, part-time	<b>10</b>
3. Unemployed	<b>9</b>
4. Self-employed	<b>7</b>
5. Homemaker	<b>7</b>
6. Student	<b>2</b>
7. Retired	<b>24</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	<b>40</b>
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	<b>46</b>
3. Third party candidate/Other	<b>3</b>
4. Did not vote	<b>9</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**89. In terms of abortion policy, which policy do you think Republicans will pursue? (ROTATE)**

1. Defer to states to set their own policies	<b>52</b>
2. Pass a nationwide ban on abortion	<b>33</b>
3. Don't know	<b>16</b>

**90. 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. The Democrat who says Donald Trump and MAGA Republicans represent an extremism that threatens the very foundations of our Republic. They do not respect the Constitution and do not believe in the rule of law.	<b>40</b>
2. The Republican who says the economy and inflation are the most important priorities facing the country. We need an all of the above energy strategy to help lower gas prices, get the supply chain moving, and, stop wasteful government spending that is making inflation worse. We need to do everything we can to help businesses get back on their feet so they get Americans back to work and the economy moving again.	<b>47</b>
3. Don't know	<b>13</b>



**91. 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. The Democrat who says the recent bill passed by Congress will lower prescription drug costs, deliver historic climate action, and dramatically reduce the deficit by asking the wealthy and corporations to pay their fair share.	<b>42</b>
2. The Republican who says the economy and inflation are the most important priorities facing the country. We need an all of the above energy strategy to help lower gas prices, get the supply chain moving, and stop wasteful government spending that is making inflation worse. We need to do everything we can to help businesses get back on their feet so they get Americans back to work and the economy moving again.	<b>48</b>
3. Don't know	<b>10</b>

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

1. Urban	<b>32</b>
2. Suburban	<b>48</b>
3. Rural	<b>20</b>

**Gender**

1. Male	<b>48</b>
2. Female	<b>52</b>

**Region**

1. Northeast	<b>18</b>
2. South	<b>27</b>
3. Midwest	<b>18</b>
4. Plains/Mountains	<b>20</b>
5. West Coast	<b>17</b>