



WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1,000 Registered Voters
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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: 8.28

- 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	35
2. Don't Know	8
3. Wrong Track	57

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

1. Approve	38
2. Don't know	7
3. Disapprove	55

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	39	56	5
4. Democrats in Congress	100	40	54	6
5. Donald Trump	99	40	58	1
6. Chuck Schumer	93	27	48	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	5
3. Retirement and Investments	-
4. Terrorism	1
5. Health care	11
6. The Economy	23
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	2
9. Crime and Safety	4
10. Environment/Climate Change	3
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	1
12. National Deficit/Spending	3
13. Energy	*
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	9
16. Inflation	21
17. Abortion	2
18. Prescription Drugs	1
19. Guns	2
20. Other	4
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
8. The Economy	43	44	12
9. Jobs	41	46	13
10. Inflation	42	45	13
11. Health care	35	55	11
12. Immigration	50	38	12
13. Taxes	45	42	13
14. Tariffs	43	44	13

15. Affordability/cost of living	38	49	13
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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	3
3. Undecided	10
4. Lean Democrat	3
5. Democrat	45
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	43
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	47

(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	35
2. Less favorable	52
3. Don't know	13

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	40
2. Less favorable	44
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	7.61
20. Health care/Medicare/Medicaid	7.49
21. Crime and safety	7.03
22. Conflict in Gaza/Middle East peace agreement/the release of hostages	5.81
23. Tariffs	6.66
24. The recent bill passed by Congress that some call the One Big Beautiful Bill	6.39
25. Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports	5.03
26. The federal government shutdown	6.87
27. Jeffrey Epstein investigation/release of the Epstein files	5.17
28. President Trump sending National Guard troops to US cities	6.41

(ROTATE Q29-30)

29. 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. Health care/Medicare/Medicaid	4
3. Crime and safety	7
4. Conflict in Gaza/Middle East peace agreement/the release of hostages	9
5. Tariffs	10
6. The recent bill passed by Congress that some call the One Big Beautiful Bill	15
7. Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports	5
8. The federal government shutdown	22
9. Jeffrey Epstein investigation/release of the Epstein files	4
10. President Trump sending National Guard troops to US cities	8
11. Something else	1
12. Don't know	8

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

1. Inflation/gas prices/grocery costs	5
2. Health care/Medicare/Medicaid	20
3. Crime and safety	3
4. Conflict in Gaza/Middle East peace agreement/the release of hostages	3
5. Tariffs	5
6. The recent bill passed by Congress that some call the One Big Beautiful Bill	7
7. Cultural issues such as transgender individuals participating in women's sports	4
8. The federal government shutdown	23
9. Jeffrey Epstein investigation/release of the Epstein files	9
10. President Trump sending National Guard troops to US cities	10
11. Something else	2
12. Don't know	9

31. 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	33
2. Don't know	11
3. Wrong Track	56

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

1. Approve	38
2. Disapprove	56
3. Don't know	6

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

1. Better	20
2. Worse	57
3. It is not changing	20
4. Don't know	4

TRADE/TARIFFS

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

1. Approve	34
2. Disapprove	59
3. Don't Know	7

RECONCILIATION BILL

35. Last July, President Trump signed into law a bill that includes several tax and spending provisions, including extending tax provisions from the 2017 law. Some have called this the "One Big Beautiful Bill." Would you say that you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this bill?

1. Strongly favor	16
2. Somewhat favor	22
3. Somewhat oppose	14
4. Strongly oppose	37
5. Don't Know	11
TOTAL FAVOR	38
TOTAL OPPOSE	51

36. Do you think this bill does or does not prevent a tax increase on you and your family?

1. Does prevent a tax increase	26
2. Does not prevent a tax increase	50
3. Don't Know	23

37. How closely are you following news about the current government shutdown?

1. Very closely	28
2. Somewhat closely	48
3. Somewhat not closely	15
4. Not closely at all	7
5. Don't know	1
TOTAL CLOSELY	77
TOTAL NOT CLOSELY	22

38. Would you say you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the federal government shutdown? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Strongly favor	9
2. Somewhat favor	15
3. Somewhat oppose	22
4. Strongly oppose	44
5. Don't know	9
TOTAL FAVOR	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	67

39. How much is the federal government shutdown impacting you? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. A lot	10
2. Somewhat	30
3. Little to none	54
4. Don't know	6

40. Do you believe or not believe this statement? The government shutdown is having a serious impact on the US economy.

1. Believe	63
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't Know	14

Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following are handling the current government shutdown? (ROTATE)

