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# Midterm Voting Intentions Are Divided, Economic Gloom Persists 

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## How we did this

Pew Research Center conducted this study to understand the public's views on the upcoming election, the importance of various issues, and the state of the national economy. For this analysis, we surveyed 5,098 adults, including 3,993 registered voters, from Oct. 10-16, 2022. Everyone who took part in this survey is a member of the Center's American Trends Panel (ATP), an online survey panel that is recruited through national, random sampling of residential addresses. This way nearly all U.S. adults have a chance of selection. The survey is weighted to be representative of the U.S. adult population by gender, race, ethnicity, partisan affiliation, education and other categories. Read more about the ATP's methodology.

Here are the questions used for the report and its methodology.

## Midterm Voting Intentions Are Divided, Economic Gloom Persists

Inflation continues to dominate Americans' economic concerns

With less than three weeks to go until the midterm elections, registered voters' preferences are nearly evenly divided: $41 \%$ say they favor the Democratic candidates in their districts, while a nearly identical percentage (40\%) support Republican candidates; 18\% are not sure how they will vote or favor candidates other than Republicans or Democrats. And those supporting GOP candidates are somewhat more engaged this election than their Democratic counterparts: They are more likely to have thought "a lot" about the election and to say the outcome "really matters."

As has been the case all year, the economy is clearly the top issue for voters; fully $79 \%$ say it will be very important to their voting decisions - the highest share among 18 issues included on the survey. The public continues to take a dim view of current economic

## Economy is top issue for voters; those who say it is 'very important’ favor Republican candidates

Among registered voters who say each issue is very important to their vote, $\%$ who say if the election was held today, they would vote for $\qquad$ in their district^

| $\square$ Democratic candidate $\square$ Republican candidate |  |  | NET <br> Another candidate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ Democratic candidate |  |  |  |
| Republican candidates have an edge among voters who say these issues are very important |  |  |  |
| Economy ( $79 \%$ of all RVs say this is very important) | 34 | 47 | 18 NET |
| Violent crime (61\%) | 32 | 49 | 19 |
| Foreign policy (54\%) | 39 | 47 | 14 |
| Immigration (54\%) | 28 | 57 | 15 |

Democratic candidates have an edge among voters who say these issues are very important

| Future of democracy <br> in the country (70\%) | 46 | 40 | 13 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Health care (63\%) | 51 | 27 | 21 |
| Policies about how elections <br> and voting work (58\%) | 47 | 40 | 13 |
| Abortion (56\%) | 55 | 29 | 16 |
| Supreme Court <br> appointments (55\%) | 51 | 38 | 11 |

Neither party's candidates have a clear edge among voters who say these issues are very important

| Education (64\%) | 43 | 38 |  | 18 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Energy policy (61\%) | 43 | 41 | 15 |  |
| Gun policy (57\%) | 44 | 39 | 17 |  |

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conditions. Just $17 \%$ of U.S. adults say the economy is in excellent or good shape, little changed from the $13 \%$ who said this in July.

Voters' preferences vary widely depending upon the issues they prioritize. Among the wide majority rating the economy as very important, more support Republican candidates than Democratic candidates by double digits ( $47 \%$ to $34 \%$ ). The GOP's advantages among the narrower majorities of voters who view violent crime and immigration as very important are even wider (17 points and 29 points, respectively).

By contrast, registered voters who say abortion is very important favor Democrats over Republicans by nearly two-to-one ( $55 \%$ to 29\%) and Democrats hold a wide lead among voters who prioritize health care ( $51 \%$ to $27 \%$ ).

A sizable majority of voters (70\%) say the "future of democracy in the country" is very important. Democrats hold a narrow lead among these voters: $46 \%$ support Democratic candidates, while 40\% back Republican candidates.

There has been little change in voters' priorities in recent months. The share who rate abortion as very important is unchanged since August, after rising sharply following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that overturned Roe v . Wade.

The new national survey by Pew Research Center was conducted among 5,098 adults, including 3,993 registered voters, from Oct. 10 to 16, 2022, on the Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel.

The survey finds that inflation remains the dominant economic concern for Americans. In fact, the three top concerns, among seven items included, relate to prices - for food and consumer goods ( $73 \%$ are very concerned about this), gasoline and energy ( $69 \%$ ) and the cost of housing (60\%).

Far fewer express a high degree of concern about product shortages, employers being unable to find workers, the stock market's performance or a shortage of jobs for people who want to work. The public's economic concerns have shown little movement since the summer.

Majorities of Americans are very concerned by prices for food and consumer goods, energy and housing
$\%$ who say they are __ concerned about ...


Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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Concerns over prices are widely shared across demographic groups and income categories. And while Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are less likely than Republicans and Republican leaners to be highly concerned about prices for food and consumer goods, sizable majorities of both Democrats (66\%) and Republicans (81\%) say they are very concerned.

With the overall midterm preferences of registered voters closely divided, nearly identical majorities of voters for candidates in both parties say they are "extremely" or "very" motivated to vote in the midterms; $80 \%$ of Republican backers say they are highly motivated, as do $79 \%$ of Democratic backers.

However, Republican voters are far more likely than Democratic voters to say they have "given a lot of thought" to the upcoming congressional elections ( $49 \%$ vs. $38 \%$ ).

Overall, $65 \%$ of registered voters say it "really matters" which party wins control of Congress, including $76 \%$ of those who support Republican candidates and $72 \%$ of those who support Democrats. This is roughly on par with the 2018 midterms, when $66 \%$ of voters - including $74 \%$ of Republican voters and $75 \%$ of

## Voters in both parties are highly motivated, but GOP voters more likely to have given 'a lot' of thought to midterms



Note: Based on registered voters.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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Democratic voters - said the outcome really mattered in a survey conducted about a month before the elections.

Among voters who are uncertain, or support another party's candidates, just 28\% say it really matters which party controls Congress. This group of voters is much less likely than Republican and Democratic voters to say they are motivated to vote and to report giving a lot of thought to the election.

## Other important findings from the survey

Biden job approval in historical context. Currently, $38 \%$ of adults approve of Joe Biden's job performance, while $59 \%$ disapprove. Biden's approval rating is identical to Donald Trump's at a comparable point in his presidency and lower than those of other recent presidents. (For more on evaluations of Biden compared with previous presidents, see "Biden's job rating is similar to Trump's but lower than that of other recent presidents.")

Which party will control Congress? As was the case during past election campaigns, Republican and Democratic voters expect their parties will be successful after the Nov. 8 election. However, Republicans are more bullish than Democrats: $88 \%$ of those who support Republican candidates say their party will win a majority in the House, while $86 \%$ expect the GOP to gain a majority in the Senate. Among voters who favor Democratic candidates, $69 \%$ say their party will retain their House majority and somewhat more (74\%) expect Democrats to retain control of the Senate.

## Republican voters more likely than Democrats to say their party will win majorities in House and Senate

\% of registered voters who say the $\qquad$ will hold a majority after the elections this November in the ...

Senate
Democratic Party Republican Party


House of Representatives


Note: Based on registered voters. No answer responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER have; just 10\% of Democratic voters say the same. And 76\% of GOP voters - compared with 20\% of Democratic voters - say the obstacles that have hindered women's progress are now largely gone.

Candidates get low marks for explaining plans. Just 23\% of registered voters say Republican candidates have done extremely or very well explaining their plans for the country, while $19 \%$ say the same about Democratic candidates.

While large majorities of voters in both parties say the opposing party has not done well in explaining their plans, fewer than half of voters who support Republicans (39\%) say GOP candidates have done extremely or very well in

## Few voters say either party's candidates have done extremely or very well in explaining their plans

$\%$ of registered voters who say each have done $\qquad$ well explaining their plans and visions for the country


Notes: Based on registered voters. No answer responses not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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explaining their plans; just
$32 \%$ of Democratic voters say the same about Democratic candidates.

## 1. The midterm elections and views of Biden

Among all registered voters, preferences for the U.S. House are currently closely divided and a sizable share of voters say they are uncertain of how they would vote if the election were held today. Four-in-ten registered voters currently support or lean toward the Republican candidate in their district, while about the same share back a Democratic candidate (41\%); about two-in-ten registered voters either support another candidate (5\%) or are not sure (13\%). (Note: The survey question wording included the specific names of the candidates running in a respondent's congressional district, which is different than how the question was asked earlier in the cycle. See topline for details.)

Among all registered voters, more men support the Republican candidate (45\%) than the Democratic candidate (39\%), while women are somewhat more likely to back the Democratic candidate in their district (43\%) over the GOP nominee (37\%).

## Midterm election preferences differ substantially by race, age and education

\% of registered voters who say, if the election were held today, they would vote for the $\qquad$ for U.S. House of Representatives in their district ${ }^{\wedge}$


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About half of White voters (49\%) say they would back the Republican candidate if the election were held today, while $36 \%$ would support the Democratic candidate. About seven-in-ten Black voters ( $69 \%$ ) support the Democratic candidate; just 4\% of Black voters back the Republican. More Hispanic voters back Democrats (44\%) than Republicans (28\%), while $55 \%$ of Asian voters support the Democratic candidates in their districts, and $20 \%$ support GOP candidates.

Younger voters continue to be more likely than older voters to back Democratic candidates. Among voters ages 18 to $29,55 \%$ say they prefer the Democrat in their district ( $21 \%$ prefer the Republican). Conversely, voters ages 65 and older are far more likely to support Republican candidates (50\%) than Democratic candidates (38\%). Voters ages 30 to 49 are about evenly split in who they would vote for if the election were held today ( $41 \%$ would vote for a Democrat and $37 \%$ a Republican), while more voters ages 50 to 64 would support a Republican (45\%) than a Democrat (38\%).

Voters with college degrees favor Democratic candidates over GOP candidates by a sizable margin ( $51 \%$ to $38 \%$ ). By comparison, voters with a high school diploma or less formal education support Republican candidates over Democratic candidates ( $43 \%$ vs. $33 \%$ ). Those with some college experience but no degree are narrowly divided: $41 \%$ support Republicans and $38 \%$ back Democrats.

