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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: 8.19

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	**36**
2.	Don't Know	**9**
3.	Wrong Track	**55**

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

1.	Approve	**41**
2.	Don't know	**7**
3.	Disapprove	**52**

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
3.	**Republicans in Congress**	**100**	**42**	**53**	**5**
4.	**Democrats in Congress**	**100**	**41**	**53**	**5**
5.	**Donald Trump**	**100**	**42**	**55**	**2**
6.	**Chuck Schumer**	**91**	**24**	**49**	**18**

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	**9**
3. Retirement and Investments	**1**
4. Terrorism	**1**
5. Health care	**6**
6. The Economy	**23**
7. Jobs	**2**
8. Taxes	**3**
9. Crime and Safety	**3**
10. Environment/Climate Change	**3**
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	**3**
12. National Deficit/Spending	**5**
13. Energy	*****
14. Gas prices	*****
15. Immigration	**12**
16. Inflation	**16**
17. Abortion	**3**
18. Prescription Drugs	*****
19. Guns	**1**
20. Other	**3**
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 9-16)

		REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8.	**The Economy**	**44**	**41**	**15**
9.	**Jobs**	**42**	**45**	**13**
10.	**Inflation**	**42**	**41**	**16**
11.	**Education**	**36**	**50**	**14**
12.	**Health care**	**37**	**51**	**13**
13.	**Immigration**	**51**	**37**	**12**
14.	**Taxes**	**44**	**42**	**14**

15. Tariffs	**41**	**44**	**15**

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	**40**
2. Lean Republican	**2**
3. Undecided	**11**
4. Lean Democrat	**3**
5. Democrat	**44**
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	**42**
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	**46**

(ROTATE Q17-18)

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

1. More favorable	**38**
2. Less favorable	**50**
3. Don't know	**11**

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

1. More favorable	**39**
2. Less favorable	**46**
3. Don't know	**16**

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 LIST)

		MEAN
19.	**Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs**	**7.53**
20.	**ICE protests in Los Angeles**	**6.09**
21.	**Abortion**	**5.92**
22.	**Health care/Medicare/Medicaid**	**7.42**
23.	**Crime and safety**	**7.08**
24.	**Climate change**	**5.61**
25.	**National deficit**	**6.63**
26.	**Conflict in Gaza/War between Israel and Hamas**	**5.59**
27.	**Tariffs**	**6.71**
28.	**Republican budget reconciliation bill that includes tax and spending provisions**	**6.54**
29.	**Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports**	**5.05**
30.	**Foreign students on college campuses**	**4.94**
31.	**K-12 student underperformance/student performance on national tests**	**6.22**
32.	**Donald Trump/Elon Musk feud**	**3.23**

(ROTATE Q33-34)

33. **Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Republicans in Congress? (ROTATE)**

1.	Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	**5**
2.	ICE protests in Los Angeles	**18**
3.	Abortion	**1**
4.	Health care/Medicare/Medicaid	**3**
5.	Crime and safety	**5**
6.	Climate change	**1**
7.	National deficit	**3**
8.	Conflict in Gaza/War between Israel and Hamas	**2**
9.	Tariffs	**17**
10.	Republican budget reconciliation bill that includes tax and spending provisions	**19**

11. Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports	**4**
12. Foreign students on college campuses	**2**
13. K-12 student underperformance/student performance on national tests	**1**
14. Donald Trump/Elon Musk feud	**7**
15. Something else	**2**
16. Don't know	**9**

34. Which one of these issues or news stories did you hear about *most* from Democrats in Congress? (ROTATE)

1. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	**8**
2. ICE protests in Los Angeles	**24**
3. Abortion	**5**
4. Health care/Medicare/Medicaid	**8**
5. Crime and safety	**1**
6. Climate change	**4**
7. National deficit	**2**
8. Conflict in Gaza/War between Israel and Hamas	**2**
9. Tariffs	**10**
10. Republican budget reconciliation bill that includes tax and spending provisions	**8**
11. Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports	**4**
12. Foreign students on college campuses	**2**
13. K-12 student underperformance/student performance on national tests	**1**
14. Donald Trump/Elon Musk feud	**6**
15. Something else	**2**
16. Don't know	**13**

35. 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	**34**
2. Don't Know	**12**
3. Wrong Track	**54**

36. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling the economy?

