



### Survey of Likely General Election Voters National

October 28 – 30, 2022 | n=2,015 | ±2.17%



### **Insights & Analysis**

- Voters are incredibly **pessimistic** about the **direction of the country** and its leadership.
- **Republicans retain the voter enthusiasm advantage,** with 58% of Republicans rating their interest in the election as a 10 (out of 10) compared to only 51% of Democrats (a 7-point difference). Independent "10" interest rose slightly to 45% from mid-October.
- The generic ballot has now increased to R+3 the second-largest shift we've had all year – and up from D+1 in September. Independents maintain their GOP preference at R+9. Republicans have maintained their standing with female voters, holding steady at -4.
- A check-and-balance Republican on Biden moves further ahead to an R+7 advantage and crossing the 50% threshold.
- **Democrats** (10%) are **more likely to consider voting for a Republican** on the ballot than Republicans (9%), but that exception is reserved for state-level races like Governor and Attorney General.
- President **Biden's image has continued to worsen** (-13% net fav), and he is the most intensely unfavorable that he has been this year.
- Inflation remains the overwhelming top issue, **dipping slightly**; it's still distantly followed by **abortion** and **illegal immigration**. Republicans are most concerned about inflation followed by immigration. Democrats are most concerned about inflation followed by abortion. Independents chose inflation and then are split between abortion and illegal immigration as a second issue.
- Engagement in this cycle because of the *Dobbs* decision hit its plateau in September and has not risen since. College voters have become more engaged while Independents are split.
- Economic confidence keeps falling, remaining low after rebounding slightly since June. Even Democrats and seniors are now split. Personal financial outlook has also shifted in an even more negative trend among these same more Democratic groups.



#### Women, older voters, and Dems are most likely to vote ABEV



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Vote in-person on Election Day	51%	51%	44%	37%	42%	49%	42%	41%	61%	64%	69%	49%	27%	27%	56%	33%	41%	43%	45%	42%	47%	42%	58%	52%	36%	26%	53%	56%	51%	42%
Vote early in-person	16%	27%	23%	21%	18%	19%	27%	21%	17%	15%	10%	34%	37%	11%	20%	23%	21%	23%	21%	23%	21%	22%	22%	17%	22%	26%	23%	11%	22%	22%
Vote absentee by mail	22%	13%	19%	21%	21%	18%	15%	20%	10%	11%	14%	4%	16%	38%	15%	22%	21%	18%	19%	18%	17%	21%	13%	17%	22%	22%	19%	30%	16%	19%
Already voted by absentee ballot or early voting	11%	9%	14%	22%	19%	14%	16%	18%	11%	10%	7%	12%	19%	23%	9%	21%	17%	16%	15%	16%	16%	15%	7%	14%	19%	26%	4%	3%	11%	17%
Definitely vote in-person on Election Day	48%	46%	42%	35%	33%	47%	39%	38%	57%	57%	67%	46%	24%	23%	52%	31%	37%	39%	42%	40%	43%	38%	54%	48%	34%	25%	39%	54%	45%	39%
Probably vote in-person on Election Day	3%	5%	3%	2%	9%	3%	3%	3%	4%	7%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	3%	1%	15%	2%	6%	3%
Definitely vote early in-person	12%	23%	19%	17%	16%	15%	25%	18%	15%	14%	8%	29%	33%	8%	18%	19%	18%	20%	18%	20%	18%	18%	20%	13%	18%	22%	18%	6%	18%	19%
Probably vote early in-person	4%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Definitely vote absentee by mail	19%	12%	18%	18%	18%	16%	13%	17%	9%	9%	13%	3%	14%	34%	13%	19%	18%	16%	17%	15%	15%	19%	12%	16%	20%	18%	18%	27%	11%	17%
Probably vote absentee by mail	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	1%	4%	5%	2%

How do you plan to vote in the November general election for Congress and other state elections?



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#### **Trend: Vote Method**





#### Republican interest (+7) in the election outpaces Democrats; seniors are less interested across party lines



Compared to prior elections, how enthusiastic or not are you to vote this November with 10 being incredibly enthusiastic and 1 being not enthusiastic at all?



#### **Trend: Enthusiasm**





## Over two-thirds of voters say country is on wrong track, including Independents; Dems under age 65 are split



Generally speaking, would you say things in the United States are headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?



### Trend: US RD/WT





## Generic ballot moves to R+3 as post-*Dobbs* sentiment continues to cool, and inflation remains the driving issue



If the general election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you be voting for the Republican or Democratic candidate for Congress?



### Republicans skyrocket in generic preference and achieve 50%



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#### **Generic Ballot Change: October 21 to October 30**

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Republican candidate												-3%	1%	8%	-1%	2%	3%	-3%								
Democratic candidate	-6%	2%	3%	6%	-12%	-14%	3%	9%	10%	5%	-5%	5%	0%	-7%	1%	-2%	3%	2%	-2%	-1%	0%	3%	2%	-1%	-5%	5%
Definitely the Republican candidate	18%	10%	-2%	1%	18%	14%	1%	-7%	-7%	-1%	10%	-1%	7%	13%	5%	3%	9%	-1%	10%	9%	4%	0%	5%	5%	5%	-2%
Probably the Republican candidate	-7%	-10%	1%	-4%	-9%	-1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-5%	-1%	-6%	-5%	-6%	-1%	-6%	-2%	-5%	-6%	-2%	-2%	-7%	-4%	-1%	-1%
Probably the Democratic candidate	-12%	-6%	-4%	-2%	-10%	-5%	-1%	2%	-5%	-2%	-5%	-1%	-5%	-7%	0%	-8%	-6%	-1%	-6%	-8%	-4%	0%	0%	-1%	-10%	1%
Definitely the Democratic candidate	6%	8%	7%	7%	-2%	-9%	5%	7%	15%	7%	1%	5%	5%	0%	1%	6%	9%	4%	4%	7%	4%	2%	2%	1%	6%	4%
Unsure	-5%	-2%	-2%	-3%	3%	1%	-2%	1%	-2%	-2%	0%	-2%	-1%	-1%	0%	-1%	-6%	1%	-3%	-2%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	-2%



