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Interviews: 1,758 likely voters in battleground states  
(250 from each: AZ, FL, GA, MI, NV, PA, WI)  
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## FINAL

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***Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.***

S2. Are you currently registered to vote?

Registered to vote .....	100	<b>CONTINUE</b>
Not registered to vote .....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
Not sure about registration status.....	-	

S3a. In which state are you registered to vote?

AZ.....	14	
FL.....	14	
GA.....	14	
MI.....	14	<b>CONTINUE</b>
NV.....	14	
PA.....	14	
WI.....	14	
All other states.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>

S4. How likely are you to vote in this year's elections for U.S. Congress and state offices?

I am 100% certain to vote .....	81	
I am quite likely to vote. ....	14	<b>CONTINUE</b>
I am just somewhat likely to vote.....	5	
I am not likely to vote.....	-	<b>TERMINATE</b>
I will definitely not vote.....	-	

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing so far as president?

Strongly approve.....	16
Just somewhat approve .....	26
Just somewhat disapprove.....	17
Strongly disapprove .....	41
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>59</b>

***Due to rounding, not all tables will add to 100. When totaled responses differ from individual responses, totaled responses are more precise.***

- 2a. In this year's election for U.S. senator, are you more likely to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate? +

Republican--much more likely .....	37
Republican--somewhat more likely.....	9
Completely undecided.....	13
Democrat--somewhat more likely .....	12
Democrat--much more likely .....	30
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>42</b>

+ This question was NOT asked in Michigan.

- 2b. In this year's election for governor of **(STATE)**, are you more likely to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?

Republican--much more likely .....	37
Republican--somewhat more likely.....	9
Completely undecided.....	11
Democrat--somewhat more likely .....	10
Democrat--much more likely .....	32
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>43</b>

- 2c. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's Congressional elections—a Congress controlled by Republicans, or a Congress controlled by Democrats?

Republican-controlled Congress .....	47
Democrat-controlled Congress .....	41
Not sure .....	12

- 3a. Compared with other issues you might consider when you vote, how important is the issue of education and the public schools to you?

One of the most important issues .....	23
Very important, but several other issues are more important .	46
Somewhat important.....	22
A little bit important .....	6
Not important.....	4
<b>Total One Of The Most/Very Important</b>	<b>68</b>

- 3b. In general, do you have more confidence in the Democrats or in the Republicans to deal with education issues?

More confidence in Democrats .....	38
More confidence in Republicans .....	39
Same confidence in both parties.....	9
No confidence in either party .....	14

- 3c. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **(GOVERNOR NAME)** is handling education and the public schools as governor?

Strongly approve .....	23
Somewhat approve .....	30
Somewhat disapprove.....	15
Strongly disapprove .....	26
I do not know enough to say .....	7
<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Disapprove</b>	<b>40</b>

**Now we have some additional questions about education and public schools.**

4. When you think about education and the public schools today, do you feel that the public education system is working reasonably well, needs some changes and improvements, needs really major reforms, or needs a complete overhaul?

Is working reasonably well .....	12
Needs some changes and improvements .....	47
Needs really major reforms .....	22
Needs a complete overhaul.....	17
Not sure.....	2
<b>Total Working Well/Needs Some Changes</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Total Major Reforms/Complete Overhaul</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Registered Voters Nationwide</b>				
	<u>12/16</u>	<u>12/10</u>	<u>4/10</u>	<u>12/08</u>
Is working reasonably well .....	16	6	16	12
Needs some changes and improvements.....	41	45	38	42
Needs really major reforms.....	20	35	23	25
Needs a complete overhaul .....	20	14	21	20
Not sure .....	3	NA	2	1
<b>Total Working Well/Needs Some Changes</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Total Major Reforms/Complete Overhaul</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>

5. Below is a list of several different goals that public schools might try to achieve. Please read the entire list and then rank the four goals that you feel are most important for schools today to focus on.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 4 MOST IMPORTANT*

	Combined Top 3 Most Important	Combined Top 4 Most Important	
Making sure students have strong fundamental skills in reading, math, and science .....	58	67	>
Teaching practical life skills, like how to balance a checkbook and deal with money .....	42	55	
Developing students' critical thinking and reasoning skills .....	36	47	
Preparing students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college or careers .....	36	47	
Having students understand America's history, both the good and bad.....	27	39	
Developing students' social and emotional skills like self-control and awareness of others .....	25	36	
Providing a welcoming and inclusive environment where children of all backgrounds feel valued .....	22	30	
Encouraging students to become informed and engaged citizens .....	15	25	
Preparing students to be comfortable and successful in diverse settings and workplaces .....	17	24	
Making sure all children can pursue their dreams .....	10	15	
Giving children the freedom to be themselves .....	10	15	

- 6a. Are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with public schools in each of the following areas?

