



**WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY**  
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**1,000 Registered Voters**

In thinking about next 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: 8.13**

**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>25</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>13</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>62</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>38</b>
2. Don't know	<b>9</b>
3. Disapprove	<b>53</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>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4. Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5. Joe Biden</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>6. Donald Trump</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>7. Bidenomics</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>13</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	2
2. Social Security	5
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	*
5. Health care	7
6. The Economy	22
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	2
9. Crime and Safety	5
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	3
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	3
15. Immigration	7
16. Inflation	20
17. Abortion	5
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 9-17)**

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
<b>9. The Economy</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>10. Jobs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>11. Taxes</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>12. Health care</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>13. Education</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>14. Inflation</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>15. Immigration</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>16. National debt</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>17. Student loan debt</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>

**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	<b>42</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>3</b>
3. Undecided	<b>11</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>2</b>
5. Democrat	<b>42</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	<b>45</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	<b>44</b>

**(ROTATE Q19-20)**

**19. Overall, in thinking about what you heard from Republicans in Congress, does this make you more favorable or less favorable to Republicans in Congress?**

1. More favorable	<b>38</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>48</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>14</b>

**20. Overall, in thinking about what you heard from Democrats in Congress, does this make you more favorable or less favorable to Democrats in Congress?**

1. More favorable	<b>37</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>50</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>12</b>

## NEWS STORIES/ISSUES

On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not important, 2 is somewhat not important, 3 is important, 4 is very important, and 5 is extremely important, how important or not important is each of the following issues or news stories to you? (ROTATE Q21-38)

	MEAN
21. War between Ukraine and Russia	3.28
22. Hunter Biden allegations	2.88
23. Trump indictments	3.08
24. The 2024 presidential campaign	4.04
25. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	4.40
26. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics	3.19
27. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico	3.85
28. Efforts to Impeach President Biden	2.88
29. Climate change	3.42
30. Abortion	3.54
31. Possible Government Shutdown	3.53
32. Gender Identity and Cultural Issues	2.70
33. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss	3.55
34. Health Care and Prescription Drugs	3.98
35. Crime and Safety	4.14
36. Guns	3.70
37. National Deficit	3.92
38. Racial Equity/Affirmative Action	3.24

On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not at all, 2 is very little, 3 is some, 4 is frequently, and 5 is all the time, how often do you hear Republicans in Congress talking about each of the following issues or news stories? (ROTATE Q39-56)

	MEAN
39. War between Ukraine and Russia	3.12
40. Hunter Biden allegations	3.81
41. Trump indictments	3.30
42. The 2024 presidential campaign	3.79
43. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	3.53
44. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics	3.44
45. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico	3.83
46. Efforts to Impeach President Biden	3.63

47. Climate change	2.57
48. Abortion	3.28
49. Possible Government Shutdown	3.08
50. Gender Identity and Cultural Issues	2.94
51. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss	2.62
52. Health Care and Prescription Drugs	2.85
53. Crime and Safety	3.33
54. Guns	3.10
55. National Deficit	3.42
56. Racial Equity/Affirmative Action	2.60

On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not at all, 2 is very little, 3 is some, 4 is frequently, and 5 is all the time, how often do you hear Democrats in Congress talking about each of the following issues or news stories? (ROTATE Q57-74)

	MEAN
57. War between Ukraine and Russia	3.46
58. Hunter Biden allegations	2.40
59. Trump indictments	3.89
60. The 2024 presidential campaign	3.63
61. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	3.03
62. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics	3.47
63. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico	2.85
64. Efforts to Impeach President Biden	2.41
65. Climate change	3.85
66. Abortion	3.72
67. Possible Government Shutdown	3.16
68. Gender Identity and Cultural Issues	3.59
69. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss	2.81
70. Health Care and Prescription Drugs	3.46
71. Crime and Safety	3.06
72. Guns	3.74
73. National Deficit	2.81
74. Racial Equity/Affirmative Action	3.62

**75. Who is doing a better job of addressing the issues that concern you the most?  
(ROTATE 1-2)**

1. President Biden and Democrats in Congress	<b>36</b>
2. Republicans in Congress	<b>34</b>
3. Neither	<b>26</b>
4. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**76. 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>27</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>12</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>60</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>36</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>54</b>
3. Don't know	<b>11</b>

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

1. Better	<b>16</b>
2. Worse	<b>60</b>
3. It is not changing	<b>21</b>
4. Don't know	<b>2</b>

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

1. Correct	<b>30</b>
2. Incorrect	<b>51</b>
3. Don't know	<b>18</b>

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q80-85)

