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Most parents want classrooms to be places of learning, not political battlegrounds

Strong majority of parents believe recent state laws banning books or making it illegal for teachers to talk about LGBTQ or racial issues are about politics, not what is in the best interest of children.

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, September 21, 2022 -- A new Ipsos poll for ParentsTogether among American adults, with an oversample of American parents of children under 18, finds parents believe that the recent laws banning books or making it illegal for teachers to talk about LGBTQ or racial issues are about politics, not what's in the best interest of children. When it comes to K-12 schools, parents are most worried about safety, bullying, and preparing children for success. In turn, parents feel that these are the issues that elected officials should focus on when it comes to K-12 public schools, instead of focusing on governing which topics can be taught in the classroom. Indeed, few parents feel elected officials and political groups should have significant input over what is included in K-12 public school curriculums. Finally, when given a choice, most Americans, and parents, feel lessons about racism prepare children to build a better future for everyone as opposed to feeling that lessons about racism are harmful to children.

Detailed Findings

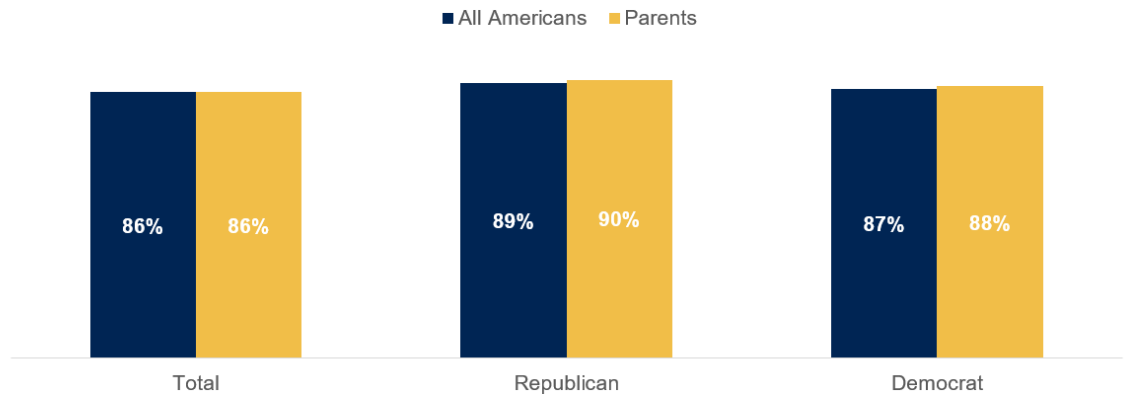
1. Supermajorities *strongly agree* that classrooms should be places for learning, not political battlegrounds, with three in four Americans (76%) and parents (77%) sharing this sentiment.
 - When it comes to recent state laws banning books or making it illegal for teachers to talk about LGBTQ or racial issues, most Americans (75%) and parents (69%) believe they're not about the children, they're about politics. At the same time, 73% of Americans and 74% of parents agree that politicians are using children in school as political pawns.
 - Furthermore, most Americans (69%) and parents (68%) feel that these laws are being driven by politicians to advance their careers. Few believe that these state laws are being driven by parents' concerns (29% among all Americans vs. 31% among parents).
 - In fact, few Americans (23%) or parents (21%) support firing teachers who discuss issues of racism and LGBTQ rights in the classroom.



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Supermajorities of Americans and parents agree, classrooms should be places for learning, not political battlegrounds

Percent who strongly or somewhat agree with the following:
Classrooms should be places for learning, not political battlegrounds



Source: Ipsos poll conducted on behalf of ParentsTogether among 1,301 U.S. adults and 443 parents fielded between August 19-22, 2022.



2. Two in three (66%) Americans and three in four parents (73%) think that elected officials and political groups are the most responsible for the recent disagreements over what's taught in public K-12 schools. At the same time, few parents feel political groups or elected officials should have any significant input in what should be included in K-12 public school curriculums, something that is true regardless of party.
 - Majorities of Republican (70%) and Democratic (84%) parents feel that elected officials at the local, state, or national level and political groups are most responsible for disagreements over what's taught in public K-12 schools, not parents (10% among Republican parents vs. 6% among Democratic parents).
 - Specifically, only 30% of parents or Americans overall feel that state or local elected officials should have input into grade school curriculums. That drops to about one in five for national elected officials (18% among all Americans vs. 17% among parents), and one in ten for political groups (11% among all Americans and 10% among parents).
 - i. Instead, most Americans agree that teachers (86%) and parents (72%) should have a great deal or fair amount of input in what should be included in K-12 public school curriculums.