	<b>Total Satisfied</b>	<b>Total Dis- Satisfied</b>	<u>Very Satisfied</u>	<u>Some- what Satisfied</u>	<u>Some- what Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>Very Dis- satisfied</u>	<u>I Do Not Know Enough To Say</u>
The amount of say that parents have in what their children are taught .....	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	9	29	25	25	12
The way schools have handled the COVID-19 pandemic .....	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	12	40	22	20	6
The way students are taught about racial issues and the role of race in America .....	<b>27</b>	<b>60</b>	7	20	26	34	13
The way students are taught about issues related to sexual preference and gender identity .....	<b>23</b>	<b>58</b>	6	17	20	37	19

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY RACIAL ISSUES ARE TAUGHT)**

6b. Please explain below why you are dissatisfied with the way students are taught about racial issues and the role of race in America. \*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Liberals</u>	<u>Moderates</u>	<u>Conservatives</u>
Importance of teaching history	33	48	27	27
Accusations of subjective/distorted evidence in teaching	20	26	21	16
Not enough teaching about topics	19	28	28	8
Teaching divides society/creates and continues racism	18	3	12	30
Calls for objective evidence in teaching	12	16	10	10
Egalitarianism/inclusion	10	6	8	14
Other	10	11	13	7
Critical race theory	9	8	3	13
Authoritarian education/indoctrination	6	2	5	9
Don't know; no response	2%	1%	4%	2%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY SEXUAL PREFERENCE AND GENDER IDENTITY ARE TAUGHT)**

6c. Please explain below why you are dissatisfied with the way students are taught about sexual preference and gender identity. \*\*

	<u>All</u>	<u>Liberals</u>	<u>Moderates</u>	<u>Conservatives</u>
Students are too young for material	31	12	30	40
Parents are responsible for teaching material	27	3	25	39
Other	15	21	18	10
Authoritarian education/indoctrination	12	2	10	18
Not enough teaching about topics	11	38	9	-
Egalitarianism/inclusion	9	19	8	4
Calls for objective evidence in teaching	6	4	9	6
Academic fundamentals	5	-	4	8
Don't know; no response	2%	1%	2%	4%

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

7a. Which of these two statements do you think better describes public schools today? \*

(A) Public schools often go too far in promoting a political agenda in the classroom.

(B) Public schools generally stick to teaching appropriate academic content and skills.

Statement A—much more .....	26
Statement A—somewhat more .....	18
Statement B--somewhat more .....	24
Statement B—much more .....	24
Not sure .....	8
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>48</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

7b. Which of these two statements do you think better describes the teaching in public schools today? \*\*

(A) Teachers often go too far in promoting a political agenda in the classroom.

(B) Teachers generally stick to teaching appropriate academic content and skills.

Statement A—much more .....	24
Statement A—somewhat more.....	20
Statement B--somewhat more .....	25
Statement B—much more .....	24
Not sure.....	7
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<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>49</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/C).

**ROTATE ORDER OF Q.7c AND Q.7d**

7c. When it comes to teaching children about racial issues and the role of race in America, do you think the public schools give this topic...?

Too much time ..... 29  
Not enough time ..... 37  
Right amount of time ..... 17  
I do not know enough to say ..... 17

7d. When it comes to teaching children about sexual preference and gender identity, do you think the public schools give these topics...?

Too much time ..... 43  
Not enough time ..... 21  
Right amount of time ..... 14  
I do not know enough to say ..... 22

8a. Below are some different people and organizations involved with public education. For each one, please indicate how much confidence you have in that person or group to have the right ideas for public schools.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR FAIR AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE*

	<b>Total A Great Deal/Fair Amount Confidence</b>	<b>A Great Deal Of Confidence</b>	<b>A Fair Amount Of Confidence</b>	<b>Just Some Confidence</b>	<b>Very Little Or No Confidence</b>
Public school teachers .....	<b>62</b>	23	39	25	13
Parent organizations .....	<b>56</b>	16	40	30	15
Teachers' unions .....	<b>44</b>	12	32	24	32
Your state's governor * .....	<b>42</b>	16	26	23	35
Your state legislature ** .....	<b>30</b>	6	24	38	33
Politicians .....	<b>15</b>	3	12	26	59

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

8b. If you heard there was a disagreement on an education issue between teachers and a group of conservative parents, would you generally have more confidence in the teachers or in the conservative parent group to have the right position on the issue? \*\*

