



**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: 8.01**

- 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>10</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>67</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>35</b>
2. Don't know	<b>8</b>
3. Disapprove	<b>56</b>

**For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 3-4 THEN 5-6)**

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
<b>3. Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>4. Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5. Joe Biden</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>6. Donald Trump</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2</b>

**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	*
4. Terrorism	1
5. Health care	6
6. The Economy	17
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	1
9. Crime and Safety	3
10. Environment/Climate Change	6
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	4
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	17
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 8-13)**

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
<b>8. The Economy</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>9. Jobs</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>10. Inflation</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>11. Education</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>12. Health care</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>13. Immigration</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>

**14. 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>43</b>
2. Lean Republican	<b>4</b>
3. Undecided	<b>9</b>
4. Lean Democrat	<b>4</b>
5. Democrat	<b>40</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	<b>47</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	<b>44</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 Q15, THEN ROTATE Q16-17, THEN ROTATE Q18-19)**

	MEAN
<b>15. Your own political ideology</b>	<b>5.36</b>
<b>16. Ideology of Republicans in Congress</b>	<b>6.68</b>
<b>17. Ideology of Democrats in Congress</b>	<b>3.52</b>
<b>18. Ideology of Joe Biden</b>	<b>3.41</b>
<b>19. Ideology of Donald Trump</b>	<b>6.85</b>

**20. 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>26</b>
2. Don't Know	<b>12</b>
3. Wrong Track	<b>61</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>35</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>59</b>
3. Don't know	<b>7</b>

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

1. Better	<b>21</b>
2. Worse	<b>54</b>
3. It is not changing	<b>23</b>
4. Don't know	<b>2</b>

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

1. Correct	<b>31</b>
2. Incorrect	<b>54</b>
3. Don't know	<b>15</b>

**24. 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>27</b>
2. The economy is getting better, and the rate of progress is acceptable	<b>20</b>
3. The economy is not getting better at all	<b>50</b>
4. Don't know	<b>3</b>

**25. Which of the following comes closer to being what you use to determine how inflation is doing? (ROTATE)**

1. The consumer price index/official government statistics and economic news	<b>13</b>
2. The price of items you regularly buy such as groceries or gas	<b>82</b>
3. Don't know	<b>5</b>

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

1. Approve	<b>32</b>
2. Disapprove	<b>57</b>
3. Don't know	<b>11</b>

**27. Do you believe or not believe the following statement? America's adversaries have been emboldened as a result of its standing in the world being weakened.**

1. Believe	<b>51</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>25</b>
3. Don't know	<b>24</b>

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

**28. After two years of record inflation, high gas prices, and grocery costs, policies under President Biden are not working.**

1. Believe	<b>57</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>31</b>
3. Don't know	<b>12</b>

**29. The unemployment rate is the lowest in decades.**

1. Believe	<b>39</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>41</b>
3. Don't know	<b>20</b>

**30. Wages are now increasing at a greater rate than inflation.**

1. Believe	<b>23</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>61</b>
3. Don't know	<b>16</b>

**31. President Biden has passed laws to lower the cost of medicines.**

1. Believe	<b>49</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>31</b>
3. Don't know	<b>20</b>

**32. President Biden has cut utility bills and made us more energy independent.**

1. Believe	<b>20</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>60</b>
3. Don't know	<b>20</b>

**33. Most of the jobs created under President Biden are the ones lost as a result of Covid.**

1. Believe	<b>44</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>31</b>
3. Don't know	<b>25</b>

**34. Grocery prices are coming down.**

1. Believe	<b>15</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>78</b>
3. Don't know	<b>7</b>

**35. President Biden has made progress on the economy.**

1. Believe	<b>35</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>56</b>
3. Don't know	<b>9</b>

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

1. Believe	<b>53</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>35</b>
3. Don't know	<b>11</b>

**37. President Biden is fighting for the middle class and Main Street, not special interests and Wall Street.**

1. Believe	<b>35</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>50</b>
3. Don't know	<b>15</b>

**38. Gas prices are now manageable.**

1. Believe	<b>37</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>54</b>
3. Don't know	<b>9</b>

**39. In the last Congress, Democrats passed legislation that prioritized our economic recovery and now the United States is leading the world's economic growth.**

