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Pew Research Center conducted this study to better understand how Americans feel about the Republican and Democratic parties. This analysis seeks to examine the public's feelings about the behavior of party leaders, party issues and how well each of the major parties represent Americans. For this analysis, we surveyed 3,445 U.S. adults from Sept. 22 to 28, 2025. Everyone who took part in this survey is a member of the Center's American Trends Panel (ATP), a group of people recruited through national, random sampling of residential addresses who have agreed to take surveys regularly. This kind of recruitment gives nearly all U.S. adults a chance of selection.

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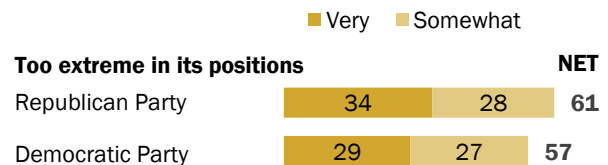
With the 2026 midterm elections a year away, neither the Republican nor Democratic Party is widely seen as having good ideas. And both are viewed by majorities as too extreme and not governing honestly and ethically:

- 39% of Americans describe the Republican Party as governing ethically and honestly – and about the same share (42%) say this about the Democratic Party.
- Majorities continue to view both parties as too extreme in their positions – though more apply this to the GOP (61%) than the Democratic Party (57%).

Majorities are also frustrated with both parties, and about half say each makes them angry. A Pew Research Center survey of 3,445 U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28 (just before the now monthlong government shutdown) also finds that just 36% say the Republican Party makes them feel hopeful, with even fewer (28%) saying this about the Democrats.

Most Americans don't see either party as governing honestly and ethically

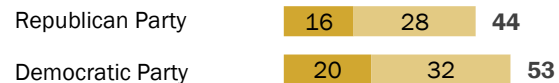
% who say each statement describes the parties ___ well



Governs in honest and ethical way



Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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Frustration runs particularly high among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, who are frustrated not just with Republicans – who control the White House and both chambers of Congress – but with *their own party*:

- 67% of Democrats say their own party makes them feel frustrated in the September survey – far higher than the roughly half who said this in 2021 and 2019.
- Asked the main reason for their frustration, the dominant pre-shutdown response of frustrated Democrats (41%) is that the party has not pushed back hard enough against the Trump administration.

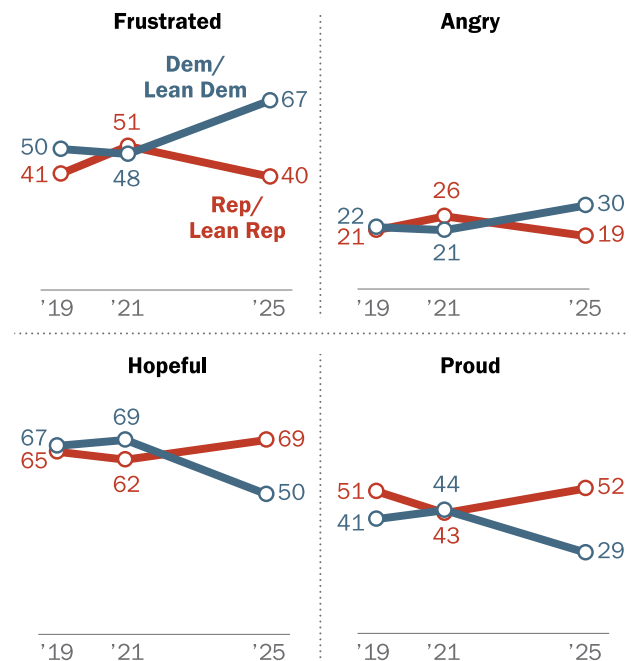
In contrast, Republican frustration with the GOP is far lower than in 2021: 40% of Republicans and Republican leaners say they are frustrated with their party. And 69% now say the party makes them feel hopeful.

The survey explores several aspects of public attitudes about the two major political parties, including:

- How Americans feel about the Republican and Democratic parties ([Chapter 1](#))
- How Americans see the parties on key issues ([Chapter 2](#))
- What Americans want and expect from party leaders ([Chapter 3](#))
- How well the parties represent Americans' interests ([Chapter 4](#))

Democrats' frustration with their party rises as hope declines; Republicans feel much more positively about the GOP

% who say *their own party* ___ makes them feel ...



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The parties and key issues

The Republican Party continues to have a clear edge on crime and immigration policies – two hallmarks of President Donald Trump’s first year back in the White House.

By 17 percentage points, more Americans say they agree with the GOP than the Democrats (45% vs. 28%) when it comes to crime policy – a [larger Republican edge on this issue than two years ago](#).

The Republican advantage on immigration policy stands at 9 points (44% vs. 35%), essentially unchanged since 2023.

By comparison, **Republicans’ advantage on the economy has largely eroded since 2023**.

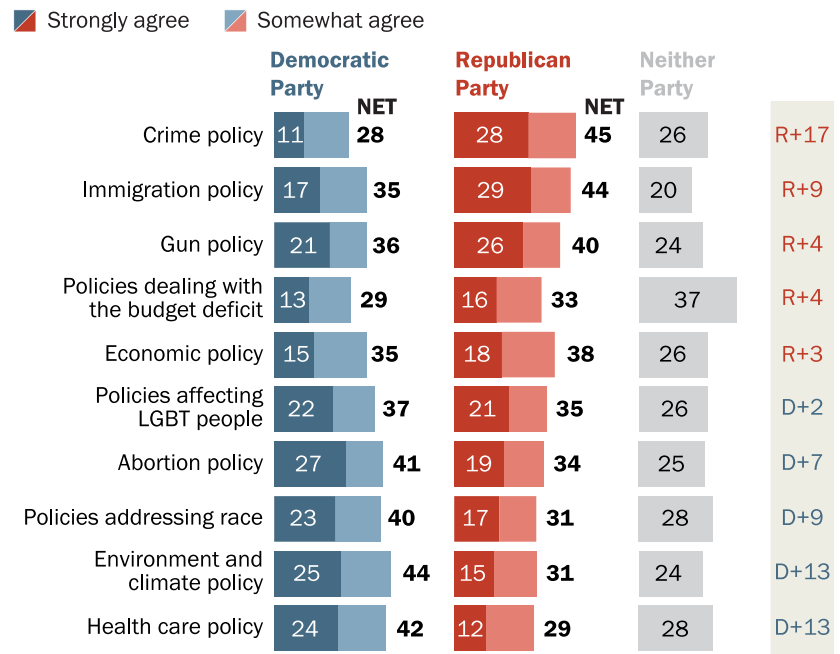
Today, 38% of Americans say they agree with the Republican Party on policies to deal with the economy, while nearly as many (35%) agree with the Democratic Party – a narrow 3 percentage point advantage. Two years ago, the GOP had a 12-point advantage on this issue.

The Democratic Party, in contrast, continues to hold advantages on policies concerning health care, the environment and climate, abortion, and race.

But Americans are now about equally likely to agree with the Republican and Democratic parties when it comes to policies affecting people who are lesbian, gay and transgender – a shift from

Republicans hold a wide advantage on crime policy, while Democrats’ biggest advantages are on health care and environmental policies

% who say that they agree with the ___ on the following policy issues



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recent years. Today, 37% say they agree more with Democrats on this issue, while 35% agree more with Republicans. The Democratic Party held an 8-point edge on this previously (37% in 2023 to 29% today).

For more about how the public views the parties on issues, read [Chapter 2](#).

Other key findings

A quarter of Americans say that *neither* party represents their interests particularly well. Overall, 42% say the Republican Party represents people like them at least somewhat well, and a similar share (40%) says this about the Democratic Party. However, as has been the case for the last several years, about a quarter of Americans don't see themselves represented well by either party.

For more about how well people feel the parties represent them, read [Chapter 4](#).

Democrats' frustration with their party centers on the feeling that it is not pushing back hard enough against Trump and his administration. About four-in-ten frustrated Democrats (41%) describe this as the main source of their frustration. Many other answers hit on related themes: 13% offer criticisms of the Democratic Party's leadership, while 10% point to a lack of a cohesive message or agenda.

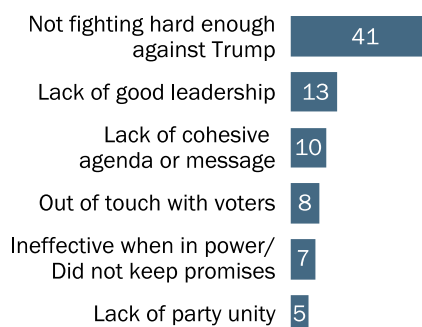
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Large shares of Americans say they agree with *neither* party on two of the central foreign policy issues today – the Israel-Hamas conflict in Gaza and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Nearly half (46%) – including 52% of Democrats and 36% of Republicans – say this about the Israel-Hamas conflict. More than a third (36%) say the same when it comes to Russia and Ukraine. (*Note: This survey was fielded before the early October [deal between Israel and Hamas](#).*)

Many Democrats frustrated with their party say it's because it's not doing enough to fight against Donald Trump

Among **Democrats/Democratic leaners** who are frustrated with the Democratic Party, % who say they are most frustrated by ... **[open-end]**



Note: Based on the 67% of Democrats and Democratic leaners who say they are frustrated with their own party. Researchers coded up to three categories. Only categories that made up 5% or more of responses are shown here. Refer to topline for full question wording and response list.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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Both Republicans and Democrats are divided over whether the party should accept members who call opponents “evil.” Over four-in-ten in both parties say their party should be somewhat accepting of this, while narrow majorities say it should not. But overwhelming shares in both parties say officials who advocate violence against the other party should not be accepted.

