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Rural Strategies – Online Questionnaire July 2023

500 Rural Likely Voters in Battleground States
(Arizona, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina,
Georgia, New Hampshire, Nevada, Montana, Ohio, and Virginia)
Oversample of 101 Voters Under Age 40 and 101 Voters of Color

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Q1. What was your age on your last birthday? [TERMINATE IF UNDER 18 OR NO ANSWER]

Age

10 15 14	9 16 14 23	10 13 15 31	8 16 7 28	10 14 17 26
34	38	31	40	32
5	5	5	5	5
5	4	5	4	5
6	7	5	7	6
	10	8	9	9
	7	8	4	9
	7	7	3	9
	5	9	6	7
	7	11	9	9
	11	11	13	9
	14	13	16	12
	9	11	11	9
11	15	7	13	11
	15 27 34			

Q2. **[TS]** Which of the following best describes your gender? Select all that apply

Man48	100	0	53	46
Woman52	0	100	46	54
Nonbinary0	0	0	0	0
Prefer to self-describe (specify)0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to answer0	0	0	1	0

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Q3. In which state do you live? [PULL DOWN LIST - TERMINATE IF OUTSIDE OF THE U.S OR IF NOT IN ARIZONA, GEORGIA, MICHIGAN, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEVADA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA, OR WISCONSIN]

Q4. What is your zip code? [TERMINATE FOR EACH STATE IF NOT IN LIST]

Region

NortheastMidwest	44	13 45	12 43	12 47	12 43
South Atlantic		21	22	18	23
West	22	22	23	24	21
Arizona	9	9	8	10	8
Georgia	4	5	3	3	4
Michigan		11	6	10	8
Minnesota	9	8	11	10	9
Montana	7	5	9	9	7
Nevada	6	7	5	4	7
New Hampshire	3	3	3	3	3
North Carolina	10	9	11	9	10
Ohio	16	16	15	15	16
Pennsylvania	9	9	9	8	9
Virginia		7	8	6	8
Wisconsin		11	11	12	10

Q5. Are you registered to vote at your current address? Select one

Yes	100	100	100	100	100
No					
Not Sure	TERMINATE				

Q6. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election for President, Congress, and other local offices – are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances about 50-50, are you probably not going to vote, or are you definitely not going to vote? Select one

Almost certain	84	85	83	90	82
Probably	9	9			10
50 - 50	7	6	7	4	8
Probably not	. [TERMINATE]				
Definitely not	. [TERMINATE]				
Not sure	. [TERMINATE]				

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Q7. **[TS]** Just to make sure we have a representative sample, please choose one or more of these racial or ethnic groups that you identify with. **[RANDOMIZE CHOICES 1-6]** Select all that apply

White or Caucasian90	91	89	87	92
Black or African American6	6	7	9	5
Latino/Latina or Hispanic2	2	2	3	2
Asian American or Pacific Islander0	0	1	1	0
Native or Indigenous American1	1	1	1	1
Middle Eastern or North African0	0	0	0	0
None of these/Other0	0	1	0	0

Q8. **[TS]** What is the last year of schooling that you have completed? Select one

H.S./Less19Post H.S.41College graduate or post-grad41	19	18	15	20
	39	43	33	43
	42	39	53	36
1 - 11th Grade	1	3	1	2
	19	15	14	18
	4	3	2	4
	20	20	16	21
	15	20	15	18
degree	27	25	28	25
	15	14	25	11
	0	0	0	0

Q9. Here is a list of people and groups. For each, please indicate whether you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable impression of that person or group. [RANDOMIZE LIST]

Select one for each option

Sorted by "Very favorable"

9b.Donald Trump27	32	22	17	31
9d.Ron DeSantis16	15	16	11	18
9a.Joe Biden15	14	16	39	6
9c.Kamala Harris11	12	10	25	6
9e.The United States Congress5	7	3	8	4
A9f.Wealthy corporations5	8	2	12	3
B9g.Corporate CEOs2	3	2	5	1

