Region:

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Northeast | 220 | 22.00 |
| South | 330 | 33.00 |
| Midwest | 233 | 23.30 |
| West | 217 | 21.70 |

Hello, my name is _____ and I am conducting a survey for Suffolk University/USA Today and I would like to get your opinions on the economy and related issues. Would you like to spend seven minutes to help us out?

1.  Are you currently a resident of the United States?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 1,000 | 100.00 |

2.  Which do you most closely identify as – male, female, or non-binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming)?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Male | 489 | 48.90 |
| Female | 503 | 50.30 |
| Non-Binary (transgender, gender variant, non-conforming) | 8 | 0.80 |

3.  What is your age category?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| 18-24 Years | 134 | 13.40 |
| 25-34 Years | 141 | 14.10 |
| 35-49 Years | 248 | 24.80 |
| 50-64 Years | 263 | 26.30 |
| 65-74 Years | 127 | 12.70 |
| 75+ | 76 | 7.60 |
| Refused | 11 | 1.10 |

4.  For statistical purposes only, can you please tell me what your ethnic background / ancestry is?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| White/Caucasian | 639 | 63.90 |
| Black/African-American | 125 | 12.50 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 17 | 1.70 |
| Asian | 46 | 4.60 |
| Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 9 | 0.90 |
| Hispanic/Latino | 131 | 13.10 |
| Two or more races | 22 | 2.20 |
| Other | 8 | 0.80 |
| Don't know | 3 | 0.30 |

5.  Do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Democrat | 277 | 27.70 |
| Republican | 277 | 27.70 |
| Independent | 325 | 32.50 |
| Something else | 59 | 5.90 |
| Refused | 62 | 6.20 |

6.  Are you employed full-time, part-time, retired, unemployed, permanently disabled, a full-time student, at home with children, in the military – or something else?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Full-time | 552 | 55.20 |
| Part-time | 65 | 6.50 |
| Retired | 227 | 22.70 |
| Unemployed | 35 | 3.50 |
| Permanently disabled | 33 | 3.30 |
| Student | 17 | 1.70 |
| At home with children | 23 | 2.30 |
| In the military | 8 | 0.80 |
| Other | 28 | 2.80 |
| Refused | 12 | 1.20 |

7.  What one word describes, for you, the state of the economy?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| "Excellent/Good/Fine" | 114 | 11.40 |
| "Growing/Improving/Getting better" | 65 | 6.50 |
| "Fair/Average/Fine" | 40 | 4.00 |
| "Horrible/Terrible/Awful" | 220 | 22.00 |
| "Bad/Poor/Weak/Sad/Dismal" | 217 | 21.70 |
| "Crashing/Struggling/Disastrous/Shambles" | 118 | 11.80 |
| "Chaotic/Messy/Confusing/Unequal" | 64 | 6.40 |
| "Expensive/Inflation" | 43 | 4.30 |
| "Unstable/Volatile/Unpredictable" | 40 | 4.00 |
| "Anxiety/Worried/Scary" | 35 | 3.50 |
| Other | 26 | 2.60 |
| DK/NA/Refused | 18 | 1.80 |

8.  Do you feel the economy is (ROTATE) improving or getting worse?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Improving | 223 | 22.30 |
| Getting worse | 698 | 69.80 |
| Undecided | 79 | 7.90 |

9.  Did you receive any federal stimulus money or other pandemic aid – yes or no?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 547 | 54.70 |
| No | 425 | 42.50 |
| Undecided | 9 | 0.90 |
| Can't Remember | 19 | 1.90 |

{FOR 9.1}
10. How important was that money to your financial stability during the pandemic? Would you say…?
    (ROTATE .1-.4 ASC-DESC)

| (N=547) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Very important | 190 | 34.73 |
| Somewhat important | 140 | 25.59 |
| Not very important | 102 | 18.65 |
| Not at all important | 108 | 19.74 |
| Undecided | 7 | 1.28 |

