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\*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?  
Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/10/21	41	19	22	53	10	44	6
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Biden is handling [ITEM]?

11/10/21 - Summary table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. the economy	39	55	6
b. the coronavirus pandemic	47	49	4

Trend:

a. the economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/10/21	39	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	6
9/1/21	45	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	5
4/21/21	52	33	19	41	8	33	7

b. the coronavirus pandemic

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
11/10/21	47	NA	NA	49	NA	NA	4
9/1/21	52	NA	NA	41	NA	NA	6
6/30/21	62	NA	NA	31	NA	NA	7
4/21/21	64	46	18	31	8	22	11

3. Do you support or oppose the federal government spending one trillion dollars on roads, bridges and other infrastructure?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
11/10/21	63	32	5

Compare to:

Given what you know about it, do you support or oppose the two-trillion dollar infrastructure development plan that the Biden administration has proposed?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
4/21/21	52	35	12

4. Do you support or oppose the federal government spending about two trillion dollars to address climate change and to create or expand preschool, health care and other social programs?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
11/10/21	58	37	6

Compare to:

From what you've heard or read about it, do you support or oppose the federal government spending three and a half trillion dollars on new or expanded social programs, educational assistance and programs to address climate change? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/1/21	53	34	19	41	10	31	6

5. Biden has been president for about ten months. Would you say he has accomplished a great deal during that time, a good amount, not very much or little or nothing?

	Grt deal/Good amount			-- Not much/nothing --			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Little or nothing	No opinion
11/10/21	35	8	27	63	18	45	2

Trump:

1/18/18*	37	18	19	60	23	37	3
11/1/17	35	12	23	65	22	43	1
4/20/17	42	16	27	56	21	35	2

Obama:

1/15/12	47	12	35	52	25	27	1
1/15/10	47	12	35	52	30	22	1
10/18/09	49	14	35	50	27	23	1
4/24/09	63	24	39	36	21	15	1

Clinton:

8/16/94	36	6	30	64	39	25	*
1/23/94	47	11	36	53	33	19	1
4/26/93	37	5	32	63	38	25	*

\*Question updated for passage of time

6. Is Biden keeping most of his major campaign promises, or not?

	Yes	No	Some (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21	31	51	4	14

Trump:

11/1/17	35	55	4	5
4/20/17	44	41	8	7

Obama:

1/15/10	41	46	8	4
4/24/09	60	26	8	6

Clinton:

5/15/94	37	48	11	5
1/23/94	37	46	7	10
4/26/93	42	50	6	2

7. How concerned are you, if at all, that Biden will do too much to increase the size and role of government in U.S. society? Are you very concerned about that, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	--- More concerned ---			---- Less concerned ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
11/10/21	59	39	20	38	16	22	3
4/21/21	53	32	21	45	22	23	2

Thinking about the economy,

8. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
11/10/21	29	2	26	70	33	38	1
4/21/21	42	4	38	58	37	20	1
9/24/20	40	9	31	59	37	22	1
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1
3/29/15	40	2	38	59	40	19	1
1/15/15	41	3	39	58	40	18	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1
3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12 RV	18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1

6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*	
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*	
9/26/04	RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04		46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04		45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04		43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04		39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04		42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03		42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03		33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03		30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03		32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03		35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03		28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03		25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02		35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02	LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02	LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02	LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02		31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02		39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02		30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02		31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01		38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01		33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01		50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01		50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01		70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00	LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00		74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00		80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99		74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99		76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99		80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98		73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98	LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97		61	12	49	39	27	11	*

\*Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation

9. How much if at all do you blame Biden for the current rate of inflation, meaning rising prices - a great deal, a good amount, not much or not at all?

	Grt deal/Good amount			- Not much/at all -			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
11/10/21	48	34	14	50	29	21	2

10. (ASK IF HAVE CHILD UNDER 18) How confident are you that the coronavirus vaccines are [ITEM] - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

11/10/21 - Summary table

	- More confident -			--- Less confident ---			Depends which (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not so	At all		
a. safe for children ages 5 to 17	46	21	25	52	11	41	1	1
b. effective at								

preventing serious illness and death in children ages 5 to 17 47 26 21 52 13 38 \* 1

Compare to:

How confident are you that the coronavirus vaccines are [ITEM] - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

9/1/21 - Summary table

	- More confident -			---- Less confident ----			Depends	No
	NET	Very	Smwht	NET	Not so	Not at all	which (vol.)	op.
a. safe	71	43	28	27	12	15	*	1
b. effective at preventing serious illness and death	72	43	29	27	11	15	*	1

Questions 11-14 held for release.

