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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: 8.10

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	26
2. Don't Know	8
3. Wrong Track	65

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

1. Approve	39
2. Don't know	9
3. Disapprove	53

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

	NAME ID	TOTAL FAVORABLE	TOTAL UNFAVORABLE	NO OPINION
3. Republicans in Congress	99	43	51	6
4. Democrats in Congress	100	44	51	4

5. 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	1
4. Terrorism	1
5. Health care	7
6. The Economy	23
7. Jobs	2
8. Taxes	2
9. Crime and Safety	5
10. Environment/Climate Change	4
11. National Defense/Foreign Affairs	2
12. National Deficit/Spending	2
13. Energy	1
14. Gas prices	6
15. Immigration	4
16. Inflation	15
17. Abortion	9
18. Prescription Drugs	*
19. Other	3
20. Don't know	3

Which party do you have more confidence in to handle each of the following issues - (ROTATE) the Republican Party or the Democratic Party? (ROTATE 6-10)

	REPUBLICAN PARTY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	DON'T KNOW
6. The Economy	49	38	13
7. Health care	39	46	14
8. Gas Prices	49	36	15
9. Inflation	49	36	15
10. Education	41	45	14

ECONOMY

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

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

Do you believe or not believe the following statements: (ROTATE LIST 12-41)

12. A centralized government that regulates an increasing amount of detail in our lives would result in limited economic growth and fewer opportunities.

1. Believe	47
2. Do not believe	31
3. Don't know	22

13. If the government had an expanded ability to regulate to protect consumers, the quality of life for the average person in the country would improve.

1. Believe	38
2. Do not believe	39
3. Don't know	23

14. Less regulations will help businesses produce more products.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	31
3. Don't know	18

15. Implementing policies to deal with climate change will reduce inflation.

1. Believe	30
2. Do not believe	47
3. Don't know	23

16. Modernization of our health care system will lead to a better quality of health and lower health care costs.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	25
3. Don't know	18

17. We can help all Americans live better, healthier, and longer lives by providing access to new medicines and cures and lowering out-of-pocket spending on drugs.

1. Believe	72
2. Do not believe	15
3. Don't know	13

18. If we do not deal with climate change now, the planet will suffer disastrous consequences by the end of the next decade.

1. Believe	50
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't know	16

19. We need to develop and build new technology here in the United States that is clean, affordable and exportable.

1. Believe	70
2. Do not believe	17
3. Don't know	14

20. Oil companies are price gouging which is one of the reasons for high gas prices.

1. Believe	56
2. Do not believe	30
3. Don't know	14

21. By making American energy cleaner, more affordable, and more accessible, we can reduce emissions around the world without killing jobs or increasing costs for the American people.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't know	16

22. An all-of-the-above energy strategy will increase energy production in America to lower gas prices and help get the supply chain moving.

1. Believe	52
2. Do not believe	22
3. Don't know	27

23. Expanding clean energy will reduce inflation.

1. Believe	36
2. Do not believe	41
3. Don't know	23

24. Given the difficult energy situation we find ourselves in, we have to do everything: maximize drilling, maximize developing alternative energies, maximize nuclear power, and maximize conservation.

1. Believe	53
2. Do not believe	26
3. Don't know	21

25. An energy policy that incorporates a wide range of technologies from fossil fuels to green energy will increase energy production in America to lower gas prices and make us less reliant on adversaries like Russia and China.

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	23
3. Don't know	18

26. We should not be drilling for more oil and gas.

1. Believe	29
2. Do not believe	51
3. Don't know	20

27. Big Tech companies censor free speech and views of certain individuals and organizations.

1. Believe	49
2. Do not believe	31
3. Don't know	19

28. Congress should have more oversight of federal government agencies to hold government bureaucrats accountable.

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	23
3. Don't know	18

29. Slowing the pace of new regulations imposed by government agencies would reduce inflation.

1. Believe	37
2. Do not believe	33
3. Don't know	29

30. Personal income tax cuts would increase take home pay and fight cost of living increases.

1. Believe	59
2. Do not believe	24
3. Don't know	17

31. Moving supply chains away from China and toward the US and US allies will reduce inflation.

1. Believe	57
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't know	22

32. Mid-career education for US workers will help alleviate the labor shortage.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	32
3. Don't know	24

33. More domestic energy production will reduce inflation.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't know	21

34. The Putin price hike is the main cause of inflation.

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

35. New policies that add trillions of dollars above current levels of spending will cause more inflation.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	21
3. Don't know	21

36. The pandemic and associated shutdowns caused inflation.

1. Believe	51
2. Do not believe	34
3. Don't know	15

37. The government paying people more to stay home than work will result in product shortages, small business closures and rising prices.