11. Some people say the cost of living is easing. Others say costs are rising. Would you say your cost of living is…? (ROTATE 1&2)

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Easing | 38 | 3.80 |
| Rising | 841 | 84.10 |
| Staying the same | 113 | 11.30 |
| Undecided | 8 | 0.80 |

{FOR 11.1 or 11.3}
12. Of the following household budget categories, where do you see your cost of living easing the most right now? {RANDOMIZE}

| (N=151) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Housing costs | 18 | 11.92 |
| Food prices | 35 | 23.18 |
| Utility bills | 13 | 8.61 |
| Transportation (auto/gas) | 21 | 13.91 |
| Eating out/leisure | 11 | 7.28 |
| Travel | 10 | 6.62 |
| Childcare | 4 | 2.65 |
| Healthcare | 8 | 5.30 |
| Undecided | 31 | 20.53 |

{FOR 11.2 or 11.3}
13. Of the following household budget categories, where do you see your cost of living rising the most right now? {RANDOMIZE}

| (N=954) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Housing costs | 151 | 15.83 |
| Food prices | 468 | 49.06 |
| Utility bills | 104 | 10.90 |
| Transportation (auto/gas) | 103 | 10.80 |
| Eating out/leisure | 35 | 3.67 |
| Travel | 16 | 1.68 |
| Childcare | 9 | 0.94 |
| Healthcare | 31 | 3.25 |
| Undecided | 37 | 3.88 |

14. Thinking about your holiday shopping over the next few months, do you think you will (ROTATE 1 & 2) spend more, spend less, or keep your spending the same this year?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Spend more | 137 | 13.70 |
| Spend less | 439 | 43.90 |
| Keep spending the same | 400 | 40.00 |
| Undecided | 24 | 2.40 |

Some people have changed their spending habits because of inflation, while others have not been impacted. I'm going to read you a short list of items people spend money on. For each, please tell me, yes or no, if you are now cutting back spending on these items - or not. Are you...? (RANDOMIZE)

| (N=1,000) | **Yes** | **No** | **Und** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15.  ...going out to eat less often? | 711<br>71.10 | 278<br>27.80 | 11<br>1.10 |
| 16.  ...cutting back spending on groceries? | 525<br>52.50 | 462<br>46.20 | 13<br>1.30 |
| 17.  ...driving or Ubering less? | 479<br>47.90 | 499<br>49.90 | 22<br>2.20 |
| 18.  ...postponing or canceling vacations/travel? | 579<br>57.90 | 400<br>40.00 | 21<br>2.10 |
| 19.  ...postponing or canceling home improvements? | 572<br>57.20 | 398<br>39.80 | 30<br>3.00 |
| 20.  ...cutting back spending on clothes? | 678<br>67.80 | 312<br>31.20 | 10<br>1.00 |
| 21.  ...dialing back home temperature and electricity costs? | 521<br>52.10 | 466<br>46.60 | 13<br>1.30 |

22.     Over the last year, has your family's total debt...? (ROTATE 1&2)

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Increased | 394 | 39.40 |
| Decreased | 180 | 18.00 |
| Stayed the same | 405 | 40.50 |
| Undecided | 21 | 2.10 |

{FOR 22.1}
23.     What is MOST responsible for the increase in your family's debt? {RANDOMIZE}

| (N=394) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Higher rent or mortgage | 60 | 15.23 |
| Higher spending on credit cards | 44 | 11.17 |
| Higher utility bills | 35 | 8.88 |
| Student loans | 24 | 6.09 |
| Higher car and gas costs | 44 | 11.17 |
| Healthcare debt | 29 | 7.36 |
| Childcare | 2 | 0.51 |
| Poor financial planning | 7 | 1.78 |
| Personal situations like divorce, addiction in family, damage to property, or the closing of a business | 33 | 8.38 |
| Higher food costs | 78 | 19.80 |
| Job loss | 19 | 4.82 |
| Undecided | 19 | 4.82 |

