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Q1. In general, would you say that the State of Arizona is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

- Definitely right direction
- Probably right direction
- Probably wrong direction
- Definitely wrong direction
- Don't Know, Refused

Q2. What do you consider to be the top issue facing the State of Arizona today?

- Education
- Environmental issues
- Long-term water supplies
- Election issues
- Immigration & border security
- Inflation & cost of living
- Healthcare
- Homelessness
- Housing costs
- Social justice issues
- Abortion
- Don't Know, Refused

Q3. How confident are you that Arizona is prepared for future growth?

- Very Confident
- Somewhat Confident
- Not Very Confident
- Not At All Confident
- Don't Know/Refused

Q4. In general, how well do you think the political system is working in Arizona today?

- Extremely well
- Very well
- Somewhat well
- Not too well
- Not at all
- Don't Know, Refused

Q5. In general, over the past few years, do you believe the news media coverage of political parties and candidates running for office has created:

- Much more political division
- Somewhat more division
- No impact



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Somewhat less political division
Much less political division
Don't Know, Refused

Q6. In general, do you believe that the current candidates for statewide and legislative offices in Arizona are talking about the issues that are most important to you?

Definitely Yes
Probably Yes
Definitely No
Probably No
Don't know/Refused

Q7. I am going to read two statements you might hear regarding candidates. Please tell me which statement most closely matches you.

- (1) Voter A prefers candidates who are committed to their principles and will fight for what they believe is right and refuse to compromise.
- (2) Voter B prefers candidates who are willing to compromise and work across the aisle to find bipartisan solutions to complex problems.

Voter A
Voter B
Neither
Other
Don't know/Refused

Q8. How would you rate K-12 public education in the State of Arizona?

Excellent
Very Good
Ok
Poor
Failing
Undecided
Refused

Q9. In general, would you say that K-12 public education in the State of Arizona is:

Definitely Improving
Probably improving
Staying about the same
Probably getting worse
Definitely getting worse
Don't Know, Refused

Q10. Would you say that the amount of state funding for Arizona's private school voucher program, also known as Empowerment Scholarship Accounts or ESAs, receives is too low, too high, or just

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about right?

- Too low
- Just about right
- Too high
- Don't know, Refused

Q11. In general, do you believe that private schools that receive state funding should be held to the same standards as public schools when it comes to financial reporting requirements, academic reporting requirements and employment standards?

- Definitely Yes
- Probably Yes
- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Don't know/Refused

I am going to read you some statements about education policy that may be discussed in this year's election. After each one, please tell me if you support or oppose the policy position.

- Strongly Oppose
- Somewhat Oppose
- Somewhat Support
- Strongly Support
- Don't Know, Refused

Q12. Increasing funding for K-12 public education.

Q13. Ensuring teachers are trained in the most effective approaches to teaching reading.

Q14. Banning certain books and being stricter about what is considered "sexually explicit" materials.

Q15. Requiring schools to seek parental permission before using a preferred name and pronoun for a transgender student.

Q16. Restricting use of school restrooms and locker rooms by transgender students.

Q17. Increase need-based state financial aid to encourage more students to enroll in Arizona's public universities and community colleges after high school.

Q18. Ensure that every student can access dual-enrollment or other early college opportunities to earn college credit while in high school.

The following are statements that you might hear during the election regarding education issues. Please tell me if, after hearing each, you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

Q19. Every school should have the resources necessary to deliver quality education that prepares every child for the future, no matter their skin color, background, or zip code.

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- Q20. Our public schools are out of control – fostering division on issues such as transgender issues, gay rights, DEI, and social justice. We need to get progressive and woke politics out of our classrooms.
- Q21. Schools are heading in the wrong direction because Arizona is 49th in the nation for per-pupil public school funding and we are facing a massive teacher shortage. These problems are only made worse by private school vouchers further defunding the system.
- Q22. Parents should have a choice on where they send their children to school. If the local schools aren't serving their needs, they should be able to use state funding in the form of a school voucher or Educational Empowerment Scholarship to attend the private school of their choice.
- Q23. Arizona's students consistently perform low on required state standardized tests; more time should be spent in schools teaching core academic content than on social emotional skills.

I am going to read you some statements about immigration policy that may be discussed in this year's election. After each one, please tell me if you support or oppose the policy position.

