



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: 8.06

- 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	30
2. Don't Know	11
3. Wrong Track	59

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

1. Approve	43
2. Don't know	8
3. Disapprove	50

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, THEN 7-8)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	39	51	8
4. Democrats in Congress	99	43	49	7
5. Donald Trump	99	40	55	3
6. Joe Biden	99	48	45	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	4
2. Social Security	11
3. Retirement and Investments	1
4. Terrorism	3
5. Health care	17
6. The Economy	24
7. Jobs	3
8. Taxes	3
9. Crime and Safety	9
10. Environment/Climate Change	5
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	1
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	1
15. Immigration	5
16. Other	4
17. Prescription Drugs	1
18. Don't know	5

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 10-14, then 15-16)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
8. The Economy	46	39	16
9. Jobs	44	41	15
10. Taxes	43	41	15
11. Health care	34	49	17
12. Crime and safety	42	41	17
13. Public health concerns like coronavirus	34	47	19
14. Restarting the economy after the coronavirus	43	41	16

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

1. Donald Trump	39
2. Lean Donald Trump	2
3. Undecided	10
4. Lean Joe Biden	2
5. Joe Biden	47
TOTAL DONALD TRUMP	41
TOTAL JOE BIDEN	49

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	39
2. Lean Republican	2
3. Undecided	13
4. Lean Democrat	2
5. Democrat	45
TOTAL REPUBLICAN	41
TOTAL DEMOCRAT	47

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 19, then 20-21, then 22-24)

	MEAN
17. Your own political ideology	5.43
18. Ideology of Republicans in Congress	6.48
19. Ideology of Democrats in Congress	3.88
20. Ideology of Donald Trump	6.43
21. Ideology of Joe Biden	4.02

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 25-40)

	MEAN
22. The economy and jobs	7.34
23. Need to get things done in Washington and get the parties to work together	7.17
24. Affordable Care Act/health care/single payer/Medicare for All	6.25
25. Foreign policy/Terrorism/Iran/situation in the Middle East	6.37
26. Cost of living	6.94
27. China	5.98
28. Protests in cities across the country	6.49
29. Coronavirus	7.21
30. Stock market and economic trends	6.32
31. Discussions about re-opening the economy	6.85
32. Discussions about re-opening schools	6.76
33. Issues related to police	6.82
34. State of scientific discovery and innovation, including status of a vaccine or a cure for coronavirus	6.96
35. Race relations	6.36
36. Free speech	6.84
37. Supreme Court nominations	6.62

38. Which one of these four issues is the most important facing the country? (ROTATE)

1. The coronavirus	50
2. The economy	30
3. Education	5
4. Race relations	11
5. Don't Know	3

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	37
2. Don't Know	14
3. Wrong Track	50

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

1. Approve	45
2. Disapprove	49
3. Don't know	7

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

1. Starting to improve	25
2. Staying about the same	26
3. Getting worse	34
4. Too soon to tell	11
5. Don't know	4

HEALTH CARE

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

1. Approve	40
2. Disapprove	53
3. Don't know	7

43. Some states have started to open up at a limited level. Do you think that they 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	50
2. Should not be allowed yet	37
3. Don't know	13

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	61
2. Should not be allowed yet	29
3. Don't know	11

45. If scientists recommended another shutdown because of an increase in cases of the virus, would you favor or oppose another shutdown?

1. Favor	56
2. Oppose	32
3. Don't know	12

Do you believe or not believe the following statements? (ROTATE 49-50)

46. We have no choice but to raise taxes to pay for government budget shortfalls and the economic consequences of the coronavirus.

