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**SUBJECT:** RECENT SENATE BATTLEGROUND POLL REVEALS THREE STRONG ISSUES FOR REPUBLICANS TO EMPHASIZE IN THE CLOSING WEEKS OF THE CAMPAIGN

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An online poll conducted on behalf of Club for Growth PAC by WPA Intelligence September 6-11, 2022, in 11 Senate battleground states (Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin) shows that Republicans have three strong issue sets, each of which gives them a meaningful advantage over Democratic candidates:

- **Inflation and the economy** are the top issues of two-in-five voters while no other issue is the top concern of more than one-in-ten.
  - A super-majority (60%) of voters believe that Joe Biden's economic policies have failed and a plurality (42%) of voters trust Republicans more than Democrats to handle the economy and inflation going forward.
  - A majority (53%) of voters say that Democrats spending binge which has driven inflation makes them less likely to support Democratic Senate candidates; 42% of voters say it makes them much less likely to support Democrats.
- **Crime and Democrats' pro-criminal and anti-law enforcement policies** are still an effective message against Democrats.
  - A majority (56%) of voters say that Democratic policies like removing cash bail and defunding law enforcement make them less likely to support Democratic Senate candidates; 43% say it makes them much less likely to support Democrats.
- Republicans can also leverage education issues including **school choice policies, parental involvement, and far-left curricula** to as a winning issue.
  - A majority (58%) supports school choice programs.
  - Majorities of voters say they are dissatisfied with the amount of say parents have in what their kids are being taught, with the way that schools are teaching racial issues and the role of race in America, and with the way students are taught about issues of sexual preference and gender identity.



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**Inflation and the rising cost of living is the top issue that voters care about, voters believe Biden’s economic plans have failed, and voters trust Republicans more than Democrats to handle inflation and the economy.**

- More than one-third (35%) of voters in these battleground states say that inflation is the most important issue they would like to see a candidate for Senate address.
  - Another 3% say slow economic recovery is the most important issue and 2% say high gas prices, bringing the total most concerned about economic issues to two-in-five voters.
- Three-in-five (60%) voters say they disagree with the Biden Administration’s claim that their economic plan is succeeding.
  - Just one-third (32%) agree that the plan is succeeding.
- Voters trust Republicans over Democrats to handle the economy and inflation by an eight-point margin with 42% trusting Republicans more and just 34% trusting Democrats more.

<b>Trust more to handle the economy and inflation.</b>	
Republicans	42%
Democrats	34%
Neither	20%
Both	2%
Don’t Know	2%

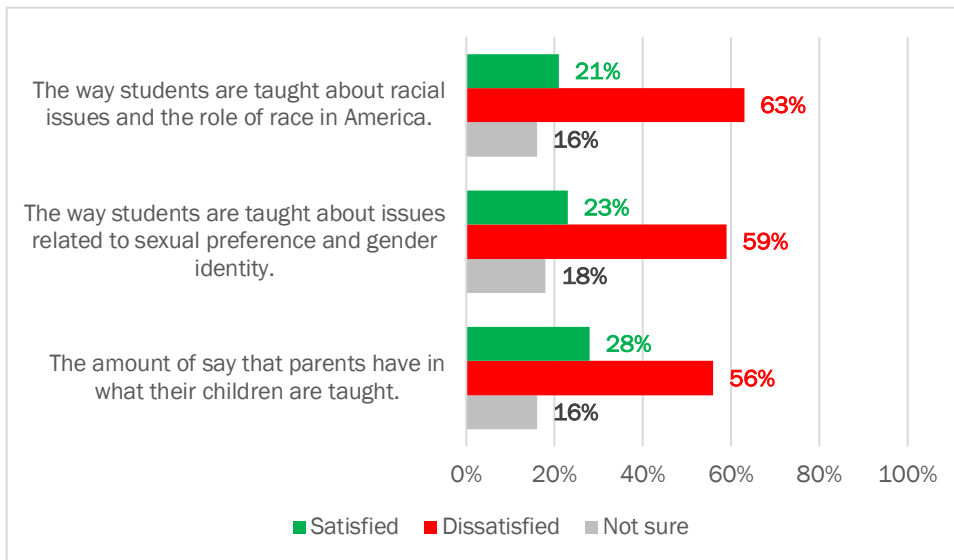
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<b>Democratic Policy</b>	<b>Total Less Likely to Support Candidate</b>	<b>Much Less Likely to Support Candidate</b>
Policies that have fueled rising crime across the country by attacking and defunding police and sheriffs and by enacting soft-on-crime policies like letting accused violent criminals out of jail on bail or even without bail.	56%	43%
Four massive spending bills that would have added a total of \$7.9 Trillion to the national debt and caused inflation to rise from less than 1.5% in 2020 to over 8.5% today, costing families more in groceries, gas and energy and everything they buy.	53%	42%

