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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: October 13 – 23, 2022

Number of interviews: 1,540

Number of Democrat interviews: 444

Number of Republican interviews: 431

Number of Independent interviews: 665

Margin of error: +/- 3.1 percentage points for all respondents at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points for Democrats at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error: +/- 5.5 percentage points for Republicans at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error: +/- 4.8 percentage points for Independents 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.





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

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,540)	Democrat (N=444)	Republican (N=431)	Independent (N=665)
Inflation or increasing costs	63	54	79	61
Political extremism or polarization	30	37	21	30
Crime or gun violence	27	30	23	27
Climate change	20	37	5	18
Immigration	16	5	29	14
Healthcare	13	19	8	12
Government budget and debt	11	2	20	12
Abortion	10	18	7	6
Race and racism	10	16	3	10
Taxes	10	5	13	10
Election security or fraud	9	4	15	9
Economic inequality	8	11	4	7
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	7	6	9	7
Education	7	7	4	8
COVID-19/coronavirus	6	9	2	6
Opioid or drug addiction	3	3	5	3
Natural disasters	3	4	2	3
Unemployment	3	2	4	2
Other	2	1	1	2
None of these	3	1	2	5



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2. Which of the following topics do you find the most worrying to you personally? (Select up to three)
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	Total May 2022 (N=2,006)	Total June 2022 (N=1,691)	Total July 2022 (N=1,549)	Total August 2022 (N=1,538)	Total Sept 2022 (N=1,564)	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,540)
Inflation or increasing costs	51	55	60	60	55	63
Political extremism or polarization	27	26	30	26	30	30
Crime or gun violence	20	38	27	30	29	27
Climate change	17	15	14	21	21	20
Immigration	14	13	13	14	14	16
Healthcare	16	13	14	14	14	13
Government budget and debt	13	12	13	11	12	11
Abortion	5	10	13	11	9	10
Race and racism	14	15	12	12	11	10
Taxes	10	7	8	9	10	10
Election security or fraud	9	7	9	8	8	9
Economic inequality	12	9	8	9	10	8
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	12	7	7	5	5	7
Education	7	6	6	5	7	7
COVID-19/coronavirus	11	9	9	12	8	6
Opioid or drug addiction	4	4	4	3	4	3
Natural disasters	3	2	2	3	3	3
Unemployment	3	3	3	3	3	3
Other	2	3	3	3	2	2
None of these	3	2	2	2	2	3



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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Inflation or increasing costs	65	52	79	64
Political extremism or polarization	32	39	24	32
Crime or gun violence	28	30	25	29
Immigration	21	8	37	19
Climate change	16	30	5	15
Government budget and debt	16	5	29	15
Abortion	11	17	7	9
Race and racism	11	17	4	10
Economic inequality	10	19	4	8
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	10	12	11	9
Healthcare	10	15	7	9
Election security or fraud	9	4	16	9
Taxes	7	5	8	8
Education	6	5	7	6
Opioid or drug addiction	6	4	7	6
COVID-19/coronavirus	5	6	2	6
Unemployment	3	2	5	3
Natural disasters	2	4	1	2
Other	2	1	2	3
None of these	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Inflation or increasing costs	52	56	62	61	54	65
Political extremism or polarization	29	28	33	31	34	32
Crime or gun violence	23	42	34	33	32	28
Immigration	20	17	17	17	19	21
Climate change	16	14	13	18	20	16
Government budget and debt	18	17	15	15	18	16
Abortion	4	9	19	14	11	11
Race and racism	16	18	14	13	13	11
Economic inequality	13	12	10	12	11	10
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	15	9	8	5	7	10
Healthcare	13	12	12	12	10	10
Election security or fraud	9	8	8	8	10	9
Taxes	7	5	6	7	7	7
Education	7	5	4	5	7	6
Opioid or drug addiction	6	5	5	4	5	6
COVID-19/coronavirus	15	10	7	12	7	5
Unemployment	4	4	2	3	3	3
Natural disasters	2	1	1	2	3	2
Other	2	3	3	3	2	2
None of these	1	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 Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Inflation or increasing costs	68	71	68	66
Crime or gun violence	53	55	53	51
Abortion	50	54	48	48
Natural disasters	41	46	37	41
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	40	41	41	39
Immigration	39	35	49	36
Political extremism or polarization	39	41	36	39
Climate change	33	35	30	34
COVID-19/coronavirus	28	27	23	30
Race and racism	27	25	26	28
Election security or fraud	25	24	27	25
Government budget and debt	20	13	28	19
Opioid or drug addiction	19	15	24	19
Healthcare	14	19	11	13
Economic inequality	12	15	10	12
Taxes	12	9	11	14
Education	12	11	12	12
Unemployment	10	10	9	11
Other	2	2	1	2
None of these	6	3	7	8

