



#### OVERVIEW

The study was conducted for CNN via text message on the SSRS Text Message Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older who have a mobile phone and were recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. SSRS is an independent research company. Surveys were obtained **May 12-13, 2022** with a representative sample of **n=1,000** respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is **+/- 4.0** at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is **1.67**. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting [www.ssrs.com](http://www.ssrs.com).

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#### NOTE ABOUT RESULTS

Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the August 3-6, 2017 survey and ending with the April 21-26, 2021 survey are from polls conducted by SSRS via telephone only. Results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from telephone surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from telephone surveys conducted by Gallup.

Question text noted in parentheses was rotated or randomized. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*). Text message respondents were required to answer each question.

#### NOTE ABOUT CROSSTABS

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum N=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than N=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "**SN**" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.



Q1. Thinking about the way things are going in the United States today, would you say you feel mostly:  
[RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	NET Excited/ Optimistic	Excited	Optimistic	NET Concerned/ Scared	Concerned	Scared
May 12-13, 2022	14%	4%	10%	86%	65%	21%

Q2. Which better describes how you feel about politics right now? [FIRST TWO RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Fired up	Burned out	Neither
May 12-13, 2022	23%	53%	24%

Q3. Thinking about the way things are going in politics lately, would you say your side is: [FIRST TWO RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Mostly winning	Mostly losing	Neither
May 12-13, 2022	9%	32%	58%

PEW RESEARCH CENTER TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	Winning more often than losing	Losing more often than winning	No answer
2021 Sept 13-19	29%	65%	6%
2020 Feb 4-15	41%	56%	3%
2019 Apr 29-May 13	34%	62%	4%
2018 Jan 29-Feb 13	29%	67%	4%
2016 Apr 5-May 2	35%	59%	6%
QUESTION WORDING: Thinking about the way things have been going in politics over the last few years on the issues that matter to you, would you say your side has been...			



Q4. Which do you think are most important to the country today? [FIRST THREE RESPONSES SHOWN IN RANDOM ORDER]

Total respondents	Economic issues	Foreign policy issues	Domestic and social issues	Other
May 12-13, 2022	59%	3%	30%	7%

Registered voters	Economic issues	Foreign policy issues	Domestic and social issues	Other
May 12-13, 2022	61%	3%	31%	6%

CNN/ORC TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

<u>Registered voters</u>	<u>Economic issues</u>	<u>Foreign policy issues</u>	<u>Domestic and social issues</u>	<u>All equal (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Sept 7-9	59%	4%	33%	3%	1%
QUESTION WORDING: Overall, do you think economic issues, foreign policy issues, or domestic and social issues are most important to the country today?					

Q5. Which party do you trust more to handle those issues? [FIRST TWO RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Democrats	Republicans	Neither
May 12-13, 2022	30%	35%	35%



#### MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of n=1,000 adults were surveyed via text message on the SSRS Text Message Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older who have a mobile phone and were recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. Surveys were conducted in English.

Among the entire sample, **30%** described themselves as Democrats, **31%** described themselves as Republicans, and **39%** described themselves as independents or members of another party.

The entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, population density, and civic engagement, and Pew Research Center's NPORS figures for religious affiliation and frequency of internet use. The sample was also weighted for self-reported party identification. The benchmark for party identification was taken from CNN's national poll conducted by SSRS via web and phone from January 10-February 6, 2022, which implemented a full probability design via Address-Based Sampling (ABS).

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/- 4.0 percentage points.

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum n=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than n=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "SN" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.



