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Historic House Speaker vote does little to instill confidence in Congress, McCarthy

New USA Today/Ipsos poll also finds that Americans expect gridlock in Washington for the next two years

Topline Findings

Washington, DC, January 15, 2023 – Coming out of a tumultuous start for the new Congress, many Americans did not pay attention to the historic Speaker of the House vote. Even so, Americans are split on whether Kevin McCarthy was the best choice for Speaker of the House and whether the means the new Congress took to get there were the right ones. Looking ahead, most Americans anticipate gridlock in Congress for the next two years and expect the uncompromising and polarized nature of American politics to continue.

Detailed Findings

1. Around half of Americans did not follow the vote for Speaker of the House closely, and general sentiment around its impact is split.
 - Fifty-one percent of Americans report following the election for Speaker of the House at least somewhat closely. Over a fifth (22%) say they have not followed the election at all.
 - Baby Boomers (65%) are more likely than their younger counterparts to have followed the vote for Speaker of the House. Additionally, Democratic voters¹ (67%) and Republican voters² (60%) are significantly more likely than voters of neither party³ (26%) to have followed these events.
 - Americans are split on the selection of Kevin McCarthy as Speaker. Around one in three Americans approve (33%), disapprove (35%), or don't know (33%) of McCarthy as Speaker.
 - Just 34% agree that McCarthy did the right thing giving in to the demands of his Republican opponents, potentially contributing to the low approval of his selection.
 - Nearly half (48%) believe that moderate Republicans in Congress should have struck a deal with moderate Democrats to elect a moderate Republican Speaker of the House.
 - In the same vein, there is no majority opinion on what drove the differences within the Republican Party. A plurality believe personal grudges, ambition or ego (39%) were at the root of the differences. Twenty-nine percent say Republicans had sincere differences on policy and governing, while one in three don't know (32%).

¹ Defined as those who at least occasionally vote, and when they vote, they mostly vote Democratic

² Defined as those who at least occasionally vote, and when they vote, they mostly vote Republican

³ Either someone who never/almost never votes OR typically votes third party





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2. While Americans are divided or unsure around many of the events around the Speaker of the House election, a majority agree on one thing: there will be a lot of gridlock in Congress for the next two years.
 - Three in five (61%) Americans agree that Republicans and President Biden are less likely to get anything done over the next two years as a result of the fight for Speaker of the House.
 - Democratic voters (76%) are more likely than Republican voters (61%) to share this sentiment.
 - A similar percentage agree that it seems unlikely Republicans will do any compromising with Democrats over the next two years (58%).
 - Along these lines, only a quarter of Democratic (26%) and Republican (25%) voters believe that their respective parties can get their legislative agendas advanced in Congress.
 - Two in five Democratic voters (39%) believe their party is more focused on governing than party politics, compared to just 31% of Republican voters.
 - Lastly, while a majority of Americans do expect gridlock, around two in five (42%) say that the fight over Speaker of the House will have little impact on their life.

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between January 10-11, 2023, on behalf of USA Today. For this survey, a sample of 2,010 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.7 percentage points for all respondents.



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Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. Which of the following do you consider to be the main problem facing the country today? You may select up to three.

	Total Jan 2023 (N=2,010)	Total Nov 2022 (N=2,004)	Total Aug 2022 (N=2,345)
Inflation or increasing costs	48%	51%	46%
Gun violence	23%	24%	26%
Immigration	19%	16%	16%
Climate change	18%	19%	21%
Crime	18%	20%	17%
Political extremism or polarization	17%	18%	22%
Healthcare	16%	15%	15%
Government budget and debt	15%	16%	16%
Taxes	12%	13%	11%
COVID-19/coronavirus	11%	11%	13%
Opioid or drug addiction	11%	10%	10%
Abortion	9%	15%	11%
Racial injustice	9%	9%	12%
Social inequality	8%	6%	7%
Education	8%	6%	7%
Terrorism	5%	4%	5%
Other	4%	4%	3%



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1. Which of the following do you consider to be the main problem facing the country today? You may select up to three. *(Continued)*

