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## **NATIONAL: NEGATIVE VIEW OF STATE OF THE UNION**

*Americans describe country as ‘divided,’ ‘mess,’ ‘chaos’*

*West Long Branch, NJ* – Divided. That is the most commonly mentioned description of the country today, according to the ***Monmouth (“Mon-muth”) University Poll***. Less than half of the public feels that the state of the union is strong. Americans express much less optimism about President Joe Biden now than at the start of his term just over a year ago. Just 1 in 4 say his first year agenda has put a lot of focus on issues important to average Americans.

Less than half (46%) of the American public says the state of the union is strong (8% very and 38% somewhat). Another 27% say it is not too strong and 24% say it is not at all strong. This result is more negative than in a poll taken after former President Donald Trump’s first year in office (55% strong in January 2018) although that number declined by the following year (48% strong in January 2019). Compared to four years ago, Republicans have shown a bigger shift in opinion that the union is strong (from 76% in 2018 to 24% now) than Democrats have (from 42% to 68%). Opinion among independents has been more stable (52% strong in 2018 and 46% in 2022). Overall, just 24% of the public feels that the country is headed in the right direction. This number hit a high of 46% last April before steadily declining over the past year. The “right direction” poll number hovered between 18% and 40% during the Trump administration.

“The country is seen as a little less strong than it was four years ago, although that opinion was fleeting. At the same time, fewer Americans feel we are becoming more divided than we have been over the past few years, but this disunity remains the dominant image of the state of the country,” said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute.

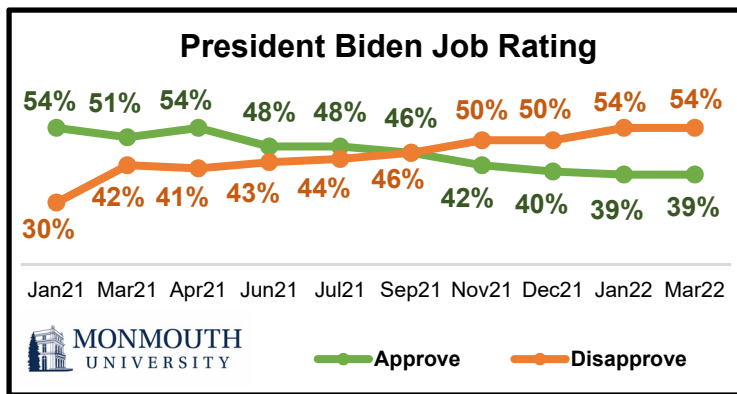
Nearly half of Americans (48%) say the country has become more divided since Biden took office. Just 15% say it has become more united and 35% say it has not really changed. Throughout most of Trump’s term in office, about two-thirds of the public felt the country had become more divided. When



Just 38% of Americans feel optimistic about the policies Biden will pursue over the next few years, which is down significantly from 61% who felt optimistic as he took office last year. By comparison, 50% were optimistic about Trump’s policy agenda both when he first took office and a year into his term. Four in ten Americans (41%) feel *very pessimistic* right now about the policies Biden will pursue, which is more negative than it was a year ago (26%) as well as the same metric for Trump one year into his term (31%).

“Arguably, Biden has scored more legislative successes than Trump did a year into his presidency, but he has also suffered high profile defeats. In the end, there was relatively more optimism about Biden than Trump and thus greater expectations about what he could accomplish. That’s one reason we are seeing some lack of enthusiasm now, particularly among the president’s base,” said Murray.

Just under half of the American public (48%) feels Biden has been at least somewhat successful at getting Congress to pass his legislative agenda, while an identical number say he has not been all that successful (48%). On the heels of his tax reform achievement, impressions of Trump’s legislative ability

