

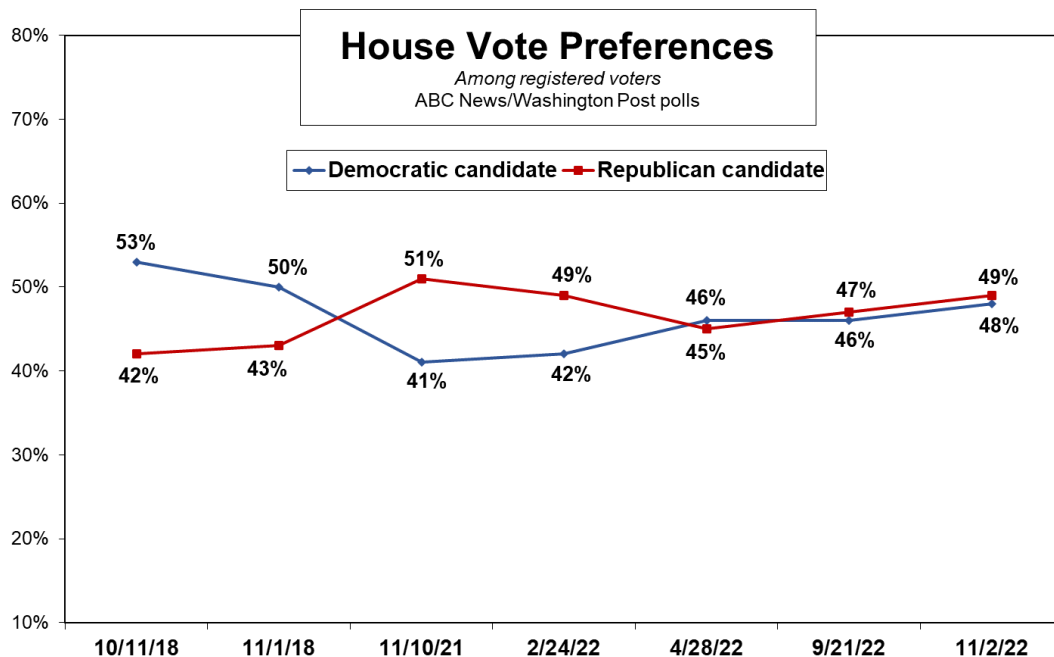
Economic Discontent Fuels GOP Hopes As the 2022 Midterms Draw to a Close

Economic discontent and Joe Biden’s unpopularity continue to fuel Republican prospects in the closing days of the 2022 midterm election campaign, with the share of Americans saying they’ve gotten worse off financially doubling since Biden took office.

Given inflation stubbornly near a 40-year high, 80 percent of likely voters in the latest ABC News/Washington Post poll call the economy a top issue in their vote for Congress; 77 percent say the same about inflation specifically. The Republican Party leads the Democrats by a dozen or more percentage points in trust to handle each – and by even more on another issue, crime.

The Democrats reply with a significant lead in trust to handle abortion – and in a striking result, the number of Americans who say abortion should be legal in all or most cases has surged to 66 percent, its highest in ABC/Post polls since 1995. That is up 8 points just since April, two months before the U.S. Supreme Court eliminated the constitutional right to an abortion. The change came almost exclusively among women.

The public continues to oppose the high court’s decision by 2-1 in this poll, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#). But while 62 percent of likely voters call abortion a top issue in their vote, that trails the economy by 18 points, inflation by 15 and crime by 7. Still, the abortion issue may have prevented the GOP from fully nationalizing the election around the issue of inflation – keeping the eventual outcome, state-by-state and district-by-district, uncertain.

