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After several mass shootings, gun crime and violence rises in importance for Americans

The FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos 2022 Election Tracking Survey finds that gun violence and crime is now the second most important issue for Americans overall and polarization is prevalent

Washington DC, June 14, 2022 – The second release this month for the FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos Election Tracking survey dives into what Americans know about partisanship, what they think drives political polarization, and their ability to predict what people think on the other side of the aisle.

Additionally, following a series of high-profile mass shootings, the second wave of the FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos Election Tracking survey finds gun violence and crime is now the second most important issue to Americans personally. While inflation still ranks as the main issue, gun violence and crime increased significantly as a problem for the public over the past month. Growing concern among Democrats largely drives this month-over-month change, despite decisive majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and independents all frequently seeing news about gun violence and crime. Conversely, few see abortion as a main issue.

Detailed findings:

When it comes to polarization, most feel it is driven by elites.

- Nearly two-thirds (64%) feel that polarization is driven by political and social elites, with majorities of Republicans (75%) and Democrats (63%) feeling this way.
- When asked whether statements said by different political elites were extreme, partisan responses mostly fell along predictable lines.
 - For example, 66% of Democrats felt that the following statement was extreme: “Wokeness is a problem, and everyone knows it. It’s hard to talk to anybody today who doesn’t say this. But they don’t want to say it out loud.” By comparison, only 38% of Republicans felt the statement was extreme.
- To that end, most feel that politicians and political leaders have had an impact on driving political division, with supermajorities of all Americans (84%), Democrats (86%), and Republicans (89%) feeling this way. Wealthy political donors (79%), social media companies (79%), and mainstream media and news (78%) are all also viewed as drivers of political division by most Americans.
- Though, most feel the United States should actively try to reduce political polarization, with similar shares of Republicans (66%) and Democrats (70%) feeling this should happen.

Partisans were reasonably good at predicting what people in the opposing party believed.

- For example, 29% of Republicans agree that middle and high schools should teach about race and racism in the U.S. On average, Democrats guessed that 19% of Republicans believed this.
- Similarly, Republicans, on average, estimated that 21% of Democrats agree that there is widespread election fraud in U.S. elections. When asked in the survey, 13% of Democrats actually held this belief.
- The one place where people couldn’t predict partisan viewpoints was on abortion. When asked how many Republicans believe abortion should be legal in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother, on average, Democrats felt that only 30% of Republicans agree with that statement. In actuality, a majority of Republicans (64%) believe this.
 - Republicans also underestimated how many Democrats support abortion under these conditions, with 89% of Democrats supporting this while, on average, Republicans estimated that 68% of Democrats hold this view.





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Gun violence and crime now rank as the second most important issue for Americans.

- Two in five Americans (38%) feel gun violence and crime is the most important issue to them personally, moving 18 points from when the question was last asked in May (20%). Notably, inflation is still the top issue overall for Americans, with over half (55%) citing this as a personal problem for them.
- While this is true, more Americans now report consuming news about crime and gun violence (76%) than inflation (66%). This also represents a substantial increase news consumption about crime and gun violence, as only half of Americans (50%) had seen crime and gun violence frequently on the news in early May.

Crime and gun violence has grown more as an issue for Democrats than Republicans or independents.

- Last month, 29% of Democrats felt crime and gun violence was an issue that was personally worrying to them. Now, almost double the amount of Democrats feel the same, with half of Democrats (50%) citing crime and gun violence as a main worry.
- For comparison, 27% of Republicans and 37% of independents feel crime and gun violence is a major worry for them. Last month, 17% of Republicans and independents felt the same.
- Despite the wide gap between Democrats and Republicans on crime and gun violence, majorities of Democrats (85%), Republicans (72%), and independents (72%) have seen crime and gun violence a lot in the news.

Despite the breaking news surrounding abortion in the past month, Americans still do not view it as a major issue.