1. Believe	58
2. Do not believe	27
3. Don't know	15

38. The Federal Reserve has caused inflation to grow by keeping interest rates too low for too long.

1. Believe	42
2. Do not believe	36
3. Don't know	22

39. Attempting to move the US economy away from oil and gas toward green energy sources is one of the causes of inflation.

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

40. Proposing new higher taxes will have a negative impact on economic growth.

1. Believe	56
2. Do not believe	28
3. Don't know	15

41. Cancelling hundreds of billions in student loans will increase inflation.

1. Believe	43
2. Do not believe	37
3. Don't know	21

OUTCOMES

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 goals for the country? (ROTATE LIST)

	MEAN
42. Secure the US border	6.65
43. Reduce crime in our cities and neighborhoods	7.22
44. Back the police and stand with law enforcement	6.69
45. End the flow of illicit fentanyl and narcotics into our country	7.08
46. Rebuild the military to ensure American national security and counter increasing global threats	6.74
47. Fight inflation and support working Americans	7.33
48. Reduce gas prices	7.41
49. Make America energy independent	7.16
50. Eliminate the use of fossil fuels	5.59
51. Strengthen our supply chain and restock our shelves	7.12
52. Reduce inflation and help the family budget	7.30
53. Make sure every kid in every neighborhood can succeed	6.69
54. Confront Big Tech's political bias	6.33
55. Improve health outcomes for all Americans	7.02
56. Modernize and personalize the health care system to provide more affordable health care options that fit individual needs.	6.95
57. Push back on woke corporate culture	6.12
58. Make sure the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share	6.83
59. Protect free speech	7.21
60. Reclaim Congressional oversight and hold government accountable	7.05
61. Preserve our freedoms under the Constitution	7.35
62. Ensure faith in our free and fair elections	7.26
63. Create a government that works for the people	7.42
64. Make sure that the US is in the top ten countries of the world for reading, math and science	6.91

65. Increase life expectancy by two years as a result of medical innovation	6.50
66. Keep home mortgage interest rates reasonable	6.70
67. Reduce food and grocery prices	7.27
68. Get retirement plans back on track	6.94
69. Make college affordable	6.68

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? (ROTATE ISSUE SECTIONS 70-82, 83-93, 94-110, 111-119, 120-122)

ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION, BORDER SECURITY AND CRIME (ROTATE 70-82)

	MEAN
70. Restart building physical barriers at the US-Mexico border	6.21
71. Oppose efforts to defund the police	6.85
72. Provide funds to police departments to use as hiring bonuses for new officers	6.54
73. Defund prosecutors who are not prosecuting crimes like shoplifting, auto theft, and drug sales	6.63
74. Stem the trafficking of illegal guns	7.55
75. Make real investments in communities to prevent gun violence	7.33
76. Reduce drug overdoses and expand access to opioid treatment	7.09
77. Increase funding for police to provide training and equipment that police officers need to ensure maximum safety	7.06
78. Modernize our military while pursuing peace through strength	7.13
79. Support our NATO allies and restrain Russian aggression	6.96
80. Require individuals seeking asylum in the United States to apply before physically coming to the US	6.91
81. Require proof of legal status in the US to apply for a job	6.97
82. Declare a state of emergency at the US border to allow for immediate removal of individuals crossing illegally	6.66

ISSUES OF ECONOMY AND ENERGY (ROTATE 83-93)

	MEAN
83. Continue pro-growth tax and deregulatory policies that increase take home pay, reduce cost of living, boost local businesses and encourage innovation	7.10
84. Increase oversight into how tax dollars are being spent	7.31

85. Expand green energy to transition away from fossil fuels	6.15
86. Streamline increased production and export of domestic energy	6.81
87. Secure our electrical power grid and prevent rolling blackouts	7.44
88. Make the wealthy and corporations pay their fair share	7.26
89. Reduce global emissions to safeguard a cleaner and healthier environment	6.71
90. Curb runaway government spending that is making inflation worse	7.35
91. Implement an all of the above energy strategy to help lower gas prices and reduce dependency on China and Russia	7.27
92. Make the 2017 tax cuts for individuals permanent	6.72
93. Implement an all of the above energy strategy to help lower gas prices and get the supply chain moving	7.16

