



Grinnell College

National Poll

Study #2258
 1,000 U.S. adults ages 18 and over,
 Including 739 likely voters in the 2022 general election
 Margin of error: ±3.1 percentage points
 Margin of error on likely voters: ±3.6 percentage points

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Weighted by sex, age, and race

Shading in gray indicates tracking from previous polls.
 Shading in light green indicates the percentages refer to responses from likely voters rather than general population adults.

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

1. How likely is it you will vote in the 2022 general election—will you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Not sure
Sep-22	71	11	6	10	1

- 1b. **Based on 2022 likely voters, starting second night in the field.** If the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your congressional district: The [DEMOCRATIC] candidate or the [REPUBLICAN] candidate? **(If not sure, ask:)** Which way are you leaning—toward the [REPUBLICAN] candidate or the [DEMOCRATIC] candidate? **(Rotate which party is asked first.)**

	Sample size; Margin of error	Dem cand+ Leaners	Rep cand+ Leaners	Lean Democratic candidate	Lean Democratic Republican candidate	Lean Republican candidate	Lean Republican Other (VOL)	Not sure
Sep-22	n=563; ±4.1% pts.	46	42	44	2	40	3	6

2. I'm going to mention some issues that might be important as you decide how you will vote. For each, please tell me if this is a major factor in your decision, a minor factor, or not much of a factor in how you plan to vote. **(Read list. Rotate. Asked only of likely voters in the 2022 general election; n=739.)**

		Major Factor	Minor Factor	Not much of a Factor	Not Sure
A.	What's happening in public schools	Sep-22 70	21	8	1
B.	Abortion	Sep-22 67	17	15	2
C.	The overall health of American democracy	Sep-22 81	11	5	2
D.	Economy	Sep-22 77	18	5	1

3. I'm going to mention things some people do to be politically active. For each, please tell me if this is something you've done this year, something you have not done this year but intend to do before the November election, or something you have not done and do not intend to. **(Read list. Rotate. Reported out among likely voters in the 2022 general election; n=739.)**

		Done or Intend to do This Year	Done this Year	Not done, Intend to do This Year	Haven't Intend to do	Not Sure
A.	Attend a march or rally	Sep-22 25	13	12	74	1
B.	Give money to a candidate, a party, a political action committee, or some kind of political campaign	Sep-22 34	23	12	64	2
C.	Contact an elected official about an issue of interest	Sep-22 45	30	15	52	3
D.	Volunteer for a political candidate or issue that will be on the ballot in the November election	Sep-22 21	7	14	77	2
E.	Help others register to vote	Sep-22 37	19	18	62	1

4. Which of the following describes your voter registration status? **(Read list.)**

	Currently Registered	Not currently registered	Currently registered, and have been for years	Recently registered	Not registered now, but intend to register before the November election	Not registered and do not intend to before the November election	Not sure
Sep-22	85	13	82	4	5	8	2

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Sep-22	36	51	13
Mar-22	34	52	14
Oct-21	37	50	12

6. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes in the 2022 general election this year will be counted as voters intended—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very/smw confident	Not too/at all confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Not sure
Sep-22	64	31	30	34	19	12	5
Mar-22	60	35	29	31	20	16	5
Oct-21	58	38	30	28	20	18	4
Mar-21	53	44	24	29	23	21	3
Aug-20	62	34	20	42	22	12	4
Mar-20	69	28	27	42	20	8	4
Oct-19	68	28	25	43	18	10	4

7. Thinking about local government programs designed to help people in your community, which of the following approaches is closest to your view of what is fair: **(Read options. Rotate.)**

	Those who are disadvantaged deserve extra assistance from local government	All people deserve the same level of assistance from local government	Not sure
Sep-22	52	41	8

8. For each of the following, please tell me if your view is that it is a right that should be guaranteed to all Americans or if this is best left to elected officials to decide. **(Read list. Rotate.)**

		Guaranteed Right	Best left to Elected Officials	Not Sure
A.	Having an abortion before the 15 th week of pregnancy	Sep-22 69	18	13
B.	Using contraception	Sep-22 86	7	7
C.	Openly carrying a firearm in public	Sep-22 54	36	10
D.	Marrying a person of the same sex	Sep-22 74	13	13

