

From May 5 to 9, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,146 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

N=1,146 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

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<b>[1]</b> What do you think is the most important economic problem facing the country today?	Unemployment or the jobs situation . . . . .	4%	5%	3%	4%
	Federal budget deficit or the federal debt . . . . .	4	1	6	6
	Inflation, or an increase in the cost of goods and services . . . . .	44	33	47	54
	Supply chains, or the process of producing and transporting goods . . . . .	5	7	6	4
	Low wages . . . . .	6	8	7	4
	Gap between rich and poor . . . . .	10	16	12	2
	Taxes for corporations and the wealthy . . . . .	3	6	2	2
	Taxes for middle-class families or individuals . . . . .	3	3	1	5
	Large corporations and CEOs preventing competition and raising prices unfairly . . . . .	4	6	3	1
	Foreign trade or the trade deficit . .	1	0	1	1
	Fuel costs or the price of gas . . . . .	11	8	9	16
	None of these . . . . .	4	6	2	3
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<b>[2]</b> Do you think taxes on large corporations should be increased, should be decreased, or should taxes on corporations be left where they currently are?	Increased . . . . .	54%	72%	50%	36%
	Left where they are now . . . . .	26	12	30	39
	Decreased . . . . .	12	8	12	15
	Don't know . . . . .	9	8	9	10

**[3]** Lawmakers have made different arguments for why gas prices have been rising. Some lawmakers in Congress argue that oil and gas companies intentionally reduce oil production and raise gas prices to earn the highest profit for their Wall Street investors.

Other lawmakers in Congress argue that oil companies need to make a profit and these businesses are still struggling to recover from the pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, which has disrupted production.

When thinking about this, which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	D	I	R
I agree that oil and gas companies are intentionally raising prices to increase their profits for their Wall Street investors. . . . .	66%	55%	43%
I agree that this is the free market working and that oil companies are still recovering from the pandemic. . . . .	25	34	46
Don't know . . . . .	10	11	11

**[4]** How much do you think each of the following is contributing to inflation, or an increase in the cost of goods and services?

— Large corporations taking advantage of the pandemic to raise prices to increase their profits

	D	I	R
A great deal . . . . .	49%	35%	25%
A fair amount . . . . .	35	32	36
Only a little . . . . .	13	21	27
Not at all . . . . .	3	11	12

**[5]** How much do you think each of the following is contributing to inflation, or an increase in the cost of goods and services?

— Disruptions to supply chains caused by the pandemic

	D	I	R
A great deal . . . . .	37%	32%	31%
A fair amount . . . . .	44	45	43
Only a little . . . . .	13	19	20
Not at all . . . . .	5	4	5

**[6]** How much do you think each of the following is contributing to inflation, or an increase in the cost of goods and services?

— Russia's invasion of Ukraine

	D	I	R
A great deal . . . . .	38%	28%	20%
A fair amount . . . . .	39	27	31
Only a little . . . . .	17	37	36
Not at all . . . . .	7	8	13

**[7]** Below are some possible steps that lawmakers can take to stop inflation, or bring down prices. For each, say whether it is something that the federal government should or should not do.

— Pass legislation that invests in health care, child care, long-term care for seniors and the disabled, and expands the use of clean energy

	D	I	R
Should do . . . . .	79%	60%	50%
Should not do . . . . .	8	21	31
Don't know . . . . .	12	19	19

**[8]** Below are some possible steps that lawmakers can take to stop inflation, or bring down prices. For each, say whether it is something that the federal government should or should not do.

— Promote competition between businesses and crack down on large corporations that raise prices unfairly to lower prices for consumers and small businesses

	D	I	R
Should do . . . . .	74%	64%	61%
Should not do . . . . .	9	15	18
Don't know . . . . .	18	21	22

**[9]** Below are some possible steps that lawmakers can take to stop inflation, or bring down prices. For each, say whether it is something that the federal government should or should not do.

— Invest in bringing manufacturing jobs into the United States so that supply chains can be housed in the United States

	D	I	R
Should do . . . . .	79%	80%	77%
Should not do . . . . .	7	8	11
Don't know . . . . .	14	12	12

**[10]** Below are some possible steps that lawmakers can take to stop inflation, or bring down prices. For each, say whether it is something that the federal government should or should not do.

— Prevent any new government spending for the remainder of 2022

	D	I	R
Should do . . . . .	29%	47%	69%
Should not do . . . . .	38	26	13
Don't know . . . . .	33	26	18

**[11]** Below are some possible steps that lawmakers can take to stop inflation, or bring down prices. For each, say whether it is something that the federal government should or should not do.

— Increase taxes on large corporations and the ultra-wealthy and use that money to make investments in our communities

	D	I	R
Should do . . . . .	60%	79%	55%
Should not do . . . . .	24	7	27
Don't know . . . . .	16	14	18

**[12]** Do you think that wages rising for the typical worker is a good or bad thing?

	D	I	R
Good thing wages are rising . . . . .	79%	88%	79%
Bad thing wages are rising . . . . .	13	6	12
Don't know . . . . .	7	6	9

**[13]** Who do you blame more for inflation, even if neither is exactly right: corporations increasing prices to increase profits, or the rising wages of workers making the costs of goods and services more expensive?

	D	I	R
Blame the rising wages of workers more . . . . .	16%	7%	17%
Blame corporations increasing prices to profit more . . . . .	72	84	70
Don't know . . . . .	12	9	13

**[14]** Some people say that corporations are earning record profits and it's good that they're finally paying workers more. People who work should be able to support themselves and their families.

Other people say that rising wages are driving inflation. Government overspending has kept people from working so corporations have been forced to pay their workers more. This has made everything more expensive.

Knowing what you know now, who do you blame more for inflation, even if neither is exactly right: corporations increasing prices to increase their profits, or rising wages of workers making the costs of goods and services more expensive?

		D	I	R
Blame the rising wages of workers more .....	<b>16%</b>	5%	18%	27%
Blame corporations increasing prices for profit more .....	<b>71</b>	84	69	59
Don't know .....	<b>12</b>	11	13	13