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a. [TS] Joe Biden						
Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard		18 11 55 1	14 16 12 56 1	16 18 10 54 2 0	39 25 10 25 1	6 15 11 67 2 0
FavorableUnfavorable			30 68	34 64	64 35	20 78
b. [TS] Donald Trump						
Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard		23 9 39 2	32 21 10 35 2 0	22 25 9 42 2 0	17 12 8 61 2 0	31 27 10 30 1
FavorableUnfavorable			53 46	47 51	30 69	58 40
c. Kamala Harris						
Very favorable		18 13 53 4	12 15 14 56 2 1	10 21 12 50 5	25 31 10 28 4 1	6 13 13 63 3 2
FavorableUnfavorable			27 70	31 62	57 39	19 76
d. Ron DeSantis						
Very favorable Somewhat favorable Somewhat unfavorable Very unfavorable No opinion Never heard		27 13 29 10	15 34 12 28 8 3	16 21 14 30 11 7	11 18 8 51 8 2	18 31 14 21 10 6
FavorableUnfavorable			50 40	37 44	30 60	49 35

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e. The United States Congress						
Very favorableSomewhat favorable		24 43 20 8	7 21 44 24 5 0	3 28 42 15 11 0	8 33 43 12 4 0	4 21 44 23 9 0
FavorableUnfavorable			27 68	31 57	41 55	25 66
f. [TS] SSA: Wealthy corporations						
Very favorable		20 27 28 18	8 23 26 28 13 2	2 17 29 26 23 3	12 23 25 27 10 3	3 19 28 29 20 1
FavorableUnfavorable			31 54	18 56	34 52	22 57
g. [TS] SSB: Corporate CEOs						
Very favorableSomewhat favorableSomewhat unfavorableVery unfavorableNo opinionNever heard		22 33 25 16	3 23 39 24 12 0	2 21 27 27 21 3	5 32 31 17 15 0	1 16 34 29 17 2
FavorableUnfavorable			26 62	23 54	37 48	17 63
Q10. [TS] How well would you say the U.S. Select one	eco	nomy is	working	g for you	person	ally?
Very well Somewhat well Not too well Not well at all Not sure		22 37 33	8 24 35 32 1	5 20 39 34 2	22 78 0 0	0 0 53 47 0
Well Not well			32 67	25 73	100 0	0 100

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Q11. **[TS]** If the November 2024 general election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for **[RANDOMIZE]** _the Democrat or _the Republican?

Q12. [IF Q11= 1, 2] Would you say you feel that way strongly or not so strongly?

Q13. [IF Q11 = 3] If you had to choose, toward which would you lean —the Democrat or the Republican?

Select one

Democrat – strongly26	24	28	54	15
Democrat - not so strongly5	4	5	4	5
Undecided - lean Democrat2	1	4	2	3
Republican – strongly45	48	43	25	54
Republican - not so strongly8	8	7	3	9
Undecided - lean Republican5	6	5	6	5
Undecided7	6	8	4	8
Other2	2	1	1	2
Prefer not to answer0	0	0	1	0
Democrat33	29	37	60	22
Republican58	62	55	34	68

Q14. **[TS]** In the last two years, do you think your neighbors are voting more for: **[ROTATE]**_Democrats or _Republicans or do you think it's about 50-50?
Select one

Democrats16	16	15	27	11
About 50-5027	28	26	27	27
Republicans43	44	42	35	47
Not sure14	11	17	11	15

Q15. **[TS]** In general, who do you think are better for small-town and rural families: **[ROTATE]** _the Democrats OR _the Republicans? Select one

Democrats28	26	29	53	17
Republicans53	56	50	30	63
Both5	3	6	5	5
Neither8	10	6	9	8
Not sure7	6	8	4	7

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Q16. If you had to choose, would you prefer [**ROTATE 1-2**] _ Government get out of your way or _ Government create opportunities for advancement? Select one

Government get out of your way42	48	37	24	50
Government create opportunities for advancement28	29	27	43	21
Both22	18	25	27	21
Neither3	2	4	4	3
Not sure5	3	7	3	5

Q17. [TS] Here is a list of values that other people have said are important to them in their lives. Out of the following list of values, which one or two are most important to you? [RANDOMIZE] [ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES]

