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Thursday, January $\mathbf{2 6}^{\text {th }}$
Republican Control of the House of Representatives: A Guide for Advocates


## Key Takeaways:

- The most concerning potential House Republican actions are cuts to Social Security and Medicare, repealing the Inflation Reduction Act, and criminalizing doctors who perform abortions.
- Medicare and Social Security are overwhelmingly popular, and Americans trust Biden and Democrats over Republicans on protecting both programs by double-digit margins.
- On what would have been the $50^{\text {th }}$ anniversary of Roe $v$. Wade, clear majorities of Americans identify as pro-choice, think abortion should be legal, and disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe.


## Just One in Four Say a Republican House Will Leave the Country Better Off; Disapprove of House GOP By 20 Points

Among independents, just $15 \%$ believe the country will be better off a year from now with Republicans in control of the House, and they disapprove of Republicans in Congress by 42 points ( $20 \%$ approve/62\% disapprove).

With Republicans in control of the House... thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think the country will be...

|  | Better off than it is right now | About the same it is right now | ${ }^{\text {as }} \underset{\text { sure }}{\text { sut }}$ | Worse off than it is right now | Net Better Off |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 25 | 32 | 9 | 34 | -9 |
| Democrats | 6.29 | 10 |  | 55 | -49 |
| Independents | 15 | 37 | 17 | 31 | -16 |
| Republicans | 49 |  | 36 | 510 | +39 |
| Black | 931 | 12 |  | 48 | -39 |
| Hispanic | 17 | 36 | 13 | 34 | -17 |
| White | 29 | 33 | 8 | 30 | -1 |
| AAPI | 16 2 | $23-16$ |  | 45 | -29 |

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

| Approve | Not sure | Disapprove | Net Approve |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| 37 | 6 | 57 | -20 |


| 15 | 3 |  | 82 | -67 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20 | 18 |  | 62 | -42 |
| 67 |  | 5 | 28 | +39 |


| 22 | 10 |  | 68 | -46 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 34 |  | 7 |  | 59 | -25 |
| 41 |  | 5 | 54 | -13 |  |
| 25 | 10 |  | 65 | -40 |  |

## Cuts to Medicare/Social Security, Repealing Inflation Reduction Act, and Criminalizing Abortion Dominate GOP House Concerns

Over half of all Americans say they are "very concerned" about potential cuts to Medicare and Social Security.

- Nearly half of Republicans and more than three in five non-college whites are concerned about cuts to those programs; collegeeducated whites are also concerned about repealing the Inflation Reduction Act and criminalizing doctors who perform abortions.
Below is a list of criticisms some have made about actions the Republican-led House has already taken, bills they have already passed, and actions they are likely to take in the near future. Please indicate how concerning you find each statement.

| Top 10 of 16 tested | Very | Somewhat | Don't |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Not


| Overall | Dem | Ind | Rep | Coll | Coll |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 68 | 89 | 63 | 45 | 63 | 68 |
| 70 | 91 | 61 | 48 | 65 | 69 |
| 68 | 88 | 70 | 45 | 64 | 65 |
| 67 | 90 | 67 | 41 | 62 | 67 |
| 64 | 85 | 66 | 39 | 57 | 65 |
| 63 | 86 | 64 | 35 | 57 | 64 |
| 61 | 83 | 57 | 36 | 56 | 59 |
| 53 | 85 | 44 | 19 | 44 | 56 |
| 57 | 85 | 51 | 26 | 50 | 59 |
| 57 | 82 | 55 | 29 | 49 | 58 |

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## Majorities Say Congressional GOP Priorities Out of Line With Their Own; Investigating Biden Is Not a Priority for Americans

By a 40-point margin, independents say that Republicans' priorities are not in line with their priorities.

- Only $16 \%$ of Americans say that "investigating the Biden administration and Biden family" is one of their top two priorities, consistent with findings from early January.