1. Approve	**41**
2. Disapprove	**54**
3. Don't know	**6**

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

1. Better	**27**
2. Worse	**49**
3. It is not changing	**21**
4. Don't know	**2**

38. Do you think President Trump's economic policies are correct or incorrect?

1. Correct	**37**
2. Incorrect	**51**
3. Don't know	**11**

TRADE/TARIFFS

39. Overall, would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing in handling tariffs?

1. Approve	**37**
2. Disapprove	**55**
3. Don't Know	**7**

40. Do you think the new tariffs will (ROTATE) help, hurt, or have no impact on the US economy, or is it too early to tell? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Help	**23**
2. Hurt	**51**
3. Have no impact	**5**
4. Too early to tell	**19**
5. Don't know	**3**

RECONCILIATION BILL

41. In 2017, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that implemented several changes to our tax code. At the end of 2025, some of the provisions from the 2017 law are expiring, and Congress must decide whether to renew those provisions or allow them to expire. Do you favor or oppose renewing those tax provisions?

1. Favor	**42**
2. Oppose	**23**
3. Don't Know	**35**

42. Recently, the House of Representatives passed a bill that includes several tax and spending provisions, including extending tax provisions from the 2017 law. Have you seen, heard, or read anything about this bill?

1. Yes	**49**
2. No	**35**
3. Don't Know	**16**

43. Do you favor or oppose this bill?

1. Favor (GO TO Q44)	**33**
2. Oppose (GO TO Q45)	**29**
3. Don't Know (GO TO Q45)	**38**

44. **(AMONG THOSE WHO FAVOR THE BILL) In thinking about why you favor the bill, what is your reason? (ROTATE)**
    A. **What is your first choice?**
    B. **What is your second choice?**

		FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	COMBINED ANSWERS
1.	President Trump supports it	9	4	13
2.	You support extending the tax provisions and keeping taxes lower	38	20	58
3.	It will have a positive impact on the US economy	27	42	69
4.	It will help small businesses	8	13	21
5.	It will help fight inflation	14	20	33
6.	Something else	3	1	4
7.	Don't know	1	*	1

45. **(AMONG THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE BILL OR DON'T KNOW) In thinking about why you oppose or aren't sure about the bill, what is your reason? (ROTATE)**
    A. **What is your first choice?**
    B. **What is your second choice?**

		FIRST CHOICE	SECOND CHOICE	COMBINED ANSWERS
1.	You don't know what's in it	26	5	31
2.	It doesn't cut spending enough	7	9	15
3.	It could increase the deficit	9	13	21
4.	You oppose changes to programs like Medicaid	10	19	27
5.	It gives tax breaks to the wealthy	21	19	38
6.	You oppose policies of President Trump and Republicans in Congress	11	12	22
7.	Elon Musk opposes the bill	2	2	3
8.	It doesn't increase the state and local (SALT) deduction high enough	1	2	3
9.	Something else	3	5	8
10.	Don't know	10	13	22

RESUME WITH ALL

The following are some of the provisions of the Republican budget reconciliation bill. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each of the following provisions? (ROTATE PROVISIONS)

46. **Extends the current tax rates to keep rates from increasing to the higher 2017 levels**

1. Strongly favor	32
2. Somewhat favor	33
3. Somewhat oppose	10
4. Strongly oppose	9
5. Don't know	15
TOTAL FAVOR	66
TOTAL OPPOSE	19

47. **Makes permanent the current standard deduction, which was doubled in 2018**

1. Strongly favor	28
2. Somewhat favor	32
3. Somewhat oppose	15
4. Strongly oppose	6
5. Don't know	19
TOTAL FAVOR	59
TOTAL OPPOSE	21

48. **Gives each senior an additional bonus of $4,000 to the standard deduction**

1. Strongly favor	41
2. Somewhat favor	36
3. Somewhat oppose	10
4. Strongly oppose	4
5. Don't know	9
TOTAL FAVOR	77
TOTAL OPPOSE	14

49. Makes permanent the current Child Tax Credit, which was doubled in 2018

1. Strongly favor	30
2. Somewhat favor	35
3. Somewhat oppose	13
4. Strongly oppose	7
5. Don't know	14
TOTAL FAVOR	65
TOTAL OPPOSE	20