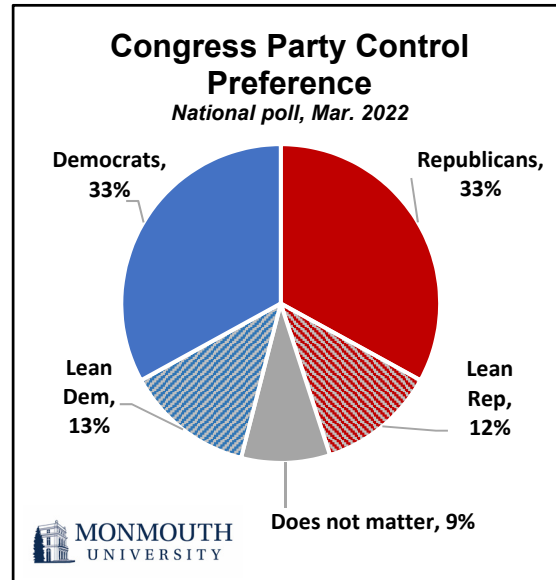


in early 2018 stood at 55% successful and 41% not successful (which was a marked improvement from 42% successful and 53% not in December 2017). Currently, 63% of Democrats feel Biden has been successful working with Congress. In January 2018, 77% of Republicans felt the same about Trump.

The Monmouth poll also asked about the impact of recent increases in the price of gas. Just under 4 in 10 Americans (38%) say that rising gas prices have caused them a great deal of financial hardship. Another 30% say it has caused them some hardship, while 18% say they have not experienced much hardship due to gas prices and 14% say this has not impacted them at all. Those earning less than \$50,000 a year are somewhat more likely to say rising gas prices have caused them a great deal of financial hardship – 44%, compared with 37% for those earning \$50 to \$100,000 and 27% for those earning over \$100,000. There is an even greater divergence in self-reported hardship by partisanship – 61% great deal among Republicans versus 32% among independents and 21% among Democrats.

It is also worth noting that rising pump prices have had little impact so far on the public’s support for banning Russian gas and oil imports, as [Monmouth reported yesterday](#). Fully 72% of those who say they have suffered a great deal of financial hardship from rising gas prices support the import ban, which is not much different from support among other Americans (82%).

Turning to this year’s midterm elections, the public is evenly split between preferring to have the Republicans (33%) or the Democrats (33%) in control of Congress. Pushing those who initially say party control does not matter on which direction they lean adds 12% to the GOP column and 13% for the Democrats. The GOP’s combined 45% support level is down slightly from 50% in January, while the Democrats’ 46% combined support is up slightly from 43%. Just over half of the public (56%) says it is very important to have their preferred party in control of Congress, which is similar to 54% in January. The current congressional control importance rating is slightly higher among those who want Republican (64%) rather than Democratic (59%) leadership. In January, this metric was slightly higher for Democratic (61%) than Republican (56%) control. Overall, just 21% of the public approves of the job Congress is currently doing, while 71% disapprove.



The *Monmouth University Poll* was conducted by telephone from March 10 to 14, 2022 with 809 adults in the United States. The question results in this release have a margin of error of +/- 3.5 percentage points. The poll was conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute in West Long Branch, NJ.

### QUESTIONS AND RESULTS

(\* Some columns may not add to 100% due to rounding.)

#### 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	<b>39%</b>	39%	40%	42%	46%	48%	48%	54%	51%	54%
Disapprove	<b>54%</b>	54%	50%	50%	46%	44%	43%	41%	42%	30%
(VOL) No opinion	<b>7%</b>	7%	11%	9%	8%	8%	9%	5%	8%	16%
(n)	<b>(809)</b>	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

#### 2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Approve	<b>21%</b>	19%	23%	18%	22%	23%	21%	35%	30%	35%
Disapprove	<b>71%</b>	74%	66%	70%	65%	62%	65%	56%	59%	51%
(VOL) No opinion	<b>8%</b>	6%	11%	12%	13%	15%	15%	9%	11%	14%
(n)	<b>(809)</b>	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND:	Nov. 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Jan. 2019
<i>Continued</i>															
Approve	23%	22%	32%	32%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	19%	20%	24%	23%	18%
Disapprove	64%	69%	55%	55%	69%	62%	65%	64%	68%	71%	69%	71%	62%	68%	72%
(VOL) No opinion	13%	9%	13%	13%	11%	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	12%	9%	14%	9%	10%
(n)	(810)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(902)	(903)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(805)

TREND:	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017	Aug. 2017	July 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017
<i>Continued</i>	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017
Approve	23%	17%	19%	17%	18%	21%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	25%	23%
Disapprove	63%	69%	67%	71%	72%	68%	65%	69%	69%	70%	68%	59%	66%
(VOL) No opinion	14%	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	19%	15%	13%	11%	13%	16%	11%
(n)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)	(805)	(800)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)

