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This Pew Research Center analysis examines Americans' views of national economic conditions, their concerns over economic issues and how Donald Trump's policies are affecting the economy.

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We surveyed 5,062 U.S. adults from September 28 to October 4, 2026. Everyone who took part in this survey is a member of the Center's American Trends Panel. The survey represents the views of the full U.S. adult population.

Here are the [survey questions used for this analysis](#), the [detailed responses](#) and the [survey methodology](#).

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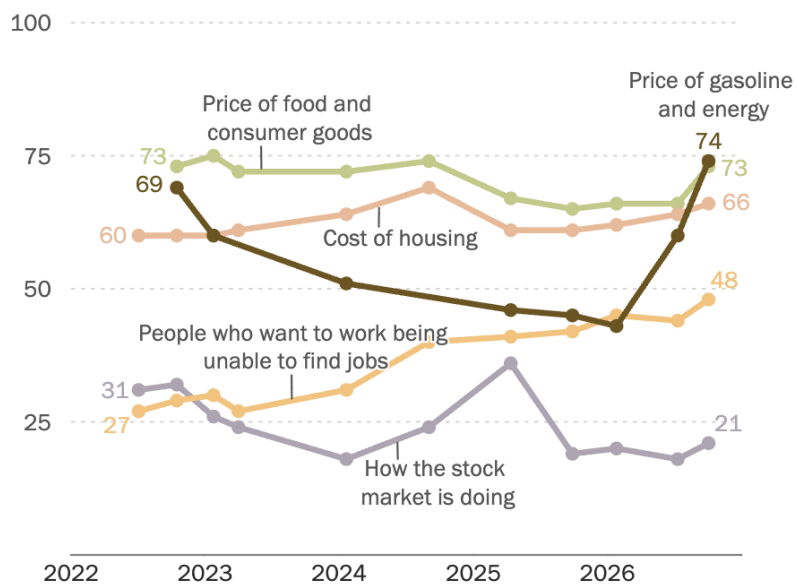
A month out from this year's congressional elections, the costs of many household essentials are a top economic concern for most Americans – much as they were four years ago on the eve of the last midterm election.

Americans also have a glum view of national economic conditions: Just 21% say they are excellent or good, down from 28% at the start of the year. This is one of the lowest assessments of the economy in either of President Donald Trump's two terms.

One of the biggest economic concerns of the public is about the price of gas and energy. Today, 74% of Americans say they are very concerned about this, up from 60% in July. In January – before the United States' military conflict with Iran – 43% said they were very concerned about gas and energy prices.

Public concern about the price of gas and energy, other essentials rises

*% who say they are **very concerned** about the following economic issues in the country today*



Note: The items about the price of food and consumer goods and the price of gasoline and energy were not asked in July 2022.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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Concern about gas prices is up across the political spectrum over this period, though it is higher among Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents (81% say they are very concerned) than among Republicans and Republican leaners (65%).

The new Pew Research Center survey of 5,062 U.S. adults, conducted from Sept. 28 to Oct. 4, 2026, also finds wide majorities saying they are very concerned about the cost of:

- Food and consumer goods (73%)
- Healthcare (69%)
- Housing (66%)

While concerns about the job market are not as widespread, they have also risen in recent months: 48% now say they are very concerned about people who want to work being unable to find jobs, up from 44% in July and substantially higher than the 29% who said this in October 2022.

Half of the public say they are very concerned about the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the economy.

In contrast, few Americans are very concerned about how the stock market is doing (21%).

Related: “[With Americans in a Sour Mood, Democratic Voters Are More Engaged in Midterms](#)”.

Overall views of the economy

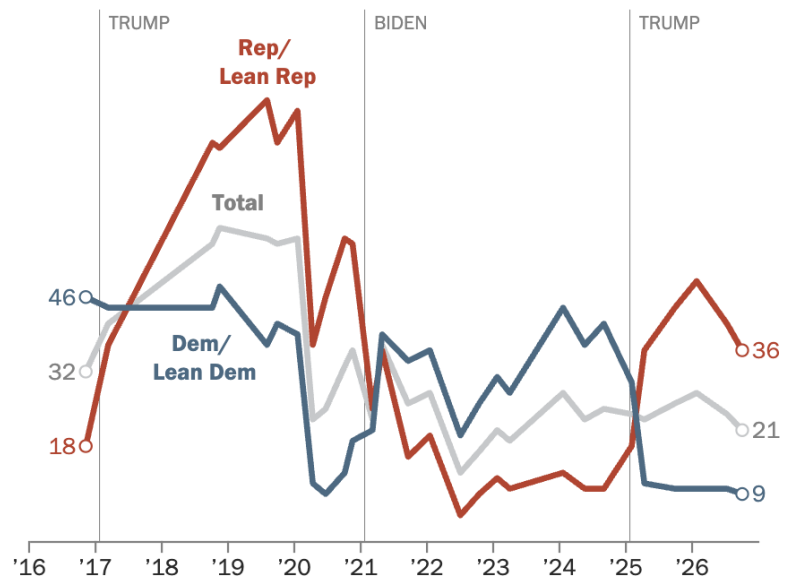
Americans’ economic ratings have ticked more negative over the last few months: Today, 21% describe economic conditions as excellent or good, while 37% say they are only fair and 42% say they are poor. In July, 24% said economic conditions were excellent or good.

The near-term decline in ratings is driven by a shift in Republicans’ views.

Today, 36% of Republicans see the economy as in excellent or good shape, down from 41% in July. About a quarter of Republicans (23%) now say conditions are poor, up from 19% in July.

Americans give the economy negative ratings, as Republicans’ positive ratings continue to slip

% who say economic conditions in the country today are *excellent/good*



Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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The share of Democrats who say the economy is excellent or good (9%) is largely unchanged since July, but the share who say conditions are poor has risen (56% now vs. 48% then).

Economic outlook

About a quarter of Americans (26%) say that they expect economic conditions will be better in a year, while roughly a third (34%) say conditions will be about the same and about four-in-ten (39%) expect them to worsen.

Republicans (41%) are more optimistic than Democrats (14%) about future conditions. Half of Democrats and a quarter of Republicans are pessimistic, saying things will get worse.

For trends on economic optimism, refer to [Additional charts](#).

What has the impact of Trump's economic policies been?

Most Americans see Donald Trump's economic policies as hurting the economy:

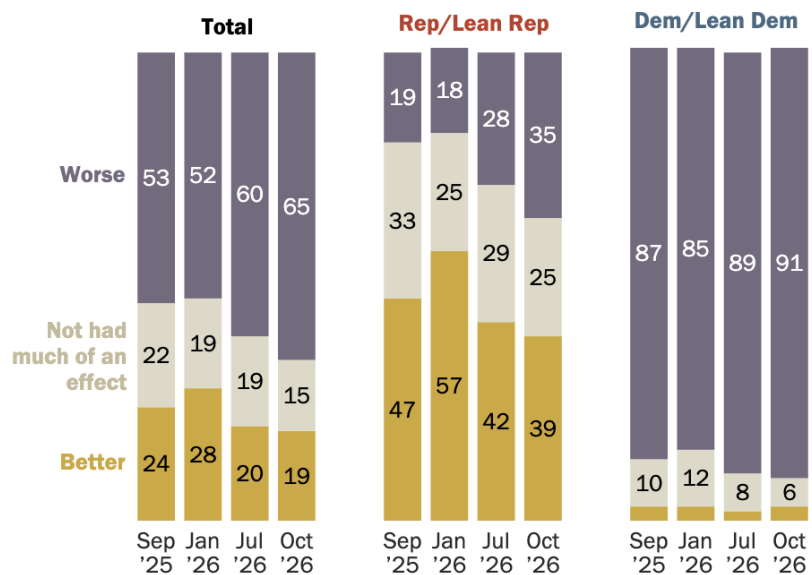
- 65% say they have made things worse.
- 15% say they have not had much of an effect.
- 19% say his policies have made conditions better.