50. Eliminates taxes on tips

1. Strongly favor	38
2. Somewhat favor	30
3. Somewhat oppose	14
4. Strongly oppose	9
5. Don't know	9
TOTAL FAVOR	68
TOTAL OPPOSE	23

51. Eliminates taxes on car loan interest for American-made cars

1. Strongly favor	31
2. Somewhat favor	35
3. Somewhat oppose	14
4. Strongly oppose	9
5. Don't know	11
TOTAL FAVOR	66
TOTAL OPPOSE	23

52. Eliminates taxes on overtime

1.	Strongly favor	**40**
2.	Somewhat favor	**27**
3.	Somewhat oppose	**15**
4.	Strongly oppose	**9**
5.	Don't know	**9**
	TOTAL FAVOR	**67**
	TOTAL OPPOSE	**24**

53. Expands 529 education savings accounts

1.	Strongly favor	**26**
2.	Somewhat favor	**39**
3.	Somewhat oppose	**11**
4.	Strongly oppose	**4**
5.	Don't know	**20**
	TOTAL FAVOR	**65**
	TOTAL OPPOSE	**15**

54. Expands health savings accounts

1.	Strongly favor	**30**
2.	Somewhat favor	**45**
3.	Somewhat oppose	**7**
4.	Strongly oppose	**3**
5.	Don't know	**15**
	TOTAL FAVOR	**75**
	TOTAL OPPOSE	**10**

55. Automatically enrolls newborns in a tax-advantaged savings account with a free, $1000 contribution from the government

1. Strongly favor	23
2. Somewhat favor	35
3. Somewhat oppose	16
4. Strongly oppose	13
5. Don't know	13
TOTAL FAVOR	58
TOTAL OPPOSE	29

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

56. If Congress does not act to pass the bill, this will result in the largest tax increase in history.

1. Believe	44
2. Do not believe	29
3. Don't Know	27

57. The bill protects the average taxpayer from a 22 percent tax hike.

1. Believe	36
2. Do not believe	37
3. Don't Know	27

58. The bill will save the average American family $1,700 – the equivalent of 9 weeks of groceries.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	42
3. Don't Know	20

59.   If nothing is done and Congress does not act, taxes will go up next year.

1. Believe	**62**
2. Do not believe	**18**
3. Don't Know	**20**

60.   This bill does not go far enough to cut federal spending.

1. Believe	**45**
2. Do not believe	**26**
3. Don't Know	**29**

61.   This bill will massively increase the current deficit to $2.5 trillion and burden American citizens with crushingly unsustainable debt.

1. Believe	**51**
2. Do not believe	**24**
3. Don't Know	**25**

HEALTH CARE

62.   When you make a decision about your health care, which is the most important factor in that decision? (ROTATE)

1. Getting the lowest cost for that treatment	**23**
2. Getting the best quality treatment	**72**
3. Don't know	**4**

FOREIGN POLICY

63. 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	**29**
2. Somewhat support	**28**
3. Somewhat oppose	**18**
4. Strongly oppose	**16**
5. Don't know	**9**
TOTAL SUPPORT	**57**
TOTAL OPPOSE	**34**

64. How important are alliances that the US has with other countries? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. Very important	**68**
2. Somewhat important	**26**
3. Somewhat not important	**3**
4. Not important at all	**1**
5. Don't know	**2**
TOTAL IMPORTANT	**94**
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	**4**

65. How important is the US relationship with Europe? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. Very important	**63**
2. Somewhat important	**28**
3. Somewhat not important	**4**
4. Not important at all	**2**
5. Don't know	**3**
TOTAL IMPORTANT	**91**
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	**5**

EDUCATION QUESTIONS

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

		NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
66.	Colleges and universities	99	64	24	11
67.	Ivy League universities	97	48	33	16
68.	Harvard University	100	55	29	15
69.	Columbia University	98	48	28	23
70.	University of Pennsylvania	97	46	19	32

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

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

72. **Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The degree a person has earned is a clear indication of the skills he or she has.**

1.	Agree	35
2.	Disagree	56
3.	Don't know	8

73. **Do you agree or disagree with the actions that the Trump administration has taken recently regarding international college students?**

