

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone September 18-21, 2022, among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, with 75 percent reached on cellphones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?
Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/21/22	39	22	18	53	11	41	8
4/28/22	42	21	21	52	10	42	6
2/24/22	37	20	18	55	11	44	7
11/10/21	41	19	22	53	10	44	6
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
9/21/22	36	57	6
4/28/22	38	57	5
2/24/22	37	58	5
11/10/21	39	55	6
9/1/21	45	49	5
4/21/21	52	41	7

3. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Thinking about the upcoming election for the U.S. House and some U.S. Senate and governor seats, are you following the election very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely or not closely at all? (IF VERY CLOSELY) Would you say you're following it extremely closely, or very closely?

		----- Closely -----				----- Not closely -----			No opin.
		NET	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
9/21/22	RV	74	7	25	42	26	14	12	*
11/1/18	RV	81	8	32	40	19	11	8	*
10/26/14	RV	68	NA	25	44	31	16	15	*
10/12/14	RV	71		24	47	29	18	11	*
10/28/10	RV	76		32	45	23	14	10	*
10/3/10	RV	71		24	46	29	18	11	*
11/4/06	RV	80		38	42	20	13	7	*
10/22/06	RV	78		29	50	22	13	8	*
10/8/06	RV	75		26	49	25	17	8	0
9/7/06	RV	66		20	46	34	20	14	*
8/6/06	RV	66		21	45	34	23	11	*
5/15/06	RV	60	"	20	40	39	23	16	*

4. How likely are you to vote in the congressional election in November - are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

Certain	Probably	Chances	Less than	Don't think will vote	Already voted	No
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	to vote	vote	50/50	50/50	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
9/21/22	65	16	9	7	3	NA	1
9/21/22 RV	72	14	9	4	1	NA	1
4/28/22	68	13	11	6	2	NA	*
4/28/22 RV	75	13	9	3	1	NA	*
2/24/22	67	13	10	5	4	NA	1
2/24/22 RV	75	12	9	2	1	NA	*

Compare to:

I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the congressional election in your district [insert time frame]: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than 50/50	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
11/1/18* RV	65	9	8	2	1	14	1
10/11/18 RV	76	12	7	3	*	*	*
8/29/18 RV	75	13	10	2	*	NA	*
4/11/18** RV	67	13	13	5	1		1
1/18/18** RV	62	17	14	5	1		*
11/1/17** RV	62	19	14	3	1		*
7/13/17** RV	66	17	11	4	1	"	1
10/26/14 RV	59	15	11	7	1	6	*
10/12/14 RV	63	15	15	5	2	1	0
9/7/14 RV	71	16	9	2	1	NA	*
6/1/14 RV	74	12	9	4	1		*
4/27/14 RV	68	15	12	4	1	"	*
10/28/10 RV	64	13	11	5	1	7	0
10/3/10 RV	70	15	9	5	2	NA	*
9/2/10 RV	70	14	14	1	1		0
7/11/10 RV	73	13	11	2	*		*
6/6/10 RV	72	14	11	3	*	"	0
11/4/06 RV	70	11	7	4	2	5	*
10/22/06 RV	75	14	7	3	*	1	2

*11/1/18 "next week"; 10/26/14 "the week after next"; 10/11/18 and 10/12/14 "next month"; 8/29/18, 9/7/14 and previous "in November" except for 10/28/10 and 11/04/06 "next week's Congressional election"

**"How likely are you to vote in the congressional election in 2018"

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	46	47	1	2	*	4
4/28/22	46	45	1	5	*	4
2/24/22	42	49	1	3	1	4
11/10/21	41	51	1	4	*	4
11/1/18	50	43	1	3	1	3
10/11/18	53	42	*	2	*	3
8/29/18	52	38	1	3	0	6
4/11/18	47	43	1	3	*	5
1/18/18	51	39	1	2	1	6
11/1/17	51	40	1	3	1	4
10/24/16 LV	47	46	1	1	1	4
10/13/16	48	42	1	3	1	5
5/19/16	45	45	*	3	1	6