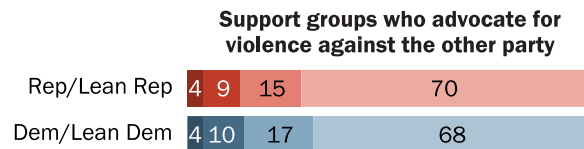
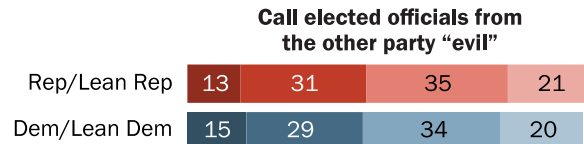
Most continue to see large differences between the two parties. Six-in-ten Americans say there is a great deal of difference in what the Democratic and Republican parties stand for, and another 27% say there is a fair amount of difference between the parties. Only 12% say there is hardly any difference at all in what the parties stand for.

Most Republicans and Democrats say it’s very important for the *other party’s* elected officials to compromise with officials in their party to solve problems. As in the past, wide majorities of Democrats (78%) and Republicans (71%) say it’s very important for the other party’s politicians to compromise with those in the party they support. But fewer than half in either coalition (46% of Democrats, 39% of Republicans) place the same level of importance on their own party’s elected officials compromising with those on the other side.

Both parties split over acceptability of calling opposition ‘evil,’ but most say advocating violence should be rejected

% of **Rep/Lean Rep** and **Dem/Lean Dem** who say their party should be ___ of elected officials who ...

Very accepting Not too accepting
Somewhat accepting Not at all accepting



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

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1. How Americans feel about the Republican and Democratic parties

Americans largely have negative feelings toward both political parties, while positive sentiments are far less common.

Three-quarters of U.S. adults say the Democratic Party makes them feel *frustrated*, while a smaller majority (64%) says the same of the Republican Party.

Roughly half of Americans also say the Democratic Party (50%) and the Republican Party (49%) make them feel *angry*.

Far smaller shares say either party makes them feel hopeful or proud:

- 36% of adults say the Republican Party makes them feel *hopeful*, compared with 28% who say the same of the Democratic Party.
- 27% say they feel *proud* when thinking about the Republican Party, while only 16% say the same of the Democratic Party.

Americans are more likely to express frustration with the Democratic Party

today than they were four years ago (75% today vs. 64% in September 2021). There also have been declines in the shares saying the Democratic Party makes them feel hopeful (28% today vs. 39% in 2021) and proud (16% today vs. 25% in 2021). The new Pew Research Center survey was conducted from Sept. 22 to 28, before the now monthlong government shutdown.

Conversely, higher shares of adults say they feel hopeful (36% today vs. 31% in 2021) and proud (27% today vs. 21% in 2021) about the Republican Party. The share of adults who say the Republican Party makes them feel frustrated dropped slightly compared with four years ago (64% today vs. 68% in 2021).

Many Americans express frustration with both parties, especially Democrats

% who say the ___ makes them feel ...

Frustrated



Angry



Hopeful



Proud



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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How partisans feel about the opposing party compared with their own

Both Republicans and Democrats overwhelmingly express negative feelings toward the opposing party.

More than eight-in-ten Republicans and Republican-leaning independents (86%) say the Democratic Party makes them feel frustrated, while 89% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say the Republican Party makes them feel this way.

Sizable majorities in each party also say the opposing party makes them feel angry (81% of Democrats say this, compared with 70% of Republicans).

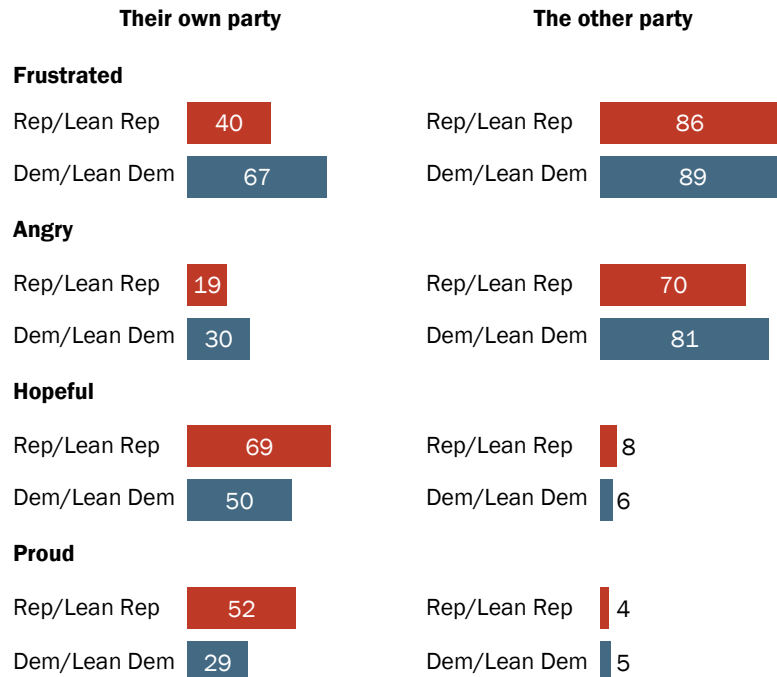
No more than one-in-ten in either party say the opposing party makes them feel hopeful or proud.

Partisans' views of their parties

Democrats are much more likely than Republicans to have negative feelings about their *own* party. This largely accounts for the more negative views of the Democratic Party among the overall public.

Democrats are highly critical of their own party; Republicans feel much more positively about the GOP

% who say ___ makes them feel ...



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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- Two-thirds of Democrats say they are frustrated with the Democratic Party. Fewer than half of Republicans (40%) say the same of the GOP.
- Three-in-ten Democrats also say their own party makes them feel angry. Just 19% of Republicans say the same of their own party.

Democrats also are much less likely than Republicans to feel hopeful and proud when thinking about their party.

- Half of Democrats say their party makes them feel hopeful, compared with 69% of Republicans who say the same of the GOP.
- Just 29% of Democrats say the Democratic Party makes them feel proud; 52% of Republicans say their party evokes feelings of pride.

How partisans' feelings about their own parties have changed

Both Democrats and Republicans feel very differently about their own parties than they did in September 2021, during Joe Biden's presidency.

Democrats have become much more negative toward their party since then, while Republicans have more positive feelings toward theirs.

Among Democrats

Two-thirds of Democrats say the Democratic Party makes them feel frustrated, up from 48% who said the same in 2021.

Notably, a much larger share of Democrats also feel frustrated with their party today than did so in 2019, during Donald Trump's first term (50%).

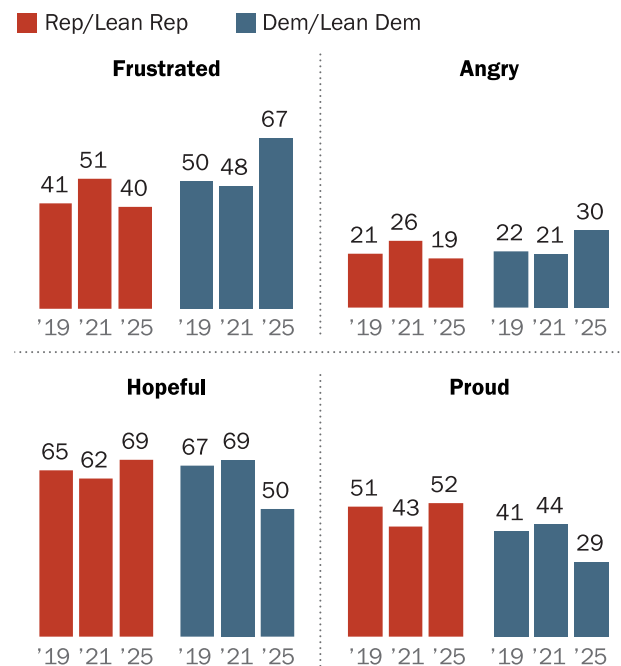
Democrats also are more likely to express anger toward their own party (30% express this, up from 21% in 2021).

Half of Democrats say their party makes them feel hopeful, down 19 points from four years ago.

Just 29% of Democrats feel pride in their party, compared with 44% who said the same in 2021.

Democrats are increasingly frustrated with their party, as feelings of hope and pride go down sharply

% who say *their own party* makes them feel ...



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Among Republicans

By contrast, larger shares of Republicans say the GOP makes them feel hopeful and proud compared with four years ago; smaller shares say the party makes them feel frustrated or angry:

- 52% of Republicans say the Republican Party makes them feel proud, up from 43% who said the same in 2021.
- Roughly seven-in-ten Republicans say their party makes them feel hopeful, up somewhat from four years ago (69% today, 62% in 2021).
- 40% of Republicans say their own party makes them feel frustrated, 11 points lower than in 2021.
- 19% of Republicans say the party makes them feel angry, down from 26% four years ago.

In their own words: Why Democrats and Republicans express frustration with their parties

Democrats and Republicans who express frustration with their parties were asked to describe, in their own words, what frustrates them most about their parties. While Democrats focused on the party's failure to take a more aggressive stance against Trump, Republicans were more likely to cite the party's policies.

What frustrates Democrats about the Democratic Party?

By far the most common response from Democrats is that the party is not fighting hard against Trump (41%).