ISSUES OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE (ROTATE 94-110)

	MEAN
94. Promote opportunities for career and technical education, workforce development and lifelong learning	7.18
95. Expand school choice so students can attend the school parents believe is best for them	6.76
96. Prohibit the use of federal funds to teach Critical Race Theory in schools	6.43
97. Protect female athletes and fairness in women’s sports	6.97
98. Provide culturally responsive teaching in schools	6.48
99. Support gifted and talented programs in schools	7.06
100. Ensure parents’ voices are heard when it comes to their children’s education	7.24
101. Set high achievement standards for all students	6.96
102. Protect First Amendment rights in schools and on campuses	7.28
103. Require school districts to return federal funds if schools are not open and serving students	7.03
104. Promote diversity in college admissions	6.43
105. Empower health care patients and lower prices across the board through choice, competition and transparency	7.14
106. Expand access to affordable telemedicine, mental health services and drug treatment	7.03
107. Modernize and personalize the health care system to provide affordable options that fit individual needs	7.23
108. Ensure health care equity	7.28
109. Lower drug costs for Americans	7.59
110. Unleash new innovative medicines, devices, diagnostics and cures for patients	7.27

ISSUES OF SUPPLY CHAIN AND TECHNOLOGY (ROTATE 111-119)

	MEAN
111. End our dependence on China for critical supplies, minerals, medicines and technologies	7.45
112. Pursue policies that bring home critical industries, increase US manufacturing and enhance our economic security	7.39
113. Strengthen and secure our supply chain	7.57
114. Eliminate outdated laws that allow the largest technology companies to censor social media and develop new rules that promote free speech	6.93
115. Target anti-competitive behaviors of technology companies with strengthened anti-trust review and enforcement	6.73
116. Allow parents to monitor the social media accounts of minor children by giving parents the ability to log into their child's account	7.04
117. Provide greater privacy and data security protections for Americans	7.48
118. Make it illegal for government employees to pressure tech companies to censor free speech	6.88
119. Raise the age at which the law protects minors from tracking and online advertisement targeting from 13 to 18	6.66

ISSUE OF ACCOUNTABILITY (ROTATE 120-122)

	MEAN
120. Use Constitutional oversight powers of Congress to pursue the truth	7.14
121. Conduct Congressional oversight aimed at rooting out corruption and abuse of power	7.50
122. Use the power of Congress to provide transparency and accountability to the American people	7.33

Now just a few demographic questions for statistical purposes only—

123. 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

124. 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	2

125. 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	12
2. Somewhat Liberal	11
3. Moderate	38
4. Somewhat Conservative	18
5. Very Conservative	18
6. Don't Know	3

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

1. Yes	37
2. No	63
3. Don't Know	1

127. What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	25
2. Married	55
3. Separated	3
4. Divorced	12
5. Widowed	6
6. Don't Know	*

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

1. Less than 15K	8
2. 15K-30K	16
3. 30K-50K	17
4. 50K-75K	18
5. 75K-100K	17
6. 100-200K	19
7. Over 200K	4
8. Don't Know	3

129. What is your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant	14
2. Mainline Protestant	12
3. Catholic	28
4. Jewish	4
5. Mormon	1
6. Atheist/Agnostic	11
7. Other	25
8. Don't Know	6

130. What is your race?

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

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

1. Yes	14
2. No	85
3. Don't know	1

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

1. Did not complete high school	1
2. High school graduate	21
3. Attended college but received no degree	24
4. Associates degree	13
5. College graduate – Bachelors	25
6. Postgraduate study or degree	16

133. What is your employment status?

1. Employed, full time	42
2. Employed, part-time	9
3. Unemployed	8
4. Self-employed	5
5. Homemaker	8
6. Student	2
7. Retired	25
8. Don't Know	*

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

1. Donald Trump, the Republican candidate	40
2. Joe Biden, the Democratic candidate	49
3. Third party candidate/Other	2
4. Did not vote	8
5. Don't Know	1

135. What type of area do you live in?

1. Urban	34
2. Suburban	46
3. Rural	20

Gender

1. Male	48
2. Female	52

Region

1. Northeast	19
2. South	29
3. Midwest	18
4. Plains/Mountains	19
5. West Coast	15