24.     Do you plan to buy or sell a home in the next 12 months – yes or no?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 101 | 10.10 |
| No | 884 | 88.40 |
| Undecided | 15 | 1.50 |

{FOR 24.1}
25.      Why? Would you say...? {RANDOMIZE}

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=101) |  |  |
| You are downsizing | 23 | 22.77 |
| You are upsizing | 27 | 26.73 |
| You need to relocate for a job | 11 | 10.89 |
| You need to buy or sell for personal reasons | 39 | 38.61 |
| Undecided | 1 | 0.99 |

{FOR 24.2}
26.      Why not? Would you say...? {RANDOMIZE}

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=884) |  |  |
| You can't afford to buy or sell right now | 315 | 35.63 |
| There is no housing available in your area | 31 | 3.51 |
| You prefer to rent and/or live with family right now | 300 | 33.94 |
| Undecided | 238 | 26.92 |

27.      How would you describe your current level of savings? Would you say...? (RANDOMIZE)

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=1,000) |  |  |
| I've saved more money than usual over the last year | 117 | 11.70 |
| I've saved less money than usual over the last year | 282 | 28.20 |
| I've saved about the same amount of money as usual | 280 | 28.00 |
| I've had to cut into my savings to pay bills | 299 | 29.90 |
| Undecided | 22 | 2.20 |

{FOR 27.4}
28.      For which bills, primarily? {RANDOMIZE}

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=299) |  |  |
| Housing/rent/mortgage | 84 | 28.09 |
| Food costs | 72 | 24.08 |
| Utilities | 38 | 12.71 |
| Car payments/insurance | 20 | 6.69 |
| Eating out | 4 | 1.34 |
| Healthcare costs | 36 | 12.04 |
| Travel | 9 | 3.01 |
| Childcare | 10 | 3.34 |
| Education costs | 13 | 4.35 |
| Undecided | 13 | 4.35 |

29.      Have you tried to find a new job in the last six months – yes or no?

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=1,000) |  |  |
| Yes | 231 | 23.10 |
| No | 767 | 76.70 |
| Undecided | 2 | 0.20 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
30.      Earlier you indicated you are employed (Q6). Do you work fully remotely, hybrid or fully on-site at your place of work?

|  | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| (N=617) |  |  |
| Fully remotely | 64 | 10.37 |
| Hybrid | 132 | 21.39 |
| Fully on-site | 417 | 67.59 |
| Undecided | 4 | 0.65 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
31.     If you were to take another job, would you prefer it to be fully remote, hybrid or fully on-site?

| (N=617) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Fully remote | 183 | 29.66 |
| Hybrid | 195 | 31.60 |
| Fully on-site | 201 | 32.58 |
| Undecided | 38 | 6.16 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
32.     Would you accept a lower salary to work remotely – yes or no?

| (N=617) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 125 | 20.26 |
| No | 478 | 77.47 |
| Undecided | 14 | 2.27 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
33.     Have you switched occupations since the pandemic – yes or no?

| (N=617) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 146 | 23.66 |
| No | 470 | 76.18 |
| Undecided | 1 | 0.16 |

{FOR 33.1}
34.     Why (primarily)? {READ, RANDOMIZE}

| (N=146) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Better pay | 44 | 30.14 |
| Better benefits | 9 | 6.16 |
| More flexible hours | 7 | 4.79 |
| Higher job satisfaction | 22 | 15.07 |
| Burned out | 11 | 7.53 |
| Fear of COVID contagion | 1 | 0.68 |
| COVID made me reassess my career and life | 30 | 20.55 |
| Undecided | 22 | 15.07 |

{FOR 33.1}
35.     Did you switch from working full-time to part-time since the pandemic – yes or no?

| (N=146) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 26 | 17.81 |
| No | 120 | 82.19 |
| Undecided | 0 | 0.00 |