Those who identify as a Democrat are especially likely to cite this as a reason for frustration compared with independents who *lean* toward the Democratic Party: 48% of Democratic partisans say the party isn't fighting hard enough against Trump, compared with 32% of Democratic leaners.

Other reasons Democrats cite include lack of good leadership within the party (13%), lack of a cohesive message or agenda (10%), the party being out of touch with voters (8%), its failure to keep promises when the party held power (7%), and lack of unity within the party (5%).

Main reason why Democrats say they are frustrated with their party: Democratic leaders aren't fighting hard enough against Donald Trump

What most frustrates you about your party? (%) [open-end]
(Asked of **Republicans**/**Democrats** who say they are frustrated)

Republican Party Among Rep/Lean Rep	Democratic Party Among Dem/Lean Dem
Specific policy 20	Not fighting hard enough against Trump 41
Economic policies/ "The economy" 8	Lack of good leadership 13
Lack of policy action 16	Lack of cohesive agenda or message 10
Has not kept promises 10	Out of touch with voters 8
Lack of compromise with Democrats 9	Ineffective when in power/ Did not keep promises 7
Lack of party unity 9	Lack of party unity 5
Only cares about donors/"Corrupt" 6	
Agrees with Trump too much 5	

Note: Based on the 40% of Republicans and Republican leaners and 67% of Democrats and Democratic leaners who say they are frustrated with their own party. Researchers coded up to three categories. Only categories that made up 5% or more of responses are shown here. Refer to topline for full question wording and response list.
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Related: [*Most Democrats say their party's elected officials are not pushing hard enough against Trump's policies*](#)

What frustrates Republicans about the Republican Party?

Republicans overall are less likely than Democrats to voice frustration with their party. Among Republicans who are frustrated, 20% mention a specific policy they are unhappy with, including 8% who cite the party's economic policies.

Republicans also cite other reasons for their frustration, including 16% who complain about a lack of action on a certain issue. Others cite unkept promises by the party (10%), not enough compromising with Democrats (9%) and a lack of party unity (9%).

How Americans describe the Republican and Democratic parties

Americans largely describe both parties as too extreme and supportive of policies that interfere too much in people's lives. Smaller shares say the parties govern honestly.

- 61% say the phrase "too extreme in its positions" describes the Republican Party very or somewhat well; 57% describe the Democratic Party as too extreme.
- Nearly identical shares say both parties support policies that interfere too much in people's lives (55% say this of the Democratic Party, 54% say it about the Republican Party).

Neither party is widely seen as governing honestly.

Fewer than half say the Democratic Party (42%) and the Republican Party (39%) govern in an honest and ethical way.

There are wider differences in views of the parties' respect for democracy and tolerance for different types of people.

Majorities describe both parties as 'too extreme.' Democrats are more widely viewed as respectful of democracy and tolerant of different types of people

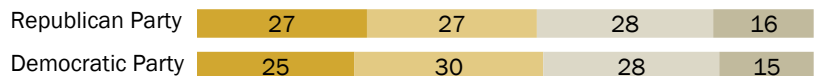
% who say each statement describes each party ___ well

Very Somewhat Not too Not at all

Too extreme in its positions



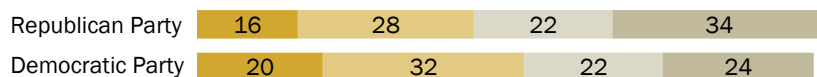
Supports policies that interfere too much in people's lives



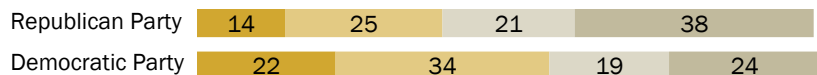
Governs in honest and ethical way



Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions



Respectful and tolerant of different types of people



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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More Americans say the Democratic Party respects the country's democratic institutions, compared to the Republican Party. A narrow majority (53%) describe the Democratic Party as respectful of the country's democratic institutions and traditions, while fewer (44%) say the same of the GOP.

Democrats also are more widely described as respectful and tolerant of different types of people. A 56% majority say this describes the Democratic Party very or somewhat well; 40% say the same sentiment accurately describes the Republican Party.

How partisans describe both parties

In general, both Republicans and Democrats are overwhelmingly critical of the other party, while offering more positive descriptions of their own party.

However, on some traits, relatively large minorities of Republicans and Democrats fault their own parties:

Nearly half of Republicans (46%) and 38% of Democrats say their own parties are too extreme in their positions.

By contrast, about three-quarters of Republicans (77%) and Democrats (78%) say this description applies to the opposing party.

Similarly, about four-in-ten in each party say their party backs policies that interfere too much in people's lives. Again, much larger shares say this describes the other party.

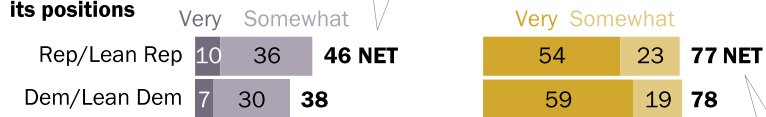
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% who say each statement describes ___ very or somewhat well

■ Their own party

■ The other party

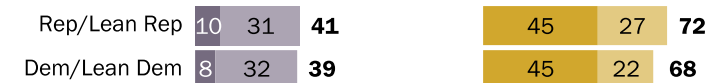
Too extreme in its positions



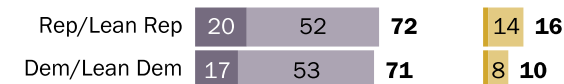
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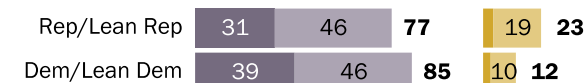
Supports policies that interfere too much in people's lives



Governs in honest and ethical way



Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions



Respectful and tolerant of different types of people



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Large majorities in both parties (72% of Republicans vs. 71% of Democrats) credit their own parties for governing honestly. Relatively small shares say this trait describes the opposing party, although Republicans are more likely to say the Democratic Party governs honestly (16%) than vice versa (10% of Democrats).

Republicans are less likely than Democrats to say their own party respects democratic traditions; 77% of Republicans say this describes their party, while 85% of Democrats describe their party this way. And Republicans are about twice as likely as Democrats to say the opposing party is respectful of democratic institutions and traditions (23% vs. 12%).

This dynamic is more pronounced in views of whether the parties are respectful and tolerant of different types of people. More than eight-in-ten Democrats (86%) say this description applies to their party; a smaller majority of Republicans (72%) say it applies to their party.

Nearly three-in-ten Republicans (29%) say the Democratic Party is tolerant of different types of people; just 9% of Democrats say the same about the Republican Party.

While views among partisans are largely similar to those from [two years ago](#), Democrats have grown more critical of the Republican Party on some traits:

- Just 12% of Democrats say that “respects the country’s democratic institutions and traditions” describes the Republican Party, down from 24% in 2023.
- Democrats are also less likely to say the Republican Party governs in an honest and ethical way (10% say this now, compared to 16% two years ago).

Some describe both parties as too extreme and not honest

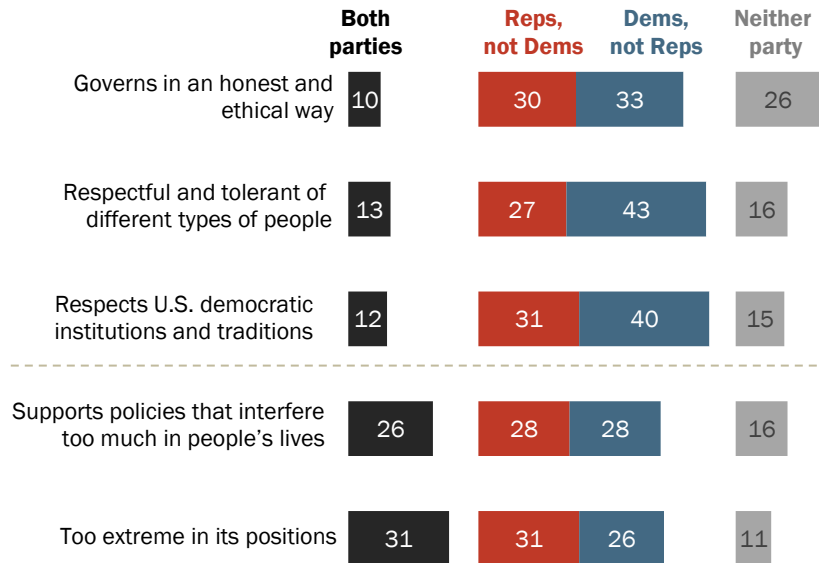
Overall, about three-in-ten U.S. adults (31%) say both parties are too extreme in their positions, while about a quarter (26%) say *neither* party governs honestly and ethically.

By contrast, just 11% say both parties are *not* too extreme, and 10% say *both* govern honestly and ethically.

Roughly a quarter of Americans (26%) say both parties support policies that interfere too much in people's lives; fewer (16%) say this description applies to neither party.

Nearly a third of Americans say *both* parties are 'too extreme'; about a quarter say *neither* governs in an honest and ethical way

% who say each statement describes ___ very or somewhat well



Note: Data on party descriptions is based on responses from two separate questions; those who skipped either question were coded as "no answer."

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2. How Americans see the parties on key issues

All in all, Americans don't see many good ideas from either political party. But when it comes to specific issues, the Republican Party holds advantages on crime and immigration, while the Democratic Party holds advantages on policies related to race, health care, abortion and the environment.

In contrast to a few years ago, neither party now holds a clear edge on economic policy.