Family	35	34	36	33	36
Freedom	31	34	29	23	34
Faith	20	16	23	15	22
Personal responsibility	15	18	13	16	15
Safety	15	13	16	11	16
Security	13	15	12	12	14
Accountability	13	15	11	10	14
Respect	12	12	13	13	13
Kindness or compassion	12	7	17	17	10
Equality	12	12	11	21	8
Hard work		11	8	10	9
Fairness	9	10	8	15	6
Other		0	1	1	1
None	0	1	0	1	0
Not sure	0	0	0	0	0

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Q18. [TS] Which two of the following issues or problems would you say are the most important issues for you and your family? [RANDOMIZE] [SELECT TWO RESPONSES]

The rising cost of living	54	49	59	39	61
Retirement and Social Security	25	27	23	30	23
Health care	19	18	19	26	16
Dysfunction in government	15	16	15	15	16
Jobs and the economy	15	17	12	13	15
Climate change	10	11	9	25	4
Affordable housing	8	9	8	6	9
Crime	8	9	8	6	9
Immigration	8	8	9	4	10
Wages	8	6	10	5	9
Taxes	8	9	7	5	9
Abortion and women's rights	7	4	10	12	5
Education	6	6	5	4	6
Deficits	3	3	3	2	3
Other	2	2	2	2	2
None	1	2	0	1	1
Not sure	0	0	0	0	0

Q19. [TS] When you think about the economy in small-town and rural America, which TWO of the following concerns you the most? [RANDOMIZE] [SELECT TWO RESPONSES]

The cost of food	43	42	43	30	48
Rising gas prices	24	26	21	14	28
Rising energy costs	21	21	20	17	22
Rising housing costs	19	17	21	13	22
Good-paying jobs not coming to					
small towns and rural areas	18	20	16	27	15
Rising health care costs	17	19	15	21	15
Having saved enough for					
retirement	15	12	18	16	15
Small businesses finding it tough					
to make it	15	11	18	11	16
Wealthy corporations not paying					
their fair share	13	14	11	23	8
Younger people leaving small		_	_		
towns and rural areas	_	9	6	16	4
Affording my prescriptions		3	5	6	4
Other		1	1	1	1
None		1	0	1	0
Not sure	0	0	1	0	0

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Q20. Here are some potential policies others have discussed as a way to boost rural and small-town economies. Please indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose each policy. [RANDOMIZE]
Select one for each option

Sorted by "Strongly support"

20I.Create manufacturing jobs here at home instead of shipping jobs overseas	71	69	64	72
don't have to choose between				
their medication and putting food on the table65	57	72	67	65
20m.Crack down on price gouging	0.	• –	0.	00
to make life more affordable63	61	65	59	64
B20k.Close loopholes so wealthy				
corporations pay their fair share60	59	60	71	54
20c.Increase access to affordable	59	00	7 1	34
health care so people can get				
the care they need when they				
are sick59	55	61	67	55
A20j.Close tax loopholes so wealthy corporations pay their				
fair share56	47	65	61	55
20i.Improve our local schools so				
our children can compete for				
good-paying jobs56	56	56	54	57
20e.Create good-paying jobs in our community when improving				
our infrastructure, like				
expanding access to high-				
speed internet and repairing	- 4	50	00	5 4
our roads, bridges, and rail55 20b.Provide skills training so	51	58	63	51
working people in our area can				
compete for good-paying jobs53	52	54	58	51
20g.Expand rural high-speed				
internet so more people can				
work from home, students can				
be supported online, and the local economy can grow52	49	55	57	50
20q.Ensure that when money is	10	00	0.	00
brought in on major projects,				
people in the community are				
hired first for those good-	48	54	46	53
paying jobs51	40	54	40	33

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20o.Raise wages so that working people can afford to support themselves and their families 20r.Provide more job opportunities so more young people can stay in our area rather than		46	42	49	49	46
leaving to find better-paying jobs		44	43	46	47	44
20p.Build more affordable housing in rural areas		44	39	48	47	42
20h.Create incentives for businesses so they come to our area		43	45	41	43	43
started through loans and incentives		40	42	38	43	39
and bring new, good-paying jobs to our area		37	37	36	50	32
assistance for struggling small businesses		34	34	34	35	34

