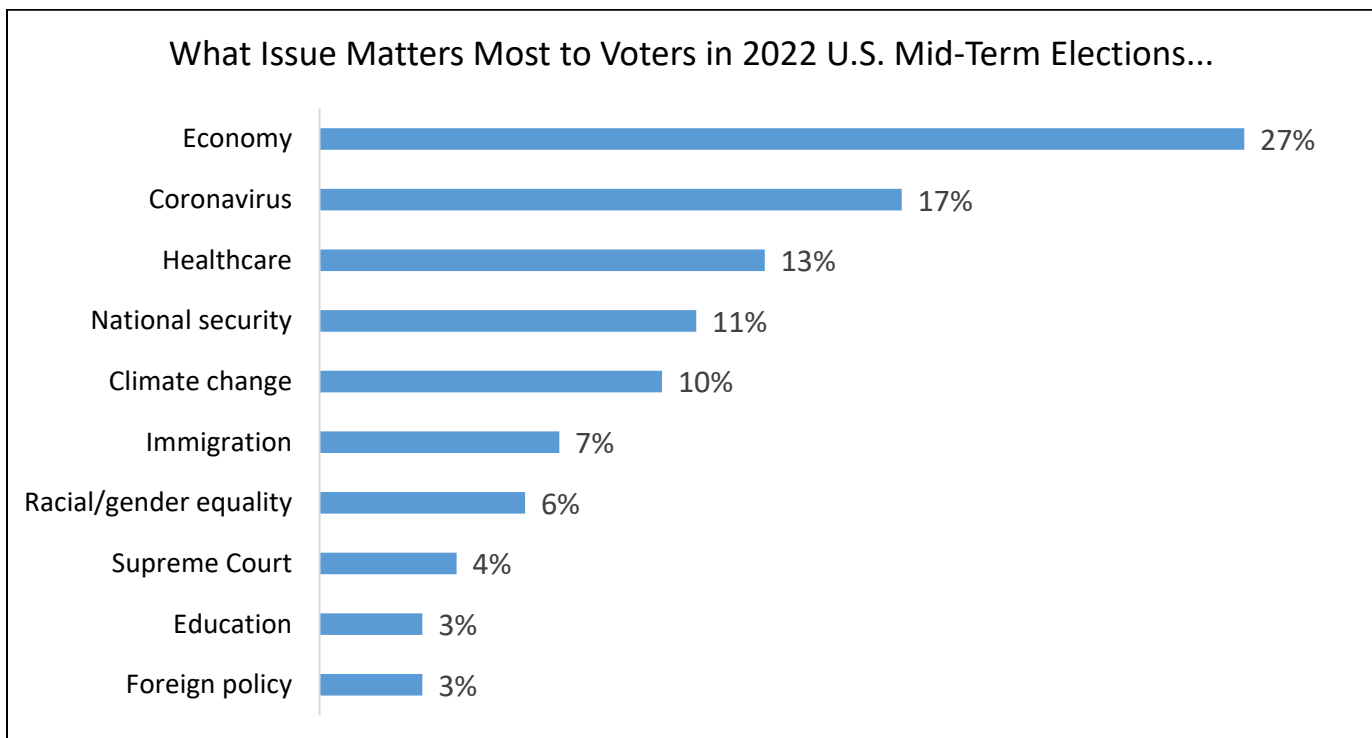


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## What Issues Matter Most To Voters in 2022 U.S. Mid-Term Elections: Long Island University Hornstein Center National Poll

**BROOKVILLE, NY, September 16, 2021** – Results of a newly released Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis national poll reveal the early issues that matter most to voters in the 2022 U.S. Mid-Term Elections. The two issues that mattered most on deciding how to vote among respondents were the economy (27%) and coronavirus (17%).

### TOP ISSUES FOR AMERICAN VOTERS IN 2022 U.S. MID-TERM ELECTIONS: #1 ECONOMY AND #2 CORONAVIRUS



SOURCE: LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY HORNSTEIN CENTER POLL (SEPTEMBER 2021)



Respondents were asked what one issue matters most in deciding how they will vote in the United States mid-term elections in 2022. While a variety of reasons were mentioned, the two issues that mattered most on deciding how to vote among respondents were the economy (27%) and coronavirus (17%). Following behind were health care (13%), national security (11%), climate change (10%), immigration (7%), racial/gender equality (6%), supreme court (4%), education (3%), and foreign policy (3%).

### **POLITICAL DIFFERENCES IN TOP ISSUES FOR VOTERS IN 2022 U.S. MID-TERM ELECTIONS**

#### **REPUBLICANS TOP ISSUES: #1 ECONOMY FOLLOWED BY #2 NATIONAL SECURITY**

Americans that identified as Republicans stated the issues that mattered most in deciding how they will vote in the United States mid-term elections in 2022 were the economy (37%) and national security (25%). Other issues in order of

importance included immigration (12%), coronavirus (9%), and healthcare (6%). Five percent or fewer Republicans listed foreign policy, climate change, supreme court, education, and racial/gender equality as top issues.

#### **DEMOCRATS TOP ISSUES: #1 CORONAVIRUS FOLLOWED BY #2 ECONOMY**

Americans that identified as Democrats stated the issues that mattered most in deciding how they will vote in the United States mid-term elections in 2022 were the coronavirus (22%) and economy (20%). Other issues in order of importance included healthcare (18%), climate change (15%), and racial/gender equality (8%). Five percent or fewer Democrats listed supreme court, national security, immigration, education, and foreign policy as top issues.

#### **INDEPENDENTS TOP ISSUES: #1 ECONOMY FOLLOWED BY #2 CORONAVIRUS**

Americans that identified as independent/other stated the issues that mattered most in deciding how they will vote in the United States mid-term elections in 2022 were the economy (27%) and coronavirus (17%). Other issues in order of importance included healthcare (12%), climate change (10%), national security (9%), immigration (7%), and racial/gender equality (6%). Five percent or fewer independent/other respondents listed education, foreign policy, and supreme court as top issues.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from September 2 – 3, 2021 among a national sample of 1,611 adults ages 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from over 2.5 million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age and gender using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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**NATIONAL POLL: WHAT ISSUES MATTER MOST TO VOTERS IN MID-TERM U.S. ELECTIONS 2022**

September 2-3, 2021

1,611 RESPONDENTS

MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 2.5%

What one issue matters most to you in deciding how you will vote in the United States mid-term elections in 2022?

	GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Economy	27%	28%	26%	20%	29%	33%	23%	25%	30%	30%	27%	18%	28%	29%	28%	26%	22%	37%	20%	27%
Coronavirus	17%	16%	18%	23%	19%	15%	13%	19%	14%	17%	24%	12%	18%	14%	16%	8%	27%	9%	22%	17%
Foreign policy	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%
National security	11%	12%	10%	8%	6%	13%	17%	11%	11%	11%	7%	18%	11%	11%	13%	14%	7%	25%	4%	9%
Healthcare	13%	11%	14%	12%	17%	10%	13%	15%	13%	11%	8%	12%	12%	15%	11%	11%	14%	6%	18%	12%
Racial/gender equality	6%	4%	7%	11%	5%	4%	3%	6%	5%	5%	2%	8%	5%	6%	6%	4%	6%	1%	8%	6%
Climate change	10%	11%	9%	11%	8%	8%	13%	10%	8%	11%	10%	15%	11%	10%	9%	10%	11%	2%	15%	10%
Immigration	7%	7%	7%	5%	6%	7%	9%	7%	8%	5%	14%	6%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	12%	3%	7%
Supreme Court	4%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	7%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	3%	4%	8%	3%	2%	5%	3%
Education	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%

**Nature of Sample**

Age	Percent	Household Income	Percent	Region	Percent	Device Type	Percent
< 18	0%	\$0-\$49,999	34%	Northeast	17%	iOS Phone / Tablet	51%
18-29	22%	\$50,000-\$99,999	33%	Midwest	24%	Android Phone / Tablet	39%
30-44	26%	\$100,000-\$149,999	13%	South	32%	Other Phone / Tablet	0%
45-60	28%	\$150,000-\$174,999	4%	Mountain	8%	Windows Desktop / Laptop	6%
> 60	24%	\$200,000+	4%	Pacific	19%	MacOS Desktop / Laptop	3%
		Prefer not to answer	12%			Other	1%

Gender	Percent	Party Identification	Percent
Male	48%	Republican	23%
Female	52%	Democrat	36%
		Independent/Other	41%