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Inflation or increasing costs	65	66	71	68	64	68
Crime or gun violence	50	76	71	67	54	53
Abortion	23	53	69	63	50	50
Natural disasters	16	13	14	18	25	41
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	54	44	36	36	34	40
Immigration	36	29	32	26	29	39
Political extremism or polarization	37	35	39	37	42	39
Climate change	30	25	23	39	39	33
COVID-19/coronavirus	54	44	35	45	37	28
Race and racism	40	42	35	31	31	27
Election security or fraud	18	18	22	21	23	25
Government budget and debt	22	19	17	15	23	20
Opioid or drug addiction	19	18	15	14	17	19
Healthcare	16	15	13	12	16	14
Economic inequality	17	14	13	13	14	12
Taxes	14	9	9	8	11	12
Education	14	11	9	9	17	12
Unemployment	13	10	7	9	10	10
Other	2	2	2	1	2	2
None of these	5	4	4	6	5	6



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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Certain or almost certain	46	51	61	36
Very likely	18	18	17	18
Somewhat likely	7	9	6	7
Not very likely	9	4	8	13
Not applicable/not registered voter	11	11	7	13
Don't know	8	7	1	11
Skipped	1	*	-	2

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Certain or almost certain	42	42	43	45	46	46
Very likely	20	19	18	18	18	18
Somewhat likely	9	9	9	8	8	7
Not very likely	11	12	12	10	10	9
Not applicable/not registered voter	9	9	8	10	11	11
Don't know	8	8	8	8	7	8
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Democratic candidate	32	88	1	17
Republican candidate	30	1	85	16
Independent / other candidate	12	2	2	24
Would not vote	8	5	3	13
Don't know	16	4	9	27
Skipped	2	*	-	4

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Democratic candidate	27	27	29	30	32	32
Republican candidate	29	29	29	30	29	30
Independent / other candidate	12	12	13	13	11	12
Would not vote	8	9	9	9	9	8
Don't know	23	21	19	18	17	16
Skipped	1	1	1	1	2	2





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

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

	Total Oct 2022 (N=937)	Democrat (N=290)	Republican (N=303)	Independent (N=344)
Democratic candidate	41	96	2	33
Republican candidate	41	1	90	29
Independent / other candidate	8	1	2	20
Would not vote	*	-	*	-
Don't know	8	2	6	16
Skipped	1	*	-	2

	Total May 2022 (N=1,065)	Total June 2022 (N=711)	Total July 2022 (N=887)	Total August 2022 (N=884)	Total Sept 2022 (N=930)	Total Oct 2022 (N=937)
Democratic candidate	38	35	39	38	41	41
Republican candidate	40	42	38	40	41	41
Independent / other candidate	9	10	11	11	10	8
Would not vote	-	-	-	-	-	*
Don't know	12	13	11	11	8	8
Skipped	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

Total Favorable Summary

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
People who administer elections (i.e. town clerks, poll volunteers, etc.)	62	76	60	55
People who oversee elections (secretaries of state, state election boards, etc.)	51	71	46	42
Democratic voters	42	85	14	32
Republican voters	38	10	85	30
The Democratic Party	38	88	6	26
Joe Biden	37	80	6	29
The Republican Party	36	8	85	25
The news media	32	63	16	23
Conservative news media	32	18	66	21
Donald Trump	31	4	71	25



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

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
People who administer elections (i.e., town clerks, poll volunteers, etc.)	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	62
People who oversee elections (secretaries of state, state election boards, etc.)	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	51
Democratic voters	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	42
Republican voters	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	38
The Democratic Party	NA*	38	35	35	37	38
Joe Biden	37	36	33	34	37	37
The Republican Party	NA*	36	36	38	37	36
The news media	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	32
Conservative news media	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	NA***	32
Donald Trump	33	35	32	33	31	31

