

2021 NATIONAL Voter Pulse Poll

Part 1

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
1. How concerned are you about the recent increases in federal spending?				
Very concerned	46%	80%	13%	47%
Somewhat concerned	19%	7%	23%	29%
Not concerned	25%	7%	49%	14%
Unsure	10%	5%	15%	9%
2. Of those who were very or somewhat concerned about increases in federal spending, these issues concerned them the most.				
State bailouts	21%	32%	12%	13%
Unemployment bonuses	25%	22%	23%	30%
Welfare expansion	13%	16%	8%	12%
Infrastructure	13%	16%	6%	15%
None or unsure	27%	14%	51%	31%
3. How concerned are you about recent increases in the cost of goods and services, such as gas, food, and housing?				
Very concerned	53%	78%	26%	56%
Somewhat concerned	22%	14%	34%	18%
Not concerned	20%	5%	32%	22%
Unsure	5%	3%	8%	4%

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4. Have price increases for goods and services negatively impacted you or your family's budget?				
Significantly impacted	35%	52%	18%	36%
Somewhat impacted	35%	33%	33%	40%
Not impacted at all	23%	10%	38%	20%
Unsure	7%	4%	11%	4%

5. How concerned are you about your ability to meet all of your monthly expenses?				
Very concerned	32%	49%	14%	35%
Somewhat concerned	25%	25%	26%	23%
Not concerned	26%	13%	40%	26%
Unsure	17%	13%	21%	16%

6. How concerned are you about the general increase in the cost of buying or renting a home?				
Very concerned	33%	44%	17%	40%
Somewhat concerned	23%	27%	22%	21%
Not concerned	33%	20%	48%	30%
Unsure	10%	8%	13%	9%

7. Which of the following price increases concerns you the most: gasoline, housing, groceries, or something else?				
Gasoline	28%	39%	20%	26%
Housing	17%	16%	13%	23%
Groceries	39%	37%	42%	38%
Something else	16%	9%	25%	13%

8. How much have worker shortages at local businesses and restaurants negatively impacted your family or community?				
Strongly impacted	29%	44%	15%	30%
Somewhat impacted	35%	32%	31%	43%
Not impacted at all	30%	20%	48%	20%
Unsure	5%	4%	6%	7%

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9. What do you think is mostly to blame for worker shortages: unemployment bonuses, low wages, fear of COVID-19, or something else?

Unemployment bonuses	42%	73%	14%	42%
Low wages	23%	5%	42%	20%
Fear of COVID-19	18%	11%	26%	17%
Something else	17%	12%	18%	20%

10. How concerned are you about new strains of the coronavirus?

Very concerned	47%	27%	67%	47%
Somewhat concerned	29%	37%	25%	26%
Not concerned	21%	34%	6%	25%
Unsure	2%	2%	3%	3%

11. Would you support or oppose further economic shutdowns as a way to contain new coronavirus strains?

Supportive	32%	14%	53%	28%
Opposed	40%	63%	18%	41%
Unsure	27%	22%	29%	31%

12. Do you agree or disagree that public school shutdowns are making it difficult for working parents to re-enter the workforce?

Agree	67%	82%	54%	66%
Disagree	14%	11%	16%	14%
Unsure	19%	7%	30%	20%

13. Do you agree or disagree that working moms are now at a greater disadvantage in the workplace due to gaps in their resume and experience from having to stay home with their children during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Agree	56%	58%	55%	55%
Disagree	20%	20%	23%	17%
Unsure	24%	22%	22%	28%

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14. Do you agree or disagree that extended public school shutdowns have negatively impacted the mental health of America's youth?				
Agree	66%	82%	50%	66%
Disagree	13%	10%	19%	11%
Unsure	21%	8%	31%	22%
15. Do you agree or disagree that extended public school shutdowns have resulted in an education gap for America's youth?				
Agree	66%	82%	51%	67%
Disagree	17%	7%	32%	11%
Unsure	16%	11%	17%	21%
16. Do you think the education gap resulting from school closures during COVID-19 is going to result in an increase of the high school dropout rate?				
Yes	41%	66%	16%	43%
No	29%	11%	49%	25%
Unsure	30%	23%	35%	31%
17. Would you support or oppose increasing funding to the IRS by \$80 billion to pay for new technology and increased enforcement?				
Support	27%	11%	48%	22%
Oppose	43%	65%	21%	43%
Unsure	30%	24%	31%	35%
18. Which of the following issues is most important to you when considering who to vote for in the 2022 congressional elections: economic recovery, workforce, mental health and other health care, education, or something else?				
Economic recovery and workforce issues	55%	72%	38%	47%
Mental health and other health care	14%	6%	23%	12%
Education	7%	7%	7%	9%
Something else or unsure	27%	17%	33%	32%