On some other issues – particularly the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza – significant shares say they do not agree with either party.

Do the parties have good ideas?

Very few Americans characterize either the Republican or Democratic Party as having a lot of good ideas. And majorities say each has few or no good ideas.

Just 15% of U.S. adults say the Republican Party has a lot of good ideas. Even fewer (8%) say this about the Democratic Party.

This is largely because of differences in how Republicans and Democrats rate their own party's ideas.

Majorities say both the Republican and Democratic parties have few or no 'good ideas' – though GOP has a modest edge on good ideas

% who say the ___ has ...

	A lot of good ideas	Some good ideas	A few good ideas	Almost no good ideas
Republican Party	15	29	27	28
Democratic Party	8	32	31	28

Note: No answer responses are not shown.

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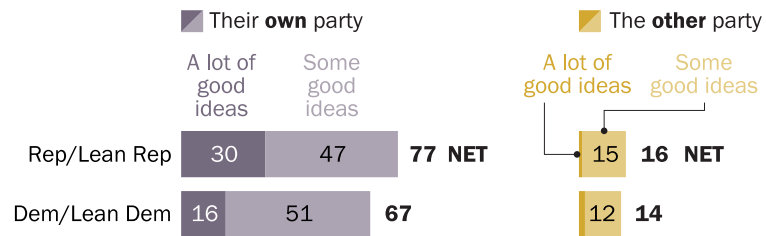
Their party's ideas versus the other party's ideas

Those in both partisan coalitions largely say that their own party has some or a lot of good ideas, while the other party has few or almost no good ideas.

Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, however, are more likely than their Democratic counterparts to rate their own party's ideas positively.

Most partisans say their party has good ideas – and the other does not

% who say ___ has ...



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Their own party

- 77% of Republicans say their party has a lot (30%) or some good ideas (47%).
- Fewer Democrats (67%) say their party has a lot (16%) or some good ideas (51%).

The other party

- Just 16% of Republicans say the Democratic Party has at least some good ideas.
- Similarly, only 14% of Democrats say the GOP has good ideas.

Parties on the issues

On balance, Americans agree with the Republican Party more than the Democratic Party on policy issues related to immigration and crime.

Conversely, more Americans agree with the Democratic Party than the GOP on policies that deal with race in the country, health care policy, abortion policy, and environmental and climate policy.

While the balance of Americans agreeing with each party is largely similar to 2023, there have been a few notable shifts:

Crime

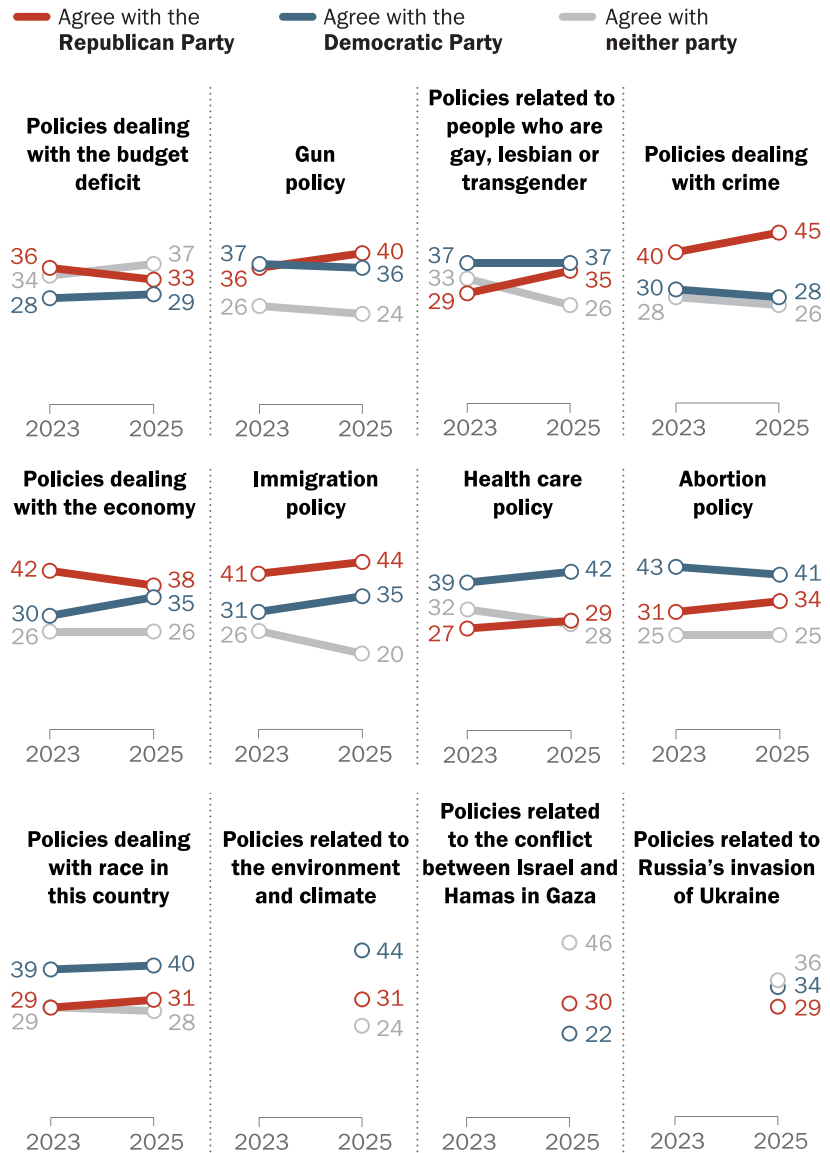
The Republican Party's advantage has grown from 10 percentage points in 2023 to 17 points today.

Policies related to people who are gay, lesbian or transgender

Today, neither party holds a clear advantage on this issue. In 2023, Democrats held an 8-point edge. The shift is largely due to a rise in the share of Americans saying they agree

Republican Party's advantage on crime grows, while its edge on the economy disappears. Many don't agree with either party on key foreign conflicts

% who say they agree with the ___ on the following policy issues



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with the GOP and a decline in the share Americans who say they do not agree with either party. The percentage agreeing with the Democratic Party is the same today as it was two years ago (37%).

Policies to deal with the economy and budget deficit

In 2023, the Republican Party had a wide (12-point) advantage over the Democratic Party on economic policy. Today, that advantage has all but disappeared: 38% of Americans agree with the Republican Party, and 35% agree with the Democratic Party. About a quarter (26%) say they agree with neither party – the same share that said so in 2023.

On the budget deficit, the Republican Party has a slight advantage. Today, 33% agree with the GOP on this issue, while 29% agree with the Democratic Party. About four-in-ten (37%) do not agree with either party.

Some issues see more partisans diverging from their parties

While partisans generally stick with their own parties on most issues, **there are some notable exceptions:**

The conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza

- About half of Democrats (52%) say they do not agree with either party's position on policies related to the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. By comparison, 40% of Democrats say they agree with their own party. Still, very few (7%) say they agree more with the GOP.
- A sizeable – though smaller – share of Republicans (36%) also say they don't agree with either party on this issue, although a majority of Republicans (57%) agree with the GOP. Just 6% agree with Democrats.

This survey was fielded before the early October [deal between Israel and Hamas](#).

Crime

- 17% of Democrats agree with the Republican Party's stance on crime. Just over half agree more with the Democratic Party (54%), while about one-in-three (29%) say neither party reflects their views.

Environment and climate

- 60% of Republicans agree with the GOP on this issue, but 15% of Republicans agree more with the Democratic Party.

Abortion

- While 64% of Republicans agree with the GOP on abortion, 14% say they agree more with the Democratic Party.

Both Republicans and Democrats are more likely to say that it is very important that the *other* party's elected officials be willing to compromise to solve important problems than it is for their *own* elected officials to do so.

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But Democrats are more likely to call compromise very important for both the other party and their own.

Other party

- 78% of Democrats say it is very important for Republican elected officials to be willing to make compromises with Democrats.
- 71% of Republicans say it is very important that Democratic officials be willing to compromise with Republicans.

Own party

- 46% of Democrats say it is very important that Democratic officials make compromises with Republicans.
- 39% of Republicans say it is very important that Republican elected officials compromise with Democrats.

There is a nearly identical pattern on treating elected officials in the other party with respect. Those in both partisan coalitions say it's more important for the other party's officials to treat their party with respect than the converse, but Democrats also are more likely than Republicans to say respect is important in both directions.

What should be acceptable from elected officials in your party?

Occasional agreement with the other party

About two-thirds of Republicans (67%) say the GOP should be accepting of Republican elected officials who agree with the Democratic Party on some important issues. A slightly larger share of Democrats (72%) say their party should be accepting of politicians who agree with Republicans on some issues.

Calling the opposing side ‘evil’

Asked if their party should be accepting of those who call elected officials in the other party evil, modest majorities on each side say it should *not*:

- 56% of Republicans say their party should *not* be accepting of GOP officials who call Democrats evil.
- A nearly identical share of Democrats (55%) say this about officials in their party who call Republicans evil.

Support for groups advocating violence

Both Republicans and Democrats overwhelmingly say their party should not at all be accepting of elected officials who support groups that advocate for violence against the other party. This includes 70% of Republicans and 68% of Democrats.