Military veterans, who represent about one-in-ten voters, support Republicans in their districts over Democrats by two-to-one ( $56 \%$ vs. $28 \%$ ). Non-veterans are slightly more likely to say they support Democrats than Republicans ( $43 \%$ vs. $39 \%$ ).

Union members (also about 10\% of voters) are more likely to support Democrats than Republicans ( $49 \%$ vs. $38 \%$ ). Non-union members are about evenly divided in their support ( $40 \%$ say they support Democrats, compared with 41\% for Republicans).

## Republicans have a modest engagement edge

About three-quarters of registered voters who support Republicans (76\%), and nearly the same share among those who support Democrats (72\%), say it really matters which party wins control of Congress. This is little changed in recent months - and is on par with the shares saying this in the run-up to the 2018 midterm elections (when $74 \%$ of Republican supporters and $75 \%$ of Democratic supporters said the outcome of that election really mattered).

But GOP voters are substantially more likely to have thought a lot about the upcoming election than Democratic voters: 49\% of Republican supporters now say this, up slightly from $45 \%$

## GOP voters have given more thought to the upcoming election than Democratic voters

$\%$ of registered voters who say ...^
$\longrightarrow$ Support Rep candidate $\quad-0$ Support Dem candidate
It really matters which party wins control of Congress

They have given a lot of thought to the election

$450 \longrightarrow 39$
36
38
March August October August October
${ }^{\wedge}$ The survey used geographic information provided by respondents to present them the names and party affiliation of the candidates running in their congressional district. Note: Based on registered voters.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER in August. Among Democratic supporters, $38 \%$ say this, little changed from August.

# White voters, older voters and those with a college degree more likely to say they are motivated to vote and that it 'really matters' who wins control of Congress 

\% of registered voters who say ...

*Asian adults interviewed in English only.
Notes: Based on registered voters. White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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Similar to other recent elections, there are demographic differences in the extent to which registered voters say that they have given a lot of thought to the upcoming elections, are extremely or very motivated to vote and that it really matters which party wins control of Congress.

White voters are more likely than Black, Hispanic or Asian voters to say they are motivated to vote, have thought a lot about the upcoming election and to say the outcome of the election really matters. For example, about three-quarters of White voters (76\%) say they are extremely or very motivated to vote, compared with $63 \%$ of Black voters, $57 \%$ of Hispanic voters and $55 \%$ of Asian voters.

As is typically the case, older voters are generally more engaged with this election than younger voters. While about half of voters ages 18 to $29(51 \%)$ say they are extremely or very motivated to vote, over eight-in-ten of those ages 65 and older (84\%) say this. Compared with voters under age 30 , those 65 and older are nearly twice as likely to say that control of Congress really matters ( $83 \%$ vs. $44 \%$ ) and about four times as likely to say that they have given a lot of thought about the upcoming elections ( $58 \%$ vs. $14 \%$ ).

Voters with a bachelor's degree or more are more engaged with this year's elections than those without a college degree, but these differences are somewhat less stark than differences by race or age. For example, seven-in-ten of voters with at least a bachelor's degree say control of Congress really matters, compared with $63 \%$ of those without a bachelor's degree.

Men are slightly more likely than women to say they have given a lot of thought to the congressional elections in November ( $42 \%$ vs. $35 \%$ ). There is essentially no gender gap in the share of voters saying it really matters who wins control of Congress or being extremely or very motivated to vote.

As with registered voters overall, vote preferences among the roughly two-thirds of voters who say it really matters who wins the election are about evenly split - though this group is much less likely than voters overall to say they are not sure of their preferences (47\% support Republicans, 45\% support Democrats). The congressional contest is similarly divided looking just at the most motivated voters (47\% Republican, 46\% Democrat).

However, Republican candidates enjoy a clear advantage - $52 \%$ vs $41 \%$ among the set of voters who have thought a lot about the election.

Voters who have a validated record of having voted in the 2020 election are about evenly divided between the share who back a Republican candidate (44\%) and the share who support a Democrat (41\%).

## Voters who cast ballots in 2020 presidential, but not in the $\mathbf{2 0 1 8}$ midterm, prefer GOP if they vote this year

$\%$ of registered voters who say, if the election were held today, they would vote for the $\qquad$ for U.S. House of Representatives in their district ${ }^{\wedge}$

${ }^{\wedge}$ The survey used geographic information provided by respondents to present them the names and party affiliation of the candidates running in their congressional district. Notes: Based on registered voters. Those who voted in 2020 or 2018 are citizens who said they voted in a post-election survey and were found to have voted in commercial voter files. See Methodology for details.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct 10-16, 2022.
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Among 2020 voters, those who also voted in the 2018 midterm elections are equally split between supporting Republicans and Democrats ( $44 \%$ each). But GOP candidates enjoy a 14 percentage point advantage among the subset of voters who cast ballots in 2020 but not 2018 (nearly a quarter of 2020 voters do not have a record of voting in 2018): $44 \%$ back GOP candidates, while $30 \%$ back Democrats. Another $26 \%$ of these 2020-only voters currently either support another candidate or are not sure about their 2020 preferences. Voters who did not vote in 2020 are about
as likely to say they are not sure or support another candidate (37\%) as to support either party's nominees ( $31 \%$ prefer Republicans, $32 \%$ prefer Democrats). (See Methodology for details on validated voting records.)

## Top midterm issues: The economy, future of democracy

As was the case earlier in the year, the economy remains voters' top voting issue this year. About eight-in-ten registered voters (79\%) say the economy is very important to their vote.

The future of democracy in this country is also among the top issues, with $70 \%$ of voters saying it is very important to their vote. Six-in-ten or more mention education (64\%), health care (63\%), energy policy (61\%) and violent crime (61\%).

Gun policy (57\%) and abortion ( $56 \%$ ) also rate as very important issues by majorities of registered voters. Abortion rose in importance as a voting issue earlier in the year but is little changed since August.

While majorities in both parties say the economy is particularly important to their vote, voters who support Republican candidates are significantly more likely to say this ( $92 \%$ say this, compared with $65 \%$ of voters supporting Democratic candidates).

Immigration and violent crime are also top issues among GOP voters: About three-quarters

## The economy remains the top issue for voters in the midterms

\% of registered voters who say each is very important to their vote in the 2022 congressional elections

|  | Democratic Republican candidate candidate supporters supporters | $\begin{aligned} & \text { All } \\ & \text { RVs } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Economy | 65 - 92 | 79 |
| The future of democracy in the country | 70 - 80 | 70 |
| Education | $60 \bullet 66$ | 64 |
| Health care | $42 \bullet 79$ | 63 |
| Energy policy | 63963 | 61 |
| Violent crime | $45 \bullet$ - 74 | 61 |
| Policies about how elections and voting work in the country | 57 - 64 | 58 |
| Gun policy | $56 \cdot 62$ | 57 |
| Abortion | $39 \bullet$ - 75 | 56 |
| Supreme Court appointments | 52 - 69 | 55 |
| Immigration | $36 \bullet$ - 76 | 54 |
| Foreign policy | 49 - 62 | 54 |
| Size and scope of the federal government | 26 - 60 | 41 |
| Climate change $9 \bullet$ | - 68 | 38 |
| Issues around race and ethnicity | - 52 | 34 |
| Investigations into Donald Trump and his administration | $56$ | 30 |
| Investigations into Joe Biden and his administration | $\bullet 55$ | 29 |
| The coronavirus outbreak $12 \bullet$ | - 32 | 23 |

Note: Based on registered voters.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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of Republican voters cite immigration (76\%) or violent crime (74\%) as very important issues to their vote. Democratic voters are much less likely to say either is a very important issue to their vote.

By contrast, the top issues for Democratic voters this fall include the future of democracy in this country ( $80 \%$ say this is very important to their vote), health care ( $79 \%$ ) and abortion ( $75 \%$ ). And while Republican voters are only somewhat less likely than Democratic voters to say the future of democracy is a very important issue to their vote (70\%), fewer than half say health care (42\%) or abortion (39\%) are very important to their vote.

Climate change also rates highly for Democratic voters; about two-thirds (68\%) say it is very important to their vote, compared with only $9 \%$ of Republican voters who say the same.

A modest majority of those who support Democratic candidates (56\%) say investigations into Donald Trump and his administration are very important to their vote this fall, while just $7 \%$ of those who back Republicans say the same. Yet the pattern is reversed when it comes to investigations into Joe Biden and his administration: $55 \%$ of Republican voters say these are very important to their vote, while only $7 \%$ of Democratic voters say this.

As has been the case throughout this year, the coronavirus outbreak ranks near the bottom of voters' issue priorities. About a quarter of voters (23\%) say it is very important to their vote, with Democratic voters more likely to say this than Republican voters ( $32 \%$ vs. 12\%). The importance attached to COVID-19 as a voting issue has declined over the course of the year. A third of voters said the coronavirus outbreak was very important to their vote in March.

## Wide partisan divides in voters' attitudes, beliefs

Republican and Democratic voters are deeply divided in attitudes and beliefs on a range of subjects, encompassing race, government regulation of business, foreign policy and even whether society can be thought of as divided between good and evil.

A large majority of registered voters who support Republican candidates (79\%) say White people receive little or no benefit from societal advantages that Black people do not have, including $36 \%$ who say White people get no benefit at all from such advantages. Just 10\% of voters who support Democratic candidates share this view; 60\% say White people benefit a great deal from advantages that Black people lack, while $29 \%$ say they benefit a fair amount.

The differences are nearly as pronounced in views of the impact of government regulation on business and whether women continue to face obstacles because of their gender.

The partisan divide on obstacles to women's progress is nearly symmetrical: $76 \%$ of Republican voters say the obstacles that once made it harder for women than men to get ahead are largely gone.
Among Democratic voters, 79\% say these obstacles still exist, and just 20\% say they have disappeared.

