



WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1,000 Registered Voters
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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	29
2. Don't Know	11
3. Wrong Track	61

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

1. Approve	42
2. Don't know	9
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 5-6)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	43	51	6
4. Democrats in Congress	100	45	50	5
5. Joe Biden	100	42	55	3
6. Donald Trump	100	43	53	3

7. 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	1

5. Health care	6
6. The Economy	22
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	2
9. Crime and Safety	6
10. Environment/Climate Change	5
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	4
13. Energy	2
14. Gas prices	2
15. Immigration	5
16. Inflation	16
17. Abortion	5
18. Prescription Drugs	1
19. Guns	6
20. Other	3
21. 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 8-17)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	48	37	15
9. Jobs	48	39	13
10. Taxes	48	37	15
11. Health care	37	49	14
12. Education	40	45	15
13. Inflation	49	33	18
14. Immigration	48	37	16
15. National debt	46	35	19
16. Student loan debt	37	44	19
17. Abortion	38	47	15

18. 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	5
3. Undecided	10
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	40
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	47
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	43

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being very liberal, 5 being moderate, and 9 being very conservative, how would you rate... (ASK 19, THEN ROTATE Q20-21, THEN Q22)

	MEAN
19. Your own political ideology	5.49
20. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.54
21. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.65
22. Ideology of Joe Biden	3.60
22a. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.70

ECONOMY

23. 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	59

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

1. Approve	37
2. Disapprove	54
3. Don't know	9

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

1. Better	17
2. Worse	61
3. It is not changing	18
4. Don't know	4

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

1. Correct	32
2. Incorrect	51
3. Don't know	17

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

1. Is	55
2. Is not	27
3. Don't know	18

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 Q28-39)

	MEAN
28. Inflation and the cost of gasoline and food	7.42
29. Discussions over raising the nation's debt limit	6.52
30. Debate over gun laws as a result of recent shootings	6.41
31. Discussions about abortion including recent judicial decisions about abortion pills	6.32
32. Immigration policies at the southern US border	6.58
33. Transgender issues in schools and sports	5.45
34. Recent bank collapses and volatility in financial markets	6.46
35. Cultural issues like critical race theory (CRT)	5.22
36. War in Ukraine and US involvement	5.88

37. Crime and local prosecutors' enforcement of laws	6.73
38. Hunter Biden investigation	4.80
39. Legal allegations against former President Donald Trump	5.14

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q40-42)

40. 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	33
3. Don't Know	13

41. Republicans want to cut Social Security and Medicare.

1. Believe	41
2. Do not believe	40
3. Don't Know	19

42. 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	55
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't Know	24

43. Do you favor or oppose the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in 2017?

1. Favor	38
2. Oppose	22
3. Don't know	40

44. If you knew that the standard deduction would be cut in half when the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expires at the end of 2025, would you favor or oppose extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act?

1. Favor	38
2. Oppose	31
3. Don't know	31

DEBT LIMIT

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

1. Favor	35
2. Oppose	40
3. Don't Know	25

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q46-47)

46. 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	51
2. Do not believe	28
3. Don't know	21

47. 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	57
2. Do not believe	23
3. Don't know	20

**48. 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.	48
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.	25
4. Don’t know	13

49. Recently, the House passed a bill to raise the nation’s debt limit. The bill includes the following provisions:

- **Return discretionary spending to Fiscal Year 2022 levels**
- **Limit the growth of spending to 1 percent per year**
- **Return unspent COVID funds to the Treasury**
- **Repeal the addition of 87,000 agents to the IRS**
- **End green subsidies for companies**
- **Prohibit one-time student debt cancellation**
- **Restore the work requirement for federal aid programs**

Do you favor or oppose this bill?

