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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	**28**
2.	Don't Know	**12**
3.	Wrong Track	**60**

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	**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 5-8)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. **Republicans in Congress**	99	42	51	6
4. **Democrats in Congress**	100	43	52	5
5. **Joe Biden**	99	43	53	3
6. **Donald Trump**	99	38	56	5
7. **Nancy Pelosi**	98	36	54	8
8. **The federal government**	99	35	57	7

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	**5**

3. Retirement and Investments	**1**
4. Terrorism	**2**
5. Health care	**5**
6. The Economy	**23**
7. Jobs	**2**
8. Taxes	**3**
9. Crime and Safety	**5**
10. Environment/Climate Change	**6**
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	**3**
12. National Deficit/Spending	**4**
13. Energy	**1**
14. Gas prices	**2**
15. Immigration	**8**
16. Inflation	**16**
17. Abortion	**6**
18. Prescription Drugs	**1**
19. Guns	**3**
20. Other	**2**
21. Don't know	**1**

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 10-16)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
10. The Economy	**48**	**38**	**14**
11. Jobs	**44**	**41**	**14**
12. Taxes	**43**	**42**	**15**
13. Health care	**36**	**51**	**13**
14. Education	**41**	**45**	**14**
15. Inflation	**47**	**36**	**17**
16. Immigration	**48**	**39**	**13**

17. 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	**10**
4.	Lean Democrat	**3**
5.	Democrat	**42**
	TOTAL REPUBLICAN	**45**
	TOTAL DEMOCRAT	**44**

ECONOMY

18. 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	**29**
2.	Don't Know	**13**
3.	Wrong Track	**58**

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

1.	Approve	**39**
2.	Disapprove	**53**
3.	Don't know	**8**

20. Do you think inflation is getting … (ROTATE 1-2)

1.	Better	**20**
2.	Worse	**57**
3.	It is not changing	**20**
4.	Don't know	**3**

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

1.	Correct	**34**
2.	Incorrect	**50**
3.	Don't know	**16**

22. Which of these statements is true? (ROTATE 1-2)

1.	President Biden has reduced the budget deficit	**18**
2.	President Biden has increased the budget deficit	**53**
3.	President Biden has had no impact on the budget deficit	**13**
4.	Don't know	**15**

23. Which is a more serious threat to the US, (ROTATE) the national debt or climate change? (ROTATE)

1.	The national debt	**57**
2.	Climate change	**38**
3.	Don't know	**5**

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q24-38)

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

1.	Believe	**54**
2.	Do not believe	**30**
3.	Don't Know	**16**

25. Extending President Trump's individual tax cuts in full would add around $3 trillion to federal deficits over a decade.

1. Believe	**39**
2. Do not believe	**32**
3. Don't Know	**29**

26. Republican-endorsed proposals would widen deficits, such as repealing funding for the Internal Revenue Service and undoing Democrats' prescription-drug pricing overhaul.

1. Believe	**38**
2. Do not believe	**37**
3. Don't Know	**25**

27. The federal government has spent $6 trillion or more the last three years in a row, which is a new record for government spending.

1. Believe	**57**
2. Do not believe	**17**
3. Don't Know	**26**

28. Republicans want to cut Social Security and Medicare.

1. Believe	**44**
2. Do not believe	**42**
3. Don't Know	**14**

29. Democrats have increased annual discretionary spending by $400 billion – a 30% increase in just four years.

1. Believe	**46**
2. Do not believe	**23**
3. Don't Know	**30**

30. Gas prices are comparable to what they were when President Biden took office.

1.	Believe	**32**
2.	Do not believe	**52**
3.	Don't Know	**16**

31. If we continue down this path, in the future we will be faced with higher taxes, higher interest rates, and an economy that doesn't work for working Americans.

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

32. In thinking about the national deficit and debt, a responsible debt limit increase that begins to eliminate wasteful Washington spending and puts us on a path towards a balanced budget is the right place to start.

1.	Believe	**57**
2.	Do not believe	**22**
3.	Don't Know	**21**

33. Gas prices are down over $1.50 from their peak.

1.	Believe	**47**
2.	Do not believe	**39**
3.	Don't Know	**14**

34. Annual inflation has been down for 6 months.

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

35. The US has the lowest unemployment rate in over 50 years.

1.	Believe	**42**
2.	Do not believe	**43**
3.	Don't Know	**16**

36. 12 million jobs have been created since President Biden took office, more created in two years than any other president has created in a single four-year term.

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

37. Under President Biden's economic plan, the deficit has come down by a record $1.7 trillion.

1.	Believe	**25**
2.	Do not believe	**51**
3.	Don't Know	**23**

38. From 2020 to 2022, annual revenues to the federal government increased by $1.5 trillion.

1.	Believe	**39**
2.	Do not believe	**28**
3.	Don't Know	**33**

39. Which is a bigger problem, (ROTATE) government spending, or not enough revenue coming in from taxes? (ROTATE)

1.	Government spending	**70**
2.	Not enough revenue coming in from taxes	**23**
3.	Don't know	**8**

40. Which is the bigger contributor to the national debt, (ROTATE) Democratic spending, or Republican tax cuts? (ROTATE)

1.	Democratic spending	**52**
2.	Republican tax cuts	**36**
3.	Don't know	**12**

On a 1-9 scale where is 1 is not impacted at all, 5 is some impact, and 9 is a great deal of impact, how much of an impact do you think each of the following has had on the current budget deficits? (ROTATE Q41-Q45)

	MEAN
41. The Trump tax cuts	**5.65**
42. The Biden spending increases	**6.66**
43. Social Security and Medicare	**5.22**
44. Welfare programs for the poor	**5.71**
45. Defense and national security spending	**6.12**

46. Do you favor or oppose the proposal to raise the nation's debt limit?

1.	Favor	**36**
2.	Oppose	**42**
3.	Don't Know	**22**

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q47-49)

47. If Congress does not raise the debt ceiling, it will be failing to meet its responsibility to pay the bills of the United States.