10/26/14	47	44	1	2	1	5
10/12/14	46	44	1	3	1	5
9/7/14	46	44	1	4	1	4
6/1/14	47	45	1	3	1	4
4/27/14	45	44	1	2	1	7
3/2/14	46	45	1	3	*	5
1/23/14	45	46	1	3	1	5
12/15/13	47	45	1	4	1	3
10/20/13	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10*	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5
12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6
7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02**	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	45	46		2	1	5
10/31/99	50	43		3	1	3
9/2/99	48	44		3	*	5
3/14/99	50	41		2	1	6
2/14/99	48	41		3	1	7
1/30/99	49	39		8	1	3
11/1/98	51	43		4	*	2
10/25/98	48	43		3	1	4
10/18/98	49	44		3	1	4
9/28/98	49	44		2	*	4
9/13/98	49	43		3	1	4
8/21/98	48	45		3	1	3
7/12/98	47	45		2	*	6
1/31/98	49	40		2	1	8
1/19/98	47	44		3	1	5
10/8/96	51	41		2	1	5
9/29/96	48	41		3	1	7
9/22/96	50	43		2	1	4
9/15/96	49	45		1	1	4
9/4/96	48	44		3	*	5
8/29/96	53	39		3	1	5
8/28/96	51	40		3	1	5
8/27/96	51	41		3	0	5
8/26/96	51	41		3	0	5
8/25/96	48	43		3	1	6
8/24/96	47	43		2	1	6
8/19/96	49	42		3	0	6
8/18/96	45	46		3	0	6
8/15/96	46	43		4	1	5
8/14/96	48	42		3	1	6
8/13/96	49	43		3	0	5

8/12/96	49	42	3	1	5
8/11/96	49	40	4	1	6
8/10/96	49	41	4	1	5
8/5/96	48	45	2	1	4
6/30/96	49	44	3	*	3
5/22/96	52	41	3	1	3
3/17/96	48	48	2	*	2
3/10/96	51	43	2	*	4
1/21/96	52	43	3	1	1
11/13/95	51	43	4	*	2
10/1/95	49	44	3	*	3
11/6/94	47	42	5	2	5
10/31/94	48	44	4	1	3
10/23/94	50	45	2	1	2
10/9/94	46	47	3	2	2
9/11/94	50	45	1	1	4
8/7/94	49	42	4	1	4
3/27/94	49	35	6	1	9
2/27/94	50	40	8	1	2
10/21/91	51	41	4	*	4
7/28/91	49	41	6	*	3
6/2/91	48	42	4	1	5
11/4/90	51	41	5	*	3
10/14/90	50	41	5	*	3
9/9/90	47	46	3	*	3
7/24/90	51	41	4	1	4
5/21/90	47	45	5	1	2
10/10/88	52	41	2	1	4
9/19/88	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	53	45	2		1
7/8/84	58	40	2		1
10/27/82	58	39	NA		3
10/11/82	55	36			9
9/13/82	58	36			6
11/22/81	53	41	"	"	7

*9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)"

**1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded

6. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Compared with past midterm elections, is voting this year much more important to you, more important, the same, less important or much less important?

	- More important -			About the same	- Less important -			First year eligible (vol.)	No opinion
	NET	Much more	More		NET	Less	Much less		
9/21/22	66	35	32	28	4	3	2	0	1
10/11/18	66	34	33	31	3	2	1	0	*
8/29/18	65	32	33	31	3	2	1	*	*

Compare to:

Is voting this year more important to you than in past midterm elections, less important or about the same?