Having seen this list...would you say Republicans in Congress' priorities are in line or not in line with your priorities?

|  | In line | Not in line | Net In Line |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 46 | 54 | -8 |
| Democrats | 18 | 82 | -64 |
| Independents | 30 | 70 | -40 |
| Republicans | 82 | 18 | +64 |
| Black | 32 | 68 | -36 |
| Hispanic | 47 | 53 | -6 |
| White | 49 | 51 | -2 |
| AAPI | 31 | 69 | -38 |

As you may or may not know, Republicans won control of the House in the November 2022 elections. Below is a list of issues some may want them to prioritize. Please select up to two that they should focus on.

|  |  | Jan. 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lowering costs like groceries and gas | 62\% | 58 |
| Improving healthcare | 31 | 32 |
| Cracking down on illegal immigration and securing the southern border | 29 | 30 |
| Dealing with the national debt | 27 | 26 |
| Protecting American security from foreign threats like Russia and China | 23 | 24 |
| Investigating the Biden administration and Biden family | 16 | 14 |

## Americans Hold Overwhelmingly Favorable Attitudes Toward Social Security and Medicare

Majorities across party, race, and age hold favorable opinions of both Social Security and Medicare, but seniors express the most favorable views (+89 favorable on Social Security, +83 favorable on Medicare).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to:
Social Security.

|  | Favo | rable | Don't know | Unfavorable | Net Favorable $+65$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | 80 | 45\% ve | vorable | $5 \quad 15$ |  |
| Democrats | 83 | 51\% ve | avorable | 6 11 | +72 |
| Independents | 73 | 35\% ve | avorable | $11-16$ | +57 |
| Republicans | 79 | 40\% ve | avorable | $3 \square 18$ | +61 |
| Black | 78 | 46\% ve | avorable | 7 15 | +63 |
| Hispanic | 77 | 41\% ve | avorable | $5 \quad 18$ | +59 |
| White non-college | 77 | 43\% ve | avorable | $6 \quad 17$ | +60 |
| White college | 86 | $50 \%$ ve | avorable | 4 10 | +76 |
| AAPI | 77 | 37\% ve | avorable | 8 15 | +62 |
| 18-44 | 70 | 36\% ve | avorable | $9 \quad 21$ | +49 |
| 45-64 | 82 | 46\% ve | avorable | $4 \square 14$ | +68 |
| $65+$ | 94 | 59\% ve | vorable | 5 | +89 |

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Medicare.


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## Biden and Democrats More Trusted on a Range of Issues Related to Social Security \& Medicare, Health Care, and Retirement

Independents trust Biden and Democrats by double-digit margins on looking out for seniors (+23), protecting seniors' retirement (+20), health care (+19), and protecting Social Security and Medicare (+10).

Below is a list of issues. Please indicate who you trust more to handle each one.


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| Net Biden and Democrats |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Overall | Dem | Ind | Rep |
| +15 | +81 | +19 | -61 |
| +14 | +77 | +23 | -62 |
| +12 | +75 | +10 | -62 |
| +12 | +80 | +20 | -66 |
| +13 | +76 | +9 | -57 |

## On What Would Have Been Roe's 50th Anniversary, Majorities Continue to Be Pro-Choice and Say Abortion Should Be Legal

Large majorities of Democrats (net +65 pro-choice), independents (+37), and every racial and ethnic group describe themselves as pro-choice and say abortion should be legal.

When it comes to the issue of abortion, which of the following best describes your position?


## Majorities Continue to Perceive Threats to Statewide and National Abortion Rights

There has been a 9-point net increase in perceptions of state-level risks to abortion rights since mid-November.

- Americans living in the South (65\%) and Midwest (60\%) are most likely to say the right to an abortion in their state is at risk, and 68\% of those in states with new restrictions following the overturning of Roe say the right to an abortion is at risk in their state.
What is your impression: the right to abortion in our country is...
What is your impression: the right to abortion in [STATE] is..
 restrictions post-Dobbs
*"States with new restrictions post-Dobbs" include those in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia
Nationwide surveys of registered voters; Each wave represents approximately 1,000 interviews taken over the prior three-five days.
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Latest wave conducted January 20-January 23, 2023. For more info, visit navigatorresearch.org


## Nearly Three in Five Continue to Disapprove of the Supreme Court's Decision to Overturn Roe, Even More Oppose a Ban

Majorities of independents both disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe $v$. Wade ( $58 \%$ ) and oppose a nationwide abortion ban (68\%).

As you may know, the Supreme Court decided to overturn Roe v. Wade, eliminating the federal right to an abortion as a result. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court eliminating federal protections for abortion?


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## About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Jessica Floyd, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds, EMILY's List; Mike Podhorzer, AFL-CIO; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

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## About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted public opinion surveys among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from January 20-January 23, 2023. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 75 additional interviews were conducted among Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 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.