- In May, a leak from the Supreme Court indicated the Supreme Court's willingness to overturn the landmark *Roe vs. Wade* case, which guarantees abortion as a constitutional right.
- Yet, only one in ten Americans rank abortion as a main issue overall, moving only 5 points month-over-month.
- Few Democrats (12% personally vs. 13% for the country), Republicans (11% vs. 8%), or independents (8% vs. 8%) rank abortion as a main issue for them personally or for the country.
- Though, more than twice the number of Americans had frequently seen news about abortion (23% in May vs. 53% in June), making it the third most seen topic following inflation and gun violence and crime.
- A bare majority of Democrats (56%), Republicans (54%), and independents (50%) report frequently seeing news about abortion in the past month.





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FiveThirtyEight/Ipsos 2022 Election Tracking Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: May 26 – June 6, 2022

Number of interviews: 1,691

Number of Democrat interviews: 484

Number of Republican interviews: 501

Number of Independent interviews: 706

Margin of error: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents*

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. What do you think is the main issue facing America at this moment?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

2. Which of the following topics do you find the most worrying to you personally? (Select up to three)

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022 (N=1,691)	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Inflation or increasing costs	51	55	41	71	54
Crime or gun violence	20	38	50	27	37
Political extremism or polarization	27	26	31	22	25
Climate change	17	15	27	6	14
Race and racism	14	15	24	5	15
Healthcare	16	13	18	8	14
Immigration	14	13	3	26	12
Government budget and debt	13	12	3	21	12
Abortion	5	10	12	11	8
Economic inequality	12	9	14	5	9
COVID-19/coronavirus	11	9	13	5	9
Election security or fraud	9	7	2	15	6
Taxes	10	7	3	10	8
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	12	7	5	10	7
Education	7	6	7	4	7
Opioid or drug addiction	4	4	2	5	5
Unemployment	3	3	4	3	3
Natural disasters	3	2	2	2	2
Other	2	3	2	3	3
None of these	3	2	1	1	3

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3. Which of the following topics are the most important issues facing the country? (Select up to three)

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Inflation or increasing costs	52	56	40	75	55
Crime or gun violence	23	42	58	29	41
Political extremism or polarization	29	28	33	23	28
Race and racism	16	18	29	7	17
Immigration	20	17	4	32	15
Government budget and debt	18	17	4	28	17
Climate change	16	14	24	5	13
Economic inequality	13	12	20	5	11
Healthcare	13	12	16	8	12
COVID-19/coronavirus	15	10	14	4	11
Abortion	4	9	13	8	8
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	15	9	5	12	9
Election security or fraud	9	8	1	19	6
Education	7	5	5	5	6
Opioid or drug addiction	6	5	3	6	6
Taxes	7	5	2	8	5
Unemployment	4	4	3	4	4
Natural disasters	2	1	2	*	2
Other	2	3	2	3	4
None of these	1	1	1	1	2



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4. In the past month, which of these topics have you seen a lot of in the news? (Select all that apply)

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Crime or gun violence	50	76	85	72	72
Inflation or increasing costs	65	66	70	69	62
Abortion	23	53	56	54	50
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	54	44	43	47	42
COVID-19/coronavirus	54	44	52	41	40
Race and racism	40	42	48	38	40
Political extremism or polarization	37	35	40	35	33
Immigration	36	29	23	42	24
Climate change	30	25	24	21	27
Government budget and debt	22	19	14	26	18
Election security or fraud	18	18	17	23	16
Opioid or drug addiction	19	18	15	22	17
Healthcare	16	15	18	13	14
Economic inequality	17	14	15	14	13
Natural disasters	16	13	15	13	12
Education	14	11	10	12	11
Unemployment	13	10	9	10	10
Taxes	14	9	6	14	7
Other	2	2	1	2	2
None of these	5	4	2	5	6

5. How likely, if at all, are you to vote in the 2022 midterm elections?

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Certain or almost certain	42	42	49	53	32
Very likely	20	19	19	24	16
Somewhat likely	9	9	7	8	11
Not very likely	11	12	7	9	17
Not applicable/not registered voter	9	9	9	4	13
Don't know	8	8	9	4	11
Skipped	1	1	0	0	2



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6. If you do vote in the 2022 midterm congressional elections, how would you vote?

