

Relevant Public Polling and Key Takeaways

Quinnipiac University: [Mixed Signals On Trump: Majority Says Criminal Charges Should Disqualify '24 Run, Popularity Is Unchanged, Leads DeSantis By Double Digits, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds](#)

(3/29/23)

- Americans 57 - 38 percent think criminal charges should disqualify former President Donald Trump from running for president again, if charges are filed against him as a result of multiple state and federal criminal investigations. Democrats (88 - 9 percent) and independents (55 - 36 percent) think criminal charges should disqualify Trump from running for president again, while Republicans (75 - 23 percent) think criminal charges should not disqualify him from running again.
 - Nearly 7 in 10 Americans (69 percent) think Trump was mainly acting out of concerns for himself when he announced on social media that he was going to be arrested in New York and urged people to protest and "take our nation back," while nearly one-quarter (24 percent) think he was mainly acting out of concerns about democracy.

Vox: [The House GOP's investigations are flopping](#)

(3/28/23)

- Half of American adults believe Republicans are overreaching in their oversight of the Biden administration, up from the 46 percent who said so in a February poll and the 30 percent who said so in January. The number who view the GOP's investigations as a form of overreach is also rising among political independents, while Republican support for the investigations is remaining steady.
 - Navigator also found that a plurality of Americans don't see these inquiries as serious, good-faith efforts at oversight — including 38 percent of independents who think they are "political stunts."
 - In Navigator voter focus groups in Wisconsin, Virginia, and Texas, voters seemed most open to investigations into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic, China-US trade practices, and the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

NPR: [Don't call them 'witch hunts.' Most Americans say investigations into Trump are fair](#)

(3/27/23)

- "Prosecutorial misconduct is their new tool," Trump said, "and they're willing to use it at levels never seen before in our country. We've had it, but we've never had it like this. We must stop them and we must not allow them to go through another election where they have yet another tool in their tool kit."
 - But most Americans don't agree with him. By a 56%-to-41% margin respondents said the investigations are fair and not a "witch hunt."

Congressional Integrity Project: [New Poll: Majority of American Voters Want Republicans in Congress to Stop Playing Partisan Games and Focus on Real Issues](#)

(3/16/23)

- Americans overwhelmingly say they would rather Congress focus on issues that matter to their lives, like rising costs and healthcare, than spend time investigating the Biden administration or President Biden's family. A resounding 86% of voters agree with the statement that they want their elected leaders to stop playing partisan games and work together to solve their problems, with 74% strongly agreeing. 63% of voters (and 63% of independents) say they would rather Congress focus on issues like rising costs and healthcare than investigating the Biden administration. A similar 61% of voters (and 60% of independents) want Congress to focus on issues like rising costs and healthcare versus those who want Congress to spend time investigating President Biden's family and Hunter Biden's laptop.
- A majority of Americans have an unfavorable view of Republicans in Congress. Republicans in Congress are unpopular, with a net favorability of -16 points (35% favorable, 51% unfavorable). House Speaker Kevin McCarthy is also unpopular, with a net favorability rating of -18 points (30-48) among voters. Reps. James Comer, Jim Jordan, and Marjorie Taylor Greene, three Republicans who either chair or are members of the House Oversight Committee, are all underwater in favorability as well. Oversight Chairman Comer is underwater by 11 points (13-24) overall and 15 points (10-25) with independents. Jordan is underwater by 9 points (27-36) overall and 20 points (23-43) with independents, and Taylor Greene has a net negative favorability rating of 30 points (20-50) with all voters and 38 points (18-56) with independents.
- Voters are concerned that the politicians running these investigations are the same politicians who tried to overturn the 2020 election, and who have condoned the January 6th attack on the Capitol. A majority (51%) of voters are very concerned by this, including 47% of independent voters.

The Hill: [Voter skepticism of GOP congressional investigations spikes](#)

(2/22/23)

- 46 percent of voters said that Congressional Republicans will overreach in various investigations, while 30 percent said Republicans will do the right amount of investigation and 24 percent said Republicans would do too little oversight.
 - That result, released Wednesday, amounts to a 16-point increase in the proportion of voters expecting Republican overreach in investigations since early January.

