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including 332 18-34 year olds
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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

SRV1. Are you currently registered to vote?

Yes, registered to vote	100	CONTINUE
No, not registered to vote	-	TERMINATE

SPID2abc. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? **(IF “DEMOCRAT” OR “REPUBLICAN,” ASK)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF “INDEPENDENT” OR “SOMETHING ELSE,” ASK)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic Party, closer to the Republican Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat	26
Not very strong Democrat	13
Closer to the Democratic Party	7
Strictly independent	8
Closer to the Republican Party	4
Not very strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	27
Something else	2
Total Democrat	46
Total Republican	44

Sgender. What is your gender?

Man.....	48
Woman	52
Other/non-binary.....	-

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

Under 18.....	-	TERMINATE
18-24.....	6	CONTINUE
25-29.....	10	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	6	
40-44.....	9	
45-49.....	6	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	9	
60-64.....	10	
65-69.....	8	
70-74.....	11	
75 or older.....	7	

Srace. 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.....	4
Black or African American.....	12
Hispanic/Latino/Spanish origin.....	10
American Indian or Native American.....	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.....	-
White.....	72
Another race	1

S2020vote. Did you vote in the 2020 election for president?

Yes, voted.....	98	Skip to Q.S20pres
No, did not vote.....	2	CONTINUE

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "NO, DID NOT VOTE", ASK:)

S2020reg. Were you already registered to vote at the time of the November 2020 presidential election, or did you register to vote after the November 2020 election?

Registered to vote at the time of the November 2020 election	-	TERMINATE
Registered to vote after the November 2020 election.....	100	SKIP TO Q.ideal

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS "YES, VOTED", ASK:)

S20pres. Which candidate did you vote for in the election for president?

Joe Biden, the Democrat.....	51
Donald Trump, the Republican.....	47
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian	1
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate +	1

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

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

Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	16
Moderate	33
Somewhat conservative	20
Very conservative	18
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Total Liberal	29
Total Conservative	38

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

Employed full time	46
Employed part time (less than 35 hours per week)	16
Laid off/unemployed but looking for work	3
Disabled, unable to work	4
Stay-at-home parent.....	4
Full-time student.....	2
Retired.....	25

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

Did not graduate high school.....	1
High school graduate	27
Attended technical or vocational school	4
Attended some college, but no degree.....	17
Graduated 2-year college with an associate's degree.....	10
Graduated 4-year college with a bachelor's degree	26
Obtained a master's, PhD, or professional degree.....	15

1. In the November elections for U.S. Congress, are you more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

Definitely will vote for the Democrat.....	34
Probably will vote for the Democrat	12
Probably will vote for the Republican	12
Definitely will vote for the Republican	32
Completely undecided	10
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Total Vote For Democrat	46
Total Vote For Republican	44

2a. On a scale of 0 (not motivated or enthusiastic) to 10 (very motivated and enthusiastic), how motivated and enthusiastic are you about voting this year?

10, extremely motivated and enthusiastic .	45
9.....	14
8.....	14
7.....	10
6.....	4
5.....	8
4.....	1
3.....	1
2.....	1
1.....	1
0, not motivated or enthusiastic	1
Total 8-10, motivated	73
Total 0-2, not motivated	3
Mean	8.3

2b. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Joe Biden is doing as president?

Strongly approve.....	17
Somewhat approve.....	27
Somewhat disapprove	16
Strongly disapprove	40
Total Approve	44
Total Disapprove	56

3a. Do you consider climate change to be...?

A crisis.....	36	Skip to Q.4
A very serious problem, but not a crisis.....	27	CONTINUE
A somewhat serious problem	19	
Not a serious problem	18	

(IF RESPONDENT DOES NOT SAY “A CRISIS”, ASK:)

3b. Do you think climate change is likely to become a crisis in the foreseeable future, likely to become a crisis in the distant future, or do you think it will never really become a crisis?

A crisis (Q.3a)	36
Likely to become a crisis in the foreseeable future.....	19
Likely to become a crisis in the distant future	26
Will never really become a crisis	19

4. How much have you heard about the Inflation Reduction Act that was recently passed by the U.S. Senate and that will soon be passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and signed into law by President Biden?

Have heard a lot	29
Have heard some	40
Have heard just a little	21
Have heard nothing	10
Total Heard	90

5. Below is a description of the **Inflation Reduction Act**.

This bill:

- Gives Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prescription costs
- Caps out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors on Medicare to \$2,000
- Reduces carbon pollution by 40% by 2030 and ramps up the use of clean energy sources in order to address climate change
- Lowers the cost for consumers to buy solar panels, energy efficient home appliances, electric vehicles, and other products that use less energy and reduce pollution
- Lowers healthcare premiums for millions of people who get insurance through the Affordable Care Act
- Requires large, profitable corporations that currently pay little or no federal taxes to pay a minimum tax of 15%
- Reduces the federal budget deficit by over \$300 billion

Independent economists say this law will have a significant impact on lowering costs and reducing inflation.