1. Believe	<b>27</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>51</b>
3. Don't know	<b>22</b>

**40. The economy has created almost 15 million jobs since President Biden took office.**

1. Believe	<b>37</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>45</b>
3. Don't know	<b>18</b>

**41. The economy was in freefall prior to President Biden taking office.**

1. Believe	<b>33</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>52</b>
3. Don't know	<b>15</b>

**42. Since President Biden took office, has your family's income surpassed inflation, kept up with inflation, or lagged behind inflation?**

1. Surpassed inflation	<b>7</b>
2. Kept up with inflation	<b>31</b>
3. Lagged behind inflation	<b>58</b>
4. Don't know	<b>4</b>

**BORDER**

**43. Do you think the US border is secure or not secure?**

1. Secure	<b>17</b>
2. Not secure	<b>75</b>
3. Don't know	<b>8</b>

**44. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)**

1. Those who say that states like Texas have the right to secure their own borders if they believe the federal government is not effectively handling their border.	<b>61</b>
2. Those who say the use of fences with razor wire are inhumane and ineffective, and make it more difficult for federal agents to do their jobs.	<b>28</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 Q45-47)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
45. College admission tests like the SAT or ACT	99	59	27	13
46. Advanced Placement (AP) tests	95	58	21	17
47. State standardized tests	98	51	34	13

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

1. About where they normally would have been if the schools hadn't shut down	11
2. Slightly behind where they normally would have been if the schools hadn't shut down	27
3. Somewhat behind where they normally would have been if the schools hadn't shut down	30
4. Significantly behind where they normally would have been if the schools hadn't shut down	27
5. Don't know	6

49. If a student earns a 70% in their Algebra 1 class, is that student ready or not ready for Algebra 2?

1. Ready	41
2. Not ready	45
3. Don't know	14

Do you believe or not believe the following statements?

50. Grades are the best indicator of a student's knowledge and skill level.

1. Believe	36
2. Do not believe	55
3. Don't know	9

**51. Grading standards in high schools have varied widely because of the pandemic such that we need standardized tests like the SAT or ACT to provide a common understanding of where our high school students are in math and reading.**

1. Believe	<b>56</b>
2. Do not believe	<b>24</b>
3. Don't know	<b>19</b>

**52. Do you think grade inflation in US high schools is ... ?**

1. A widespread problem	<b>47</b>
2. An isolated problem	<b>22</b>
3. Not a problem at all	<b>6</b>
4. Don't know	<b>25</b>

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

**53. 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>

**54. 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>27</b>
4. Other	<b>2</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

**55. 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>24</b>
5. Very Conservative	<b>13</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>2</b>

**56. Generally speaking, how do you vote? (ROTATE 1-7, 7-1)**

1. Straight Republican	<b>15</b>
2. Mostly Republican	<b>20</b>
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	<b>10</b>
4. Split your ticket evenly	<b>8</b>
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	<b>8</b>
6. Mostly Democrat	<b>19</b>
7. Straight Democrat	<b>17</b>
8. Don't know	<b>4</b>

**57. 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>

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

1. Single, never married	<b>36</b>
2. Married	<b>44</b>
3. Separated	<b>2</b>
4. Divorced	<b>12</b>
5. Widowed	<b>5</b>
6. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Less than 15K	<b>8</b>
2. 15K-30K	<b>12</b>
3. 30K-50K	<b>17</b>
4. 50K-75K	<b>20</b>
5. 75K-100K	<b>16</b>
6. 100-200K	<b>22</b>
7. Over 200K	<b>5</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

**60. What is your religion?**

1. Evangelical Protestant	<b>13</b>
2. Mainline Protestant	<b>12</b>
3. Catholic	<b>29</b>
4. Jewish	<b>4</b>
5. Mormon	<b>2</b>
6. Atheist/Agnostic	<b>14</b>
7. Other	<b>23</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>4</b>

**61. 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>

**62. 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>

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

1. Employed, full time	<b>43</b>
2. Employed, part-time	<b>11</b>
3. Unemployed	<b>9</b>
4. Self-employed	<b>7</b>
5. Homemaker	<b>5</b>
6. Student	<b>3</b>
7. Retired	<b>22</b>
8. Don't Know	<b>*</b>

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	<b>42</b>
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	<b>45</b>
3. Third party candidate/Other	<b>3</b>
4. Did not vote	<b>10</b>
5. Don't Know	<b>1</b>

## BALLOT TESTS

65. If the elections were held today for President and Donald Trump was the Republican nominee, would you be more likely to vote for: (ROTATE) Donald Trump, the Republican candidate, or Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate?

