

Battleground 69

FINAL

STUDY #17031

THE TARRANCE GROUP and LAKE RESEARCH PARTNERS

N = 1,000 Registered voters

Margin of error \pm 3.1%

Field Dates: October 16-21, 2021

Hello, I'm _____ of The Tarrance Group, a national survey research firm. We're talking to people today about public leaders and issues facing us all.

IF CELL CODE = "N", ASK: May I please speak with the youngest (male/female) in the household who is registered to vote?

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-1. Do you currently live in (state from cell sample sheet)?

Yes (**CONTINUE TO CP-3**)

No (**CONTINUE TO CP-2**)

IF "NO" IN CP-1, ASK:

CP-2. In what state do you currently reside?

(**RECORD STATE NAME**)

IF CELL CODE = "Y", ASK:

CP-3. For your safety, are you driving right now?

Yes (**SCHEDULE CALL BACK**)

No

A. Are you registered to vote in your state?

IF "NO," ASK: Is there someone else at home who is registered to vote?

(IF "YES," THEN ASK: MAY I SPEAK WITH HIM/HER?)

Yes (**CONTINUE**)

No (**THANK AND TERMINATE**)

* = Less than .5%

B. Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed with an advertising agency, newspaper, television or radio station, or political campaign?

Yes (THANK AND TERMINATE)
No (CONTINUE)

C1-1. In order to ensure an accurate sample: What is your age, please?
(i.e. Record 48 years old as 0 4 8)
(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

(RECORD AGE)

IF REFUSED, PROMPT: We need at least an age range for statistical purposes only. If I read a list of age ranges, will you tell me which one you fall in? (READ CHOICES)

C1-2. What is your age, please? (JUST RECORD)

18-24.....	4%
25-29.....	7%
30-34.....	6%
35-39.....	10%
40-44.....	13%
45-54.....	13%
55-64.....	25%
65-69.....	7%
70-74.....	6%
75-79.....	3%
80-84.....	4%
85-89.....	1%
90 or over.....	1%
HARD REFUSE	*

Now, thinking for a moment about things in the country--

1. Do you feel things in the country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: And do you feel strongly or somewhat about that?

Right direction/strongly.....	12%
Right direction/somewhat	16%
UNSURE (DNR).....	8%
Wrong track/somewhat	13%
Wrong track/strongly.....	51%

Now I would like to read you a list of issues that some people have said are important to them. Please listen as I read the list and tell me which one issue you think is most important to you personally.

(READ AND ROTATE ISSUES)

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: *And which issue do you think is next most important?*

	<u>Q2 MOST IMPORTANT</u>	<u>Q3 NEXT MOST IMPORTANT</u>
• Taxes	2%	5%
• Jobs and the economy	10%	11%
• National defense and terrorism	2%	6%
• COVID-19	8%	10%
• Health care	7%	8%
• Crime and drugs	2%	4%
• Government spending	10%	10%
• Climate change	13%	8%
• Immigration	9%	9%
• Division in the country	11%	11%
• Rising cost of living	11%	9%
• Racism	3%	7%
• COMBINATION/EQUALLY (DNR)	7%	1%
• OTHER (DNR)	1%	2%
• NONE (DNR)	1%	*
• UNSURE (DNR)	2%	*

Now, thinking about President Joe Biden...

4. How would you rate the job Joe Biden has been doing as President? Do you approve or disapprove of the job he is doing?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel *strongly* about that?

Approve/strongly	26%
Approve	19%
UNSURE (DNR).....	3%
Disapprove.....	8%
Disapprove/strongly	44%

And, thinking about how Joe Biden has been doing on some issues,

I am going to read you a list of issues. For each one, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the job that Joe Biden has been doing on this issue.

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK: Is that strongly (approve/disapprove) or somewhat (approve/disapprove)?

*** RANDOMIZE ISSUES***		APPROVE		UNSURE (DNR)	DISAPPROVE	
		<u>strng</u>	<u>smwht</u>		<u>smwht</u>	<u>strng</u>
5.	The economy (PROMPT: DO YOU APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF THE JOB THAT JOE BIDEN HAS BEEN DOING ON THIS ISSUE?)	24%	21%	5%	6%	45%
6.	Jobs	25%	20%	6%	8%	41%
7.	Inflation	15%	19%	7%	11%	48%
8.	Dealing with COVID-19	38%	14%	3%	8%	37%
9.	Immigration	14%	20%	6%	13%	48%
10.	Dealing with Afghanistan	18%	16%	6%	11%	49%
11.	Foreign policy	22%	18%	9%	9%	42%
12.	Working with Congress to pass legislation	22%	21%	7%	12%	38%
13.	The cost of living	16%	19%	7%	11%	48%

(END RANDOMIZATION)

****ROTATE Q14 AND Q15****

And,

14. How would you rate the job the Democrats in Congress have been doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel *strongly* about that?