	More important	Less important	About the same	First year eligible (vol.)	No opinion
1/18/18 RV	53	1	45	1	1

7. Overall, which party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job in coping with the main problems the nation faces over the next few years?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	42	42	1	9	6
10/11/18	45	37	2	11	4
10/26/14	39	37	4	14	6
10/12/14	39	39	3	15	5
9/7/14	39	40	3	14	4
4/27/14	40	34	2	17	7
6/5/11	41	32	2	20	4
10/28/10 RV	45	40	2	11	2
10/3/10	42	38	3	15	2
9/2/10	40	37	3	18	2
6/6/10	44	32	2	18	4
4/25/10	46	32	2	18	3
2/8/10	43	37	2	17	2
11/15/09	47	31	2	17	3
9/12/09	48	28	3	19	2
2/22/09	56	30	3	9	3
12/14/08	56	23	3	15	3
5/11/08	53	32	2	10	2
10/8/06	54	35	2	7	2
9/7/06	47	38	1	10	4
6/25/06	48	38	1	10	3
5/15/06	50	36	1	11	3
4/9/06	51	37	1	9	2
3/5/06	42	40	2	14	2
1/26/06	51	37	1	8	3
12/18/05	47	42	1	8	2
11/2/05	49	37	3	9	3
6/5/05	46	41	1	9	2
8/11/03	39	40	3	10	7
12/15/02	41	44	2	11	2
10/27/02 LV	39	51	2	5	2
9/26/02	39	46	3	8	4
7/15/02	42	45	2	7	4
1/27/02	40	44	3	10	4
4/22/01	47	40	4	7	3
7/23/00	42	42	2	9	6
9/2/99	45	39	4	9	4
6/6/99	45	35	3	13	5
3/14/99	47	37	5	9	3
2/14/99	48	37	4	7	4
10/18/98	44	36	3	12	6
9/28/98	49	38	2	8	3
8/21/98	48	36	4	9	3
7/12/98	45	38	3	8	6
1/31/98	47	37	4	6	7
1/19/98	45	42	2	7	4
7/8/97	44	37	2	14	3
9/15/96 RV	45	38	3	11	3
9/4/96 RV	45	41	2	8	4
8/5/96	43	38	3	11	3
6/30/96	46	37	3	12	3
5/22/96	47	38	3	10	3
11/6/94 RV	41	39	2	12	6
10/31/94	43	43	2	8	4
10/23/94	39	40	3	15	3
9/11/94	43	40	4	11	3
8/16/94	44	35	2	15	4
6/26/94	41	36	3	14	5

2/27/94	46	32	4	16	3
11/14/93	42	39	3	11	4
1/17/93	49	28	5	13	5
7/8/92	48	38	1	8	4
6/7/92	43	37	3	11	6
3/11/92	45	37	1	11	5
3/8/92	51	36	1	7	5
2/2/92	49	39	2	7	3
12/15/91	39	37	3	15	6
10/21/91	39	40	3	13	5
6/2/91	37	42	5	10	6
3/4/91	34	47	5	9	5
11/4/90 LV	42	40	3	11	4
10/14/90	46	41	1	8	4
5/21/90	41	45	3	8	2
1/16/90	38	50	3	6	3
8/21/89	42	43	4	9	2
10/10/88 RV	45	45	1	4	5
8/17/88	40	43	2	8	8
8/14/88	47	36	1	11	5
7/20/88	51	36	1	7	6
7/17/88	43	39	1	10	7
5/25/88	45	40	2	7	7
3/21/88	45	42	1	7	4
1/23/88	43	44	1	9	2
12/17/87	49	39	1	6	5
10/19/87	44	43	2	8	3
6/1/87	47	41	3	6	3
3/9/87	47	38	3	9	3
1/18/87	46	38	3	8	6
9/8/86	38	47	2	8	5
6/23/86	41	46	2	8	4
3/24/86	40	46	NA	8	7
2/12/86	40	46	2	8	5
10/28/85	37	45	NA	11	7
9/23/85	39	45		10	6
7/29/85	41	43	"	10	6
6/22/85	36	47	10	NA	6
2/26/85	40	52	5		3
1/16/85	33	49	11		7
7/8/84	44	43	9		5
5/22/84	41	40	12		7
2/15/84	41	45	8		6
1/17/84	42	37	11		10
12/13/83	38	38	14	"	10
8/1/83	45	36	9	2	8
10/11/82	44	38	10	NA	9
9/13/82	45	37	10	"	8

8. Would you rather see the next Congress controlled by the (Republicans, to act as a check on Biden), or controlled by the (Democrats, to support Biden's agenda)?