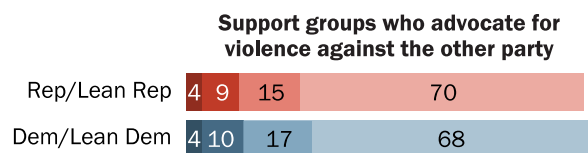
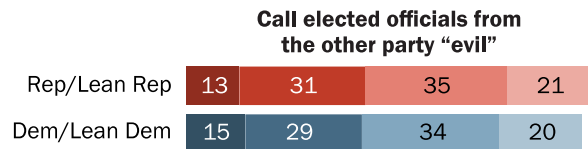
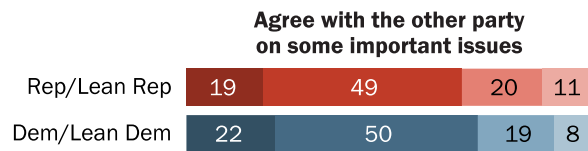
Criticism of leadership

Republicans are divided over whether their party should be accepting of officials who openly criticize President Donald Trump. Half of Republicans say their party should *not* be accepting of officials who do this, while 49% say it should be accepting of this.

Most say their party should accept those who agree with the other party on some issues

% of *Rep/Lean Rep* and *Dem/Lean Dem* who say their party should be ___ of elected officials who ...

Very accepting Not too accepting
Somewhat accepting Not at all accepting



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

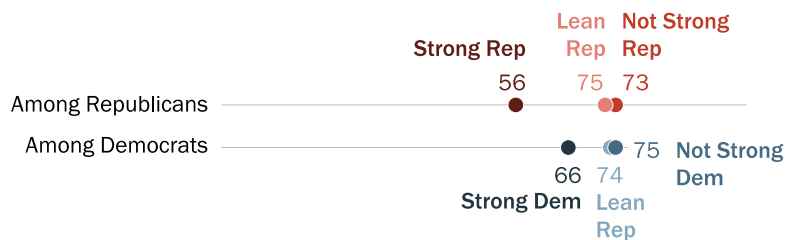
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Strong partisans are less likely than others to say their party should be accepting of officials who agree with the other party on some important issues.

- 56% of Republicans who say they *strongly* identify with the GOP say the party should be accepting of Republican elected officials who agree with Democrats on some issues.
- This rises to 73% among Republicans who aren't strong identifiers and a nearly identical share (75%) of independents who lean toward the GOP.

Less strong partisans are more likely to say their party should be accepting of those who agree with the other party on some important issues

*% who say their party should be at least **somewhat accepting** of elected officials who agree with the other party on some important issues ...*



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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The pattern is similar, but somewhat less pronounced, among Democrats:

- 66% of *strong* Democrats say the Democratic Party should accept elected officials who agree with the Republican Party on some issues.
- That rises to about three-quarters among less-strongly identified Democrats (75%) and Democratic leaners (74%).

4. How well the Republican and Democratic parties represent Americans' interests

About four-in-ten U.S. adults (42%) say the Republican Party represents the interests of people like them very or somewhat well. A similar share (40%) say this about the Democratic Party.

But majorities say the Republican Party (56%) and Democratic Party (58%) do not represent the interests of people like them.

Combining these measures:

- 33% of adults say they feel well-represented by the Republican Party, but *not* by the Democratic Party.
- About as many (31%) feel represented by the Democratic Party, but not the Republican Party.

While most adults say they feel at least somewhat well-represented by at least one of the two major parties, **25% say neither party represents the interests of people like them even somewhat well.** About one-in-ten (9%) say *both parties* represent the interests of people like them well.

A quarter of Americans say neither party represents their interests well

% who say each party represents the interests of people like them ___ well

	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all
Republican Party	13	29	23	34
Democratic Party	7	32	26	33

*% who say ___ represents the interests of people like them **very or somewhat well***

Rep Party, not Dem Party	Dem Party, not Rep Party	Neither party	Both parties
33	31	25	9

Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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How well the parties represent people's interests

Substantial shares of Americans who identify with the Republican or Democratic parties say they feel at least somewhat well-represented by their party – though smaller shares say they feel *very* well-represented.

Leaners – those who don't identify as Republican or Democrat, but say they lean towards one of the major parties – tend to be more skeptical of how well their preferred party represents their interests:

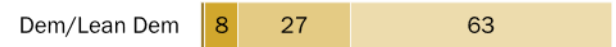
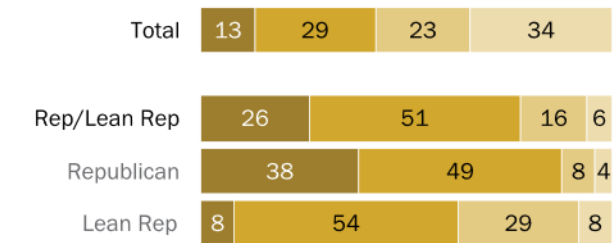
- 77% of all Republicans and Republican-leaning independents say their party represents their interests very or somewhat well.
- Those who identify as a Republican (87%) are more likely to express this view than independents who lean toward the GOP (62%).
- Nearly eight-in-ten Democrats (79%) say they feel well-represented by their party, compared with 55% of Democratic-leaning independents.

Most partisans feel at least somewhat well-represented by their own party

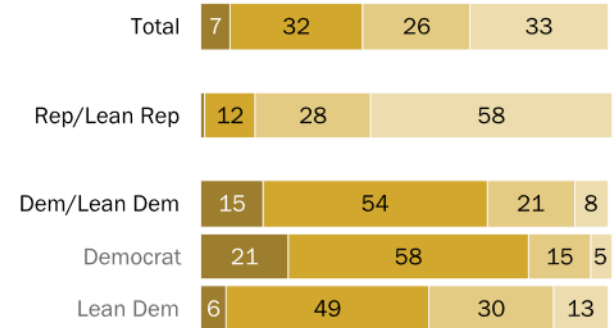
% who say each party represents the interests of people like them ___ well

Very Somewhat Not too Not at all

Republican Party



Democratic Party



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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Most Americans feel represented by only one of the major parties

Two-thirds of Republicans and Republican leaners (67%) say the GOP, *not* the Democratic Party, represents them well. By

comparison, 62% of Democrats and Democratic leaners say the Democratic Party represents people like them well, but not the Republican Party.

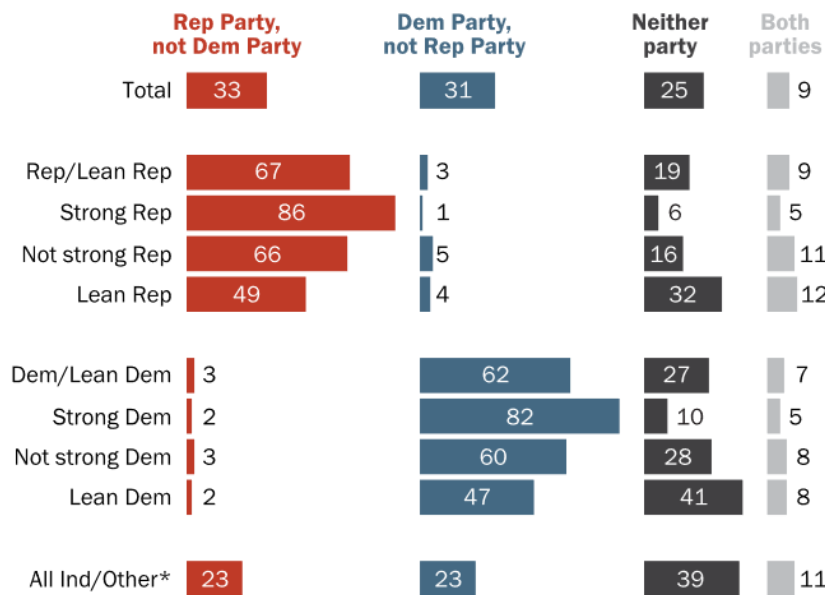
Democratic and Democratic leaners are more likely than Republicans and Republican leaners to say neither party represents them well (27% vs. 19%).

But in both coalitions, stronger partisans are far more likely to say they are well-represented by their party than weaker partisans or leaners.

Overall, about four-in-ten independents and those who identify with other parties (39%) say neither major party represents people like them well. But Democratic-leaning independents are more likely than Republican leaners to say this (41% vs. 32%).

Democratic-leaning independents are more likely than Republican leaners to say neither party represents their interests well

% who say ___ represents the interests of people like them well



* All Independent/Other includes those who do not identify as Republican or Democratic but lean toward either the Republican or Democratic Party.

Note: No answer responses are not shown. Data on party representation is based on responses from two separate questions; those who skipped either question were coded as "no answer."

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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Demographic differences on views of representation by both parties

Americans' views of how well each major party represents the interests of people like them vary by gender, race, ethnicity and age.

Gender

Men are more likely to say their interests are well-represented by the Republican Party, not the Democratic Party (36%), than to say the reverse (27%).

Conversely, women are more likely to feel well-represented by the Democratic Party, but not the GOP (35%), than the reverse (30%).

Men are more likely than women to see *neither* party as representing their interests well (28% vs. 22%).