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

**This response was first asked in the September 2022 wave.

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

a. Joe Biden

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	29	2	4
Somewhat favorable	14	34	1	9
Lean favorable	13	18	3	16
Lean unfavorable	9	10	9	8
Somewhat unfavorable	7	2	8	10
Very unfavorable	39	5	75	39
Don't know	6	2	2	10
Skipped	3	2	*	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>56</i>





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

a. Joe Biden

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Very favorable	11	9	9	8	11	10
Somewhat favorable	15	15	11	13	14	14
Lean favorable	11	12	13	13	12	13
Lean unfavorable	8	7	11	11	8	9
Somewhat unfavorable	8	10	9	9	9	7
Very unfavorable	39	39	40	37	38	39
Don't know	8	7	7	7	6	6
Skipped	2	2	2	2	2	3
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>55</i>

b. Donald Trump

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	12	*	31	10
Somewhat favorable	8	1	21	6
Lean favorable	10	3	20	9
Lean unfavorable	5	3	8	5
Somewhat unfavorable	6	3	6	8
Very unfavorable	49	85	11	49
Don't know	6	2	3	10
Skipped	3	2	2	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>62</i>

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Very favorable	14	14	12	12	13	12
Somewhat favorable	10	12	10	11	9	8
Lean favorable	8	9	10	10	10	10
Lean unfavorable	6	5	6	7	7	5
Somewhat unfavorable	7	6	8	6	5	6
Very unfavorable	47	46	47	47	49	49
Don't know	6	6	5	5	5	6
Skipped	2	2	2	2	2	3
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>31</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>61</i>





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

c. The Democratic Party

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	30	1	2
Somewhat favorable	15	36	1	10
Lean favorable	14	23	4	14
Lean unfavorable	12	4	18	14
Somewhat unfavorable	9	3	11	12
Very unfavorable	30	1	62	29
Don't know	8	2	2	14
Skipped	4	2	2	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>90</i>	<i>55</i>

	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Very favorable	8	7	8	10	10
Somewhat favorable	15	14	12	14	15
Lean favorable	14	14	15	13	14
Lean unfavorable	9	11	13	11	12
Somewhat unfavorable	11	12	10	10	9
Very unfavorable	30	32	31	30	30
Don't know	10	9	9	11	8
Skipped	2	2	2	2	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>51</i>



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

d. The Republican Party

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	9	1	27	4
Somewhat favorable	13	4	33	6
Lean favorable	14	4	25	15
Lean unfavorable	12	13	5	14
Somewhat unfavorable	12	15	4	14
Very unfavorable	29	58	3	27
Don't know	8	4	2	15
Skipped	3	2	1	6
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	36	8	85	25
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	53	87	11	55

	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Very favorable	9	8	8	10	9
Somewhat favorable	14	13	15	14	13
Lean favorable	14	15	16	14	14
Lean unfavorable	10	9	10	10	12
Somewhat unfavorable	12	12	11	11	12
Very unfavorable	30	32	29	30	29
Don't know	9	8	10	11	8
Skipped	2	2	2	2	3
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	36	36	38	37	36
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	52	54	50	50	53

e. Democratic voters

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	11	33	1	4
Somewhat favorable	15	33	4	11
Lean favorable	16	20	9	16
Lean unfavorable	13	5	19	15
Somewhat unfavorable	11	2	20	11
Very unfavorable	18	1	40	16
Don't know	13	5	6	22
Skipped	3	2	1	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	42	85	14	32
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	42	8	79	42

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

f. Republican voters

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	*	32	4
Somewhat favorable	13	4	30	9
Lean favorable	15	5	23	17
Lean unfavorable	14	24	7	13
Somewhat unfavorable	14	20	3	16
Very unfavorable	18	39	1	15
Don't know	13	6	3	23
Skipped	3	2	1	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>43</i>

g. The news media

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	3	7	1	2
Somewhat favorable	12	24	5	8
Lean favorable	17	32	10	13
Lean unfavorable	18	16	19	18
Somewhat unfavorable	14	8	18	15
Very unfavorable	23	4	41	25
Don't know	10	8	5	14
Skipped	4	3	2	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>58</i>

h. Conservative news media

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	6	3	15	3
Somewhat favorable	11	7	25	6
Lean favorable	14	8	26	12
Lean unfavorable	13	11	11	16
Somewhat unfavorable	11	13	6	13
Very unfavorable	27	47	6	26
Don't know	15	10	10	20
Skipped	3	2	1	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>54</i>

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

i. People who administer elections (i.e., town clerks, poll volunteers, etc.)

