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		1st Choice	1st/2nd Combined
Q1/2. Of the following, which do you feel is the most important issue or problem that the U.S. Congress should make a top priority?	Making healthcare more affordable	12%	25%
	Making housing more affordable	6%	13%
	Reducing inflation and rising costs	15%	30%
	Raising the minimum wage	8%	14%
	Protecting abortion rights	7%	19%
	Protecting voting rights	20%	30%
	Fighting climate change	3%	6%
	Strengthening public schools	7%	16%
	Fighting racism	8%	15%
	Improving public safety	2%	7%
	Reforming criminal justice and holding police accountable	7%	16%
	[VOL] None	1%	1%
[VOL] Don't Know	4%	4%	

Q3. What's the most important thing Congress could do to improve the country's economy? **[OPEN-ENDED]**
[MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]

Raise wages / Minimum wage	19%
Reduce inflation	13%
Create more jobs	9%
Lower interest rates	2%
Decrease government spending	8%
Tax reform	15%
Stop corporate greed	3%
Improve education	4%
Improve healthcare	5%
Housing	3%
Improve the social safety net	2%
Racial equity	3%
Elect Democrats / Defeat Republicans	6%
Work together	12%
Other	10%
Don't Know	5%

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Q4. Here are some people and groups active in public life. Please indicate whether you have a very favorable opinion, a somewhat favorable opinion, a somewhat unfavorable opinion, or a very unfavorable opinion of each. If you don't recognize them, just indicate that.

Q4a. Joe Biden	Very fav	43%
	Somewhat fav	34%
	Total Fav	77%
	Somewhat unfav	8%
	Very unfav	10%
	Total Unfav	18%
	Name ID	95%
	Can't Rate	5%
Q4b. Barack Obama	Very fav	69%
	Somewhat fav	19%
	Total Fav	88%
	Somewhat unfav	4%
	Very unfav	5%
	Total Unfav	9%
	Name ID	97%
	Can't Rate	3%
Q4c. Kamala Harris	Very fav	39%
	Somewhat fav	37%
	Total Fav	76%
	Somewhat unfav	9%
	Very unfav	10%
	Total Unfav	19%
	Name ID	95%
	Can't Rate	5%
Q4d. Donald Trump	Very fav	3%
	Somewhat fav	7%
	Total Fav	10%
	Somewhat unfav	8%
	Very unfav	79%
	Total Unfav	86%
	Name ID	96%
	Can't Rate	4%

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Q4e. The Southern Poverty Law Center	Very fav	39%
	Somewhat fav	30%
	Total Fav	69%
	Somewhat unfav	4%
	Very unfav	6%
	Total Unfav	10%
	Name ID	79%
	Can't Rate	21%
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Q4f. The NAACP	Very fav	55%
	Somewhat fav	31%
	Total Fav	86%
	Somewhat unfav	5%
	Very unfav	3%
	Total Unfav	8%
	Name ID	94%
	Can't Rate	6%
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Q4g. The Black Lives Matter Movement	Very fav	45%
	Somewhat fav	34%
	Total Fav	79%
	Somewhat unfav	8%
	Very unfav	7%
	Total Unfav	15%
	Name ID	94%
	Can't Rate	6%
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Q4h. The Alabama Democratic Party	Very fav	34%
	Somewhat fav	39%
	Total Fav	73%
	Somewhat unfav	12%
	Very unfav	8%
	Total Unfav	20%
	Name ID	93%
	Can't Rate	7%

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Q5. If the Democratic primary election for U.S. Congress were held today, for whom would you vote?	Anthony Daniels	7%
	Lean Daniels	1%
	Total Daniels	8%
	Shomari Figures	8%
	Lean Figures	1%
	Total Figures	9%
	Jeremy Gray	2%
	Lean Gray	1%
	Total Gray	4%
	Napoleon Bracy, Jr.	12%
	Lean Bracy, Jr.	3%
	Total Bracy, Jr.	15%
	Merika Coleman	4%
	Lean Coleman	1%
	Total Coleman	6%
	Juandalynn Givan	1%
	Lean Givan	0%
	Total Givan	2%
	Darryl Sinkfield	5%
	Lean Sinkfield	0%
Total Sinkfield	5%	
Someone else	4%	
[VOL] Undecided	47%	

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Q6. Next, here are some different scenarios about a potential candidate running for U.S. Congress in your district. For each of the following, please indicate whether it would be a very serious problem for you when deciding who to vote for, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious of a problem, or not a problem at all.

Q6a. If a candidate does not live in the district	Very serious problem	57%
	Somewhat serious problem	23%
	Total Serious problem	80%
	Not too serious of a problem	11%
	Not a problem at all	5%
	Total Not too serious + Not a problem	16%
[VOL] Don't Know		3%
Q6b. If a candidate moved back to the district within the last few months after living out of state for several years	Very serious problem	37%
	Somewhat serious problem	23%
	Total Serious problem	59%
	Not too serious of a problem	21%
	Not a problem at all	16%
	Total Not too serious + Not a problem	37%
[VOL] Don't Know		4%
Q6c. If a candidate was born and raised in the Black Belt, but now does not live in the district	Very serious problem	28%
	Somewhat serious problem	27%
	Total Serious problem	55%
	Not too serious of a problem	22%
	Not a problem at all	18%
	Total Not too serious + Not a problem	40%
[VOL] Don't Know		5%
Q6d. If a candidate refuses to push for a progressive agenda in Congress	Very serious problem	40%
	Somewhat serious problem	32%
	Total Serious problem	73%
	Not too serious of a problem	15%
	Not a problem at all	5%
	Total Not too serious + Not a problem	20%
[VOL] Don't Know		7%

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Q7. Next, here are some different issues. For each one, please indicate whether you think that issue should be an extremely important priority for the U.S. Congress to address, a very important priority, a somewhat important priority, not a priority, or not something that the U.S. Congress should address at all.