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Republican candidate	29	29	3	85	13
Democratic candidate	27	27	79	1	13
Independent / other candidate	12	12	1	1	25
Would not vote	8	9	4	3	16
Don't know	23	21	13	10	32
Skipped	1	1	-	-	2

Base: Certain or almost certain to vote in the 2022 midterm elections

	Total May 2022 (N=1,065)	Total June 2022 (N=929)	Democrat (N=302)	Republican (N=299)	Independent (N=328)
Republican candidate	40	40	3	88	31
Democratic candidate	35	38	89	2	21
Independent / other candidate	10	10	1	2	24
Would not vote	-	*	-	-	-
Don't know	13	12	8	7	22
Skipped	1	*	-	1	2

7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following?

Total Favorable Summary

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Barack Obama	NA*	52	92	16	50
George W. Bush	NA*	47	39	70	40
The Democratic Party	NA*	38	89	6	26
The Republican Party	NA*	36	7	86	25
Joe Biden	37	36	80	6	29
Donald Trump	33	35	6	80	27

**These responses were first asked in the June 2022 wave.*





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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (Continued)

a. Joe Biden

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	11	9	25	1	5
Somewhat favorable	15	15	36	2	11
Lean favorable	11	12	19	2	13
Lean unfavorable	8	7	5	6	9
Somewhat unfavorable	8	10	7	9	12
Very unfavorable	39	39	6	78	35
Don't know	8	7	2	1	13
Skipped	2	2	1	*	4
Favorable (net)	37	36	80	6	29
Unfavorable (net)	54	56	18	93	56

b. Donald Trump

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	14	14	1	38	7
Somewhat favorable	10	12	2	25	10
Lean favorable	8	9	3	16	9
Lean unfavorable	6	5	1	4	8
Somewhat unfavorable	7	6	6	6	7
Very unfavorable	47	46	85	9	45
Don't know	6	6	1	1	11
Skipped	2	2	1	1	3
Favorable (net)	33	35	6	80	27
Unfavorable (net)	59	58	92	19	59

c. The Democratic Party

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	8	25	*	3
Somewhat favorable	15	39	2	9
Lean favorable	14	25	3	14
Lean unfavorable	9	2	11	13
Somewhat unfavorable	11	3	15	13
Very unfavorable	30	3	66	26
Don't know	10	3	1	18
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Favorable (net)	38	89	6	26
Unfavorable (net)	51	8	92	52



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7. How favorable or unfavorable is your opinion of the following? (Continued)

d. The Republican Party

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	9	*	28	3
Somewhat favorable	14	2	35	9
Lean favorable	14	5	24	14
Lean unfavorable	10	12	6	12
Somewhat unfavorable	12	16	4	15
Very unfavorable	30	62	2	27
Don't know	9	3	1	17
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Favorable (net)	36	7	86	25
Unfavorable (net)	52	89	12	53

e. Barack Obama

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	25	63	1	17
Somewhat favorable	15	20	7	17
Lean favorable	12	9	9	16
Lean unfavorable	7	1	11	8
Somewhat unfavorable	10	2	17	10
Very unfavorable	23	3	54	18
Don't know	6	2	1	12
Skipped	2	1	*	3
Favorable (net)	52	92	16	50
Unfavorable (net)	40	5	82	36

f. George W. Bush

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very favorable	7	4	14	5
Somewhat favorable	16	15	26	12
Lean favorable	24	20	30	23
Lean unfavorable	12	16	9	11
Somewhat unfavorable	12	18	6	12
Very unfavorable	13	16	9	13
Don't know	14	11	6	21
Skipped	2	1	1	4
Favorable (net)	47	39	70	40
Unfavorable (net)	36	50	23	36



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8. **[Half Sample]** Thinking about “political extremism” in the United States, in just a few words, what does that term mean to you?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

9. **[Half Sample]** Thinking about “political polarization” in the United States, in just a few words, what does that term mean to you?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

10. **[Selected political extremism or polarization as one of the most important issue facing the country]** You said before that “Political extremism or polarization” is one of the most important issues facing the country. Why do you say that?

Open-ended responses provided separately.