41. President Trump

1. Approve	35
2. Don't know	11
3. Disapprove	55

42. Republicans in Congress

1. Approve	34
2. Don't know	12
3. Disapprove	54

43. Democrats in Congress

1. Approve	33
2. Don't know	20
3. Disapprove	47

(ROTATE Q44-45)

44. Democrats say they will not agree to open the government until Republicans agree to extend the enhanced Affordable Care Act premium tax credits that were temporarily put into place by the American Rescue Plan of 2021. Democrats say that if that does not occur the average ACA plan premium cost for tens of millions of Americans would double in 2026. Do you agree or disagree with their position?

1. Agree	52
2. Disagree	32
3. Don't know	16

45. Republicans say they have passed a clean continuing resolution to fund keeping the government open for the next seven weeks that Democrats should agree to. With this in place, Republicans say they are willing to negotiate next steps to deal with the enhanced Affordable Care Act premium tax credits, were temporarily put into place by the American Rescue Plan of 2021, but that government needs to stay open while those negotiations occur. Do you agree or disagree with their position?

1. Agree	50
2. Disagree	30
3. Don't know	19

46. Whose policies have caused health care costs to increase more – (ROTATE) Republican policies or Democratic policies? (ROTATE)

1. Republican policies	52
2. Democratic policies	32
3. Don't know	16

47. Who do you think is more to blame for the current government shutdown? (ROTATE)

1. President Trump and Republicans	56
2. Senator Schumer and Democrats	33
3. Don't Know	11

48. Who do you think is more responsible for solving the current government shutdown? (ROTATE)

1. President Trump and Republicans	55
2. Senator Schumer and Democrats	29
3. Don't Know	15

49. In thinking about the federal government shutdown, which of the following comes closest to your view? (ROTATE)

1. President Trump and Congressional leaders should negotiate with Democrats for a solution to the health care subsidies first in order to get Democrats to agree to open the government back up	37
2. Both Republicans and Democrats should get the government opened back up, then negotiate on health care subsidies.	46
3. President Trump and Republicans should not negotiate with Democrats on health care subsidies and allow the government shutdown to continue	11
4. Don't know	7

50. Do you think Democrats' position on the federal government shutdown is (ROTATE) because they are fighting to protect health care, or for political reasons? (ROTATE)

1. Because they are fighting to protect health care	48
2. For political reasons	44
3. Don't know	9

STATEMENTS ABOUT SHUTDOWN

The following are some statements being made by Republicans and some by Democrats about the shutdown. For each one, do you believe or not believe that statement?

(ROTATE Q51-58 AND Q59-66)

DEMOCRATIC STATEMENTS

(ROTATE STATEMENTS)

51. Americans are facing a crisis of rising health care costs. If the government shuts down, it's because Republicans would rather shut it down rather than help people afford health care and deal with the increased cost of living.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	35
3. Don't know	11

52. The Republicans shut down the government instead of fixing health care for Americans across this country.

1. Believe	48
2. Do not believe	38
3. Don't know	13

53. If Republicans are finally ready to sit down and get something done on health care for American families, Democrats will be there—ready to make it happen.

1. Believe	51
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't know	14

54. Democrats are not trying to give health care to undocumented immigrants.

1. Believe	41
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	18

55. Republicans have passed legislation that will force millions off their current plans with tens of millions more facing over 100% increases in their Affordable Care Act health care premiums.

1. Believe	52
2. Do not believe	30
3. Don't know	18

56. Republicans are forcing hospitals, nursing homes and health clinics to close.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	42
3. Don't know	16

57. The cost of living in America is way too high. And the Republican health care crisis is making things worse.

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	30
3. Don't know	11

58. Democrats are fighting to protect your health care. Donald Trump and Republicans have shut down the government because they want to take your health care away.

1. Believe	46
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	12

REPUBLICAN STATEMENTS

(ROTATE STATEMENTS)

- 59. Three Senate Democrats joined Republicans and voted with them because they know a shutdown hurts Americans. It's not about which party wins or loses or who gets blamed. This is about opening the government back up for the American people.**

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	27
3. Don't know	20

- 60. Democrats should end the shutdown by accepting a clean nonpartisan funding bill at current spending levels. Instead, Democrats are continuing to take marching orders from far-left interest groups.**

1. Believe	42
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	17

- 61. If just a handful of Senate Democrats would join Republicans, the shutdown could end in a matter of hours and continue the bipartisan appropriations process.**

1. Believe	48
2. Do not believe	31
3. Don't know	21

- 62. When Democrats talk about a "health care crisis," the crisis is because of the health care system they created.**

1. Believe	42
2. Do not believe	43
3. Don't know	15

63. Democrats are keeping the government shut down over taxpayer funded health care for illegal immigrants.

1. Believe	39
2. Do not believe	45
3. Don't know	16

64. Democrats are keeping the government shutdown, demanding \$1 trillion in new spending all for a short-term funding deal.