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

1. Believe	56
2. Do not believe	32
3. Don't know	12

**81. The economy was better in 2019 than it is today.**

1. Believe	60
2. Do not believe	29
3. Don't know	11

**82. The economy has improved since President Biden took office.**

1. Believe	29
2. Do not believe	61
3. Don't know	11

**83. Prices have increased 17% since President Biden took office.**

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

**84. President Biden's green policies have helped in creating almost a million manufacturing jobs in the country.**

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	43
3. Don't know	22

**85. Who did a better job in handling the economy (ROTATE) Joe Biden or Donald Trump? (ROTATE)**

1. Joe Biden	<b>36</b>
2. Donald Trump	<b>53</b>
3. Don't know	<b>12</b>

**86. When you hear the term Bidenomics, which of the two choices below do you think of more? (ROTATE)**

1. Inflation, high prices, and wasteful government spending	<b>52</b>
2. Investments in green energy, lowering inflation, infrastructure, job creation, lowering the cost of medicines, and fighting corporate greed	<b>38</b>
3. Don't know	<b>10</b>

**87. For which candidate are you more likely to vote? (ROTATE)**

1. The Democrat who says the bills Congress has passed are putting shovels in the ground, lowering the costs of medicines, creating jobs, lowering inflation, and investing in clean energy. Prices are still too high, but Democrats are working to do more to lower costs for families.	<b>45</b>
2. The Republican who says after two years of record inflation, high gas prices and grocery costs, President Biden's policies are not working. Republicans would start dealing with inflation by first increasing the production of domestic energy and addressing wasteful government spending.	<b>49</b>
3. Don't know	<b>7</b>

**EDUCATION**

**88. Recently, President Biden announced a new student loan repayment plan that would reduce the amounts borrowers would need to repay under Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans, and in some cases, lower the number of repayments borrowers would need to make before loans are forgiven. Do you favor or oppose these changes?**

1. Favor	<b>43</b>
2. Oppose	<b>42</b>
3. Don't know	<b>14</b>



**89. Under this plan, do you think college tuition prices will (ROTATE) increase or decrease, or will it have no effect on tuition? (ROTATE 1-2)**

1. College tuition prices will increase	<b>43</b>
2. College tuition prices will decrease	<b>10</b>
3. The plan will have no effect on tuition	<b>29</b>
4. Don't know	<b>18</b>

**Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE Q90-91)**

**90. President Biden's new student loan repayment plan will cost almost half a trillion dollars.**

1. Believe	<b>54</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>21</b>
3. Don't know	<b>25</b>

**91. President Biden's new student loan repayment plan addresses the root cause of the student debt crisis.**

1. Believe	<b>29</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>55</b>
3. Don't know	<b>16</b>

**92. Thinking back, did the vaccine mandates have (ROTATE) a positive impact or a negative impact in your view of the COVID-19 vaccine, or did the mandates have no impact? (ROTATE 1-2)**

1. Positive impact	<b>37</b>
2. Negative impact	<b>35</b>
3. No impact	<b>21</b>
4. Don't know	<b>6</b>

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

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

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

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

1. Republican	<b>35</b>
2. Democrat	<b>36</b>
3. Independent	<b>26</b>
4. Other	<b>2</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

**95. 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>14</b>
3. Moderate	<b>37</b>
4. Somewhat Conservative	<b>23</b>
5. Very Conservative	<b>14</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

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

1. Yes	<b>28</b>
2. No	<b>72</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Single, never married	<b>35</b>
2. Married	<b>49</b>
3. Separated	<b>2</b>
4. Divorced	<b>10</b>
5. Widowed	<b>4</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Less than 15K	<b>6</b>
2. 15K-30K	<b>13</b>
3. 30K-50K	<b>16</b>
4. 50K-75K	<b>21</b>
5. 75K-100K	<b>17</b>
6. 100-200K	<b>20</b>
7. Over 200K	<b>5</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**99. What is your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant	<b>11</b>
2. Mainline Protestant	<b>12</b>
3. Catholic	<b>32</b>
4. Jewish	<b>3</b>
5. Mormon	<b>1</b>
6. Atheist/Agnostic	<b>12</b>
7. Other	<b>26</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**100. What is your race?**

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

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

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

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

1. Employed, full time	<b>44</b>
2. Employed, part-time	<b>10</b>
3. Unemployed	<b>8</b>
4. Self-employed	<b>7</b>
5. Homemaker	<b>6</b>
6. Student	<b>4</b>
7. Retired	<b>22</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	<b>39</b>
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	<b>48</b>
3. Third party candidate/Other	<b>5</b>
4. Did not vote	<b>8</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Urban	<b>31</b>
2. Suburban	<b>52</b>
3. Rural	<b>17</b>

**GENDER**

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

**REGION**

1. Northeast	<b>20</b>
2. South	<b>24</b>
3. Midwest	<b>21</b>
4. Plains/Mountains	<b>20</b>
5. West Coast	<b>15</b>