	Controlled by Democrats	Controlled by Republicans	No opinion
9/21/22	45	48	6
9/21/22 RV	45	49	6
2/24/22	40	50	11
2/24/22 RV	40	52	8

Compare to:

Would you rather see the next Congress controlled by the (Democrats, to act as a check on Trump), or controlled by the (Republicans, to support Trump's agenda)?

	Controlled by Democrats	Controlled by Republicans	No opinion
10/11/18	55	39	7
8/29/18	60	31	8
7/13/17	53	35	12

Among registered voters:

10/11/18 RV	54	41	5
8/29/18 RV	60	34	6
7/13/17 RV	52	38	10

Regardless of how you might vote in your own congressional district, do you think it's more important (to have the Democrats in charge of Congress, to help support Obama's policies), or (to have the Republicans in charge of Congress, to act as a check on Obama's policies)?

	Dems in charge	Reps in charge	No opinion
4/27/14 RV	39	53	8
9/2/10 RV	39	55	6
7/11/10 RV	43	51	6

Which statement comes closer to the way you think: Since the president is a Republican, we need (Republicans in charge of Congress to help support the president's agenda), or since the president is a Republican, we need (Democrats in charge of Congress to act as a check on the president and his agenda).

	Dems in charge	Reps in charge	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
9/26/02 RV	55	36	6	3

9. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans) do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM]?

9/21/22 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	37	53	2	5	3
b. abortion	52	32	1	6	8
c. crime	38	52	2	5	3
d. education and schools	47	41	2	6	4
e. climate change	54	31	2	7	6
f. immigration	44	43	2	7	5
g. inflation, that is rising prices	35	54	1	8	3

*full sample asked a-b and e, half sample asked c-d, other half asked f-g

9/21/22 - Summary table among registered voters

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	37	54	2	4	3
b. abortion	51	34	1	5	8
c. crime	34	56	2	5	3
d. education and schools	44	43	2	6	4
e. climate change	53	32	2	7	5
f. immigration	44	45	1	6	4
g. inflation, that is rising prices	36	54	1	6	3

*full sample asked a-b and e, half sample asked c-d, other half asked f-g

Trend:

a. the economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	37	53	2	5	3
4/28/22	36	50	2	10	3
2/24/22	35	54	1	7	3
11/1/18 RV	39	48	3	7	4
10/11/18 RV	40	47	3	6	3
10/11/18	41	45	3	7	4
10/12/14	37	42	3	13	5
9/7/14	40	45	1	10	4
4/27/14	41	38	2	14	5
3/2/14	41	41	2	12	3
1/23/14	37	44	2	15	3
10/3/10	44	37	4	14	2
9/2/10	42	40	2	15	2
7/11/10	42	34	3	17	5
3/26/10	44	36	3	16	1
2/1/08	52	33	2	10	3
12/9/07	51	33	2	9	5
11/1/07	50	35	3	9	4
9/30/07	51	33	2	11	3
10/22/06 RV	50	41	2	5	2
10/8/06	54	37	3	6	1
9/7/06	50	39	1	7	4
6/25/06	52	39	1	5	3
5/15/06	52	34	3	9	2
4/9/06	49	43	1	4	3
3/5/06	49	40	2	8	2
1/26/06	55	37	2	5	2
11/2/05	56	34	1	8	1
12/15/02	44	45	4	6	1
10/27/02* LV	43	48	3	3	2
9/26/02*	47	39	3	6	5
7/15/02**	38	48	3	6	5
1/27/02**	39	48	5	6	3
4/22/01***	47	43	4	4	3
9/28/98	53	40	NA	NA	7
7/12/98	49	37	4	5	6
1/19/98	45	44	3	6	3
7/8/97	43	39	5	12	2
10/23/94	38	43	3	14	2
9/11/94	39	43	3	11	4
2/27/94	47	36	3	11	3
2/2/92	49	38	2	7	4
12/15/91	43	36	4	11	5
3/4/91	32	49	5	10	4
1/16/90	33	52	4	7	4

**The economy and jobs"

***Improving the economy"

***4/22/01 and previous: "The nation's economy"

b. abortion

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	52	32	1	6	8

4/28/22 47 37 1 10 5

Compare to:

Which political party is closer to your own opinion on the issue of abortion, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans)?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/12/14	48	33	1	5	13
4/27/14	43	35	1	6	15
1/23/14	46	37	1	6	10

c. crime

	Democrats	Republicans	Both equally (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	38	52	2	5	3
4/28/22	35	47	3	11	5
6/30/21	35	36	3	20	7
10/27/06*	38	36	5	9	12
10/25/02*	27	40	11	7	15
9/1/02**	31	45	7	7	11
6/6/99***	40	37	4	12	8
3/14/99	38	42	6	7	7
9/28/98****	44	45	NA	NA	12
7/12/98	40	39	5	8	8
1/19/98	39	42	5	9	5
7/8/97	38	34	7	16	4
10/23/94	36	34	5	19	6
9/11/94	43	33	6	13	6
2/27/94	39	32	7	18	3
2/2/92	39	35	7	11	7
12/15/91	34	35	8	15	7
3/4/91	28	46	9	12	4
1/16/90	31	43	8	12	6

*Newsweek

**Post/KFF/Harvard University

***Washington Post poll

****1998 and previous: "Handling the crime problem"

d. education and schools

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
9/21/22	47	41	2	6	4
4/28/22	47	39	1	10	3
2/24/22	44	41	2	10	3
11/10/21	44	41	1	9	5
5/15/06*	56	33	3	6	3
11/2/05	55	32	4	7	2
12/15/02	49	40	4	5	2
10/27/02 LV	44	45	4	3	3
9/26/02	46	39	4	5	6
9/1/02**	40	39	6	6	9
7/15/02***	41	41	4	7	7
1/27/02	40	45	8	4	3
4/22/01	48	40	5	5	3
9/28/98	56	35	NA	NA	9
7/12/98	52	31	5	5	7
1/19/98	54	34	4	5	3
7/8/97	51	30	5	9	4
10/23/94	45	30	6	13	6
9/11/94	48	33	6	8	5

2/27/94	53	28	5	11	3
2/2/92	55	29	6	5	5
12/15/91	47	31	6	10	6
3/4/91	39	41	8	9	4
1/16/90	45	36	7	9	3

*5/15/06 and previous: "handling education"

**Post-KFF-Harvard

***7/15/02 and previous: "improving education and the schools"

e. climate change

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	54	31	2	7	6
9/21/22 RV	53	32	2	7	5
11/1/18* RV	56	24	2	9	9

*"global warming"

Compare to:

Which political party is closer to your own opinion on the issue of the issue of global warming, also known as climate change?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
4/27/14	47	29	2	8	15

f. immigration

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	44	43	2	7	5
4/28/22	40	43	2	13	3
11/1/18 RV	47	42	1	7	3
10/11/18	50	38	2	6	4
7/19/15*	37	40	1	15	7
10/12/14	37	40	2	13	7
9/7/14	39	43	1	10	6
4/27/14	40	34	3	14	9
3/2/14	44	36	1	13	7
1/23/14	39	37	2	15	7
10/3/10	37	37	3	17	6
9/2/10	37	40	5	14	4
3/26/10	38	35	3	16	8
2/1/08	40	37	2	12	9
11/1/07	42	35	4	13	6
10/8/06	49	36	4	10	3
6/25/06	45	40	1	9	5
5/15/06	48	34	1	14	4
4/9/06	50	38	1	7	4

*7/19/15 and previous "immigration issues"

h. inflation, that is, rising prices

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	35	54	1	8	3
4/28/22*	31	50	1	12	6
3/4/91**	34	49	5	10	3
1/16/90	33	50	3	10	5

*4/28/22 "inflation"

**1991 and previous "controlling inflation"

10. Now for each of those items, please tell me how important each will be in your vote for Congress this year. The first is [ITEM]. Will it be one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or less important than that?