Differences over foreign policy are not quite as large. Republican voters are 39 percentage points more likely to say the United States should follow its own national interests even when allies strongly disagree ( $56 \%$ vs. $17 \%$ ), and 28 points more likely to say U.S. policies should ensure America's role as the lone military superpower ( $81 \%$ vs. $53 \%$ ).

There has long been a deep partisan divide in views of whether Islam is more likely than other religions to promote violence. In the current survey, $71 \%$ of voters who back Republican candidates say Islam is more likely to promote violence, compared with $24 \%$ of voters who support Democrats.

Whether America's openness to people from around the world is essential to the nation's identity - or whether too much openness risks its identity - also divides Republican and Democratic voters. And, more fundamentally, they differ over whether "most things in society can be clearly divided between good and evil."

About seven-in-ten Republican voters (69\%) subscribe to this viewpoint. Far fewer Democratic voters (36\%) concur, with a majority saying most things are "too complicated" to be divided into good and evil.

## Biden's job rating more negative than positive in most demographic groups

A majority of U.S. adults (59\%) say they disapprove of the way Biden is handling his job as president, including $40 \%$ who say they very strongly disapprove. Fewer (38\%) say they approve of Biden's job performance, with $19 \%$ saying they very strongly approve.

The public's approval ratings of Biden's job performance are comparable to those of Donald Trump at a similar point in his presidency, but remain lower than some other recent
presidents over the last four decades. (For more on historical presidential approval ratings, see "Biden's job rating is similar to Trump's but lower than that of other recent presidents.")

There are few differences on approval of Biden's presidency by gender and age. However, there is more variation across other demographic groups.

Black adults stand out for their approval of Biden's job as president: Six-in-ten say they approve of the way Biden is handling his job as president. Hispanic and Asian adults are

Most Republicans strongly disapprove of Biden's job performance; far fewer Democrats strongly approve \% who say they $\qquad$ of the way Biden is handling his job as president

| Disapprove |  | Approve |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very | Not | Not | Very |
| strongly | strongly | strongly | strongly |


*Estimates for Asian adults are representative of English speakers only.
Notes: White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. No answer responses not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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more divided in their opinions of Biden's job as president ( $46 \%$ and $48 \%$ say they approve of Biden's job as president, respectively).

By contrast, about two-thirds of White adults (66\%) say they disapprove of how Biden is handling his presidency, compared with just $32 \%$ who approve.

While majorities of adults with a bachelor's degree (56\%), some college experience (61\%) or a high school diploma or less education (64\%) say they disapprove of Biden's job as president; those with a postgraduate degree are more divided in their opinions ( $53 \%$ approve, $46 \%$ disapprove).

Views of Biden's job as president are also widely divided by partisanship, with Republicans holding deeply negative views of Biden in the presidency role. Republicans and GOP leaners overwhelmingly disapprove of Biden's job as president: $93 \%$ hold this view, including threequarters who strongly disapprove of Biden's job as president. Only 6\% of Republicans approve of Biden's job as president.

By contrast, about seven-in-ten Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents (71\%) say they approve of Biden's presidency, with $38 \%$ who strongly approve - roughly half the share of Republicans who strongly disapprove.

## 2. Views of the economy and economic concerns

Americans' views of the nation's economy remain overwhelmingly negative, with roughly eight-inten adults ( $82 \%$ ) saying that economic conditions today are poor (36\%) or only fair (46\%). Fewer than two-in-ten (17\%) say that conditions are excellent (2\%) or good (16\%).

Ratings of the economy have improved since July, when $49 \%$ described conditions as poor and $13 \%$ described them as excellent or good. Yet ratings remain lower than they were in January of this year, when $28 \%$ rated economic conditions as excellent or good.

Both Republicans and Democrats express more negative views of the economy than they did in January.

Today, just 9\% of Republicans and Republicanleaning independents rate conditions as excellent or good, compared with $20 \%$ who said this at the beginning of the year. And about a quarter of Democrats and Democratic leaners (26\%) currently rate conditions positively, compared with $36 \%$ in January.

## Positive views of economy have ticked up since July, but remain low <br> $\%$ who rate economic conditions in the United States today as excellent or good



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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Americans continue to be more likely to express pessimistic views of the economy than optimistic views. About four-in-ten (41\%) say they expect economic conditions to be worse a year from now than they are today, compared with $23 \%$ who expect conditions to be better in a year and $35 \%$ who expect them to be about the same.

As with views of current economic conditions, the public's expectations for the economy are more positive than they were in July, but more negative than in January.

Republicans account for most of the change in expectations. While a majority of Republicans (55\%) expect economic conditions to worsen over the next year, this share is down 13 percentage points since July - and almost identical to the $54 \%$ of Republicans who expressed pessimistic views of the economy at the beginning of the year. The share of Republicans who say economic

## Republicans less pessimistic about future economic conditions than in July

\% who say they expect economic conditions in the country will be___ a year from now


Note: No answer responses not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER conditions will be better a year from now is roughly double the share who said this three months ago ( $15 \%$ now vs. $8 \%$ in July).

Democrats remain more optimistic than Republicans about future economic conditions. A third expect economic conditions to improve over the next year, which has changed only modestly since January (38\% then vs. $33 \%$ now).

The public's concerns about the economy - like views about current and future economic conditions - reflect partisan differences. Republicans express more concern than Democrats about five of the seven economic issues included in the survey.

While majorities in both parties say they are very concerned about the price of food and consumer goods and the price of gasoline and energy, Republicans are much more likely to say they are very concerned: Republicans are 22 points more likely than Democrats to say they are very

## Majorities in both parties are 'very' concerned about prices of food, energy and housing

$\%$ who say they are very concerned about ...


Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER concerned about the price of gas and energy and 15 points more likely to say this about the price of food and consumer goods.

Republicans are also more likely than Democrats to be very concerned about the limited availability of some consumer products ( $43 \%$ vs. $31 \%$ ), employers being unable to find workers for hire ( $41 \%$ vs. $27 \%$ ) and how the stock market is performing ( $43 \%$ vs. $24 \%$ ).

By contrast, Democrats are somewhat more likely than Republicans to be very concerned about the cost of housing ( $62 \%$ vs. $57 \%$ ) and people who want to work being unable to find jobs ( $33 \% \mathrm{vs}$. 25\%).

## Views of the economy and midterm voting

Voters' views of current economic conditions are closely related to their candidate preferences: those who rate the economy as poor are roughly four times as likely to favor a Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives as those who rate the economy as excellent or good (61\% vs. 13\%).

The large gap in partisans' assessments of the economy with Democrats rating conditions more positively than Republicans - explains a substantial portion of this relationship, though there are differences within each party.

More than eight-in-ten
Democrats who rate economic conditions as excellent or good ( $87 \%$ ) or only fair ( $84 \%$ ) also say they support a Democratic candidate for the House. Among the $22 \%$ of Democrats who rate economic conditions as poor, a smaller majority (67\%) support a Democratic candidate.

Even among Democrats with very negative evaluations of the economy, hardly any (just 3\%) say they support a Republican candidate for the House. But 30\% of Democrats who say conditions are poor also say


Among Rep/Lean Rep who rate economic conditions in the country today as ...

Excellent/Good (6\%)
Only fair (38\%)
Poor (56\%)


Among Dem/Lean Dem who rate economic conditions in the country today as ...

| Excellent/Good (27\%) | 87 | 2 | 10 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :---: |
| Only fair $(51 \%)$ | 84 | 2 | 14 |
| Poor $(22 \%)$ | 67 | 3 | 2130 |

${ }^{\wedge}$ The survey used geographic information provided by respondents to present them the names and party affiliation of the candidates running in their congressional district. Notes: Based on registered voters. Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who rate economic conditions as excellent or good are not shown due to small sample size. No answer responses not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.
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they will vote for a candidate from another party or that they aren't sure who they will vote for, compared with $14 \%$ of those who rate the economy as only fair and $10 \%$ of those who rate it excellent or good.

Among Republicans, those who rate the economy as poor are 9 percentage points more likely to say they support a Republican candidate - and 7 points less likely to favor a third-party candidate or say they aren't sure who they will vote for - than those who rate the economy as only fair. Very few Republicans (6\%) have positive views of the economy.

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## Methodology

## The American Trends Panel survey methodology

## Overview

The American Trends Panel (ATP), created by Pew Research Center, is a nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. Panelists participate via self-administered web surveys. Panelists who do not have internet access at home are provided with a tablet and wireless internet connection. Interviews are conducted in both English and Spanish. The panel is being managed by Ipsos.

Data in this report is drawn from the panel wave conducted from Oct. 10-16, 2022, and included oversamples of Hispanic men, non-Hispanic Black men and non-Hispanic Asian adults in order to provide more precise estimates of the opinions and experiences of these smaller demographic subgroups. These oversampled groups are weighted back to reflect their correct proportions in the population. A total of 5,098 panelists responded out of 5,726 who were sampled, for a response rate of $89 \%$. The cumulative response rate accounting for nonresponse to the recruitment surveys and attrition is $3 \%$. The break-off rate among panelists who logged on to the survey and completed at least one item is $1 \%$. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 5,098 respondents is plus or minus 1.7 percentage points.

## Panel recruitment

The ATP was created in 2014, with the first cohort of panelists invited to join the panel at the end of a large, national, landline and cellphone random-digit-dial survey that was conducted in both English and Spanish. Two additional recruitments were conducted using the same method in 2015 and 2017, respectively. Across

American Trends Panel recruitment surveys

| Recruitment dates | Mode | Invited | Joined | Active panelists remaining |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jan. 23 to March 16, 2014 | Landline/ cell RDD | 9,809 | 5,338 | 1,504 |
| Aug. 27 to Oct. 4, 2015 | Landline/ cell RDD | 6,004 | 2,976 | 882 |
| April 25 to June 4, 2017 | Landline/ cell RDD | 3,905 | 1,628 | 434 |
| Aug. 8 to Oct. 31, 2018 | ABS | 9,396 | 8,778 | 4,119 |
| Aug. 19 to Nov. 30, 2019 | ABS | 5,900 | 4,720 | 1,477 |
| June 1 to July 19, 2020; <br> Feb. 10 to March 31, 2021 | ABS | 3,197 | 2,812 | 1,542 |
| May 29 to July 7, 2021 <br> Sept. 16 to Nov. 1, 2021 | ABS | 1,329 | 1,162 | 790 |
| May 24 to July 6, 2022 | ABS | 2,724 | 2,324 | 1,389 |
|  | Total | 42,264 | 29,738 | 12,137 |

Note: Approximately once per year, panelists who have not participated in multiple consecutive waves or who did not complete an annual profiling survey are removed from the panel. Panelists also become inactive if they ask to be removed from the panel. The 2022 recruitment survey was ongoing at the time W116 was conducted. The counts reflect completed recruitment interviews up through July 6, 2022.