Approve/strongly	15%
Approve	24%
UNSURE (DNR).....	5%
Disapprove.....	15%
Disapprove/strongly	42%

15. How would you rate the job the Republicans in Congress have been doing? Do you approve or disapprove of the job they are doing?

IF CHOICE MADE, ASK:

And do you feel *strongly* about that?

Approve/strongly 11%
Approve 16%
UNSURE (DNR)..... 7%
Disapprove..... 23%
Disapprove/strongly 43%

(END ROTATION)

****ROTATE Q16 AND Q17****

Thinking for a moment about the COVID-19 vaccine...

16. Do you favor or oppose states and the federal governments requiring their employees and their contractors to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:

And do you strongly (Favor/Oppose) or somewhat (Favor/Oppose)?

Favor/strongly..... 44%
Favor/somewhat 7%
UNSURE (DNR)..... 2%
Oppose/somewhat 6%
Oppose/strongly..... 41%

And,

17. Do you favor or oppose private businesses requiring their employees to receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:

And do you strongly (Favor/Oppose) or somewhat (Favor/Oppose)?

Favor/strongly..... 42%
Favor/somewhat 9%
UNSURE (DNR)..... 4%
Oppose/somewhat 9%
Oppose/strongly..... 37%

(END ROTATION)

Now, thinking for a moment about election reform...

As you may already know, Congress and state legislatures all over the country have been considering reforms about how elections are conducted.

With this in mind...

18. Would you say that you prefer for rules about elections to be made by:
(ROTATE CHOICES)

- State and local officials, even if different states have different rules and standards, or
- Congress and the federal government, which would make one national set of rules and standards?

State and local officials	42%
Congress and the federal government.....	47%
BOTH EQUALLY (DNR)	2%
NEITHER (DNR)	3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	6%

Thinking for a moment about the issue of student loans...

Some political leaders have suggested that the federal government should end debt for most student loan borrowers.

19. Would you say you favor or oppose the U.S. government ending the remaining student loan debt for most student loan borrowers?

IF CHOICE IS MADE, ASK:

And do you strongly
(Favor/Oppose) or
somewhat (Favor/Oppose)?

Favor/strongly.....	32%
Favor/somewhat	15%
UNSURE (DNR)	6%
Oppose/somewhat	12%
Oppose/strongly.....	36%

And, thinking one last time about the national economy...

20. Do you believe that the next generation will be:

- Better off,
- Worse off, OR
- About the same

as the current generation?

Better off	9%
Worse off	66%
About the same	21%
COMBINATION/OTHER (DNR)	1%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	5%

As you may already know, during his campaign for President, Joe Biden often talked about restoring unity and civility to our national politics.

50. How hard do you think Joe Biden has worked at this effort to restore unity and civility to our national politics? Do you think he has worked extremely, very, somewhat, or not at all hard?

Extremely hard 17%
Very hard 16%
Somewhat hard 21%
Not at all hard 44%
COMBINATION/OTHER (DNR)
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 3%

And, thinking about the issue of political civility for a moment

51. Do you have any friends who have political views that are very different than your own?

Yes 79%
No 19%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 3%

And,

52. Do you have any family members with whom you are no longer able to talk because of their views about politics and current events?

Yes 26%
No 72%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 2%

And, still thinking about these issues...

53. No matter what you think about political civility, which of these would you prefer:

- A politician who consistently fights for my values, even if this means not finding a solution very often,
OR
- A politician who is willing to work together to get things done, even if it means compromising on my values sometimes?

Politician consistent/few solutions 26%
Politician work together/compromising 66%
COMBINATION/BOTH/OTHER (DNR) 3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 5%

And, thinking about the issue of political divisions as a whole...

54. On a scale of 0 to 100, where “0” is there is no political division in the country and where “100” is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would you rank the level of political division in the country?
(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

Mean: 72.96
Median: 77.00

Now, please think ahead to one year from now...

55. On a scale of 0 to 100, where “0” is there is no political division in the country and where “100” is political division on the edge of a civil war, where would did you think the level of political division will be one year from now?
(Record UNSURE/REFUSED AS 9 9 9)

Mean: 74.05
Median: 80.00

Now, just a few final questions for statistical purposes only...