	Typical Rep Voter ⁴ Jan 2023 (N=673)	Typical Rep Voter Nov 2022 (N=684)	Typical Rep Voter Aug 2022 (N=800)	Typical Dem voter ⁵ Jan 2023 (N=843)	Typical Dem Voter Nov 2022 (N=843)	Typical Dem Voter Aug 2022 (N=1,031)	Neither party voter or non-voter ⁶ Jan 2023 (N=494)	Neither party voter or non-voter Nov 2022 (N=477)	Neither party voter or non-voter Aug 2022 (N=514)
Inflation or increasing costs	60%	65%	58%	41%	40%	34%	44%	48%	48%
Gun violence	13%	12%	11%	34%	35%	40%	21%	24%	23%
Immigration	35%	35%	32%	7%	5%	6%	15%	10%	12%
Climate change	6%	9%	7%	29%	33%	35%	19%	15%	20%
Crime	23%	23%	25%	15%	15%	12%	16%	23%	17%
Political extremism or polarization	14%	16%	21%	25%	26%	28%	11%	12%	16%
Healthcare	12%	11%	10%	18%	18%	18%	17%	14%	19%
Government budget and debt	26%	27%	27%	8%	6%	6%	14%	16%	16%
Taxes	13%	16%	13%	8%	8%	7%	15%	17%	12%
COVID-19/coronavirus	7%	7%	8%	15%	14%	15%	12%	12%	15%
Opioid or drug addiction	13%	10%	12%	8%	8%	5%	12%	13%	13%
Abortion	8%	9%	7%	9%	21%	14%	10%	13%	13%
Racial injustice	3%	4%	4%	13%	13%	18%	10%	9%	14%
Social inequality	3%	3%	2%	12%	11%	13%	8%	5%	5%
Education	5%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	11%	7%	9%
Terrorism	7%	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Other	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	7%	6%	5%

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⁵ Defined as those who at least occasionally vote, and when they vote, they mostly vote Democrat

⁶ Either someone who never/almost never votes OR typically votes third party



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2. Which of the following best describes you?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
I never or almost never vote in elections	24%	23%	23%
I occasionally vote in general elections	10%	11%	9%
I vote in most general elections, but not in most primaries	10%	9%	9%
I vote in most general and primary elections	17%	18%	19%
I vote in every general or primary election	39%	38%	40%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
I never or almost never vote in elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	68%	68%	77%
I occasionally vote in general elections	12%	13%	10%	12%	12%	11%	8%	9%	6%
I vote in most general elections, but not in most primaries	11%	12%	11%	13%	8%	11%	6%	7%	4%
I vote in most general and primary elections	25%	25%	24%	21%	23%	25%	8%	8%	6%
I vote in every general or primary election	52%	50%	54%	55%	57%	53%	11%	8%	6%

3. **[SKIPPED IF “I NEVER OR ALMOST NEVER VOTE” IN Q2]** When you do vote, do you mostly vote Democratic, Republican or third party? If it is close, go with how you would plan to vote in the next election.

	Total Jan 2023 (N=1,679)	Total Nov 2022 (N=1680)	Total Aug 2022 (N=2,000)
Democrat	45%	44%	50%
Republican	40%	41%	42%
Third party	15%	14%	9%



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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party?

a. Cares about people like me

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	26%	28%	29%
Republican Party	21%	22%	24%
Both	10%	9%	8%
Neither	33%	31%	32%
Don't know	10%	10%	8%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	3%	2%	4%	62%	68%	62%	10%	13%	13%
Republican Party	52%	56%	58%	3%	1%	3%	10%	10%	13%
Both	10%	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	11%	10%	9%
Neither	30%	29%	29%	19%	18%	25%	49%	45%	46%
Don't know	5%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	20%	22%	20%

b. Shares my values

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	27%	27%	31%
Republican Party	26%	25%	28%
Both	9%	10%	8%
Neither	27%	27%	25%
Don't know	11%	11%	9%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	2%	2%	3%	65%	69%	67%	12%	10%	14%
Republican Party	69%	67%	70%	3%	2%	4%	11%	10%	12%
Both	7%	5%	8%	9%	9%	8%	12%	15%	8%
Neither	17%	21%	16%	17%	16%	18%	45%	43%	45%
Don't know	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	3%	21%	22%	22%