9/21/22 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No op.
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	
a. the economy	84	26	58	15	13	2	1
b. abortion	62	22	40	35	22	13	3
c. crime	69	14	55	30	24	6	1
d. education and schools	77	20	57	22	17	5	1
e. climate change	50	13	37	48	25	23	2
f. immigration	61	15	46	36	27	9	3
g. inflation, that is rising prices	76	21	55	22	17	6	2

*full sample asked a-b and e, half sample asked c-d, other half asked f-g

9/21/22 - Summary table among registered voters

	----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No op.
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	
a. the economy	85	27	58	15	12	3	*
b. abortion	62	22	40	35	22	13	3
c. crime	67	13	54	32	25	7	1
d. education and schools	77	18	59	22	17	5	1
e. climate change	51	14	36	48	23	25	2
f. immigration	62	14	49	35	25	10	2
g. inflation, that is rising prices	79	21	57	21	16	5	*

*full sample asked a-b and e, half sample asked c-d, other half asked f-g

Trend:

a. the economy

	----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No op.
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	
9/21/22	84	26	58	15	13	2	1
9/21/22 RV	85	27	58	15	12	3	*
11/1/18 RV	76	15	61	23	21	2	1
10/11/18 RV	82	20	61	18	15	2	1
10/11/18	82	21	61	17	15	2	1
6/1/14	84	24	60	15	12	3	1
1/23/14	86	24	62	13	12	1	*
9/2/10 RV	93	31	62	7	7	*	*
10/8/06 RV	77	12	65	23	20	3	*
4/9/06	80	16	64	20	18	2	*

b. No trend.

c. Crime

Compare to:

Crime might be discussed during this year's congressional campaign. Will this be one of the MOST important issues in deciding your vote for Congress, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

	One of the most imp.	Very imp.	Somewhat imp.	Not too imp.	No opinion
9/1/02*	15	58	20	6	1

*Post/KFF/Harvard

Now for each item I'd like you to tell me what role it might play in deciding who you'll support this November in the election for Congress in your district. How about handling the crime problem - will it be the single most important issue in your vote, one of several important issues, an issue but not very important, or not an important issue in your vote?

	Single most important issue	One of several	Not very important issue	Not an important issue	No opinion
9/29/98	21	67	8	3	1

d. education and schools

Compare to:

Education might be discussed during this year's congressional campaign. Will this be one of the MOST important issues in deciding your vote for Congress, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

	One of the most imp.	Very imp.	Somewhat imp.	Not too imp.	No opinion
9/1/02*	22	60	14	3	1

*Post/KFF/Harvard

e. climate change

	----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
9/21/22	50	13	37	48	25	23	2
9/21/22 RV	51	14	36	48	23	25	2
11/1/18* RV	48	10	37	50	28	22	2
6/1/14	47	10	37	52	26	26	2

*11/1/18 "global warming"

**6/1/14 "climate change, also known as global warming"

f. immigration

	----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
9/21/22	61	15	46	36	27	9	3
9/21/22 RV	62	14	49	35	25	10	2
11/1/18 RV	67	14	53	32	24	8	1
10/11/18 RV	70	16	54	29	23	6	1
10/11/18	70	17	52	30	23	7	1
6/1/14*	49	10	39	49	33	16	2
1/23/14	48	8	39	52	38	14	1
9/2/10 RV	55	12	43	45	30	15	0
10/8/06 RV	54	7	47	45	29	16	1
4/9/06	60	12	48	40	32	8	*

*6/1/14 and previous: "immigration issues"

g. No trend

On another topic,

11. During his time in office, would you say Biden has accomplished a great deal, a good amount, not very much or little or nothing?

	Grt deal/Good amount			-- Not much/nothing --			No
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Little or nothing	opinion
9/21/22	40	16	25	57	23	34	3
11/10/21*	35	8	27	63	18	45	2

Trump:
 1/18/18** 37 18 19 60 23 37 3
 11/1/17 35 12 23 65 22 43 1
 4/20/17 42 16 27 56 21 35 2

Obama:
 1/15/12 47 12 35 52 25 27 1
 1/15/10 47 12 35 52 30 22 1
 10/18/09 49 14 35 50 27 23 1
 4/24/09 63 24 39 36 21 15 1