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	22	34	15	18
Somewhat favorable	21	26	23	18
Lean favorable	19	16	22	19
Lean unfavorable	7	4	11	7
Somewhat unfavorable	6	4	7	7
Very unfavorable	4	2	6	5
Don't know	18	12	15	23
Skipped	3	2	1	4
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>

j. People who oversee elections (secretaries of state, state election boards, etc.)

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very favorable	10	19	7	7
Somewhat favorable	21	32	18	16
Lean favorable	20	20	21	19
Lean unfavorable	11	8	16	11
Somewhat unfavorable	9	4	13	10
Very unfavorable	7	3	11	7
Don't know	19	13	14	26
Skipped	3	2	2	5
<i>Favorable (net)</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>Unfavorable (net)</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>28</i>

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86. How closely, if at all, are you following the upcoming 2022 midterm elections?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very closely	22	28	27	16
Somewhat closely	32	34	32	31
Not very closely	23	22	26	23
Not at all	17	14	14	21
Don't know	4	2	*	7
Skipped	2	2	*	3
<i>Closely (net)</i>	54	62	59	46

87. How much of your information about the upcoming 2022 midterm elections, if any, are you getting from the following sources?

Base: Following the upcoming 2022 midterm elections very closely, somewhat closely, or not very closely

Total A lot/Some Summary

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
Local or national TV broadcast news	47	56	43	44
Online news sites	42	47	35	44
Cable news	36	40	38	32
Ads, campaigns, or the candidates	35	37	35	33
News or talk radio	34	36	35	33
Family, friends, or people in your community	29	26	36	27
Newspapers (print or online)	29	38	23	27
Social media sites pushing information to you	19	19	19	19
People you know on social media	15	17	17	14

a. Ads, campaigns, or the candidates

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	11	11	13	10
Some	24	26	21	23
A little bit	40	36	44	40
None at all	24	25	20	26
Don't know	1	1	1	1
Skipped	1	1	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	35	37	35	33



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87. How much of your information about the upcoming 2022 midterm elections, if any, are you getting from the following sources? (Continued)

b. Cable news

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	12	16	14	8
Some	24	24	24	24
A little bit	22	20	26	21
None at all	38	37	34	43
Don't know	3	2	2	4
Skipped	1	1	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	36	40	38	32

c. Local or national TV broadcast news

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	16	21	13	15
Some	32	35	30	30
A little bit	29	24	34	31
None at all	22	19	21	24
Don't know	1	1	1	1
Skipped	1	*	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	47	56	43	44

d. Newspapers (print or online)

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	9	14	5	7
Some	21	24	17	20
A little bit	26	25	24	27
None at all	43	34	51	43
Don't know	1	2	1	1
Skipped	1	1	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	29	38	23	27



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87. How much of your information about the upcoming 2022 midterm elections, if any, are you getting from the following sources? (Continued)

e. Online news sites

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	11	14	8	11
Some	31	33	27	33
A little bit	32	31	36	31
None at all	23	19	27	24
Don't know	1	2	2	1
Skipped	1	1	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>44</i>

f. News or talk radio

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	10	11	11	8
Some	24	25	24	24
A little bit	27	26	30	25
None at all	36	36	32	39
Don't know	2	3	1	3
Skipped	1	*	2	*
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>33</i>

g. People you know on social media

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	3	4	3	2
Some	13	13	14	12
A little bit	22	20	26	21
None at all	60	60	54	63
Don't know	2	3	2	2
Skipped	1	*	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>14</i>



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87. How much of your information about the upcoming 2022 midterm elections, if any, are you getting from the following sources? (Continued)

h. Social media sites pushing information to you

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	5	6	4	4
Some	15	13	15	15
A little bit	30	33	27	30
None at all	49	44	52	50
Don't know	2	4	1	1
Skipped	1	*	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	19	19	19	19

i. Family, friends, or people in your community

	Total Oct 2022 (N=1,344)	Democrat (N=402)	Republican (N=398)	Independent (N=544)
A lot	4	4	5	3
Some	25	22	31	24
A little bit	40	42	42	38
None at all	29	31	21	33
Don't know	1	2	1	1
Skipped	1	*	1	1
<i>A lot/Some (net)</i>	29	26	36	27