More confidence in teachers ..... 40  
More confidence in conservative parent group ..... 36  
Same confidence in both ..... 23

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

8c. If you heard there was a disagreement on an education issue between teachers and conservative politicians, would you generally have more confidence in the teachers or in the conservative politicians to have the right position on the issue? \*

More confidence in teachers ..... 58  
More confidence in conservative politicians ..... 24  
Same confidence in both ..... 19

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

- 8d. This year's standardized student assessments are expected to show a large drop in student performance compared with when the tests were last administered two years ago. Which of the following better describes your reaction to this large drop in student test scores? \*\*

The drop in student test scores demonstrates the failure of our public schools.....	33
The drop in student test scores demonstrates the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.....	54
I do not know enough to say.....	13

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/C).

- 8e. This year's standardized student assessments are expected to show a large drop in student performance compared with when the tests were last administered two years ago. Which of the following better describes how you think this situation should be addressed? \*

We should reduce the power of teachers' unions and help more parents pay for private school .....	18
We should invest in our public schools so they can help students catch up and get back on track .....	70
I do not know enough to say.....	11

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

9. Looking at the list below, please select the four items that you think are the biggest problems today when it comes to education and the public schools.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 4 BIGGEST PROBLEMS*

	Combined Top 3 Biggest Problems	Combined Top 4 Biggest Problems	
Education has become too politicized .....	38	49	>
Many schools are dealing with teacher shortages and lack of staff.....	35	45	
There is a lack of support and respect for teachers .....	30	40	
Students are being exposed to inappropriate teaching about topics like sexual orientation and gender fluidity .....	31	38	
School funding is not equal and poor districts have fewer resources.....	28	35	
Schools are not safe and there is too much violence in schools .....	23	33	
Parents do not have enough say over what their children are taught.....	21	30	
School boards are actively banning books from the curriculum and removing books from school libraries .....	19	29	
Schools are teaching Critical Race Theory .....	21	27	
Class sizes are too large .....	19	25	
Schools do not provide enough counseling or mental health support for students .....	17	25	
There is too much standardized testing and teaching to the test .....	19	24	

- 10a. When it comes to education becoming too politicized (**ADD ON FORMS A/B:** and too much a part of the culture war), do you consider this to be a very big problem today, a fairly big problem, just somewhat of a problem, or not really a problem today?

	<u>All</u>	<u>FORMS A/B*</u>	<u>FORMS C/D**</u>
A very big problem.....	42	42	42
A fairly big problem.....	39	40	39
Just somewhat of a problem.....	15	14	15
Not that much of a problem .....	4	4	4
<b>Total Big Problem</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>81</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

- 10b. In your opinion, who is more responsible for politicizing education (**ADD ON FORMS A/B:** and making education too much a part of the culture war)?

	<u>All</u>	<u>FORMS A/B*</u>	<u>FORMS C/D**</u>
Democrats and liberals are more responsible .....	33	32	34
Republicans and conservatives are more responsible .....	28	28	27
Both are equally responsible .....	36	36	36
Neither are responsible .....	4	4	3

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

**(ASK ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SAY “REPUBLICAN AND CONSERVATIVES” OR “BOTH” ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICIZING EDUCATION IN Q.10b)**

- 10c. In what ways do you think Republicans or conservatives are politicizing education (**ADD ON FORMS A/B:** and making education too much a part of the culture war)? What are your biggest concerns about Republicans or conservatives in this regard?

Political cynicism	19
Authoritarian education/indoctrination	18
Other	16
Critical race theory	7
Importance of teaching history	7
Calls for objective evidence in teaching	6
Academic fundamentals	5
Don't know; no response	18%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* There were no respondents from FORMS C/D

11a. Which of these concerns you more about schools today? \*\*

**A:** More concerned that politicians will ban books and censor topics that are educationally important

**B:** More concerned that some students will be taught values and ideas that their parents feel are offensive or inappropriate

More concerned about A .....	53
More concerned about B .....	40
Neither concerns me .....	8

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

11b. Which of these concerns you more about schools today? \*

**A:** More concerned that political controversies over book bans and censorship will divert schools from their mission of educating students

**B:** More concerned that some students will be taught values and ideas that their parents feel are offensive or inappropriate

More concerned about A .....	57
More concerned about B .....	36
Neither concerns me .....	7

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

**ALTERNATE ORDER OF Q.12 AND Q.13 ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW**

12. Now you will see some specific things you might learn about a Republican candidate this year. For each one, please indicate whether that position would make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or would not make a difference either way.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY*

	<u>Much More Likely</u>	<u>Some- what More Likely</u>	<u>Makes No Difference Either Way</u>	<u>Some- what Less Likely</u>	<u>Much Less Likely</u>
Believes public schools should focus less on teaching students about race and racism, and more on core academic subjects ** ....	39	17	18	11	13
Believes parents should have more say over what their children learn in school .....	33	23	21	12	11
Believes parents should have the option to decide whether their child receives instruction on gender and transgender issues ** .....	37	17	20	12	14
Favors legislation to prevent transgender students who were born as males from competing in girls' athletics * .....	38	16	21	10	16
Supports legislation that prohibits teaching in kindergarten through third grade about sexual orientation or gender identity .....	41	13	19	10	17
Says that schools should stop teaching young children that people can have more than one gender or no gender ** .....	39	13	18	10	20
Says that white students should not be shamed over issues of race and racism * .....	34	18	23	12	14
Believes schools should not teach students that they have special advantages due to their race or ethnic background * .....	31	19	21	12	16
Says schools must stop "grooming" students by encouraging them to question their gender identity or sexual preference * .....	37	15	19	10	19
Believes schools should be required to notify parents if their child attempts to join a club involving sexuality, gender, or gender identity ** .....	30	18	24	10	18
Says that schools should not teach students that all people are racially biased * .....	28	18	22	13	19
Says that schools should not teach students that America is a racist country ** .....	32	13	19	14	22
Supports legislation that would ban the teaching of critical race theory or "CRT" in public schools .....	31	13	22	11	23
Favors legislation preventing schools from teaching students that all people are racially biased ** .....	29	14	22	13	21
Believes public schools should focus less on teaching students about race and racism * .....	26	18	19	15	22
Favors legislation to prevent schools from teaching students that they have special advantages due to their race or ethnic background ** .....	28	15	21	14	21

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

Q.12 (cont'd)

	<u>Much More Likely</u>	<u>Some- what More Likely</u>	<u>Makes No Difference Either Way</u>	<u>Some- what Less Likely</u>	<u>Much Less Likely</u>
Says that schools should stop teaching children that gender is not determined by biology and each person can decide their own gender * .....	28	12	20	13	26
Favors legislation preventing schools from teaching that students may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background * .....	19	17	25	16	23
Believes schools should not teach that students may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background ** .....	21	15	23	16	25
Favors criminally prosecuting teachers as child abusers if they teach critical race theory or gender identity in public schools * .....	17	16	18	14	34
Favors allowing parents to have books they consider offensive removed from school libraries ** .....	16	13	22	17	32

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

**Q.12 SUMMARY – REPUBLICAN POSITIONS**

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MORE LIKELY*

	<u>Total More Likely</u>	<u>Total Less Likely</u>	<u>Differential (More-Less)</u>
Believes public schools should focus less on teaching students about race and racism, and more on core academic subjects **....	57	25	+32
Believes parents should have more say over what their children learn in school.....	56	23	+33
Believes parents should have the option to decide whether their child receives instruction on gender and transgender issues ** .....	54	25	+29
Favors legislation to prevent transgender students who were born as males from competing in girls' athletics *.....	54	26	+28
Supports legislation that prohibits teaching in kindergarten through third grade about sexual orientation or gender identity .....	54	27	+27
Says that schools should stop teaching young children that people can have more than one gender or no gender ** .....	52	30	+22
Says that white students should not be shamed over issues of race and racism * .....	51	26	+25
Believes schools should not teach students that they have special advantages due to their race or ethnic background * .....	51	28	+22
Says schools must stop "grooming" students by encouraging them to question their gender identity or sexual preference * .....	51	30	+22
Believes schools should be required to notify parents if their child attempts to join a club involving sexuality, gender, or gender identity ** .....	48	28	+20
Says that schools should not teach students that all people are racially biased * .....	46	32	+14
Says that schools should not teach students that America is a racist country ** .....	45	36	+9
Supports legislation that would ban the teaching of critical race theory or "CRT" in public schools .....	44	34	+11
Favors legislation preventing schools from teaching students that all people are racially biased ** .....	44	34	+10
Believes public schools should focus less on teaching students about race and racism * .....	44	37	+7
Favors legislation to prevent schools from teaching students that they have special advantages due to their race or ethnic background ** .....	43	36	+8
Says that schools should stop teaching children that gender is not determined by biology and each person can decide their own gender * .....	41	39	+2
Favors legislation preventing schools from teaching that students may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background * .....	36	39	-3
Believes schools should not teach that students may face obstacles due to their race or ethnic background ** .....	36	41	-5
Favors criminally prosecuting teachers as child abusers if they teach critical race theory or gender identity in public schools * .....	34	49	-15
Favors allowing parents to have books they consider offensive removed from school libraries ** .....	29	48	-19

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

13. Now you will see some specific things you might learn about a Democratic candidate this year. For each one, please indicate whether that position would make you more likely to vote for that candidate, less likely to vote for that candidate, or would not make a difference either way.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MUCH MORE LIKELY*

	<u>Much More Likely</u>	<u>Some- what More Likely</u>	<u>Makes No Difference Either Way</u>	<u>Some- what Less Likely</u>	<u>Much Less Likely</u>
Favors expanding literacy and reading programs for struggling students ** .....	50	29	16	2	2
Favors expanding access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs.....	47	30	18	3	3
Says that teachers and parents should work together to help students succeed, and we shouldn't let politicians divide us * .....	45	32	16	3	3
Favors helping schools to address shortages of qualified teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and nurses.....	43	31	19	4	3
Favors reducing class sizes, especially in the early grades, to allow more individualized instruction and attention.....	38	34	21	3	3
Believes that strengthening parent-teacher partnerships will improve our schools * .....	37	34	22	3	4
Favors strengthening mental health and counseling services for public school students and staff * .....	40	31	22	4	4
Favors improving and modernizing school buildings, including ventilation systems, to create a safe and healthy environment .....	39	29	24	4	4
Says that we should not let politicians use culture war battles to distract us from the core mission of educating students ** .....	44	24	22	4	5
Wants to increase teacher salaries, to address the teacher shortage and reduce class sizes ** .....	38	28	20	7	6
Favors increasing access to affordable pre-K and early childhood education programs ** .....	39	26	24	6	4
Wants to create community schools that serve as neighborhood hubs, stay open longer, and provide extra academic enrichment for students.....	32	31	27	6	4
Wants to increase teacher salaries * .....	35	27	23	8	7
Believes the school curriculum should represent and respect the experiences of students of color .....	29	20	30	9	11
Favors teaching students an anti-racist curriculum that builds on the varying cultures of students and their families .....	27	24	26	10	14
Believes that schools should provide students with age-appropriate instruction on gender and transgender issues .....	23	20	23	10	24

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/C).

**Q.13 SUMMARY – DEMOCRATIC POSITIONS**

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MUCH OR SOMEWHAT MORE LIKELY*

	<u>Total More Likely</u>	<u>Total Less Likely</u>	<u>Differential (More-Less)</u>
Favors expanding literacy and reading programs for struggling students ** .....	79	5	+74
Favors expanding access to career and technical education and other vocational programs that prepare students for jobs .....	77	6	+71
Says that teachers and parents should work together to help students succeed, and we shouldn't let politicians divide us * .....	77	7	+70
Favors helping schools to address shortages of qualified teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, and nurses .....	74	7	+67
Favors reducing class sizes, especially in the early grades, to allow more individualized instruction and attention .....	73	6	+66
Believes that strengthening parent-teacher partnerships will improve our schools * .....	71	7	+64
Favors strengthening mental health and counseling services for public school students and staff * .....	70	8	+62
Favors improving and modernizing school buildings, including ventilation systems, to create a safe and healthy environment .....	68	8	+61
Says that we should not let politicians use culture war battles to distract us from the core mission of educating students ** .....	68	9	+59
Wants to increase teacher salaries, to address the teacher shortage and reduce class sizes ** .....	67	13	+54
Favors increasing access to affordable pre-K and early childhood education programs ** .....	65	11	+54
Wants to create community schools that serve as neighborhood hubs, stay open longer, and provide extra academic enrichment for students .....	63	10	+53
Wants to increase teacher salaries * .....	63	15	+48
Believes the school curriculum should represent and respect the experiences of students of color .....	50	20	+29
Favors teaching students an anti-racist curriculum that builds on the varying cultures of students and their families.....	50	24	+26
Believes that schools should provide students with age-appropriate instruction on gender and transgender issues .....	43	34	+9

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/C).

- 14a. You will now see a statement about education issues made by a Republican candidate. Please read the statement and indicate how appealing this candidate is to you personally. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where a higher number like 8, 9, or 10 means they are extremely appealing and a lower number like 0, 1, or 2 means they are not that appealing. You may use any number from 0 to 10, depending on how strongly you feel.

**[REPUBLICAN]** Too many schools today are focused on indoctrinating students with liberal political ideas, instead of educating them. Children are shamed because of their race and taught that some people are "privileged" because of the color of their skin. Students are taught that biological sex is a myth, and even young kids are exposed to radical ideas about gender identity. We need a change: schools and teachers should respect the rights of parents and teach children the skills they need for success.

9-10, extremely appealing.....	37
7-8.....	19
5-6.....	14
0-4, not that appealing .....	30
<b>Mean</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Total 8-10</b>	<b>48</b>

- 14b. You will now see a statement about education issues made by a Democratic candidate. Please read the statement and indicate how appealing this candidate is to you personally. Use a scale from 0 to 10, where a higher number like 8, 9, or 10 means they are extremely appealing and a lower number like 0, 1, or 2 means they are not that appealing. You may use any number from 0 to 10, depending on how strongly you feel.

	<u>Total</u> <u>8-10</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<b>Extremely Appealing</b>		<b>Not That Appealing</b>	
			<u>9-10</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>0-4</u>
<b>[INVEST]</b> Instead of banning books and censoring curriculums, leaders should focus on investing in our schools. Students need smaller class sizes, more qualified teachers, mental health resources, and career and technical education. And let's give children an honest and accurate education, so they are prepared to succeed in a diverse society. If we put politics aside and focus on making sure all children have access to excellent public schools, we can build a better future for our country * .....	<b>65</b>	<b>7.8</b>	50	26	15	9
<b>[FREEDOM TO LEARN]</b> Whether we are Black, white, or brown, transgender or not, we want our kids to have the freedom to be themselves and pursue their dreams. But certain politicians try to get power by putting us in boxes based on what we look like, where we're from, or our genders. We need welcoming, accurate, and fully funded education, so we can make our schools places where children of all races and genders are free to learn all that they--and our country--have the potential to be **.....	<b>52</b>	<b>7.0</b>	37	27	19	17

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

- 14c. Below you will see the statements of those two candidates again. This time, please indicate which of the two candidates you would be more likely to vote for based on their statements.

**[REPUBLICAN]** Too many schools today are focused on indoctrinating students with liberal political ideas, instead of educating them. Children are shamed because of their race and taught that some people are "privileged" because of the color of their skin. Students are taught that biological sex is a myth, and even young kids are exposed to radical ideas about gender identity. We need a change: schools and teachers should respect the rights of parents and teach children the skills they need for success.

**FORMS A/C: [INVEST]** Instead of banning books and censoring curriculums, leaders should focus on investing in our schools. Students need smaller class sizes, more qualified teachers, mental health resources, and career and technical education. And let's give children an honest and accurate education, so they are prepared to succeed in a diverse society. If we put politics aside and focus on making sure all children have access to excellent public schools, we can build a better future for our country.

**FORMS B/D: [FREEDOM TO LEARN]** Whether we are Black, white, or brown, transgender or not, we want our kids to have the freedom to be themselves and pursue their dreams. But certain politicians try to get power by putting us in boxes based on what we look like, where we're from, or our genders. We need welcoming, accurate, and fully funded education, so we can make our schools places where children of all races and genders are free to learn all that they--and our country--have the potential to be

	<u>FORMS A/C*</u>	<u>FORMS B/D**</u>
Much more likely to vote for Republican candidate	26	32
Somewhat more likely to vote for Republican candidate	12	13
Equally likely to vote for either candidate	17	13
Somewhat more likely to vote for Democratic candidate	11	11
Much more likely to vote for Democratic candidate	34	31
<b>Total More Likely To Vote For Republican</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total More Likely To Vote For Democrat</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>42</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

- 14d. Now you will now see a different statement about education issues made by a Democratic candidate. Please read this statement and indicate how appealing this candidate is to you personally. Just as before, use a scale from 0 to 10, where a higher number like 8, 9, or 10 means they are extremely appealing and a lower number like 0, 1, or 2 means they are not that appealing. You may use any number from 0 to 10, depending on how strongly you feel.

	<u>Total</u>		<u>Extremely</u>		<u>Not That</u>	
	<u>8-10</u>	<u>Mean</u>	<u>9-10</u>	<u>7-8</u>	<u>5-6</u>	<u>0-4</u>
<b>[HONEST EDUCATION]</b> Instead of banning books and censoring curriculums, we should give children an honest and accurate education to prepare them to succeed in a diverse society. We need to teach our children both the good and bad from America's history and current events, so they can learn from the mistakes of our past and create a better future. Let's keep culture war politics out of our schools and focus on investing in our children's futures. *.....	<b>61</b>	<b>7.6</b>	44	30	16	10
<b>[INVEST]</b> Instead of banning books and censoring curriculums, leaders should focus on investing in our schools. Students need smaller class sizes, more qualified teachers, mental health resources, and career and technical education. And let's give children an honest and accurate education, so they are prepared to succeed in a diverse society. If we put politics aside and focus on making sure all children have access to excellent public schools, we can build a better future for our country. **.....	<b>65</b>	<b>7.7</b>	48	28	16	9

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

15. Which THREE of the following, if any, would give you the biggest concerns about a Republican candidate when it comes to education and the public schools?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 3 BIGGEST CONCERNS*

	Combined Top 2 Biggest Concerns	Combined Top 3 Biggest Concerns	
They prioritize tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy over ensuring needed funding for education to address problems like the teacher shortage. ....	26	39	>
They support legislation that would ban books from the school curriculum and school libraries, including recognized works of literature. ....	25	37	
They favor taking money away from public schools to fund private and religious schools.....	24	36	
They want schools to ignore the reality of race and discrimination in our country, instead of preparing students to live and succeed in a diverse society.....	23	34	
They want to censor the truth of our history and erase leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. from our books and classrooms. ....	23	33	
Instead of focusing on what students need to succeed in society, they are making schools the next ideological battleground for the MAGA agenda. ....	21	32	
They consistently show a lack of respect and support for teachers and spend more time tearing teachers down than trying to build them up. ....	21	31	
They support "Don't Say Gay" laws and other policies that would make gay and lesbian students feel unwelcome in schools.....	15	23	
They try to get power by putting us in boxes based on what we look like, where we're from, or our genders. ....	12	21	
They exploit lack of familiarity with transgender people and try to exclude trans kids from healthcare, school, or sports.....	9	15	

**Getting to the end of the survey, now you will see some pairs of statements about schools and education. For each pair, please indicate which statement you agree with more.**

**Q.16 SERIES IS RANDOMIZED.**

- 16a. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*

- (A) Parents should have more say in what their children are taught in school.  
(B) Teachers and education professionals should determine the school curriculum.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	28
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	23
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	26
Statement B--Agree much more.....	23
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>49</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

16b. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*

(A) Parents should have more say in what their children are taught in school.

(B) Teachers and education professionals should determine the school curriculum, with input from parents.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	24
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	18
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	26
Statement B--Agree much more.....	32
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<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>58</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/D).

16c. Which statement do you agree with more? \*\*

(A) Schools should put less focus on issues of race and racism and teach children to think of themselves and others as individuals.

(B) Schools should teach age-appropriate lessons on topics such as diversity and racism because students need to learn from the mistakes of the past.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	30
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	23
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	24
Statement B--Agree much more.....	24
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<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>47</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS B/D).

16d. Which statement do you agree with more? \*

(A) Schools should put less focus on issues of race and racism and teach children to think of themselves and others as individuals

(B) Schools should teach the truth of our history so children can reckon with our past, understand our present, and create a better future.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	21
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	19
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	21
Statement B--Agree much more.....	39
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<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>59</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/C).

16e. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*

- (A) Sensitive topics like gender identity and transgender issues should be learned at home, in accordance with a family's values, not in school.
- (B) Schools should give children the freedom to be themselves, regardless of where they're from, their background, or their genders.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	35
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	18
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	22
Statement B--Agree much more.....	26
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>47</b>

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

16f. Which of these two statements do you agree with more? \*\*

- (A) Sensitive topics like gender identity and transgender issues should be learned at home, in accordance with a family's values, not in school.
- (B) Schools should teach children to treat other people with respect and understand our country's diversity, but always in an age-appropriate way.

Statement A--Agree much more.....	30
Statement A--Agree somewhat more	15
Statement B--Agree somewhat more	22
Statement B--Agree much more.....	34
<b>Total Statement A</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Statement B</b>	<b>56</b>

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

17a. Now, thinking about all of the issues you have heard about in this survey, do you have more confidence in Democrats or in Republicans to deal with education issues in a way that you would agree with

	<u>Q.17a</u>	<i>Initial Ask</i> <u>(Q.3b)</u>
More confidence in Democrats .....	39	38
More confidence in Republicans.....	37	39
Same confidence in both parties.....	10	9
Not much confidence in either party .....	13	14

- 17b. And in your opinion, who is more responsible for politicizing education (**ADD ON FORMS A/B:** and making education too much a part of the culture war)?

	<u>All</u>	<u>FORMS A/B*</u>	<u>FORMS C/D**</u>
Democrats and liberals are more responsible.....	32	33	32
Republicans and conservatives are more responsible.....	33	34	33
Both are equally responsible.....	31	31	30
Neither are responsible.....	4	3	4

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

<b>Initial Ask Q.10b</b>			
	<u>All</u>	<u>FORMS A/B*</u>	<u>FORMS C/D**</u>
Democrats and liberals are more responsible.....	33	32	34
Republicans and conservatives are more responsible.....	28	28	27
Both are equally responsible.....	36	36	36
Neither are responsible.....	4	4	3

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS A/B).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORMS C/D).