TREND:	Sept. 2016*	Aug. 2016*	June 2016*	March 2016	Jan. 2016	Dec. 2015	Oct. 2015	Sept. 2015	Aug. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Jan. 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
<i>Continued</i>	2016*	2016*	2016*	2016	2016	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2014	2013
Approve	15%	14%	17%	22%	17%	16%	17%	19%	18%	18%	19%	21%	18%	17%	14%
Disapprove	77%	78%	76%	68%	73%	73%	71%	71%	72%	69%	71%	67%	70%	73%	76%
(VOL) No opinion	8%	9%	7%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	11%	10%
(n)	(802)	(803)	(803)	(1,008)	(1,003)	(1,006)	(1,012)	(1,009)	(1,203)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,003)	(1,008)	(1,012)

\* Registered voters

3. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesn't this matter to you? [CHOICES WERE ROTATED] [If DOES NOT MATTER: If you had to lean one way or the other would you pick the Republicans or the Democrats?]

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Republicans	33%	35%
Not matter, but lean Rep	12%	15%
Democrats	33%	33%
Not matter, but lean Dem	13%	10%
Does not matter, no lean	9%	7%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	0%
(n)	(809)	(794)

4. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans/Democrats] in control of Congress? [CHOICE READ FROM Q3]

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2022
Very important	56%	54%
Somewhat important	21%	23%
Only a little important	12%	15%
(VOL) Don't know / Does not matter who controls Congress (from Q3)	11%	8%
(n)	(809)	(794)

5. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2022	Dec. 2021	Nov. 2021	Sept. 2021	July 2021	June 2021	April 2021	March 2021	Jan. 2021
Right direction	24%	24%	30%	31%	29%	38%	37%	46%	34%	42%
Wrong track	73%	71%	66%	64%	65%	56%	57%	50%	61%	51%
(VOL) Depends	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%
(n)	(809)	(794)	(808)	(811)	(802)	(804)	(810)	(800)	(802)	(809)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Nov. 2020	Early Sept. 2020	Aug. 2020	Late June 2020	Early June 2020	May 2020	April 2020	March 2020	Feb. 2020	Jan. 2020
Right direction	26%	27%	22%	18%	21%	33%	30%	39%	37%	37%
Wrong track	68%	66%	72%	74%	74%	60%	61%	54%	57%	56%
(VOL) Depends	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	6%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%	1%
(n)	(810)	(867)	(868)	(867)	(807)	(808)	(857)	(851)	(902)	(903)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2019	Aug. 2019	June 2019	May 2019	April 2019	March 2019	Nov. 2018	Aug. 2018	June 2018	April 2018	March 2018	Jan. 2018
Right direction	32%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	28%	29%	35%	35%	40%	33%	31%	37%
Wrong track	56%	61%	61%	62%	62%	63%	62%	63%	55%	57%	53%	58%	61%	57%
(VOL) Depends	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	6%	3%
(VOL) Don't know	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%
(n)	(903)	(908)	(1,161)	(800)	(751)	(802)	(801)	(802)	(802)	(805)	(806)	(803)	(803)	(806)

TREND: <i>Continued</i>	Dec. 2017	Aug. 2017	May 2017	March 2017	Jan. 2017	Aug. 2016*	Oct. 2015	July 2015	June 2015	April 2015	Dec. 2014	July 2013
Right direction	24%	32%	31%	35%	29%	30%	24%	28%	23%	27%	23%	28%
Wrong track	66%	58%	61%	56%	65%	65%	66%	63%	68%	66%	69%	63%
(VOL) Depends	7%	4%	5%	4%	4%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
(n)	(806)	(805)	(1,002)	(801)	(801)	(803)	(1,012)	(1,001)	(1,002)	(1,005)	(1,008)	(1,012)

\* Registered voters

6. If you could use just one word or phrase to describe the United States of America today, what would it be?

**[See word cloud in report text.]**

7. Would you say the state of the union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2019	Jan. 2018
Very strong	8%	13%	13%
Somewhat strong	38%	35%	42%
Not too strong	27%	27%	24%
Not at all strong	24%	22%	14%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	3%	6%
(n)	(809)	(805)	(806)

8. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office?