1.	Agree	36
2.	Disagree	48
3.	Don't know	16

74. **Do you believe or not believe this statement? While it is important to have students from other countries come to study in the US, it is equally important to have a thorough vetting process for these students.**

1. Believe	**74**
2. Do not believe	**14**
3. Don't know	**12**

75. **Do you believe or not believe this statement? In considering students from other countries who would like to come to the US to study at American universities, there should be a significant increase in the level of vetting to ensure they have no connection to terrorist organizations or harbor antisemitic views.**

1. Believe	**67**
2. Do not believe	**20**
3. Don't know	**13**

76. **Recently, the US announced a trade deal with China. In the deal, the US will get magnets and rare earth minerals from China, and there will be a 55% tariff on Chinese goods. In return, the US will allow Chinese students to come to the US to study at American colleges and universities. Do you think this is a good deal or a bad deal?**

1. Good deal	**32**
2. Bad deal	**34**
3. Don't know	**33**

77. **Do you believe or not believe this statement? Most high school students today are ready to enter the workforce.**

1. Believe	**21**
2. Do not believe	**71**
3. Don't know	**8**

78. Do you believe or not believe the following statement: If nothing is done and Congress does not act, personal income taxes for most people will increase starting next year.

1. Believe	**67**
2. Do not believe	**15**
3. Don't know	**18**

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

79. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	**16**
2. 35-44	**19**
3. 45-54	**20**
4. 55-64	**21**
5. 65+	**24**

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

1. Republican	**34**
2. Democrat	**33**
3. Independent	**30**
4. Other	**2**
5. Don't Know	**2**

81. 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	**39**
4. Somewhat Conservative	**20**
5. Very Conservative	**15**
6. Don't Know	**2**

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

1.	Straight Republican	**17**
2.	Mostly Republican	**18**
3.	Slightly more Republican than Democrat	**10**
4.	Split your ticket evenly	**9**
5.	Slightly more Democrat than Republican	**9**
6.	Mostly Democrat	**16**
7.	Straight Democrat	**18**
8.	Don't know	**3**
	TOTAL STRAIGHT/MOSTLY REPUBLICAN	**35**
	TOTAL SLIGHTLY MORE REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT/SPLIT EVENLY	**29**
	TOTAL STRAIGHT/MOSTLY DEMOCRAT	**34**

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

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

84. What is your current marital status?

1.	Single, never married	**28**
2.	Married	**54**
3.	Separated	**2**
4.	Divorced	**11**
5.	Widowed	**5**
6.	Don't Know	*****

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

1.	Less than 15K	**5**
2.	15K-30K	**11**
3.	30K-50K	**15**
4.	50K-75K	**19**
5.	75K-100K	**16**
6.	100-200K	**26**
7.	Over 200K	**7**
8.	Don't Know	**2**

86. What is your religion?

1.	Evangelical Protestant	**13**
2.	Mainline Protestant	**13**
3.	Catholic	**30**
4.	Jewish	**3**
5.	Mormon	**1**
6.	Atheist/Agnostic	**14**
7.	Other	**22**
8.	Don't Know	**3**

87. What is your race?

1.	Hispanic	**12**
2.	African-American	**11**
3.	Asian	**3**
4.	White	**71**
5.	Other	**3**
6.	Don't Know	*****

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

1. Did not complete high school	**1**
2. High school graduate	**14**
3. Attended college but received no degree	**26**
4. Associates degree	**15**
5. College graduate – Bachelors	**25**
6. Postgraduate study or degree	**19**

89. For which presidential candidate did you vote in the 2024 election? (ROTATE 1-2, THEN 3)

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	**45**
2. Kamala Harris, the Democratic candidate	**44**
3. Third party candidate/Other	**3**
4. Did not vote	**8**
5. Don't Know	**1**

90. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	**45**
2. Employed, part-time	**7**
3. Unemployed	**8**
4. Self-employed	**6**
5. Homemaker	**5**
6. Student	**2**
7. Retired	**26**
8. Don't Know	*****

91. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	**30**
2. Suburban	**53**
3. Rural	**17**

GENDER

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

REGION

1.	Northeast	**18**
2.	South	**26**
3.	Midwest	**21**
4.	Plains/Mountains	**20**
5.	West Coast	**15**