## **Graph of the Week**

October 2022

Analyze the graphs below and write a reflection on what you think the graphs are communicating to you. To guide you with your response, start with some observations.

- What are the topics of the graphs?
- What quantities are being compared? (If there are x- and y- axes, what do they represent?)
- What are some observations that you can make based on the graphs?
- What surprises you about the graph? What do you wonder?
- What do you foresee happening in the next 10 years?

### Questions to ask when reading graphs:

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- Is there an upward or downward trend?
- Are there any sudden spikes in the graph?
- What is being compared in the graph?
- What prediction can I make for the future?
- What inferences can I make about the graph?

# The Key Issues For **U.S. Voters Right Now** Share of U.S. voters who said the following selected issues were "very important" for their decision in the 2022 midterms P.p. change since Jan 2022 80% -24 53% 50% 33% Economy Abortion Gun policy Education Immigration Coronavirus \* added October 2022. 2,000 registered voters per survey Source: Morning Consult statista 🔽



## **Rising prices**

Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) inflation has been driven by rising prices for food, energy, goods and services. (y/y, percent)

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Source: BEA, Haver Analytics, and IMF staff calculations.