TREND:	March 2022	Nov. 2021	COMPARISON: <i>Trump</i>				
			Nov. 2020	Late June 2020	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2017	March 2017
More united	15%	12%	12%	13%	11%	9%	11%
More divided	48%	49%	70%	66%	62%	63%	52%
Not really changed	35%	38%	16%	17%	25%	26%	34%
(VOL) Don't know	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	3%
(n)	(809)	(811)	(810)	(867)	(802)	(806)	(801)

9. How much has Joe Biden's agenda during his first year in office focused on issues important to average Americans – a lot, a little, or not at all?

COMPARISON:	March 2022	<i>Trump</i> Jan. 2018
A lot	26%	37%
A little	38%	34%
Not at all	35%	26%
(VOL) Don't know	2%	3%
(n)	(809)	(806)

10. Thinking about the next few years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies Biden will pursue? [Is that very or somewhat optimistic/pessimistic?]

TREND:	March 2022	Jan. 2021	COMPARISON: <i>Expectations for Trump</i>	
			Jan. 2018	Jan. 2017
Very optimistic	13%	33%	29%	24%
Somewhat optimistic	25%	28%	21%	26%
Somewhat pessimistic	17%	9%	14%	13%
Very pessimistic	41%	26%	31%	30%
(VOL) Don't know	3%	5%	4%	6%
(n)	(809)	(809)	(806)	(801)

11. In your view, how successful has President Biden been at getting Congress to pass his legislative agenda – very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, or not at all successful?

COMPARISON:	March 2022	Trump		
		Jan. 2018	Dec. 2017	Sept. 2017
Very successful	5%	7%	5%	4%
Somewhat successful	43%	48%	37%	32%
Not too successful	30%	25%	29%	26%
Not at all successful	18%	16%	24%	33%
(VOL) Don't know	5%	4%	5%	4%
(n)	(809)	(806)	(806)	(1,009)

12. Have recent increases in gas prices caused you any financial hardship – would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?

	March 2022
A great deal	38%
Some	30%
Not much	18%
Not at all	14%
(VOL) Don't know	0%
(n)	(809)

[Q13-19 & Q30-39 held for future release.]

[Q20-29 & Q40 previously released.]

## METHODOLOGY

The *Monmouth University Poll* was sponsored and conducted by the Monmouth University Polling Institute from March 10 to 14, 2022 with a probability-based national random sample of 809 adults age 18 and older. This includes 278 contacted by a live interviewer on a landline telephone and 531 contacted by a live interviewer on a cell phone, in English. Telephone numbers were selected through a mix of random digit dialing and list-based sampling. Landline respondents were selected with a modified Troldahl-Carter youngest adult household screen. Interviewing services were provided by Braun Research, with sample obtained from Dynata (RDD, n=545), Aristotle (list, n=140) and a panel of prior Monmouth poll participants (n=124). Monmouth is responsible for all aspects of the survey design, data weighting and analysis. The full sample is weighted for region, age, education, gender and race based on US Census information (ACS 2018 one-year survey). For results based on this sample, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling has a maximum margin of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points (unadjusted for sample design). Sampling error can be larger for sub-groups (see table below). 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.

