



**WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY**  
**1000 Registered Voters**  
**December 7-9, 2023**

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: 8.03**

- 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>23</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>11</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>66</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>54</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>33</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>4. Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5</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>34</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>7. Bidenomics</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>14</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	*
4. Terrorism	2
5. Health care	5
6. The Economy	22
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	1
9. Crime and Safety	5
10. Environment/Climate Change	5
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	3
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	8
16. Inflation	19
17. Abortion	6
18. Prescription Drugs	1
19. Guns	5
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 9-15)**

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
<b>9. The Economy</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>10. Jobs</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>11. Inflation</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>12. Education</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>13. Health care</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14. Foreign policy</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>15. Climate change</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>21</b>

**16. 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>40</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>4</b>
3. Undecided	<b>10</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>3</b>
5. Democrat	<b>42</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	<b>44</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	<b>46</b>

**(ROTATE Q17-18)**

**17. 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>34</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>52</b>
3. Don't know	<b>14</b>

**18. 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>39</b>
2. Less favorable	<b>46</b>
3. Don't know	<b>14</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 Q19-32)

	MEAN
19. War between Ukraine and Russia	3.42
20. Hunter Biden allegations/efforts to impeach President Biden	2.86
21. Trump indictments	3.19
22. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	4.25
23. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics	3.36
24. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico	3.77
25. Climate change	3.42
26. Abortion	3.49
27. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss	3.55
28. Health Care and Prescription Drugs	4.04
29. Crime and Safety	4.09
30. National Deficit	3.86
31. Attacks by Hamas in Israel/current conflict in Gaza	3.61
32. Student demonstrations on college campuses about the Hamas attacks in Israel	3.20

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 Q33-46)

	MEAN
33. War between Ukraine and Russia	3.16
34. Hunter Biden allegations/efforts to impeach President Biden	3.70
35. Trump indictments	2.96
36. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	3.52
37. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics	3.45
38. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico	3.83
39. Climate change	2.54
40. Abortion	3.21
41. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss	2.52
42. Health Care and Prescription Drugs	2.81
43. Crime and Safety	3.35

<b>44. National Deficit</b>	<b>3.52</b>
<b>45. Attacks by Hamas in Israel/current conflict in Gaza</b>	<b>3.31</b>
<b>46. Student demonstrations on college campuses about the Hamas attacks in Israel</b>	<b>2.95</b>

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 Q47-60)

	MEAN
<b>47. War between Ukraine and Russia</b>	<b>3.52</b>
<b>48. Hunter Biden allegations/efforts to impeach President Biden</b>	<b>2.54</b>
<b>49. Trump indictments</b>	<b>3.89</b>
<b>50. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs</b>	<b>3.05</b>
<b>51. President Biden's economic agenda/Bidenomics</b>	<b>3.35</b>
<b>52. Situation at the border of the US and Mexico</b>	<b>2.84</b>
<b>53. Climate change</b>	<b>3.71</b>
<b>54. Abortion</b>	<b>3.64</b>
<b>55. K-12 Student Tests and Learning Loss</b>	<b>2.83</b>
<b>56. Health Care and Prescription Drugs</b>	<b>3.34</b>
<b>57. Crime and Safety</b>	<b>3.09</b>
<b>58. National Deficit</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>59. Attacks by Hamas in Israel/current conflict in Gaza</b>	<b>3.49</b>
<b>60. Student demonstrations on college campuses about the Hamas attacks in Israel</b>	<b>3.08</b>

**61. 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>13</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>60</b>

**62. 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>55</b>
3. Don't know	<b>8</b>

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

1. Better	<b>24</b>
2. Worse	<b>53</b>
3. It is not changing	<b>20</b>
4. Don't know	<b>2</b>

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

1. Correct	<b>31</b>
2. Incorrect	<b>50</b>
3. Don't know	<b>18</b>

**65. Overall, would you say you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling foreign policy?**

1. Approve	<b>36</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>53</b>
3. Don't know	<b>11</b>

## EDUCATION

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE Q66-68)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
<b>66. Colleges and universities</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>67. Ivy League universities</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>

### 68. Which of the following comes closest to your view? (ROTATE 1-5, 5-1)

1. On balance, colleges and universities lean very much to the left.	<b>24</b>
2. On balance, colleges and universities lean somewhat to the left.	<b>20</b>
3. On balance, colleges and universities are in the center of the political spectrum.	<b>26</b>
4. On balance, colleges and universities lean somewhat to the right.	<b>7</b>
5. On balance, colleges and universities lean very much to the right.	<b>3</b>
6. Don't know	<b>20</b>
TOTAL LEFT	<b>44</b>
TOTAL RIGHT	<b>10</b>

### 69. Do you approve or disapprove of how colleges and universities have handled demonstrations on campus related to the Hamas attacks in Israel?