9. **(Code) Q.10 split form: Record the form the respondent hears.**

51 Form A
49 Form B

[FORM A]

- 10a. This is a question about college admissions. Due to disadvantages they face in life, some talented applicants may have lower standardized test scores than similarly talented applicants who do not face such disadvantages. When deciding between two applicants for admission, do you think always admitting the applicant with the better standardized test scores is completely fair, mostly fair, mostly unfair, or completely unfair? **(Form A, n=501. Margin of error: ±4.4 percentage points.)**

	Fair	Unfair	Completely fair	Mostly fair	Mostly unfair	Completely unfair	Not sure
Sep-22	60	35	18	41	26	9	5

[FORM B]

- 10b. This is a question about college admissions. Due to disadvantages they face in life, some talented Black and Hispanic applicants may have lower standardized test scores than similarly talented white applicants who do not face such disadvantages. When deciding between two applicants for admission, do you think always admitting the applicant with the better standardized test scores is completely fair, mostly fair, mostly unfair, or completely unfair? **(Form B, n=499. Margin of error: ±4.4 percentage points.)**

	Fair	Unfair	Completely fair	Mostly fair	Mostly unfair	Completely unfair	Not sure
Sep-22	64	27	21	43	19	8	9

102. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? **(If Republican or Democrat, ask:)** Do you consider yourself a strong [REPUBLICAN/DEMOCRAT]?
(If independent, ask:) Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent?

	Strong Republican	Republican	Lean Republican	Totally independent	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Strong Democrat	Other (VOL)	Refused/not sure
Sep-22	16	8	10	23	10	11	16	3	4

[Identity.]

12. I'm going to read some words and phrases that could describe some Americans. For each, please tell me if this is a word or phrase you would use to describe yourself—just answer yes or no. **(Rotate. Mark all that apply.)**

All	Feminist	MAGA Republican	Supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement	Angry about politics	Libertarian	None of these/not sure (VOL)
Sep-22	38	17	48	57	21	13
Sep-18	36	N/A	N/A	N/A	22	N/A

These final questions are asked just to see what cross-section of U.S. residents we are interviewing.

100a. What is your age? **(RECORD ACTUAL AGE AND CODE WITH APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP. IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, OFFER AGE GROUPS.)**

_____ **b. (CODE PROPER CATEGORY :)**

	Under 25	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 and over	Refused/not sure
Sep-22	12	9	8	7	8	6	9	8	10	23	-

101. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for [Donald Trump] or [Joe Biden], for someone else, or did you not vote? **[Rotate candidate names.]**

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else	Did not vote	Refused/not sure
Sep-22	33	38	5	18	6

103. Do you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal	None of these (VOL)	Refused/Not sure
Sep-22	34	35	25	3	3

104. What is the last grade of school you completed?

	High school graduate or less	Some college	Associate's (two-year) degree	Bachelor's (four-year) degree	Postgraduate work or degree	Refused/not sure
Sep-22	25	21	13	23	18	1

105. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

	Yes	No	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	23	76	1

106. Would you describe the area where you live as a city, a suburb, a town, or a rural area?

	City	Suburb	Town	Rural	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	32	27	18	21	2

107. Which of the following best describes your religious beliefs—Roman Catholic, Protestant, some other kind of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other, or none?

	Roman Catholic	Protestant	Some other kind of Christian	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	16	21	26	2	1	9	23	3

108. **(Ask all.)** Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	25	71	4

109. **(Ask all.)** How often do you attend religious services: **(Read list.)**

	At least once a week	A couple of times a month	A few times a year	Less frequently than once a year	Never	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	26	13	20	15	23	3

110a. With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or some other group?

110b. **(If not Hispanic, ask:)** Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background?

(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Other	Multi-racial (VOL)	Refused/ not sure
Sep-22	61	12	15	3	3	2	1	3

population value by more than plus or minus 3.1 or 3.6 percentage points, respectively. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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