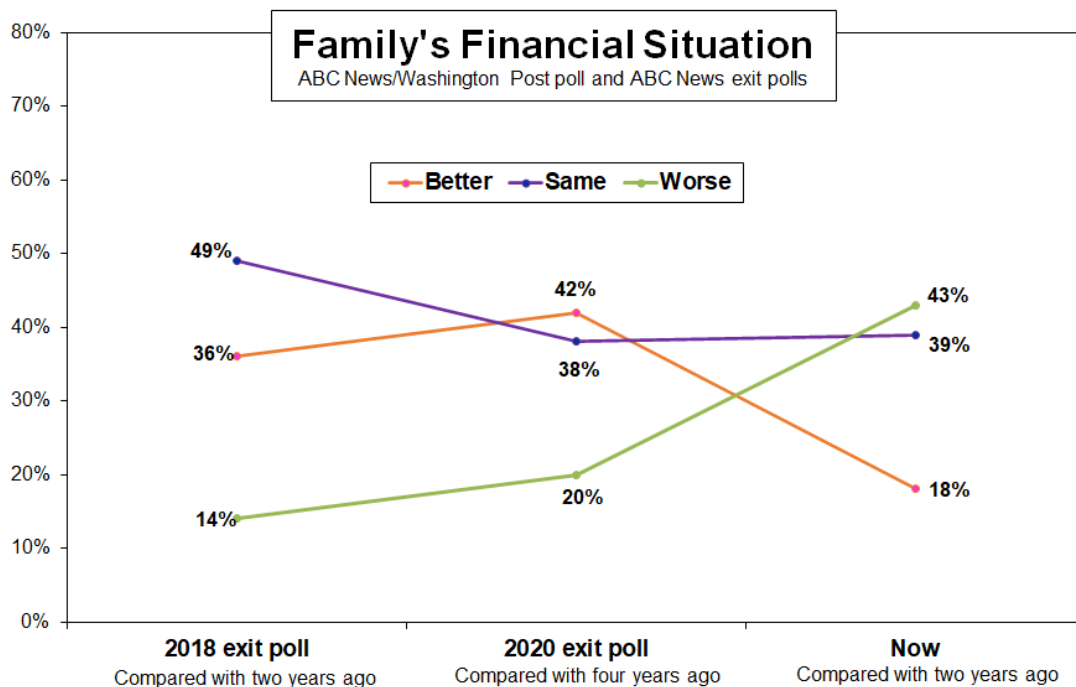


VOTE PREFERENCE – All told, 49 percent of registered voters favor the Republican in their congressional district, 48 percent the Democrat. It’s a similar 50-48 percent among likely voters. That marks a retreat from a 7-point Democratic advantage, 50-43 percent among registered voters, in the last ABC/Post poll before the 2018 midterms, when the Democrats romped.

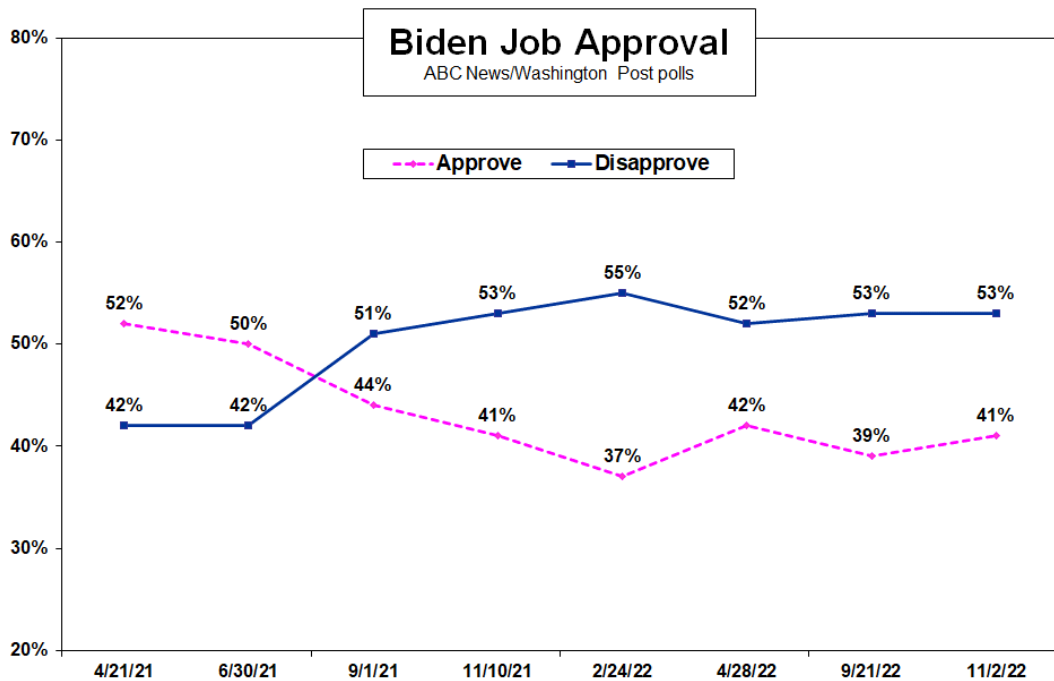
That said, the Democrats’ position is less dire than a year ago: Then the Republicans held their largest midterm lead in 40 years of ABC/Post polling, 51-41 percent.

