

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
WAVE 113 AUGUST 2022
FINAL TOPLINE
August 1-14, 2022
N=7,647**

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SATIS AND LIFE1]

ASK ALL:

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Aug 1-14, 2022	18	81	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	24	75	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	21	78	1
Sep 20-26, 2021	25	74	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	74	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	33	66	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ¹	32	68	0
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	0

¹ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SATIS AND LIFE1]**ASK ALL:**

LIFE1 Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going IN YOUR LIFE today?

Aug 1-14,
2022

67	Satisfied
32	Dissatisfied
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going IN YOUR LIFE today?

Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>		Jan 9- Jan 23 <u>2016</u>	Apr 29- May 27 <u>2014</u>
18	Very satisfied	15	17
63	Mostly satisfied	67	64
15	Mostly dissatisfied	14	15
3	Very dissatisfied	4	4
<1	No answer	0	1

ASK ALL:

POL1JB Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

ASK IF ANSWERED POL1JB (POL1JB=1,2):POL1JBSTR Do you [**IF POL1DT=1**: approve; **IF POL1DT=2**: disapprove] of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president..

	NET Approve	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>	NET Disapprove	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer</i>
Aug 1-14, 2022	37	17	19	1	60	39	20	*	3
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	37	18	18	1	62	45	16	1	2
Mar 7-13, 2022	43	n/a	n/a	n/a	55	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	41	21	19	1	56	39	18	*	3
Sep 13-19, 2021	44	27	17	*	53	38	15	1	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	55	n/a	n/a	n/a	43	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	59	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Mar 1-7, 2021	54	38	15	1	42	29	12	1	4

See past presidents' approval trends: [Donald Trump](#), [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

ASK ALL:BIDENDESC How well does each of the following describe Joe Biden? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Very well</u>	<u>Fairly well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer</u>
MDL	A good role model					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	17	28	22	33	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	29	29	18	23	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	22	30	23	23	2
	June 16-22, 2020	14	31	24	28	2
ORD	Cares about the needs of ordinary people					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	20	28	20	31	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	24	29	19	27	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	30	15	23	*
	June 16-22, 2020	20	33	22	23	2
MENT	Mentally sharp					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	9	26	23	41	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	20	34	17	29	*
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	13	33	22	31	1
STND	Stands up for what he believes in					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	20	34	23	21	2
	Sep 13-19, 2021	28	33	19	20	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	32	34	17	16	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	26	35	21	16	2
HON	Honest					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	18	30	21	30	2
	Sep 13-19, 2021	20	30	21	28	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	25	32	20	23	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	20	32	23	24	2
	June 16-22, 2020	13	33	25	28	2
	Feb 4-15, 2020	12	24	19	44	1
INSP	Inspiring					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	9	22	28	40	1

ASK ALL:

MIDCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to the congressional elections coming up in November?

Aug 1-14,
2022

28	A lot
34	Some
24	Not much
14	Not at all
*	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2020?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
2020 election					
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	56	27	11	5	*
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	29	16	8	1
June 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sept 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-June 6, 2016	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ²	26	40	23	11	*

ASK ALL:

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2022 congressional election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>		2022 Congressional Election		2018 Congressional Election		
		Mar 7-13, <u>2022</u>	Sep 13-19, <u>2021</u>	Sep 24-Oct 7, <u>2018</u>	Jul 30-Aug 12, <u>2018</u>	Jan 29-Feb 13, <u>2018</u>
58	1 = Really matters which party wins control of Congress	53	60	57	62	57
18	2	22	18	20	17	19
11	3	11	9	11	10	10
13	4 = Doesn't really matter which party wins control of Congress	13	12	12	10	12
1	No answer	1	1	1	*	1

² W10 (March 10 – April 6, 2015) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=6,929]:

CONG If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held TODAY, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

ASK IF CONG=4 OR REFUSED [N=1,490]:

CONGA As of TODAY, do you lean more to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,681]:

		2022		2018			2014		
		Congressional Election		Congressional Election³			Congressional Election		
Aug 1-14, 2022		March 7-13, 2022	Sep 13-19, 2021	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	Oct 3-27, 2014	Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	May 30-Jun 30, 2014
42	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district	43	40	38	39	38	39	42	38
44	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district	43	45	47	46	47	43	47	42
4	Another/Lean to another candidate	4	5	4	5	5	4	5	5
10	Not sure	10	10	11	10	10	12	6	14
*	No answer		*	*	*	*	*	*	*

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=6,929]:

POL10 Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,681]:

Aug 1-14, 2022		Mar 7-13, 2022 ⁴
19	A vote FOR Biden	24
31	A vote AGAINST Biden	36
49	Biden is not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	38
1	No answer	1

³ In 2018, CONG and CONGA were not asked of respondents who lived in the District of Columbia.

⁴ Prior asks of POL10 in [2018 and earlier](#) were conducted by telephone. As a result, previous estimates are not directly comparable.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM]**ASK ALL:**

EMTCONGREP How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF SAMPLE, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF SAMPLE]**

Aug 1-14,
2022

11	Excited
31	Relieved
38	Disappointed
14	Angry
5	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

EMTCONGREP How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Sep 24-
Oct 7,
2018

11	Excited
30	Relieved
42	Disappointed
13	Angry
4	No answer

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM]**ASK ALL:**

EMTCONGDEM How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGREP]**

Aug 1-14,
2022

9	Excited
39	Relieved
35	Disappointed
12	Angry
5	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

EMTCONGDEM How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Sep 24-
Oct 7,
2018

17	Excited
38	Relieved
34	Disappointed
7	Angry
4	No answer

ASK ALL:

ISSUECONG How important are each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2022 congressional election?⁵ **[RANDOMIZE SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=5,681]:

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
[SCREEN 1]						
ISSUECONG_ABTN	Abortion					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	56	24	12	7	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	43	29	18	10	1
	Oct 6-12, 2020	44	28	19	9	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	28	19	13	1
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	Sep 18-24, 2018	53	23	11	11	2
	Jun 15-26, 2016	45	26	17	9	3
	Sep 22-27, 2015	41	31	13	12	2
	Sep 2-9, 2014	46	24	11	16	3
	Sep 12-16, 2012	46	24	13	14	3
	Apr 4-15, 2012	39	25	14	18	4
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	24	13	17	3
	Mid-Oct, 2008	41	29	16	12	2
	Aug, 2008	39	26	17	15	3
	Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3
	Oct, 2007	39	26	17	13	5
	Jun, 2007	40	30	13	14	3
	Mid-Oct, 2004	47	27	12	11	3
	Aug, 2004	45	25	13	14	3
ISSUECONG_EDUC	Education					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	58	32	7	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	33	5	2	*
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	Jun 15-26, 2016	66	24	7	3	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	69	23	5	3	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	72	21	5	2	*
	Mid-Oct, 2008	73	21	4	2	*
	Aug, 2008	73	20	5	1	1
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	1	1
	Oct, 2007	75	21	2	1	1
	Mid-Oct, 2004	75	20	3	2	*
	Aug, 2004	70	26	3	1	*
ISSUECONG_CRIM	Violent crime					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	60	28	9	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	56	32	9	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	27	10	4	*
ISSUECONG_RCE	Issues around race and ethnicity					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	35	31	20	13	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	35	31	21	13	1

⁵ In presidential election years (i.e., 2020, 2016, etc.), the question asked about the upcoming presidential election. In congressional election midterm years (i.e., 2018, 2014, etc.), question asked about upcoming congressional election.