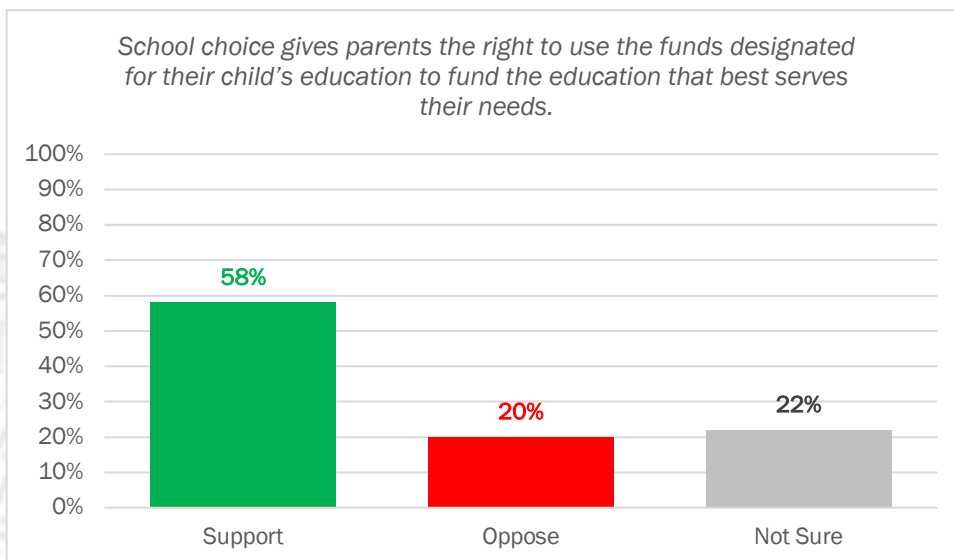
**Voters are dissatisfied with the lack of parental involvement in the things kids are being taught.**

- More than three-in-five voters say they are dissatisfied about the way race and the role of race in America is taught, three-in-five are also dissatisfied with the way issues of sexual preference and gender identity are being taught, and a majority say they are dissatisfied with the amount of say that parents have in what their children are taught.
- This validates polling from the American Federation of Teachers showing that these message points advanced by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis are an effective way to take on Democrats and education bureaucrats.



**A majority of battleground state voters supports school choice programs.**

- A majority of voters say they support school choice programs to give parents the right to use the funds dedicated for their child's education to fund the option that best suits their needs.
  - Three-quarters (75%) of Republicans and 56% of Independent voters say they support school choice.



**Voters say that Joe Biden should not run again in 2024 and want to see an age limit for the presidency.**

- Two-thirds (64%) of voters say that Biden should not run again in 2024.
  - Just 28% say that he should run again.
- Seventy percent (70%) of voters say that there should be an age limit to be President.

<b>Do you believe Joe Biden should run for re-election as President in 2024 or not?</b>	
Should	28%
Should Not	64%
Not Sure	8%

**Methodology**

WPAi conducted a poll of n = 1,102 likely voters across 11 battleground Senate states (Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, and Wisconsin). Respondents were recruited from a voter file-matched online panel and data was collected online September 6-11, 2022. A sample of this size would have a margin of error of  $\pm 3.0\%$  at the 95% confidence level.