1. Donald Trump	42
2. Lean Donald Trump	3
3. Undecided	11
4. Lean Joe Biden	3
5. Joe Biden	41
TOTAL DONALD TRUMP	45
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	44

66. If the elections were held today for President and Nikki Haley was the Republican nominee, would you be more likely to vote for: (ROTATE) Nikki Haley, the Republican candidate, or Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate?

1. Nikki Haley	37
2. Lean Nikki Haley	7
3. Undecided	17
4. Lean Joe Biden	4
5. Joe Biden	35
TOTAL NIKKI HALEY	44
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	38

**ROTATE Q67-68**

**67. If the elections were held today for President, would you be more likely to vote for: (ROTATE) the Republican nominee candidate, or Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate?**

1. The Republican nominee	<b>44</b>
2. Lean the Republican nominee	<b>3</b>
3. Undecided	<b>12</b>
4. Lean Joe Biden	<b>3</b>
5. Joe Biden	<b>38</b>
TOTAL REPUBLICAN NOMINEE	<b>47</b>
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	<b>41</b>

**68. If the elections were held today for President, would you be more likely to vote for: (ROTATE) Donald Trump, the Republican candidate, or the Democratic nominee candidate?**

1. Donald Trump	<b>42</b>
2. Lean Donald Trump	<b>2</b>
3. Undecided	<b>9</b>
4. Lean the Democratic nominee	<b>2</b>
5. The Democratic nominee	<b>44</b>
TOTAL DONALD TRUMP	<b>44</b>
TOTAL DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE	<b>46</b>

**For each of the following attributes, do you think they apply more to (ROTATE) Donald Trump, or Joe Biden? (ROTATE Q69-75)**

**69. Can bring needed change**

1. Donald Trump	<b>48</b>
2. Joe Biden	<b>33</b>
3. Don't know	<b>20</b>



**70. Fights for people like me**

1. Donald Trump		<b>40</b>
2. Joe Biden		<b>41</b>
3. Don't know		<b>20</b>

**71. Cares about people like me**

1. Donald Trump		<b>37</b>
2. Joe Biden		<b>42</b>
3. Don't know		<b>21</b>

**72. For the wealthy and special interests**

1. Donald Trump		<b>55</b>
2. Joe Biden		<b>26</b>
3. Don't know		<b>19</b>

**73. Will get the economy moving in the right direction**

1. Donald Trump		<b>51</b>
2. Joe Biden		<b>35</b>
3. Don't know		<b>14</b>

**74. Will protect freedom**

1. Donald Trump		<b>46</b>
2. Joe Biden		<b>42</b>
3. Don't know		<b>12</b>

**75. Will protect democracy**

1. Donald Trump	<b>42</b>
2. Joe Biden	<b>48</b>
3. Don't know	<b>11</b>

**ROTATE Q76-Q77**

**76. Which statement comes closer to your view of the 2020 presidential election?  
(ROTATE)**

1. Joe Biden won the election fairly	<b>59</b>
2. Joe Biden won the election because of voter fraud	<b>27</b>
3. Don't know	<b>14</b>

**77. Which statement comes closer to your view of the 2016 presidential election?  
(ROTATE)**

1. Donald Trump won the election fairly	<b>56</b>
2. Donald Trump won the election because of Russian interference	<b>25</b>
3. Don't know	<b>19</b>

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

1. Urban	<b>24</b>
2. Suburban	<b>59</b>
3. Rural	<b>17</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>20</b>
4. Plains/Mountains	<b>21</b>
5. West Coast	<b>14</b>