1. Believe	33
2. Do not believe	49
3. Don't know	18

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

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	19
3. Don't know	22

CONTRAST #1

48. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Those who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	37
2. Those who say we need to renew the American Dream, restore our way of life, and rebuild the greatest economy ever.	51
3. Don't Know	11

49. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Those who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	36
2. Those who say we need to get back on the road to greatness by renewing the American Dream, restoring our way of life, and rebuilding the strongest economy in history.	53
3. Don't Know	11

50. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Those who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	35
2. Those who say we have to defeat the virus and get America working.	55
3. Don't Know	10

PROPOSALS

On a scale of 1-9 with 1 being not important at all, 5 important and 9 extremely important, how important are each of the following priorities that address challenges people are facing and help the country recover from the coronavirus? (ROTATE 54-84 THEN 85-91)

	MEAN
51. Developing a vaccine that is safe, tested, and available by the end of 2020	6.99
52. Tripling access to rapid COVID testing	6.84
53. Investing in therapeutics and cures while lowering drug prices across the board	7.08
54. Modernizing our medical stockpile to prepare for future pandemics	7.12
55. Expanding telemedicine, mental health services, and opioid treatment	6.60
56. Opposing efforts to defund the police while increasing funding by \$1.75 billion for better police training, community policing, and equipment including 500 thousand body cameras	6.68
57. Continuing to rebuild our military	6.42
58. Securing our border and enforcing our immigration laws	6.39
59. Upholding free speech	7.03
60. Reinstating protections for the Dreamer immigration program	5.72
61. Defending the unborn	6.10
62. Helping small businesses and their workers with \$200 billion in forgivable loans through the Paycheck Protection Program	6.51
63. Getting families and neighborhoods back on their feet by extending the \$2,000 child tax credit and making permanent Opportunity Zone credits that generate \$10 billion in growth each year in poor communities	6.42
64. Providing every American city with 100,000 or more residents with zero-emissions public transportation options.	5.69
65. Continuing proven pro-growth tax policies that increase worker productivity and take home pay, such as doubling research and development credits and allowing businesses to immediately deduct productivity investments	6.14
66. Offering pre-K education for all 3 and 4 year olds	5.81
67. Reaching more fair trade agreements	6.33
68. Increasing U.S. manufacturing	6.93
69. Reforming our supply chain for critical needs like medicines, protective medical equipment, and technology	7.07
70. Launching an infrastructure plan to fix our roads, bridges, and airports	6.76
71. Bringing high-speed internet to every household in the United States to facilitate telehealth and online learning	6.43
72. Protecting religious liberty	6.50
73. Slashing the permitting process time in half to get these critical projects in place	6.15

74. Allowing one million students to attend the school that is best for them and their families	6.12
75. Addressing the racial wealth gap through investing \$30 billion in minority owned small businesses	5.78
76. Investing millions in high-quality science, technology, engineering, and math education	6.52
77. Safeguarding the Second Amendment	6.21
78. Allowing Americans the choice of getting health care through a public option	6.37
79. Getting America working and add 10 million new good-paying jobs	7.11
80. Allowing veterans to choose their own doctor by fully funding the VA Choice healthcare program, and expanding GI benefits to cover short-term, online, and apprenticeship programs	6.94
81. Promoting opportunities for career and technical education so more Americans can enter the 21 st workforce and pursue a rewarding career	6.73
82. Admitting one million more students to attend the school that is best for them and their families by creating scholarships for use in the school of a parent's choice	5.96
83. Reaching more free and fair trade agreements	6.41
84. Providing body cameras for every police officer	6.84
85. Providing every police officer in America access to enhanced training	6.89
86. Providing funding for community policing, which ensures a collaborative approach between police and citizens	6.43
87. Developing a vaccine that is safe, tested, and available by the end of 2020 through Operation Warp Speed	6.81
88. Bringing broadband internet to every household in the United States to facilitate telehealth and online learning	6.33

89. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	45
2. Republicans who say we need to renew the American Dream, restore our way of life, and rebuild the greatest economy ever.	45
3. Don't Know	10

90. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	45
2. Republicans who say we need to get back on the road to greatness by renewing the American Dream, restoring our way of life, and rebuilding the strongest economy in history.	45
3. Don't Know	10

91. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	43
2. Republicans who say we have to defeat the virus and get America working.	48
3. Don't Know	9

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

1. About where they would have been normally at the end of a typical school year	12
2. Slightly behind where they would normally have been at the end of a typical school year	24
3. Somewhat behind where they would normally have been at the end of a typical school year	29
4. Significantly behind where they would normally would have been at the end of a typical school year	21
5. Don't know	14