Based on this information, what is your opinion of the Inflation Reduction Act?

Very favorable.....	38	
Somewhat favorable	25	CONTINUE
Neutral	15	Skip to Q.6b
Somewhat unfavorable	7	Skip to Q.6c
Very unfavorable.....	15	
Total Favorable	63	
Total Unfavorable	22	

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS “VERY FAVORABLE” OR “SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE”, ASK:)

6a. In your own words, please explain why you have a favorable opinion of this law. Please be as specific as possible!

Climate action/addresses climate change	14
Tax for corporations	13
Helps/benefits people/Americans	12
Prescription costs/makes prescriptions affordable	12
Helps/benefits senior citizens/retired people	11
Healthcare costs/makes healthcare affordable	10
Don't know; no response	1

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS “NEUTRAL”, ASK:)

6b. In your own words, please explain why you feel neutral toward this law. Please be as specific as possible!

Don't understand/need more information	17
Doesn't do much/won't solve any problems	10
Won't do what it claims/money won't go where says it will	9
Will not reduce/combat inflation in a meaningful way	8
There are pros and cons	7
Other neutral comments	4
Don't know; no response	2

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(IF RESPONDENT SAYS “VERY UNFAVORABLE” OR “SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE”, ASK:)

6c. In your own words, please explain why you have an unfavorable opinion of this law. Please be as specific as possible!

Will not reduce/combat inflation in a meaningful way	19
Spending too much money	17
Will increase inflation	16
Higher prices for consumers/corporations will pass on costs to consumers	11
More IRS agents/87,000 IRS agents	11
Democrat agenda/done by the Democrats/not bipartisan	10
Don't know; no response	-

7. The individual parts of this legislation are shown again below. Please indicate how important you consider each of these to be.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	Very Important	Fairly Important	Not That Important	Not Important At All
It gives Medicare the power to negotiate with drug companies for lower prescription costs.	88	63	25	7	6
It caps out-of-pocket drug costs for seniors on Medicare to \$2,000.	88	59	28	7	5
It lowers healthcare premiums for millions of people who get insurance through the Affordable Care Act.	81	55	27	9	10
Independent economists say this legislation will have a significant impact on lowering costs and reducing inflation.	82	55	27	7	11
It requires large, profitable corporations that currently pay little or no federal taxes to pay a minimum tax of 15%.	79	55	25	10	11
It reduces the federal budget deficit by over \$300 billion.	82	53	30	9	9
It reduces carbon pollution by 40% by 2030 and ramps up the use of clean energy sources in order to address climate change.	76	50	26	10	14
It lowers the cost for consumers to buy solar panels, energy efficient home appliances, electric vehicles, and other products that use less energy and reduce pollution.	71	39	32	15	14

8a. The Inflation Reduction Act was supported by all Democrats in Congress, while every Republican in Congress voted against it. Does knowing this make you more favorable or less favorable toward the Inflation Reduction Act?

More favorable	35
Less favorable.....	21
Does not affect my opinion either way	44

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(Q.8b AND Q.8c ARE ROTATED.)

8b. Does the fact that the Inflation Reduction Act was passed by the Democrats in Congress make you more favorable or less favorable **toward Democrats in Congress**?

More favorable	45
Less favorable.....	26
Does not affect my opinion either way	28

8c. Does the fact that all Republicans in Congress voted against the Inflation Reduction Act make you more favorable or less favorable **toward Republicans in Congress**?

More favorable	28
Less favorable.....	45
Does not affect my opinion either way	27

9. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about this new law.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE

	<u>Total Agree</u>	<u>Total Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Some-what Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</u>	<u>Some-what Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
It shows that President Biden and the Democratic Congress are working to lower costs and reduce inflation.	58	30	34	24	12	6	24
It shows that President Biden and the Democratic Congress are putting the needs of average Americans before the profits of big corporations.	57	31	36	21	12	6	25
It shows that President Biden and the Democratic Congress understand the needs of American families.....	55	33	32	23	12	7	26
It shows that the Democratic Congress can be effective and get important things done.	54	32	31	23	14	7	25
It will lower costs for people like me.	54	32	30	24	14	8	24
It shows that President Biden can be effective and get important things done.....	51	34	29	22	15	7	27
It shows that President Biden and the Democratic Congress have the right approach to managing the economy.....	51	34	28	23	15	7	27