Republicans are divided over the impact of Trump's policies – a shift over the last year:

- 39% say Trump's policies have made economic conditions better – down from 47% last fall and 57% in January.
- 35% say his policies have made things worse – up from 18% at the start of the year.
- 25% say his policies have not had much of an effect – the same share as in January.

Republicans are now nearly as likely to say Trump's policies have hurt the economy as helped it

% who say that since taking office, Donald Trump's economic policies have made economic conditions ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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Democrats continue to overwhelmingly see Trump's policies as making economic conditions worse (91% say this today).

Views of tariff policies

By more than two-to-one, Americans see the administration's tariff policies as having a more negative (56%) than positive effect (20%) on the country in the coming years. About two-in-ten (22%) say the impact will be mixed.

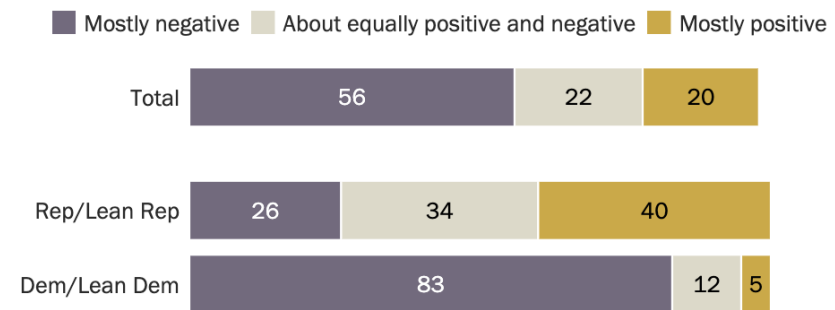
Among Republicans

Four-in-ten Republicans say the tariffs will have a mostly positive impact (40%) on the country – down from 52% in August 2025 and 49% in January of this year.

About a quarter of Republicans (26%) now say the tariffs will be bad for the country – up from 21% last summer and 17% at the start of the year.

A majority of Americans say Trump's tariff policies will have mostly negative impacts on the country

% who say that the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on the country as a whole over the coming years will be ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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Roughly a third of Republicans (34%) continue to say the tariffs will have a mix of positive and negative consequences.

Among Democrats

Democrats overwhelmingly say Trump's tariffs will have a negative impact on the country (83% say this). Their views are little changed since last year.

For trends on views of tariff policy, refer to [Additional charts](#).

Partisan differences on economic concerns

Democrats express more concern than Republicans on most of the economic issues asked about on the survey, as [they did in July](#) and at the [start of Trump's second term](#).

Even as there are wide partisan gaps in concerns about prices of gasoline, energy, food, consumer goods and healthcare, majorities in both parties say they are very concerned about these issues.

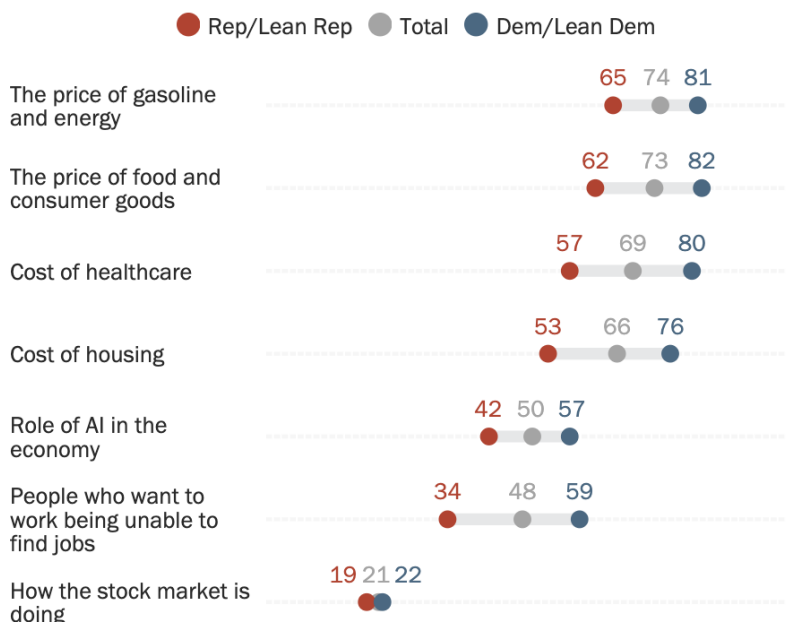
Democrats are also more concerned than Republicans about the role of AI in the economy and people who want to work being unable to find jobs.

Relatively few in either party say they are concerned about how the stock market is doing.

For full trends on economic concerns by party, refer to [Additional charts](#).

Democrats are more concerned than Republicans about several economic issues

% who say they are **very concerned** about the following economic issues in the country today



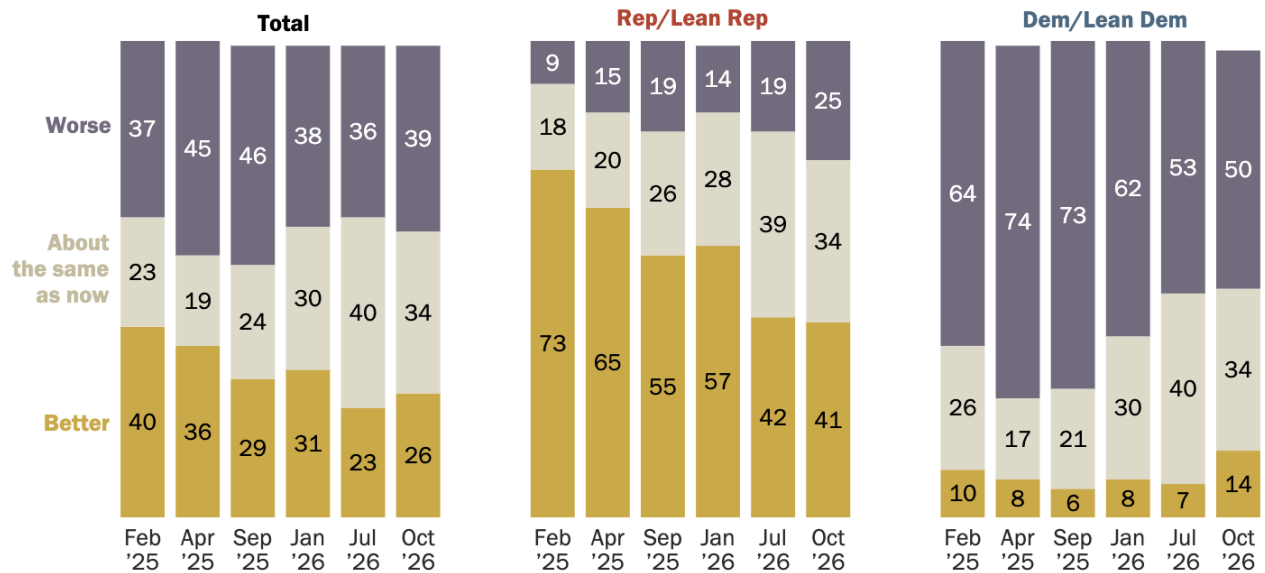
Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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Additional charts