# Undecideds on the generic ballot lean Democrat when pushed; undecided Independents are split



Let's say you had to make pick today, but you weren't held to it, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for Congress?



## Republicans gain on generic ballot overall, and continuing to weaken Democrat's hold on female voters



**Overall (%Rep-%Dem)** 

Females (%Rep-%Dem)



June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Oct
'21	'21	'21	'21	'21	'21	'21	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	21	30
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June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Oct
'21	'21	21	'21	'21	'21	'21	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	'22	21	30
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#### Independents continue to break for Republicans; collegeeducated voters remain solidly Democrat



#### Indies (%Rep-%Dem)

College (%Rep-%Dem)





## Nearly 80% of both Republicans and Democrats plan to vote for their party straight-ticket



Though you are planning to vote for the Republican candidate, are there any Democratic candidates you might consider voting for as well? Please select all that apply.



#### Democrats slightly more likely to flip GOP for statewide races



Though you are planning to vote for the Democratic candidate, are there any Republican candidates you might consider voting for as well? Please select all that apply.



## Voters believe by R+22 that their neighbors are more likely to vote Republican, a 13-point increase since early-October



How do you think your neighbors will vote in the election for U.S. Congress: for the Republican or Democratic candidate for Congress?



## Biden's image continues to fall as negative sentiment intensifies





Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Joe Biden?

#### **Trend: Joe Biden Image**





#### Trump's image underwater after being positive in early-October, falling with Independents and \$100k+ earners





Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Trump?

#### **Trend: Donald Trump Image**





## Inflation far outpaces abortion including among Independents, frequent voters, and women; Democrats are split



Which one of the following issues do you believe should be the top priority for your elected officials?



## Inflation concern dips in recent months as abortion remains low; securing border surpasses abortion after October dip





### **Top Priority Change: October 21 to October 30**

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Fighting inflation and rebuilding the economy	-11%	-9%	-9%	-12%	4%	8%	0%	-11%	-17%	-3%	-5%	-8%	-8%	-1%	-2%	-11%	-1%	-5%	-6%	-8%	-4%	-4%	2%	-10%	-11%	-10%
Securing our borders and stopping illegal immigration	11%	0%	1%	1%	-3%	2%	2%	7%	2%	-2%	0%	3%	4%	4%	5%	-1%	4%	-2%	5%	4%	2%	-1%	3%	9%	-1%	-1%
Addressing the abortion issue	2%	-2%	4%	3%	-3%	-3%	-4%	-1%	1%	2%	-2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	1%	0%	-1%	1%	0%	-1%
Addressing climate change and protecting the environment	5%	3%	-1%	2%	6%	1%	-1%	2%	-1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-1%	5%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-2%	1%	6%	1%
Reducing crime and protecting public safety	0%	2%	-1%	1%	-1%	-4%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	6%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	0%	0%	1%
Expanding access to affordable healthcare	-3%	5%	2%	3%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	8%	-1%	0%	1%	0%	-1%	-1%	1%	0%	3%	-1%	0%	1%	1%	-1%	0%	1%	3%
Ensuring election integrity and security	-1%	2%	3%	2%	7%	4%	1%	5%	5%	0%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	6%	0%	2%	4%	5%	1%	4%	2%	1%	5%	6%
Implementing gun control	1%	1%	0%	1%	-1%	-3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-1%	2%	-1%	1%	-1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	-1%	-1%	2%	0%
Strengthening our national defense	-3%	0%	1%	1%	-2%	0%	0%	-2%	1%	0%	-3%	0%	1%	-1%	-1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%
Protecting public health against the coronavirus pandemic	-2%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-3%	1%	0%	2%	0%	-1%	0%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%
Unsure	1%	-1%	0%	-1%	-2%	1%	0%	1%	-1%	1%	2%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%



#### Independents, frequent voters, women 50-64, and noncollege-educated voters prefer GOP check-and-balance







#### **Contrast Ballot Trend**





## Majority of voters say economy is getting worse, especially among Independents, frequent voters, and non-college voters







#### **Trend: Economic Perception**





#### Pessimism increases about financial outlook, including Independents, non-college voters, and across income levels







#### **Trend: Personal Financial Outlook**





## Gas prices are hurting voters' finances, even if they are not going up in their area







#### **Dobbs continues to have less and less impact as time passes** from the cycle-changing Supreme Court Decision



Earlier this year, abortion was not a major focus of the election. Then the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade with the Dobbs decision. Did the Dobbs decision make you more engaged, less engaged, or make no difference on your election engagement this year?



#### **Trend: Dobbs Impact**



























### **Demographics**



#### Education



have at least a College degree

58.0% have no college degree

#### Partisanship



#### Age Range



#### Race



#### Ideology



#### **Household Income**



#### Religion



#### Geo - Region