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a. Help small and owner-operated businesses get started through loans and incentives

Strongly support	40	42	38	43	39
Somewhat support	46	41	49	46	46
Somewhat oppose		9	4	3	7
Strongly oppose		2	1	2	1
Not sure		6	8	6	6
Support	86	83	88	88	85
Oppose		11	5	5	8

b. Provide skills training so working people in our area can compete for good-paying jobs

Strongly support	39 3 1	52 41 4 1 2	54 38 2 1 5	58 34 5 1	51 42 3 1 4
Support Oppose	92	93 5	92 3	92 6	93 3

c. Increase access to affordable health care so people can get the care they need when they are sick

Strongly support59Somewhat support30Somewhat oppose4Strongly oppose2Not sure5		61 29 2 2 6	67 26 2 2 4	55 33 5 2 5
Support	88	90	93	88
	8	4	4	7

d. Lower prescription drug prices so working people and seniors don't have to choose between their medication and putting food on the table

Strongly support	65	57	72	67	65
Somewhat support	27	33	21	23	28
Somewhat oppose		4	2	5	2
Strongly oppose	1	1	1	1	1
Not sure		5	4	3	4
Support	92	90	93	90	93
Oppose	4	5	3	7	2

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e. Create good-paying jobs in our community when improving our infrastructure, like expanding access to high-speed internet and repairing our roads, bridges, and rail

Strongly support	36	51 40 4	58 33 3	63 29 3	51 40 3
Strongly oppose Not sure	1	1 4	1 5	2 2	1 6
SupportOppose		91 5	91 4	92 6	90 4

f. Invest in solar and wind energy to diversify our local economy and bring new, good-paying jobs to our area

Strongly support37Somewhat support31Somewhat oppose15Strongly oppose11Not sure7	29 14 12	36 33 16 10 5	50 35 6 5	32 30 18 14 7
Support	66	69	84	61
	26	25	11	32

g. Expand rural high-speed internet so more people can work from home, students can be supported online, and the local economy can grow

Strongly support52Somewhat support35Somewhat oppose6Strongly oppose1Not sure5	39 7 2	55 33 5 1 6	57 36 4 2 2	50 36 7 1 6
Support		88 6	92 5	86 8

h. Create incentives for businesses so they come to our area

Strongly support	43	45	41	43	43
Somewhat support	42	42	41	39	43
Somewhat oppose	7	5	9	11	6
Strongly oppose	1	1	2	2	1
Not sure		7	7	6	7
Support	85	87	82	81	86
Oppose	9	6	11	12	7

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i.	Improve or	ur local s	schools so	our	children	can	compete	for	good-paying jobs	;

Strongly support	56	56	56	54	57
Somewhat support		34	37	40	33
Somewhat oppose		4	2	3	3
Strongly oppose			1	0	2
Not sure		5	5	3	5
Support	91	89	93	94	90
Oppose		6	3	3	5

j. SSA: Close tax loopholes so wealthy corporations pay their fair share

Strongly support56Somewhat support23Somewhat oppose12Strongly oppose3Not sure7	28 16 4	65 18 9 1 8	61 17 12 4 6	
Support		83 9	78 16	80 14

k. SSB: Close loopholes so wealthy corporations pay their fair share

Strongly support	l 20) 10 1 5	23	71 20 2 5 1	54 22 13 3 7
Support82 Oppose13		83 13	92 7	76 16

I. Create manufacturing jobs here at home instead of shipping jobs overseas

Strongly support	69	71	69	64	72
Somewhat support	23	22	23	29	21
Somewhat oppose		3	3	5	2
Strongly oppose		0	1	0	1
Not sure	4	4	4	3	4
SupportOppose		93 3	92 4	92 5	93 3