Part 2

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1. How concerned are you about the immigration situation at the United States' southern border?				
Very concerned	52%	78%	23%	56%
Somewhat concerned	25%	16%	36%	22%
Not concerned	16%	4%	28%	15%
Unsure	7%	2%	13%	7%
2. Do you think the immigration situation at the southern border is a national security crisis?				
Yes	54%	86%	23%	54%
No	34%	10%	59%	30%
Unsure	12%	4%	18%	16%
3. Should the United States work more closely with Latin American countries to improve their standard of living?				
Yes	50%	42%	61%	46%
No	25%	32%	16%	29%
Unsure	24%	26%	23%	25%
4. Should it be easier or more difficult to immigrate to the United States than it is now?				
Easier	30%	12%	50%	26%
More difficult	45%	67%	22%	48%
No change	13%	12%	13%	13%
Unsure	12%	9%	14%	13%
5. Should the United States tighten or loosen border security in response to the increase of illegal immigration at the southern border?				
Tighten	65%	88%	41%	67%
Loosen	10%	5%	15%	9%
Currently fine	16%	5%	29%	14%
Unsure	9%	1%	15%	10%
6. Critical Race Theory teaches that the United States was founded on principles that are intended to perpetually discriminate against minorities. Do you support or oppose critical race theory teachings in schools?				
Support	33%	27%	46%	24%
Oppose	44%	58%	26%	51%
Unsure	23%	15%	28%	25%

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7. Over the last year there have been numerous reports of high-profile people being fired or forced out of their job due to their political or religious beliefs. How concerned are you that this could become a bigger problem affecting everyday people in the workplace?

Very concerned	55%	76%	36%	55%
Somewhat concerned	21%	15%	31%	16%
Not concerned	19%	5%	29%	24%
Unsure	4%	4%	4%	5%

8. How concerned are you about individuals being censored online and on social media platforms for their political opinions or religious beliefs?

Very concerned	48%	74%	23%	49%
Somewhat concerned	20%	13%	27%	20%
Not concerned	19%	4%	34%	19%
Unsure	13%	10%	16%	12%

9. How concerned are you about efforts to remove historical monuments or Founding Fathers' names from public property?

Very concerned	50%	79%	20%	52%
Somewhat concerned	16%	10%	24%	13%
Not concerned	27%	7%	46%	28%
Unsure	7%	3%	11%	7%

10. How concerned are you about the increasing amount of influence that corporations have over American politics?

Very concerned	66%	72%	62%	63%
Somewhat concerned	17%	17%	16%	18%
Not concerned	9%	4%	15%	7%
Unsure	8%	6%	7%	11%

11. How concerned are you about efforts to expand welfare programs in the United States?

Very concerned	45%	65%	22%	51%
Somewhat concerned	23%	18%	32%	18%
Not concerned	18%	8%	30%	15%
Unsure	14%	9%	16%	16%

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12. How concerned are you about institutional fraud in our elections?				
Very concerned	49%	68%	31%	49%
Somewhat concerned	12%	9%	17%	10%
Not concerned	20%	8%	30%	22%
Unsure	19%	15%	22%	20%

13. Do you support or oppose efforts to defund police departments?				
Support	23%	26%	24%	17%
Oppose	64%	70%	56%	65%
Unsure	14%	4%	19%	17%

14. Which of the following issues is most important to you when considering who to vote for in the 2022 elections?				
Racial and social issues	17%	11%	27%	11%
Immigration and national security	33%	45%	17%	39%
Censoring and workplace bullying	4%	3%	5%	4%
Election security	20%	24%	19%	16%
Something else or unsure	27%	17%	33%	30%

DEMOGRAPHICS

PARTY AFFILIATION

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AGE

38% 18-44	37% 45-64	26% 65+
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48% MALE	52% FEMALE
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Results for these polls are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a nationwide sample of 510 and 522 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 July 23–28, 2021. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.33 and 4.29 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.