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these three surveys, a total of 19,718 adults were invited to join the ATP, of whom 9,942 (50\%) agreed to participate.

In August 2018, the ATP switched from telephone to address-based recruitment. Invitations were sent to a stratified, random sample of households selected from the U.S. Postal Service's Delivery Sequence File. Sampled households receive mailings asking a randomly selected adult to complete a survey online. A question at the end of the survey asks if the respondent is willing to join the ATP. In 2020 and 2021 another stage was added to the recruitment. Households that did not respond to the online survey were sent a paper version of the questionnaire, $\$ 5$ and a postage-paid return envelope. A subset of the adults who returned the paper version of the survey were invited to join the ATP. This subset of adults received a follow-up mailing with a $\$ 10$ pre-incentive and invitation to join the ATP.

Across the five address-based recruitments, a total of 22,546 adults were invited to join the ATP, of whom 19,796 agreed to join the panel and completed an initial profile survey. In each household, one adult was selected and asked to go online to complete a survey, at the end of which they were invited to join the panel. Of the 29,738 individuals who have ever joined the ATP, 12,137 remained active panelists and continued to receive survey invitations at the time this survey was conducted.

The U.S. Postal Service's Delivery Sequence File has been estimated to cover as much as $98 \%$ of the population, although some studies suggest that the coverage could be in the low $90 \%$ range. ${ }^{1}$ The American Trends Panel never uses breakout routers or chains that direct respondents to additional surveys.

## Sample design

The overall target population for this survey was non-institutionalized persons ages 18 and older living in the U.S., including Alaska and Hawaii. It featured a stratified random sample from the ATP in which Hispanic men, non-Hispanic Black men and non-Hispanic Asian adults were selected with certainty. The remaining panelists were sampled at rates designed to ensure that the share of respondents in each stratum is proportional to its share of the U.S. adult population to the greatest extent possible. Respondent weights are adjusted to account for differential probabilities of selection as described in the Weighting section below.

## Questionnaire development and testing

The questionnaire was developed by Pew Research Center in consultation with Ipsos. The web program was rigorously tested on both PC and mobile devices by the Ipsos project management

[^1]team and Pew Research Center researchers. The Ipsos project management team also populated test data that was analyzed in SPSS to ensure the logic and randomizations were working as intended before launching the survey.

## Incentives

All respondents were offered a post-paid incentive for their participation. Respondents could choose to receive the post-paid incentive in the form of a check or a gift code to Amazon.com or could choose to decline the incentive. Incentive amounts ranged from $\$ 5$ to $\$ 20$ depending on whether the respondent belongs to a part of the population that is harder or easier to reach. Differential incentive amounts were designed to increase panel survey participation among groups that traditionally have low survey response propensities.

## Data collection protocol

The data collection field period for this survey was Oct. 10-16, 2022. Postcard notifications were mailed to all ATP panelists with a known residential address on Oct 11.

Invitations were sent out in two separate launches: Soft Launch and Full Launch. Sixty panelists were included in the soft launch, which began with an initial invitation sent on Oct 10. The ATP panelists chosen for the initial soft launch were known responders who had completed previous ATP surveys within one day of receiving their invitation. All remaining English- and Spanishspeaking panelists were included in the full launch and were sent an invitation on Oct. 11.

All panelists with an email address received an email invitation and up to two email reminders if they did not respond to the survey. All ATP panelists that consented to SMS messages received an SMS invitation and up to two SMS reminders.

## Invitation and reminder dates

|  | Soft Launch | Full Launch |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Initial invitation | Oct. 10, 2022 | Oct. 11, 2022 |
| First reminder | Oct. 13, 2022 | Oct. 13, 2022 |
| Final reminder | Oct. 15, 2022 | Oct. 15, 2022 |

## Data quality checks

To ensure high-quality data, the Center's researchers performed data quality checks to identify any respondents showing clear patterns of satisficing. This includes checking for very high rates of leaving questions blank, as well as always selecting the first or last answer presented. As a result of
this checking, three ATP respondents were removed from the survey dataset prior to weighting and analysis.

## Weighting

The ATP data is weighted in a multistep process that accounts for multiple stages of sampling and nonresponse that occur at different points in the survey process. First, each panelist begins with a base weight that reflects their probability of selection for their initial recruitment survey. These weights are then rescaled and adjusted to account for changes in the design of ATP recruitment surveys from year to year. Finally, the weights are calibrated to align with the population benchmarks in the accompanying table to correct for nonresponse to recruitment surveys and panel attrition. If only a subsample of panelists was invited to participate in the wave, this weight is adjusted to account for any differential probabilities of selection.

Among the panelists who completed the survey, this weight is then calibrated again to align with the population benchmarks identified in the accompanying table and trimmed at the 1st and 99th percentiles to reduce the loss in precision stemming from

## Weighting dimensions

| Variable | Benchmark source |
| :---: | :---: |
| Age (detailed) | 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) |
| Age x Gender |  |
| Education x Gender |  |
| Education $\times$ Age |  |
| Race/Ethnicity x Education |  |
| Born inside vs. outside the U.S. amongHispanics and Asian Americans |  |
|  |  |
| Years lived in the U.S. |  |
| Census region x Metro/Non-metro | 2020 CPS March Supplement |
| Volunteerism | 2021 American Trends Panel Annual Profile Survey/2019 CPS Volunteering \& Civic Life Supplement |
| Voter registration | 2018 CPS Voting and Registration Supplement |
| Party affiliation* | 2022 National Public Opinion |
| Frequency of internet use | Reference Survey (NPORS) |
| Religious affiliation |  |
| Additional weighting dimensions applied within Black adults |  |
| Age | 2019 American Community Survey |
| Gender | (ACS) |
| Education |  |
| Hispanic ethnicity |  |
| Voter registration | 2018 CPS Voting and Registration Supplement |
| Party affiliation | 2022 National Public Opinion |
| Religious affiliation | Reference Survey (NPORS) |
| *This is the first wave to use updated estimates from the 2022 NPORS as weighting parameters for party affiliation, frequency of internet use and religious affiliation. In previous waves, these parameters came from either the $\underline{2020}$ or $\underline{2021}$ NPORS. Details for specific ATP surveys can be found in each wave's Survey Methodology. <br> Note: Estimates from the ACS are based on non-institutionalized adults. Voter registration is calculated using procedures from Hur, Achen (2013) and rescaled to include the total U.S. adult population. Volunteerism is estimated using a model to account for potential changes in volunteering behavior due to the coronavirus outbreak that began in February 2020. |  |
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variance in the weights. Sampling errors and tests of statistical significance take into account the effect of weighting.

The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the $95 \%$ level of confidence for different groups in the survey.

| Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group | Unweighted sample size | Weighted \% | Plus or minus ... |
| Total sample | 5,098 |  | 1.7 percentage points |
| Half form | At least 2,544 |  | 2.4 percentage points |
| Registered voters | 3,993 |  | 1.8 percentage points |
| Half form | At least 1,994 |  | 2.6 percentage points |
| Support Republican candidate RVs | 1,548 |  | 2.8 percentage points |
| Half form | At least 749 |  | 4.0 percentage points |
| Support Democratic candidate RVs | 1,812 |  | 2.7 percentage points |
| Half form | At least 890 |  | 3.9 percentage points |
| Rep/Lean Rep | 2,242 | 45 | 2.5 percentage points |
| Dem/Lean Dem | 2,666 | 47 | 2.4 percentage points |

Note: This survey includes oversamples of Hispanic men, Non-Hispanic Black men, and Non-Hispanic Asian adults. Unweighted sample sizes do not account for the sample design or weighting and do not describe a group's contribution to weighted estimates. See the Sample design and Weighting sections above for details.

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

## Dispositions and response rates

| Final dispositions | AAPOR code | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Completed interview | 1.1 | 5,098 |
| Logged onto survey; broke off | 2.12 | 72 |
| Logged onto survey; did not complete any items | 2.1121 | 27 |
| Never logged on (implicit refusal) | 2.11 | 524 |
| Survey completed after close of the field period | 2.27 | 2 |
| Completed interview but was removed for data quality |  | 3 |
| Screened out | I | 0 |
| Total panelists in the survey | P | $\mathbf{5 , 7 2 6}$ |
| Completed interviews | R | 5,098 |
| Partial interviews | NC | 0 |
| Refusals | O | 626 |
| Non-contact | UH | 2 |
| Other | UO | 0 |
| Unknown household | NE | 0 |
| Unknown other |  | 0 |
| Not eligible |  | $\mathbf{5 , 7 2 6}$ |
| Total | $89 \%$ |  |
| AAPOR RR1 = $/(I+\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{R}+\mathrm{NC}+\mathrm{O}+\mathrm{UH}+\mathrm{UO})$ |  |  |


| Cumulative response rate | Total |
| :--- | :---: |
| Weighted response rate to recruitment surveys <br> \% of recruitment survey respondents who agreed to <br> join the panel, among those invited <br> \% of those agreeing to join who were active panelists <br> at start of Wave 116 | $10 \%$ |
| Response rate to Wave 116 survey | $70 \%$ |
| Cumulative response rate | $41 \%$ |

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## Validated voters

Members of Pew Research Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel were matched to public voting records from national commercial voter files in an attempt to find records for voting in the 2018 and 2020 general elections. Validated voters are citizens who told us in a post-election survey that they voted in a given election and have a record for voting in that election in a commercial voter file. Nonvoters are citizens who were not found to have a record of voting in any of the voter files, told us they did not vote or refused to answer the vote choice question. Panelists who joined in 2021 and 2022 were not asked about voting in 2018; they are considered validated voters if a 2018 voting record was located for them.