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TABLE 001

Question 1

1. Thinking about the way things are going in the United States today, would you say you feel mostly:

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Poli- tics: Fired Up	Poli- tics: Burn- ed out
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Excited/Optimistic (Net)	14%	14%	14%	11%	21%	16%	9%
Excited	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	10%	2%
Optimistic	10%	11%	10%	7%	17%	6%	7%
Concerned/Scared (Net)	86%	86%	86%	89%	79%	84%	91%
Concerned	65%	65%	64%	64%	65%	54%	69%
Scared	21%	20%	22%	26%	13%	31%	22%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	8.3	5.4
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Excited/Optimistic (Net)	14%	21%	15%	13%	6%	20%	10%
Excited	4%	3%	6%	5%	1%	5%	3%
Optimistic	10%	19%	9%	8%	5%	15%	6%
Concerned/Scared (Net)	86%	79%	85%	87%	94%	80%	90%
Concerned	65%	61%	64%	70%	63%	63%	66%
Scared	21%	18%	22%	16%	31%	17%	24%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	8.6	6.0	5.4
	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Excited/Optimistic (Net)	14%	13%	15%	15%	14%	11%	10%
Excited	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Optimistic	10%	10%	11%	11%	10%	7%	6%
Concerned/Scared (Net)	86%	87%	85%	85%	86%	89%	90%
Concerned	65%	65%	64%	65%	64%	65%	62%
Scared	21%	22%	21%	20%	23%	24%	28%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	6.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.4	7.5
	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Excited/Optimistic (Net)	14%	19%	15%	9%	15%	17%	11%
Excited	4%	3%	3%	6%	5%	2%	5%
Optimistic	10%	16%	12%	3%	9%	15%	6%
Concerned/Scared (Net)	86%	81%	85%	91%	85%	83%	89%
Concerned	65%	64%	64%	66%	61%	68%	63%
Scared	21%	17%	22%	25%	25%	15%	26%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.7
	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	Most impt. issue Econ	Most impt. issue Dom./ Soc.	
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	
Excited/Optimistic (Net)	14%	20%	9%	13%	14%	16%	
Excited	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	
Optimistic	10%	17%	5%	9%	10%	11%	
Concerned/Scared (Net)	86%	80%	91%	87%	86%	84%	
Concerned	65%	63%	67%	65%	65%	63%	
Scared	21%	17%	24%	22%	21%	22%	
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	6.2	4.3	5.2	7.1	



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TABLE 002  
Question 2  
2. Which better describes how you feel about politics right now?  
Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Poli- tics: Fired Up	Poli- tics: Burn- ed out
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fired up	23%	26%	20%	27%	15%	100%	0%
Burned out	53%	52%	53%	53%	51%	0%	100%
Neither	24%	22%	27%	19%	33%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	8.3	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fired up	23%	17%	16%	31%	30%	16%	29%
Burned out	53%	62%	57%	40%	50%	60%	46%
Neither	24%	21%	27%	29%	20%	24%	25%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	8.6	6.0	5.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non- coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fired up	23%	24%	22%	23%	23%	27%	28%
Burned out	53%	54%	52%	51%	55%	52%	55%
Neither	24%	23%	25%	25%	22%	21%	17%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	6.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.4	7.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fired up	23%	25%	14%	33%	26%	13%	31%
Burned out	53%	48%	56%	53%	57%	56%	47%
Neither	24%	28%	30%	14%	17%	31%	22%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.7

	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	Most impt. issue Econ	Most impt. issue Dom./ Soc.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Fired up	23%	22%	30%	26%	23%	26%
Burned out	53%	51%	54%	52%	54%	53%
Neither	24%	27%	16%	23%	23%	21%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	6.2	4.3	5.2	7.1



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Question 3

3. Thinking about the way things are going in politics lately, would you say your side is:

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Poli- tics: Fired Up	Poli- tics: Burn- ed out
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mostly winning	9%	12%	7%	11%	7%	21%	5%
Mostly losing	32%	30%	34%	32%	32%	37%	33%
Neither	58%	58%	59%	57%	61%	41%	63%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	8.3	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mostly winning	9%	6%	4%	11%	18%	5%	13%
Mostly losing	32%	28%	37%	34%	31%	31%	34%
Neither	58%	66%	59%	55%	51%	64%	53%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	8.6	6.0	5.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non- coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mostly winning	9%	9%	9%	10%	8%	12%	9%
Mostly losing	32%	33%	32%	28%	39%	28%	39%
Neither	58%	58%	59%	62%	53%	60%	52%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	6.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.4	7.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mostly winning	9%	7%	4%	17%	5%	5%	16%
Mostly losing	32%	43%	25%	31%	46%	27%	30%
Neither	58%	49%	71%	51%	49%	69%	54%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.7

