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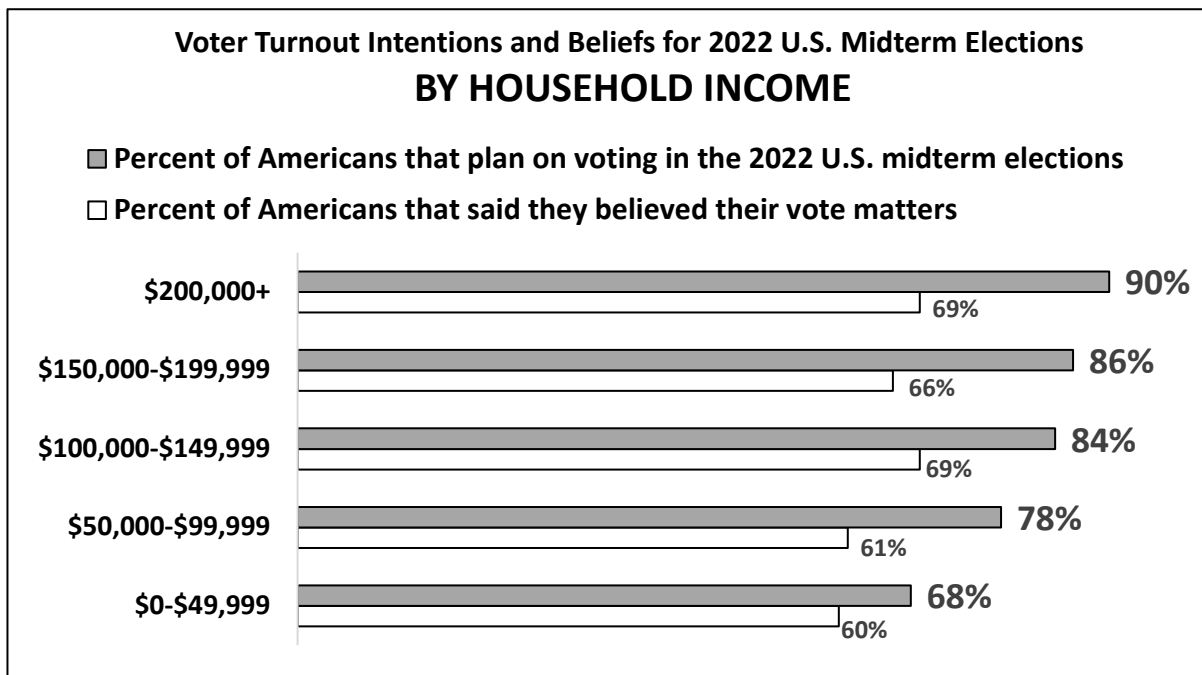Phone: 516-637-7278
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Voter Turnout Intentions and Beliefs for 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections: Long Island University Hornstein Center National Poll

BROOKVILLE, NY, November 3, 2021 – Results of a newly released Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis national poll reveal American voter turnout plans for the 2022 U.S. midterm elections and their views on democracy and the two-party system. 75% of Americans said they will vote in the 2022 midterm elections. Voter age and household income were important factors in voter intentions. While the majority of Americans (72%) believe that representative government is a foundation of an American democracy, 69% do not believe the Democratic and Republican parties adequately represent the voice of the American people.
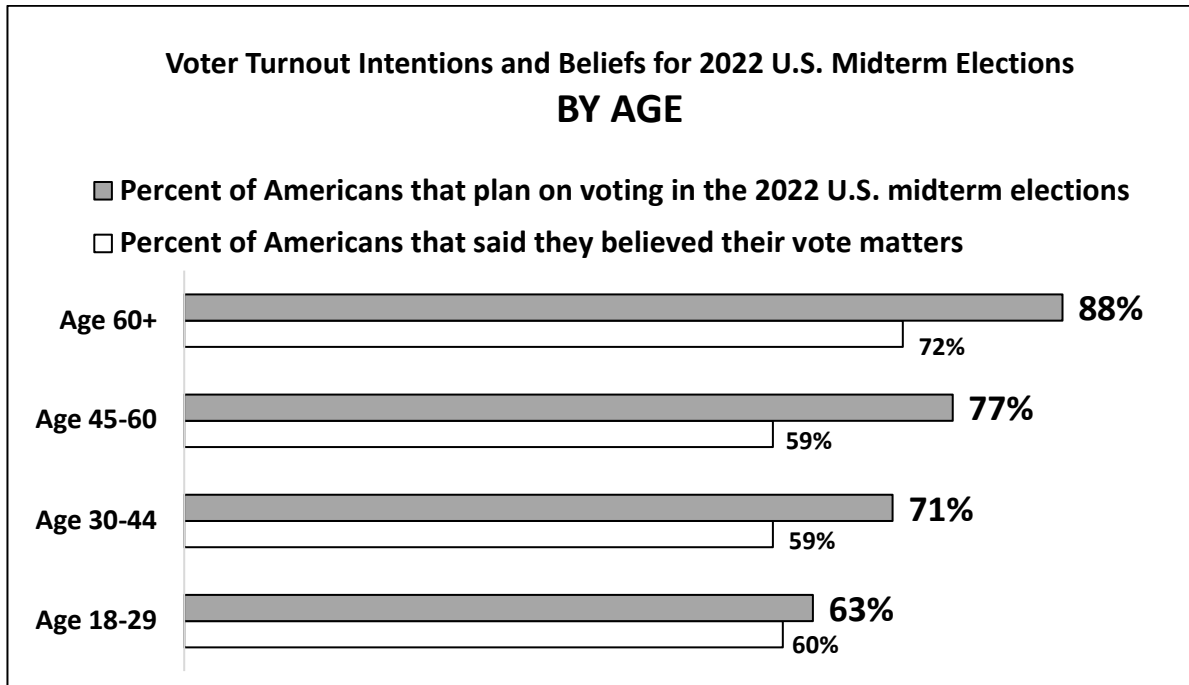
75% OF AMERICANS SAID THEY PLAN ON VOTING IN THE 2022 U.S. MIDTERM ELECTIONS.
62% OF AMERICANS SAID THEY BELIEVED THEIR VOTE MATTERS.
HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND VOTER AGE WERE KEY FACTORS.