Election results can differ from pre-election estimates, and the ultimate change in House seats is an open question in any case; local issues can matter, and among other factors, typically at least 90 percent of incumbents are re-elected. Results in the Senate, likewise, can’t be discerned ’til the voting is done.

But clearly the Democrats face stiff headwinds. Forty-three percent of Americans say they’ve gotten worse off financially in the last two years – up dramatically from 20 percent in the 2020 national exit poll and 14 percent in 2018. Just 18 percent now say they’re better off, less than half what it was when Biden won office.



Biden himself has a 41 percent approval rating among all adults, essentially the same as Trump’s 40 percent heading into the 2018 midterms, with attendant losses for his party. As noted in our last [analysis](#), when a president’s approval rating has been less than 50 percent, his party has lost, on average, 37 House seats in midterms since 1946. When it’s been over 50 percent – a level Biden hasn’t seen in a year and a half – average losses have been far milder, 14 seats.



Another feature is the increasing size of swings from presidential to first midterm elections, suggesting heightened dissatisfaction with both sides. Trump’s party lost 42 House seats. His predecessor, Barack Obama, lost 63 House seats (at a time of 9.6 percent unemployment). That’s an average of 53 lost seats in these two most recent first midterms – double the average losses, 25 seats, in the 11 preceding first midterm elections since 1946.

DENIAL – On Biden, it’s worth noting that disapproval of his job performance is a different thing from rejecting his election two years ago. Similar to previous results, the public by 62-36 percent expresses confidence that Biden was legitimately elected. That includes 48 percent very confident vs. 24 percent not at all confident.

Election denial does play in the GOP base – just 26 percent of Republicans say they are confident Biden legitimately won. But confidence jumps by 40 points, to 66 percent, among independents, as well as to 95 percent among Democrats.

ISSUES – Overall, the public trusts the parties about equally to handle “the main problems the nation faces” – 42 percent pick the Republicans, 40 percent the Democrats. But that’s a question on which the Democrats more often have led, by an average of 5 points in ABC/Post polls since 1982.

On individual issues, divisions are sharp. Registered voters trust the Republican Party over the Democratic Party by 14 points to handle the economy, by 12 points to handle inflation – and by the widest GOP margin, 20 points, to handle crime.

The Democratic Party for its part, leads widely on two issues, both of which rate lower in importance – a 13-point advantage on abortion and 19 points in trust to handle climate change.

On three other issues – education, immigration and threats to democracy – trust in the parties is divided more evenly.

Midterm Issues			
Trust to handle:	Dems-Reps <i>Among registered voters</i>	D-R diff.	Important Issue <i>Among likely voters</i>
The economy	38-52%	-14 pts.	80%
Inflation	38-50	-12	77
Education and schools	47-44	3	75
Threats to democracy	47-43	4	74
Crime	34-54	-20	69
Abortion	50-37	13	62
Immigration	44-46	-2	59
Climate change	51-32	19	48

There’s partisanship in the levels of importance placed on these issues. Among Republicans, 93 percent call the economy a top issue in their vote, 90 percent say so about inflation, 86 percent crime and 77 percent immigration. Far fewer Democrats cite any of these: the economy, 71 percent; inflation, 67 percent; crime, 58 percent; and immigration, 51 percent. Democrats instead are far more apt than Republicans to pick abortion (81 vs. 47 percent) and climate change (75 vs. 20 percent) as top issues.

GENDER GAP – There’s a vast gender gap in vote preferences, and it’s grown sharply: Women support Democratic over Republican candidates by 59-39 percent now, compared with 50-42 percent in the last ABC/Post poll in September. That’s matched by a countervailing result among men – they now more broadly favor Republican candidates, 59-36 percent, compared with 52-42 percent then. The result is that overall vote preference, among women and men combined, is almost identical to September’s.

The 9-point Democratic vote gain among women overall includes +16 points among suburban women. At the same time, overall vote preferences among suburban women almost exactly match those among women overall.

