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Republican Control of the House of Representatives: A Guide for Advocates







Key Takeaways:

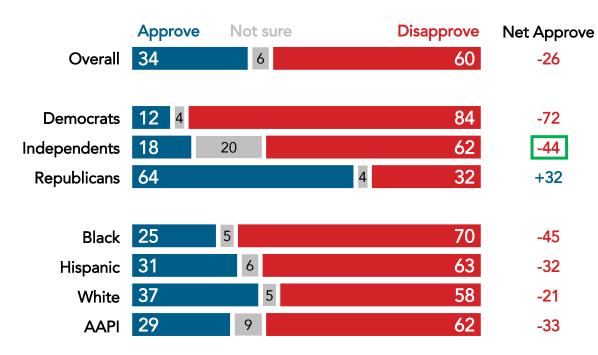
- The most concerning potential outcomes of a House Republican majority include ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare, abortion bans, overturning elections, and preventing Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices.
- Republicans in Congress are deeply underwater on approval, as are Kevin McCarthy, Mitch McConnell, and Marjorie Taylor Greene on favorability.
- A growing majority say the Republican Party is "extreme" as the share who say the same of the Democratic Party is in decline.
- In the lame duck Congress, Americans most intensely support codifying abortion rights and same-sex marriage, as well as banning assault weapons. The "Momnibus" bill and NDAA reauthorization are also popular.



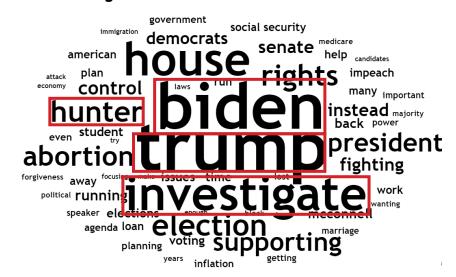
Republicans in Congress Are Deeply Underwater; Concerns About Possible Investigations Emerge in Negative Recall

Republicans in Congress are above water among their own partisans (+32 approval), but all other partisan, racial, and ethnic groups disapprove by double-digit margins, including independents by net -44 (18% approve/62% disapprove).

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling their jobs?

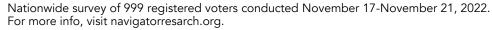


In a few words, what negative things have you seen, read, or heard recently about Republicans in Congress?



"Republicans want to go after Hunter Biden instead of actually trying to fix the country."

"They're so busy trying to impeach Biden and not focusing on the issues of the American people."





Americans Are "Hopeful," "Uneasy," "Worried" About GOP House Control & Say It Will Have an Impact on Them

Republicans drive the share feeling "hopeful" (77%) and "relieved" (63%), though only 45% of Republicans say they are "excited."

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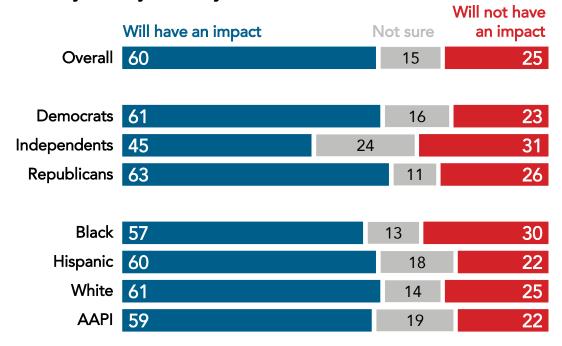
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• Independents are less likely than partisans to believe that Republicans winning the House will have a real impact on their lives (45%, compared to 61% of Democrats and 63% of Republicans).

Below are some emotions some people might feel about the Republican Party winning control of the House of Representatives. Please indicate ALL you feel about this outcome.

> Dem Ind Rep Hopeful 39% 77 9 29 67 Uneasv 30 9 Worried 39 65 31 10 Frustrated 32 57 23 63 Relieved 30 19 Excited 22 5 12 45 Angry 21 37 13

In thinking more about the midterm elections... now that Republicans have won control of the House, do you think it will have any real impact on the lives of you and your family?





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Top Concerns About GOP House: Ending Guarantee of SS/Medicare, Abortion Bans, Overturning Elections, Drug Prices

Americans are more concerned about Republicans "ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare" (73% total concerning, 53% very concerning) than "raising the retirement age to be eligible for Social Security and Medicare" (66% total, 38% very).