	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	Most impt. issue Econ	Most impt. issue Dom./ Soc.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Mostly winning	9%	7%	14%	10%	11%	8%
Mostly losing	32%	41%	29%	33%	31%	39%
Neither	58%	53%	57%	57%	58%	53%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	6.2	4.3	5.2	7.1



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Question 4

4. Which do you think are most important to the country today?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Poli- tics: Fired Up	Poli- tics: Burn- ed out
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Economic issues	59%	59%	60%	61%	57%	58%	61%
Foreign policy issues	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Domestic and social issues	30%	31%	30%	30%	31%	34%	30%
Other	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	8.3	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Economic issues	59%	55%	59%	63%	63%	56%	63%
Foreign policy issues	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Domestic and social issues	30%	34%	29%	27%	30%	33%	28%
Other	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	8%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	8.6	6.0	5.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non- coll.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Economic issues	59%	58%	61%	60%	58%	65%	55%
Foreign policy issues	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Domestic and social issues	30%	30%	30%	29%	32%	27%	35%
Other	7%	9%	6%	7%	6%	6%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	6.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.4	7.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Economic issues	59%	50%	54%	75%	41%	61%	70%
Foreign policy issues	3%	4%	4%	3%	1%	6%	2%
Domestic and social issues	30%	43%	30%	19%	51%	27%	21%
Other	7%	3%	13%	3%	7%	7%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.7

	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	Most impt. issue Econ	Most impt. issue Dom./ Soc.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Economic issues	59%	49%	73%	61%	100%	0%
Foreign policy issues	3%	3%	2%	3%	0%	0%
Domestic and social issues	30%	45%	19%	31%	0%	100%
Other	7%	3%	5%	6%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	6.2	4.3	5.2	7.1



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Question 5

5. Which party do you trust more to handle those issues?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Poli- tics: Fired Up	Poli- tics: Burn- ed out
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Democrats	30%	27%	33%	26%	37%	35%	26%
Republicans	35%	38%	33%	44%	20%	50%	34%
Neither	35%	35%	34%	30%	43%	15%	40%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	5.5	4.9	7.0	8.3	5.4

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Democrats	30%	29%	33%	32%	26%	32%	28%
Republicans	35%	26%	29%	38%	52%	26%	43%
Neither	35%	46%	38%	30%	23%	42%	28%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	8.0	7.6	8.2	8.6	6.0	5.4

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non- coll. grad	Coll. grad.	White non- coll.	White coll.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Democrats	30%	31%	30%	26%	37%	20%	35%
Republicans	35%	34%	36%	38%	30%	50%	34%
Neither	35%	36%	34%	36%	33%	30%	30%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	6.6	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.4	7.5

	Total	Demo- crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib- eral	Mode- rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Democrats	30%	79%	15%	2%	64%	29%	9%
Republicans	35%	5%	19%	83%	6%	24%	67%
Neither	35%	16%	66%	14%	31%	47%	24%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	7.3	6.4	7.2	7.7	6.5	6.7

	Total	Lean Demo- crat	Lean Repub lican	Reg. voter	Most impt. issue Econ	Most impt. issue Dom./ Soc.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Democrats	30%	72%	2%	32%	22%	49%
Republicans	35%	4%	74%	37%	46%	19%
Neither	35%	24%	23%	32%	32%	31%
Sampling Error (+/-)	4.0	5.9	6.2	4.3	5.2	7.1