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10a. Now here are some of the benefits of the law specifically related to **climate, clean air, and clean energy**. Please indicate how important you consider each one of these to be.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY IMPORTANT

	Total Important	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not That Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>
It will create 1.5 million good-paying jobs in communities across the country in construction, manufacturing, clean energy production, and other industries.....	81	53	28	8	11
It will prevent up to 3,900 premature deaths and up to 100,000 asthma attacks in the next eight years by reducing carbon pollution and making air cleaner.....	78	52	27	10	12
It will reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil by increasing the use of American-made energy sources like solar and wind power.*	76	52	25	10	14
It will reduce the toxic pollution that causes climate change by 40% by the year 2030. **	76	52	24	11	13
It will reduce air pollution from heavy vehicles like buses, trucks, and subways.....	77	50	27	11	12
It will reduce the carbon pollution that causes climate change by 40% by the year 2030. *	75	50	26	9	15
It will save the typical household \$1,800 per year in energy costs by helping people use more affordable clean energy. ...	77	48	28	10	13
It will force oil and gas companies to pay a fee when they pump too much methane gas pollution into our air.	73	48	25	12	15
It will focus resources on reducing pollution in lower-income communities and communities of color where air pollution tends to be the most severe.....	75	46	29	11	14
It will increase our energy security by ramping up production of American-made energy sources like solar and wind power and reducing the ability of foreign dictators to use oil as a political weapon against us. **	75	46	28	13	13
It will strengthen American manufacturing by helping industries like steel, cement, and aluminum shift to cleaner operations.	76	44	32	12	12
It will allow households to receive up to \$28,500 in up-front incentives for things like electric vehicles, rooftop solar panels, and energy-efficient electric appliances.....	69	40	30	14	16

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

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

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10b. Here again is that list of climate, clean air, and clean energy parts of the law. This time, please choose the three that you consider to be MOST important.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 3 MOST IMPORTANT

	<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Combined Top 3 Most Important</u>	
It will create 1.5 million good-paying jobs in communities across the country in construction, manufacturing, clean energy production, and other industries.....	16	43	>
It will reduce the (toxic/carbon) pollution that causes climate change by 40% by the year 2030	18	41	
It will reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil by increasing the use of American-made energy sources like solar and wind power.*	12	39	
It will save the typical household \$1,800 per year in energy costs by helping people use more affordable clean energy.	10	37	
It will prevent up to 3,900 premature deaths and up to 100,000 asthma attacks in the next eight years by reducing carbon pollution and making air cleaner.	12	32	
It will allow households to receive up to \$28,500 in up-front incentives for things like electric vehicles, rooftop solar panels, and energy-efficient electric appliances.	8	26	
It will increase our energy security by ramping up production of American-made energy sources like solar and wind power and reducing the ability of foreign dictators to use oil as a political weapon against us. **	8	26	
It will reduce air pollution from heavy vehicles like buses, trucks, and subways.	8	25	
It will strengthen American manufacturing by helping industries like steel, cement, and aluminum shift to cleaner operations.	7	25	
It will focus resources on reducing pollution in lower-income communities and communities of color where air pollution tends to be the most severe.	5	21	
It will force oil and gas companies to pay a fee when they pump too much methane gas pollution into our air.	5	18	

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

11. Based on what you have read so far, when it comes to your vote for Congress, would you be more likely to vote for...?

A Democrat who supported this law.....	62
A Republican who opposed this law	38

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12. Based on what you have read, which TWO of the following words and phrases do you think best describe the Inflation Reduction Act?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

An investment in the future	38	>
Overdue.....	25	
Unprecedented	24	
Putting regular people first.....	22	
Essential	19	
Historic.....	18	
Commonsense.....	14	
Gamechanging	14	
Standing up to special interests.....	14	
Delivering results	12	

13. Which one of the following reasons do you think is the more important reason to support the law we have been discussing?

It is a long-overdue step to reduce air pollution and climate change	50
It is a key step in ramping up the production of clean energy to bring down energy costs	50

(IF RESPONDENT IS A DEMOCRAT, INDEPENDENT, OR A NOT VERY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN, ASK:)

14. Nearly all Republican members of Congress OPPOSE the Inflation Reduction Act. Which two of the following reasons do you think are the most likely for why they oppose it?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 2 MOST LIKELY

	<u>Most Likely</u>	<u>Combined Top 2 Most Likely</u>	
They want to protect big corporations and the very rich from having to pay their fair share in taxes.....	19	41	>
They want to protect the huge profits of their campaign contributors in the oil, coal, and pharmaceutical industries	18	40	
They are playing politics and want to prevent Democrats from getting credit for a law that will actually help people	18	35	
Their politics have become so extreme that they even oppose commonsense things that actually help people	16	32	
They deny the proven science that climate change is real	14	26	
They don't really understand the high costs of living that regular people are dealing with so they are not willing to take steps to lower those costs	14	26	