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

48. If Congress refuses to give the United States the ability to pay its bills on time, the consequences for the economy could be catastrophic.

1. Believe	**54**
2. Do not believe	**25**
3. Don't know	**20**

49. If Congress were to fail to raise the country's debt limit, the stock market will plunge and trillions of dollars in investments and retirement savings will be lost.

1. Believe	**40**
2. Do not believe	**32**
3. Don't know	**28**

50. In thinking about the debt limit, which of the following comes closest to your view? (ROTATE)

1. President Biden and Congressional leaders should sit down and negotiate a reasonable solution to address raising the debt limit.	**51**
2. President Biden should refuse to negotiate with Congress and insist on a "clean" debt limit increase without conditions.	**14**
3. Only after Congressional leaders put forward their plan to reduce spending should President Biden negotiate a reasonable solution to address raising the debt limit.	**23**
4. Don't know	**12**

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q51-52)

51. Republicans will cut Social Security and Medicare.

1. Believe	**45**
2. Do not believe	**44**
3. Don't Know	**11**

52. Democrats want to defund the police.

1. Believe	**48**
2. Do not believe	**43**
3. Don't Know	**9**

53. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? If it is true that government revenues have increased by $1.5 trillion annually, we should not be increasing taxes.

1. Agree	**57**
2. Disagree	**21**
3. Don't Know	**22**

EDUCATION

54. Do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression of Advanced Placement (AP) Tests? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. Strongly favorable	**21**
2. Somewhat favorable	**27**
3. Somewhat unfavorable	**11**
4. Strongly unfavorable	**6**
5. No opinion	**23**
6. Never heard of	**12**
TOTAL FAVORABLE	**48**
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	**17**

55. Recently, President Biden announced the cancellation of up to $10,000 of 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	**47**
2. Oppose	**43**
3. Don't know	**10**

56. 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	**57**
2.	Disagree	**32**
3.	Don't know	**11**

57. Do believe or not believe the following statement? Most college graduates today are ready to enter the workforce.

1.	Believe	**44**
2.	Do not believe	**44**
3.	Don't know	**13**

58. While all may be important, what is the most important reason to reduce out national debt? (ROTATE)

1.	To ensure our children and grandchildren aren't saddled with debt	**21**
2.	To protect and strengthen government programs for the next generation	**17**
3.	To lessen our dependence on foreign nations like China	**23**
4.	To lower inflation and the rising costs of goods in America	**32**
5.	Don't know	**7**

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

59. In what year were you born?

1.	18-34	**23**
2.	35-44	**18**
3.	45-54	**18**
4.	55-64	**20**
5.	65+	**21**

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

1.	Republican	**35**
2.	Democrat	**36**
3.	Independent	**26**
4.	Other	**1**
5.	Don't Know	**2**

61. 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	**14**
3.	Moderate	**37**
4.	Somewhat Conservative	**20**
5.	Very Conservative	**17**
6.	Don't Know	**2**

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

1.	Yes	**31**
2.	No	**68**
3.	Don't Know	**1**

63. What is your current marital status?

1.	Single, never married	**29**
2.	Married	**57**
3.	Separated	**2**
4.	Divorced	**10**
5.	Widowed	**3**
6.	Don't Know	*****

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

1.	Less than 15K	**8**
2.	15K-30K	**14**
3.	30K-50K	**13**
4.	50K-75K	**20**
5.	75K-100K	**16**
6.	100-200K	**21**
7.	Over 200K	**5**
8.	Don't Know	**4**

65. What is your religion?

1.	Evangelical Protestant	**12**
2.	Mainline Protestant	**11**
3.	Catholic	**28**
4.	Jewish	**5**
5.	Mormon	**2**
6.	Atheist/Agnostic	**12**
7.	Other	**24**
8.	Don't Know	**5**

66. What is your race?

1.	Hispanic	14
2.	African-American	13
3.	Asian	3
4.	White	67
5.	Other	3
6.	Don't Know	*

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

1.	Did not complete high school	1
2.	High school graduate	19
3.	Attended college but received no degree	24
4.	Associates degree	15
5.	College graduate – Bachelors	25
6.	Postgraduate study or degree	16

68. What is your employment status?

1.	Employed, full time	44
2.	Employed, part-time	10
3.	Unemployed	7
4.	Self-employed	7
5.	Homemaker	6
6.	Student	3
7.	Retired	23
8.	Don't Know	*

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	**40**
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	**47**
3. Third party candidate/Other	**4**
4. Did not vote	**8**
5. Don't Know	**1**

70. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	**30**
2. Suburban	**52**
3. Rural	**18**

Gender

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

Region

1. Northeast	**17**
2. South	**25**
3. Midwest	**22**
4. Plains/Mountains	**21**
5. West Coast	**15**