In an effort to accurately locate official voting records, up to three commercial voter files were searched for each panelist. The number of commercial files consulted varied by when a panelist was recruited to the ATP. Three files were used for panelists recruited in 2020 or before, while two were used for panelists recruited in 2021 and one file was used for panelists recruited in 2022. Altogether, files from four different vendors were used, including two that serve conservative and Republican organizations and campaigns, one that serves progressive and Democratic organizations and campaigns, and one that is nonpartisan.

Additional details and caveats about the validation of votes in 2018 and 2020 can be found in these methodological reports:

## https://www.pewresearch.org/methods/2020/09/o8/methodology-10/

https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2021/06/30/validated-voters-methodology/

## PEW RESEARCH CENTER FINAL TOPLINE <br> WAVE 116 POLITICS OCTOBER 2022 October 10-16, 2022 $\mathrm{N}=5,098$

## ASK ALL: <br> SATIS

All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

Oct 10-16, 2022
$\frac{\text { Satisfied }}{21}$
$\frac{\text { Dissatisfied }}{79}$
No answer
Aug 1-14, 2022
18
81
Apr 25-May 1, 2022
24
Jan 10-17, 202221
Sep 20-26, 202125
Sep 13-19, 202126
Mar 1-7, 2021
33
Nov 12-17, 202022
Sep 30-Oct 5, 202018
Jul 27-Aug 2, $2020 \quad 12$
Jun 16-22, $2020 \quad 12$
Apr 7-12, $2020 \quad 31$
Mar 19-24, 202033
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019
31
Oct 1-13, 2019
28
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019
27
Nov 27-Dec 10, 201834
Jan 29-Feb 13, 201836
Feb 28-Mar 12, $2017^{2} 32$
Sep 27-Oct 10, 201623
Jun 7-Jul 5, 201619
Sep 15-Oct 3, 201425
19
25
75
$78 \quad 1$
74
74
66
77 (
82
87 地
87
68
$66 \quad 1$
69 1
71

| 72 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 65 | 1 |

$63 \quad 1$
$68 \quad 0$

| 75 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- |
| 80 | 1 |

750

## ASK ALL:

POL1JB Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
ASK IF ANSWERED POL1JB=1,2 [ $\mathrm{N}=4,974$ ]:
POL1JBSTR Do you [IF POL1JB=1: approve; IF POL1JB=2: disapprove] of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president...

Oct 10-16, 2022
Aug 1-14, 2022
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022
Mar 7-13, 2022
Jan 10-17, 2022
Sep 13-19, 2021
Jul 8-18, 2021
Apr 5-11, 2021
Mar 1-7, 2021

| NET <br> Approve | Very <br> strongly | Not so <br> strongly | No <br> answer | NET <br> Disapprove | Very <br> strongly | Not so <br> strongly | No <br> answer | No <br> answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{3 8}$ | 19 | 19 | 1 | $\mathbf{5 9}$ | 40 | 18 | 1 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{3 7}$ | 17 | 19 | 1 | $\mathbf{6 0}$ | 39 | 20 | $*$ | 3 |
| $\mathbf{3 7}$ | 18 | 18 | 1 | $\mathbf{6 2}$ | 45 | 16 | 1 | 2 |
| $\mathbf{4 3}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathbf{5 5}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 |
| $\mathbf{4 1}$ | 21 | 19 | 1 | $\mathbf{5 6}$ | 39 | 18 | $*$ | 3 |
| $\mathbf{4 4}$ | 27 | 17 | $*$ | $\mathbf{5 3}$ | 38 | 15 | 1 | 3 |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathbf{4 3}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 |
| $\mathbf{5 9}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathbf{3 9}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 |
| $\mathbf{5 4}$ | 38 | 15 | 1 | $\mathbf{4 2}$ | 29 | 12 | 1 | 4 |

See past presidents' approval trends: Donald Trump, Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton

[^2]
## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

MIDCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to the congressional elections coming up in November?

| Oct 10-16, <br> $\underline{2022}$ <br> 30 | A lot | Aug 1-14, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :---: |
| 35 | Some | 28 |
| 21 | Not much | 34 |
| 13 | Not at all | 24 |
| $*$ | No answer | 14 |
|  |  | $*$ |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2020?

|  | A lot | Some | Not much | None at all | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2020 election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 56 | 27 | 11 | 5 | * |
| Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020 | 46 | 29 | 16 | 8 | 1 |
| Jun 16-22, 2020 | 43 | 31 | 17 | 9 | * |
| Apr 7-12, 2020 | 42 | 33 | 18 | 7 | * |
| Jan 6-19, 2020 | 30 | 37 | 21 | 11 | * |
| Sep 3-15, 2019 | 30 | 37 | 22 | 11 | * |
| Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 26 | 37 | 23 | 14 | * |
| 2016 election |  |  |  |  |  |
| May 10-Jun 6, 2016 | 55 | 27 | 9 | 8 | 1 |
| Apr 5-May 2, 2016 | 52 | 31 | 11 | 5 | 1 |
| Mar 2-28, 2016 | 56 | 28 | 9 | 6 | 1 |
| Mar 10-Apr 6, $2015{ }^{3}$ | 26 | 40 | 23 | 11 | * |

## ASK ALL:

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2022 congressional elections, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

|  | 1 - Really matters which party wins control of congress | $\underline{2}$ | $\underline{3}$ | 4 - Doesn't really matter which party wins control of congress | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { answer } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 Congressional Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 56 | 20 | 10 | 14 | 1 |
| Aug. 1-14, 2022 | 58 | 18 | 11 | 13 | 1 |
| Mar 7-13, 2022 | 53 | 22 | 11 | 13 | 1 |
| Sep 13-19, 2021 | 60 | 18 | 9 | 12 | 1 |
| 2018 Congressional Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 57 | 20 | 11 | 12 | 1 |
| Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018 | 62 | 17 | 10 | 10 | * |
| Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 | 57 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 1 |

[^3]\section*{ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1): <br> [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST] <br> CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for... <br> ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99): <br> [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, KEEPING THEM IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG, WITH 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST] <br> CONGA As of TODAY, who do you LEAN more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives? <br> BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]: <br> | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct 10-16, } \\ \underline{2022^{4}} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 40 | The Republican candidate, [REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean |
| 41 | The Democratic candidate, [DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE'S NAME]/Lean |
| 5 | Another candidate |
| 13 | Not sure |
| 1 | No answer |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

|  | Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district | Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district | Another candidate | Not sure | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aug. 1-14, 2022 | 42 | 44 | 4 | 10 | * |
| Mar 7-13, 2022 | 43 | 43 | 4 | 10 | * |
| Sep 13-19, 2021 | 38 | 47 | 4 | 11 | * |
| 2018 Congressional |  |  | 21 | 11 | * |
| Election ${ }^{5}$ | 30 | 37 |  |  | * |
| Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 38 | 47 | 4 | 11 | * |
| Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018 | 39 | 46 | 5 | 10 | * |
| Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018 | 38 | 47 | 5 | 10 | 1 |
| 2014 Congressional |  |  |  |  |  |
| Election |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oct 3-27, 2014 | 39 | 43 | 4 | 12 | * |
| Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014 | 42 | 47 | 5 | 6 | * |
| May 30-Jun 30, 2014 | 38 | 42 | 5 | 14 | * |

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

[^4]
## ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):

POL10 Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as...
BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct 10-16, } \\ \underline{2022} \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Aug 1-14, } \\ \underline{2022} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar 7-13 } \\ \underline{2022^{6}} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 19 | A vote FOR Biden | 19 | 24 |
| 36 | A vote AGAINST Biden | 31 | 36 |
| 43 | Biden is not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall | 49 | 38 |
| 2 | No answer | 1 | 1 |

ROTATE REPCONGX AND DEMCONGX BY FORM. IF FORM = 1 (XFORM=1), REPCONGEX IS FIRST. IF FORM $=2$ (XFORM=2), DEMCONGEX IS FIRST.

## ASK ALL:

REPCONGEX Thinking about REPUBLICAN campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think REPUBLICAN candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they gain control of Congress next year?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]:

| Oct 10-16, |  |
| :---: | :--- |
| $\frac{2022}{8}$ | Extremely well |
| 15 | Very well |
| 33 | Somewhat well |
| 23 | Not too well |
| 17 | Not at all well |
| 2 | No answer |

ROTATE REPCONGX AND DEMCONGX BY FORM. IF FORM = 1 (XFORM=1), REPCONGEX IS FIRST. IF FORM $=2$ (XFORM=2), DEMCONGEX IS FIRST.

## ASK ALL:

DEMCONGEX Thinking about DEMOCRATIC campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think DEMOCRATIC candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they keep control of Congress next year?