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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party? (Continued)

c. Is effective in pushing their agenda in Washington

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	24%	26%	27%
Republican Party	15%	16%	15%
Both	24%	24%	22%
Neither	23%	21%	24%
Don't know	14%	13%	11%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	29%	27%	31%	32%	36%	32%	11%	16%	17%
Republican Party	28%	25%	21%	13%	14%	16%	7%	9%	9%
Both	17%	20%	19%	25%	26%	23%	29%	25%	24%
Neither	19%	21%	23%	21%	18%	23%	28%	25%	26%
Don't know	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	6%	25%	24%	24%

d. Out of step with the American public

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	24%	26%	29%
Republican Party	24%	25%	27%
Both	30%	30%	27%
Neither	9%	9%	7%
Don't know	13%	10%	10%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	51%	52%	58%	13%	12%	13%	10%	16%	19%
Republican Party	10%	12%	10%	50%	52%	54%	11%	12%	11%
Both	25%	26%	23%	24%	25%	23%	41%	37%	37%
Neither	8%	6%	5%	7%	6%	5%	13%	14%	12%
Don't know	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	7%	25%	22%	21%



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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party? (Continued)

e. Sticks to their morals and principles

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	21%	24%	22%
Republican Party	21%	22%	24%
Both	13%	12%	12%
Neither	34%	31%	32%
Don't know	10%	11%	9%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	3%	4%	2%	49%	55%	50%	10%	10%	7%
Republican Party	50%	52%	55%	8%	5%	7%	10%	12%	14%
Both	11%	10%	10%	14%	12%	12%	15%	14%	14%
Neither	31%	29%	29%	24%	22%	26%	45%	43%	44%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	21%	21%	21%

f. Too extreme

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	25%	26%	30%
Republican Party	28%	30%	31%
Both	26%	25%	22%
Neither	10%	9%	8%
Don't know	11%	10%	9%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	55%	55%	64%	10%	11%	9%	12%	15%	20%
Republican Party	8%	10%	8%	60%	64%	63%	14%	14%	16%
Both	22%	24%	19%	16%	16%	18%	40%	34%	31%
Neither	8%	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%	15%	17%	12%
Don't know	7%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	20%	21%	21%



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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party? (Continued)

g. Shows strong leadership in Washington

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	22%	24%	23%
Republican Party	19%	21%	21%
Both	13%	12%	10%
Neither	33%	33%	37%
Don't know	12%	10%	9%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	6%	5%	6%	50%	55%	46%	10%	10%	10%
Republican Party	44%	48%	46%	6%	4%	4%	11%	13%	15%
Both	10%	10%	8%	13%	13%	12%	14%	14%	11%
Neither	34%	33%	37%	24%	23%	34%	41%	43%	41%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	23%	20%	22%

h. Willing to compromise to get things done

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	25%	27%	29%
Republican Party	16%	18%	16%
Both	14%	10%	10%
Neither	35%	35%	34%
Don't know	10%	10%	10%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	6%	7%	6%	58%	60%	62%	11%	12%	13%
Republican Party	37%	38%	39%	5%	6%	3%	8%	11%	9%
Both	11%	8%	11%	11%	8%	9%	19%	15%	11%
Neither	40%	42%	39%	22%	21%	23%	43%	42%	44%
Don't know	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%	20%	21%	23%





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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party? (Continued)

i. Is inclusive

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	25%	28%	31%
Republican Party	13%	15%	16%
Both	18%	17%	14%
Neither	25%	23%	23%
Don't know	19%	17%	16%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	7%	12%	9%	54%	58%	62%	14%	12%	14%
Republican Party	31%	33%	35%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	9%
Both	24%	19%	19%	13%	12%	10%	17%	19%	16%
Neither	25%	23%	24%	16%	14%	15%	33%	32%	31%
Don't know	14%	13%	13%	11%	10%	7%	31%	29%	30%

j. Is good for the economy

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	22%	24%	24%
Republican Party	28%	31%	34%
Both	10%	9%	9%
Neither	28%	25%	24%
Don't know	12%	12%	9%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	3%	3%	2%	52%	56%	55%	10%	11%	10%
Republican Party	67%	72%	77%	9%	6%	7%	14%	18%	21%
Both	7%	7%	6%	13%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%
Neither	18%	16%	12%	19%	20%	21%	45%	37%	39%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%	8%	9%	5%	22%	23%	21%