11. Which of the following is closest to your opinion? Polarization in America...

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Is mostly driven by political and social elites	64	63	75	58
Is mostly driven by how ordinary Americans think and behave	11	14	9	11
Don't know	23	22	15	28
Skipped	2	*	1	3

12. Should the United States actively try to reduce political polarization or let things be?

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Try to reduce polarization	62	70	66	55
Let things be	9	7	13	7
Don't know	28	23	20	35
Skipped	2	1	1	3





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13. Here are some recent public statements. For each, do you think this represents an extreme viewpoint or not?

Total Extreme Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
January 6 was just a riot at the Capitol and if you think about what our Declaration of Independence says, it says to overthrow tyrants.	72	87	59	70
White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?	67	79	60	64
I think it's ridiculous that we're focused on this border in Ukraine. I gotta be honest with you, I don't really care what happens to Ukraine one way or the other.	64	73	60	60
America is not a racist country. It's wrong to try to use our painful past to dishonestly shut down debates in the present.	53	73	34	51
Wokeness is a problem and everyone knows it. It's hard to talk to anybody today who doesn't say this. But they don't want to say it out loud.	50	66	38	47
People get bitter, they cling to causes or antipathy to people who aren't like them as a way to explain their frustrations.	47	46	49	45
In foreign policy, we must stop partisan politics at the water's edge.	35	39	31	35
Transgender personnel, if qualified in every other way, can serve their government in the United States military.	30	19	46	28



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13. Here are some recent public statements. For each, do you think this represents an extreme viewpoint or not? *(Continued)*

a. Transgender personnel, if qualified in every other way, can serve their government in the United States military.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	11	8	18	9
Somewhat extreme	19	11	28	19
Not very extreme	31	28	35	30
Not at all extreme	35	52	18	35
Skipped	5	2	2	8
Extreme (net)	30	19	46	28
Not Extreme (net)	65	80	53	64

b. In foreign policy, we must stop partisan politics at the water's edge.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	8	9	5	8
Somewhat extreme	27	30	26	27
Not very extreme	37	35	43	35
Not at all extreme	21	21	22	20
Skipped	7	4	4	10
Extreme (net)	35	39	31	35
Not Extreme (net)	58	56	65	55

c. White nationalist, white supremacist, Western civilization — how did that language become offensive?

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	36	56	23	31
Somewhat extreme	31	23	37	32
Not very extreme	19	12	23	21
Not at all extreme	9	7	13	7
Skipped	6	2	5	8
Extreme (net)	67	79	60	64
Not Extreme (net)	28	19	36	28



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d. I think it's ridiculous that we're focused on this border in Ukraine. I gotta be honest with you, I don't really care what happens to Ukraine one way or the other.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	31	41	28	28
Somewhat extreme	33	32	32	33
Not very extreme	23	18	28	22
Not at all extreme	8	7	10	9
Skipped	5	2	3	9
Extreme (net)	64	73	60	60
Not Extreme (net)	31	25	38	31

e. America is not a racist country. It's wrong to try to use our painful past to dishonestly shut down debates in the present.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	21	34	12	19
Somewhat extreme	31	39	22	32
Not very extreme	23	17	28	23
Not at all extreme	20	7	35	18
Skipped	5	2	3	8
Extreme (net)	53	73	34	51
Not Extreme (net)	43	25	63	41

f. People get bitter, they cling to causes or antipathy to people who aren't like them as a way to explain their frustrations.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	15	18	13	14
Somewhat extreme	32	29	36	31
Not very extreme	34	35	36	32
Not at all extreme	14	16	12	14
Skipped	6	3	3	9
Extreme (net)	47	46	49	45
Not Extreme (net)	48	51	48	46



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- g. Wokeness is a problem and everyone knows it. It's hard to talk to anybody today who doesn't say this. But they don't want to say it out loud.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	19	27	13	17
Somewhat extreme	31	39	25	30
Not very extreme	27	20	34	27
Not at all extreme	16	9	24	16
Skipped	7	6	4	10
Extreme (net)	50	66	38	47
Not Extreme (net)	43	29	58	43

- h. January 6 was just a riot at the Capitol and if you think about what our Declaration of Independence says, it says to overthrow tyrants.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very extreme	46	71	28	42
Somewhat extreme	26	16	32	28
Not very extreme	15	6	25	13
Not at all extreme	9	5	13	9
Skipped	5	2	3	9
Extreme (net)	72	87	59	70
Not Extreme (net)	23	11	38	22

14. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division?

Total Major/Significant Impact Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Politicians and political leaders	84	86	89	79
Wealthy political donors	79	82	85	75
Social media companies	79	78	89	74
Mainstream media and news	78	72	90	75
Conservative media and news	64	81	48	63
People in your community	22	25	16	24
Religious leaders	38	53	22	39



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14. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division? (Continued)

a. People in your community

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	5	7	3	4
A significant impact	18	18	13	20
A minor impact	44	49	50	38
Little to no impact	21	15	27	21
Don't Know	11	10	7	15
Skipped	2	1	1	3
Major/Significant impact (net)	22	25	16	24
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	65	64	76	59

b. Social media companies

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	48	44	59	44
A significant impact	31	34	30	30
A minor impact	10	13	6	10
Little to no impact	2	2	1	2
Don't Know	8	7	3	10
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Major/Significant impact (net)	79	78	89	74
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	11	15	7	12

c. Mainstream media and news

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	46	33	63	43
A significant impact	32	38	27	31
A minor impact	11	18	5	11
Little to no impact	2	3	2	2
Don't Know	7	7	2	9
Skipped	2	*	2	4
Major/Significant impact (net)	78	72	90	75
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	13	21	7	13



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14. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division? (Continued)

d. Conservative media and news

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	37	57	21	35
A significant impact	27	24	27	28
A minor impact	19	8	32	18
Little to no impact	7	3	14	5
Don't Know	8	7	5	10
Skipped	3	1	1	4
Major/Significant impact (net)	64	81	48	63
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	26	12	46	23

e. Politicians and political leaders

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	57	62	59	54
A significant impact	26	24	30	26
A minor impact	6	6	6	7
Little to no impact	1	2	1	1
Don't Know	7	6	3	9
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Major/Significant impact (net)	84	86	89	79
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	8	8	8	8

f. Wealthy political donors

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	48	57	52	41
A significant impact	31	25	33	33
A minor impact	8	8	8	9
Little to no impact	2	2	3	2
Don't Know	9	9	4	11
Skipped	2	*	1	3
Major/Significant impact (net)	79	82	85	75
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	10	9	10	11



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14. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division? *(Continued)*

g. Religious leaders

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	14	23	5	14
A significant impact	24	30	17	25
A minor impact	35	28	49	32
Little to no impact	15	10	24	13
Don't Know	9	8	5	13
Skipped	2	*	2	3
Major/Significant impact (net)	38	53	22	39
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	50	38	72	45

15. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division?

Total Major/Significant Impact Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Racism	67	82	62	62
Information technology	64	67	68	60
Wealth inequality	62	77	52	58
Capitalism	51	65	42	48
Attention economy	50	57	49	46
Religion	40	56	24	39

a. Racism

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	37	53	29	32
A significant impact	30	29	33	30
A minor impact	15	8	19	16
Little to no impact	7	2	13	7
Skipped	8	7	5	11
Don't know	3	2	1	4
Major/Significant impact (net)	67	82	62	62
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	22	10	32	23





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15. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division? *(Continued)*

b. Wealth inequality

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	30	44	18	29
A significant impact	31	33	34	29
A minor impact	18	11	27	18
Little to no impact	8	3	14	7
Skipped	9	8	6	12
Don't know	3	2	2	5
Major/Significant impact (net)	62	77	52	58
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	26	13	40	25

c. Religion

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	16	26	7	15
A significant impact	24	30	17	25
A minor impact	32	23	39	33
Little to no impact	17	10	32	13
Skipped	9	9	4	12
Don't know	2	2	1	3
Major/Significant impact (net)	40	56	24	39
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	49	33	71	46

d. Capitalism

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	23	32	15	23
A significant impact	28	34	27	25
A minor impact	21	19	29	18
Little to no impact	13	3	21	14
Skipped	12	11	7	15
Don't know	3	2	2	5
Major/Significant impact (net)	51	65	42	48
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	34	22	50	32



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15. How much of an impact, if any at all, do you think the following have had on driving political division? *(Continued)*

e. Attention economy

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	17	22	17	15
A significant impact	33	35	32	32
A minor impact	16	15	20	14
Little to no impact	3	3	3	4
Skipped	28	23	26	31
Don't know	3	2	2	5
Major/Significant impact (net)	50	57	49	46
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	19	18	23	18

f. Information technology

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
A major impact	28	27	34	26
A significant impact	36	40	34	34
A minor impact	18	17	20	16
Little to no impact	7	6	5	7
Skipped	9	8	5	12
Don't know	3	2	1	5
Major/Significant impact (net)	64	67	68	60
Minor/Little to no impact (net)	24	24	26	24

16. How likely, if at all, would you be to do the following?

Total Likely Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Move out of your current state if they passed laws negatively impacting you	41	41	42	40
Move to a state that is led by people more aligned with your political beliefs	32	35	34	29
Move to a state where your voice and vote may have a large impact, like a swing state	20	21	21	19





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16. How likely, if at all, would you be to do the following? (Continued)

a. Move out of your current state if they passed laws negatively impacting you

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very likely	14	14	14	13
Somewhat likely	27	27	28	27
Not very likely	24	24	26	23
Not at all likely	20	22	24	18
Skipped	13	12	8	16
Don't know	2	1	1	4
Likely (net)	41	41	42	40
Not likely (net)	45	46	49	41

b. Move to a state that is led by people more aligned with your political beliefs

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very likely	10	10	12	8
Somewhat likely	22	25	22	20
Not very likely	26	24	27	27
Not at all likely	29	30	32	26
Skipped	11	11	5	15
Don't know	2	1	1	4
Likely (net)	32	35	34	29
Not likely (net)	55	54	60	53

c. Move to a state where your voice and vote may have a large impact, like a swing state

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very likely	7	7	7	6
Somewhat likely	14	14	13	13
Not very likely	30	33	31	29
Not at all likely	35	34	41	32
Skipped	12	12	6	16
Don't know	3	1	1	4
Likely (net)	20	21	21	19
Not likely (net)	65	66	72	61



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17. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Abortion should be legal in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.	74	89	64	70
White supremacist beliefs are a major problem in the U.S.	57	88	35	52
Middle and high schools should teach about race and racism in the U.S.	55	83	29	54
Middle and high schools should teach about sexual orientation and gender identity.	38	64	16	35
There is widespread election fraud in U.S. elections	34	13	59	32

a. Abortion should be legal in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Strongly agree	56	79	41	52
Somewhat agree	18	11	23	19
Neither agree nor disagree	14	8	14	17
Somewhat disagree	4	1	10	2
Strongly disagree	6	2	11	6
Skipped	2	*	1	5
Agree (net)	74	89	64	70
Disagree (net)	10	3	21	8

b. Middle and high schools should teach about sexual orientation and gender identity.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Strongly agree	22	45	5	19
Somewhat agree	15	20	11	16
Neither agree nor disagree	22	23	13	27
Somewhat disagree	13	5	19	14
Strongly disagree	25	8	51	21
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Agree (net)	38	64	16	35
Disagree (net)	38	13	70	34



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17. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Continued)

c. Middle and high schools should teach about race and racism in the U.S.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Strongly agree	33	62	11	30
Somewhat agree	22	21	19	24
Neither agree nor disagree	22	14	23	27
Somewhat disagree	9	1	22	6
Strongly disagree	12	2	25	10
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Agree (net)	55	83	29	54
Disagree (net)	20	3	47	15

d. White supremacist beliefs are a major problem in the U.S.

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Strongly agree	35	64	13	32
Somewhat agree	22	23	22	21
Neither agree nor disagree	17	11	19	20
Somewhat disagree	10	1	15	11
Strongly disagree	14	1	29	12
Skipped	2	*	1	4
Agree (net)	57	88	35	52
Disagree (net)	23	2	45	23

e. There is widespread election fraud in U.S. elections

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Strongly agree	16	6	31	13
Somewhat agree	18	8	28	19
Neither agree nor disagree	21	18	19	24
Somewhat disagree	10	9	10	11
Strongly disagree	32	60	10	28
Skipped	3	*	2	5
Agree (net)	34	13	59	32
Disagree (net)	42	69	21	39



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18. What percentage of Republicans do you think agree with these statements?