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Oct 10-16, } \\ \underline{2022} \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 6 | Extremely well |
| 13 | Very well |
| 34 | Somewhat well |
| 24 | Not too well |
| 21 | Not at all well |
| 2 | No answer |

[^5]
## ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):

ISSUECONG How important are each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2022 congressional elections? [RANDOMIZE SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]

## BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [ $\mathrm{N}=3,993$ ]:

|  |  | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [SCREEN 1] ASK ALL: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ISSUECONG_ABTN | Abortion |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 56 | 22 | 13 | 8 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 56 | 24 | 12 | 7 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 43 | 29 | 18 | 10 | 1 |
|  | Oct 6-12, 2020 | 44 | 28 | 19 | 9 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 40 | 28 | 19 | 13 | 1 |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep 18-24, 2018 | 53 | 23 | 11 | 11 | 2 |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 45 | 26 | 17 | 9 | 3 |
|  | Sep 22-27, 2015 | 41 | 31 | 13 | 12 | 2 |
|  | Sep 2-9, 2014 | 46 | 24 | 11 | 16 | 3 |
|  | Sep 12-16, 2012 | 46 | 24 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
|  | Apr 4-15, 2012 | 39 | 25 | 14 | 18 | 4 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 21-Aug 5, } \\ & 2010 \end{aligned}$ | 43 | 24 | 13 | 17 | 3 |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2008 | 41 | 29 | 16 | 12 | 2 |
|  | Aug, 2008 | 39 | 26 | 17 | 15 | 3 |
|  | Late May, 2008 | 40 | 27 | 15 | 15 | 3 |
|  | Oct, 2007 | 39 | 26 | 17 | 13 | 5 |
|  | Jun, 2007 | 40 | 30 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2004 | 47 | 27 | 12 | 11 | 3 |
|  | Aug, 2004 | 45 | 25 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
| ISSUECONG_ECON | The economy |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 79 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 77 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 78 | 19 | 2 | 1 | * |
|  | Oct 6-12, 2020 | 74 | 23 | 3 | 1 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 20000 \end{aligned}$ | 79 | 17 | 2 | 1 | * |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep 18-24, 2018 | 74 | 23 | 2 | 1 | * |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 84 | 13 | 1 | 1 | * |
|  | Sep 22-27, 2015 | 83 | 15 | 1 | 1 | * |
|  | Sep 2-9, 2014 | 83 | 15 | 1 | 1 | * |
|  | Sep 12-16, 2012 | 87 | 11 | 1 | 1 | * |
|  | Apr 4-15, 2012 | 86 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 21-Aug 5, } \\ & 2010 \end{aligned}$ | 90 | 9 | 1 | * | * |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2008 | 91 | 7 | 2 | * | * |
|  | Aug, 2008 | 87 | 12 | 1 | * | * |
|  | Late May, 2008 | 88 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Oct, 2007 | 79 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Jun, 2007 | 74 | 22 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2004 | 78 | 18 | 3 | 1 | * |
|  | Aug, 2004 | 76 | 22 | 1 | 1 | * |


| ISSUECONG CONTINUED... |  | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ISSUECONG_IMM | Immigration |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 54 | 32 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 48 | 35 | 14 | 3 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 49 | 35 | 12 | 3 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 52 | 34 | 10 | 3 | * |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep 18-24, 2018 | 65 | 25 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 70 | 21 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Sep 22-27, 2015 | 59 | 31 | 6 | 3 | * |
|  | Sep 2-9, 2014 | 62 | 28 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
|  | Sep 12-16, 2012 | 41 | 37 | 13 | 6 | 2 |
|  | Apr 4-15, 2012 | 42 | 35 | 15 | 6 | 1 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 21-Aug 5, } \\ & 2010 \end{aligned}$ | 58 | 29 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2008 | 49 | 32 | 13 | 5 | 1 |
|  | Aug, 2008 | 52 | 33 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
|  | Late May, 2008 | 54 | 32 | 9 | 3 | 2 |
|  | Oct, 2007 | 56 | 31 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
|  | Jun, 2007 | 54 | 34 | 7 | 3 | 2 |

IF FORM 1, BINVEST ON SCREEN 1, TINVEST ON SCREEN 2. IF FORM 2, TINVEST ON SCREEN 1, BINVEST ON SCREEN 2 ISSUECONG_TINVEST Investigations into Donald Trump and his administration $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Oct } 10-16,2022 & 30 & 17 & 18 & 34\end{array}$

IF FORM 1, BINVEST ON SCREEN 1, TINVEST ON SCREEN 2. IF FORM 2, TINVEST ON SCREEN 1, BINVEST ON SCREEN 2
ISSUECONG_BINVEST
Investigations into
Joe Biden and his administration

Oct 10-16, 2022
19
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,999]:
ISSUECONG_HEALTH
Health care
Oct 10-16, 2022
Aug 1-14, 2022
Mar 7-13, 2022
Oct 6-12, 2020
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020

ISSUECONG_RCE
Issues around race and ethnicity

Oct 10-16, 2022
26
Aug 1-14, 2022
Mar 7-13, 2022

| 27 | 8 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 29 | 7 | 3 |
| 31 | 7 | 2 |
| 26 | 7 | 2 |
| 24 | 6 | 2 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| 26 | 23 | 16 |
| 31 | 20 | 13 |
| 31 | 21 | 13 |


| ISSUECONG CONTINUED... |  | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,994$ ]: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ISSUECONG_EDUC | Education |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 64 | 29 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 58 | 32 | 7 | 2 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 59 | 33 | 5 | 2 | * |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 66 | 24 | 7 | 3 | * |
|  | Sep 12-16, 2012 | 69 | 23 | 5 | 3 | * |
|  | Apr 4-15, 2012 | 72 | 21 | 5 | 2 | * |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2008 | 73 | 21 | 4 | 2 | * |
|  | Aug, 2008 | 73 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Late May, 2008 | 78 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Oct, 2007 | 75 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Mid-Oct, 2004 | 75 | 20 | 3 | 2 | * |
|  | Aug, 2004 | 70 | 26 | 3 | 1 | * |
| ISSUECONG_ENG | Energy policy |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 61 | 29 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-15, 2022 | 53 | 36 | 8 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 59 | 32 | 7 | 2 | * |
| [SCREEN 2] |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ASK FORM 2 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,999$ ]: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ISSUECONG_GUN | Gun Policy |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 57 | 27 | 10 | 5 | * |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 62 | 25 | 9 | 4 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 54 | 29 | 12 | 5 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 55 | 29 | 13 | 4 | * |
| ISSUECONG_SCOTUS | Supreme court appointments |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 55 | 31 | 10 | 4 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 58 | 28 | 10 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 56 | 30 | 11 | 3 | * |
|  | Oct 6-12, 2020 | 63 | 26 | 9 | 3 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 7020 \end{aligned}$ | 64 | 26 | 8 | 2 | * |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sep 18-24, 2018 | 76 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 65 | 22 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| ISSUECONG_GOV | Size and scope of the federal government |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 41 | 38 | 15 | 5 | * |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 42 | 37 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 43 | 38 | 15 | 4 | * |
| ISSUECONG_DEMO | The future of democracy in the country |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 70 | 22 | 4 | 3 | 1 |


| ISSUECONG CONTINUED... |  | Very important | Somewhat important | Not too important | Not at all important | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ISSUECONG_CLIM | Climate change |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 38 | 25 | 18 | 18 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 40 | 26 | 16 | 18 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 40 | 26 | 18 | 15 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 42 | 26 | 18 | 14 | * |
| ASK FORM 1 ONLY [ $\mathrm{N}=1,994$ ]: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ISSUECONG_FP | Foreign policy |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 54 | 37 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 45 | 44 | 8 | 2 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 59 | 35 | 5 | 1 | * |
|  | Oct 6-12, 2020 | 51 | 40 | 7 | 2 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 57 | 35 | 6 | 2 | * |
| PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jun 15-26, 2016 | 75 | 19 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
|  | Sep 22-27, 2015 | 64 | 29 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Sep 2-9, 2014 | 64 | 26 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
|  | Sep 12-16, 2012 | 60 | 31 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Apr 4-15, 2012 | 52 | 38 | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| ISSUECONG_COV | The coronavirus outbreak |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 23 | 32 | 24 | 20 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 28 | 32 | 24 | 15 | 1 |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 33 | 34 | 22 | 12 | * |
|  | Oct 6-12, 2020 | 55 | 25 | 14 | 6 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 62 | 22 | 10 | 5 | * |
| ISSUECONG_CRIM | Violent crime |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 61 | 27 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
|  | Aug 1-14, 2022 | 60 | 28 | 9 | 2 | * |
|  | Mar 7-13, 2022 | 56 | 32 | 9 | 2 | * |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jul 27-Aug 2, } \\ & 2020 \end{aligned}$ | 59 | 27 | 10 | 4 | * |
| ISSUECONG_VTPOL | Policies about how elections and voting work in the country |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 58 | 27 | 11 | 3 | 1 |

## ASK ALL:

DRLEAD In your view, which party has better political leaders? [RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2; KEEP $\mathbf{3}$ LAST]

## BASED ON REIGSTERED VOTERS [N=3,993]

Oct 10-16, 2022
39 The Republican Party
34 The Democratic Party
26 Not sure
1 No answer

## PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In your view, does the [INSERT ITEM; ROTATE] or the [NEXT ITEM] have better political leaders?

|  | March | Sept | April | Feb |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2007 | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | 2006 |
| Republican Party | 29 | 38 | 38 | 41 |
| Democratic Party | 44 | 34 | 40 | 37 |
| Both equally (VOL) | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Neither (VOL) | 7 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Don't know/Refused (VOL) | 12 | 12 | 9 | 9 |

## DISPLAY WOMENOBS, OPENIDEN, GOODEVIL ON SAME PAGE WITH SOME SORT OF VISUAL DIVIDER BETWEEN ITEMS

Next are some pairs of statements that will help us understand how you feel about a number of things. Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right. [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS].
[Please select one item from each pair]
ASK ALL:
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{lccc}\text { WOMENOBS } & \begin{array}{c}\text { The obstacles that once made } \\
\text { it harder for women than men } \\
\text { to get ahead }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { There are still significant } \\
\text { obstacles that make it harder } \\
\text { for women }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { No }\end{array}
$$ <br>

Oct 10-16, 2022 now largely gone\end{array} \quad $$
\begin{array}{c}\text { to get ahead than men }\end{array}
$$\right]\)| answer |
| :--- |

## ASK ALL:

| OPENIDEN | America's openness to <br> people from all over the <br> world is essential to who <br> we are as a nation | If America is too open to <br> people from all over the <br> world, we risk losing our <br> identity as a nation | No <br> answer |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 64 | 35 | 2 |
| Jul 8-18, 2021 | 66 | 32 | 2 |
| Sep 3-15, 2019 | 67 | 32 | 1 |
| Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 64 | 34 | 2 |

## ASK ALL:

| GOODEVIL | Most things in society <br> are too complicated <br> to be clearly divided <br> can be pretty clearly divided <br> into good and evil | between good and evil | answer <br> Oct $10-16,2022$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jul $8-18,2021$ | 51 | 48 | 2 |

## ASK ALL:

POORASSIST Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government... [RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]

| Oct 10-16, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ <br> 39 | Should provide more assistance | Jul 8-18, | Sep 3-15, |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | Should provide less assistance | $\underline{2021}$ | $\underline{2019}$ |
| 29 | Is providing about the right amount of assistance [ANCHOR] | 32 | 40 |
| 1 | No answer | 29 | 36 |
|  |  | 1 | 1 |

## ASK ALL:

SUPERPWR In the future, do you think... [RANDOMIZE]

|  | U.S. policies should try to keep it so America is the only military superpower | It would be acceptable if another country became as militarily powerful as the U.S. | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { answer } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 64 | 31 | 5 |
| Jul 8-18, 2021 | 60 | 36 | 4 |
| Sep 3-15, 2019 | 61 | 36 | 3 |
| PHONE TREND | ISON: |  | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
| Sep 5-16, 2019 | 60 | 33 | 7 |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 55 | 36 | 9 |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

In the future, should U.S. policies try to keep it so America is the only military superpower, OR would it be acceptable if China, another country or the European Union became as militarily powerful as the U.S.?