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4. For each of the following statements, please indicate if they better describe the [ROTATE] Democratic Party or Republican Party? (Continued)

k. Is tough on crime

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	14%	16%	15%
Republican Party	30%	31%	33%
Both	16%	15%	14%
Neither	26%	24%	26%
Don't know	13%	13%	12%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	3%	2%	3%	31%	38%	31%	7%	8%	8%
Republican Party	61%	65%	68%	15%	12%	13%	17%	18%	20%
Both	9%	11%	8%	21%	19%	22%	18%	17%	12%
Neither	19%	16%	17%	23%	22%	26%	36%	33%	37%
Don't know	8%	6%	5%	10%	9%	9%	22%	25%	24%

l. Is effective in using the media to push their agenda

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Democratic Party	27%	29%	30%
Republican Party	16%	17%	20%
Both	31%	29%	28%
Neither	14%	14%	12%
Don't know	12%	11%	10%

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Democratic Party	47%	48%	51%	23%	24%	22%	14%	16%	17%
Republican Party	15%	16%	17%	24%	26%	31%	9%	9%	11%
Both	24%	22%	19%	33%	32%	30%	34%	32%	35%
Neither	9%	9%	9%	11%	11%	12%	19%	22%	16%
Don't know	5%	4%	5%	8%	8%	6%	23%	21%	20%





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5. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following people?

Total Familiar Summary (Very/Somewhat)

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Donald Trump	90%	91%	93%
Joe Biden	90%	90%	92%
Nancy Pelosi	79%	**	**
Mitch McConnell	62%	**	**
Kevin McCarthy	54%	**	**
Chuck Schumer	54%	**	**
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	52%	52%	60%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	41%	38%	44%
Jim Jordan	30%	**	**
Hakeem Jeffries	38%	**	**
Steve Scalise	27%	**	**

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Donald Trump	96%	98%	98%	91%	92%	94%	83%	82%	86%
Joe Biden	93%	94%	95%	95%	98%	96%	84%	77%	83%
Nancy Pelosi	88%	**	**	87%	**	**	65%	**	**
Mitch McConnell	71%	**	**	73%	**	**	43%	**	**
Kevin McCarthy	64%	**	**	66%	**	**	34%	**	**
Chuck Schumer	66%	**	**	65%	**	**	34%	**	**
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	59%	61%	67%	64%	65%	70%	35%	31%	39%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	43%	39%	45%	59%	55%	61%	23%	22%	22%
Jim Jordan	38%	**	**	35%	**	**	19%	**	**
Hakeem Jeffries	26%	**	**	40%	**	**	17%	**	**
Steve Scalise	35%	**	**	32%	**	**	16%	**	**

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6. How favorable or unfavorable do you feel toward the following people?

Total Favorable Summary (Very/Somewhat/Lean Toward)

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Joe Biden	42%	41%	43%
Donald Trump	38%	40%	43%
Nancy Pelosi	35%	**	**
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	28%	29%	33%
Chuck Schumer	28%	**	**
Kevin McCarthy	26%	**	**
Mitch McConnell	23%	**	**
Hakeem Jeffries	22%	**	**
Marjorie Taylor Greene	20%	19%	20%
Jim Jordan	20%	**	**
Steve Scalise	19%	**	**