**FACTUALS: These last few questions are for statistical purposes only.**

- F1. Thinking about all the different elections in which you have been eligible to vote over the past several years--local, state, and national--how many of these elections would you say you voted in?

Voted in nearly all these elections.....	66
Voted in most of these elections.....	20
Voted in about half of these elections.....	7
Voted in fewer than half of these elections.....	5
Voted in hardly any of these elections.....	3

- F2. On most issues related to government and politics, do you consider yourself...?

Very liberal .....	10	□
Somewhat liberal .....	16	
Moderate .....	33	
Somewhat conservative .....	24	
Very conservative .....	17	
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>26</b>	
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>41</b>	

- F3. Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

A large city .....	21
A small city.....	11
A suburb.....	44
A small town.....	9
A rural area .....	15
<b>Total City</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total Small Town/Rural</b>	<b>24</b>

F4. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, what would the total be?

Less than \$10,000 .....	3
Between \$10,000 and \$19,999 .....	6
Between \$20,000 and \$29,999 .....	10
Between \$30,000 and \$39,999 .....	11
Between \$40,000 and \$49,999 .....	10
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999 .....	21
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999 .....	15
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999 .....	14
\$150,000 or more .....	9

F5. Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes, born again or evangelical Christian .....	30
No, neither a born again nor evangelical Christian .....	70

**Q.S5 THROUGH Q.S13c WERE ASKED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW**

S5. For statistical purposes only, are you...?

Male .....	47
Female .....	53
Non-binary/other .....	-

S6. For statistical purposes only and to ensure that we have a representative sample, in what year were you born?

18-24.....	4
25-29.....	6
30-34.....	9
35-39.....	8
40-44.....	7
45-49.....	6
50-54.....	7
55-59.....	11
60-64.....	12
65-69.....	14
70-74.....	9
75 or older.....	7

S7. What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not graduate high school .....	2
High school graduate.....	26
Attended technical or vocational school .....	5
Attended some college, but no degree .....	18
Graduated 2-year college with an associate's degree .....	11
Graduated 4-year college with a bachelor's degree .....	24
Obtained a master's, PhD, or professional degree .....	15

S8ab. In politics, do you consider yourself to be a Democrat, a Republican, or an independent? (IF "INDEPENDENT" IN Q.S8a, ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or strictly independent with no party leaning at all? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN" IN Q.S8a, ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN) or not that strong a (DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN)?

Strong Democrat .....	24
Not that strong Democrat.....	14
Closer to the Democrats .....	6
Strictly independent/do not lean toward either party.....	8
Closer to the Republicans.....	6
Not that strong Republican .....	16
Strong Republican .....	26
<b>Total Democrat</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Total Republican</b>	<b>48</b>

S9. Which candidate did you vote for in the 2020 election for president, if any?

Joe Biden, the Democrat .....	45
Donald Trump, the Republican .....	48
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian .....	2
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate + .....	-
Did not vote in the 2020 election .....	4

+ Asked only in states where Howie Hawkins was on the ballot.

S10. Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

Employed full time .....	45
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week).....	14
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work .....	2
Disabled, unable to work .....	4
Stay-at-home parent.....	6
Full-time student .....	1
Retired .....	27

S11ab. Again, for statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And to ensure that we have a representative sample, please indicate your race.

Asian or Asian American .....	2
Black or African American .....	13
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin .....	10
American Indian or Native American .....	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander .....	-
White .....	73
Another race .....	1

S12. Are you...?

Now married .....	60
Widowed .....	6
Divorced .....	11
Separated .....	2
Never married .....	22

S13a. Are you the parent of any children ages 5 to 18 who are in any grade between kindergarten and 12th grade during this 2021-2022 school year?

Yes, have 5- to 18-year-old child/children in grades K to 12...	23
No, do not have 5- to 18-year-old(s) .....	77

**(ASK ONLY OF PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILD/CHILDREN)**

13b. Please indicate whether your child or children attend any of the following type(s) of schools.. *Check as many as apply.*

	<u>Parents</u>	
A regular public school .....	83	>
A public charter school .....	10	
A private or religious school .....	12	

**(ASK ONLY OF PARENTS WITH CHILD/CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.)**

S13c. Please indicate which grade or grades your children who attend public school are in this school year. *Check as many as apply.*

	<u>Parents</u>	
Between pre-kindergarten and fifth grade .....	60	>
Between sixth grade and eighth grade .....	35	
Between ninth grade and twelfth grade .....	36	