Economic optimism remains lower than earlier in Trump's second term

% who say they expect that economic conditions in this country will be ___ a year from now



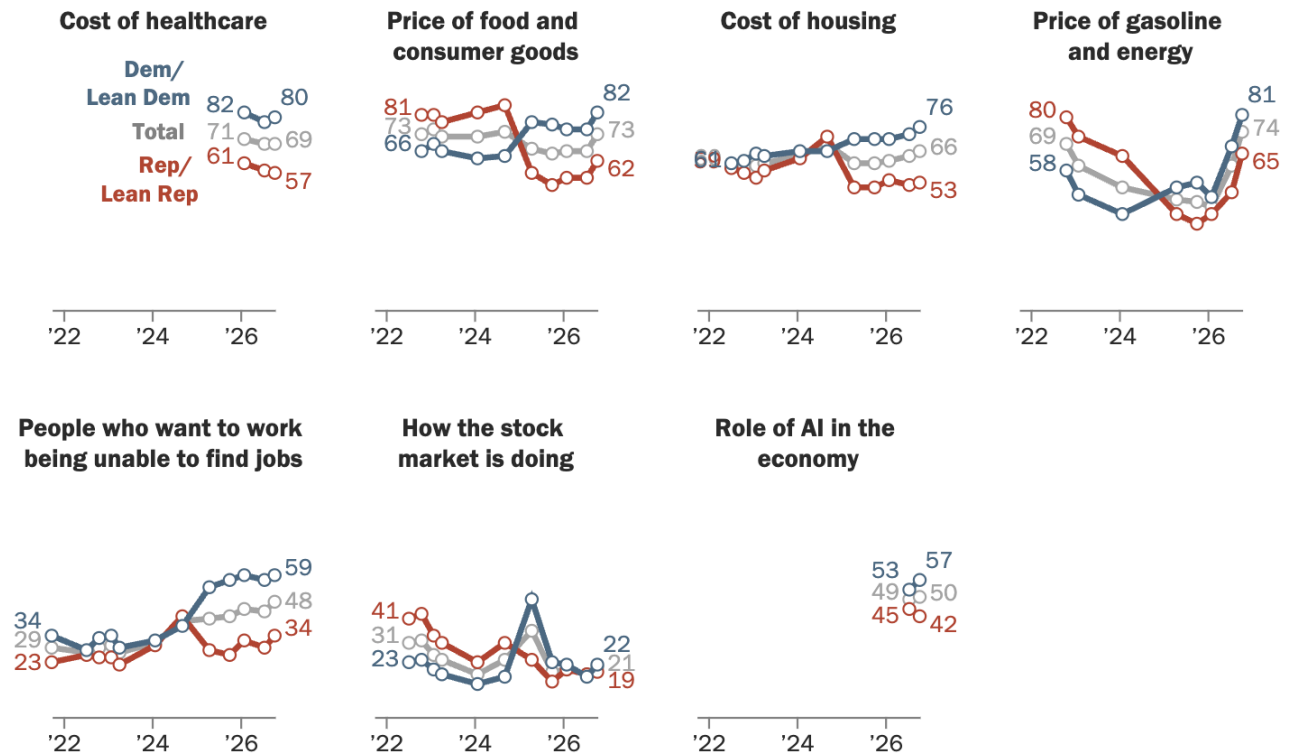
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How the public's economic concerns have shifted in recent years

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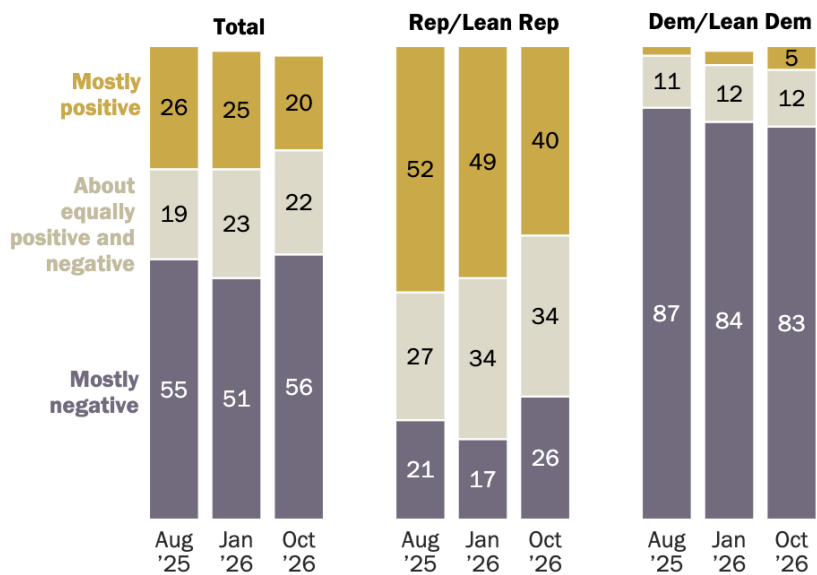


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Republicans have become less positive about Trump's tariff policies

% who say that the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on the country as a whole over the coming years will be ...



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Methodology

The American Trends Panel survey methodology

Overview

Data in this report comes from Wave 200 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. 28 to Oct. 4, 2026. A total of 5,062 panelists responded out of 5,835 who were sampled, for a survey-level response rate of 87%.

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 5,062 respondents is plus or minus 1.6 percentage points.

The survey includes [oversamples](#) of Hispanic adults, non-Hispanic Asian adults and 18- to 29-year-olds 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=4,874) and live telephone (n=188) interviewing. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

To learn more about the ATP, 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.

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,

¹ AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. “[AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling](#).”

² Email pewsurveys@pewresearch.org.

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 the following groups were oversampled: Hispanic adults, non-Hispanic Asian adults, and 18- to 29-year-olds. 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. 28 to Oct. 4, 2026. 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. 28.⁴ 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

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.

Sept. 28. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled online panelists were included in the full launch and were sent an invitation on Sept. 29.

**Invitation and reminder dates for web respondents,
ATP Wave 200**

	Soft launch	Full launch
Initial invitation	Sept. 28, 2026	Sept. 29, 2026
First reminder	Oct. 1, 2026	Oct. 1, 2026
Final reminder	Oct. 3, 2026	Oct. 3, 2026

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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. 25. Soft launch took place on Sept. 28 and involved dialing until a total of three 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, eight ATP respondents were removed from the survey dataset prior to weighting and analysis.

Use of artificial intelligence (AI)

Survey responses to some open-ended questions were initially coded using AI-assisted text classification. Human researchers reviewed, validated, and, where necessary, corrected AI-generated codes prior to analysis.

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 1st and 99th 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)	2024 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	2026 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 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.