Clinton:
 8/16/94 36 6 30 64 39 25 *
 1/23/94 47 11 36 53 33 19 1
 4/26/93 37 5 32 63 38 25 *

**Biden has been president for about ten months..."
 **Question updated for passage of time

12. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
9/21/22	24	3	21	74	36	38	1
2/24/22	24	3	21	75	36	39	1
11/10/21	29	2	26	70	33	38	1
4/21/21	42	4	38	58	37	20	1
9/24/20	40	9	31	59	37	22	1
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1
3/29/15	40	2	38	59	40	19	1
1/15/15	41	3	39	58	40	18	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12	RV 18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*

4/15/07		42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06		50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06		55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06		47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06		43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06		40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05		45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05		35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05		40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05		44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05		37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04	RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04		46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04		45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04		43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04		39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04		42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03		42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03		33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03		30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03		32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03		35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03		28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03		25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02		35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02	LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02	LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02	LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02		31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02		39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02		30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02		31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01		38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01		33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01		50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01		50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01		70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00		74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00		80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99		74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99		76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99		80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98		73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98	LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97		61	12	49	39	27	11	*

*Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation

13. Thinking about the current rate of inflation, meaning rising prices - is this something you are (upset about), concerned about but not upset, or (not concerned about)?

	Upset	Concerned but not upset	Not concerned	No opinion
9/21/22	45	48	5	2
4/28/22	44	50	6	*

Changing topics,

14. Do you support or oppose the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court eliminating the constitutional right to have an abortion? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/21/22	29	21	9	64	11	53	7

15. Do you think [ITEM] favors (too many restrictions on abortion), (too much access to abortion), or is its position on abortion about right?

9/21/22 - Summary table

	Too many restrictions	Too much access	About right	No opinion
a. the Democratic Party	13	31	45	11
b. the Republican Party	50	10	29	11

16. The U.S. Justice Department is currently investigating Donald Trump on issues including his fundraising, his handling of classified materials and his actions related to the storming of the U.S. Capitol last January. Given what you've heard or read, do you think Trump should or should not be charged with a crime in any of these matters?

	Should	Should not	No opinion
9/21/22	52	39	10

Compare to:

As you may know, Donald Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where the riot followed. Do you think Trump should be charged with a crime for his role in this incident, or do you think he should not be charged?

	Should be charged	Should not be charged	No opinion
4/28/22	52	42	6

As you may know, Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where a riot followed. Do you think Trump should be charged with the crime of inciting a riot, or do you think he should not be charged?

	Should be charged	Should not be charged	No opinion
1/13/21	54	43	3

17. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Would you like the Democratic Party to nominate Biden to run for a second term as president in 2024, or would you like the Democratic Party to nominate someone other than Biden as its candidate for president?

	Nominate Biden	Nominate someone other than Biden	No opinion
9/21/22	35	56	9

18. (ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Would you like the Republican Party to nominate Trump to run for another term as president in 2024, or would you like the Republican Party to nominate someone other than Trump as its candidate for president?

	Nominate Trump	Nominate someone other than Trump	No opinion
9/21/22	47	46	7

Compare to:

(ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Would you like the Republican Party to nominate Trump to run for a second term as president next year, or would you like the Republican Party to nominate someone other than Trump as its candidate for president in 2020? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	---- Nominate Trump -----			----- Someone else -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/30/19	67	59	8	30	6	24	3
1/24/19	65	NA	NA	32	NA	NA	3

19. If the 2024 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were (Donald Trump, the Republican) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat), for whom would you vote? Would you lean toward (Trump) or (Biden)?

	Trump	Biden	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	46	48	1	3	1	1
9/21/22 RV	48	46	1	3	1	1

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
9/21/22	28	24	41	5	2
4/28/22	29	25	40	5	2
2/24/22	27	26	40	4	3
11/10/21	27	26	37	6	4
9/1/21	30	24	36	6	4

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 252 interviews completed on landlines and 754 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 568 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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Group	Sample size	Error margin
National adults	1,006	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	908	4
Half sample	502-504	5
Leaned Democrats	438	5.5
Leaned Republicans	466	5.5