OK if China,
U.S. policies should
keep U.S. as
the only superpower
Oct 30-Nov 6, 2013
Oct 28-Nov 8, 2009
Late October, 2005

## 56

57
50
another country,
or the EU became as powerful 32 29 35
(VOL.)
DK/Ref
11
14
15

## ASK ALL:

WHADVANT In general, how much do White people benefit from advantages in society that Black people do not have?

Oct 10-16, 2022
Jul 8-18, 2021

| A great deal |
| :---: |
| 31 |
| 31 |
| 33 |
| 29 |
| 30 |
| 26 |
| 24 |


| A fair <br> amount | Not too <br> much | Not <br> at all | No <br> answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 26 | 24 | $\frac{17}{24}$ | 1 |
| 26 | 24 | 17 | 1 |
| 29 | 23 | 15 | 1 |
| 28 | 23 | 18 | 1 |
| 29 | 25 | 16 | 2 |
| 29 | 28 | 16 | 1 |
|  | 25 | 19 | 2 |

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL: <br> CONCEDECONG

Thinking about the results of the congressional elections this November, how important do you think it is for the losing candidates to publicly accept the winning candidates as the legitimate winners?

Oct 10-16, 2022

| 55 | Very important |
| :---: | :--- |
| 31 | Somewhat important |
| 10 | Not too important |
| 4 | Not at all important |
| 1 | No answer |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Thinking about the results of the presidential election this November, how important do you think it is for a losing candidate to publicly acknowledge the winner as the legitimate president of the country?

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Apr 7-12, } \\ 2020 \end{gathered}$ |  | Oct 25Nov 8, 2016 | Sep 27 Oct 10, 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 54 | Very important | 46 | 50 |
| 25 | Somewhat important | 27 | 24 |
| 14 | Not too important | 15 | 13 |
| 6 | Not at all important | 10 | 12 |
| 1 | No Answer | 1 | 1 |

[RANDOMIZE ECON1-ECON1B AND PERSFNC-PERSFNCB IN BLOCKS, SHOWING ITEMS IN ORDER WITHIN BLOCKS (ECON1 AND PERSFNC ALWAYS FIRST). DISPLAY EACH ITEM SEPARATELY ON ITS OWN PAGE.]

ASK ALL:
ECON1
Thinking about the nation's economy... How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

Oct 10-16, 2022
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022

| Excellent |
| :---: |
| 2 |
| 1 |
| 2 |
| 2 |
| 2 |
| 2 |
| 5 |
| 4 |
| 4 |
| 4 |
| 16 |
| 10 |
| 14 |
| 13 |
| 12 |
| 2 |
| 2 |
| 1 |


| Good | Only fair |
| :---: | :---: |
| 16 | 46 |
| 12 | 38 |
| 25 | 47 |
| 24 | 50 |
| 35 | 49 |
| 21 | 53 |
| 31 | 44 |
| 29 | 42 |
| 22 | 44 |
| 19 | 38 |
| 42 | 33 |
| 46 | 35 |
| 43 | 32 |
| 46 | 31 |
| 45 | 32 |
| 37 | 43 |
| 30 | 47 |
| 18 | 50 |


| $\frac{\text { Poor }}{}$ |
| :---: |
| 36 |
| 49 |
| 24 |
| 24 |
| 14 |
| 24 |
| 20 |
| 25 |
| 30 |
| 38 |
| 9 |
| 8 |
| 11 |
| 9 |
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| 17 |
| 21 |
| 30 |

No answer
$*$
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1
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1
1
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1
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1

| ASK ALL: | A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be... |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | About the same as |  |
|  | Better | Worse | now | No answer |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 23 | 41 | 35 | 1 |
| Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 22 | 47 | 30 | 1 |
| Jan 10-17, 2022 | 27 | 35 | 37 | 1 |
| Sep 13-19, 2021 | 29 | 37 | 34 | 1 |
| Apr 20-29, 2021 | 45 | 28 | 27 | 1 |
| Mar 1-7, 2021 | 44 | 31 | 24 | * |
| Nov 12-17, 2020 | 42 | 32 | 24 | 2 |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 | 52 | 17 | 30 | 1 |
| Jun 16-22. 2020 | 50 | 22 | 27 | 1 |
| Apr 7-12, 2020 | 55 | 22 | 22 | 1 |
| Jan 6-19, 2020 | 29 | 26 | 45 | 1 |
| Sep 16-29, 2019 | 20 | 32 | 48 | * |
| Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019 | 28 | 28 | 44 | * |

## ASK ALL:

PERSFNC Thinking about your personal finances...
How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in...

Oct 10-16, 2022
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022
Sep 13-19, 2021
Jan 19-24, 2021
Apr 7-12, 2020
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019

| Excellent <br> shape | Good <br> shape | Only fair <br> shape | Poor <br> shape | No <br> answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | 35 | 42 | 15 | 1 |
| 9 | 36 | 41 | 17 | $*$ |
| 12 | 41 | 36 | 13 | 1 |
| 7 | 41 | 32 | 14 | $*$ |
| 10 | 40 | 37 | 16 | $*$ |
|  | 40 | 34 | 15 | 1 |

## ASK ALL:

PERSFNCB A year from now, do you expect that the financial situation of you and your family will be...

| Oct 10-16, |  | Jun 27-Jul 4, | Sep 13-19, | Apr 7-12, | Jul 22-Aug 4, |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\underline{2022}$ | Better | $\underline{2022}$ | $\underline{2021}$ | $\underline{2020}$ | $\underline{42}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 5}$ | Worse | 24 | 14 | 43 |  |
| 19 | About the same as now | 45 | 42 | 42 | 8 |
| 45 | No answer | 1 | $*$ | $*$ | 48 |
| 1 |  |  |  | 14 |  |

## ASK ALL: <br> ECONCONC

How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS]

| PRICE |  | Very concerned | Somewhat concerned | Not too concerned | Not at all concerned | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | The price of food and consumer goods |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 73 | 22 | 4 | 1 | * |
| TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rising prices for food and consumer goods |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 75 | 21 | 3 | 1 | * |
|  | Sep 13-19, 2021 | 63 | 30 | 6 | 1 | * |
| UNEM | People who want to work being unable to find jobs |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 29 | 31 | 28 | 11 | 1 |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 27 | 32 | 28 | 12 | 1 |
|  | Sep 13-19, 2021 | 29 | 32 | 23 | 15 | * |
| LAB | Employers being unable to find workers to hire |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 34 | 37 | 21 | 8 | * |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 32 | 40 | 21 | 7 | * |
|  | Sep 13-19, 2021 | 42 | 37 | 15 | 6 | * |
| ENG2 The price of gasoline and energy |  | 69 | 24 | 6 | 1 | * |
| TREND FOR COMPARISON: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rising prices for gasoline and energy |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 75 | 19 | 4 | 2 | * |
| SHTG | Limited availability for some consumer products |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 36 | 43 | 17 | 3 | * |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 42 | 41 | 14 | 2 | * |
| REAL | The cost of housing |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 60 | 27 | 10 | 3 | * |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 60 | 27 | 10 | 3 | * |
| STCK | How the stock market is doing |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 32 | 37 | 21 | 9 | 1 |
|  | Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022 | 31 | 36 | 22 | 10 | 1 |

## [DISPLAY ALLIES, ISLMVIOL, AND REGULATE ON SAME PAGE. RANDOMIZE THE ORDER OF PAIRS AND RANDOMIZE STATEMENTS WITHIN PAIRS]

Please choose the statement that comes closer to your own views - even if neither is exactly right.
[Please select one item from each pair]

| ASK ALL: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALLIES | In foreign policy, the U.S. should take into account the interests of its allies even if it means making compromises with them | In foreign policy, the U.S. should follow its own national interests even when its allies strongly disagree | $\begin{gathered} \text { No } \\ \text { answer } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 61 | 36 | 3 |
| Jul 8-18, 2021 | 64 | 34 | 2 |
| Feb 1-7, 2021 | 64 | 34 | 2 |
| Sep 3-15, 2019 | 68 | 31 | 2 |
| Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019 | 65 | 33 | 2 |
| PHONE TREND FOR |  |  | (VOL.) |
| COMPARISON: |  |  | Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
| Sep 5-16, 2019 | 59 | 36 | 5 |
| Mar 20-25, 2019 | 54 | 40 | 5 |
| Sep 18-24, 2018 | 55 | 38 | 7 |
| Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017 | 59 | 36 | 5 |
| Apr 12-19, 2016 | 51 | 42 | 7 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, $2011{ }^{8}$ | 53 | 36 | 11 |
| December, 2004 | 53 | 37 | 10 |