Sample sizes and margins of error, ATP Wave 200

Group	Unweighted sample size	Weighted %	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	5,062		1.6 percentage points
Half form	At least 2,527		2.3 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	2,157	43	2.4 percentage points
Half form	At least 1,057		3.4 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	2,665	49	2.2 percentage points
Half form	At least 1,305		3.2 percentage points
Registered voters	3,917		1.8 percentage points
Half form	At least 1,952		2.5 percentage points
<i>Among registered voters who are ...</i>			
Republican candidate supporters	1,363		2.9 percentage points
Half form	At least 663		4.2 percentage points
Democratic candidate supporters	1,826		2.6 percentage points
Half form	At least 901		3.7 percentage points

Note: This survey includes oversamples of Hispanic adults, non-Hispanic Asian adults, and 18-to-29-year-olds. 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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Dispositions and response rates

Final dispositions, ATP Wave 200

	AAPOR code	Total
Completed interview	1.1	5,062
Logged in (web) / Contacted (CATI), but did not complete any items	2.11	136
Started survey; broke off before completion	2.12	59
Never logged on (web) / Never reached on phone (CATI)	2.20	570
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	8
Total panelists sampled for the survey		5,835
Completed interviews	I	5,062
Partial interviews	P	0
Refusals	R	195
Non-contact	NC	570
Other	O	8
Unknown household	UH	0
Unknown other	UO	0
Not eligible	NE	0
Total		5,835
AAPOR RR1 = $I / (I+P+R+NC+O+UH+UO)$		87%

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Cumulative response rate, ATP Wave 200

	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 200	40%
Response rate to Wave 200 survey	87%
Cumulative response rate	3%

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N=5,062

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.

ASK ALL:

SATIS All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	22	77	1
Jul 20-Aug 9, 2026	25	73	2
Jul 6-12, 2026	27	71	2
Jan 20-26, 2026	29	69	1
Oct 6-16, 2025	27	72	1
Aug 4-10, 2025	34	65	1
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	32	67	1
Mar 10-16, 2025	34	65	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	38	61	1
Nov 12-17, 2024	29	70	1
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	23	76	*
Aug 5-11, 2024	24	75	1
Jul 1-7, 2024	18	82	*
May 13-19, 2024	22	78	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	21	78	1
Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	22	77	1
Jul 10-16, 2023	22	77	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	21	78	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	19	80	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	22	78	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	24	75	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	21	79	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	18	81	1
Apr 25-May 1, 2022	24	75	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	21	78	1
Sep 20-26, 2021	25	74	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	26	74	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	33	66	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	77	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1

SATIS CONTINUED ...

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁵	32	68	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	*

ASK ALL:

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=4,983]:

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

	NET Approve	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer*</i>	NET Disapprove	<i>Very</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>Not so</i> <i>strongly</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer*</i>	<i>No</i> <i>answer*</i>
Trump Second Term									
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	30	19	11	*	68	52	15	1	2
Jul 6-12, 2026	34	23	11	*	64	49	14	1	2
Apr 20-26, 2026	34	23	10	*	64	51	12	1	2
Jan 20-26, 2026	37	27	10	*	61	49	12	*	2
Sep 22-28, 2025	40	29	10	1	58	47	11	*	2
Aug 4-10, 2025	38	27	11	*	60	47	13	*	2
Jun 2-8, 2025	41	30	11	*	58	46	12	*	1
Apr 7-13, 2025	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	47	37	9	*	51	40	11	*	2
Trump First Term									
Jan 8-12, 2021	29	21	7	*	68	56	12	*	3
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	38	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	59	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	3
Jun 16-22, 2020	39	29	9	1	59	48	11	*	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	44	33	10	1	53	42	11	*	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	45	34	10	1	52	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	40	31	9	*	58	46	11	1	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	59	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	40	29	10	*	59	48	10	*	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	38	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	61	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	41	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	58	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	61	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	40	31	9	*	59	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	29	9	*	60	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	36	26	10	*	63	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	39	27	12	*	61	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 ⁶	44	30	13	*	56	43	12	*	1

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¹ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.
⁶ The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

ASK ALL:

INSTFAV

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

REP		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No answer*
		NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	
	The Republican Party							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	37	8	28	61	34	27	2
	Apr 20-26, 2026	40	10	30	58	32	26	2
	Aug 4-10, 2025	39	9	30	59	33	26	2
	Apr 7-13, 2025	43	12	31	56	33	23	2
	Jul 1-7, 2024	39	7	32	58	30	29	2
	Apr 1-7, 2024	37	7	31	61	29	32	2
	Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	35	5	29	64	30	34	2
	Jul 10-16, 2023	36	6	30	63	31	32	2
	Mar 20-26, 2023	39	7	32	59	26	32	3
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	37	7	30	61	32	29	2
	Mar 21-27, 2022	40	8	32	58	26	33	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	35	7	28	63	31	32	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	38	7	31	60	29	31	2
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	41	11	30	57	31	27	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020 ⁷	41	9	32	57	26	31	2
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	41	10	31	57	27	30	2

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.) Never heard of	(VOL.) Can't rate/ Ref
	<i>Total</i>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>		
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	15	26	55	33	23	*	3
Jan 8-13, 2020	45	14	31	51	26	24	*	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	41	11	30	52	26	26	1	5
July 10-15, 2019	45	12	33	52	27	24	*	3
Jan 9-14, 2019	42	12	30	54	24	30	*	3
Sep 18-24, 2018	43	10	33	52	26	27	*	4
Mar 7-14, 2018	41	10	31	55	25	30	*	4
Jun 8-18, 2017	40	10	31	54	27	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	40	10	30	57	27	30	0	3
Jan 4-9, 2017	47	12	35	49	20	29	*	5
Oct 20-25, 2016	40	10	31	55	23	33	*	5
Aug 9-16, 2016	38	9	29	56	26	31	0	6
Jun 15-26, 2016	35	9	26	60	30	29	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	33	9	24	62	32	30	*	5/
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	37	6	31	58	26	32	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	32	7	26	60	28	32	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2015	41	9	32	53	24	29	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	37	9	28	57	26	32	*	6
Oct 14-20, 2014	38	7	31	54	25	29	*	8
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	37	7	30	55	24	31	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	35	8	27	59	28	31	0	6
Oct 9-13, 2013	38	5	32	58	26	32	*	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	33	7	25	58	25	34	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	40	8	32	55	23	33	*	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	33	6	28	58	27	31	1	8
Dec 5-9, 2012	36	7	28	59	23	36	*	5
Sep 12-16, 2012	42	12	30	50	25	26	*	8
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	36	9	27	56	28	28	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	36	7	30	56	27	29	*	8
Jan 11-16, 2012	35	7	27	58	28	30	*	7

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In the January 2020 survey, favorability of the Democratic Party and the Republican Party was asked in two different formats. There were no significant differences between the two formats, so results for the questions were combined.

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED...

