



WINNING THE ISSUES NATIONAL SURVEY
1000 Registered Voters
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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	44
2. Don't Know	15
3. Wrong Track	41

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

1. Approve	57
2. Don't know	12
3. Disapprove	30

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 FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	42	50	7
4. Democrats in Congress	99	52	42	5
5. Donald Trump	100	43	52	5
6. Joe Biden	100	58	37	5

7. Which of the following issues would you say is most important to you in deciding how to vote for Congress? (ROTATE)

1. Education	3
2. Social Security	7
3. Retirement and Investments	2
4. Terrorism	3
5. Health care	13
6. The Economy	29
7. Jobs	6
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	4
10. Environment/Climate Change	5
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	2
12. National Deficit/Spending	3
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	2
15. Immigration	6
16. Other	6
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	4

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 8-12, then 13-14)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	43	43	14
9. Jobs	44	43	13
10. Taxes	44	42	14
11. Health care	36	51	14
12. Crime and safety	43	43	14
13. Public health concerns like coronavirus	35	51	15
14. Restarting the economy after the coronavirus	42	45	14

15. 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	42
2. Lean Republican	1
3. Undecided	12
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	43
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	43
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	45

IDEOLOGICAL SCALES

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being very liberal, 5 being moderate, and 9 being very conservative how would you rate... (ASK 16, then 17-18, then 19)

	MEAN
16. Your own political ideology	5.71
17. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.32
18. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	4.08
19. Ideology of Joe Biden	4.16

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 20-38)

	MEAN
20. The economy and jobs	7.38
21. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.27
22. Protests in cities across the country	6.05
23. Coronavirus	7.08
24. Stock market and economic trends	6.30
25. Discussions about re-opening the economy	6.98
26. State of scientific discovery and innovation, including status of a vaccine or a cure for coronavirus	6.87
27. Race relations	5.92
28. Free speech	6.93
29. Possible new tax rate increases	6.27

30. Big Tech involvement in deciding what information that is posted on social media is legitimate or not	6.16
31. Impeachment of former President Trump	5.53
32. Climate change	5.83
33. Allegations of election fraud	5.61
34. Capitol riots on January 6	6.31
35. President Biden's executive orders	6.37
36. The proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour	5.75
37. President Biden's executive order to shut down the Keystone Pipeline project	6.21
38. President Biden's decision to rejoin the Paris climate agreement	6.21

ECONOMY

39. 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	42
2. Don't Know	20
3. Wrong Track	39

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

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

41. Do you think the situation with the coronavirus is... (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

1. Starting to improve	38
2. Staying about the same	26
3. Getting worse	16
4. Too soon to tell	15
5. Don't know	5

42. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling the current health situation involving the coronavirus?

1. Approve	57
2. Disapprove	31
3. Don't know	12

43. Overall would you say that you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing in handling the distribution of the vaccine for the coronavirus?

1. Approve	54
2. Disapprove	31
3. Don't know	15

44. If social distancing is followed and people are encouraged to wear masks, do you think that states should be able to start opening up at a limited level, or is it too soon and this should not be allowed yet?

1. Should be able to open up	59
2. Should not be allowed yet	28
3. Don't know	13

45. Do you intend to take the vaccine for the coronavirus when it is available?

1. Yes	61
2. No	23
3. Don't Know	16

ECONOMY

46. Which statement do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Repealing the tax cuts would help economic recovery from COVID	24
2. Keeping tax cuts in place would help economic recovery from COVID	51
3. Don't Know	25

47. The Biden administration recently stopped the Keystone pipeline. Do you support or oppose that decision?

1. Support	40
2. Oppose	41
3. Don't Know	19

ENERGY BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 48-52)

48. People who have lost jobs in the oil, gas and coal industries will eventually get better paying jobs in clean energy industries.

1. Believe	34
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't Know	25

49. Combatting climate change will lead to one million new jobs in the automobile industry.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	38
3. Don't Know	25

50. Climate change should be a core part of all foreign policy and national security decisions.

1. Believe	47
2. Do not believe	32
3. Don't Know	21

51. Halting new drilling and fracking leases on public lands is necessary if we're going to cut emissions and stop climate change.

1. Believe	41
2. Do not believe	37
3. Don't Know	22

52. President Biden's signing of an executive order to ban new fracking on federal lands and a pause on oil and gas exploration on federal lands will make it difficult for the US to be energy independent from foreign sources.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	29
3. Don't Know	21

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

1. Correct	47
2. Incorrect	35
3. Don't Know	18

TAXES

54. What is the highest percentage tax rate that any individual in the US should pay for all taxes combined, including federal, state, local, property, payroll and wealth taxes? (OPEN-END)

MEAN: 23.59%

55. Some have said they want to raise the tax rate on corporations from 21% up to 28%. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?