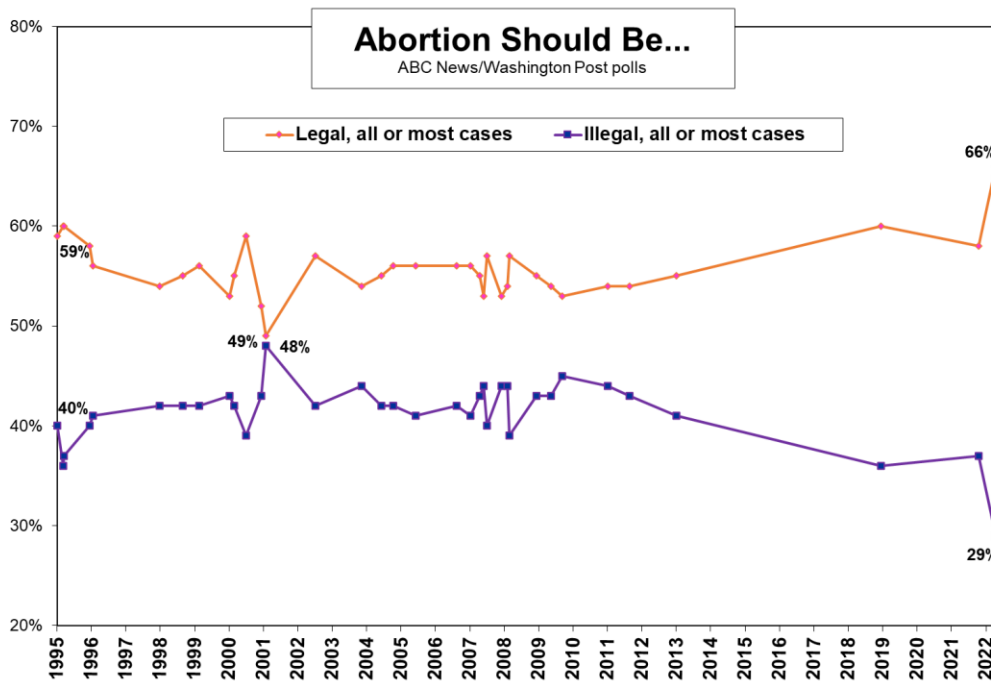
The gender gap between men and women also is reflected in differing priorities and trust levels. Big majorities of women and men alike pick the economy as a top issue, but women divide evenly in which party they trust to handle it, while men favor the Republican Party on the economy by a broad 61-28 percent.

On abortion, the tables turn: Women trust the Democrats over the Republicans to handle abortion by 59-31 percent; men divide about evenly, 41-45 percent. And 76 percent of women call abortion an important issue in their vote, while just 47 percent of men say the same.

ABORTION – It’s challenging to assess the impact of abortion on the election. On one hand, opposition to the Supreme Court ruling is widespread and, as noted, support for legal abortion has jumped to a record high, with essentially all the gains among women. Propensity to vote, too,

is up among women, from 71 percent in September to 79 percent now, while steady among men. (In September, that was those certain to vote; now, it's those certain or who already voted.)

Still, no more people overall are calling abortion highly important in their vote now than six weeks ago – and as noted, it’s disproportionately Democrats (and women) who do so. In another measure, supporters of the Supreme Court ruling are more apt to say they’ll vote (or have voted already) than are critics of the decision, 82 vs. 73 percent.



Regardless, some changes in support for legal abortion are remarkable. It’s now 74 percent among women, up from 62 percent last spring. (That compares with 57 percent among men, vs. 55 percent previously.) It’s up especially steeply among non-evangelical white Protestants (+21 points to 81 percent), in the South (+16 points to 64 percent) and in states that voted for Trump in 2020 (+15 points to 63 percent). Among Republican women, support is up 15 points, to 43 percent, while those saying abortion should be illegal in all cases has dropped from 34 percent to just 10 percent.

Further, in the 14 states that have ceased nearly all abortion services, 63 percent now support legal abortion, up 20 points since April. It's 67 percent in all other states, essentially steady.

WHO AND WHY – One further election-focused result shows somewhat more affirmative voting among Democratic voters than among those supporting Republican candidates. Fifty percent of those backing Democratic candidates say they’re mainly showing support for the Democratic Party rather than opposition to the GOP (28 percent), or some of both (15 percent). Among Republican voters, slightly fewer, 42 percent, are voting mainly to show support for the GOP. Again 28 percent mainly oppose the other party, while 21 percent hold both motivations.

A last open question – and the critical one in any election – is who shows up, especially with the rise in early and absentee voting. In this survey, conducted last Sunday through Wednesday, 13 percent of registered voters say they’d already voted. That’s essentially the same as at this point in 2018, when midterm turnout hit a postwar high.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by landline and cellular telephone Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2022, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 1,005 adults, including 881 registered voters. Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 4.0 percentage points, including the design effect. Partisan divisions are 31-29-35 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents, among registered voters.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#), with sampling and data collection by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md. See details on the survey’s methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

14-15 previously released. *= less than 0.5 percent

1. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) Thinking about the upcoming midterm 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
		NET	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opin.
11/2/22	RV	77	8	34	35	23	13	9	*
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	*

2. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE) How likely are you to vote in the congressional election next week - 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.
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11/2/22 RV	63	10	9	3	1	13	*
9/21/22*	65	16	9	7	3	NA	1
4/28/22	68	13	11	6	2	NA	*
2/24/22	67	13	10	5	4	NA	1

*9/21/22 and previous "in November"

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"

3. (ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) 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)? (ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	48	49	1	1	*	2
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

Call for full trend.

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

4. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRATIC VOTER AND CERTAIN/PROBABLY VOTE OR ALREADY VOTED) [Are you voting/Did you vote] mainly to show support for the Democratic Party or opposition to the Republican Party?

	Support Democratic Party	Oppose Republican Party	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	50	28	5	15	2

5. (ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN VOTER AND CERTAIN/PROBABLY VOTE OR ALREADY VOTED) [Are you voting/Did you vote] mainly to show support for the Republican Party or opposition to the Democratic Party?

	Support Republican Party	Oppose Democratic Party	Neither (vol.)	Both (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	42	28	7	21	2

On another subject,

6. 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	
11/2/22	41	19	23	53	11	42	6
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

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
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11/2/22	40	42	2	11	5
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

Call for full trend.

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

11/2/22 - Summary table among registered voters

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. the economy	38	52	1	6	3
b. abortion	50	37	1	5	6
c. climate change	51	32	1	10	5
d. crime	34	54	3	6	3
e. education and schools	47	44	2	4	3
f. immigration	44	46	2	5	3
g. inflation, that is rising prices	38	50	2	7	4
h. threats to democracy	47	43	1	4	4

*full sample asked a-b, half sample asked c-e, other half asked f-h

Trend:

a. the economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	37	51	1	7	4
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	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
11/2/22	50	35	1	7	7
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. climate change

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	51	30	1	11	6
9/21/22	54	31	2	7	6

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

d. crime

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	35	51	3	8	3
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"

e. education and schools

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
11/2/22	47	40	2	6	5
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"

f. immigration

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	42	42	2	7	7
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"

g. inflation, that is, rising prices

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	38	48	2	7	5
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"

h. No trend.

9. (ASK IF CERTAIN/PROBABLY VOTE OR ALREADY VOTED) Now for each of those items, please tell me how important each [will be/was] in your vote for Congress this year. The first is [ITEM]. [Will it be/Was it] one of the single most important issues, very important, somewhat important or less important than that?

11/2/22 - Summary table among certain/probably to vote or already voted

	NET	Important 1 of most	Very	NET	Not as important - Somewhat	Less	No op.
a. the economy	80	26	55	19	16	3	1
b. abortion	62	22	40	37	22	15	1
c. climate change	48	12	36	51	21	29	1

d. crime	69	14	55	30	23	8	*
e. education and schools	75	16	59	25	20	5	*
f. immigration	59	9	50	41	30	11	*
g. inflation, that is rising prices	77	21	57	23	18	5	0
h. threats to democracy	74	21	52	25	17	9	1

*full sample asked a-b, half sample asked c-e, other half asked f-h

Trend:

a. the economy

		----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
		NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
11/2/22	LV	80	26	55	19	16	3	1
9/21/22		84	26	58	15	13	2	1
11/1/18	RV	76	15	61	23	21	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. abortion

		----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
		NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
11/2/22	LV	62	22	40	37	22	15	1
9/21/22		62	22	40	35	22	13	3

c. climate change

		----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
		NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
11/2/22	LV	48	12	36	51	21	29	1
9/21/22		50	13	37	48	25	23	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 "global warming, also known as climate change"

d. crime

		----- Important -----			-- Not as important --			No
		NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	op.
11/2/22	LV	69	14	55	30	23	8	*
9/21/22		69	14	55	30	24	6	1