88. How well, if at all, do you feel you understand the values and beliefs of the Republican Party?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very well	21	18	33	17
Somewhat well	38	31	51	35
Not very well	20	24	10	22
Not at all	11	18	2	11
Don't know	9	8	3	12
Skipped	2	1	1	3
<i>Very/Somewhat well (net)</i>	59	49	84	52
<i>Not very well/Not at all (net)</i>	30	42	13	33

89. In your own words, what values and beliefs does the Republican Party stand for?

Base: Understands the values and beliefs of the Republican party (N=250)

Open-ended responses provided separately.



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90. How well, if at all, do you feel you understand the values and beliefs of the Democratic Party?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very well	23	32	21	18
Somewhat well	42	50	39	38
Not very well	15	10	20	16
Not at all	9	1	14	11
Don't know	9	6	6	13
Skipped	2	1	1	4
<i>Very/Somewhat well (net)</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>Not very well/Not at all (net)</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>27</i>

91. In your own words, what values and beliefs does the Democratic Party stand for?

Base: Understands the values and beliefs of the Democratic party (N=230)

Open-ended responses provided separately.

92. Do you think you have some good options to vote on your ballot for governor, Senate, the House of Representatives or other offices in the upcoming midterm election?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes, many good options	15	21	21	8
Yes, a few good options	44	47	56	36
No, all bad options	12	7	5	19
Don't know	27	25	18	33
Skipped	2	1	-	4
<i>Yes (net)</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>44</i>



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93. Are the following statements about the Democratic and Republican candidates on the ballot for the midterm elections true, false, or don't you know?

Total Correct Summary

	Total Sept 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Most Republican candidates support restricting or outlawing abortion [TRUE]	59	70	62	52
Most Democratic candidates support decriminalization of marijuana possession [TRUE]	52	55	58	47
Most Republicans say that America should be run by white Christians [FALSE]	43	26	73	38
Most Republican candidates deny that Joe Biden rightfully won the 2020 election [TRUE]	38	56	26	33
Many Republican candidates say that the right to vote should be limited to people who deserve it [FALSE]	31	18	53	28
Most Democratic candidates support government confiscation of guns [FALSE]	31	47	17	29
Most Democrats support allowing abortion up to just before birth [FALSE]	30	47	17	28
Most Democratic candidates support requiring schools to teach critical race theory [FALSE]	20	33	8	19

*The correct response to each statement is shown in brackets.

a. Most Republican candidates deny that Joe Biden rightfully won the 2020 election **[TRUE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	38	56	26	33
False	30	20	45	28
Don't know	31	23	28	36
Skipped	2	1	1	4

b. Most Republican candidates support restricting or outlawing abortion **[TRUE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	59	70	62	52
False	10	4	15	11
Don't know	28	26	22	34
Skipped	2	1	1	4



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93. Are the following statements about the Democratic and Republican candidates on the ballot for the midterm elections true, false, or don't you know? *(Continued)*

- c. Many Republican candidates say that the right to vote should be limited to people who deserve it **[FALSE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	28	43	21	24
False	31	18	53	28
Don't know	38	39	26	45
Skipped	2	1	1	4

- d. Most Republicans say that America should be run by white Christians **[FALSE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	20	40	4	18
False	43	26	73	38
Don't know	34	33	22	41
Skipped	3	2	1	4

- e. Most Democratic candidates support decriminalization of marijuana possession **[TRUE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	52	55	58	47
False	7	7	9	6
Don't know	39	37	32	43
Skipped	2	1	2	3

- f. Most Democratic candidates support requiring schools to teach critical race theory **[FALSE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	34	21	56	29
False	20	33	8	19
Don't know	44	45	35	49
Skipped	2	1	1	3

- g. Most Democratic candidates support government confiscation of guns **[FALSE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	33	22	53	28
False	31	47	17	29
Don't know	35	30	30	40
Skipped	2	1	1	3

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93. Are the following statements about the Democratic and Republican candidates on the ballot for the midterm elections true, false, or don't you know? *(Continued)*

h. Most Democrats support allowing abortion up to just before birth **[FALSE]**

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
True	32	17	54	28
False	30	47	17	28
Don't know	36	35	28	41
Skipped	2	1	1	3

94. As you may know, currently the Democratic Party controls the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives. Do you think the Democrats have earned another two years controlling the federal government?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	31	69	4	23
No	46	9	88	44
Don't know	22	21	9	30
Skipped	2	1	-	3

95. Which of the following is the main reason you think Democrats have earned another two years controlling the federal governments?