1. Believe	35
2. Do not believe	40
3. Don't know	25

65. Chuck Schumer voted 13 times for clean, nonpartisan government funding bills under the Biden Administration. The sole reason he has shut down the federal government now is to protect himself from his own far-left, radical base.

1. Believe	39
2. Do not believe	36
3. Don't know	25

66. The government shutdown comes as service members and federal employees are set to miss their next paycheck, critical food assistance for low-income women and children is in dire jeopardy, states are staring down an economic catastrophe, and layoffs could be imminent.

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	25
3. Don't know	17

67. Do you believe that the federal government shutdown is worth it or not worth it? (ROTATE)

1. Worth it	29
2. Not worth it	53
3. Don't know	18

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

68. A couple making \$88,000 a year who currently receives Affordable Care Act tax credits will see their health insurance go from \$8,000 a year to \$24,000 a year if those temporary credits are not extended.

1. Believe	44
2. Do not believe	24
3. Don't know	32

69. Ten of millions of Americans will see their health insurance costs go up if the Affordable Care Act temporary tax credits are not extended.

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

70. The Affordable Care Act temporary tax credits passed as part of the American Rescue Plan in 2021 were meant to help Americans deal with Covid, and then expire when pandemic ended.

1. Believe	44
2. Do not believe	25
3. Don't know	30

71. The average premium price for an Affordable Care Act health care plan would increase for the average enrollee from \$888 to \$1,904, an increase of \$1,016.

1. Believe	52
2. Do not believe	20
3. Don't know	28

72. As a result of the enhanced subsidies for the Affordable Care Act health plans, enrollment in those plans increase from 12 million in 2021 to 24.2 million in 2025.

1. Believe	49
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't know	34

73. No Republican voted for the Affordable Care Act, or the American Rescue Plan of 2021 that created the premium temporary tax credits, or the Inflation Reduction Act of 2023 which extended the premium temporary tax credits.

1. Believe	40
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't know	34

74. Having read these statements, now would you say that you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose the federal government shutdown? (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Strongly favor	14
2. Somewhat favor	21
3. Somewhat oppose	23
4. Strongly oppose	31
5. Don't know	11
TOTAL FAVOR	35
TOTAL OPPOSE	54

75. Democrats say that every day the shutdown continues, things get better for them. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

1. Agree	21
2. Disagree	52
3. Don't know	27

76. Do you favor or oppose the White House layoffs of federal workers as a result of the shutdown?

1. Favor	24
2. Oppose	62
3. Don't know	14

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

77. 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

78. 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	1

79. 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	21
5. Very Conservative	14
6. Don't Know	2

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

1. Straight Republican	18
2. Mostly Republican	16
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	10
4. Split your ticket evenly	8
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	7
6. Mostly Democrat	19
7. Straight Democrat	18
8. Don't know	4
TOTAL STRAIGHT/MOSTLY REPUBLICAN	34
TOTAL SLIGHTLY MORE REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT/SPLIT TICKET EVENLY	25
TOTAL STRAIGHT/MOSTLY DEMOCRAT	38

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

1. Yes	28
2. No	72
3. Don't Know	*

82. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	32
2. Married	47
3. Separated	1
4. Divorced	15
5. Widowed	5
6. Don't Know	-

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

1. Less than 15K	6
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	15
4. 50K-75K	20
5. 75K-100K	15
6. 100-200K	21
7. Over 200K	7
8. Don't Know	2

84. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	16
2. Mainline Protestant	14
3. Catholic	29
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	15
7. Other	17
8. Don't Know	4

85. What is your race?

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

86. 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

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	44
2. Kamala Harris, the Democratic candidate	45
3. Third party candidate/Other	4
4. Did not vote	6
5. Don't Know	*

88. What is your employment status?

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

89. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	28
2. Suburban	54
3. Rural	18

GENDER

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

REGION

1. Northeast	19
2. South	26
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	16