Race and ethnicity

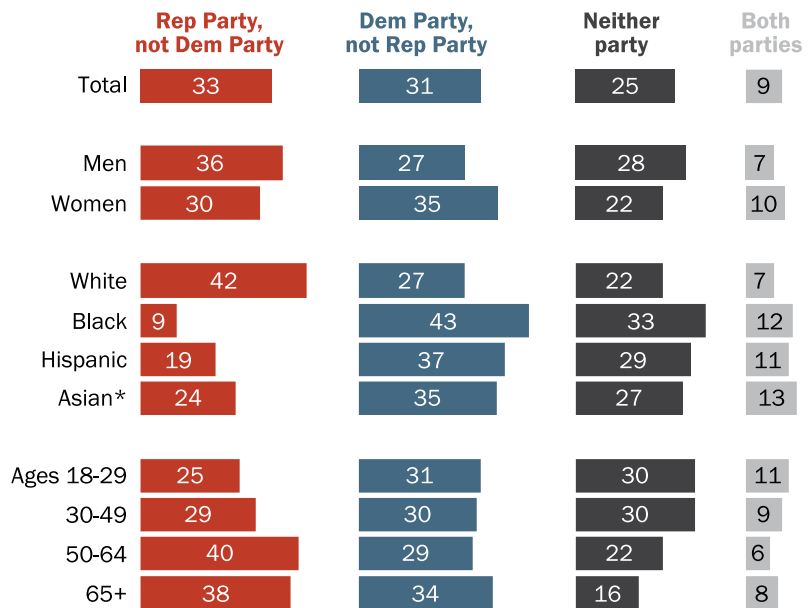
About four-in-ten White adults (42%) say the Republican Party, rather than Democratic Party, represents them at least somewhat well. Far fewer (27%) say the Democratic Party, but not the GOP, represents them well.

By contrast, Black (43%), Hispanic (37%) and Asian adults (35%) are more likely to say the Democratic Party, but not the Republican Party, represents their interests well than to say the reverse.

Black (33%), Hispanic (29%) and Asian (27%) adults are also all more likely than White adults (22%) to say *neither* party represents their interests well.

Adults under 50 are more likely than older adults to say *neither* party represents them well

% who say ___ represents the interests of people like them well



* Estimates for Asian adults are representative of English speakers only.

Note: White, Black and Asian adults include only those who report being one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Data on party representation based on responses from two separate questions; those who skipped either question were coded as "no answer."

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 22-28, 2025.

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Age

Older adults are more likely than younger adults to say they feel well-represented by the Republican Party, but not the Democratic Party. But the age difference in the shares saying they are well-represented by the Democratic Party, but not the Republican Party, is relatively modest.

Adults under 50 are considerably more likely than older adults to say *neither* party represents them well: 30% say this, compared with 22% of those 50 to 64, and 16% of those 65 and older.

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Methodology

The American Trends Panel survey methodology

Overview

Data in this report comes from Wave 180 of the American Trends Panel (ATP), Pew Research Center’s nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. The survey was conducted from Sept. 22 to 28, 2025. A total of 3,445 panelists responded out of 3,926 who were sampled, for a survey-level response rate of 88%.

The cumulative response rate accounting for nonresponse to the recruitment surveys and attrition is 3%. The break-off rate among panelists who logged on to the survey and completed at least one item is 1%. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 3,445 respondents is plus or minus 1.9 percentage points.

The survey includes an [oversample](#) of Hispanic validated voters who voted for Donald Trump in the 2024 election and of non-Hispanic Asian adults in order to provide more precise estimates of the opinions and experiences of these smaller demographic subgroups. These oversampled groups are weighted back to reflect their correct proportions in the population.

SSRS conducted the survey for Pew Research Center via online (n=3,303) and live telephone (n=142) interviewing. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

To learn more, read about the [American Trends Panel](#).

Panel recruitment

Since 2018, the ATP has used address-based sampling (ABS) for recruitment. A study cover letter and a pre-incentive are mailed to a stratified, random sample of households selected from the U.S. Postal Service’s Computerized Delivery Sequence File. This Postal Service file has been estimated to cover 90% to 98% of the population.¹ Within each sampled household, the adult with the next birthday is selected to participate. Other details of the ABS recruitment protocol have changed over time but are available upon request.² Prior to 2018, the ATP was recruited using landline and cellphone random-digit-dial surveys administered in English and Spanish.

¹ AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. “AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling.”

² Email pewsurveys@pewresearch.org.

A national sample of U.S. adults has been recruited to the ATP approximately once per year since 2014. In some years, the recruitment has included additional efforts (known as an “oversample”) to improve the accuracy of data for underrepresented groups. For example, Hispanic adults, Black adults and Asian adults were oversampled in 2019, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Sample design

The overall target population for this survey was noninstitutionalized persons ages 18 and older living in the United States. It featured a stratified random sample from the ATP in which Hispanic validated voters who voted for Donald Trump in the 2024 election and non-Hispanic Asian adults were selected with certainty. The remaining panelists were sampled at rates designed to ensure that the share of respondents in each stratum is proportional to its share of the U.S. adult population to the greatest extent possible. Respondent weights are adjusted to account for differential probabilities of selection as described in the Weighting section below.

Questionnaire development and testing

The questionnaire was developed by Pew Research Center in consultation with SSRS. The web program used for online respondents was rigorously tested on both PC and mobile devices by the SSRS project team and Pew Research Center researchers. The SSRS project team also populated test data that was analyzed in SPSS to ensure the logic and randomizations were working as intended before launching the survey.

Incentives

All respondents were offered a post-paid incentive for their participation. Respondents could choose to receive the post-paid incentive in the form of a check or gift code to Amazon.com, Target.com or Walmart.com. Incentive amounts ranged from \$5 to \$20 depending on whether the respondent belongs to a part of the population that is harder or easier to reach. Differential incentive amounts were designed to increase panel survey participation among groups that traditionally have low survey response propensities.

Data collection protocol

The data collection field period for this survey was Sept. 22 to Sept. 28, 2025. Surveys were conducted via self-administered web survey or by live telephone interviewing.

For panelists who take surveys online:³ Postcard notifications were mailed to a subset on Sept. 22.⁴ Survey invitations were sent out in two separate launches: soft launch and full launch. Sixty panelists were included in the soft launch, which began with an initial invitation sent on Sept. 22. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled online panelists were included in the full launch and were sent an invitation on Sept. 23.

**Invitation and reminder dates for web respondents,
ATP Wave 180**

	Soft launch	Full launch
Initial invitation	Sept. 22, 2025	Sept. 23, 2025
First reminder	Sept. 25, 2025	Sept. 25, 2025
Final reminder	Sept. 27, 2025	Sept. 27, 2025

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Panelists participating online were sent an email invitation and up to two email reminders if they did not respond to the survey. ATP panelists who consented to SMS messages were sent an SMS invitation with a link to the survey and up to two SMS reminders.

For panelists who take surveys over the phone with a live interviewer: Prenotification postcards were mailed on Sept. 19. Soft launch took place on Sept. 22 and involved dialing until a total of four interviews had been completed. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled phone panelists' numbers were dialed throughout the remaining field period. Panelists who take surveys via phone can receive up to six calls from trained SSRS interviewers.

Data quality checks

To ensure high-quality data, Center researchers performed data quality checks to identify any respondents showing patterns of satisficing. This includes checking for whether respondents left questions blank at very high rates or always selected the first or last answer presented. As a result of this checking, six ATP respondents were removed from the survey dataset prior to weighting and analysis.

³ The ATP does not use routers or chains in any part of its online data collection protocol, nor are they used to direct respondents to additional surveys.

⁴ Postcard notifications for web panelists are sent to 1) panelists who were recruited within the last two years and 2) panelists recruited prior to the last two years who opt to continue receiving postcard notifications.

Weighting

The ATP data is weighted in a process that accounts for multiple stages of sampling and nonresponse that occur at different points in the panel survey process. First, each panelist begins with a base weight that reflects their probability of recruitment into the panel. These weights are then calibrated to align with the population benchmarks in the accompanying table to correct for nonresponse to recruitment surveys and panel attrition. If only a subsample of panelists was invited to participate in the wave, this weight is adjusted to account for any differential probabilities of selection.

Among the panelists who completed the survey, this weight is then calibrated again to align with the population benchmarks identified in the accompanying table and trimmed at the 2nd and 98th percentiles to reduce the loss in precision stemming from variance in the weights. Sampling errors and tests of statistical significance take into account the effect of weighting.

American Trends Panel weighting dimensions

Variable	Benchmark source
Age (detailed)	2023 American Community Survey (ACS)
Age x Gender	
Education x Gender	
Education x Age	
Race/Ethnicity x Education	
Race/Ethnicity x Gender	
Race/Ethnicity x Age	
Born inside vs. outside the U.S. among Hispanics and Asian Americans	
Years lived in the U.S.	
Census region x Metropolitan status	
Volunteerism	2023 CPS Volunteering & Civic Life Supplement
Frequency of internet use	2025 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS)
Religious affiliation	
Party affiliation x Race/Ethnicity	
Party affiliation x Age	
Validated 2024 presidential election turnout and vote choice	Candidate vote share is based on official results from the Federal Election Commission. Turnout is based on estimates from the Election Lab at the University of Florida. The size of the voting-eligible population is based on the 2023 ACS.

Note: Estimates from the ACS are based on noninstitutionalized adults. For weighting to the 2024 presidential election results, panelists are considered validated voters if their self-report of having voted was confirmed after matching to a national voter registry.

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The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey.