ISSUECONG CONTINUED...		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,831]:						
ISSUECONG_GOV	Size and scope of the federal government					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	42	37	15	5	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	43	38	15	4	*
ISSUECONG_VOTING	Voting policies					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	59	28	9	3	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	61	29	7	2	*
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,850]:						
ISSUECONG_COV	The coronavirus outbreak					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	28	32	24	15	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	33	34	22	12	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	55	25	14	6	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	62	22	10	5	*
ISSUECONG_ENG	Energy policy					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	53	36	8	3	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	32	7	2	*
[SCREEN 2]						
ASK ALL:						
ISSUECONG_ECON	The economy					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	77	19	2	1	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	78	19	2	1	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	74	23	3	1	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	17	2	1	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	74	23	2	1	*
	Jun 15-26, 2016	84	13	1	1	*
	Sep 22-27, 2015	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	87	11	1	1	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	86	11	1	1	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	90	9	1	*	*
	Mid-Oct, 2008	91	7	2	*	*
	Aug, 2008	87	12	1	*	*
	Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1
	Oct, 2007	79	18	1	1	1
	Jun, 2007	74	22	2	1	1
	Mid-Oct, 2004	78	18	3	1	*
	Aug, 2004	76	22	1	1	*
ISSUECONG_GUN	Gun Policy					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	62	25	9	4	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	54	29	12	5	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	55	29	13	4	*

ISSUECONG CONTINUED...		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ISSUECONG_HEALTH	Health care					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	60	29	7	3	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	60	31	7	2	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	65	26	7	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	24	6	2	*
ISSUECONG_IMM	Immigration					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	48	35	14	3	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	49	35	12	3	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	34	10	3	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	65	25	6	3	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	70	21	6	2	1
	Sep 22-27, 2015	59	31	6	3	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	5	5	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	41	37	13	6	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	42	35	15	6	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	58	29	8	4	1
	Mid-Oct, 2008	49	32	13	5	1
	Aug, 2008	52	33	10	4	1
	Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2
	Oct, 2007	56	31	7	4	2
	Jun, 2007	54	34	7	3	2
ISSUECONG_CLIM	Climate change					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	40	26	16	18	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	40	26	18	15	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	42	26	18	14	*
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,831]:						
ISSUECONG_FP	Foreign policy					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	45	44	8	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	35	5	1	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	51	40	7	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	35	6	2	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Jun 15-26, 2016	75	19	3	1	1
	Sep 22-27, 2015	64	29	3	2	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	64	26	4	4	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	31	5	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,850]:						
ISSUECONG_SCOTUS	Supreme court appointments					
	Aug 1-14, 2022	58	28	10	3	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	56	30	11	3	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	63	26	9	3	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	64	26	8	2	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	76	17	4	3	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	65	22	8	3	2

ASK ALL:

ELECT_CONFCONG

Thinking about the congressional election this November, how confident, if at all, are you that... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. The election will be conducted fairly and accurately					
Aug 1-14, 2022	25	39	24	11	1
Mar 7-13, 2022	23	40	25	11	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	14	45	28	13	1
b. All citizens who want to vote in the election will be able to					
Aug 1-14, 2022	33	40	20	6	1
Mar 7-13, 2022	33	38	22	7	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	25	39	24	12	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

INSTFAV

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No answer
	NET	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	NET	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	
c. Congress							
Aug 1-14, 2022	31	3	27	66	19	47	3
Jan 10-17, 2022	28	2	26	70	22	48	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	36	3	33	61	17	44	2
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	35	4	31	63	17	45	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	33	3	30	65	20	45	2
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	35	3	32	64	19	45	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

TRUMPFUT

Next,

Would you, personally, like to see Donald Trump continue to be a major national political figure for many years to come?

IF YES (TRUMPFUT=1):

TRUMPFUT2

Thinking about the 2024 presidential election, which comes closer to your view?

[RANDOMIZE]**BASED ON TOTAL:**

Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>		Sep 13-19 <u>2021</u>	Jan 8-12 <u>2021</u>
31	Yes	33	29
19	Donald Trump should run for president himself	21	--
12	Donald Trump should support another presidential candidate who shares his views	12	--
1	No answer	*	--
66	No	65	68
2	No answer	2	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY [S]

In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE OR REFUSED [PARTY=3,4 OR refused]:

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...⁶**BASED ON BOTH ATP AND KP SAMPLE:**

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
27	31	26	14	2	16	20

⁶ PARTY and PARTYLN asked of ATP panelists in a prior wave. Knowledge Panel members asked PARTY and PARTYLN in this survey