	Rep voter Jan 2023	Rep voter Nov 2022	Rep voter Aug 2022	Dem voter Jan 2023	Dem voter Nov 2022	Dem voter Aug 2022	Neither voter Jan 2023	Neither voter Nov 2022	Neither voter Aug 2022
Joe Biden	11%	11%	11%	81%	81%	82%	31%	29%	26%
Donald Trump	74%	75%	81%	15%	13%	14%	30%	34%	39%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	**	**	69%	**	**	22%	**	**
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	9%	15%	10%	55%	55%	63%	18%	15%	19%
Chuck Schumer	13%	**	**	55%	**	**	14%	**	**
Kevin McCarthy	48%	**	**	18%	**	**	14%	**	**
Mitch McConnell	35%	**	**	20%	**	**	16%	**	**
Hakeem Jeffries	10%	**	**	44%	**	**	11%	**	**
Marjorie Taylor Greene	31%	30%	32%	17%	16%	16%	12%	11%	10%
Jim Jordan	35%	**	**	14%	**	**	12%	**	**
Steve Scalise	33%	**	**	16%	**	**	11%	**	**

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Q7 and Q8 were asked of Democratic voters; Q9 and Q10 were asked of Republican voters

7. Do you feel Democratic Party leaders hold views that are more liberal than you, more conservative than you, or about in line with your views?
9. Do you feel Republican Party leaders hold views that are more conservative than you, more liberal than you, or about in line with your views?

	Democrat voters January 2023 (n=843)	Democrat voters November 2022 (n=843)	Democrat voters August 2022 (n=1,031)
More liberal	37%	37%	39%
More conservative	19%	18%	19%
About the same	44%	45%	42%

	Republican voters January 2023 (n=673)	Republican voters November 2022 (n=684)	Republican voters August 2022 (n=800)
More conservative	47%	45%	42%
More liberal	12%	12%	15%
About the same	41%	43%	43%

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8. Thinking about Democratic Party leadership, how much, if at all, do the following traits describe them?
10. Thinking about Republican Party leadership, how much, if at all, do the following traits describe them?

Total Describes them a fair amount

	Republican voters Jan 2023 (n=673)	Democrat voters Jan 2023 (n=843)	Republican voters Nov 2022 (n=684)	Democrat voters Nov 2022 (n=843)	Republican voters Aug 2022 (n=800)	Democrat voters Aug 2022 (n=1,031)
Has strong policy knowledge and expertise	42%	49%	51%	54%	53%	47%
Are willing to use all tools at their disposal to get things done	41%	42%	42%	47%	43%	37%
Fights for the people they represent	41%	49%	49%	53%	47%	48%
Are people like you	39%	43%	42%	46%	46%	40%
Are focused on bringing the country together and finding compromise	39%	45%	39%	52%	41%	45%
Can win elections	34%	46%	39%	54%	49%	38%
Are effective public communicators and campaigners	34%	39%	37%	43%	43%	34%
Is focused on governing more than party politics	31%	39%	**	**	**	**
Can get their legislative agenda advanced in Congress	25%	26%	**	**	**	**
Stands up for the freedom and dignity of all Americans	49%	NA	55%	NA	56%	N/A
Fights against woke corporations and cancel culture	42%	NA	44%	NA	49%	N/A
Significant government experience	NA	53%	NA	56%	N/A	53%
Brings new ideas and solutions	NA	40%	NA	47%	N/A	39%

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11. How closely, if at all, have you followed the events around the election of a Speaker of the House for the current session of Congress (sometimes called the 118th Congress)?

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Very closely	16%	17%	24%	7%
Somewhat closely	35%	43%	43%	19%
Not so closely	27%	26%	24%	31%
Have not followed it at all	22%	13%	9%	43%
<i>Very/Somewhat Closely (Net)</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>67%</i>	<i>26%</i>

12. How much do you approve or disapprove of the selection of Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy as the Speaker of the House for the 118th Congress?

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly approve	11%	23%	7%	4%
Somewhat approve	22%	38%	16%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	10%	24%	12%
Strongly disapprove	19%	5%	38%	13%
Don't know	33%	24%	16%	57%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>33%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>18%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>25%</i>

13. As you may know, Congress required fifteen votes to select a Speaker of the House for the first time in over a century. Do you think the differences within the Republican Party that drove these events are based on...?