1. Favor	52
2. Oppose	29
3. Don’t know	20

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE STATEMENTS FIRST 500 Q50 THEN Q51; SECOND 500 Q51 THEN Q50)

50. Increasing the national debt contributes to inflation.

1. Believe	55
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don’t know	20

51. Increasing federal spending contributes to inflation.

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

52. Do you think that the Biden administration's approach to regulation of businesses and industries has been too much, about right, or not enough? (ROTATE 1 AND 3)

1. Too much	28
2. About right	32
3. Not enough	23
4. Don't know	17

BANK FAILURES

53. In thinking about the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and other banks, what do you think was the cause? (ROTATE)

1. The rolling back of regulation and oversight of banks	28
2. Bank mismanagement and the consequences of the Federal Reserve raising interest rates	54
3. Don't know	18

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Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q54-55)

54. The Biden administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America's energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans.

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	49
3. Don't know	17

55. Both oil and natural gas production in the United States are projected to reach record highs this year.

1. Believe	40
2. Do not believe	33
3. Don't know	27

56. The House of Representatives recently passed an energy bill called the Lower Energy Costs Act. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Supporters of the bill who say that to lower costs for Americans and grow our economy, we need to get the federal government out of the way. The Lower Energy Costs Act will fast-track American energy production, and includes comprehensive permitting reforms that will speed construction for everything from pipelines to transmission to water infrastructure. And it ensures that the critical minerals needed for advanced technologies come from America – not China.	46
2. Opponents of the bill who say that The Lower Energy Costs Act would raise costs for American families by repealing household energy rebates and rolling back historic investments to increase access to cost-lowering clean energy technologies. Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits – already at record levels – and undercut our public health and environment.	30
3. Don't know	24

57. Which is more important to you when deciding to vote for a candidate for Congress? (ROTATE)

1. Local issues	27
2. National issues	66
3. Don't know	7

EDUCATION

58. 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	45
3. Don't know	9

59. 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	51
2. Disagree	33
3. Don't know	16

60. Having lost school time due to the schools shutting down in response to coronavirus, where do you think students are in terms of learning loss? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. About where they normally would have been	9
2. Slightly behind where they normally would have been	22
3. Somewhat behind where they normally would have been	31
4. Significantly behind where they normally would have been	29
5. Don't know	9

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

61. 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

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

1. Republican	35
2. Democrat	36
3. Independent	24
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	3

63. 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	9
2. Somewhat Liberal	15
3. Moderate	35
4. Somewhat Conservative	20
5. Very Conservative	17
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	33
2. No	65
3. Don't Know	2

65. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	29
2. Married	50
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	12
5. Widowed	4
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	9
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	19
4. 50K-75K	18
5. 75K-100K	13
6. 100-200K	19
7. Over 200K	5
8. Don't Know	4

67. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	13
2. Mainline Protestant	10
3. Catholic	28
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	11
7. Other	26
8. Don't Know	6

68. What is your race?

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

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

1. Did not complete high school	2
2. High school graduate	18
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	15
5. College graduate – Bachelors	25
6. Postgraduate study or degree	16

70. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	44
2. Employed, part-time	8
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	8
5. Homemaker	5
6. Student	4
7. Retired	22
8. Don't Know	*

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	41
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	45
3. Third party candidate/Other	4
4. Did not vote	9
5. Don't Know	1

72. Which party do you have more confidence in to handle the issue of freedom – (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE)

1. The Republican Party	47
2. The Democratic Party	44
3. Don't know	9

73. A recent Forbes study shows the US has the most billionaires of any nation on earth, followed by China and India. Is that good or bad for the country?

1. Good	46
2. Bad	22
3. Don't know	31

74. President Biden says he should be re-elected in 2024 so he can finish the job in his second term. Do you agree or disagree with this?

1. Agree	35
2. Disagree	54
3. Don't know	11

75. Do you believe or not believe the following statement? President Biden's economic plan is working.

1. Believe	32
2. Do not believe	54
3. Don't know	14

76. Which is more important in how you will vote in 2024? (ROTATE)

1. Inflation	69
2. Abortion	22
3. Don't Know	9

77. In thinking about artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on education, the economy, and society, do you think AI will have (ROTATE) a positive impact, a negative impact, or do you not know yet? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Positive impact	28
2. Negative impact	35
3. Don't know yet	36

78. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	31
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	20

GENDER

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

REGION

1. Northeast	18
2. South	28
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	14