{FOR 35.1}
36.     If you switched to part-time, is it because…? (ROTATE)

| (N=26) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| You wanted to switch to part-time | 12 | 46.15 |
| You didn't want to switch and would prefer to still be full-time | 13 | 50.00 |
| Undecided | 1 | 3.85 |

{FOR 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 6.6, 6.8}
37.     Thinking about your drive to be successful and your career ambition, would you say you are more ambitious, less ambitious, or about the same, since the pandemic?

|  | (N=677) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| More ambitious | | 207 | 30.58 |
| Less ambitious | | 99 | 14.62 |
| Same | | 365 | 53.91 |
| Undecided | | 6 | 0.89 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
38.     Do you worry that AI – otherwise known as Artificial Intelligence – will put you out of work – yes or no?

|  | (N=617) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Yes | | 95 | 15.40 |
| No | | 518 | 83.95 |
| Undecided | | 4 | 0.65 |

{FOR 6.1 or 6.2}
39.     If you switched jobs today, how important to you is your next company's commitment to responsible decision-making? Would you say...? (ROTATE ASC- DESC)

|  | (N=617) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Very important | | 423 | 68.56 |
| Somewhat important | | 111 | 17.99 |
| Not very important | | 22 | 3.57 |
| Not at all important | | 28 | 4.54 |
| Undecided | | 33 | 5.35 |

40.     Are you more or less likely to buy products/services from businesses that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion?

|  | (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| More likely | | 376 | 37.60 |
| Less likely | | 160 | 16.00 |
| No difference | | 433 | 43.30 |
| Undecided | | 31 | 3.10 |

41.     How important is it for businesses to align their practices with ethical and sustainable values? Would you say...? (ROTATE ASC- DESC)

|  | (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Very important | | 542 | 54.20 |
| Somewhat important | | 254 | 25.40 |
| Not very important | | 56 | 5.60 |
| Not at all important | | 97 | 9.70 |
| Undecided | | 51 | 5.10 |

42.     Thinking about improving the economy, who do you trust more, (ROTATE) President Joe Biden or former President Donald Trump, to improve the economy?

|  | (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joe Biden | | 363 | 36.30 |
| Donald Trump | | 472 | 47.20 |
| Undecided | | 137 | 13.70 |
| Refused | | 28 | 2.80 |

43. Do you approve or disapprove of President Joe Biden's handling of the economy?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Approve | 344 | 34.40 |
| Disapprove | 594 | 59.40 |
| Undecided | 52 | 5.20 |
| Refused | 10 | 1.00 |

THE FINAL QUESTIONS WILL HELP US CLASSIFY YOUR ANSWERS WITH OTHERS TAKING THE SURVEY

44. Do you think any members of your family have an addiction problem (like drugs, gambling, alcohol, online gaming, or other addictions) whether diagnosed or undiagnosed – yes or no?

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 187 | 18.70 |
| No | 796 | 79.60 |
| Undecided | 9 | 0.90 |
| Refused | 8 | 0.80 |

45. What is the highest level of education you have completed? (READ LIST)

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Some high school | 65 | 6.50 |
| High school graduate | 286 | 28.60 |
| Some college | 228 | 22.80 |
| Trade/technical/vocational training | 74 | 7.40 |
| College graduate | 214 | 21.40 |
| Master's or PhD | 124 | 12.40 |
| Refused | 9 | 0.90 |

46. What is your annual household income? (READ LIST)

| (N=1,000) | n | % |
|---|---|---|
| Under $20,000 per year | 189 | 18.90 |
| Under $50,000 per year | 176 | 17.60 |
| Under $75,000 per year | 151 | 15.10 |
| Under $100,000 per year | 168 | 16.80 |
| Under $140,000 per year | 127 | 12.70 |
| $140,000 per year or more | 95 | 9.50 |
| Undecided | 94 | 9.40 |

[THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE A NICE DAY/EVENING.]