Respondents were asked if they plan on voting in the 2022 U.S. midterm elections. 75% of Americans said yes. 83% of the same respondents said they voted in the 2020 U.S. elections. Americans with higher household incomes plan to vote at higher rates in the 2022 midterm elections than Americans with lower incomes. Respondents that plan to vote at the highest rate (90%) were Americans with household incomes of $200,000 and higher. Respondents that plan to vote at the lowest rate (68%) were Americans with household incomes of less than $50,000. Respondents were also asked if they believe their vote matters. 62% of Americans said yes. Respondents that said they believe their vote matters at the highest rate (69%) were Americans with household incomes of $200,000 and higher. Americans with household incomes of less than $50,000 had the lowest rate (60%) that believe their vote matters.

Voter Turnout Intentions and Beliefs for 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections
BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME

☐ **Percent of Americans that plan on voting in the 2022 U.S. midterm elections**
☐ **Percent of Americans that said they believed their vote matters**

Household Income	Plan on voting	Vote matters
$200,000+	90%	69%
$150,000-$199,999	86%	66%
$100,000-$149,999	84%	69%
$50,000-$99,999	78%	61%
$0-$49,999	68%	60%

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

The age of Americans was an important factor in voter intentions. Older Americans plan to vote in the 2022 U.S. midterm elections at higher rates than younger Americans. Respondents that plan to vote at the highest rate (88%) were Americans over age 60. Respondents that plan to vote at the lowest rate (63%) were Americans aged 18 to 29. Respondents over age 60 had the highest rate (72%) that believe their vote matters. 60% of respondents between the ages of 18 and 29 believe their vote matters. 59% of respondents aged 30 to 60 believe their vote matters.

Voter Turnout Intentions and Beliefs for 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections
BY AGE

☐ **Percent of Americans that plan on voting in the 2022 U.S. midterm elections**
☐ **Percent of Americans that said they believed their vote matters**

Age 60+	88% / 72%
Age 45-60	77% / 59%
Age 30-44	71% / 59%
Age 18-29	63% / 60%

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WHAT AMERICANS THINK ABOUT THE STATE OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY

Do you believe that representative government is a foundation of an American democracy?
72% OF AMERICANS SAID YES.

Do you believe the Democratic and Republican parties adequately represent the voice of the American people?
69% OF AMERICANS SAID NO.

Respondents were asked if they believed that representative government is a foundation of an American democracy. While a majority (72%) said yes, 69% said that they do not believe the Democratic and Republican parties adequately represent the voice of the American people.

TOP ISSUES FOR AMERICAN VOTERS IN 2022 U.S. MID-TERM ELECTIONS: #1 ECONOMY AND #2 CORONAVIRUS
Results of a national poll released in September 2021 by Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis revealed the early issues that matter most to voters in the 2022 U.S. Mid-Term Elections were the economy (27%) and coronavirus (17%).