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m. Crack down on price gouging to ma	ake lif	e more	affordal	ole			
Strongly support		26 4 2	61 27 5 3 4	65 26 2 1 6	59 31 2 4 4	64 25 5 1 5	
SupportOppose			87 8	91 4	91 6	89 6	
n. Provide loans and technical assista	ince f	for strug	gling sn	nall busin	esses		
Strongly support		48 9 2	34 46 10 2 7	34 49 7 1 8	35 52 6 3 5	34 47 9 1 9	
Support Oppose			81 12	83 8	87 9	81 11	
o. Raise wages so that working peopl	e car	afford t	o suppo	ort thems	elves a	nd their fa	milies
Strongly support		30 13 4	42 30 16 4 8	49 31 11 4 5	49 33 9 3 6	46 29 15 4 6	
SupportOppose			72 19	80 15	82 12	74 20	
p. Build more affordable housing in ru	ral ar	eas					
Strongly support		34 12 5	39 36 16 3 5	48 32 7 7 6	47 34 9 4 6	42 35 13 5 5	
SupportOppose			75 19	80 14	81 14	76 18	

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q. Ensure that when money is brought in on major projects, people in the community are hired first for those good-paying jobs

Strongly support	51	48	54	46	53
Somewhat support	38	41	34	45	36
Somewhat oppose		5	4	3	5
Strongly oppose	1	1	2	2	1
Not sure		5	6	3	6
Support	89	89	89	91	89
Oppose		6	5	5	5

r. Provide more job opportunities so more young people can stay in our area rather than leaving to find better-paying jobs

Strongly support44Somewhat support41Somewhat oppose5Strongly oppose1Not sure8	43 5 1	46 39 4 1	47 40 3 1 9	44 43 5 1 8
Support	86	85	87	86
	6	5	4	6

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Q21. [MAX-DIFF] On each of the following screens, you will find a number of solutions some people have suggested to improve the economy in rural and small-town areas like yours. For each screen, please select the solution that you think is the BEST and the solution that you think is the WORST.

In order to help us best understand your views, you will see each solution more than once, and in different combinations over the next several screens. This is completely randomized by the computer. Some screens may look familiar, but each is different, so please read the items on the list carefully. Here is the first one:

Select two for each option BEST WORST

21j.We need to reduce inflation and make life more affordable because, from gas to groceries to prescription drugs, the cost of living is too expensive for				
working families	22.6	27.8	20.5	27.4
government spending	14.3	14.2	9.8	16.2
town America for too long	11.7	11.7	17.5	9.3
disappeared	8.4	7.6	8.5	7.7
of our local economy	8.0	7.4	8.3	7.4
operate7.6	8.2	7.0	5.7	8.4

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21f.We need to provide our young people better education and skills for the modern economy because they need to have the tools to succeed	7.6	7.5	8.4	7.1
leave for better-paying jobs elsewhere	7.0	6.3	7.7	6.2
need to keep new good-paying jobs here	6.3	5.35.1	7.1 6.5	5.2 5.2
CLASSES:				
Class 1: Small Government Older Republicans18	19	17	6	23
Class 2: Economy and Tax Focused Blue- Collar Voters19	15	23	11	23
Class 3: Anti-Corporation Retired Democrats12 Class 4: Less Defined Blue-Collar Voters37	12 45	12	22 49	8
Class 5: Younger Jobs-Oriented Women14	45 10	30 17	49 11	31 15

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Q22. Now, imagine that a candidate running for U.S. Congress is saying the following statement: It's time to fight back against woke politicians who are focused on pushing a partisan agenda instead of working to improve the economy in rural and small-town America. They've launched a war on American energy independence with overregulation, shutting down domestic oil and gas production, costing us jobs, and causing gas prices to skyrocket, while we beg dangerous foreign dictators in Russia and the Middle East to supply us with energy. Their out-of-control spending has also caused the highest inflation we've seen in decades, hitting regular rural working-class and small-town Americans hardest, and they keep raising our taxes to pay for it. [**OPPOSITION**]

Is that a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing reason to vote for that candidate?