Base: Thinks the Democrats have earned another two years controlling the federal government

	Total Oct 2022 (N=552)	Democrat (N=336)	Republican (N=17)**	Independent (N=199)
Their policies and plans move America in the right direction	41	42	**	38
They are better than the Republicans	22	22	**	24
They have passed major and important legislation	15	14	**	17
I share their values and beliefs	12	12	**	11
They have done a good job dealing with the aftermath of the COVID pandemic and the economy	9	9	**	8
Skipped	2	*	**	2

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96. Which of the following is the main reason you think Democrats have **not** earned another two years controlling the federal governments?

Base: Does NOT think the Democrats have earned another two years controlling the federal government

	Total Oct 2022 (N=722)	Democrat (N=34)**	Republican (N=392)	Independent (N=296)
Their policies and plans move America in the wrong direction	59	**	66	54
They have not done anything important while in power	14	**	7	18
They have done a bad job dealing with the aftermath of the COVID pandemic and the economy	14	**	8	20
Their values and beliefs are bad or wrong	8	**	10	6
The Republican party offers a better alternative for America	5	**	9	2
Skipped	*	**	*	*

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97. Do you think the Republicans have made a good case for why they should be given control of Congress for the next two years?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	28	7	67	18
No	46	74	14	48
Don't know	24	17	19	31
Skipped	2	1	*	3

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98. Which of the following is the main reason you think Republicans should be given control of Congress for the next two years?

Base: Thinks Republicans have made a good case for why they should be given control of Congress for the next two years

	Total Oct 2022 (N=465)	Democrat (N=20)**	Republican (N=305)	Independent (N=140)
Their policies and plans would move America in the right direction	47	**	51	43
Democrats are ruining the country	24	**	22	30
They will do a better job with the economy	20	**	20	17
I share their values and beliefs	8	**	8	10
Skipped	1	**	-	*

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99. Which of the following is the main reason you think Republicans should **not** be given control of Congress for the next two years?

Base: Does NOT think Republicans have made a good case for why they should be given control of Congress for the next two years

	Total Sept 2022 (N=788)	Democrat (N=367)	Republican (N=61)**	Independent (N=360)
Their policies and plans would move America in the wrong direction	34	49	**	23
Republicans have not presented a clear plan for what they would do with power	33	15	**	45
Their values and beliefs are bad or wrong	15	16	**	15
They will make the economy and society less fair	10	11	**	10
The Democratic party offers a better alternative for America	7	8	**	5
Skipped	2	1	**	2

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100. How good or bad a job do you think the news media has done covering the 2022 midterm elections?

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very good	4	9	1	3
Somewhat good	26	40	19	21
Somewhat bad	21	17	29	19
Very bad	18	3	28	21
Don't know	30	30	23	34
Skipped	2	1	*	3
<i>Good (net)</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Bad (net)</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>39</i>

101. How interested are you, if at all, in the following types of news coverage of the 2022 midterm elections?

Total Very/Somewhat Interested Summary

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Descriptions of candidates' policy positions and their potential impact in your community	68	72	73	62
Summary stories providing the main points about a candidate's background and their policy positions	66	69	70	61
Interviews with the candidates	61	63	69	55
Analysis of who is winning or losing at a particular point in time	42	49	48	36
Interviews with regular people in the community	42	42	44	40
Interviews with advocates or partisans	28	32	30	25

a. Descriptions of candidates' policy positions and their potential impact in your community

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	37	41	36	35
Somewhat interested	31	31	37	27
Not very interested	9	9	11	9
Not at all interested	11	9	8	15
Don't know	9	8	7	11
Skipped	2	1	1	4
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>62</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>23</i>



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101 . How interested are you, if at all, in the following types of news coverage of the 2022 midterm elections? (Continued)

b. Analysis of who is winning or losing at a particular point in time

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	10	11	14	8
Somewhat interested	32	38	34	27
Not very interested	25	23	23	26
Not at all interested	21	18	20	24
Don't know	10	9	8	11
Skipped	2	1	1	4
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>50</i>

c. Interviews with the candidates

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	24	23	32	20
Somewhat interested	37	40	37	34
Not very interested	14	16	12	13
Not at all interested	15	12	12	18
Don't know	9	7	6	11
Skipped	3	2	1	4
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>55</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>31</i>

d. Interviews with advocates or partisans.