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Personal grudges, ambition, and/or ego	39%	34%	56%	27%
Sincere differences on issues of policy and governing	29%	42%	28%	20%
Don't know	32%	24%	16%	54%





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14. Based on everything you know about the election of a Speaker of the House for the 118th Congress, do you think these events have strengthened or weakened the Republican Party?

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Weakened	34%	27%	54%	21%
Strengthened	19%	34%	17%	8%
Had no impact	18%	18%	13%	24%
Don't know	29%	22%	16%	47%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
As a result of the speaker fight, Republicans and President Biden are less likely to get anything done together over the next two years	61%	61%	76%	46%
With how this fight for the speakership worked out, it seems unlikely that Republicans will do any compromising with Democrats over the next two years	58%	57%	74%	42%
Moderate Republicans in Congress should have struck a deal with moderate Democrats to elect a moderate Republican Speaker of the House	48%	43%	66%	35%
The fight over Speaker of the House of Representatives and its consequences have very little to do with my daily life	42%	48%	42%	38%
Kevin McCarthy did the right thing giving into the demands of his Republican opponents	34%	57%	27%	22%





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15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

a. Kevin McCarthy did the right thing giving into the demands of his Republican opponents

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly agree	11%	21%	8%	7%
Somewhat agree	23%	35%	19%	15%
Somewhat disagree	15%	14%	19%	13%
Strongly disagree	15%	6%	31%	7%
Don't know	36%	23%	23%	58%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>22%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>20%</i>

b. With how this fight for the speakership worked out, it seems unlikely that Republicans will do any compromising with Democrats over the next two years

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly agree	26%	18%	43%	17%
Somewhat agree	32%	39%	32%	26%
Somewhat disagree	13%	20%	10%	11%
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	24%	18%	12%	43%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>42%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>18%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>15%</i>

c. As a result of the speaker fight, Republicans and President Biden are less likely to get anything done together over the next two years

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly agree	25%	25%	33%	18%
Somewhat agree	36%	37%	43%	29%
Somewhat disagree	12%	17%	10%	10%
Strongly disagree	5%	6%	4%	4%
Don't know	22%	16%	10%	40%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>46%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>14%</i>





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15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

d. Moderate Republicans in Congress should have struck a deal with moderate Democrats to elect a moderate Republican Speaker of the House

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly agree	20%	15%	33%	11%
Somewhat agree	29%	27%	34%	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%	15%	11%	9%
Strongly disagree	11%	22%	6%	7%
Don't know	29%	20%	16%	48%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>43%</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>17%</i>

e. The fight over Speaker of the House of Representatives and its consequences have very little to do with my daily life

	Total Jan 2023	Republican Voters Jan 2023	Democrat Voters Jan 2023	Neither Voter Jan 2023
Strongly agree	18%	20%	14%	19%
Somewhat agree	25%	28%	27%	19%
Somewhat disagree	25%	30%	27%	19%
Strongly disagree	12%	11%	18%	9%
Don't know	20%	12%	13%	35%
<i>Approve (Net)</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>48%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Disapprove (Net)</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>27%</i>

16. How did you vote in the 2020 presidential election, if at all?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Did not vote	30%	31%	33%
Joe Biden	32%	32%	33%
Donald Trump	29%	29%	30%
Someone else	9%	7%	4%

	Republican Voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Republican voter Aug 2022	Democrat Voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Aug 2022
Did not vote	9%	9%	11%	11%	11%	15%
Joe Biden	7%	5%	5%	77%	81%	77%
Donald Trump	79%	79%	81%	6%	4%	5%
Someone else	5%	6%	3%	6%	4%	4%





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17. How did you vote in the 2022 midterm election in your congressional district, if you voted at all?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022
Did not vote	34%	34%
The Democratic candidate	30%	30%
The Republican candidate	29%	30%
Someone else	7%	6%

	Republican voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022
Did not vote	15%	13%	15%	13%
The Democratic candidate	4%	3%	77%	80%
The Republican candidate	79%	82%	5%	4%
Someone else	2%	2%	3%	3%