3. When given a choice, most Americans (86%) and parents (87%) feel lessons about the history of racism prepare children to build a better future for everyone as opposed to feeling that lessons about racism are harmful to children (12% of Americans and 10% of parents feel this way).
 - Republican (79%) and Democratic parents (95%) overwhelmingly feel that lessons about the history of racism prepare children to build a better future for everyone rather than harming them.
 - Furthermore, when given the choice between three options, most parents feel that teachers should be able to talk about race, gender, and sexual orientation at school (82%) either



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through a teacher being allowed to answer student's questions about these topics (27%) or by having age-appropriate curriculums that includes these topics (55%).

4. When it comes to K-12 schools, parents are most worried about issues impacting safety, bullying, and preparing children for success, and they feel that issues that touch on these topics are what elected officials should focus on, instead of governing which topics can be taught in the classroom.
 - More specifically, when asked to pick their top two worries about K-12 schools from a list of 11 concerns, parents reported being most concerned about bullying and mental health (30%), gun violence (29%), and young people not being prepared for success in life (25%).
 - To that end, most parents feel it is important for elected leaders to focus on ensuring students are safe (93%), and ensuring schools have adequate funding (93%). Few parents (32%) feel it is important for elected leaders to focus on passing laws governing which topics can and can't be discussed in the classroom.

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 19-22, 2022 on behalf of ParentsTogether. For this survey, a sample of 1,301 adults age 18+ with an oversample of parents from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a margin of error of 3.0 percentage points for all respondents.

For full results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:





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Ipsos Poll for Parents Together on School in America

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®

A survey of the American adult general population (ages 18+), including an oversample of parents with children ages 0-17

Interview dates: August 19-22, 2022

Number of interviews: 1,301

Number of parents of children 0-17: 443

Number of Republican interviews: 358

Number of Democrat interviews: 376

Number of Independent/Other interviews: 563

Margin of error: +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

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

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

Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. When it comes to K-12 schools, which of the following are you most worried about? (Select up to two).

	Total (n=1301)	Parent (n=443)	Republican (n=358)	Democrat (n=376)	Independent (n=563)
Gun violence	29	29	16	41	29
Bullying and mental health	27	30	28	27	25
Interference from politicians in K-12 education	25	23	27	28	21
Young people not being prepared for success in life	24	25	32	17	25
Teacher shortages	18	19	13	21	19
Lack of school funding	15	16	6	20	18
Low quality teachers	12	15	15	8	13
Curriculum on race and racism	11	8	21	4	10
COVID-19/coronavirus	7	10	4	9	8
Opioid or drug addiction	6	6	11	4	4
Other	4	4	5	2	4
Refused	2	1	1	2	2





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

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
All children must have access to a good public education	87	87	84	91	86
A good K-12 education prepares children to succeed later in life	79	83	79	84	76
Public K-12 schoolteachers work hard to ensure their students receive a good education	71	73	65	79	68
Advanced Placement (AP) classes prepare students for success in college and beyond	67	69	68	71	64
Public K-12 schools in America receive too little funding	65	68	46	82	66

a. All children must have access to a good public education

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	75	78	70	83	74
Somewhat agree	11	10	14	8	12
Neither agree or disagree	7	7	8	5	7
Somewhat disagree	2	2	4	1	2
Strongly disagree	3	2	4	2	3
Don't know	1	1	1	1	1
Skipped	1	1	*	1	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>

b. Public K-12 schools in America receive too little funding

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	42	44	25	59	41
Somewhat agree	23	24	21	23	25
Neither agree or disagree	17	15	21	10	19
Somewhat disagree	5	6	11	2	5
Strongly disagree	7	8	16	3	5
Don't know	4	3	5	4	4
Skipped	1	1	1	*	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>66</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>10</i>





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

c. Public K-12 schoolteachers work hard to ensure their students receive a good education