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	6	5	8	5
Somewhat interested	23	28	21	21
Not very interested	30	29	35	28
Not at all interested	27	23	26	30
Don't know	12	13	9	13
Skipped	2	2	1	3
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>58</i>



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101 . How interested are you, if at all, in the following types of news coverage of the 2022 midterm elections? *(Continued)*

e. Interviews with regular people in the community

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	11	9	13	11
Somewhat interested	30	33	30	29
Not very interested	25	26	26	23
Not at all interested	22	22	22	23
Don't know	9	8	8	11
Skipped	3	2	1	4
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>46</i>

f. Summary stories providing the main points about a candidate's background and their policy positions

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very interested	29	33	29	26
Somewhat interested	37	36	41	35
Not very interested	10	10	12	9
Not at all interested	13	9	11	16
Don't know	9	10	6	11
Skipped	2	2	1	3
<i>Very/Somewhat interested (net)</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>61</i>
<i>Not very/Not at all interested (net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>25</i>

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

Total Yes Summary

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Seen an ad for an individual political candidate	75	77	84	69
Seen an ad for an issue or organization	64	68	72	58
Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	40	51	38	36
Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	36	42	39	32
Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	23	24	24	22
Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	10	12	9	8

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Seen an ad for an individual political candidate	60	67	63	65	71	75
Seen an ad for an issue or organization	58	60	56	59	63	64
Received a text message from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	34	33	29	34	38	40
Received an email from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	39	39	35	37	42	36
Received a phone call from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	21	24	19	24	25	23
Had someone visit your home from a political campaign asking for your support or a donation	6	7	6	7	10	10



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

a. Seen an ad for an individual political candidate

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	75	77	84	69
No	18	18	13	20
Don't know	6	4	3	8
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	60	67	63	65	71	75
No	33	27	29	27	22	18
Don't know	7	5	8	6	6	6
Skipped	1	1	1	2	1	2

b. Seen an ad for an issue or organization

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	64	68	72	58
No	25	25	21	27
Don't know	9	6	6	13
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	58	60	56	59	63	64
No	31	29	34	30	25	25
Don't know	11	9	9	9	10	9
Skipped	1	2	1	2	2	2





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

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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	23	24	24	22
No	68	70	70	65
Don't know	8	5	5	10
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	21	24	19	24	25	23
No	71	69	74	69	68	68
Don't know	8	6	6	6	6	8
Skipped	1	2	1	2	1	2

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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	40	51	38	36
No	53	44	59	55
Don't know	5	4	3	7
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	34	33	29	34	38	40
No	61	61	66	60	56	53
Don't know	5	5	5	4	5	5
Skipped	1	1	1	2	1	2





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

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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	36	42	39	32
No	56	52	57	57
Don't know	6	5	3	8
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	39	39	35	37	42	36
No	55	54	60	56	52	56
Don't know	6	5	5	5	5	6
Skipped	1	2	1	2	2	2

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

	Total Oct 2022	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Yes	10	12	9	8
No	82	81	87	81
Don't know	6	6	3	8
Skipped	2	1	1	3

	Total May 2022	Total June 2022	Total July 2022	Total August 2022	Total Sept 2022	Total Oct 2022
Yes	6	7	6	7	10	10
No	89	88	89	87	84	82
Don't know	5	4	4	4	5	6
Skipped	1	1	1	2	1	2





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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted October 13 to 23, 2022, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,540 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 444 Democrats, 431 Republicans, and 665 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.

This survey was conducted in English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and 2020 vote. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2021 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). The 2020 vote benchmark comes from the Federal Election Commission's Official 2020 Presidential General Election Results.

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other Non-Hispanic, 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+)
- 2020 Vote (Biden, Trump, Did not vote)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 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 1.55. 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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