93. In thinking about protests, who is most responsible for causing what is occurring? (ROTATE)

1. Mayors	21
2. Governors	15
3. The President	39
4. Don't Know	26

For each of the following, do you have a strongly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or strongly unfavorable impression? (ROTATE 97-98)

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAV	TOTAL UNFAV	NO OPINION
94. Republicans in the US Senate	99	40	50	9
95. Democrats in the US Senate	99	45	46	8

96. In the 2018 election, for which candidate did you vote for US Congress from your Congressional district? (ROTATE answer options 1-2)

1. Republican candidate	37
2. Democratic candidate	41
3. Third party candidate/Other	5
4. Did not vote in that election	11
5. Don't Know	5

97. Which describes the current state of how you may vote in the elections for President this November? (ROTATE 1-3, then 4)

1. Already made up your mind	65
2. Leaning toward one candidate but haven't finally decided	16
3. Have not decided yet	11
4. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	3
5. Don't Know	5

98. Which way are you most likely to vote this November? (ROTATE 1-3, then 4)

1. You will vote in person on Election Day	39
2. You will vote in person prior to the election	18
3. You will vote by mail	33
4. You do not intend to vote in the elections this November	3
5. Don't Know	8

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

99. In what year were you born?

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

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

1. Republican	33
2. Democrat	38
3. Independent	24
4. Other	2
5. Don't Know	3

101. 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	13
2. Somewhat Liberal	13
3. Moderate	36
4. Somewhat Conservative	19
5. Very Conservative	15
6. Don't Know	4

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

1. Yes	29
2. No	68
3. Don't Know	2

103. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	30
2. Married	52
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	11
5. Widowed	3
6. Don't Know	1

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

1. Less than 15K	12
2. 15K-30K	14
3. 30K-50K	17
4. 50K-75K	18
5. 75K-100K	14
6. 100-200K	17
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	4

105. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	16
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	28
4. Jewish	3
5. Mormon	2
6. Atheist/Agnostic	9
7. Other	22
8. Don't Know	7

106. What is your race?

1. Hispanic	12
2. African-American	12
3. Asian	3
4. White	70
5. Other	3
6. Don't Know	-

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

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

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

1. Did not complete high school	3
2. High school graduate	21
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	11
5. College graduate – Bachelors	24
6. Postgraduate study or degree	17

109. Many people consider themselves “living paycheck to paycheck” in terms of their personal financial situations. Do you consider yourself to be in that category?

1. Yes	46
2. No	49
3. Don't know	5

110. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	39
2. Employed, part-time	8
3. Unemployed	10
4. Self-employed	6
5. Homemaker	8
6. Student	3
7. Retired	26
8. Don't Know	1

**111. In the 2016 presidential election, for which presidential candidate did you vote?
(ROTATE answer options 1-2, then 3-4)**

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	39
2. Hillary Clinton, Democratic candidate	38
3. Gary Johnson, the Libertarian candidate	3
4. Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate	2
5. Other (SPECIFY)	1
6. Did not vote in presidential race	12
7. Don't Know	3

112. Generally speaking, how do you vote?

1. Straight Republican	18
2. Mostly Republican	15
3. Slightly more Republican than Democrat	9
4. Split your ticket evenly	10
5. Slightly more Democrat than Republican	7
6. Mostly Democrat	16
7. Straight Democrat	19
8. Don't Know	6

113. While both may be important, which is the greater priority to you? (ROTATE)

1. Getting back on the road to greatness	24
2. Defeating the virus and getting America working	69
3. Don't Know	7

114. Who do you agree with more? (ROTATE)

1. Democrats who say we can't build back the way things were before the virus. We have to build back better.	44
2. Republicans who say we have to defeat the virus and get America working through a commitment to America.	48
3. Don't Know	8

115. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	30
2. Suburban	49
3. Rural	21

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	30
3. Midwest	20
4. Plains/Mountains	17
5. West Coast	14