D2. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

(DO NOT READ, JUST RECORD)

Some grade school (1-8)	*
Some high school (9-11)	2%
Graduated high school (12).....	15%
Technical/vocational (12).....	4%
Some college (13-15)	30%
Graduated college (16)	27%
Graduate/professional school (16 or more)	21%
Unsure/Refused	1%

D3. When thinking about politics and government, do you consider yourself to be...

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Very conservative	23%
Somewhat conservative.....	29%
MODERATE (DNR)	7%
Somewhat liberal	23%
Very liberal	16%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

And,

D4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or an Independent?

IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT,

ASK: Would you call yourself a strong or a not very strong (Republican/Democrat)?

Republican/strong.....	29%
Republican/not strong	8%
Lean Republican.....	7%

Independent

Lean Democrat	6%
Democrat/not strong	11%
Democrat/strong	30%

IF INDEPENDENT OR ANYTHING

ELSE, ASK: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic Party?

NO PREFERENCE (DNR)	*
OTHER (DNR)	*
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	*

D5. Which of these statements best describes how you have usually voted in past elections?

(READ LIST, ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

Straight Republican	17%
Mostly Republican.....	22%
A few more Republicans than Democrats.....	5%
INDEPENDENT/THE PERSON (DNR)	3%
A few more Democrats than Republicans.....	5%
Mostly Democratic	21%
Straight Democratic	24%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

Still thinking about your viewing habits, specifically as they pertain to “Fox News” –

D6. How often would you say that you watch the Fox News Channel? Would you say that you watch the Fox News Channel – **(ROTATE, FRONT TO BACK, BACK TO FRONT)** -- • daily, • a few times a week, • every so often, or • not at all?

Daily	15%
Few times a week	11%
Every so often.....	20%
Not at all	54%
UNSURE/DK (DNR)	1%

D7. Are you a member of a labor union, including trade unions, service employee unions, public employee unions, and teachers unions?

IF NO, THEN ASK: Is anyone in your household a member of one of these types of labor unions?

Labor Union Member.....	12%
Labor Union Household.....	3%
Non-Union Household.....	81%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	4%

D8. What is your current marital status -- are you -- • single and never married, • married, • separated, • divorced, or •widowed?

Single	24%
Married	59%
Separated	1%
Divorced	8%
Widowed	7%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	2%

D9. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes	27%
No.....	73%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

D10. How often do you attend church, synagogue, or other worship services?

More than once a week.....	11%
Once a week	23%
Several times a month.....	8%
Once a month.....	3%
Several times a year.....	9%
Only on holidays.....	13%
NEVER/DON'T ATTEND	30%
UNSURE/REFUSED	3%

D11. Do you consider yourself to be a born-again or evangelical Christian?

Born-again/evangelical36%
Not born-again54%
REFUSED (DNR)10%

D12. What do you consider to be your race? Are you white, African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American or some other race?

White 74%
Black/African-American 13%
Hispanic/Latino (TO D13) 7%
Asian/Pacific American 1%
Native American 1%
Other 3%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

FOR ALL RESPONSES EXCEPT “HISPANIC/LATINO,” ASK:

D12-1. And, do you consider yourself a Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish-speaking American?

Yes 6%
No 93%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR) 1%

****ASK OF EVERYONE****

And, thinking about your economic class...

D13. Do you consider yourself to be:
(ROTATE CHOICES, TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

- Upper class,
- Middle class,
- Working class, or
- Low income?

Upper class9%
Middle class56%
Working class22%
Low income12%
Unemployed (DNR)1%
Refused (DNR)2%

D14. Sex/Emp (BY OBSERVATION)

ASK OF EVERYONE: Are you employed outside the house, self-employed, not in the labor force, retired, or unemployed?

Male/employed	24%
Male/self-employed	8%
Male/not in labor force	1%
Male/retired	10%
Male/unemployed	4%
Female/employed	23%
Female/self-employed	5%
Female/not in labor force	2%
Female/retired	15%
Female/unemployed	7%
MALE/REFUSED (DNR)	*
FEMALE/REFUSED (DNR)	1%

D15. How would you describe the community in which you live? Is it rural or small town, urban, large urban or a suburb?

Rural/small town	43%
Urban	13%
Large Urban	8%
Suburb	33%
UNSURE (DNR)	3%
REFUSED(DNR)	1%

D16. Have you personally received one of the vaccines available for COVID-19?

Yes	71%
No	26%
UNSURE/REFUSED (DNR)	4%