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	33	34	26	44	30
Somewhat agree	38	39	39	36	38
Neither agree or disagree	17	15	21	10	19
Somewhat disagree	6	7	8	5	6
Strongly disagree	4	4	5	4	3
Don't know	2	1	1	2	3
Skipped	1	1	-	1	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>

d. A good K-12 education prepares children to succeed later in life

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	53	59	51	62	48
Somewhat agree	26	24	29	22	28
Neither agree or disagree	11	8	11	8	12
Somewhat disagree	5	5	5	4	6
Strongly disagree	3	3	4	3	4
Don't know	2	1	1	1	2
Skipped	1	1	-	*	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>

e. Advanced Placement (AP) classes prepare students for success in college and beyond

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	31	33	32	35	29
Somewhat agree	35	37	36	35	35
Neither agree or disagree	20	17	20	16	22
Somewhat disagree	6	7	5	6	5
Strongly disagree	3	3	3	3	3
Don't know	4	3	4	4	5
Skipped	1	1	-	*	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>9</i>





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3. How important is it, if at all, that students learn about each of the following in school?

Total Important Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Life skills (e.g., communication, decision making, goal setting)	97	97	98	98	96
How to treat everyone they meet fairly and decently	95	94	94	98	94
Learning how to cope with stress, hard times, and challenging experiences	94	93	91	97	93
How to understand others, especially those with different backgrounds	92	93	88	98	92
How to be a leader	84	86	86	87	80

a. How to understand others, especially those with different backgrounds

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	64	62	46	83	63
Somewhat important	28	31	43	15	29
Not very important	4	4	8	1	4
Not at all important	2	3	3	*	3
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>92</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>

b. Learning how to cope with stress, hard times, and challenging experiences

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	70	71	61	83	66
Somewhat important	24	22	30	14	27
Not very important	4	5	6	1	4
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	2
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>

c. How to treat everyone they meet fairly and decently

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	74	73	67	88	70
Somewhat important	21	21	27	10	24
Not very important	3	4	4	1	3
Not at all important	1	1	1	*	1
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>94</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>



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3. How important is it, if at all, that students learn about each of the following in school? (*Continued*)

d. How to be a leader

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	38	42	40	45	32
Somewhat important	46	44	46	42	48
Not very important	14	11	13	11	16
Not at all important	2	3	1	1	3
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>80</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>19</i>

e. Life skills (e.g., communication, decision making, goal setting)

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	83	84	80	91	79
Somewhat important	14	14	18	7	17
Not very important	1	1	1	1	2
Not at all important	1	1	*	*	1
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>96</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>

4. To the best of your knowledge, have the following happened in your community?

Total Yes Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
People protesting about the curriculum in public schools	25	24	27	28	23
New policies restricting what teachers or students can talk about in the classroom	25	22	26	28	23
New policies limiting what books and subjects can be taught in public schools	23	19	27	23	21
Books being banned in public schools	22	18	23	24	20



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4. To the best of your knowledge, have the following happened in your community? (Continued)

a. People protesting about the curriculum in public schools

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	25	24	27	28	23
No	36	45	35	39	35
Don't know	37	30	37	33	41
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2

b. Books being banned in public schools

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	22	18	23	24	20
No	37	47	33	44	35
I don't know	39	34	44	31	43
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2

c. New policies limiting what books and subjects can be taught in public schools

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	23	19	27	23	21
No	34	44	28	40	33
I don't know	42	37	45	36	45
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1

d. New policies restricting what teachers or students can talk about in the classroom

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	25	22	26	28	23
No	30	39	28	36	28
I don't know	43	38	45	35	48
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1

5. How much input, if any, should each of the following have on what is included in K-12 public schools' curriculum?

Total Great Deal/Fair Amount Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Teachers	86	85	86	90	84
Curriculum experts	77	81	70	83	78
Parents	72	72	87	59	72
State and local elected officials	30	30	36	27	28
National elected officials	18	17	15	19	19
Political groups	11	10	10	11	11