Sample sizes and margins of error, ATP Wave 180

Group	Unweighted sample size	Weighted %	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	3,445		1.9 percentage points
Half form	At least 1,718		2.7 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	1,569	46%	2.8 percentage points
Half form	At least 776		4.0 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	1,682	46%	2.7 percentage points
Half form	At least 836		3.8 percentage points
Strong Republican	631		4.4 percentage points
Half form	At least 313		6.3 percentage points
Not strong Republican	345		5.8 percentage points
Half form	At least 172		8.4 percentage points
Lean Republican	589		4.6 percentage points
Half form	At least 288		6.5 percentage points
Strong Democrat	554		4.5 percentage points
Half form	At least 276		6.4 percentage points
Not strong Democrat	460		5.1 percentage points
Half form	At least 211		7.6 percentage points
Lean Democrat	658		4.3 percentage points
Half form	At least 313		6.2 percentage points

Note: This survey includes oversamples of Hispanic validated voters who voted for Donald Trump in the 2024 election and of non-Hispanic Asian adults. Unweighted sample sizes do not account for the sample design or weighting and do not describe a group's contribution to weighted estimates. See the "Sample design" and "Weighting" sections above for details.

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Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Dispositions and response rates

Final dispositions, ATP Wave 180

	AAPOR code	Total
Completed interview	1.1	3,445
Logged in (web) / Contacted (CATI), but did not complete any items	2.11	84
Started survey; broke off before completion	2.12	52
Never logged on (web) / Never reached on phone (CATI)	2.20	339
Survey completed after close of the field period	2.27	0
Other non-interview	2.30	0
Completed interview but was removed for data quality	2.90	6
Total panelists sampled for the survey		3,926
Completed interviews	I	3,445
Partial interviews	P	0
Refusals	R	136
Non-contact	NC	339
Other	O	6
Unknown household	UH	0
Unknown other	UO	0
Not eligible	NE	0
Total		3,926
AAPOR RR1 = $I / (I+P+R+NC+O+UH+UO)$		88%

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Cumulative response rate, ATP Wave 180

	Total
Weighted response rate to recruitment surveys	12%
% of recruitment survey respondents who agreed to join the panel, among those invited	74%
% of those agreeing to join who were active panelists at start of Wave 180	40%
Response rate to Wave 180 survey	88%
Cumulative response rate	3%

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Wave 180: POLITICAL PARTIES SURVEY
September 22-28, 2025**

TOPLINE**N=3,445**

Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTREP AND EMTDEM SHOWN ON DIFFERENT SCREENS]****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,727]:**

EMTREP Does the Republican Party make you feel...**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTDEM]**

		Yes, makes me <u>feel this way</u>	No, does not make me <u>feel this way</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
FRUST	Frustrated			
	Sep 22-28, 2025	64	34	2
	Sep 13-19, 2021	68	30	2
	Oct 1-13, 2019	64	35	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	65	33	1
ANGR	Angry			
	Sep 22-28, 2025	49	48	3
	Sep 13-19, 2021	50	48	2
	Oct 1-13, 2019	50	48	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	50	49	1
HOPE	Hopeful			
	Sep 22-28, 2025	36	62	2
	Sep 13-19, 2021	31	67	2
	Oct 1-13, 2019	33	65	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	34	65	2
PROU	Proud			
	Sep 22-28, 2025	27	70	3
	Sep 13-19, 2021	21	77	3
	Oct 1-13, 2019	26	72	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	25	74	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*How does the REPUBLICAN PARTY make you feel? [Check all that apply]*

		<u>Selected</u>	Not selected/ <u>No answer</u>
a.	Frustrated		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	46	54
b.	Angry		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	28	72
c.	Afraid		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	30	70
d.	Hopeful		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	25	75
e.	Enthusiastic		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	8	92
f.	Proud		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	5	95
g.	None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]		
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	86

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTREP AND EMTDEM SHOWN ON DIFFERENT SCREENS]**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,727]:**

EMTDEM Does the Democratic Party make you feel... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS EMTREP]**

	Yes, makes me <u>feel this way</u>	No, does not make me <u>feel this way</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
FRUST Frustrated			
Sep 22-28, 2025	75	23	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	64	34	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	66	32	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	66	32	1
ANGR Angry			
Sep 22-28, 2025	50	48	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	45	53	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	47	51	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	42	56	2
HOPE Hopeful			
Sep 22-28, 2025	28	71	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	59	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	38	60	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	43	56	1
PROU Proud			
Sep 22-28, 2025	16	82	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	25	73	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	23	75	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	27	71	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How does the DEMOCRATIC PARTY make you feel? [Check all that apply]

	<u>Selected</u>	Not selected/ <u>No answer</u>
a. Frustrated		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	36	64
b. Angry		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	22	78
c. Afraid		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	23	77
d. Hopeful		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	36	64
e. Enthusiastic		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	11	89
f. Proud		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	9	91
g. None of these [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]		
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	86

[ASK EMTREP_FRUST_OE AND EMTDEM_FRUST_OE IN SAME ORDER AS EMTREP AND EMTDEM]

ASK IF FRUSTRATED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY (EMTREP_FRUST=1) [N=1,138]:

EMTREP_FRUST_OE What about the Republican Party most frustrates you?

BASED ON REP/LEAN REP WHO SAW EMTREP FIRST [N=161]:

Sep 22-28,

2025

20	Specific policy
8	<i>Economic policies / 'the economy'</i>
3	<i>Cuts to government programs and benefits</i>
2	<i>The budget deficit / government spending</i>
1	<i>Immigration</i>
7	<i>Other policies</i>
16	Lack of policy action
10	Has not kept promises
9	Lack of compromise with Democrats
9	Lack of party unity
6	Only cares about donors / 'corrupt'
5	Agrees with Trump too much
4	Lack of civility
4	Not fighting hard enough against Democrats
3	General mentions of Trump or MAGA
3	Prioritizing the wrong issues
3	Out of touch with voters
2	Doesn't support Trump enough
4	Other
19	No answer

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

[ASK EMTREP_FRUST_OE AND EMTDEM_FRUST_OE IN SAME ORDER AS EMTREP AND EMTDEM]

ASK IF FRUSTRATED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (EMTDEM_FRUST=1) [N=1,315]:

EMTDEM_FRUST_OE What about the Democratic Party most frustrates you?

BASED ON DEM/LEAN DEM WHO SAW EMTDEM FIRST [N=271]:

Sep 22-28,

2025

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|----|---|
| 41 | Not fighting hard enough against Trump |
| 13 | Lack of good leadership |
| 10 | Lack of cohesive agenda or message |
| 8 | Out of touch with voters |
| 7 | Ineffective when in power / Did not keep promises |
| 5 | Lack of party unity |
| 4 | Specific policy |
| 3 | Lack of compromise with Republicans |
| 3 | Only cares about donors / 'corrupt' |
| 3 | Prioritizing the wrong issues |
| 6 | Other |
| 18 | No answer |

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,718]:

DIFFPARTY Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, would you say there is...

	A great deal of difference in what <u>they stand for</u>	A fair amount of difference in what <u>they stand for</u>	Hardly any difference at all in <u>what they stand for</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Sep 22-28, 2025	60	27	12	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	54	35	10	1
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	57	31	11	1
Jul 8-18, 2021	59	31	9	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	55	37	7	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,718]:

PTYISSUE Which party would you say you agree with on each of the following policy areas? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 WITH 5 ALWAYS LAST]**

		Strongly agree with the <u>Republican Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the <u>Republican Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the <u>Democratic Party</u>	Strongly agree with the <u>Democratic Party</u>	Don't agree with either <u>party</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
[SCREEN 1]:							
IMM	Immigration policy						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	29	15	18	17	20	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	25	16	20	11	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	23	15	22	15	24	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	19	17	24	13	25	1
IMM TREND FOR COMPARISON							
	Policies to deal with illegal immigration						
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	14	20	20	19	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	20	17	21	17	23	2
DEBT	Policies to deal with the budget deficit						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	16	17	16	13	37	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	20	17	11	34	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	15	18	19	16	29	3
HC	Health care policy						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	12	18	18	24	28	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	10	17	20	19	32	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	18	20	22	27	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	9	17	22	20	30	2
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	15	17	21	24	21	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	15	18	21	22	22	2
GUNS	Gun policy						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	26	14	14	21	24	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	20	15	13	24	26	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	21	16	15	25	23	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	23	15	17	20	24	1
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	25	15	15	19	24	2

PTYISSUE CONTINUED...

		Strongly agree with the Republican Party	Somewhat agree with the Republican Party	Somewhat agree with the Democratic Party	Strongly agree with the Democratic Party	Don't agree with either party	No answer*
LGT	Policies related to people who are gay, lesbian or transgender						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	21	14	16	22	26	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	15	14	15	22	33	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	12	19	25	31	1
UKRRU	Policies related to Russia's invasion of Ukraine						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	12	17	14	19	36	1
[SCREEN 2]:							
CRIME	Policies to deal with crime						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	28	18	17	11	26	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	21	20	20	10	28	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	19	18	20	12	29	2
ABPOL	Abortion policy						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	19	15	14	27	25	*
	Jun 5-11, 2023	17	13	13	30	25	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	17	12	13	30	26	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	18	11	14	26	29	1
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	11	15	28	24	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	14	13	17	26	27	3
RACE	Policies that deal with race in this country						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	17	14	17	23	28	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	13	16	19	20	29	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	15	18	22	31	2
ECON	Policies to deal with the economy						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	18	20	20	15	26	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	19	22	19	11	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	20	20	22	12	25	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	16	21	23	12	27	1
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	21	20	23	14	20	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016 ⁵	15	20	23	16	24	2
ENV	Policies related to the environment and climate						
	Sep 22-28, 2025	15	16	19	25	24	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:							
	Policies to deal with climate change						
	Jun 5-11, 2023	13	14	18	23	31	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	14	20	25	28	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	8	14	23	21	32	2
	Apr 5-May 2, 2016	9	14	20	24	31	3

⁵ In 2016, each PTYISSUE item was asked on a separate screen; question was programmed: "Would you say you agree with the [RANDOMIZE TO MATCH RESPONSE OPTIONS: Republican Party or the Democratic Party] on the following policy area?" with response options listed in order that they appeared in question stem

PTYISSUE CONTINUED...