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15a. Just generally speaking, below are some reasons why it is important to deal with climate change and expand use of clean energy. Please indicate how important each one is to you personally.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

	Total Extremely/ Pretty Important	<u>Extremely Important</u>	<u>Pretty Important</u>	<u>Some- what Important</u>	<u>Not That Important</u>	<u>Not Important At All</u>
It will protect the planet for future generations.....	71	53	19	13	4	11
It will make the United States energy independent and less reliant on oil from countries like Saudi Arabia and Russia.....	73	52	21	13	5	9
It will protect Americans' health by cutting dangerous and toxic pollution in our air and water. .	71	49	21	14	5	10
It will help reduce the threat of extreme weather events across the country, like severe wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, and floods.....	69	48	21	13	5	13
It will lower utility bills and energy costs by an average of \$1,800 per household, making life more affordable for middle-class and working families.	70	46	24	15	5	9
It will create millions of good-paying clean energy jobs in fast-growing industries like wind, solar, and electric vehicle manufacturing and help get our economy back on track.....	68	45	24	16	6	10
It focuses resources on reducing pollution and improving health in low-income and disadvantaged communities that face the worst effects of climate change.....	65	41	25	17	6	11

15b. Here are those reasons again. This time, please choose the two reasons you think are the MOST important to deal with climate change and expand use of clean energy.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF COMBINED TOP 2 MOST IMPORTANT

	<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Combined Top 2 Most Important</u>	
It will protect the planet for future generations.....	22	36	>
It will make the United States energy independent and less reliant on oil from countries like Saudi Arabia and Russia.....	17	35	
It will help reduce the threat of extreme weather events across the country, like severe wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, and floods.....	13	27	
It will lower utility bills and energy costs by an average of \$1,800 per household, making life more affordable for middle-class and working families..	12	24	
It will protect Americans' health by cutting dangerous and toxic pollution in our air and water.....	12	24	
It will create millions of good-paying clean energy jobs in fast-growing industries like wind, solar, and electric vehicle manufacturing and help get our economy back on track.....	11	24	
It focuses resources on reducing pollution and improving health in low-income and disadvantaged communities that face the worst effects of climate change.....	7	16	
None of these are important.....	7	7	

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16a. Below are two statements about the new law we have been discussing. Please read each one carefully.

OPPONENTS of this law say that it means billions of dollars in increased government spending that taxpayers cannot afford and that will lead to even more inflation, just like all of the government spending did last year. And all of that money will be spent on liberal Green New Deal-type policies that most Americans have already rejected because they raise our energy prices.

SUPPORTERS of this law say that it will bring down day-to-day costs of living for Americans in areas where costs have been too high for too long--healthcare, prescription drugs, and energy. And it will do so while also cutting the federal deficit over the long run and ensuring big corporations pay their fair share.

Which of these statements do you agree with more? *

Strongly agree more with opponents.....	27
Somewhat agree more with opponents.....	14
Somewhat agree more with supporters.....	23
Strongly agree more with supporters	36
Total Agree With Opponents	41
Total Agree With Supporters	59

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

16b. Below are two statements about the new law we have been discussing. Please read each one carefully.

OPPONENTS of this law say that it means billions of dollars in increased government spending that taxpayers cannot afford and that will lead to even more inflation, just like all of the government spending did last year. And all of that money will be spent on liberal Green New Deal-type policies that most Americans have already rejected because they raise our energy prices.

SUPPORTERS of this law say that it will bring down day-to-day costs of living for Americans in areas where costs have been too high for too long--healthcare, prescriptions, and energy. And it will do so while also cutting the federal deficit over the long run and ensuring big corporations pay their fair share. Opponents of the law are simply trying to protect their rich corporate campaign donors from having to pay their fair share.

Which of these statements do you agree with more? **

Strongly agree more with opponents.....	25
Somewhat agree more with opponents.....	14
Somewhat agree more with supporters.....	28
Strongly agree more with supporters	33
Total Agree With Opponents	39
Total Agree With Supporters	61

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

FACTUALS: The remaining questions are for statistical purposes only.

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

Urban	25
Suburban	50
Small town	7
Rural	18

Socmedia. Which of these social media platforms do you use regularly, if any?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Facebook	76	>
YouTube	65	
Instagram	41	
Twitter	26	
TikTok	24	
Snapchat.....	19	
Other.....	4	
None of these	6	