Strongly Oppose
Somewhat Oppose
Somewhat Support
Strongly Support
Don't Know, Refused

- Q24. Enacting comprehensive immigration reform that includes a pathway to citizenship.
- Q25. Increasing the requirements to claim asylum in the United States.
- Q26. Requiring the Federal Government to shut down the southern border when migrant crossings reach certain thresholds.
- Q27. Increasing border security by completing the wall and increasing surveillance.

The following are statements that you might hear during the election regarding immigration issues. Please tell me if, after hearing each, you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

- Q28. The current influx of thousands of migrants at the southern border is an international humanitarian and refugee crisis. Our leaders must work together to find a bipartisan solution to this problem.
- Q29. Immigration reform is important to our country and our economy. Mexico is Arizona's largest trade and tourism partner – we must prioritize creating a functioning border for commerce and immigration.
- Q30. Illegal immigration is out of control and our borders are being flooded with criminals, gangs, and drugs. We need to crack down on illegal immigration.

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I am going to ask you some questions regarding housing issues.

Q31. In general, would you say that current home rental prices in the State of Arizona are too low, too high, or just about right?

Q32. In general, would you say that current home prices in the State of Arizona are too low, too high, or just about right?

Q33. In general, do you believe more housing that is affordable is needed in your community?

Definitely Yes

Probably Yes

Probably No

Definitely No

Don't Know, Refused

Q34. How would you rate homelessness in the State of Arizona on a scale of 1 to 5? 1 means a very overblown issue, 2 means a somewhat overblown issue, 3 is an ordinary public issue, 4 means a serious issue, and 5 means a major crisis?

The following are statements that you might hear during the election regarding some housing issues. Please tell me if, after hearing each, you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

Q35. State and local government must do more to make sure that housing options are affordable and available to middle and low-income earners throughout the state.

Q36. State and local government need to regulate density and building heights in our communities. In our efforts to address housing shortages, some areas have grown too tall and too dense.

Q37. State and local government must do more to make sure people who experience homelessness can access safe, affordable housing.

Q38. Affordable housing and multi-family developments face too many restrictions and regulations. There should be fewer limitations from state and local government on where they can be built, the size of the complexes, the number of parking spaces, and their overall density.

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I am going to ask you some questions regarding the economy and spending. Compared to 2 years ago, would you say the following have gotten better, worse or stayed about the same?

- Much worse
- Somewhat worse
- About the Same
- Somewhat Support
- Much Better
- Don't Know, Refused

- Q39. Arizona's economy
- Q40. The state's finances
- Q41. Inflation
- Q42. Gas prices
- Q43. Your cost of living
- Q44. Your personal financial situation

Arizona's Joint Legislative Budget Committee recently announced that the state is projected to end the budget year next June with a \$400 million dollar deficit. I'd like to go over some options that the state could consider to balance the budget. After each, please tell me if you would support or oppose the proposal.

- Strongly Oppose
- Somewhat Oppose
- Somewhat Support
- Strongly Support
- Don't Know, Refused

- Q45. Making cuts to K-12 education
- Q46. Making cuts to public safety
- Q47. Making cuts to healthcare
- Q48. Making cuts to the revenue that the state gives to local cities and towns
- Q49. Placing a cap on the growth of the school voucher program
- Q50. Rolling back tax cuts that were passed by the state legislature over the past few years
- Q51. Using money from the \$1.5 billion in Arizona's rainy-day fund
- Q52. Increase state revenues/taxes to ensure we have state funding for critical needs and services
- Q53. If you could choose how to solve Arizona's \$400 million dollar deficit, would you:

- Make cuts to state spending
- Increase taxes
- Both
- Neither
- Don't Know, Refused

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The following are statements that you might hear during the election regarding some economy and spending issues. Please tell me if, after hearing each, you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

- Q54. A robust transportation infrastructure system, including investments in our freeways, streets, and transit throughout the State of Arizona is critical to moving people, goods, and services throughout the state and essential to our long-term economic success.
- Q55. Arizona is expected to reach 8 million residents by 2030 and 9 million by 2040. It will take higher levels of planning and preparedness to ensure we have the resources and infrastructure to support that growth and maintain our high quality of life.
- Q56. Arizona needs to keep taxes on businesses low in order to continue to attract new businesses and economic opportunities to the state.
- Q57. Arizona families are struggling to find affordable and reliable child care. Without dependable access to child care, caregivers may miss work or leave the workforce altogether. Arizona should invest more in child care assistance programs for qualifying families.