Mean Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
There is widespread election fraud in U.S. elections	50	53	49	48
Abortion should be legal in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.	32	30	49	34
White supremacist beliefs are a major problem in the U.S.	23	22	25	23
Middle and high schools should teach about race and racism in the U.S.	22	19	24	24
Middle and high schools should teach about sexual orientation and gender identity.	18	18	16	18

19. What percentage of Democrats do you think agree with these statements?

Mean Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Abortion should be legal in cases of rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother.	65	83	68	62
Middle and high schools should teach about race and racism in the U.S.	61	73	65	57
White supremacist beliefs are a major problem in the U.S.	60	71	62	57
Middle and high schools should teach about sexual orientation and gender identity.	57	66	63	53
There is widespread election fraud in U.S. elections	19	19	21	17



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20. In the last month, have you...

Total Yes Summary

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Gotten angry due to political information you saw or heard on the news or social media	49	57	56	42
Gotten angry because someone was inconsiderate or rude around you	33	39	30	31
Intentionally started or joined a conversation with people you know have different views than you do	20	20	19	20
Gotten into an argument about politics with friends or family	14	15	17	11
Attended a community or political meeting where things got heated	2	3	2	2

21. In the last month, have you...

Total Yes Summary

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Seen an ad for an individual political candidate	60	67	69	75	61
Seen an ad for an issue or organization	58	60	65	67	54
Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	39	39	45	42	34
Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	34	33	40	34	29
Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	21	24	26	29	20
Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	6	7	8	6	7





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21. In the last month, have you... (Continued)

a. Seen an ad for an individual political candidate

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	60	67	69	75	61
No	33	27	29	20	30
Don't know	7	5	3	4	7
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2

b. Seen an ad for an issue or organization

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	58	60	65	67	54
No	31	29	28	25	31
Don't know	11	9	7	7	12
Skipped	1	2	*	1	3

c. Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	21	24	26	29	20
No	71	69	70	67	70
Don't know	8	6	4	3	8
Skipped	1	2	1	1	3

d. Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	34	33	40	34	29
No	61	61	57	63	62
Don't know	5	5	3	2	7
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2

e. Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	39	39	45	42	34
No	55	54	51	55	55
Don't know	6	5	4	2	8
Skipped	1	2	*	1	3



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f. Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation

	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Yes	6	7	8	6	7
No	89	88	88	92	85
Don't know	5	4	4	1	7
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2

22. Do you think of yourself as...

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
Very liberal	6	13	1	4
Liberal	12	31	1	7
Moderate, leaning liberal	14	24	2	15
Total moderate	9	8	4	13
Moderate, leaning conservative	18	7	23	20
Conservative	18	7	46	9
Very conservative	6	1	17	2
Something else	5	2	1	9
Don't know	12	7	4	18
Skipped	2	*	1	3
Total liberal	31	68	4	26
Total conservative	41	14	86	31

23. Over the last 10 years, do you think you've become...

	Total June 2022	Democrat (N=484)	Republican (N=501)	Independent (N=706)
More liberal	19	35	4	18
More conservative	23	10	48	17
More moderate	13	14	11	14
Have not changed	31	31	32	31
Don't know	12	10	5	17
Skipped	2	*	1	3



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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted May 26–June 6, 2022, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,691 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 484 Democrats, 501 Republicans, and 706 Independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, race/ethnicity by gender, race/ethnicity by age, and race/ethnicity by education. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) except for the metropolitan status, which is not available from the 1-year ACS data, were obtained from the 2020 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–25, 26–39, 40-54 and 55+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Latinx, Asian, Other)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West) by Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Race/ethnicity (White/Other Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Latinx, Asian) by Gender (Male, Female)
- Race/ethnicity (White/Other Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Latinx, Asian) by Age (18-44, 45+)
- Race/ethnicity (White/Other Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Latinx, Asian) by Education (Some College or less, Bachelor and beyond)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.48. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on other sub-samples. Sampling error is only one potential source of error. There may be other unmeasured non-sampling error in this or any poll. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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