Changing topics...

15. Do you think global warming, also known as climate change, is a serious problem facing this country, or not a serious problem? (IF SERIOUS) Would you say it's a very serious problem, or a problem but not a very serious one?

	----- Serious -----			Not a serious	No
	NET	Very	Not very	problem	opinion
11/10/21	67	57	10	31	2
11/19/15	63	52	12	36	1
6/1/14	69	57	12	29	2

16. Do you think global warming is (an urgent problem that requires immediate government action), or (a longer-term problem that requires more study before government action is taken)?

	Urgent problem	Longer-term problem	Not a problem (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21	45	49	5	2
6/11/18*	53	44	NA	3
9/27/05	41	47	6	6
6/5/05	38	58	3	1

\*ABC/Stanford/RFF

17. Do you think the federal government should or should not regulate the release of greenhouse gases from sources like power plants, cars and factories in an effort to reduce global warming? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Should -----			----- Should not -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
11/10/21	70	48	23	24	8	16	5
8/5/12*	74	51	23	21	8	13	5
6/6/10	71	52	19	26	7	19	4
12/13/09	65	50	15	29	9	20	6
6/21/09	75	53	22	22	9	13	3
4/24/09	75	54	21	21	9	12	4

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Thinking about the midterm elections next year...

18. Right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress in the next election, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21	26	58	5	10
11/1/17	26	60	6	8
10/12/14	24	58	5	14
9/7/14	23	67	3	8
4/27/14	22	66	4	8
3/2/14	22	68	3	8
1/23/14	27	63	3	7
10/20/13	24	66	4	6
2/4/12	34	53	3	9
11/3/11	31	59	3	8
7/17/11	30	63	2	5
6/5/11	34	55	4	6
10/28/10	32	50	7	11
10/3/10	29	55	9	7
9/2/10	31	58	5	6
7/11/10	25	60	6	8
6/6/10	29	60	5	6
4/25/10 RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10	36	56	4	4
11/15/09	38	50	6	5
5/15/06	35	55	6	4
6/5/05	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	40	48	7	6
10/31/99	41	47	8	3
9/28/99	44	46	NA	10
7/12/98	42	44	5	10
1/19/98	47	41	7	4
8/27/97	34	52	9	5
11/6/94 RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	35	56	2	7
10/23/94	32	58	4	6
9/11/94	36	53	4	7
6/26/94	35	54	6	5
3/27/94	32	56	6	7
1/23/94	32	46	10	12
11/14/93	38	52	5	5
8/21/92 RV	35	48	5	12
7/8/92	34	54	3	9
6/7/92	36	53	4	7
4/9/92	33	56	3	8
3/18/92	35	56	3	5
3/11/92	36	54	3	7
2/2/92	38	51	4	7
10/21/91	31	55	7	6
6/2/91	37	49	5	9
11/4/90 LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90	36	57	"	7
5/21/90	43	50	3	3
5/23/89	45	44	4	6

19. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21	41	51	1	4	*	4
11/1/18	50	43	1	3	1	3
10/11/18	53	42	*	2	*	3
8/29/18	52	38	1	3	0	6
4/11/18	47	43	1	3	*	5
1/18/18	51	39	1	2	1	6
11/1/17	51	40	1	3	1	4
10/24/16 LV	47	46	1	1	1	4
10/13/16	48	42	1	3	1	5
5/19/16	45	45	*	3	1	6
10/26/14	47	44	1	2	1	5
10/12/14	46	44	1	3	1	5
9/7/14	46	44	1	4	1	4
6/1/14	47	45	1	3	1	4
4/27/14	45	44	1	2	1	7
3/2/14	46	45	1	3	*	5
1/23/14	45	46	1	3	1	5
12/15/13	47	45	1	4	1	3
10/20/13	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10*	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5
12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6
7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02**	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	45	46		2	1	5
10/31/99	50	43		3	1	3
9/2/99	48	44		3	*	5
3/14/99	50	41		2	1	6
2/14/99	48	41		3	1	7
1/30/99	49	39		8	1	3
11/1/98	51	43		4	*	2
10/25/98	48	43		3	1	4
10/18/98	49	44		3	1	4
9/28/98	49	44		2	*	4
9/13/98	49	43		3	1	4
8/21/98	48	45		3	1	3
7/12/98	47	45		2	*	6
1/31/98	49	40		2	1	8
1/19/98	47	44		3	1	5
10/8/96	51	41		2	1	5
9/29/96	48	41		3	1	7
9/22/96	50	43		2	1	4