METHODOLOGY
This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from November 1 – 2, 2021 among a national sample of 1,531 adults ages 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from over 2.5 million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age and gender using the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

ABOUT THE LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY STEVEN S. HORNSTEIN CENTER FOR POLICY, POLLING, AND ANALYSIS

The Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis conducts independent polling, empirical research, and analysis on a wide range of public issues. Our studies inform the public and policy makers about critical issues, attitudes, and trends shaping the world. Visit liu.edu/Hornstein for more information and results from this national poll.

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NATIONAL POLL: VOTER TURNOUT INTENTIONS AND BELIEFS FOR 2022 U.S. MID-TERM ELECTIONS
November 1-2, 2021
1,531 RESPONDENTS
MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 2.5%

Do you believe that representative government is a foundation of an American democracy?

		GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	$0-$49,999	$50,000-$99,999	$100,000-$149,999	$150,000-$199,999	$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep	Dem	Ind/Other
Yes	72%	80%	66%	70%	69%	69%	83%	65%	74%	83%	88%	86%	68%	76%	73%	71%	69%	68%	80%	68%
No	10%	9%	12%	12%	13%	10%	6%	14%	9%	7%	4%	6%	11%	8%	11%	14%	9%	14%	7%	11%
Unsure/no answer	17%	11%	23%	18%	18%	21%	11%	21%	18%	9%	8%	8%	21%	15%	16%	15%	22%	18%	13%	21%

Do you believe the Democratic and Republican parties adequately represent the voice of the American people?

		GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	$0-$49,999	$50,000-$99,999	$100,000-$149,999	$150,000-$199,999	$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep	Dem	Ind/Other
Yes	21%	21%	20%	27%	22%	19%	16%	23%	19%	20%	19%	25%	19%	17%	24%	9%	23%	29%	27%	11%
No	69%	70%	69%	63%	71%	69%	75%	66%	73%	72%	75%	69%	70%	74%	67%	85%	64%	62%	65%	78%
Unsure/no answer	10%	8%	11%	11%	8%	12%	9%	11%	8%	7%	7%	6%	11%	9%	9%	6%	13%	9%	9%	11%

Do you believe your vote matters?

		GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	$0-$49,999	$50,000-$99,999	$100,000-$149,999	$150,000-$199,999	$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Rep	Dem	Ind/Other
Yes	62%	65%	60%	60%	59%	59%	72%	60%	61%	69%	66%	69%	61%	59%	66%	56%	59%	62%	77%	50%
No	27%	26%	28%	30%	30%	29%	18%	28%	29%	24%	24%	25%	26%	31%	25%	33%	25%	29%	16%	35%
Unsure/no answer	11%	9%	13%	11%	11%	12%	10%	13%	10%	8%	10%	6%	12%	9%	10%	11%	16%	9%	8%	15%

Did you vote in the 2020 U.S. presidential election?

		GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	$0-$49,999	$50,000-$99,999	$100,000-$149,999	$150,000-$199,999	$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Rep	Dem	Ind/Other
Yes	83%	82%	83%	70%	78%	88%	94%	76%	86%	91%	90%	90%	85%	86%	81%	77%	80%	89%	90%	73%
No	14%	15%	14%	25%	18%	9%	6%	20%	12%	7%	10%	6%	12%	12%	15%	19%	15%	9%	8%	22%
Unsure/no answer	3%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	0%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	5%	1%	2%	5%

Do you plan on voting in the 2022 U.S. mid-term elections?

		GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	$0-$49,999	$50,000-$99,999	$100,000-$149,999	$150,000-$199,999	$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mountain	Pacific	Rep	Dem	Ind/Other
Yes	75%	78%	73%	63%	71%	77%	88%	68%	78%	84%	86%	90%	74%	77%	75%	73%	74%	79%	80%	68%
No	13%	12%	13%	19%	16%	10%	6%	15%	12%	8%	11%	6%	12%	11%	13%	13%	15%	9%	9%	18%
Unsure/no answer	12%	10%	14%	18%	13%	13%	6%	17%	10%	8%	3%	4%	14%	12%	12%	14%	11%	11%	11%	14%

Nature of Sample

Age	Percent
< 18	0%
18-29	22%
30-44	25%
45-60	29%
> 60	24%

Household Income	Percent
$0-$49,999	40%
$50,000-$99,999	30%
$100,000-$149,999	12%
$150,000-$199,999	6%
$200,000+	3%
Prefer not to answer	9%

Region	Percent
Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
Mountain	6%
Pacific	15%

Device Type	Percent
iOS Phone / Tablet	55%
Android Phone / Tablet	36%
Other Phone / Tablet	0%
Windows Desktop / Laptop	8%
MacOS Desktop / Laptop	1%
Other	0%

Gender	Percent
Male	47%
Female	53%

Party Identification	Percent
Republican	25%
Democrat	34%
Independent/Other	41%