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	Total	Very	Mostly	Total	Very	Mostly	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	36	7	29	55	27	28	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	34	5	29	59	27	32	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	42	9	32	51	22	28	1	7
Feb 2-7, 2011	43	8	35	48	19	29	*	9
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	43	8	35	49	21	28	*	8
July 1-5, 2010	39	10	29	49	24	25	*	12
April 1-5, 2010	37	8	29	53	26	27	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	37	5	32	51	20	31	*	12
Feb 3-9, 2010	46	5	41	46	14	32	0	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	40	6	34	50	19	31	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	40	7	33	50	18	32	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	40	7	33	51	17	34	0	9
Jan 7-11, 2009	40	5	35	55	21	34	*	5
Late October, 2008	40	10	30	50	23	27	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	47	11	36	46	22	24	*	7
August, 2008	43	9	34	49	18	31	1	7
Late May, 2008	39	7	32	53	20	33	*	8
July, 2007	39	7	32	53	22	31	0	8
Early January, 2007	41	9	32	48	21	27	1	10
Late October, 2006	41	9	32	50	20	30	*	9
July, 2006	40	10	30	52	23	29	1	7
April, 2006	40	10	30	50	21	29	*	10
February, 2006	44	11	33	50	24	26	*	6
Late October, 2005	42	12	30	49	24	25	*	9
July, 2005	48	13	35	43	18	25	*	9
June, 2005	48	11	37	44	20	24	0	8
December, 2004	52	15	37	42	17	25	0	6
June, 2004	51	12	39	40	14	26	0	9
Early February, 2004	52	14	38	42	16	26	*	6
June, 2003	58	14	44	33	10	23	0	9
April, 2003	63	14	49	31	10	21	*	6
December, 2002	59	18	41	33	11	22	*	8
July, 2001	48	11	37	42	15	27	*	10
January, 2001	56	13	43	35	13	22	*	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	53	11	42	40	12	28	0	7
August, 1999	53	8	45	43	12	31	*	4
February, 1999	44	7	37	51	15	36	0	5
January, 1999	44	10	34	50	23	27	0	6
Early December, 1998	46	11	35	47	20	27	*	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	52	9	43	42	14	28	0	6
Early September, 1998	56	9	47	37	11	26	*	7
March, 1998	50	10	40	43	12	31	*	7
August, 1997	47	9	38	47	11	36	*	6
June, 1997	51	8	43	42	11	31	1	6
January, 1997	52	8	44	43	10	33	*	5
October, 1995	52	10	42	44	16	28	*	4
December, 1994	67	21	46	27	8	19	*	6
July, 1994	63	12	51	33	8	25	*	4
May, 1993	54	12	42	35	10	25	0	11
July, 1992	46	9	37	48	17	31	*	6

INSTFAV CONTINUED ...

		-----Favorable-----			-----Unfavorable-----			No
		NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Mostly</i>	answer*
DEM	The Democratic Party							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	40	7	34	58	27	31	2
	Apr 20-26, 2026	39	6	33	59	27	32	2
	Aug 4-10, 2025	36	6	31	62	28	34	2
	Apr 7-13, 2025	38	7	31	60	27	34	2
	Jul 1-7, 2024	38	7	31	60	30	29	2
	Apr 1-7, 2024	38	8	30	60	31	30	2
	Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	37	7	30	61	29	32	2
	Jul 10-16, 2023	37	6	32	61	30	31	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	40	6	34	58	29	28	3
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	41	8	33	57	30	27	2
	Mar 21-27, 2022	43	7	36	55	28	27	2
	Jan 10-17, 2022	43	7	35	55	28	28	2
	Mar 1-7, 2021	47	10	37	51	24	26	2
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	11	35	53	29	24	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020 ⁸	44	8	36	54	26	28	2
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	47	10	37	51	27	24	1

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			(VOL.)	(VOL.)
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	Never heard of	Can't rate/Ref
July 23-Aug 4, 2020	42	10	32	55	33	22	*	3
Jan 8-13, 2020	46	11	34	50	29	21	*	4
Sep 5-16, 2019	47	11	35	48	27	22	*	5
July 10-15, 2019	45	10	35	52	27	24	0	3
Jan 9-14, 2019	49	12	38	47	25	21	*	4
Sep 18-24, 2018	53	13	40	42	20	22	*	4
Mar 7-14, 2018	42	8	35	54	24	30	*	4
Jun 8-18, 2017	44	12	32	50	24	26	*	5
Apr 5-11, 2017	45	11	34	51	26	25	*	4
Jan 4-9, 2017	51	13	38	45	18	26	*	4
Oct 20-25, 2016	52	15	37	45	22	22	*	4
Aug 9-16, 2016	49	15	35	46	22	24	*	5
Jun 15-26, 2016	49	17	33	46	23	23	*	5
Apr 12-19, 2016	45	14	31	50	27	23	*	4
Aug 27-Oct 4, 2015	45	10	35	50	24	26	*	5
Jul 14-20, 2015	48	12	36	47	22	25	0	5
Jan 7-11, 2015	46	12	34	48	21	28	*	6
Dec 3-7, 2014 (U)	41	11	30	54	26	28	*	5
Oct 15-20, 2014	47	11	35	46	21	25	*	7
Jan 23-Mar 16, 2014	46	12	34	47	23	24	*	7
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	47	15	32	48	24	24	*	5
Oct 9-13, 2013	47	9	39	48	22	27	0	4
Jul 17-21, 2013	41	10	31	50	23	28	*	9
Jun 12-16, 2013	51	14	37	45	19	26	0	5
Jan 9-13, 2013	47	13	34	46	18	28	*	7
Dec 5-9, 2012	48	11	37	47	23	25	1	4
Sep 12-16, 2012	53	21	32	40	18	22	*	7
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	47	14	33	45	21	24	*	8
Mar 7-11, 2012	49	14	36	43	18	25	*	7
Jan 11-16, 2012	43	13	29	51	23	28	*	7
Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011	46	13	32	45	19	26	*	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	43	9	34	50	21	29	*	7
Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011	48	14	34	45	18	27	*	6
Feb 2-7, 2011	47	13	35	46	17	29	*	6
Aug 25-Sep 6, 2010	50	13	36	44	20	24	*	7

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PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...

	----- Favorable -----			---- Unfavorable ----			(VOL.) Never	(VOL.) Can't rate/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Very</u>	<u>Mostly</u>	<u>heard of</u>	<u>Ref</u>
July 1-5, 2010	44	12	31	45	22	23	*	11
April 1-5, 2010	38	9	29	52	27	25	*	9
Mar 18-21, 2010	40	8	32	49	25	24	*	11
Feb 3-9, 2010	48	9	39	44	17	27	*	8
Aug 20-27, 2009	48	11	37	43	19	24	*	10
Aug 11-17, 2009	49	12	37	40	16	25	*	10
Mar 31-Apr 6, 2009	59	15	44	34	13	21	*	7
Jan 7-11, 2009	62	19	43	32	12	20	*	6
Late October, 2008	57	19	38	33	15	18	*	10
Mid-September, 2008	55	18	37	39	14	25	*	6
August, 2008	57	16	41	37	13	24	*	6
Late May, 2008	57	14	43	37	14	23	*	6
July, 2007	51	13	38	41	14	27	0	8
Early January, 2007	54	15	39	35	12	23	*	11
Late October, 2006	53	13	40	36	11	25	*	11
July, 2006	47	13	34	44	13	31	2	7
April, 2006	47	12	35	42	14	28	*	11
February, 2006	48	14	34	44	17	27	0	8
Late October, 2005	49	14	35	41	15	26	*	10
July, 2005	50	15	35	41	14	27	*	9
June, 2005	52	12	40	39	13	26	*	9
December, 2004	53	13	40	41	14	27	*	6
June, 2004	54	12	42	36	11	25	0	10
Early February, 2004	58	14	44	37	9	28	*	5
June, 2003	54	11	43	38	10	28	0	8
April, 2003	57	13	44	36	11	25	*	7
December, 2002	54	15	39	37	10	27	*	9
July, 2001	58	18	40	34	10	24	*	8
January, 2001	60	18	42	30	9	21	1	9
September, 2000 (RVs)	60	16	44	35	12	23	*	5
August, 1999	59	14	45	37	9	28	*	4
February, 1999	58	11	47	37	11	26	0	5
January, 1999	55	14	41	38	12	26	0	7
Early December, 1998	59	18	41	34	10	24	0	7
Early October, 1998 (RVs)	56	11	45	38	9	29	*	6
Early September, 1998	60	13	47	33	8	25	*	7
March, 1998	58	15	43	36	10	26	*	6
August, 1997	52	11	41	42	10	32	0	6
June, 1997	61	10	51	33	8	25	*	6
January, 1997	60	13	47	35	7	28	*	5
October, 1995	49	9	40	48	11	37	0	3
December, 1994	50	13	37	44	13	31	*	6
July, 1994	62	13	49	34	7	27	*	4
May, 1993	57	14	43	34	9	25	0	9
July, 1992	61	17	44	33	9	24	*	6

ASK ALL:

MIDCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to the congressional elections coming up in November?