ABC News: [Americans have low confidence in leaders, GOP at risk in political disputes: POLL](#)

(2/6/23)

- Americans by a 20-point margin, 56-36%, see the probe as "an attempt to score political points" rather than a legitimate investigation. Indeed, while views are highly partisan, even among Republicans, 34% see the weaponization inquiry as an attempt to score political points, and a tepid 57% think it's a legitimate investigation. Results among conservatives are almost identical.
- Relatively few Americans, 28%, think federal agencies in fact are biased against conservatives. Eleven percent think they're biased against liberals; an additional 11% volunteer that they're biased against both. A plurality, 42%, think federal agencies are not biased against either group.

Washington Post: [Washington Post-ABC News poll](#)

(2/3/23)

- Asked about congressional Republicans' upcoming inquiry, 36 percent of Americans say it is "a legitimate investigation" while 56 percent say it is "just an attempt to score political points."

Navigator Research: [Republicans in Congress Are Not Seen Focusing on Inflation, Jobs and Economy As Much As Americans Want](#)

(2/1/23)

- More than half of Americans want Congress to focus on inflation (56%), yet only 39% actually think Republicans in Congress are focused on the issue.
- 55% of Americans think the GOP is most focused on investigations, when only 16% say it's important (40-point gap).

Pew Research Center: [Republicans Leery of Compromise With Biden; Majority Want GOP To Focus on Investigations](#)

(1/31/23)

- Among all U.S. adults, 65% are more concerned that Republicans in Congress will focus too much on investigating the Biden administration, while 32% are more concerned that congressional Republicans will focus too little on this. Democrats are overwhelmingly likely to express greater concern about too much of a focus on investigations (89%) versus too little (9%).

Gallup: [More Cite Gov't as Top U.S. Problem; Inflation Ranks Second](#)

(1/30/23)

- 21% of Americans rank the government and poor leadership as "the most important problem facing the country today."
- Americans' dislike of the government is up since Republicans took charge of the House. Only 15% of respondents said the government was the biggest issue in November and December.

NBC News: [Public equally concerned about Biden's and Trump's classified documents, new poll finds](#)

(1/29/23)

- Majorities believe the new Republican-controlled House of Representatives will be too inflexible in dealing with Biden and will spend too much time investigating the president instead of focusing on other priorities.
- 54% of adults say congressional Republicans will be too inflexible in dealing with President Biden, versus 28% who say they'll strike the right balance and another 10% who say they'll give in too quickly.
- 55% of Americans say congressional Republicans will spend too much time investigating Biden and not enough time on other priorities, while a combined 63% have no to little confidence that Congress will conduct a fair and impartial investigation into Biden and his administration.

Washington Post: [Independent Voters Wary Of Investigations, Want House GOP To Deliver Results](#)

(1/28/23)

- Voters are very skeptical about the Republican majority's priorities. A focus group of independents viewed these early days of the Republican majority as mostly getting back at Democrats or an appeasement to the right flank. The pending examination of Hunter Biden's financial dealings received little interest.

CNN: [Nearly three-quarters of Americans think House GOP leaders haven't paid enough attention to most important problems](#)

(1/26/23)

- Fewer than one-third of Americans believe that [House GOP leaders](#) are prioritizing the country's most important issues, according to a [new CNN Poll conducted by SSRS](#). Neither party's congressional leadership earns majority approval, and Republicans are particularly likely to express discontent with their own party leadership.
- Just 27% of US adults say they think Republican leaders in the House have had the right priorities so far, while 73% say they haven't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems. A 59% majority disapprove of the way Democratic leaders in Congress are handling their jobs overall, while a broader 67% disapprove of Republican leaders in Congress.

Emerson College: [National Poll: Biden's Approval Recovers Two Years into Term, Trump Maintains Lead over DeSantis in GOP Primary](#)

(1/24/23)

- President Biden's approval rating has increased 5% since November, in spite of news about classified documents.