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

e. education and schools

	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	No op.
11/2/22 LV	75	16	59	25	20	5	*
9/21/22	77	20	57	22	17	5	1

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

f. immigration

	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	No op.
11/2/22 LV	59	9	50	41	30	11	*
9/21/22	61	15	46	36	27	9	3
11/1/18 RV	67	14	53	32	24	8	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. inflation, that is rising prices

	NET	1 of most	Very	NET	Somewhat	Less	No op.
11/2/22 LV	77	21	57	23	18	5	0
9/21/22	76	21	55	22	17	6	2

h. No trend.

10. Compared to two years ago, is your family's financial situation better, worse or about the same?

	Better	Worse	About the same	No opin.
11/2/22	18	43	39	0
11/4/02* LV	20	32	48	*
11/3/02 LV	20	32	48	1
11/2/02 LV	22	32	46	*
10/27/02	24	32	44	*
7/15/02	27	27	47	0
11/1/98	40	12	48	*
10/25/98	38	10	49	3
1/29/95	27	18	55	*

*11/4/02 and previous except 1/29/95: "better today"

Changing topics,

11. 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
11/2/22	30	22	8	63	7	56	7
9/21/22	29	21	9	64	11	53	7

12. Do you think abortion should be legal in all cases, legal in most cases, illegal in most cases or illegal in all cases?

		----- Legal -----		----- Illegal -----		No	
	NET	All cases	Most cases	NET	Most cases	All cases	opinion
11/2/22	66	31	35	29	22	7	5
4/28/22	58	26	33	37	21	16	5
7/1/19	60	27	33	36	22	14	4
7/21/13	55	20	35	41	26	15	3
3/10/12	54	21	33	43	25	17	3
7/17/11	54	19	35	44	30	15	2
3/26/10	53	17	35	45	27	18	2
11/23/09	54	19	35	43	28	16	2
6/21/09	55	20	35	43	26	17	2
9/7/08	RV	19	38	39	24	15	4
8/22/08	54	22	32	44	26	18	3
6/15/08	53	18	35	44	28	16	3
1/12/08	57	21	36	40	25	15	3
12/9/07	53	18	35	44	27	17	3
11/1/07	55	19	36	43	27	16	2
7/21/07	56	23	34	41	28	14	2
2/25/07	56	16	39	42	31	12	2
12/18/05	56	17	40	41	27	13	3
4/24/05	56	20	36	42	27	14	3
12/19/04	55	21	34	42	25	17	3
5/23/04	54	23	31	44	23	20	2
1/20/03	57	23	34	42	25	17	2
8/12/01	49	22	27	48	28	20	3
6/24/01	52	22	31	43	23	20	4
1/15/01	59	21	38	39	25	14	1
9/6/00	RV	20	35	42	25	16	3
7/23/00	53	20	33	43	26	17	4
9/2/99	56	20	37	42	26	15	2
3/14/99	55	21	34	42	27	15	3
7/12/98	54	19	35	42	29	13	4
8/5/96	56	22	34	41	27	14	3
6/30/96	58	24	34	40	25	14	2
10/1/95	60	26	35	37	25	12	3
9/21/95	60	24	36	36	25	11	4
7/17/95	59	27	32	40	26	14	1

13. How confident are you that votes in the midterm elections will be counted accurately - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident ---			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
11/2/22	66	34	32	32	19	14	2

Compare to:

How confident are you that the votes for president across the country will be accurately counted this year: very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident or not confident at all?

Caution: 10/26 results are three nights only

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	opinion
10/26/16 LV	71	43	29	28	15	13	1
9/8/16 LV	66	31	35	33	17	16	1
12/19/04*	71	43	28	29	16	13	0
10/27/04 LV	70	25	46	28	20	8	1

*"were accurately counted"

16. How confident are you that Biden legitimately won the 2020 presidential election - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	--- More confident --			----- Less confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
11/2/22	62	48	14	36	13	24	1

Compare to:

Do you think Joe Biden did or did not legitimately win the presidential election?

	Did win	Did not win	No
	legitimately	legitimately	opinion
1/13/21	62	32	6

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