9/15/96	49	45	1	1	4
9/4/96	48	44	3	*	5
8/29/96	53	39	3	1	5
8/28/96	51	40	3	1	5
8/27/96	51	41	3	0	5
8/26/96	51	41	3	0	5
8/25/96	48	43	3	1	6
8/24/96	47	43	2	1	6
8/19/96	49	42	3	0	6
8/18/96	45	46	3	0	6
8/15/96	46	43	4	1	5
8/14/96	48	42	3	1	6
8/13/96	49	43	3	0	5
8/12/96	49	42	3	1	5
8/11/96	49	40	4	1	6
8/10/96	49	41	4	1	5
8/5/96	48	45	2	1	4
6/30/96	49	44	3	*	3
5/22/96	52	41	3	1	3
3/17/96	48	48	2	*	2
3/10/96	51	43	2	*	4
1/21/96	52	43	3	1	1
11/13/95	51	43	4	*	2
10/1/95	49	44	3	*	3
11/6/94	47	42	5	2	5
10/31/94	48	44	4	1	3
10/23/94	50	45	2	1	2
10/9/94	46	47	3	2	2
9/11/94	50	45	1	1	4
8/7/94	49	42	4	1	4
3/27/94	49	35	6	1	9
2/27/94	50	40	8	1	2
10/21/91	51	41	4	*	4
7/28/91	49	41	6	*	3
6/2/91	48	42	4	1	5
11/4/90	51	41	5	*	3
10/14/90	50	41	5	*	3
9/9/90	47	46	3	*	3
7/24/90	51	41	4	1	4
5/21/90	47	45	5	1	2
10/10/88	52	41	2	1	4
9/19/88	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	53	45	2		1
7/8/84	58	40	2		1
10/27/82	58	39	NA		3
10/11/82	55	36			9
9/13/82	58	36			6
11/22/81	53	41	"	"	7

\*9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)"

\*\*1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded

20. Do you think [ITEM] is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch?

11/10/21 - Summary Table

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
a. the Republican Party	37	58	6
b. the Democratic Party	33	62	5



Trend:

a. the Republican Party

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
11/10/21	37	58	6
8/29/18	31	63	7
4/20/17	32	62	7
3/2/14	28	68	4
4/14/13	23	70	7

b. the Democratic Party

	In touch	Out of touch	No opinion
11/10/21	33	62	5
8/29/18	40	51	9
4/20/17	28	67	6
3/2/14	48	48	4
4/14/13	43	51	6

21. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling education and schools?

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
11/10/21	44	41	1	9	5
5/15/06*	56	33	3	6	3
11/2/05	55	32	4	7	2
12/15/02	49	40	4	5	2
10/27/02 LV	44	45	4	3	3
9/26/02	46	39	4	5	6
9/1/02**	40	39	6	6	9
7/15/02***	41	41	4	7	7
1/27/02	40	45	8	4	3
4/22/01	48	40	5	5	3
9/28/98	56	35	NA	NA	9
7/12/98	52	31	5	5	7
1/19/98	54	34	4	5	3
7/8/97	51	30	5	9	4
10/23/94	45	30	6	13	6
9/11/94	48	33	6	8	5
2/27/94	53	28	5	11	3
2/2/92	55	29	6	5	5
12/15/91	47	31	6	10	6
3/4/91	39	41	8	9	4
1/16/90	45	36	7	9	3

\*5/15/06 and previous: "handling education?"

\*\*Post-KFF-Harvard

\*\*\*7/15/02 and previous: "improving education and the schools"

22. Thinking about your local school district, do you think policies relating to the coronavirus pandemic (have been too strict), (have not been strict enough), or have been about right?

	Too strict	Not strict enough	About right	No opinion
11/10/21	25	16	53	5

23. How much say should parents have in what their child's school teaches - a lot, some, not much or not at all?

	--- A lot/Some ----			Not much/Not at all			
	NET	A lot	Some	NET	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
11/10/21	81	48	33	17	12	5	2

24. How much do you think public schools should teach about how the history of racism affects America today - a great deal, a good amount, not so much or not at all?

	Grt deal/Good amount			Not much/Not at all			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Not at all	No opinion
11/10/21	70	38	32	27	16	11	3

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
11/10/21	27	26	37	6	4
9/1/21	30	24	36	6	4
6/30/21	30	24	37	5	4
4/21/21	33	24	35	6	3
1/13/21	31	25	36	5	3
10/9/20	30	27	35	4	4

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#### METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landlines and cellular phone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 250 interviews completed on landlines and 751 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 565 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Post-ABC national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.3 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's

deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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Group	sample size	Error margin
National adults	1,001	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	882	4
Have children under 18 in home	240	7.5