Yahoo: [Poll: As debt battle looms, 55% of Americans say GOP House is 'dysfunctional'](#)

(1/20/23)

- By a massive 30-point margin, Americans say Republicans' protracted battle earlier this month to elect a new House speaker is a sign that "Congress is dysfunctional" (55%) rather than "functioning as intended" (25%)
- Just 26% of Americans say Republicans "have the right priorities" — down 5 points since late October — while more than twice as many (54%) say they are "not paying enough attention to America's real problems." [...] Likewise, Americans are now 20 points more likely to say Republicans have a greater interest in "damaging" the other party (48%) than "passing legislation" (28%) — and just 6 points more likely to say the same of Democrats (at 42% to 36%, respectively).

NBC News: [Americans see Biden's handling of classified docs as inappropriate — but not criminal, poll shows](#)

(1/20/23)

- The new poll says that, notwithstanding the White House's botched lack of transparency around the documents' discovery, a plurality of Americans—46 percent—think Biden

should not be prosecuted, compared to 37 percent who think he should be. It's the reverse for Trump: A plurality of 50 percent think he should be prosecuted, while 41 percent think he shouldn't be.

USA Today: [Unhappy new year? Poll finds Americans wary of the nation's course, its leaders and its future ahead of 2023](#)

(12/18/22)

- A majority (51 percent) of registered voters agreed with a statement that impending House GOP investigations will be “mostly a political effort to embarrass the Biden administration,” while 38 percent called the investigations “an appropriate way to hold the Biden administration accountable.”

Navigator: [Congressional Republicans and Their Agenda Both Deeply Underwater As They Take The House](#)

(1/12/23)

- Americans prioritize Republicans in the House focusing on issues like inflation (58%), health care (32%), and immigration (30%) over investigating Biden (14%). Very conservative Republicans drive the share who prioritize those investigations (32%).
- Most Americans Want Congressional Focus on Inflation, But See GOP as Too Focused on Investigating Biden
 - Roughly one in three Americans each prioritize health care and climate; few see Republicans in Congress focused on these issues.
- Americans Are Divided on Concerns About House GOP Investigating Biden, Call Them “Political Stunts,” Not Serious
 - While Americans are divided on whether they are more concerned Republican officials will go too far on Congressional oversight of Biden or the Biden administration will get away with corruption, a plurality say the investigations are “political stunts” (44%).
A plurality of independents (38%) and even one in five Republicans (20%) call them political stunts.

CBS News: [CBS News poll — Americans' views on 2023: Things get better, but still not good](#)

(1/8/23)

- Fewer than [one in three Americans](#) say investigating Biden should be “high priority” per new
- The economy was central to the midterms, and its ratings are higher now than before the campaign started in earnest. Among voters in particular, their views of the economy are also up compared to October, during the heat of the campaign.
- Compared to last summer, ratings of the economy are up slightly among middle- and working-class Americans earning under \$50,000 annually in income, though still negative overall.

USA Today: [Unhappy new year? Poll finds Americans wary of the nation's course, its leaders and its future ahead of 2023](#)

(12/18/22)

- Respondents' priority for President Joe Biden and the new Congress in 2023 is clear: inflation and the economy, chosen as the No. 1 or No. 2 issue by 54% of those surveyed. That's double the number for any other issue.
- From a list of 11 issues, 35% chose inflation/the economy as their top priority for the president and Congress next year. "Threats to democracy" ranked second, at 12%, and immigration third at 10%.
- No other concern broke into double digits. Five percent, including 8% of Republicans, put investigating the Biden administration as their biggest issue.
- A 51% majority of Americans agree with a statement that the congressional investigations will be "mostly a political effort to embarrass the Biden administration." In contrast, 38% call them "an appropriate way to hold the Biden administration accountable."

Morning Consult: [The House GOP's Agenda for the Next Congress Isn't Particularly Popular](#)

(11/16/22)

- Among 17 potential investigative inquiries tested, only one — fentanyl trafficking into the United States — was ranked a top priority by a majority of voters. Next on the investigative wish list is U.S.-Mexico border operations, followed by the infant formula shortage that happened earlier this year.
- Less than 3 in 10 voters said Congress should focus on a presidential impeachment investigation, as sought by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), or the first son's politically uncomfortable business dealings — though there is zeal among over half of the GOP electorate for such probes.