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5. How much input, if any, should each of the following have on what is included in K-12 public schools' curriculum? (Continued)

a. Parents

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	39	39	60	24	38
A fair amount	33	33	28	35	34
Not very much	19	20	9	29	17
None at all	5	3	2	7	5
Don't know	4	4	2	4	5
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>Not very much/None (Net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>22</i>

b. Teachers

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	57	58	49	68	56
A fair amount	29	28	37	23	29
Not very much	6	7	9	2	7
None at all	2	2	2	2	2
Don't know	4	5	3	5	5
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>84</i>
<i>Not very much/none (Net)</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>9</i>

c. Curriculum experts

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	37	43	24	49	38
A fair amount	40	38	47	34	39
Not very much	11	8	18	7	10
None at all	4	4	6	4	3
Don't know	7	7	6	6	8
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>78</i>
<i>Not very much/none (Net)</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>13</i>

d. State and local elected officials

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	8	8	11	4	9
A fair amount	22	22	26	23	19
Not very much	39	42	40	40	38
None at all	24	21	20	25	25
Don't know	7	7	4	7	8
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Not very much/none (Net)</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>62</i>





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5. How much input, if any, should each of the following have on what is included in K-12 public schools' curriculum? *(Continued)*

e. National elected officials

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	5	3	4	2	7
A fair amount	14	14	11	17	13
Not very much	37	40	38	36	37
None at all	37	35	41	38	35
Don't know	7	8	5	7	8
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Not very much/none (Net)</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>72</i>

f. Political groups

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
A great deal	3	3	3	2	4
A fair amount	8	7	8	9	7
Not very much	26	27	31	24	23
None at all	57	57	55	59	57
Don't know	6	7	4	4	7
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Great Deal/Fair Amount (Net)</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Not very much/none (Net)</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>83</i>	<i>81</i>

6. Who do you think is most responsible for the recent disagreements over what's taught in public K-12 schools?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Political groups	41	47	41	44	40
State and local elected officials	15	17	9	23	13
National elected officials	11	10	13	9	10
Parents	8	7	9	7	9
Teachers	5	4	8	2	5
Other	4	4	7	2	4
Curriculum experts	3	2	3	2	4
Don't know	12	11	11	10	14
Refused	1	-	*	1	1





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7. When it comes to public K-12 schools, how important, if at all, is it for elected leaders to focus on the following?

Total Important Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Ensuring students are safe	94	93	94	95	93
Ensuring schools have adequate funding	92	93	93	94	90
Ensuring school facilities are modern and support learning	88	89	87	94	86
Passing laws governing which topics can and can't be discussed	28	32	42	19	25
Banning books that focus on topics of race and gender	25	25	37	17	24

a. Ensuring schools have adequate funding

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	76	78	68	84	76
Somewhat important	15	14	25	10	14
Not very important	2	2	3	1	2
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	4	4	3	4	5
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>

b. Ensuring students are safe

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	84	84	82	89	82
Somewhat important	10	9	12	6	11
Not very important	1	2	2	1	1
Not at all important	1	1	1	1	*
Don't know	3	4	2	3	4
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>93</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>





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7. When it comes to public K-12 schools, how important, if at all, is it for elected leaders to focus on the following? (Continued)

c. Ensuring school facilities are modern and support learning

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	60	61	52	72	57
Somewhat important	29	28	35	22	29
Not very important	4	4	6	1	5
Not at all important	1	1	2	1	2
Don't know	5	4	5	4	5
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>

d. Passing laws governing which topics can and can't be discussed

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	11	11	16	7	10
Somewhat important	17	21	25	12	16
Not very important	18	17	17	16	19
Not at all important	43	42	31	55	43
Don't know	10	8	10	9	11
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>62</i>

e. Banning books that focus on topics of race and gender

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Very important	12	13	19	9	11
Somewhat important	13	12	18	8	13
Not very important	15	15	22	9	16
Not at all important	50	49	33	66	49
Don't know	9	11	9	8	9
Skipped	1	1	*	1	2
<i>Important (Net)</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Not Important (Net)</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>65</i>





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8. When it comes to talking about race, gender, and sexual orientation, which of the following is closest to how you think public K-12 schools should be run?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Schools should not allow any talk about race, gender, and sexual orientation under any circumstance	15	16	34	4	12
Teachers should be able to answer student's questions about race, gender, and sexual orientation	27	27	26	24	29
Schools should have an age-appropriate curriculum that includes race, gender, and sexual orientation	56	55	40	71	56
Skipped	2	2	1	1	3