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Jul 6-12, <u>2026</u>	Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>	Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>
31	A lot	24	30	28
36	Some	34	35	34
20	Not much	25	21	24
13	Not at all	16	13	14
*	No answer*	*	*	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2024?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
2024 election					
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	53	32	11	4	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	52	31	12	4	*
Jul 1-7, 2024	48	31	15	6	*
Apr 8-14, 2024	38	34	18	9	*
2020 election					
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 ⁹	56	27	11	5	*
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	29	16	8	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-Jun 6, 2016 ¹⁰	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ¹¹	26	40	23	11	*

⁹ In surveys conducted in 2019 or 2020, the question asked about the 2020 presidential election.

¹⁰ In surveys conducted in 2015 and 2016, question asked about the 2016 presidential election.

¹¹ W10 (Mar 10 – Apr 6, 2015) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

ASK ALL:

MATTERSCONG Thinking about how you feel about the 2026 congressional elections in November, where would you place yourself on the following scale? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1; KEEP THE SCALE ALWAYS 1-4]**

	1 – Really matters which party wins <u>control of congress</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	4 – Doesn't really matter which party wins <u>control of congress</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
2026 Congressional Election					
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	56	19	11	13	1
Jul 6-12, 2026	56	18	11	14	1
Jan 20-26, 2026	60	19	11	9	1
2022 Congressional Election					
Oct 10-16, 2022	56	20	10	14	1
Aug. 1-14, 2022	58	18	11	13	1
Mar 7-13, 2022	53	22	11	13	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	60	18	9	12	1
2018 Congressional Election					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	57	20	11	12	1
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	62	17	10	10	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	57	19	10	12	1

ASK IF CITIZEN (XCITIZEN=1):

[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]

CONG If the November elections for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for...

ASK IF 'NOT SURE' (CONG=4) OR NO RESPONSE TO CONG (CONG=99) [N=753]:

[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS CONG, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]

CONGA As of today, who do you lean more towards for the U.S. House of Representatives?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026¹²</u>		Jul 6-12, <u>2026</u>	Jan 20-26, <u>2026¹³</u>
36	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your district	37	40
44	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your district	43	42
5	Another/Lean to another candidate	5	4
15	Not sure	14	14
*	No answer*	*	*

¹² In the October 2026 survey, candidate names were inserted into the response options based on the respondent's congressional district. In Alaska and some districts in Louisiana, where multiple candidates from the same party may be on the ballot in a district, respondents received a generic option for that party. In Missouri, respondents received a generic version of the question due to legal challenges to its congressional map. In districts where a candidate is running unopposed by the other major party, a generic option for the other party was provided. In a small number of cases where a respondent's congressional district was not known (N=1 registered voter), respondents received the generic version of the question.

¹³ Prior to January 2026, the words "today" and "lean" were not underlined.

CONG/CONGA CONTINUED ...

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Rep/Lean Rep candidate in your <u>district</u>	Dem/Lean Dem candidate in your <u>district</u>	Another candidate	Not sure	No answer*
2022 Congressional Election					
Oct 10-16, 2022 ¹⁴	40	41	5	13	1
Aug. 1-14, 2022	42	44	4	10	*
Mar 7-13, 2022	43	43	4	10	*
Sep 13-19, 2021	40	45	5	10	*
2018 Congressional Election¹⁵					
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	38	47	4	11	*
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	39	46	5	10	*
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	38	47	5	10	1
2014 Congressional Election					
Oct 3-27, 2014	39	43	4	12	*
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	42	47	5	6	*
May 30-Jun 30, 2014	38	42	5	14	*

ASK IF CITIZEN (XCITIZEN=1):

POL10 Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Jul 6-12, <u>2026</u>
19	A vote <u>for</u> Trump	22
44	A vote <u>against</u> Trump	42
36	Trump is not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	35
1	No answer*	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as...

	Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>	Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>	Mar 7-13, <u>2022¹⁶</u>
A vote FOR Biden	19	19	24
A vote AGAINST Biden	36	31	36
Biden is not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	43	49	38
No answer*	2	1	1

¹⁴ In the October 2022 survey, candidate names were inserted into the response options based on the respondent's congressional district. In Alaska and some districts in Louisiana, where multiple candidates from the same party may be on the ballot in a district, respondents received a generic option for that party. In districts where a candidate is running unopposed by the other major party, a generic option for the other party was provided. In a small number of cases where a respondent's congressional district was not known (N=5 registered voters), respondents received the generic version of the question.

¹⁵ In 2018, CONG and CONGA were not asked of respondents who lived in the District of Columbia.

¹⁶ Prior asks of POL10 in [2018 and earlier](#) were conducted by telephone. As a result, previous estimates are not directly comparable.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK IF CITIZEN (XCITIZEN=1):**

CANDHOUSAT How satisfied are you with the choice of candidates for Congress in your district this November?

	Very <u>satisfied</u>	Somewhat <u>satisfied</u>	Not too <u>satisfied</u>	Not at all <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	11	44	26	9	3
Oct 10-16, 2022	11	47	28	9	4
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018 ¹⁷	14	52	24	7	3

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPCONGX & DEMCONGX; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS DEMCONGX]**ASK ALL:**

REPCONGEX Thinking about Republican campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think Republican candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they keep control of Congress next year?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u> ¹⁸
4	Extremely well	8
11	Very well	15
31	Somewhat well	33
28	Not too well	23
23	Not at all well	17
2	No answer*	2

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF REPCONGX & DEMCONGX; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS REPCONGEX]**ASK ALL:**

DEMCONGX Thinking about Democratic campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think Democratic candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they gain control of Congress next year?

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u> ¹⁹
4	Extremely well	6
11	Very well	13
37	Somewhat well	34
28	Not too well	24
18	Not at all well	21
2	No answer*	2

¹⁷ In 2018, question was not asked of those who lived in the District of Columbia

¹⁸ In 2022, the question asked "Thinking about REPUBLICAN campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think REPUBLICAN candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they gain control of Congress next year?"

¹⁹ In 2022, the question asked "Thinking about DEMOCRATIC campaigns for Congress this year, how well do you think DEMOCRATIC candidates have done explaining their plans and visions for the country if they keep control of Congress next year?"