Below is a list of outcomes that could happen now that Republicans control the House of Representatives. For each, please indicate how concerned you are.

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*Ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare	53		20	5 22	73	90	62	55	
Banning abortions nationwide	46		18 4	32	64	87	51	41	
Making it easier to overturn election results when they don't win	43	•	19 7	31	62	83	54	40	
Preventing Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices	42		23 6	29	65	86	58	43	
**Raising the retirement age to be eligible for Social Security and Medicare	38	2	28 6	28	66	81	66	48	
Shutting down the January 6 th committee	37	16	9	38	53	80	41	25	
Repealing the Affordable Care Act	34	21	8	37	55	79	46	29	
Passing a law that would ban same-sex marriage nationwide	34	18	6	42	52	72	42	31	
Eliminating a minimum tax imposed on large corporations	33	22	10	35	55	77	48	32	
Ending American support for Ukraine	27	25	10	38	51	67	42	35	
Impeaching President Biden	23	14 6		57	37	53	26	21	
Investigating President Biden	22	16 5		57	38	53	30	23	



Ending Guarantee of Social Security & Medicare and Abortion Bans Are Top Two Concerns on Republican House

Across party, ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare and abortion bans are most concerning (51% and 48% of Democrats say they are the most concerning, as do 42% and 38% of independents and 36% and 26% of Republicans, respectively).

Below is the same list of potential outcomes that could happen now that Republicans will control the House of Representatives. Please indicate which three are most concerning to you.

Ending the guarantee of Social Security and Medicare	44%
Banning abortions nationwide	38
Making it easier to overturn election results when they don't win	28
Preventing Medicare from negotiating lower drug prices	26
Shutting down the January 6 th committee	21
Repealing the Affordable Care Act	20
Passing a law that would ban same-sex marriage nationwide	20
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Impeaching President Biden	11

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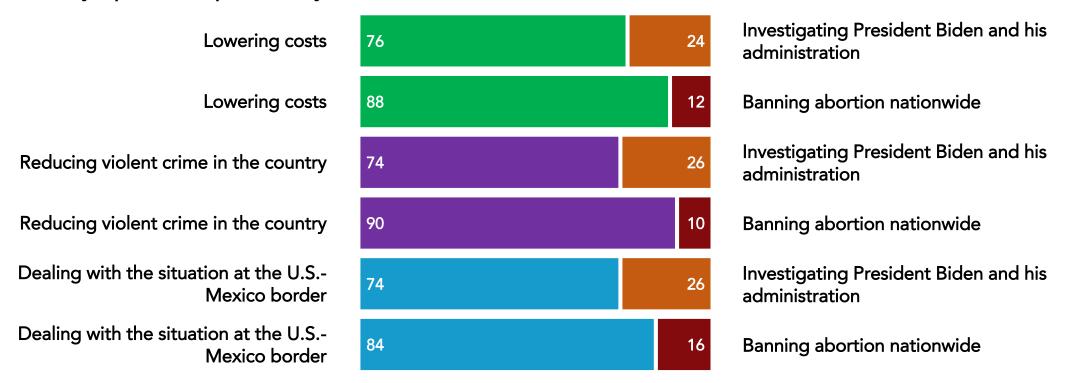
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Americans Want GOP to Focus on Costs, Crime, and the Border Over Investigating Biden and Banning Abortion

Just one in four or less would prefer the Republican Party focus on investigating President Biden and his administration or banning abortion nationwide when pitted against lowering costs, reducing violent crime, and dealing with the situation at the southern border.

Which would you prefer the Republican Party focus on:



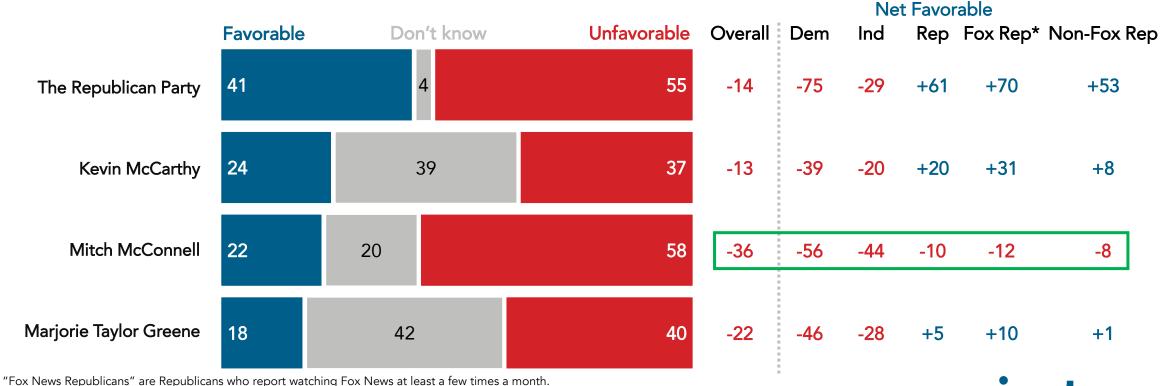


Majorities View Both the Republican Party and Some of Its Key Figures Unfavorably

Republican Party leaders such as Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene are significantly less favorable than the Republican Party, which itself is 14 points underwater.

• Mitch McConnell is viewed unfavorably across partisan lines (including net -10 among Republicans).

Below are the names of some people and groups. Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to each one.



[&]quot;Fox News Republicans" are Republicans who report watching Fox News at least a few times a month Nationwide survey of 999 registered voters conducted November 17-November 21, 2022. For more info, visit navigatorresarch.org.



After Learning of His Support for Abortion Bans & Overturning the 2020 Election, Majorities Are Less Favorable to McCarthy

A majority of Americans say his support for passing a nationwide abortion ban makes them less favorable to Kevin McCarthy, including 74% of Democrats, 50% of independents, and even 34% of Republicans.

As you may or may not know, Kevin McCarthy is likely to become the next Speaker of the House when Republicans take control. For each of the following, please indicate whether it makes you more or less favorable to Kevin McCarthy.

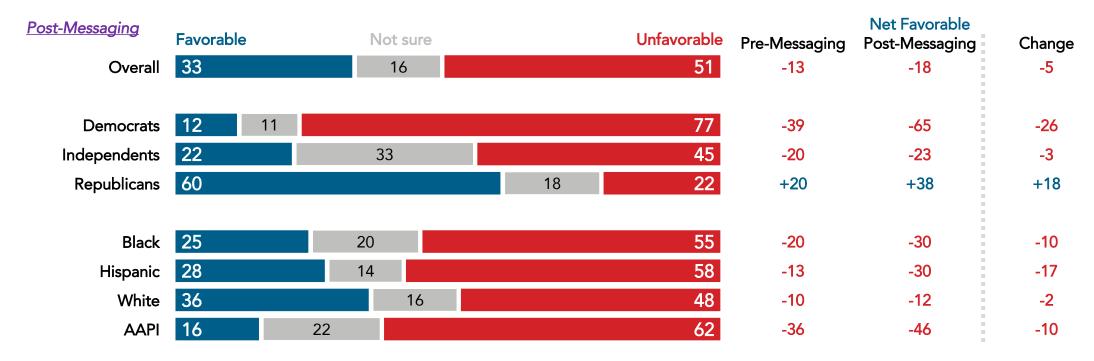
		Makes no		% Less Favorable							
*/** Split sample	More favorable	difference	Less favorable	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI	
He supports passing a nationwide abortion ban	21	24	43% much less favorable 55	74	50	34	54	57	54	64	
**He voted to overturn the results of the 2020 election	22	28	42% much less 50	79	40	19	61	57	47	61	
*He denies that Joe Biden was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election	26	26	38% much less 48	73	48	18	55	44	46	51	
He has been endorsed by Donald Trump	30	25	38% much less 45	74	42	11	54	50	41	54	
He has been endorsed by Marjorie Taylor Greene	18	44	32% much less 38	62	35	12	43	38	36	48	



Messaging on McCarthy's Positions Moves Him Even Further Underwater Among a Majority of Americans

After respondents read about his support for nationwide abortion bans, his vote to overturn the 2020 presidential election results, and other details, 51% say they have an unfavorable view of Kevin McCarthy, including 45% of independents.

One more time...Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Kevin McCarthy.





An Increasing Share of Americans See Republicans as Extreme; Fewer See Democrats as Extreme

Republicans are now viewed as 11-points more extreme than they were in May (from net +18 extreme to net +29), including an 8-point increase among independents (from net +19 to net +27).