**DEMOGRAPHICS (weighted)**  
*Self-Reported*  
 29% Republican  
 43% Independent  
 28% Democrat

49% Male  
 51% Female

30% 18-34  
 32% 35-54  
 38% 55+

63% White  
 13% Black  
 16% Hispanic  
 8% Asian/Other

70% No degree  
 30% 4 year degree

MARGIN OF ERROR		unweighted sample	moe (+/-)
TOTAL		809	3.5%
REGISTERED VOTER	Yes	746	3.6%
	No	63	12.4%
SELF-REPORTED PARTY ID	Republican	232	6.4%
	Independent	338	5.3%
	Democrat	235	6.4%
IDEOLOGY	Liberal	171	7.5%
	Moderate	351	5.2%
	Conservative	272	6.0%
GENDER	Male	417	4.8%
	Female	392	5.0%
AGE	18-34	172	7.5%
	35-54	284	5.8%
	55+	352	5.2%
CHILDREN IN HOME	Yes	207	6.8%
	No	598	4.0%
RACE	White, non-Hispanic	585	4.1%
	Other	211	6.8%
COLLEGE GRADUATE	No degree	367	5.1%
	4 year degree	437	4.7%
WHITE COLLEGE	White, no degree	260	6.1%
	White, 4 year degree	322	5.5%
INCOME	<\$50K	226	6.5%
	\$50 to <\$100K	260	6.1%
	\$100K+	288	5.8%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	39%	39%	32%	6%	36%	77%	64%	47%	12%
	Disapprove	54%	55%	52%	93%	52%	18%	32%	44%	82%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	6%	16%	1%	12%	6%	4%	10%	5%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	31%	46%	35%	33%	47%	31%	41%	36%	45%
	Disapprove	61%	48%	53%	62%	49%	61%	52%	57%	48%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	7%	12%	5%	4%	9%	6%	7%	7%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?	Approve	36%	45%	30%	46%	42%	40%	35%
	Disapprove	57%	48%	61%	49%	50%	51%	61%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	6%	8%	5%	8%	9%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	21%	20%	27%	5%	19%	40%	24%	27%	12%
	Disapprove	71%	72%	58%	89%	72%	50%	70%	62%	81%
	[VOL] Dont know	8%	8%	15%	6%	9%	10%	7%	11%	7%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	18%	24%	25%	19%	19%	18%	22%	21%	21%
	Disapprove	76%	66%	65%	76%	71%	76%	69%	72%	69%
	[VOL] Dont know	7%	10%	10%	5%	10%	6%	9%	7%	10%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?	Approve	20%	22%	19%	24%	24%	25%	13%
	Disapprove	71%	70%	73%	70%	66%	67%	79%
	[VOL] Dont know	9%	8%	8%	6%	10%	8%	8%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
3. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	33%	34%	25%	82%	21%	2%	9%	20%	66%
	Not matter, but lean R	12%	12%	14%	14%	16%	4%	0%	15%	16%
	Democrats	33%	35%	19%	2%	25%	77%	66%	38%	5%
	Not matter, but lean D	13%	11%	29%	0%	17%	17%	21%	13%	7%
	Does not matter, no lean	9%	8%	12%	1%	20%	0%	3%	13%	6%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
3. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	36%	30%	20%	38%	39%	34%	33%	39%	23%
	Not matter, but lean R	13%	11%	16%	13%	8%	19%	9%	12%	9%
	Democrats	23%	43%	30%	31%	38%	29%	34%	31%	37%
	Not matter, but lean D	16%	10%	26%	8%	6%	11%	13%	9%	20%
	Does not matter, no lean	10%	7%	7%	10%	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
3. Would you rather see the Republicans or the Democrats in control of Congress, or doesnt this matter to you? [with leaners] [Parties were rotated]	Republicans	35%	30%	42%	33%	27%	30%	42%
	Not matter, but lean R	13%	10%	14%	10%	13%	10%	13%
	Democrats	28%	44%	24%	44%	32%	38%	29%
	Not matter, but lean D	14%	10%	10%	7%	14%	16%	8%
	Does not matter, no lean	10%	5%	10%	5%	12%	6%	7%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
4. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	56%	60%	21%	79%	33%	68%	66%	42%	66%
	Somewhat important	21%	19%	34%	13%	25%	22%	21%	27%	14%
	Only a little important	12%	11%	28%	6%	18%	9%	9%	16%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q3] does not matter	11%	10%	17%	3%	24%	0%	5%	16%	9%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
4. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	50%	61%	37%	58%	69%	52%	57%	57%	55%
	Somewhat important	21%	20%	28%	20%	15%	23%	20%	21%	20%
	Only a little important	14%	11%	24%	10%	5%	13%	12%	12%	12%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q3] does not matter	14%	8%	11%	12%	10%	11%	11%	11%	12%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME			PARTY PREF [Q3]	
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Rep	Dem
4. Is it very important, somewhat important, or only a little important to have [Republicans\ Democrats] in control of Congress?	Very important	55%	56%	56%	57%	54%	56%	55%	64%	59%
	Somewhat important	19%	26%	18%	24%	17%	24%	23%	21%	25%
	Only a little important	13%	11%	13%	12%	14%	13%	11%	13%	15%
	[VOL] Dont know, [Q3] does not matter	13%	7%	13%	7%	15%	7%	11%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
5. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	24%	24%	19%	4%	21%	49%	34%	34%	5%
	Wrong track	73%	73%	75%	95%	76%	45%	63%	63%	92%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	7%	0%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
5. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	18%	30%	20%	22%	28%	18%	26%	24%	25%
	Wrong track	79%	67%	77%	75%	68%	79%	71%	74%	70%
	(VOL) Depends	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
5. Would you say things in the country are going in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?	Right direction	23%	27%	22%	28%	24%	27%	19%
	Wrong track	75%	69%	76%	69%	72%	69%	79%
	(VOL) Depends	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%

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		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
7. Would you say the State of the Union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	8%	9%	1%	6%	8%	11%	8%	10%	5%
	Somewhat strong	38%	37%	44%	18%	38%	57%	43%	49%	20%
	Not too strong	27%	27%	27%	24%	30%	24%	34%	24%	27%
	Not at all strong	24%	25%	19%	49%	21%	5%	12%	14%	44%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	9%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
7. Would you say the State of the Union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	8%	8%	7%	6%	10%	5%	9%	7%	11%
	Somewhat strong	31%	44%	38%	32%	41%	35%	38%	39%	35%
	Not too strong	31%	23%	31%	31%	20%	27%	27%	25%	30%
	Not at all strong	27%	22%	19%	27%	26%	30%	22%	25%	22%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
7. Would you say the State of the Union is very strong, somewhat strong, not too strong, or not at all strong?	Very strong	8%	8%	7%	7%	11%	7%	5%
	Somewhat strong	36%	42%	37%	44%	38%	38%	36%
	Not too strong	27%	26%	25%	26%	28%	29%	23%
	Not at all strong	25%	22%	27%	21%	18%	22%	35%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
8. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office?	More united	15%	16%	10%	6%	14%	29%	16%	22%	8%
	More divided	48%	48%	53%	80%	47%	18%	19%	40%	78%
	Not really changed	35%	35%	33%	14%	38%	52%	63%	37%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
8. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office?	More united	13%	18%	14%	14%	18%	13%	16%	13%	19%
	More divided	50%	46%	39%	53%	52%	53%	47%	52%	41%
	Not really changed	36%	34%	46%	33%	28%	33%	36%	34%	39%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
8. Has the country become more united, more divided, or not really changed since President Biden took office?	More united	16%	14%	14%	13%	17%	17%	12%
	More divided	52%	40%	57%	40%	46%	44%	52%
	Not really changed	31%	45%	27%	47%	35%	38%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
9. How much has Joe Bidens agenda during his first year in office focused on issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	26%	27%	13%	6%	21%	53%	36%	33%	9%
	A little	38%	36%	49%	23%	46%	38%	44%	44%	27%
	Not at all	35%	35%	33%	70%	31%	6%	18%	22%	61%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	5%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
9. How much has Joe Bidens agenda during his first year in office focused on issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	22%	30%	8%	26%	41%	22%	27%	24%	29%
	A little	35%	40%	64%	30%	23%	34%	39%	36%	41%
	Not at all	43%	27%	26%	44%	34%	43%	32%	38%	28%
	[VOL] Dont know	1%	3%	3%	0%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
9. How much has Joe Bidens agenda during his first year in office focused on issues important to average Americans - a lot, a little, or not at all?	A lot	23%	32%	21%	32%	28%	28%	21%
	A little	38%	38%	36%	36%	44%	36%	33%
	Not at all	37%	29%	41%	30%	26%	33%	46%
	[VOL] Dont know	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
10. Thinking about the next few years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies Biden will pursue? [Is that very or somewhat optimistic/pessimistic?]	Very optimistic	13%	14%	6%	3%	7%	33%	19%	16%	6%
	Somewhat optimistic	25%	26%	20%	8%	29%	38%	38%	33%	9%
	Somewhat pessimistic	17%	16%	30%	13%	21%	15%	23%	18%	13%
	Very pessimistic	41%	42%	30%	75%	37%	11%	16%	32%	68%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	2%	14%	1%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%

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		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
10. Thinking about the next few years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies Biden will pursue? [Is that very or somewhat optimistic\ pessimistic?]	Very optimistic	10%	17%	5%	11%	23%	10%	15%	13%	15%
	Somewhat optimistic	21%	30%	25%	29%	22%	25%	25%	25%	27%
	Somewhat pessimistic	18%	17%	35%	11%	8%	12%	20%	17%	17%
	Very pessimistic	48%	34%	34%	47%	40%	49%	38%	43%	36%
	[VOL] Dont know	4%	3%	1%	2%	6%	4%	3%	2%	5%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
10. Thinking about the next few years, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the policies Biden will pursue? [Is that very or somewhat optimistic\ pessimistic?]	Very optimistic	14%	13%	13%	11%	13%	17%	10%
	Somewhat optimistic	21%	36%	19%	37%	28%	23%	25%
	Somewhat pessimistic	20%	13%	20%	13%	23%	16%	13%
	Very pessimistic	43%	35%	46%	37%	31%	42%	49%
	[VOL] Dont know	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
11. In your view, how successful has President Biden been at getting Congress to pass his legislative agenda - very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, or not at all successful?	Very successful	5%	5%	2%	7%	3%	5%	2%	4%	6%
	Somewhat successful	43%	44%	38%	26%	45%	58%	52%	45%	36%
	Not too successful	30%	29%	32%	28%	30%	32%	25%	36%	27%
	Not at all successful	18%	19%	12%	36%	15%	3%	15%	13%	27%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	3%	17%	3%	7%	2%	6%	3%	6%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
11. In your view, how successful has President Biden been at getting Congress to pass his legislative agenda - very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, or not at all successful?	Very successful	3%	6%	3%	7%	4%	6%	4%	3%	6%
	Somewhat successful	38%	48%	45%	41%	44%	42%	43%	43%	45%
	Not too successful	28%	31%	30%	30%	29%	28%	30%	32%	25%
	Not at all successful	25%	12%	17%	20%	18%	19%	18%	18%	18%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	6%	2%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%

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		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
11. In your view, how successful has President Biden been at getting Congress to pass his legislative agenda - very successful, somewhat successful, not too successful, not too successful, or not at all successful?	Very successful	5%	3%	4%	2%	7%	1%	6%
	Somewhat successful	42%	46%	42%	44%	43%	51%	34%
	Not too successful	29%	30%	32%	32%	30%	29%	32%
	Not at all successful	19%	17%	19%	16%	16%	14%	24%
	[VOL] Dont know	5%	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%

		TOTAL	REGISTERED TO VOTE		PARTY ID			POLITICAL IDEOLOGY		
			Yes	No	Rep	Ind	Dem	Lib	Mod	Con
12. Have recent increases in gas prices caused you any financial hardship - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	A great deal	38%	37%	39%	61%	32%	21%	26%	28%	58%
	Some	30%	31%	24%	24%	33%	33%	32%	34%	26%
	Not much	18%	18%	21%	10%	21%	23%	18%	26%	11%
	Not at all	14%	13%	16%	4%	14%	23%	24%	12%	5%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		GENDER		AGE 3-WAY			CHILDREN IN HOME		RACE	
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	White non-Hisp	Hsp-Blk-Asn-Oth
12. Have recent increases in gas prices caused you any financial hardship - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	A great deal	39%	36%	37%	41%	36%	44%	35%	34%	42%
	Some	29%	32%	26%	33%	31%	26%	32%	33%	26%
	Not much	19%	18%	21%	14%	20%	18%	18%	19%	18%
	Not at all	13%	14%	16%	12%	13%	11%	15%	14%	14%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

		COLLEGE GRAD		WHITE COLLEGE DEGREE		INCOME		
		No degree	4 yr degree	White no degree	White college	<\$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+
12. Have recent increases in gas prices caused you any financial hardship - would you say a great deal, some, not much, or not at all?	A great deal	42%	27%	41%	22%	44%	37%	27%
	Some	30%	31%	34%	32%	31%	30%	31%
	Not much	16%	23%	15%	25%	13%	21%	23%
	Not at all	11%	19%	11%	20%	13%	11%	19%
	[VOL] Dont know	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%