1. Approve	<b>18</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>44</b>
3. Don't know	<b>37</b>

### 70. Which of the following comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

1. The recent protests on college campuses are similar to the campus protest movements of the past, such as the Vietnam War protests or the civil rights protests.	<b>31</b>
2. The recent protests on college campuses are much more threatening to other students than other protest movements of the past.	<b>51</b>
3. Don't know	<b>18</b>

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 71-73)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
<b>71. Russia</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>72. Ukraine</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>73. Israel</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>17</b>

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Do you believe or not believe these statements? (ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

**74. Recent weather events such as hurricanes, wildfires and flooding are the result of climate change.**

1. Believe	<b>60</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>25</b>
3. Don't know	<b>15</b>

**75. The economic costs of failing to address climate change will ultimately be greater than the economic cost of policies to address climate change.**

1. Believe	<b>55</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>28</b>
3. Don't know	<b>17</b>

**76. Which comes closest to your view about climate change? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

1. This is a very serious problem	<b>48</b>
2. This is a somewhat serious problem	<b>30</b>
3. This is not a serious problem	<b>19</b>
4. Don't Know	<b>3</b>



**77. Which of the following is closer to your view? (ROTATE 1-2, then 3)**

1. A serious approach to addressing climate change is one that capitalizes on American innovation while protecting the interests of the American people and our country's economic well-being.	<b>38</b>
2. The economic costs of failing to address climate change will ultimately be greater than the economic cost of policies to address climate change.	<b>36</b>
3. I don't believe climate change is a major problem.	<b>19</b>
4. Don't Know	<b>7</b>

**UKRAINE**

**78. The US has been providing military and economic assistance to Ukraine in its fight against Russia's invasion. Do you support or oppose continuing US assistance to Ukraine? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)**

1. Strongly support	<b>26</b>
2. Somewhat support	<b>34</b>
3. Somewhat oppose	<b>17</b>
4. Strongly oppose	<b>16</b>
5. Don't know	<b>7</b>
TOTAL SUPPORT	<b>60</b>
TOTAL OPPOSE	<b>33</b>

**79. Is it in the national security interests of the US to continue providing assistance to Ukraine?**

1. Yes	<b>52</b>
2. No	<b>27</b>
3. Don't know	<b>20</b>

**80. Do you think there (ROTATE) is or is not a plan to win in Ukraine? (ROTATE)**

1. There is a plan to win in Ukraine	<b>29</b>
2. There is not a plan to win in Ukraine	<b>39</b>
3. Don't know	<b>32</b>

**Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

- 81. A victory by Putin in Ukraine would further embolden America's adversaries, from Chairman Xi in Beijing to the Ayatollah in Tehran to Kim Jong Un in North Korea.**

1. Believe	<b>58</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>16</b>
3. Don't know	<b>26</b>

- 82. We want Ukraine to win, but the US cannot keep giving them a blank check indefinitely.**

1. Believe	<b>61</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>20</b>
3. Don't know	<b>19</b>

- 83. There is no clearly defined end game and the war in Ukraine has the potential to be an "endless war" like Afghanistan.**

1. Believe	<b>56</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>21</b>
3. Don't know	<b>23</b>

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

**84. 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>

**85. 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>2</b>

**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	<b>9</b>
2. Somewhat Liberal	<b>15</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>

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

1. Yes	<b>29</b>
2. No	<b>70</b>
3. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Single, never married	<b>35</b>
2. Married	<b>45</b>
3. Separated	<b>3</b>
4. Divorced	<b>11</b>
5. Widowed	<b>6</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Less than 15K	<b>6</b>
2. 15K-30K	<b>10</b>
3. 30K-50K	<b>19</b>
4. 50K-75K	<b>18</b>
5. 75K-100K	<b>17</b>
6. 100-200K	<b>23</b>
7. Over 200K	<b>5</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**90. What is your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant	<b>13</b>
2. Mainline Protestant	<b>13</b>
3. Catholic	<b>29</b>
4. Jewish	<b>4</b>
5. Mormon	<b>2</b>
6. Atheist/Agnostic	<b>13</b>
7. Other	<b>23</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**91. 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>

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

1. Did not complete high school	<b>1</b>
2. High school graduate	<b>19</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>

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

1. Employed, full time	<b>41</b>
2. Employed, part-time	<b>10</b>
3. Unemployed	<b>7</b>
4. Self-employed	<b>7</b>
5. Homemaker	<b>8</b>
6. Student	<b>4</b>
7. Retired	<b>24</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	<b>38</b>
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	<b>48</b>
3. Third party candidate/Other	<b>5</b>
4. Did not vote	<b>9</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

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

1. Urban	<b>29</b>
2. Suburban	<b>52</b>
3. Rural	<b>19</b>

**Gender**

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

**Region**

1. Northeast	<b>18</b>
2. South	<b>26</b>
3. Midwest	<b>20</b>
4. Plains/Mountains	<b>21</b>
5. West Coast	<b>16</b>