



## America's Views on Public Policy Proposals and Goals

*New Research from The Congressional Institute Shows that House Republicans' Plans to Hold Government Accountable, Lower Gas Prices Through "All of the Above" Energy Strategy, and Cut Taxes and Spend Score High in Survey Resonate with Americans*

New research sponsored by the Congressional Institute is proud to present new research that shows Americans trust Republicans when it comes to key issues like getting our economy back on track, tackling inflation, and taking smart steps to lower gas prices. People are looking for solutions, and the common-sense ones presented in this research are a testament to the House Republican Task Forces that have been developing solutions to the very serious problems our country faces.



In terms of key themes that emerged in the survey, inflation was a priority, with energy, spending and taxes as policy components with the greatest connection to reducing inflation. Securing the supply chain and reducing dependence on Russia and China are concepts that received significant support across the board.



The most credible belief statements tended to be Republican statements, while the least believable statements tended to be Democratic statements. Democratic statements included blaming inflation on the "Putin price hike", that confronting climate change would reduce inflation, and that we should not be drilling for more oil and gas.



The concept of Congressional oversight was also well received across party lines.



Overall, the most effective outcomes were to create a government that works for the people, reduce gas prices, and preserve our freedoms under the Constitution. The most effective proposals included lowering drug costs, strengthening the supply chain, stemming the trafficking of illegal guns, conducting Congressional oversight, providing greater privacy and data security protections, ending dependence on China for critical

supplies, securing the electrical power grid, and pursuing policies to enhance our economic security.



Hispanic voters strongly supported Republican recommendations that support police, and reduce crime in neighborhoods, and preserve our freedoms under the Constitution.

High gas prices were prominent in voters' minds with 53 percent believing the U.S. must maximize "everything" such as drilling, promoting nuclear energy and developing alternative sources to find solutions. The "all of the above" energy strategy that Republicans have espoused for more than a decade does resonate with people and 52 percent believe that it will help lower gas prices and get the supply chain moving.

People also believe that adding trillions of dollars in new spending will further harm the economy. What's more, 50 percent believe that the shutdowns resulting from the pandemic caused inflation, and 58 percent believe that paying people to stay home rather than seeking work will result in more product shortages, small business closures, and rising prices.

Progressives' efforts to cancel student loan debt is also unpopular with voters with 43 percent believing that it would increase inflation. And people want to see accountability for bureaucrats and Big Tech. The survey shows that 58 percent want Congress to exercise its constitutional authority of oversight of the Executive Branch. House Republicans' plans to hold Big Tech accountable will find a welcome reception with 49 percent believing that the social media platforms censor the free speech and views of certain people and organizations.

What's more, 59 percent believe that tax cuts for personal income will increase take-home pay and give people a fighting chance against cost-of-living increases.

**Find the full analysis plus topline from the survey at:**

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*The research was conducted by The Winston Group in an online, national survey of 1,000 voters from June 28 to June 30, 2022.*