## ASK ALL:

ISLMVIOL

Oct 10-16, 2022
August 23-29, 2021
Jul 27-Aug 2, $2020^{9}$
Sep 3-15, 2019
Apr 5-May 2, 2016

Islam is more likely than other religions to encourage violence among its believers

45
50
45
48
52
The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers

40
43
41
46
50
43

Islam

| does not encourage violence <br> more than other religions | No <br> answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 | 5 |
| 44 | 6 |
| 51 | 5 |
| 48 | 4 |
| 43 | 5 |

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Sep 5-16, 2019
Jun 8-18, 2017
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016
Dec 8-13, 2015
Sep 2-9, 2014
Jul 8-14, 2014

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## ISLMVIOLPHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

|  | The Islamic religion is more <br> likely than others to <br> encourage violence <br> among its believers | The Islamic religion does not <br> encourage violence more than | (VOL.) <br> Both/Neither/ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb 12-26, 2014 | 38 | $\frac{1}{\text { others }}$ | 50 |
| May 1-5, 2013 | 42 | 46 | 12 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 40 | 42 | 13 |
| Aug 19-22, 2010 | 35 | 42 | 18 |
| Aug 11-17,2009 | 38 | 45 | 24 |
| August, 2007 | 45 | 39 | 16 |
| July, 2005 | 36 | 47 | 16 |
| July, 2004 | 46 | 37 | 17 |
| Mid-July, 2003 | 44 | 41 | 17 |
| March, 2002 | 25 | 51 | 15 |
|  |  | 24 |  |


| ASK ALL: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| REGULATE | Government regulation of business is necessary to protect the public interest | Government regulation of business usually does more harm than good | No answer |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| Sep 13-19, 2021 | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| Sep 3-15, 2019 | 58 | 41 | 2 |
| Feb 28-Mar 12, $2017{ }^{10}$ | 55 | 43 | 2 |
| PHONE TREND FOR |  |  | (VOL.) |
| COMPARISON: |  |  | Both/Neither/ DK/Ref |
| Sep 5-16, 2019 | 48 | 44 | 7 |
| Sep 18-24, 2018 | 49 | 43 | 8 |
| Jun 8-Jul 9, 2017 | 50 | 45 | 5 |
| Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016 | 45 | 48 | 7 |
| Aug 9-16, 2016 | 44 | 51 | 5 |
| Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014 | 47 | 47 | 5 |
| Feb 8-12, 201211 | 40 | 52 | 7 |
| Feb 22-Mar 14, 2011 | 47 | 45 | 8 |
| December, 2008 | 47 | 43 | 10 |
| October, 2008 | 50 | 38 | 12 |
| January, 2008 | 41 | 50 | 9 |
| December, 2004 | 49 | 41 | 10 |
| July, 2002 | 54 | 36 | 10 |
| February, 2002 | 50 | 41 | 9 |
| August, 1999 | 48 | 44 | 8 |
| October, 1996 | 45 | 46 | 9 |
| October, 1995 | 45 | 50 | 5 |
| April, 1995 | 43 | 51 | 6 |
| October, 1994 | 38 | 55 | 7 |
| July, 1994 | 41 | 54 | 5 |

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

[Show on same screen as CANDHOUSAT]
CANDHOUKN How much would you say you know about the candidates running for Congress in your district this November?

Oct 10-16, 2022
Sep 24-Oct 7, $2018^{12}$

| A great <br> deal | A fair <br> amount | Not too <br> much | Nothing <br> at all | No <br> answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11 | 38 | $\frac{35}{35}$ | 45 | 31 |

## ASK ALL:

## [Show on same screen as CANDHOUKN]

CANDHOUSAT How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Congress in your district this November?

Oct 10-16, 2022
Sep 24-Oct 7, $2018{ }^{13}$

| Very <br> satisfied | Somewhat <br> satisfied | Not too <br> satisfied | Not at all <br> satisfied | No <br> sanswer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 52 |  | 28 |  |

## ASK ALL: <br> PREDELEC

Just your best guess, after the elections this November, which political party do you think will hold a majority in... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS A AND B; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; PRESENT REP/DEM PARTY IN SAME ORDER FOR A AND B]

|  |  | Republican Party | Democratic Party | No answer |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a. | The U.S. Senate |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 52 | 43 | 5 |
|  | Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 57 | 40 | 3 |
|  | Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 45 | 52 | 3 |
|  | Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 | 49 | 46 | 5 |
| b. | The U.S. House of Representatives |  |  |  |
|  | Oct 10-16, 2022 | 54 | 41 | 5 |
|  | Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 | 51 | 46 | 3 |
|  | Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 | 57 | 40 | 3 |
|  | Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016 | 57 | 38 | 5 |

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

JAN6ATTN
Thinking about the riot that took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6 of last year...
Overall, how much attention would you say has been paid to the riot at the U.S. Capitol and its impacts?

| Oct 10-16, <br> $\frac{2022}{20}$ | Jan 10-17, | Sep 13-19, | Mar 1-7, |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 37 | Too much attention | $\underline{2022}$ | $\underline{2021}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |
| 31 | Too little attention | 31 | 35 | 28 |
| 31 | About the right amount of attention | 33 | 34 | 27 |
| 1 | No answer | 1 | 1 | 44 |

## ASK ALL:

JAN6CMTHEAR As you may know, a committee in the House of Representatives is investigating the January 6, 2021 Capitol riot.

How much, if anything, have you heard or read about this committee and the investigation?

| Oct 10-16, |  | Jan 10-17, | Sep 13-19, |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2022}{35}$ | A lot | $\underline{2022}$ | $\frac{2021}{11}$ |
| 48 | A little | 54 | 57 |
| 17 | Nothing at all | 19 | 31 |
| 1 | No answer | 1 | 1 |

ASK ALL:
JAN6CONFCM
How confident are you that the committee's investigation is fair and reasonable?

| Oct $10-16$, | Jan 10-17, | Sep 13-19, |  |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2022}{20}$ | Very confident | $\underline{2022}$ | $\underline{2021}$ |
| 27 | Somewhat confident | 29 | 11 |
| 24 | Not too confident | 28 | 34 |
| 28 | Not at all confident | 26 | 32 |
| 2 | No answer | 1 | 22 |

## ASK ALL:

JAN6_DTRESP
How much responsibility, if any, did Donald Trump bear for the violence and destruction committed by some of his supporters when they broke into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

| Oct $10-16$, <br> $\underline{2022}$ <br> 43 | A lot | Jan 10-17, | Jan 8-12, |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | A little | $\underline{2022}$ | $\underline{2021^{14}}$ |
| 32 | None at all | 24 | 52 |
| 2 | No answer | 32 | 23 |

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In January 2021, the question was, "How much responsibility, if any, does Donald Trump bear for the violence and destruction committed by some of his supporters after they broke into the U.S. Capitol?"

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK IF CITIZEN (XCITIZEN=1)[ $\mathrm{N}=4,821]$ :
REG
Which of these statements best describes you?

| Oct 10-16, <br> $\frac{2022}{76}$ | You are ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are <br> registered to vote at your current address |
| :---: | :--- |
| 11 | You are PROBABLY registered, but there is a <br> chance you registration has lapsed |
| 12 | You are NOT registered to vote at your <br> current address |
| 1 | No answer |

## ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF REGISTERED, PROBABLY REGISTERED OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1) [N

## =4,528]:

VOTE_MOTIV Thinking about voting in congressional elections this year, would you say that you are personally...

Oct 10-16, 2022
Extremely
motivated
to vote
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| Very <br> motivated <br> to vote | Somewhat <br> motivated <br> to vote | Not too <br> motivated <br> to vote | Not at all <br> motivated <br> to vote |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

ASK IF REGISTERED, PROBABLY REGISTERED OR PLAN TO REGISTER (REG=1,2 OR PLANREG=1 ):
VOTE_MOTIV Thinking about voting in the presidential election, would you say that you are personally...

Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020

| Extremely <br> motivated <br> to vote | Very <br> motivated <br> to vote | Somewhat <br> motivated <br> to vote | Not too <br> motivated <br> to vote | Not at all <br> motivated <br> to vote |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | No answer |
| :---: |

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

## ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:
ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to... ${ }^{15}$

|  |  |  | Something | No | Lean | Lean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Republican | Democrat | Independent | else | answer | Rep | Dem |
| 28 | 28 | 27 | 15 | 2 | 17 | 20 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{\wedge}$ The survey used geographic information provided by respondents to present them the names and party affiliation of the candidates running in their congressional district. Notes: Based on registered voters. No answer responses not shown.
    Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Oct. 10-16, 2022.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. "AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling."

[^2]:    1 The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

[^3]:    3
    W10 (Mar 10 - Apr 6, 2015) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

[^4]:    4 In Alaska and some districts in Louisiana, where multiple candidates from the same party may be on the ballot in a district, respondents received a generic option for that party. In districts where a candidate is running unopposed by the other major party, a generic option for the other party was provided. In a small number of cases where a respondent's congressional district was not known ( $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{XX}$ registered voters), respondents received the generic version of the question. In 2018, CONG and CONGA were not asked of respondents who lived in the District of Columbia.

[^5]:    6
    Prior asks of POL10 in 2018 and earlier were conducted by telephone. As a result, previous estimates are not directly comparable.

[^6]:    7 In Feb 25-Mar 11, 2018 and prior, question was worded: "How much, if at all, do white people benefit from advantages in society that black people do not have?"

[^7]:    8 In Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 and before, item was asked as part of a list with follow-up asking whether respondents felt strongly or not strongly about their position.
    9 In August 2020 and earlier survey items were phrased "The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers" and "The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others"

[^8]:    10 The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported he78re are from web mode only. In Feb 8-12, 2012 survey, question was asked as a stand-alone item.

[^9]:    12
    In 2018, question was not asked of those who lived in the District of Columbia.
    13 In 2018, question was not asked of those who lived in the District of Columbia