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18. Would you describe yourself as a...?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Strong Democrat	16%	17%	16%
Not so strong Democrat	9%	9%	12%
Independent, but lean Democrat	11%	9%	10%
Total independent	16%	17%	14%
Independent, but lean Republican	10%	10%	9%
Not so strong Republican	11%	10%	9%
Strong Republican	14%	15%	17%
Something else	3%	3%	4%
None/Don't know	10%	10%	9%

	Republican Voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Republican voter Aug 2022	Democrat Voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Aug 2022
Strong Democrat	1%	*	*	41%	45%	41%
Not so strong Democrat	*	1%	1%	23%	23%	25%
Independent, but lean Democrat	1%	1%	*	22%	18%	19%
Total independent	7%	7%	5%	7%	8%	9%
Independent, but lean Republican	19%	21%	17%	2%	1%	1%
Not so strong Republican	26%	25%	24%	1%	1%	1%
Strong Republican	42%	42%	50%	1%	1%	1%
Something else	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
None/Don't know	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%

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

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
ABC / CBS / NBC News	19%	20%	20%
Social media	12%	12%	12%
Fox News	12%	12%	12%
Digital or online news	11%	8%	11%
CNN	8%	7%	8%
Public television or radio	5%	5%	4%
Friends and Family	5%	5%	3%
MSNBC	4%	5%	3%
New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today	4%	4%	4%
Your local newspaper	3%	3%	4%
Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	3%	3%	4%
Other	4%	5%	4%
None of these	11%	12%	9%

	Republican Voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Republican voter Aug 2022	Democrat Voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Aug 2022
ABC / CBS / NBC News	16%	17%	18%	28%	26%	26%
Social media	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Fox News	25%	26%	27%	4%	5%	4%
Digital or online news	12%	7%	8%	9%	10%	11%
CNN	4%	2%	3%	15%	14%	13%
Public television or radio	4%	4%	4%	8%	5%	5%
Friends and Family	4%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%
MSNBC	1%	3%	1%	7%	9%	7%
New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today	2%	3%	2%	5%	7%	8%
Your local newspaper	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Conservative news media (e.g., Breitbart, Newsmax, OANN, conservative talk radio)	7%	9%	9%	1%	1%	2%
Other	5%	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%
None of these	7%	7%	7%	4%	6%	4%



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20. How often do you read, watch, or listen to political news?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Multiple times a day	12%	14%	15%
Every day	22%	25%	25%
A few times a week	25%	24%	26%
A few times a month	16%	14%	13%
Never or almost never	20%	18%	18%
Don't know	5%	5%	4%

	Republican Voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Republican voter Aug 2022	Democrat Voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Aug 2022
Multiple times a day	14%	15%	16%	19%	20%	20%
Every day	27%	26%	29%	27%	34%	32%
A few times a week	27%	32%	29%	28%	24%	25%
A few times a month	14%	15%	12%	18%	13%	12%
Never or almost never	15%	11%	12%	7%	8%	9%
Don't know	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%

21. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian?

	Total Jan 2023	Total Nov 2022	Total Aug 2022
Yes	28%	29%	26%
No	72%	71%	74%

	Republican Voter Jan 2023	Republican voter Nov 2022	Republican voter Aug 2022	Democrat Voter Jan 2023	Democrat voter Nov 2022	Democrat voter Aug 2022
Yes	40%	40%	34%	22%	25%	25%
No	60%	60%	66%	78%	75%	75%





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About the Study

These are some of the findings of a USA Today/Ipsos poll, conducted between January 10-11, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 2,010 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample includes 673 Republican voters, 843 Democratic voters, and 494 voters that don't vote for either party or are non-voters.

The sample was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel, partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2021 American Community Survey data, except for 2020 vote history, which comes from the Federal Election Commission. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post-hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, education, and past vote.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 2.7 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=2,010, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 4.2 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 4.6 percentage points for Republican voters, plus or minus 4.1 percentage points for Democratic voters and plus or minus 5.4 percentage points for voters that don't vote for either party or are non-voters.

The results of this poll are trended against the following previous polls:

August 18 – 22, 2022; N=2,345; CI: +/- 4.0

November 15 – 16, 2022; N=2,004; CI: +/- 4.2

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