



Written by [David Kelly](#) on September 28, 2022

Almost 80 Percent of Americans Dissatisfied With Direction of the Nation

Coming as no shock to anyone paying attention to current affairs, a new [poll](#) found that only one in five Americans is satisfied with the way things are going in the United States, and that both Democrats and Republicans agree that government is the top problem.

On Tuesday, Gallup released the Sept. 1-16 survey data, which showed that 79 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the direction the country is headed, compared to only 21 percent of Americans who say the opposite.



sodafish/iStock/Getty Images Plus

Not surprisingly, Americans' perceptions of the most important problems facing the U.S. have been relatively stable. Out of 20 categories of potential issues listed in the poll, Americans stated their main three concerns were the government, inflation, and the economy in general. Those have been the top issues named each month since March, with roughly similar percentages of Americans naming them in those months.

Gallup [said](#), "Currently, 22% of Americans name the government as the most important problem, while 17% say inflation is. Twelve percent mention the economy in general terms, the only other issue to be cited by at least 10% of Americans in response to the open-ended question."

Outside of the three main issues above, the poll found that between four percent and six percent of Americans believe "immigration, race relations or racism, unifying the country, abortion, elections, election reform or democracy, poverty, or crime" is the most important problem.

However you paint the results, government and its evils continue to be on Americans' minds. "In recent years, Americans have become more likely to cite the government as the most important U.S. problem. To a large degree, people may see the government's inability to successfully deal with matters such as inflation, high gas prices, COVID-19 or the major issue of the day as the problem, rather than those issues specifically," [said](#) Gallup.

The poll also found a prevailing attitude within the major political parties that government and poor leadership constituted the most important problem — 28 percent of Republicans and 23 percent of Democrats believe this. Independents found government equal to inflation as the top issue. Republicans were twice as likely than Democrats to cite inflation as the most important problem, 22 percent to 9 percent.

As would be expected, Republicans were more inclined than Democrats to see immigration as the most important problem, with 13 percent naming it. Election reform or democracy was listed by 12 percent of Democrats as the most important issue, followed by abortion at nine percent.

Gallup also asked participants which political party they felt could do a better job of handling the



Written by [David Kelly](#) on September 28, 2022

problem they feel is most important. “Forty-eight percent of Americans say the Republican Party can do a better job, compared with 37% who say the Democratic Party, while 15% do not see either party as better. Last year, Republicans had a narrower 41% to 38% advantage on this measure.”

Highlighting the political division of the major parties, the poll found that “more than eight in 10 Republicans (88%) and Democrats (82%) rate their own party as better able to handle their top issue. Democrats (11%) are slightly more likely than Republicans (4%) to say the opposing party can better handle the issue.” Forty-two percent of Independents would trust the Republican Party to resolve the issue, while only 32 percent would trust the Democratic Party.

With the midterms only five weeks away, this recent poll is good news, as it raises the possibility of Congress flipping to (hopefully) better leadership. The Biden administration and their minions have to be concerned that their days of control are numbered.

However, even if the midterms prove successful for Republicans, the lame-duck session will be one to fear — as the Democrats will certainly attempt to fast-forward their Marxist agenda.



Subscribe to the New American

Get exclusive digital access to the most informative, non-partisan truthful news source for patriotic Americans!

Discover a refreshing blend of time-honored values, principles and insightful perspectives within the pages of "The New American" magazine. Delve into a world where tradition is the foundation, and exploration knows no bounds.

From politics and finance to foreign affairs, environment, culture, and technology, we bring you an unparalleled array of topics that matter most.



[Subscribe](#)

What's Included?

- 24 Issues Per Year
- Optional Print Edition
- Digital Edition Access
- Exclusive Subscriber Content
- Audio provided for all articles
- Unlimited access to past issues
- Coming Soon! Ad FREE
- 60-Day money back guarantee!
- Cancel anytime.