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

Gender: What is your gender?

Man	47
Woman	53
Non-binary/other	0

QSRV1: Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes, registered to vote	100	
No, not registered to vote	0	**TERMINATED**
Not sure	0	

RegionAuto: In which state are you registered to vote?

Northeast	21
South	35
Midwest	22
Rest of West	11
California	11

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

18-24	7
25-29	9
30-34	8
35-39	8
40-44	9
45-49	7
50-54	7
55-59	9
60-64	7
65-69	10
70-74	8
75 or older	11

QSPID2ab: In politics, are you...? (IF 'COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT':) In recent elections, have you...?

Strong Republican	21
Leaning Republican	21
Independent/more for Republicans	4
Completely independent/split votes evenly	7
Independent/more for Democrats	6
Leaning Democrat	18
Strong Democrat	23

QSedu: What is the last grade of school or level of education you completed?

Did not graduate high school	2
High school graduate	27
Vocational training/technical school	4
Some college, no degree	17
2-year college/associate degree	9
4-year college/bachelor's degree	26
Master's, PhD, or professional degree (MD, law, MBA)	15

QSemp: Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

Employed full time	50
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week)	11
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work	4
Disabled, unable to work	2
Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	5
Full-time student	2
Retired	26
Total Employed	**61**

QS24prescom: Did you vote in the November 2024 election for president? (IF 'YES, VOTED':) Which candidate did you vote for in the election for president?

Kamala Harris, the Democrat	43
Donald Trump, the Republican	45
Other candidate	2
Did not vote	10

(ASKED IF "DONALD TRUMP" IN QS24prescom)

QS2: Did you strongly support Donald Trump in the election for president, or did you have some doubts and reservations about voting for him?

I strongly supported Donald Trump	69
I had some doubts and reservations about voting for Donald Trump	31

(RESUMED ASKING EVERYONE.)

RaceTH: Again, for statistical purposes only, are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? And to ensure we have a representative sample, what is your race?

American Indian or Native American	1
Asian or Asian American	5
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	12
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0
White	70
Another race	1

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Qurb: Which of the following best describes the area where you live--a city, a suburb, a small town, or a rural area?

A city	23
A suburb	46
A small town	13
A rural area	18
Total Small Town/Rural	**31**

Qinc2: 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	4
$10,000 to $19,999	5
$20,000 to $29,999	10
$30,000 to $39,999	7
$40,000 to $49,999	8
$50,000 to $74,999	21
$75,000 to $99,999	14
$100,000 to $149,999	16
$150,000 or more	15

Q1a: Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

Strongly approve	17
Somewhat approve	19
Somewhat disapprove	15
Strongly disapprove	49
Total Approve	**36**
Total Disapprove	**64**

Q1b: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is doing its job?

Strongly approve	3
Somewhat approve	24
Somewhat disapprove	39
Strongly disapprove	33
Total Approve	**28**
Total Disapprove	**72**

Q2a: Looking ahead to this year's election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your district, will you definitely vote for the Democratic candidate, probably vote for the Democratic candidate, probably vote for the Republican candidate, or definitely vote for the Republican candidate?

Definitely vote for the Democratic candidate	36
Probably vote for the Democratic candidate	14
Probably vote for the Republican candidate	16
Definitely vote for the Republican candidate	25
Not sure	9
Total Democratic	**49**
Total Republican	**41**

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Q2b: What is your preference for the outcome of this year's Congressional elections-- a Congress controlled by Democrats, or a Congress controlled by Republicans?

A Democrat-controlled Congress	48
A Republican-controlled Congress	41
Not sure	11

Q3: Please indicate how much you trust each of the following to act in the interests of everyday Americans-- a lot, some, just a little, or not at all?

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE SAYING A LOT OR SOME

	Total Trust a lot/Some	**Total Trust a little/Not at all**	A lot	Some	Just a little	Not at all
Democrats in Congress	**45**	**55**	15	30	23	32
Republicans in Congress	**39**	**61**	13	26	20	41
Donald Trump	**38**	**62**	21	17	11	51
Large corporations	**24**	**76**	3	21	31	44
Billionaires	**18**	**82**	3	15	24	57

Q4: This November, we will have elections for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. Looking ahead to when the next Congress takes office in January, please select from the list below the four most important issues that you would like the next Congress to focus on.

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP 4 MOST IMPORTANT

	Top 2 Most Important	Top 4 Most Important
Lower the cost of groceries and gas	45	71
Protect Social Security and Medicare	28	53
Crack down on corruption in politics and government	25	49
Lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs	23	46
Stop billionaires and big corporations from abusing their power and influence at the expense of everyday Americans	18	40
Reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in government spending	20	40
End U.S. military involvement in the Iran War	17	35
Reform immigration enforcement and strengthen oversight of ICE	11	23
Strengthen oversight and safeguards for artificial intelligence (AI) and data centers	7	19
End partisan gerrymandering and reform how congressional districts are drawn	5	13
None of these are important	1	1

Q5a: Which of the following best describes your opinion of the Democratic Party?

I consider myself to be a supporter of the Democratic Party and its candidates.	44
I used to support Democrats, but I am less likely to do so now.	22
I never really supported the Democratic Party and its candidates.	34
Total Non-supporters	**56**

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Q5b: Which of the following best describes your opinion of the Republican Party?

I consider myself to be a supporter of the Republican Party and its candidates.	38
I used to support Republicans, but I am less likely to do so now.	21
I never really supported the Republican Party and its candidates.	41
Total Non-supporters	**62**

Q6a: How much confidence do you have in **Democrats** in Congress to address the most important issues facing the country?

A lot	17
Some	27
Just a little	24
None at all	32
Total A lot/Some Confidence	**44**
Total Just a little/No Confidence	**56**

Q6b: How much confidence do you have in **Republicans** in Congress to address the most important issues facing the country?

A lot	14
Some	23
Just a little	20
None at all	43
Total A lot/Some Confidence	**37**
Total Just a little/No Confidence	**63**

Q7a: How well do you think our economic system is working for you and your family?

Very well	7
Somewhat well	30
Somewhat poorly	37
Very poorly	26
Total Working Well	**37**
Total Working Poorly	**63**

Q7b: How often do you worry about being able to afford everyday expenses like food, housing, healthcare, or utilities?

Very often	28
Somewhat often	34
Not that often	24
Never	14
Total Very/Somewhat Often	**62**
Total Not That Often/Never	**38**

Q8a: Which one of the following best describes how you think about your current economic situation?

Poor	18
Working class	32
Middle class	38
Upper-middle class	10
Wealthy	2
Total Poor/Working Class	**50**
Total Upper-Middle Class/Wealthy	**12**

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(**ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAID POOR OR WORKING CLASS (P1/2) IN Q8a.)**
Q8b: Looking ahead, would you say that being middle class is or is not an important goal for you personally?

Being middle class IS an important goal for me	61
Being middle class is NOT an important goal for me	39

(RESUMED ASKING EVERYONE.)
Q9a: Please indicate how much of a problem you think each of the following is these days.

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE SAYING A VERY OR FAIRLY MAJOR PROBLEM

	Total Major Problem	**Total Minor/ Not a problem**	A very major problem	A fairly major problem	A minor problem	Not a problem at all
Elected officials and government employees using their position for personal financial gain*	**90**	**10**	60	30	8	1
Price gouging by big corporations when they raise prices more than their costs justify in order to make bigger profits	**87**	**13**	56	30	10	3
Billionaires and big corporations using their money and influence to shape laws and regulations in ways that benefit them at the expense of everyday Americans*	**85**	**15**	57	29	12	3
Companies exploiting loopholes in order to avoid paying their fair share in taxes*	**82**	**18**	51	31	15	3
Companies exploiting loopholes in order to avoid paying workers the wages they're owed**	**79**	**21**	50	29	16	4
Billionaires and big corporations using their money and influence in the Trump administration and Congress to shape laws and regulations in ways that benefit them at the expense of everyday Americans**	**77**	**23**	56	21	14	9
Donald Trump and members of his administration using their positions to enrich themselves**	**69**	**31**	54	15	15	16
The failure of Congress to provide a real check and balance on the Trump administration	**69**	**31**	50	19	15	16
Abuses of power by the Trump administration that violate the Constitution and the rule of law	**68**	**32**	54	14	13	19

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q9b: Understanding that all of these may concern you, please rank the three most concerning.

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP 3 MOST CONCERNING BY ALL

	All	Form A	Form B
Billionaires and big corporations using their money and influence (**ADD ON FORM B**: in the Trump administration and Congress) to shape laws and regulations in ways that benefit them at the expense of everyday Americans.	53	57	48
Abuses of power by the Trump administration that violate the Constitution and the rule of law	50	54	47
Price gouging by big corporations when they raise prices more than their costs justify in order to make bigger profits	50	50	50
(FORM A: Elected officials and government employees using their position for personal financial gain**) (FORM B:** Donald Trump and members of his administration using their positions to enrich themselves)	49	51	47
The failure of Congress to provide a real check and balance on the Trump administration	43	44	41
Companies exploiting loopholes in order to avoid (**FORM A:** paying their fair share in taxes) (**FORM B:** paying workers the wages they're owed)	35	32	37
None of these concern me	5	3	7

In these next few questions, we will focus on one specific responsibility of Congress.

Q10: Congress has the authority to conduct oversight and accountability investigations of government agencies, as well as companies and organizations outside of government. It can hold hearings to bring transparency to the American people about potential wrongdoing, waste, fraud, or abuse, and hold those at fault accountable. When you think about this tool - is that an important part of what Congress does?

Very important	53
Fairly important	30
Just somewhat important	14
Not that important	2
Not important at all	1
Total Important	**83**
Total Not Important	**3**

Q11: Committees in the U.S. House and Senate sometimes hold oversight hearings to investigate or learn more about a particular issue, situation, or event. They invite individuals - including people in government, the private sector, the non-profit sector, and even individual citizens - to testify at these hearings and sometimes require them to testify by law. In these hearings, the Senators and Representatives on the committee ask questions of witnesses - often under oath. How much have you heard or seen about any Congressional oversight hearings?

A lot	15
Some	38
Just a little bit	30
Nothing at all	17
Total Heard a lot/Some	**53**
Total Heard a little/Nothing	**47**

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Now you will be asked to indicate your feelings about some areas in which the next Congress could focus their oversight and accountability investigations.

Here's the first area in which the next Congress could focus their oversight and accountability investigations:

Q12a: **[CORPORATE GREED] Exposing corporate greed, price gouging, and other illegal or unethical business practices that raise prices for everyday Americans.**

In order to do this, Congress should investigate…

- Price gouging by corporations that raise their prices faster than costs are rising to boost their profits
- Companies coordinating or colluding with each other to fix prices and limit competition
- Corporations exploiting tax loopholes to avoid paying their fair share in taxes
- Companies and/or their CEOs who have committed fraud, wage theft, and other crimes

Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 how important you think it is that Congress focus their investigations on this. On this scale, a lower number such as 0, 1, or 2 means that you do not think this should be a priority for Congress at all, and a higher number such as 8, 9, or 10 means that you think this should be a very high priority for Congress.

10, very high priority	34
8-9	32
5-7	25
0-4, not a priority at all	9
Total 8-10	**66**
Mean	***7.8***

Q12b: **[CORPORATE GREED]** In the space below, please indicate any favorable or unfavorable reactions you have to Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations on this. Please respond in at least one of these two boxes.*

Favorable reactions

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Hold corporations and CEOs accountable, with real consequences - no one is above the law	14
Price gouging is a serious problem that needs to be stopped	11
High prices and corporate greed are hurting struggling Americans / widening the gap between rich and poor	10
Would benefit everyday Americans and the economy	10
Would lower prices and ease the cost of living	7
This is an important, high-priority issue	6
Exposes the truth / the public's right to know	5
Investigate corporate fraud, wage theft, collusion, price fixing, and monopolies	5
Corporations and the wealthy should pay their fair share / close tax loopholes	5
Also wants Trump and his administration held accountable	4
Long overdue / should have been done years ago	4
Congress has a duty to serve the American people / would restore trust in government	3
Billionaires and corporations have too much influence over government	2
General support with no specific reason given	18
Congress is corrupt or ineffective and will not follow through / hard to enforce	7
Congress should focus elsewhere - other priorities, Trump, or Democrats	4
Congress should also address its own corruption and insider trading	2
Disputes the premise / defends business and free markets / supportive of Trump	2

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Unfavorable reactions	
RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE	
Congress is ineffective - nothing will change, it is all talk and no one will actually be punished	24
Congress should focus on other, more important priorities	11
Congress is corrupt, self-serving, and beholden to donors	11
Trump is abusing power, enriching himself, or damaging the country / Congress is not holding him accountable	10
Congress is not doing enough on this issue	8
Too much government interference in business / disputes the premise	7
Partisan witch hunt / politically motivated attack on Trump / Republican policies	5
Waste of time and taxpayer money	5
Prices, cost of living, and the economy are the real problem	4
Investigations must be fair, evidence-based, and non-partisan	3
Democrats are the problem / should be investigated too	3
Taking too long / would be hard to prove or enforce	3
Costs would be passed to consumers or cost jobs	2
Should change the laws and close loopholes rather than just investigate	1
Supportive of Trump / defends Trump	1
Concern about backlash, retaliation, division, or making things worse	1

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Please answer the questions below about this area of focus **[CORPORATE GREED]** for the next Congress' oversight and accountability investigations:

Q12c: If your member of Congress pushes for Congressional oversight and accountability investigations in this area, will that make you feel more or less favorable toward them?

Much more favorable toward member of Congress	38
Somewhat more favorable toward member of Congress	32
No difference in feelings toward member of Congress	20
Somewhat less favorable toward member of Congress	5
Much less favorable toward member of Congress	5
Total More Favorable	**70**
Total Less Favorable	**10**

Q12d: How much do you think Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations in this area would benefit people like you?

A lot	31
Some	35
Just a little	19
Not much at all	15
Total A lot/Some	**66**
Total Just a little/Not much at all	**34**

Q12e: How effective do you think Congress can be in holding corporations accountable for these things?

Very effective	23
Somewhat effective	41
Not that effective	24
Not effective at all	13
Total Very/Somewhat Effective	**63**
Total Not Effective	**37**

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Here's the next area in which the next Congress could focus their oversight and accountability investigations:

Q13a: **[GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION] Exposing corruption by Donald Trump and other government officials who are putting the interests of corporations, billionaire donors, and themselves ahead of the public interest.**

In order to do this, Congress should investigate how Donald Trump and his family, members of his administration and Congress, and other government officials are…

- Using their position and insider knowledge to enrich themselves and their business partners
- Using their position and insider knowledge to give special favors to corporations and billionaires who donate to their campaigns
- Shaping laws and regulations in ways that benefit corporations and billionaire donors at the expense of everyday Americans
- Protecting corporations and billionaires from facing accountability for harms they cause to consumers and communities

Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 how important you think it is that Congress focus their investigations on this. On this scale, a lower number such as 0, 1, or 2 means that you do not think this should be a priority for Congress at all, and a higher number such as 8, 9, or 10 means that you think this should be a very high priority for Congress.

10, very high priority	34
8-9	26
5-7	19
0-4, not a priority at all	21
Total 8-10	**59**
Mean	***7.0***

Q13b: **[GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION]** In the space below, please indicate any favorable or unfavorable reactions you have to Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations on this. Please respond in at least one of these two boxes.*

Favorable reactions

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

No one is above the law - corruption is widespread, hold all officials accountable including Congress	17
Hold Trump and his administration accountable for corruption and abuse of power	16
Billionaires and corporations have too much influence over government / government should serve everyday Americans	9
Checks and balances / Congress's constitutional oversight duty	7
Congress is corrupt or ineffective and will not follow through / Republicans protect Trump	7
Exposes the truth / the public's right to know	7
Would benefit everyday Americans and the economy	6
Trump and his family are using the office to enrich themselves	5
This is an important, high-priority issue / long overdue	5
Supports impeachment, prosecution, or removal from office	5
Protects democracy and the rule of law / would deter future misconduct and restore trust	5
Trump is a bad president / dangerous and damaging the country	3
Investigations must be fair, evidence-based, and non-partisan	2
General support with no specific reason given	12
Waste of time and taxpayer money / political theater / witch hunt	4
Congress should focus elsewhere - other priorities, Democrats, or prior administrations	4
Disputes the premise / supportive of Trump	5

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Unfavorable reactions	
RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE	
Congress is ineffective - nothing will change, it is all talk and political theater	18
Congress is corrupt, self-serving, and beholden to donors	13
Congress should focus on other, more important priorities	12
Congress is not holding Trump accountable / letting him do what he wants	10
Partisan witch hunt / politically motivated attack on Trump	10
Trump is abusing power, enriching himself, or damaging the country	7
Waste of time and taxpayer money	7
Democrats are the problem / driven by hatred of Trump	7
Disputes the premise / does not believe Trump is corrupt	6
Should apply to all officials, not single out Trump	4
Supportive of Trump / leave him alone	4
Congress should investigate Democrats or prior administrations instead	3
Republicans in Congress protect Trump or are afraid of him	3
Trump will get away with it / no real consequences	3
Taking too long / would be hard to prove or enforce	3
Prices, cost of living, and the economy are the real problem	2
Investigations must be fair, evidence-based, and non-partisan	2
Concern about backlash, retaliation, division, or making things worse	1

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Please answer the questions below about this area of focus **[GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION]** for the next Congress' oversight and accountability investigations:

Q13c: If your member of Congress pushes for Congressional oversight and accountability investigations in this area, will that make you feel more or less favorable toward them?

Much more favorable toward member of Congress	36
Somewhat more favorable toward member of Congress	23
No difference in feelings toward member of Congress	21
Somewhat less favorable toward member of Congress	8
Much less favorable toward member of Congress	12
Total More Favorable	**59**
Total Less Favorable	**20**

Q13d: How much do you think Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations in this area would benefit people like you?

A lot	25
Some	28
Just a little	19
Not much at all	28
Total A lot/Some	**53**
Total Just a little/Not much at all	**47**

Q13e: How effective do you think Congress can be in holding Donald Trump and members of his administration, members of Congress, and other government officials accountable for these things?

Very effective	19
Somewhat effective	32
Not that effective	25
Not effective at all	24
Total Very/Somewhat Effective	**51**
Total Not Effective	**49**

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Here's another area in which the next Congress could focus their oversight and accountability investigations:

Q14a: **[TRUMP CORRUPTION] Exposing Donald Trump's corruption and his abuse of power to enrich himself and his family, attack his political enemies, and consolidate his power.**

In order to do this, Congress should investigate Donald Trump…

- Accepting gifts worth hundreds of millions of dollars from foreign governments
- Directing the Justice Department to bring cases against his political enemies
- Directing his administration to try to force states to hand over voter data
- Pressuring law firms and media companies that he perceives to be unfriendly to his political agenda through investigations, lawsuits, fines, and other threats

Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 how important you think it is that Congress focus their investigations on this. On this scale, a lower number such as 0, 1, or 2 means that you do not think this should be a priority for Congress at all, and a higher number such as 8, 9, or 10 means that you think this should be a very high priority for Congress.

10, very high priority	36
8-9	23
5-7	18
0-4, not a priority at all	24
Total 8-10	**58**
Mean	***6.9***

Q14b: **[TRUMP CORRUPTION]** In the space below, please indicate any favorable or unfavorable reactions you have to Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations on this. *Please respond in at least one of these two boxes.***

Favorable reactions	
RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE	
Hold Trump and his administration accountable for corruption and abuse of power	19
No one is above the law - corruption is widespread, hold all officials accountable including Congress	12
Congress is corrupt or ineffective and will not follow through / Republicans protect Trump	9
Checks and balances / Congress's constitutional oversight duty	8
Would benefit everyday Americans and the economy	7
This is an important, high-priority issue / long overdue	6
Trump and his family are using the office to enrich themselves, including gifts from foreign governments	6
Protects democracy and the rule of law / would deter future misconduct and restore trust	6
Exposes the truth / the public's right to know	6
Supports impeachment, prosecution, or removal from office	5
Trump is a bad president / dangerous and damaging the country	3
Trump targeting political enemies, weaponizing the DOJ, attacking the media, or interfering with elections	3
Billionaires and corporations have too much influence over government	2
Investigations must be fair, evidence-based, and non-partisan	2
General support with no specific reason given	10
Waste of time and taxpayer money / political theater / witch hunt	5
Congress should focus elsewhere - other priorities, Democrats, or prior administrations	7
Disputes the premise / supportive of Trump	7

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Unfavorable reactions	
RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE	
Congress should focus on other, more important priorities	14
Congress is ineffective - nothing will change, it is all talk and political theater	14
Congress is not holding Trump accountable / letting him do what he wants	12
Congress is corrupt, self-serving, and beholden to donors	12
Trump is abusing power, enriching himself, or damaging the country	8
Partisan witch hunt / politically motivated attack on Trump	8
Republicans in Congress protect Trump or are afraid of him	8
Waste of time and taxpayer money	7
Disputes the premise / does not believe Trump is corrupt	6
Democrats are the problem / driven by hatred of Trump	5
Trump will get away with it / no meaningful consequences	4
Congress should investigate Democrats or prior administrations instead	4
Prices, cost of living, and the economy are the real problem	3
Supportive of Trump / leave him alone	3
Investigations must be fair, evidence-based, and non-partisan	2
Concern about backlash, retaliation, division, or making things worse	2
Should apply to all officials, not single out Trump	2
Taking too long / should have been done sooner	1

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Please answer the questions below about this area of focus **[TRUMP CORRUPTION]** for the next Congress' oversight and accountability investigations:

Q14c: If your member of Congress pushes for Congressional oversight and accountability investigations in this area, will that make you feel more or less favorable toward them?

Much more favorable toward member of Congress	37
Somewhat more favorable toward member of Congress	20
No difference in feelings toward member of Congress	22
Somewhat less favorable toward member of Congress	8
Much less favorable toward member of Congress	14
Total More Favorable	**57**
Total Less Favorable	**22**

Q14d: How much do you think Congress focusing its oversight and accountability investigations in this area would benefit people like you?

A lot	25
Some	29
Just a little	17
Not much at all	29
Total A lot/Some	**54**
Total Just a little/Not much at all	**46**

Q14e: How effective do you think Congress can be in holding Donald Trump accountable for these things?

Very effective	19
Somewhat effective	31
Not that effective	25
Not effective at all	26
Total Very/Somewhat Effective	**49**
Total Not Effective	**51**

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INVESTIGATION AREA SUMMARY (Q12, Q13, Q14)			
	Corporate Greed	Government Corruption	Trump Corruption
High priority (8-10 rating)	66	59	58
More favorable toward member of Congress	70	59	57
Will benefit people like you a lot/some	66	53	54
Very/somewhat effective in holding parties accountable	63	51	49

Q15: Even if you would like Congress to focus on all of these areas, please rank them in terms of which you think is most important for Congress to focus on in its oversight and accountability investigations?

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF MOST IMPORTANT

[TRUMP CORRUPTION] Exposing Donald Trump's corruption and his abuse of power to enrich himself and his family, attack his political enemies, and consolidate his power.	32
[CORPORATE GREED] Exposing corporate greed, price gouging, and other illegal or unethical business practices that raise prices for everyday Americans.	31
[GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION] Exposing corruption by Donald Trump and other government officials who are putting the interests of corporations, billionaire donors, and themselves ahead of the public interest.	22
None of these are important	15

Q16: Below are some specific issues the next Congress could focus on in their oversight and accountability investigations. Please select the three that you think should be the top priorities for investigation in the next Congress.

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP 3 MOST IMPORTANT BY ALL

	Most Important			Top 3 Most Important		
	All	Form A	Form B	All	Form A	Form B
Price gouging by corporations that sharply raise prices to unfair levels during an emergency or shortage	18	19	18	50	52	48
Billionaires and big corporations abusing their power and influence over government officials to get special favors in order to increase their profits	13	11	14	48	50	47
Donald Trump and [**FORM A:** (officials in his administration) / **FORM B:** (members of his family)] using their positions and insider knowledge to enrich themselves	26	27	26	45	46	44
Corporations and/or their CEOs who have committed fraud, wage theft, and other crimes	8	9	7	32	32	33
Corporations shifting costs they should be paying onto regular consumers and customers	8	7	9	30	29	30
Corporations using personal data or algorithms to charge different people different prices for the same products and services	8	9	8	30	29	31
Corporations coordinating or colluding with each other to fix prices or limit competition	7	7	8	25	25	26
Corporations charging hidden or surprise fees that are not disclosed upfront	6	6	6	22	20	24
None of these are important	5	5	5	5	5	5

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Q17: If Congress investigates corporations, which industries do you think they should focus on? Please rank the top three that you think should be the highest priorities for investigation.**

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP 3 MOST IMPORTANT

	Most Important	Top 3 Most Important
Health insurance companies	15	50
Oil and gas companies	18	46
Big tech and AI companies	17	43
Pharmaceutical companies	16	40
Wall Street, private equity firms, and big banks	7	29
Utility companies	7	26
Corporate real estate developers and landlords	4	19
Big agriculture and grocery store chains	5	18
Cryptocurrency companies	6	15
None of these are important	4	4

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q18a: Below are some specific issues Congress could investigate. Please indicate on a scale from 0 to 10 how important you think it is that Congress focuses their investigations on each of the following issues. On this scale, a lower number such as 0, 1, or 2 means that you do not think this should be a priority for Congress at all, and a higher number such as 8, 9, or 10 means that you think this should be a very high priority for Congress. As you answer, please think carefully about each one, and remember that not everything can be a top priority for the next Congress to investigate.

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE RATING 8 TO 10

	Total 8-10	***Mean***	Very high priority 10	8-9	5-7	Not a priority at all 0-4
[DRUG PRICES] Pharmaceutical companies are making huge profits by raising prices on many lifesaving medications while not providing transparency about the supply chains, market concentration, and pricing strategies that would show if the increases were necessary or simply profit-driven.	**69**	***8.0***	36	33	24	7
[GAS PRICE GOUGING] Some oil and gas companies are price gouging, manipulating markets, and pursuing anti-competitive pricing practices to take advantage of the Iran war.	**66**	***7.9***	34	31	25	9
[AI REGULATION] AI companies have disclosed that some of their AI models are encouraging minors to harm themselves, creating deepfake content, and breaching cybersecurity networks, as the industry and technology continues to rapidly evolve without federal regulation.*	**64**	***7.8***	35	28	28	8
[AI DATA CENTERS] AI companies are building data centers at a rapid pace that are expected to harm surrounding communities by driving up electricity costs, straining grid reliability, and negatively impacting air and water quality.**	**61**	***7.6***	31	30	27	11

Q18a (cont'd)	**Total 8-10**	***Mean***	Very high priority 10	8-9	5-7	Not a priority at all 0-4
[SURVEILLANCE PRICING] Companies are using consumers' online data - location, demographics, browsing history, and shopping habits - to set individualized prices, charging higher prices to people who they predict will pay more.	**60**	***7.6***	29	32	31	9
[TRUMP-INSIDER TRADING] Since taking office, President Trump has made over 17,000 stock trades worth over $1.5 billion. Several occurred just before major announcements by the Trump administration, most notably oil trades ahead of the Iran war, which has caused gas prices to rise to over $4 a gallon.	**59**	***7.1***	35	24	20	21
[HEALTH CARE COSTS] Hospital consolidations and the growing role of private equity-driven by their acquisitions of hospitals, nursing homes, and physician groups-are driving up costs even as staffing levels and quality of care have declined.	**59**	***7.7***	28	30	34	8
[TRUMP-TARIFFS] Tariffs imposed by President Trump led companies to charge consumers higher prices. After the Supreme Court ruled that some of those tariffs were illegal, some companies that paid the tariffs received federal refunds but the companies did not pass on those refunds to consumers.	**58**	***7.3***	31	27	26	16
[DOGE ACCESS - PRIVACY] A whistleblower alleged that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) illegally copied the Social Security data of more than 300 million Americans, violating security protocol and threatening millions of people's privacy.** ..	**56**	***7.1***	29	27	27	17
[TRUMP-CRYPTO] The Trump family has made over $1.4 billion from their cryptocurrency businesses and investments in President Trump's second term, all while he has been pushing a bill in Congress that would benefit the crypto industry and remove protections for consumers and pardoning crypto officials who helped his own crypto business.	**54**	***6.8***	31	23	23	23
[DOGE ACCESS - BUSINESS] A whistleblower alleged that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) illegally copied the Social Security data of tens of millions of Americans to share with private companies and outside groups for their use.*	**54**	***7.0***	31	23	27	19
[AIR FORCE ONE] Donald Trump accepted a $400 million luxury jumbo jet from the royal family of Qatar, which is estimated to require $5.1 billion in taxpayer-funded security upgrades. When his term ends and he leaves office, Trump will keep the jet for personal use. ..	**51**	***6.6***	30	21	24	25

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).
** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

Q18b: Now, thinking about this same list of issues, please rank the three issues that you think are most important for Congress to focus on in its oversight and accountability investigations.

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF TOP 3 MOST IMPORTANT BY ALL

	Most Important			Top 3 Most Important		
	All	Form A	Form B	All	Form A	Form B
[DRUG PRICES] Pharmaceutical companies are making huge profits by raising prices on many lifesaving medications while not providing transparency about the supply chains, market concentration, and pricing strategies that would show if the increases were necessary or simply profit-driven.	13	13	13	38	37	38
[GAS PRICE GOUGING] Some oil and gas companies are price gouging, manipulating markets, and pursuing anti-competitive pricing practices to take advantage of the Iran war.	12	12	12	33	33	33
[TRUMP-INSIDER TRADING] Since taking office, President Trump has made over 17,000 stock trades worth over $1.5 billion. Several occurred just before major announcements by the Trump administration, most notably oil trades ahead of the Iran war, which has caused gas prices to rise to over $4 a gallon.	11	12	11	32	32	31
[TRUMP-TARIFFS] Tariffs imposed by President Trump led companies to charge consumers higher prices. After the Supreme Court ruled that some of those tariffs were illegal, some companies that paid the tariffs received federal refunds but the companies did not pass on those refunds to consumers.	11	10	12	31	31	31
(**FORM A: [AI REGULATION]** AI companies have disclosed that some of their AI models are encouraging minors to harm themselves, creating deepfake content, and breaching cybersecurity networks, as the industry and technology continues to rapidly evolve without federal regulation.) / (**FORM B: [AI DATA CENTERS]** AI companies are building data centers at a rapid pace that are expected to harm surrounding communities by driving up electricity costs, straining grid reliability, and negatively impacting air and water quality.)	10	12	9	29	30	28
[TRUMP-CRYPTO] The Trump family has made over $1.4 billion from their cryptocurrency businesses and investments in President Trump's second term, all while he has been pushing a bill in Congress that would benefit the crypto industry and remove protections for consumers and pardoning crypto officials who helped his own crypto business.	10	10	11	29	29	28
[SURVEILLANCE PRICING] Companies are using consumers' online data - location, demographics, browsing history, and shopping habits - to set individualized prices, charging higher prices to people who they predict will pay more.	9	9	9	27	27	26
[AIR FORCE ONE] Donald Trump accepted a $400 million luxury jumbo jet from the royal family of Qatar, which is estimated to require $5.1 billion in taxpayer-funded security upgrades. When his term ends and he leaves office, Trump will keep the jet for personal use.	8	7	9	25	25	26
[HEALTH CARE COSTS] Hospital consolidations and the growing role of private equity-driven by their acquisitions of hospitals, nursing homes, and physician groups-are driving up costs even as staffing levels and quality of care have declined.	7	7	6	25	28	22
[**DOGE ACCESS - FORM A: (BUSINESS) / FORM B: (PRIVACY)]** A whistleblower alleged that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) illegally copied the Social Security data of [**FORM A:** (tens of millions of Americans to share with private companies and outside groups for their use) **/ FORM B:** (more than 300 million Americans, violating security protocol and threatening millions of people's privacy)].	6	6	5	19	18	21
None of these are important	3	3	4	3	3	4

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Q19a: Thinking about potential investigations by Congress to expose corporate greed, price gouging, and other illegal or unethical business practices that raise prices for everyday Americans, how important is it that they result in...?

RANKED BY PERCENTAGE SAYING VERY OR FAIRLY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	**Total Not important**	Very important	Fairly important	Just somewhat important	Not that important	Not important at all
Personal responsibility and accountability by corporations and their leaders – such as CEOs resigning, businesses changing their policies, or criminal charges brought against executives	**80**	**5**	47	33	15	3	2
New laws reining in what corporations can do and bolstering the rights of consumers	**79**	**6**	47	32	16	4	2
Material restitution – such as loans that are forgiven for consumer borrowers, medical debt that is waived for patients, or money returned to customers	**71**	**9**	41	30	20	6	3

Q19b: Thinking again about potential investigations by Congress to expose corporate greed, price gouging, and other illegal or unethical business practices that raise prices for everyday Americans, please rank these in terms of which outcome you think is most important to result from the investigations.

RANKED BY HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF MOST IMPORTANT

Personal responsibility and accountability by corporations and their leaders - such as CEOs resigning, businesses changing their policies, or criminal charges brought against executives	36
New laws reining in what corporations can do and bolstering the rights of consumers	33
Material restitution - such as loans that are forgiven for consumer borrowers, medical debt that is waived for patients, or money returned to customers	26
None of these are important	6

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

QF1: How closely do you follow news from Washington, DC, about policy decisions being made by the president and Congress?

Very closely	22
Fairly closely	36
Just somewhat closely	25
Not that closely	13
Not closely at all	4
Total Closely	**58**
Total Not Closely	**17**

Qideol: Thinking about your general approach to political issues, do you consider yourself to be…?

Very conservative	16
Somewhat conservative	19
Moderate	34
Somewhat liberal	16
Very liberal	14
Not sure	1
Total Liberal	**30**
Total Conservative	**35**

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(ASKED ONLY OF REPUBLICANS (P1/2) IN QSPID2a.)
QMAGA: Do you consider yourself a supporter of the MAGA Movement?

Yes, I consider myself to be a supporter of the MAGA Movement	50
No, I do not consider myself to be a supporter of the MAGA Movement	50

(RESUMED ASKING EVERYONE.)
Qp_imp: How important is politics to your personal identity?

Very important	29
Somewhat important	42
Not too important	20
Not at all important	9
Total Important	**71**

QF2a: Over the past year, there have been a number of protests and demonstrations around the country against the policies and actions of the Trump administration, known as the "No Kings" protests. Have you personally attended one of these protests, or have you not attended one?

Yes, have attended a No Kings protest	8
No, have not attended a No Kings protest	86
Not sure/not familiar	5

QF2b: Looking ahead to the coming months, how likely are you to attend a “No Kings” protest — are you very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not likely at all to attend?

Very likely	9
Somewhat likely	12
Not too likely	19
Not likely at all	53
Not sure/not familiar	7
Total Likely	**21**
Total Not Likely	**72**