• There has been a 14-point decline in the share who say the Democratic Party is extreme since May (from net +23 extreme to net +9), driven by an improvement among Democrats (from net -17 extreme to net -43) and independents (from net +20 to net +13).

Would you describe the Democratic Party as... Would you describe the Republican Party as... **Net Extreme Net Extreme** Extreme Not sure Not extreme Nov. 21 Sept. 26 May 9 Extreme Not extreme Nov. 21 Sept. 26 May 9 51 7 +13 61 32 +18 Overall 5 -39 -17 5 10 69 -43 85 +75 +71 **Democrats** 26 +68 +27 32 +23 52 25 +20 +19 +20 23 Independents -23 +70 +69 +68 37 60 -36 -38 Republicans 83 50 7 43 +7 -14 +21 72 6 22 +50 +50 +45 Black 25 65 +40 +41 +25 Hispanic 9 +1 -10 +21 10 37 +12 54 +13 +23 +23 +10 White +39 36 +39 +5 44 +8 +32 61 AAPI 20



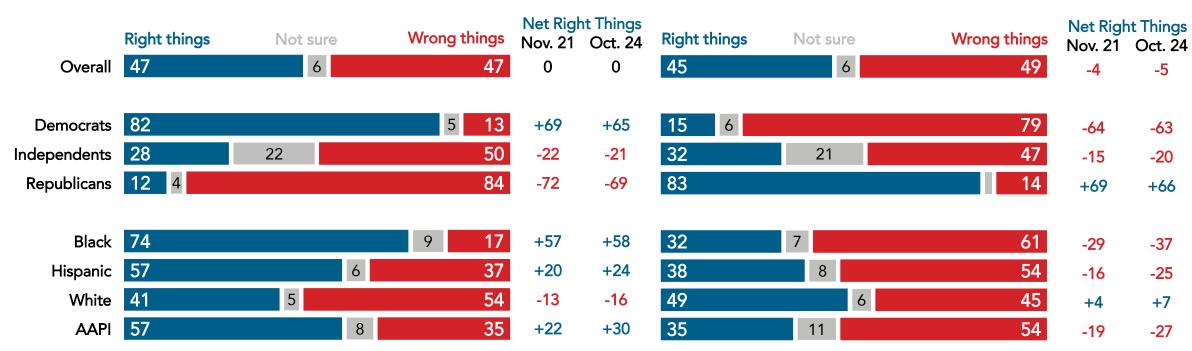
Americans Divided on the Direction of the Parties; More Say Republicans are Focused on the Wrong Things

Black Americans (+57 right things), AAPI Americans (+22), and Hispanic Americans (+20) are more likely to say the Democratic Party is focused on the right things.

• Independents say both the Democratic Party (-22) and the Republican Party (-15) are focused on the wrong things.

Do you think the Democratic Party is focused on the right things?

Do you think the Republican Party is focused on the right things?





Intensity of Support Highest for Protecting Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and Banning Assault Weapons in Lame Duck Congress

In terms of total support, the "Momnibus" bill (72% support) and re-authorizing the NDAA (71%) are the most broadly popular.

Below is a list of proposals and policies that Congress may pass in the next two months. Please indicate how much you support or oppose each one.

	Strongly	Somewhat Not	Total Support								
	support	support sure	Oppose	Overall	Dem	Ind	Rep	Black	Hisp.	White	AAPI
Passing a federal law protecting abortion rights	49	15 8	28	64	85	55	42	74	72	60	69
Banning assault weapons including military-style semi-automatic weapons	45	16 7	32	62	83	54	39	73	68	58	80
Passing a federal law protecting same-sex marriage	42	18 11	29	60	80	52	38	59	67	58	68
Passing the "Momnibus" bill that would provide funding to address health inequalities among mothers, including tackling workforce shortages, boosting telehealth use, and supporting mental health care	40	32	13 15	72	85	63	59	74	71	71	80
Re-authorizing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to provide military funding for the next year		33	15 14	71	67	58	80	63	63	75	64
Passing the Electoral Count Reform Act which would raise the threshold for members of Congress to make objections to election results and establish guardrails against state officials who try to disregard election results	32	26 21	21	58	68	50	49	58	61	58	64
Committing to more financial aid to support Ukraine in their fight against the Russian invasion		32 11	35	54	69	38	39	56	54	53	64





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About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 999 registered voters from November 17-November 21, 2022. 105 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 80 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 105 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables.