

2021 NATIONAL Inflation Message Test Poll

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. Generally speaking, are you concerned about inflation negatively affecting your family's budget and future?				
Very Concerned	59%	72%	42%	67%
Somewhat Concerned	28%	22%	40%	20%
Not Concerned At All	12%	6%	18%	13%
2. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that the average annual rate of inflation between 2010 and 2020 was only 1.7 percent, while the current rate is 5 percent?				
More Likely	51%	62%	37%	55%
Less Likely	19%	14%	25%	16%
Unsure	31%	24%	38%	29%
3. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that it could make it more difficult for you to retire on schedule?				
More Likely	54%	67%	39%	60%
Less Likely	20%	13%	33%	14%
Unsure	25%	20%	29%	27%
4. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that it causes cost increases on your utilities such as water, electricity, and natural gas?				
More Likely	65%	79%	49%	68%
Less Likely	18%	12%	28%	14%
Unsure	17%	9%	23%	18%

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5. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that in May, lumber was nearly five times more expensive than it was a year earlier?				
More Likely	65%	79%	47%	70%
Less Likely	18%	10%	28%	15%
Unsure	17%	11%	26%	14%
6. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that the rising cost of lumber has priced many families out of buying a home?				
More Likely	65%	79%	53%	63%
Less Likely	20%	13%	30%	17%
Unsure	15%	8%	17%	21%
7. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that the cost of gasoline has risen by more than 30 percent over the past year?				
More Likely	70%	85%	53%	72%
Less Likely	21%	9%	35%	18%
Unsure	9%	5%	12%	10%
8. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that the cost of gasoline during the recent Memorial Day weekend was the most expensive it's been during a Memorial Day weekend since 2014?				
More Likely	66%	80%	50%	70%
Less Likely	21%	11%	30%	20%
Unsure	13%	8%	19%	11%
9. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that, over the past year, the price of diesel fuel has increased by about a dollar per gallon?				
More Likely	63%	79%	47%	63%
Less Likely	22%	13%	34%	17%
Unsure	15%	8%	19%	20%
10. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that the rising cost of diesel fuel prices causes increased prices for goods and services for consumers?				
More Likely	68%	82%	53%	71%
Less Likely	19%	10%	30%	14%
Unsure	13%	8%	17%	15%

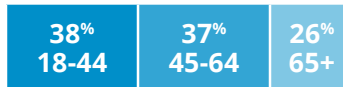
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11. Would you be more or less likely to be concerned about inflation if you knew that, according to the consumer price index, the price of most retail goods has increased by more than five percent in the last year alone?				
More Likely	69%	83%	55%	69%
Less Likely	17%	10%	28%	12%
Unsure	14%	7%	17%	19%
12. Of the following goods and services—groceries, gasoline, medical care and prescriptions, and utilities—which home budget items would hurt your finances the most if their cost increased?				
Groceries	42%	46%	35%	45%
Gasoline	14%	10%	11%	22%
Medical Care & Prescriptions	26%	24%	31%	22%
Utilities	18%	20%	22%	11%
13. Of the following spending items—retirement savings, charitable giving, groceries, or medical care and prescriptions—which would you be most likely to cut back first if your monthly expenses were to increase?				
Retirement Savings	21%	19%	15%	29%
Charitable Giving	54%	53%	60%	48%
Groceries	17%	18%	16%	18%
Medical Care & Prescriptions	9%	11%	9%	5%
14. Which of the following do you think is most to blame for the rapid rise of inflation in the United States?				
Government Spending	40%	60%	16%	46%
COVID-19 Shutdowns	30%	16%	44%	28%
Unemployment Bonuses	11%	11%	11%	10%
Something Else	19%	12%	29%	16%
15. Generally speaking, do you think President Biden's \$6 trillion infrastructure package could cause further inflation?				
Yes	52%	81%	19%	61%
No	33%	11%	65%	18%
Unsure	15%	9%	16%	21%

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Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a nationwide sample of 510 likely voters. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Services, Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted June 17–22, 2021. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.34 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

The Foundation for Government Accountability paid for all costs associated with this survey.