Select one

Very convincing	38	38	37	26	43
Somewhat convincing	33	34	32	31	34
Not too convincing			11	15	10
Not at all convincing		15		24	9
Not sure		3	7	4	5
	70				
Convincing	/0	72	69	57	76
Not convincing	25	25	24	39	19

Q23. Now, imagine that another candidate running for U.S. Congress is saying each of the following statements. Please indicate whether each statement is a very convincing, somewhat convincing, not too convincing, or not at all convincing reason to vote for that candidate. [**RANDOMIZE**] Select one for each option

Sorted by "Very convincing"

23g.Freedom	40	42	38	39	41
B23b.Populism	34	32	36	41	31
23c.Cultural	33	33	33	30	34
23d.Infrastructure	33	35	31	38	31
A23e.Youth	32	33	32	35	31
A23a.Populism /Politician	32	32	31	40	30
B23f.Invest	24	26	23	28	22

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a. **SSA:** For too long, certain politicians have rigged the system to benefit wealthy corporations at the expense of rural and small-town America. Wealthy corporations are hurting our economy and working families by price gouging everything from gas to groceries to insulin, shipping jobs overseas, cutting workers' wages and benefits, and creating unfair advantages for themselves through loopholes. We can create good jobs and lower prices by investing in manufacturing here at home and by making wealthy corporations pay their fair share, so our economy benefits all of us – not just the wealthy few. [**POPULISM/POLITICIAN, 92**]

Very convincing	36 18 10	30	31 42 17 8 3	40 34 12 9 4	30 37 20 10 3
Convincing Not convincing	68 28	62 33		74 21	66 30

b. **SSB:** For too long, wealthy corporations have had their foot on the throat of rural and small-town America. Wealthy corporations are hurting our economy and working families by price gouging everything from gas to groceries to insulin, shipping jobs overseas, cutting workers' wages and benefits, and creating unfair advantages for themselves through loopholes. We can create good jobs and lower prices by investing in manufacturing here at home and by making wealthy corporations pay their fair share, so our economy benefits all of us – not just the wealthy CEOs and multinational corporations. [**POPULISM**, **91**]

Very convincing	34	32	36	41	31
Somewhat convincing	35	35	34	33	35
Not too convincing		20	14	15	18
Not at all convincing			10	10	10
Not sure	4	2	7	2	6
Convincing	69	68	69	74	66
Not convincing		00		25	

c. Rural and small-town Americans believe in faith, family, and freedom. We work together and show respect to each other. We teach our children the value of hard work, personal responsibility, and helping those among us who have less. Now, certain politicians try to divide us and turn us against each other and say our children can't all have a shot at the American dream – that some must be excluded. But that's not what we believe. We need to come together and elect leaders who will bring the focus back to rural and small-town America so we can ensure that our families, neighbors, and small businesses can thrive. [CULTURAL, 108]

Very convincing	33	33	33	30	34
Somewhat convincing	36	36	37	33	38
Not too convincing	20	21	19	25	19
Not at all convincing	7	6	7	9	5
Not sure			4	3	4
Convincing	60	60	70	62	70
Convincing	69	69	70	63	12
Not convincing	27	27	26	34	24

				ECON	ECON
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	WELL	NOT WELL
N=	500	238	258	143	348

d. Rural and small-town communities are being ignored, and years of neglect have taken a toll. To revive our small towns, we need to create economies built on caring for each other and fixing what's broken, like expanding high-speed internet, rebuilding our roads and bridges, repairing our schools, and reopening rural hospitals. And we need to do so by hiring local people first. Hiring the people who live here will mean more people in our community will have good-paying jobs, and it will bring more morney into our area. By doing this, we can ensure that our families and neighbors can make ends meet while rebuilding our communities.

[INFRASTRUCTURE, 108]

Very convincing	33	35	31	38	31
Somewhat convincing	43	42	44	35	46
Not too convincing		14	17	18	14
Not at all convincing	4	5	3	7	3
Not sure	4	3	5	2	5
Convincing	76	77	75	73	77
Not convincing	20	19	20	25	18

e. **SSA:** Rural and small-town America is a great place to live and raise a family, and making rural America stronger is good for both the short term and long term. It will give our children and grandchildren a better place to live and the opportunity to stay here, maintaining our way of life and protecting our values. Investing in our rural communities means helping working families get ahead and giving our children opportunities for a better future. We can create stronger communities so young people can choose to stay and make a life for themselves here in rural and small-town America. [**YOUTH, 100**]