1. Favor	43
2. Oppose	39
3. Don't know	17

56. Which statement do you agree with more?

1. Raising the corporate tax rate in the US would make America less competitive compared to other countries, which is the last thing we need to be able to economically recover from the coronavirus.	44
2. Raising the corporate tax rate in the US would help pay for economic recovery from the coronavirus and provide relief to Americans who are struggling.	37
3. Don't know	20

BELIEF STATEMENTS

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE 57-60)

57. Raising the minimum wage will only speed the move to automated jobs and put people out of work.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't know	20

58. Government policies have led to a decline in the purchasing power of the US dollar over time.

1. Believe	55
2. Do not believe	18
3. Don't know	27

59. Too many Americans are not making a living wage.

1. Believe	65
2. Do not believe	20
3. Don't know	15

60. Many individuals and businesses are moving to other states because of their home states' high tax rates.

1. Believe	63
2. Do not believe	16
3. Don't know	21

61. Do you favor or oppose lifting the cap on state and local tax deductions that currently limit deductions to \$10,000?

1. Favor	38
2. Oppose	23
3. Don't know	39

62. Do you think that as a result of lifting the current cap on state and local tax deductions that you will see a reduction in your taxes?

1. Yes	32
2. No	35
3. Don't know	33

63. President Biden said in his inaugural speech that he was going to be focused on unity. Do you believe his actions so far are working toward promoting unity or focused on his party base?

1. His actions are working toward promoting unity	48
2. His actions are focused on his party base	38
3. Don't know	14

**64. In thinking about free speech, which statement comes closer to how you feel?
(ROTATE)**

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| 1. Free speech and freedom of belief exist in this country, and you can feel free to speak your mind and express your personal beliefs in the workplace and social settings. | 32 |
| 2. True free speech and freedom of belief do not exist in this country today because of political correctness and potential consequences such as losing a job for not conforming to the beliefs and narratives that are being promoted by the media, academia and elites. | 54 |
| 3. Don't know | 14 |

EDUCATION

65. Having lost school time last year due to the schools shutting down in response to coronavirus and given that many students have attended school this year in a distance learning environment, do you think students generally at the end of this coming academic year will be ... (ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

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| 1. About where they would have been normally at the end of a typical school year | 13 |
| 2. Slightly behind where they would normally have been at the end of a typical school year | 16 |
| 3. Somewhat behind were they would normally have been at the end of a typical school year | 28 |
| 4. Significantly behind where they would normally have been at the end of a typical school year | 34 |
| 5. Don't know | 10 |

66. In terms of the debate about reopening schools, which of the following comes closer to your view? (ROTATE)

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| 1. Teachers are raising valid concerns about reopening in person. Circumstances need to be safe and secure for students and teachers before we reopen the schools. | 45 |
| 2. Data shows schools can reopen safely if proper precautions are taken. It's time to get kids safely back in school. | 45 |
| 3. Don't know | 10 |

67. Do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression of teachers unions? (ROTATE 1-4, 4-1)

1. Strongly favorable	23
2. Somewhat favorable	23
3. Somewhat unfavorable	13
4. Strongly unfavorable	18
5. No opinion	21
6. Never heard of	2
TOTAL FAVORABLE	45
TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	31

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 68-69)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
68. Republicans in the US Senate	99	46	46	8
69. Democrats in the US Senate	99	50	42	7

Does the following description apply more to (ROTATE) Republicans in Congress or Democrats in Congress?

70. Represents the middle class (ROTATE)

1. Republicans in Congress	38
2. Democrats in Congress	45
3. Don't Know	17

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

71. In what year were you born?

1. 18-34	17
2. 35-44	19
3. 45-54	20
4. 55-64	21
5. 65+	23

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

1. Republican	35
2. Democrat	37
3. Independent	24
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	1

73. 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	11
2. Somewhat Liberal	12
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	19
5. Very Conservative	17
6. Don't Know	3

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

1. Yes	28
2. No	69
3. Don't Know	3

75. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	25
2. Married	54
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	11
5. Widowed	7
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	10
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	20
4. 50K-75K	19
5. 75K-100K	12
6. 100-200K	16
7. Over 200K	3
8. Don't Know	6

77. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	17
2. Mainline Protestant	11
3. Catholic	29
4. Jewish	5
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	8
7. Other	22
8. Don't Know	6

78. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	13
2. African-American	12
3. Asian	3
4. White	69
5. Other	3
6. Don't Know	-

79. Do you or anyone in your household belong to a labor union?

1. Yes	15
2. No	82
3. Don't know	3

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

1. Did not complete high school	3
2. High school graduate	19
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	13
5. College graduate – Bachelors	25
6. Postgraduate study or degree	16

81. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	39
2. Employed, part-time	7
3. Unemployed	10
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	8
6. Student	2
7. Retired	28

8. Don't Know	-
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82. When you file your taxes, do you itemize deductions, or do you take the standard deduction? (ROTATE 1-2)

1. Itemize deductions	22
2. Standard deduction	61
3. Don't know	11
4. Prefer not to say	6

83. Some people have said that they are considering moving because of high taxes in their state or city. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	26
2. No	65
3. Don't know	9

84. Some people have said that they are considering moving because of decisions made by state or local governments where they live. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	26
2. No	66
3. Don't know	8

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	38
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	51
3. Third party candidate/Other	3
4. Did not vote	5
5. Don't Know	2

86. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	27
2. Suburban	52
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	34
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	20
5. West Coast	8