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2022 October Pre-Election National Poll

Field Dates: October 17 – October 19, 2022
Sample: 1,000 Respondents
Margin of Error: 3.6%

YouGov interviewed 1065 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles.

The weights were then post-stratified on 2016 and 2020 Presidential vote choice, and a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories),race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Same Sex Marriage (N=1,000)

Do you favor or oppose allowing gays and lesbians to marry legally?

	May 2022	Oct. 2022
Favor	**65%**	**66%**
Oppose	35%	34%

Interracial Marriage (N=1,000)

Do you favor or oppose allowing people of different races to marry legally?

Favor	**91%**
Oppose	9%

Loan Forgiveness (N=1,000)

President Biden recently announced a plan in which the federal government will cancel up to $20,000 in student loan debt for federal student loan borrowers. Do you support or oppose this plan?

	All Respondents	Has Student Loan Debt (N=173)	Has No Student Loan Debt (N=827)
Strongly Support	33%	65%	26%
Somewhat Support	13%	12%	14%
Neither Support nor Oppose	18%	11%	19%
Somewhat Oppose	9%	5%	10%
Strongly Oppose	27%	8%	31%

Federal Abortion Law (N=1,000)

Recent reporting indicates that the U.S. Supreme Court is about to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark decision that established a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. Do you think Congress should...

	May 2022	Oct. 2022
pass a law making abortion illegal in all 50 states.	15%	14%
pass a law making abortion legal in all 50 states.	45%	47%
pass no law and leave it up to each state to decide whether abortion should be legal or illegal within its borders.	39%	39%

Gun Control (N=1,000)

On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals?

	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Don't Know
Ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines.	38%	11%	15%	7%	23%	5%
Make it easier for adults to obtain a concealed-carry permit.	20%	13%	19%	12%	30%	6%
Allow teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools.	26%	13%	14%	10%	30%	7%
Require background checks for all gun sales.	67%	11%	8%	3%	5%	5%

Affirmative Action (N=1,000)

	Strongly Support	Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Do you support or oppose the consideration of an applicant's race or ethnicity, alongside factors such as an applicant's high school grades, standardized test scores, and letters of recommendation, when evaluating students for admission into a college or university?	12%	13%	9%	28%	10%	12%	18%
Do you support or oppose the consideration of an applicant's race or ethnicity, alongside factors such as applicant's work experience, education, and letters of recommendation, when companies and organizations make decisions about hiring and promotions?	11%	13%	8%	28%	9%	12%	18%

Racism and Great Replacement (N=1,000)

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The growth in the number of immigrants in the country means that America is in danger of losing its culture and identity.	17%	16%	26%	12%	29%
Some elected officials want to increase immigration in order to bring in obedient voters who will vote for them.	23%	14%	30%	10%	23%
The growth in the size of minority communities in the country will NOT result in the declining influence of white Americans.	18%	16%	45%	14%	8%
Racial and ethnic diversity tends to strengthen the character of a nation.	35%	22%	29%	8%	6%
White people in the U.S. have certain advantages because of the color of their skin.	31%	20%	22%	11%	16%
Racial problems in the U.S. are rare, isolated situations.	12%	15%	21%	19%	33%
I am angry that racism exists	49%	21%	24%	3%	3%

Marijuana Pardons (N=1,000)

	Strongly Support	Support	Somewhat Support	Neither Support Nor Oppose	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose	Strongly Oppose
Do you support or oppose the <u>federal government</u> pardoning any individual who has been convicted of the possession of marijuana under federal law?	34%	14%	10%	23%	7%	5%	7%
Do you support the legalization of the recreational use of marijuana by adults over the age of 21 by the <u>federal government</u>?	36%	11%	9%	21%	6%	7%	10%

Marijuana Pardon Benefit (N=1,000)

From the following list, please select the **one** group that you believe would **most benefit** from the federal government pardoning individuals convicted for possession of marijuana under federal law.

Democrats	15%
Republicans	3%
White Americans	9%
Young People	33%
African Americans	40%

Marijuana Usage (N=1,000)

Keeping in mind that all of your answers in this survey are confidential, which of the following statements best describes you?

I have never used marijuana	45%
I used marijuana in the past, but do not use it now	28%
I occasionally use marijuana now	11%
I regularly use marijuana now	10%
Prefer not to answer	7%