		Strongly agree with the <u>Republican Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the <u>Republican Party</u>	Somewhat agree with the <u>Democratic Party</u>	Strongly agree with the <u>Democratic Party</u>	Don't agree with either <u>party</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
ISRLHM	Policies related to the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza Sep 22-28, 2025	16	14	13	8	46	1

[RANDOMIZE PTYIDEADEM AND PTYIDEAREP, SHOW ON SAME SCREEN]**ASK ALL:**

PTYIDEADEM Overall, would you say the Democratic Party has...

Sep 22-28, <u>2025</u>		Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u>	Jan 10-17, <u>2022</u>
8	A lot of good ideas	11	12
32	Some good ideas	33	32
31	A few good ideas	29	27
28	Almost no good ideas	25	27
1	No answer*	2	2

ASK ALL:

PTYIDEAREP Overall, would you say the Republican Party has...

Sep 22-28, <u>2025</u>		Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u>	Jan 10-17, <u>2022</u>
15	A lot of good ideas	11	9
29	Some good ideas	35	32
27	A few good ideas	31	32
28	Almost no good ideas	22	26
1	No answer*	2	2

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPPTYTRAIT AND DEMPTYTRAIT, SHOW ON SEPARATE SCREENS]**ASK ALL:**

REPPTYTRAIT How well do each of the following phrases describe the Republican Party? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, USE SAME ORDER FOR DEMPTYTRAIT]**

		<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
EXTR	Too extreme in its positions					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	34	28	23	14	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	32	30	22	15	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	30	30	26	11	3
	Mar 1-7, 2021	27	34	25	12	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	30	33	23	12	2
TOL	Respectful and tolerant of different types of people					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	14	25	21	38	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	10	31	26	31	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	11	28	25	35	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	9	29	27	33	1
TRADS	Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	16	28	22	34	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	15	34	25	23	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	16	29	25	29	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	13	34	25	27	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	16	32	25	26	1
INTF	Supports policies that interfere too much in people's lives					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	27	27	28	16	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	23	31	29	15	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	25	25	30	18	2
HON	Governs in an honest and ethical way					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	10	29	22	37	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	7	33	30	28	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	8	29	27	34	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	6	32	29	31	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	8	33	29	29	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	7	31	30	30	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPPTYTRAIT AND DEMPTYTRAIT, SHOW ON SEPARATE SCREENS]**ASK ALL:**

DEMPYTRAIT How well do each of the following phrases describe the Democratic Party? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS, USE SAME ORDER FOR REPPTYTRAIT]**

		Very <u>well</u>	Somewhat <u>well</u>	Not too <u>well</u>	Not at <u>all well</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
EXTR	Too extreme in its positions					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	29	27	27	15	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	30	25	27	16	1
	Jan 10-17, 2022	25	32	25	16	3
	Mar 1-7, 2021	26	34	26	12	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	29	32	27	11	2
TOL	Respectful and tolerant of different types of people					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	22	34	19	24	1
	Jun 5-11, 2023	20	37	20	21	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	24	33	18	23	2
	Sep 3-15, 2019	22	37	19	20	1
TRADS	Respects the country's democratic institutions and traditions					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	20	32	22	24	2
	Jun 5-11, 2023	16	35	23	24	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	20	30	20	27	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	16	35	21	27	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	20	36	19	24	1
INTF	Supports policies that interfere too much in people's lives					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	25	30	28	15	2
	Jun 5-11, 2023	25	30	28	15	3
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	28	26	28	16	2
HON	Governs in an honest and ethical way					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	9	33	26	30	2
	Jun 5-11, 2023	8	34	26	30	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	12	32	22	33	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	10	35	25	29	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	12	38	22	27	1
	Sep 3-15, 2019	10	38	27	25	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM]****ASK ALL:**REPRSNTREP How well does the Republican Party represent the interests of people like you?

	NET WELL	<i>Very well</i>	<i>Somewhat well</i>	NET NOT WELL	<i>Not too well</i>	<i>Not at all well</i>	No answer*
Sep 22-28, 2025	42	13	29	56	23	34	2
Nov 12-17, 2024	50	16	34	49	24	25	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	39	6	33	58	27	31	2
Aug 1-14, 2022	44	10	34	53	25	28	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	41	9	33	56	27	29	3
Nov 12-17, 2020	47	16	31	51	25	26	2
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	46	10	36	53	27	26	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016	39	8	31	60	29	31	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	40	7	33	57	29	28	3

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPRSNTREP AND REPRSNTDEM]**ASK ALL:**REPRSNTDEM How well does the Democratic Party represent the interests of people like you?

	NET WELL	<i>Very well</i>	<i>Somewhat well</i>	NET NOT WELL	<i>Not too well</i>	<i>Not at all well</i>	No answer*
Sep 22-28, 2025	40	7	32	58	26	33	2
Nov 12-17, 2024	43	9	35	55	29	27	2
Jul 10-16, 2023	41	7	34	56	26	30	2
Aug 1-14, 2022	47	12	35	50	23	27	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	46	10	36	51	23	28	3
Nov 12-17, 2020	47	11	35	51	21	29	2
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	51	14	37	48	24	24	1
Aug 16-Sep 12, 2016	49	13	36	50	24	26	2
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	14	38	46	24	22	3

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTRAT1 AND ELCTRAT2]****ASK ALL:**

ELCTRAT1 How important is it to you that Republican elected officials... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ELCTRAT2]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAW ELCTRAT1 FIRST (ELCTRAT12_ORDER_W180=1) [N=1,714]

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
KNOW	Are knowledgeable about the issues					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	82	12	4	2	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	85	10	3	2	1
COMP	Are willing to make compromises with Democratic elected officials to solve important problems					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	59	28	8	5	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	61	29	6	4	*
RSPCT	Treat Democratic elected officials with respect					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	62	26	7	4	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	65	25	6	3	*
WRNG	Admit when they are wrong					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	73	20	4	2	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	76	18	3	2	*

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTRAT1 AND ELCTRAT2]**ASK ALL:**

ELCTRAT2 How important is it to you that Democratic elected officials... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ELCTRAT1]**

BASED ON THOSE WHO SAW ELCTRAT2 FIRST (ELCTRAT12_ORDER_W180=2) [N=1,731]

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
KNOW	Are knowledgeable about the issues					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	82	13	3	1	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	85	9	3	3	1
COMP	Are willing to make compromises with Republican elected officials to solve important problems					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	58	28	7	4	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	61	28	6	4	1
RSPCT	Treat Republican elected officials with respect					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	56	29	9	5	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	60	28	7	4	1

ELCTRAT2 CONTINUED ...

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
WRNG	Admit when they are wrong					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	76	18	4	2	1
	Apr 29-May 13, 2019	78	15	3	3	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

[IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), ASK REPPTYACC FIRST AND DEMPTYACC SECOND ON SEPARATE SCREENS; IF DEM/LEAN DEM (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), ASK DEMPTYACC FIRST AND REPPTYACC SECOND ON SEPARATE SCREENS]

ASK IF PARTISAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1,2) [N=3,251]:

REPPTYACC How accepting, if at all, do you think the Republican Party should be of Republican elected officials who... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

BASED ON REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS (XPARTYSUM=1) [N=1,569]:

		Very <u>accepting</u>	Somewhat <u>accepting</u>	Not too <u>accepting</u>	Not at all <u>accepting</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
CRTDT	Openly criticize Donald Trump					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	14	36	30	20	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	11	26	32	30	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	14	29	29	27	1
AGDEM	Agree with the Democratic Party on some important issues					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	19	49	20	11	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	12	43	27	17	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=776]

VIOL	Support groups who advocate violence against Democrats					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	4	9	15	70	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	3	6	19	71	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=793]

CALLEVL	Call Democratic elected officials evil					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	13	31	35	21	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	18	29	35	17	2

[IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), ASK REPPTYACC FIRST AND DEMPTYACC SECOND ON SEPARATE SCREENS; IF DEM/LEAN DEM (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), ASK DEMPTYACC FIRST AND REPPTYACC SECOND ON SEPARATE SCREENS]

ASK IF PARTISAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1,2) [N=3,251]:

DEMPYACC How accepting, if at all, do you think the Democratic Party should be of Democratic elected officials who... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS (XPARTYSUM=2) [N=1,682]:

		<u>Very accepting</u>	<u>Somewhat accepting</u>	<u>Not too accepting</u>	<u>Not at all accepting</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
CRTJB	Openly criticize Joe Biden					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	22	35	24	17	2
	Sep 13-19, 2021	17	40	28	14	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	23	45	21	9	1
AGREP	Agree with the Republican Party on some important issues					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	22	50	19	8	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	18	49	22	11	1

DEMPYACC CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very accepting</u>	<u>Somewhat accepting</u>	<u>Not too accepting</u>	<u>Not at all accepting</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=846]						
VIOL	Support groups who advocate violence against Republicans					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	4	10	17	68	1
	Mar 1-7, 2021	5	7	18	68	1

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=836]

CALLEVL	Call Republican elected officials evil					
	Sep 22-28, 2025	15	29	34	20	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	13	28	38	19	2

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4 OR REFUSED):

PARTYLN	As of today do you lean more to...							
		<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
		28	28	28	14	2	18	18

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

⁶ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.