Very convincing	32	33	32	35	31
Somewhat convincing	42	43	41	36	44
Not too convincing	17	13	21	20	17
Not at all convincing		7	2	6	4
Not sure		4	3	3	3
Convincing	74	75	73	70	76
Not convincing	22	20	24	26	21

f. **SSB:** We can lift up rural and small-town America by making sure our leaders re-invest in our areas, which get left behind too often. It's time for leaders to create incentives to attract businesses to our local communities, invest in infrastructure to create good-paying jobs upgrading our damaged and outdated roads and bridges, expand high-speed internet, provide skills training so our workers can compete in the modern economy, reopen our rural hospitals, and invest in our local schools. By electing leaders who will re-invest in our areas instead of always focusing on big cities, we can move rural and small-town America ahead. [INVEST, 101]

Very convincing	24	26	23	28	22
Somewhat convincing	46	45	47	43	49
Not too convincing		20	19	22	18
Not at all convincing	4	3	6	3	5
Not sure		6	5	4	6
Convincing	71	71	70	71	70
Not convincing			24	26	23

				ECON	ECON
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	WELL	NOT WELL
N=	500	238	258	143	348

g. We value freedom in America, and that means everyone should have their freedoms – no matter what they look like or whether they live in a big city or a small town. Working people in small towns deserve this: the freedom to breathe clean air and drink clean water, the freedom to access affordable health care and prescriptions drugs, the freedom to retire with dignity with the Social Security they paid for, the freedom to work and live in the same communities they grew up in, and the economic freedom to work hard, get paid fairly for that work, and have their families thrive. [FREEDOM, 104]

Very convincing	38 12 5	38 45 10 3 4	39 46 8 4 3	41 40 12 4 4
Convincing81 Not convincing15	79	84	85	80
	17	13	12	16

Q24. Sometimes in a survey like this people change their minds. If the November 2024 general election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for [ROTATE] _the Democrat or _the Republican? Q25. [IF Q24= 1, 2] Would you say you feel that way strongly or not so strongly? Q26. [IF Q24 = 3] If you had to choose, toward which would you lean —the Democrat or the

Republican? Select one

Democrat – strongly	24 2 1	27 4 3	53 3 2	14 3 2
Republican – strongly5	4	7	4	6
Republican - not so strongly2 Undecided - lean Republican51	2 56	1 46	1 29	60
·	0	40	0	4.4
Undecided	9 1	10 1	8 0	11
Prefer not to answer0	0	0	1	0
Democrat31	27	34	58	20

Republican.....58

Q27. Sometimes in a survey like this, people change their minds. In general, who do you think are better for small-town and rural families: [**ROTATE**] _the Democrats OR _the Republicans? Select one

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Democrats	26 56	31 46	55 29	18 60
Both7	4	10	6	8
Neither7	9	6	7	7
Not sure6	4	7	3	7

				ECON	ECON
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	WELL	NOT WEL
N=	500	238	258	143	348

Finally, here are a few questions for statistical purposes only.

Q28. **[TS]** Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an independent, or something else?

Q29. [TS] [IF Q28 = 2/DEMOCRAT] Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Democrat? Q30. [TS] [IF Q28 = 1/REPUBLICAN] Do you consider yourself a strong or a not-so-strong Republican?

Q31. [TS] [IF Q28 = 3/INDEPENDENT] Do you lean more towards the Republicans or more towards the Democrats?

Select one

Strong Democrat	16	19	36	10
	6	12	12	8
	5	6	9	4
Democrat32Independent8Republican57	27	37	57	22
	9	5	6	8
	61	54	34	67
Independent - lean Republican11Not-so-strong Republican15Strong Republican31	13	9	6	13
	17	13	8	17
	31	32	20	37
Other	1	2	1	2
	1	2	1	1
	0	1	1	0

Q32. Please indicate if you are employed and working right now. And if you are employed, are you working more than one job for pay? Select one

Employed – one job only41	45	37	41	41
Employed – more than one job7	5	9	6	7
Not employed50	49	52	50	50
Prefer not to answer2	2	2	2	2

Q33. How often do you attend church or another place of worship? Select one

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27
21
46
7 14