Q7a. Standing up for voting rights by allowing all American voters the right to early voting options	Extremely important	67%
	Very important	22%
	Somewhat important	5%
	Not a priority	3%
	Should not address at all	2%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7b. Ensuring equal access to good K-12 public schools	Extremely important	78%
	Very important	19%
	Somewhat important	2%
	Not a priority	1%
	Should not address at all	0%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7c. Making college and higher education affordable for all people	Extremely important	66%
	Very important	21%
	Somewhat important	8%
	Not a priority	3%
	Should not address at all	1%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7d. Providing a pathway to citizenship for immigrants	Extremely important	26%
	Very important	27%
	Somewhat important	26%
	Not a priority	14%
	Should not address at all	4%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q7e. Protecting the rights of gay, lesbian, and transgender people	Extremely important	32%
	Very important	21%
	Somewhat important	15%
	Not a priority	18%
	Should not address at all	10%
	[VOL] Don't Know	4%

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Q7f. Expanding Medicaid in Alabama, so more families can have affordable health coverage	Extremely important	75%
	Very important	15%
	Somewhat important	5%
	Not a priority	3%
	Should not address at all	1%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7g. Stopping predatory payday lenders who target poor and working-class people	Extremely important	61%
	Very important	22%
	Somewhat important	10%
	Not a priority	5%
	Should not address at all	1%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7h. Reforming the criminal justice system, so that fewer Black Alabamians are targeted and locked up for minor crimes	Extremely important	67%
	Very important	20%
	Somewhat important	7%
	Not a priority	2%
	Should not address at all	2%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q7i. Switching to renewable energy sources, like solar and wind, to stop climate change	Extremely important	40%
	Very important	31%
	Somewhat important	18%
	Not a priority	8%
	Should not address at all	2%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q7j. Restoring abortion rights in Alabama	Extremely important	50%
	Very important	23%
	Somewhat important	12%
	Not a priority	8%
	Should not address at all	5%
	[VOL] Don't Know	2%
Q7k. Increasing affordable housing in this area	Extremely important	61%
	Very important	24%
	Somewhat important	8%
	Not a priority	4%
	Should not address at all	1%
	[VOL] Don't Know	1%
Q7l. Bringing in new good-paying jobs, so more families have economic opportunity	Extremely important	71%
	Very important	22%
	Somewhat important	5%
	Not a priority	0%
	Should not address at all	1%
	[VOL] Don't Know	0%

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Q8. Of those issues you just heard about, which matters the most to you, personally? [OPEN-ENDED] [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]

Jobs / More good jobs in the area	11%
Education / Public schools / College affordability	15%
Healthcare / Medicaid expansion / Lowering healthcare costs	16%
Housing / Making housing more affordable	8%
Payday lenders / Taking on payday lenders	0%
Voting rights	22%
Criminal justice reform / Police reform / Prison reform	8%
Abortion / Reproductive rights	7%
Racial equity / Fighting racism	8%
LGBTQ rights / Protecting LGBTQ people	3%
Immigration reform	1%
Climate change / Clean energy (Environment)	3%
Other	7%
All of them	5%
None	3%
Don't Know	3%

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QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES

Q9. Gender	Male	36%
	Female	64%
	Non-binary	0%
	[VOL] Prefer to self-identify	0%
Q10. Age	18-34	11%
	35-49	17%
	50-64	31%
	65+	41%
	[VOL] Refused	0%
QD. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?	1st - 11th grade	2%
	High school graduate	18%
	Vocational or technical school	10%
	Some college, but no degree	21%
	Associate degree	20%
	4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	19%
	Graduate school or advanced degree	10%
[VOL] Don't Know	0%	
Q11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your position on abortion?	Abortion should be legal in all cases	41%
	Abortion should always be legal but with some restrictions, unless deemed medically necessary by a doctor	32%
	Abortion should not be allowed except in limited cases, such as rape, incest, and when the pregnant person's life is endangered	15%
	Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances	6%
	[VOL] Don't Know	6%
Q12. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself:	Progressive	18%
	Liberal	20%
	Moderate	33%
	Conservative	12%
	[VOL] Don't Know	16%

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Q13. Which of the following THREE are your top sources of information about politics and candidates running for elected office? [UP TO THREE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]	Cable networks such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC	55%
	Local television news	40%
	National network news, such as ABC, CBS, or NBC	46%
	Local print newspapers or local news websites	14%
	National print newspapers or national news websites, like CNN.com, FoxNews.com, or NYTimes.com	19%
	Radio news and talk radio	13%
	TikTok	4%
	Facebook	9%
	X, also known as Twitter	4%
	Other social media	6%
	YouTube	8%
	Podcasts	4%
	Friends and family	16%
	[VOL] Other	6%
[VOL] Don't Know	1%	
Q14. And just to make sure we have a representative sample, which of the following ethnic groups describes you best?	White or Caucasian	17%
	Black or African American	78%
	Hispanic or Latino	0%
	Asian American or Pacific Islander	0%
	[VOL] Mixed Race	4%
	[VOL] Other	1%
[VOL] Don't Know	0%	
Q23. Media Market	Columbus GA	10%
	Mobile AL Pensacola FL	37%
	Montgomery AL	53%
Q24. County	BARBOUR	4%
	BULLOCK	3%
	BUTLER	3%
	CLARKE	1%
	CONECUH	4%
	CRENSHAW	0%
	MACON	7%
	MOBILE	29%
	MONROE	6%
	MONTGOMERY	34%
	PIKE	2%
	RUSSELL	6%
	WASHINGTON	1%

****Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**