9. When it comes to recent state laws banning books or making it illegal for teachers to talk about LGBTQ or racial issues, which of the following is more correct in your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
They're not about the children, they're about politics	75	69	60	86	76
They're about what's in the best interest of the children	23	28	39	13	21
Skipped	2	3	1	1	3

10. When it comes to recent state laws banning books or making it illegal for teachers to talk about LGBTQ or racial issues, which of the following is more correct in your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
They're mostly being driven by politicians to advance their careers	69	68	53	85	68
They're mostly being driven by parent's concerns	29	31	45	15	29
Skipped	2	1	2	1	2





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11. Which of the following is more correct in your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Lessons about the history of racism are harmful to children	12	10	23	4	10
Lessons about the history of racism prepare them to build a better future for everyone	86	87	76	95	86
Skipped	2	2	1	1	4

12. How much do you support or oppose the following?

Total Support Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Banning books in schools that have LGBTQ characters	26	29	50	10	22
Firing teachers who discuss issues of racism and LGBTQ rights in the classroom	23	21	43	11	19
Reducing funding to schools that have an age-appropriate curriculum that includes race, gender, and sexual orientation	17	16	30	6	17
Banning books in schools that depict racism	15	14	27	8	12
Limiting how the history of racism is taught in schools to the point where Advanced Placement (AP) courses cannot be taught	13	12	22	6	12
College students and faculty being required by the state to report their political affiliation on state-funded public campuses	11	12	15	6	11





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12. How much do you support or oppose the following? (Continued)

a. Firing teachers who discuss issues of racism and LGBTQ rights in the classroom

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	12	9	23	5	9
Somewhat support	11	12	20	6	10
Somewhat oppose	14	15	18	11	14
Strongly oppose	49	47	23	71	51
Don't know	12	15	16	6	13
Skipped	2	2	1	1	3
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>65</i>

b. Reducing funding to schools that have an age-appropriate curriculum that includes race, gender, and sexual orientation

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	8	9	17	2	7
Somewhat support	9	7	13	4	9
Somewhat oppose	13	13	20	9	12
Strongly oppose	54	53	27	78	54
Don't know	14	16	22	6	15
Skipped	2	1	1	1	3
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>66</i>

c. Banning books in schools that have LGBTQ characters

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	14	19	31	5	11
Somewhat support	12	11	19	5	12
Somewhat oppose	15	12	17	12	16
Strongly oppose	47	44	20	70	47
Don't know	11	14	12	7	12
Skipped	2	1	1	1	3
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>63</i>

d. Banning books in schools that depict racism

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	7	6	14	5	5
Somewhat support	8	8	14	3	7
Somewhat oppose	19	17	28	11	19
Strongly oppose	53	52	30	73	54
Don't know	12	16	15	7	13
Skipped	2	1	1	1	3
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>84</i>	<i>73</i>





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12. How much do you support or oppose the following? *(Continued)*

e. Limiting how the history of racism is taught in schools to the point where Advanced Placement (AP) courses cannot be taught

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	6	5	11	3	5
Somewhat support	7	7	11	3	7
Somewhat oppose	13	12	19	9	13
Strongly oppose	57	58	36	77	56
Don't know	16	16	22	7	18
Skipped	2	1	1	1	2
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>69</i>

f. College students and faculty being required by the state to report their political affiliation on state-funded public campuses

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	4	5	6	2	3
Somewhat support	7	7	9	4	8
Somewhat oppose	9	7	9	8	10
Strongly oppose	66	66	63	76	62
Don't know	12	14	13	9	14
Skipped	2	1	1	*	2
<i>Support (Net)</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Oppose (Net)</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>72</i>





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

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Classrooms should be places for learning, not political battlegrounds	86	86	89	86	85
Politicians are using children in school as political pawns	73	74	71	79	71
[Base: Half of Respondents) Censoring what books and subjects can be taught in public K-12 schools is a major issue in this country	(n=654) 62	(n=230) 57	(n=184) 53	(n=191) 78	(n=279) 56
[Base: Half of Respondents) Censoring what books and subjects can be taught in public K-12 schools is a major issue in your community	(n=647) 23	(n=213) 21	(n=174) 26	(n=185) 22	(n=284) 22
Public K-12 teachers in your community are too political	18	17	35	10	15

a. Public K-12 teachers in your community are too political

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	7	7	15	3	5
Somewhat agree	12	10	20	7	10
Neither agree or disagree	30	28	28	31	31
Somewhat disagree	11	15	10	13	10
Strongly disagree	13	16	8	19	12
Don't know	27	23	20	27	32
Skipped	1	1	*	*	2
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>21</i>

b. Classrooms should be places for learning, not political battlegrounds

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	76	77	81	75	74
Somewhat agree	10	10	8	12	11
Neither agree or disagree	4	4	3	6	3
Somewhat disagree	1	1	2	1	1
Strongly disagree	2	2	2	2	3
Don't know	5	5	4	4	6
Skipped	1	1	1	*	2
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>85</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>



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

c. **[Base: Half of Respondents]** Censoring what books and subjects can be taught in public K-12 schools is a major issue in this country

	Total (n=654)	Parent (n=230)	Republican (n=184)	Democrat (n=191)	Independent (n=279)
Strongly agree	35	33	28	48	31
Somewhat agree	27	24	25	30	25
Neither agree or disagree	16	16	23	9	17
Somewhat disagree	7	6	11	2	8
Strongly disagree	5	7	5	6	4
Don't know	9	11	7	6	12
Skipped	2	2	-	-	4
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>11</i>

d. **[Base: Half of Respondents]** Censoring what books and subjects can be taught in public K-12 schools is a major issue in your community

	Total (n=647)	Parent (n=213)	Republican (n=174)	Democrat (n=185)	Independent (n=284)
Strongly agree	9	5	9	9	8
Somewhat agree	14	16	17	13	13
Neither agree or disagree	28	26	29	24	29
Somewhat disagree	12	17	9	16	10
Strongly disagree	9	10	8	9	9
Don't know	28	27	28	28	29
Skipped	1	-	1	1	1
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>20</i>

e. Politicians are using children in school as political pawns

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly agree	48	49	41	58	45
Somewhat agree	25	25	30	21	26
Neither agree or disagree	11	8	12	9	11
Somewhat disagree	2	3	3	1	3
Strongly disagree	4	4	6	3	3
Don't know	9	11	8	8	10
Skipped	2	1	1	1	2
<i>Agree (Net)</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>71</i>
<i>Disagree (Net)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>



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

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Certain or almost certain	48	45	57	56	38
Very likely	19	20	19	20	18
Somewhat likely	11	12	10	8	13
Not very likely	9	8	7	7	11
Not applicable/not registered voter	6	5	2	3	10
Don't know	7	9	4	6	9
Skipped	1	1	1	*	1

15. Are you currently registered to vote in the state where you live?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Yes	85	86	92	89	78
No	12	10	6	8	17
Don't know	3	3	2	2	5
Skipped	1	1	*	1	1

16. Which of the following is your main source of news?

	Total	Parent	Republican	Democrat	Independent
ABC / CBS / NBC News	28	24	19	39	26
Digital or online news	24	30	18	25	27
Social media	18	24	14	19	19
Fox News	15	15	35	5	11
Public television or radio	15	18	9	20	15
CNN	13	13	4	26	10
Friends and Family	12	15	12	11	14
New York Times, Washington Post, or Wall Street Journal	9	10	5	16	8
Your local newspaper	9	9	7	11	8
MSNBC	8	5	4	17	4
Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	5	6	13	1	4
Other	6	5	7	3	7
None of these	12	12	12	6	15
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 19-22, 2022, on behalf of ParentsTogether. For this survey, a sample of 1,301 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 443 Parents, 358 Republicans, 376 Democrats, and 563 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 for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2021 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- 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+)
- Parental status (Parent of child 0-17, Not Parent of child 0-17)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.0 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 1.2. The poll also has a margin of error of plus or minus 5.0 percentage points for parents, plus or minus 5.7 percentage points for Republicans, plus or minus 5.5 percentage points for Democrats, and plus or minus 4.6 percentage points for Independents.

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