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGDEM]

ASK ALL:

EMTCONGREP How would you feel if the Republican Party keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Sep 24-Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
9	Excited	11
30	Relieved	30
38	Disappointed	42
20	Angry	13
4	No answer*	4

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

EMTCONGREP How would you feel if the REPUBLICAN PARTY gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>
Excited	11
Relieved	31
Disappointed	38
Angry	14
No answer	5

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF EMTCONGREP & EMTCONGDEM; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS EMTCONGREP]

ASK ALL:

EMTCONGDEM How would you feel if the Democratic Party gains control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Sep 24-Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
11	Excited	17
40	Relieved	38
35	Disappointed	34
9	Angry	7
4	No answer*	4

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

EMTCONGDEM How would you feel if the DEMOCRATIC PARTY keeps control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Aug 1-14, <u>2022</u>
Excited	9
Relieved	39
Disappointed	35
Angry	12
No answer	5

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1):

ISSUECONG How important are each of the following issues in making your decision about who to vote for in the 2026 congressional elections? **[RANDOMIZE SCREEN 1 AND SCREEN 2; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
[SCREEN 1]						
ASK ALL:						
ECON	The economy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	84	14	1	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	79	17	3	1	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	77	19	2	1	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	78	19	2	1	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	74	23	3	1	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	79	17	2	1	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	74	23	2	1	*
	Jun 15-26, 2016	84	13	1	1	*
	Sep 22-27, 2015	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	83	15	1	1	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	87	11	1	1	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	86	11	1	1	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	90	9	1	*	*
	Mid-Oct, 2008	91	7	2	*	*
	Aug, 2008	87	12	1	*	*
	Late May, 2008	88	9	1	1	1
	Oct, 2007	79	18	1	1	1
	Jun, 2007	74	22	2	1	1
	Mid-Oct, 2004	78	18	3	1	*
	Aug, 2004	76	22	1	1	*
IMM	Immigration					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	59	28	10	3	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	54	32	11	3	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	48	35	14	3	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	49	35	12	3	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	52	34	10	3	*
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	65	25	6	3	1
	Jun 15-26, 2016	70	21	6	2	1
	Sep 22-27, 2015	59	31	6	3	*
	Sep 2-9, 2014	62	28	5	5	1
	Sep 12-16, 2012	41	37	13	6	2
	Apr 4-15, 2012	42	35	15	6	1
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	58	29	8	4	1
	Mid-Oct, 2008	49	32	13	5	1
	Aug, 2008	52	33	10	4	1
	Late May, 2008	54	32	9	3	2
	Oct, 2007	56	31	7	4	2
	Jun, 2007	54	34	7	3	2
ASK FORM 2 [N=1,952]:						
EDUC	Education					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	62	28	6	4	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	64	29	5	1	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	58	32	7	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	33	5	2	*

ISSUECONG CONTINUED...

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Jun 15-26, 2016	66	24	7	3	*
	Sep 12-16, 2012	69	23	5	3	*
	Apr 4-15, 2012	72	21	5	2	*
	Mid-Oct, 2008	73	21	4	2	*
	Aug, 2008	73	20	5	1	1
	Late May, 2008	78	17	3	1	1
	Oct, 2007	75	21	2	1	1
	Mid-Oct, 2004	75	20	3	2	*
	Aug, 2004	70	26	3	1	*
RCE	Issues around race and ethnicity					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	36	28	20	16	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	34	26	23	16	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	35	31	20	13	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	35	31	21	13	1
ABTN	Abortion					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	46	26	17	11	1
	Oct 10-16, 2022	56	22	13	8	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	56	24	12	7	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	43	29	18	10	1
	Oct 6-12, 2020	44	28	19	9	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	40	28	19	13	1
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:						
	Sep 18-24, 2018	53	23	11	11	2
	Jun 15-26, 2016	45	26	17	9	3
	Sep 22-27, 2015	41	31	13	12	2
	Sep 2-9, 2014	46	24	11	16	3
	Sep 12-16, 2012	46	24	13	14	3
	Apr 4-15, 2012	39	25	14	18	4
	Jul 21-Aug 5, 2010	43	24	13	17	3
	Mid-Oct, 2008	41	29	16	12	2
	Aug, 2008	39	26	17	15	3
	Late May, 2008	40	27	15	15	3
	Oct, 2007	39	26	17	13	5
	Jun, 2007	40	30	13	14	3
	Mid-Oct, 2004	47	27	12	11	3
	Aug, 2004	45	25	13	14	3
ASK FORM 1 [N=1,965]:						
HEALTH	Healthcare					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	68	26	5	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	63	27	8	2	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	60	29	7	3	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	60	31	7	2	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	65	26	7	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	24	6	2	*
ENG	Energy policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	54	37	7	2	1
	Oct 10-16, 2022	61	29	7	2	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	53	36	8	3	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	32	7	2	*

ISSUECONG CONTINUED...

		Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
LGBT	Policies related to people who are gay, lesbian or transgender Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	23	26	25	26	*
AI	Artificial intelligence (AI) Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	44	36	14	6	*

[SCREEN 2]**ASK FORM 2 [N=1,952]:**

GUN	Gun Policy Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	45	31	17	6	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	57	27	10	5	*
	Aug 1-14, 2022	62	25	9	4	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	54	29	12	5	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	55	29	13	4	*
GOV	Size and scope of the federal government Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	43	40	13	4	1
	Oct 10-16, 2022	41	38	15	5	*
	Aug 1-14, 2022	42	37	15	5	1
	Mar 7-13, 2022	43	38	15	4	*
DEMO	The future of democracy in the country Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	73	18	6	3	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	70	22	4	3	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=1,965]:

FP	Foreign policy Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	57	34	7	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	54	37	8	2	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	45	44	8	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	59	35	5	1	*
	Oct 6-12, 2020	51	40	7	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	57	35	6	2	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Jun 15-26, 2016	75	19	3	1	1
	Sep 22-27, 2015	64	29	3	2	1
	Sep 2-9, 2014	64	26	4	4	2
	Sep 12-16, 2012	60	31	5	2	1
	Apr 4-15, 2012	52	38	6	2	2
CRIM	Violent crime Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	52	33	12	3	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	61	27	10	2	1
	Aug 1-14, 2022	60	28	9	2	*
	Mar 7-13, 2022	56	32	9	2	*
	Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	59	27	10	4	*
TINVEST1	Investigations into Donald Trump and his administration Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	36	20	19	25	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	30	17	18	34	1

ISSUECONG CONTINUED...

		<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
ENVIRO	Environment and climate policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	41	33	16	9	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:*Climate change*

Oct 10-16, 2022	38	25	18	18	1
Aug 1-14, 2022	40	26	16	18	*
Mar 7-13, 2022	40	26	18	15	*
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	42	26	18	14	*

ASK ALL:

ECON1 Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	2	19	37	42	*
Jul 6-12, 2026	2	21	41	35	*
Jan 20-26, 2026	3	25	42	30	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	2	23	40	34	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	2	20	42	34	*
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	2	22	45	31	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	2	22	37	38	*
May 13-19, 2024	2	21	41	36	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	3	25	41	31	*
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	1	18	46	35	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	1	20	47	32	*
Oct 10-16, 2022	2	16	46	36	*
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	1	12	38	49	*
Jan 10-17, 2022	2	25	47	24	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	2	24	50	24	*
Apr 20-29, 2021	2	35	49	14	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	2	21	53	24	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	5	31	44	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	4	29	42	25	*
Jun 16-22, 2020	4	22	44	30	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	4	19	38	38	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	16	42	33	9	*
Sep 16-29, 2019	10	46	35	8	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

ASK ALL:

ECON1B

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About the same as now</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	26	39	34	1
Jul 6-12, 2026	23	36	40	1
Jan 20-26, 2026	31	38	30	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	29	46	24	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	36	45	19	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	40	37	23	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	38	21	39	2
May 13-19, 2024	24	32	43	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	26	33	41	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	17	46	36	*
Jan 18-24, 2023	23	40	36	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	23	41	35	1
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	22	47	30	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	27	35	37	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	29	37	34	1
Apr 20-29, 2021	45	28	27	1
Mar 1-7, 2021	44	31	24	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	42	32	24	2
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	52	17	30	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	50	22	27	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	55	22	22	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	29	26	45	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	20	32	48	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	28	28	44	*

ASK ALL:

ECONCONC

How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
ASK ALL:					
ENG2 The price of gasoline and energy					
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	74	20	5	1	*
Jul 6-12, 2026	60	28	10	2	*
Jan 20-26, 2026	43	37	17	3	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	45	37	15	3	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	46	35	16	3	*
Jan 16-21, 2024	51	34	13	2	*
Jan 18-24, 2023	60	30	8	1	*
Oct 10-16, 2022	69	24	6	1	*
TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
<i>Rising prices for gasoline and energy</i>					
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	75	19	4	2	*
UNEM People who want to work being unable to find jobs					
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	48	31	16	4	*
Jul 6-12, 2026	44	32	18	5	1
Jan 20-26, 2026	45	34	16	5	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	42	33	19	6	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	41	33	19	7	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	40	35	19	5	*
Jan 16-21, 2024	31	35	25	8	*
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	27	34	27	11	*
Jan 18-24, 2023	30	34	26	10	*

ECONCONC CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
	Oct 10-16, 2022	29	31	28	11	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	27	32	28	12	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	29	32	23	15	*
PRICE	The price of food and consumer goods					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	73	21	5	1	*
	Jul 6-12, 2026	66	26	6	1	*
	Jan 20-26, 2026	66	26	7	2	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	65	27	7	2	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	67	25	6	2	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	74	20	4	1	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	72	21	5	1	*
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	72	22	4	1	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	75	20	4	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	73	22	4	1	*
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	<i>Rising prices for food and consumer goods</i>					
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	75	21	3	1	*
	Sep 13-19, 2021	63	30	6	1	*
HC	The cost of healthcare					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	69	23	6	2	*
	Jul 6-12, 2026	69	22	7	2	*
	Jan 20-26, 2026	71	21	6	1	*
	ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:					
STCK	How the stock market is doing					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	21	36	29	13	1
	Jul 6-12, 2026	18	34	32	15	1
	Jan 20-26, 2026	20	38	30	11	1
	Sep 22-28, 2025	19	35	32	13	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	36	34	21	8	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	24	38	28	10	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	18	38	32	11	1
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	24	41	25	10	1
	Jan 18-24, 2023	26	38	26	9	1
	Oct 10-16, 2022	32	37	21	9	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	31	36	22	10	1
	ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:					
REAL	The cost of housing					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	66	23	9	2	*
	Jul 6-12, 2026	64	24	10	2	*
	Jan 20-26, 2026	62	26	9	2	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	61	27	9	2	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	61	26	10	3	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	69	22	6	2	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	64	25	9	1	1
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	61	27	9	2	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	60	27	10	2	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	60	27	10	3	*
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	60	27	10	3	*
ARTFCL	The role of artificial intelligence (AI) in the economy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	50	32	15	4	*
	Jul 6-12, 2026	49	31	15	4	*

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF DEMCARE AND REPCARE]**ASK ALL:**

DEMCARE How much does the Democratic Party care about people like you? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS REPCARE]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026		Jan 20-26, 2026	Jul 1-7, 2024 ²⁰
7	A great deal	6	6
15	Quite a bit	15	14
31	Some	32	28
20	Not too much	22	22
24	Not at all	24	29
2	No answer*	1	1

ASK ALL:

REPCARE How much does the Republican Party care about people like you? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS DEMCARE]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026		Jan 20-26, 2026	Jul 1-7, 2024 ²¹
5	A great deal	8	6
12	Quite a bit	15	14
25	Some	27	27
23	Not too much	23	24
33	Not at all	27	29
2	No answer*	1	1

ASK ALL:

DTCONF Thinking about Donald Trump's ability to handle a number of things, how confident are you that Donald Trump can do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	No answer*
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:						
HCP	Make good decisions about healthcare policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	11	22	23	42	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	13	22	22	42	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	17	22	19	42	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	16	25	19	39	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	23	26	17	34	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	19	24	20	36	1
TRAD	Negotiate favorable trade agreements with other countries					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	19	20	20	39	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	21	20	19	39	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	25	22	21	32	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	26	19	20	35	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	28	23	19	30	1
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	23	21	30	1
MIL	Use military force wisely					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	18	19	18	44	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	20	18	18	44	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	24	22	18	35	*
	Jan 6-19, 2020	26	19	16	39	1
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	24	20	20	35	1

²⁰ In July 2024, the words "Democratic Party" were not underlined.

²¹ In July 2024, the words "Republican Party" were not underlined.

DTCONF CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
EXEC	Manage the Executive Branch effectively					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	15	23	20	41	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	18	21	20	40	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	20	22	20	37	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	22	22	18	38	1
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:					
	Trump First Term					
	Jan 9-14, 2019	23	18	15	41	3
	Apr 25-May 1, 2018	21	24	18	34	3
	Jan 10-15, 2018	22	19	16	40	3
	Oct 25-30, 2017	23	19	15	42	1
	Apr 5-11, 2017	28	22	16	33	1
	Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	26	26	20	26	2
WRK	Work well with Democratic elected officials					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	5	18	29	47	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	6	19	27	47	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	7	20	24	49	1
	Jul 1-7, 2024	8	24	24	42	2
IMMI	Make good decisions about immigration policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	23	18	15	42	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	26	15	16	42	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	28	19	15	39	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	31	17	15	36	*
	Nov 12-17, 2024	35	18	15	31	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	35	17	14	34	*
	Jul 1-7, 2024	30	20	13	35	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	26	17	17	40	*
	July 22-Aug 4, 2019	25	16	15	43	*
MON	Reduce the influence of money in politics					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	8	16	25	50	1
	Aug 26- Sep 2, 2024	17	20	20	42	1
	ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:					
ECON	Make good decisions about economic policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	15	20	19	44	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	20	21	17	40	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	23	21	19	36	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	24	21	17	38	*
	Nov 12-17, 2024	35	24	14	26	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	34	21	15	28	1
	Jul 1-7, 2024	30	24	15	29	1
	Nov 12-17, 2020	32	21	17	29	*
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	28	22	18	31	1
	June 16-22, 2020	29	21	16	33	1
	Jan 6-19, 2020	32	21	18	29	1
	Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	29	21	15	35	*
FRGN	Make good decisions about foreign policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	15	20	18	46	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	18	20	17	45	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	22	21	19	38	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	24	20	17	39	*
	Nov 12-17, 2024	31	21	17	30	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	32	19	16	33	*
	Jul 1-7, 2024	26	22	15	35	2

DTCONF CONTINUED ...

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	19	17	39	1
	June 16-22, 2020	22	21	16	41	1
CRIM	Effectively handle law enforcement and criminal justice issues					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	18	21	17	43	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	20	21	18	41	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	24	20	18	37	*
	Nov 12-17, 2024	30	24	16	29	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	28	23	17	31	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	24	20	17	39	*
	June 16-22, 2020	19	23	17	41	1
CLSR	Bring the country closer together					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	6	15	22	56	1
	Apr 20-26, 2026	9	18	21	51	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	10	21	21	48	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	11	22	20	47	1
	Nov 12-17, 2024	16	24	20	39	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	15	21	19	44	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	11	18	20	51	1
	June 16-22, 2020	11	19	19	50	1
ABCN	Make good decisions about abortion policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	13	23	19	43	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	20	22	17	39	1
	Nov 12-17, 2024	22	23	18	36	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	19	24	17	39	1
	Jul 1-7, 2024	17	25	17	38	2
TAX	Make good decisions about tax policy					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	15	22	19	43	1
	Aug 4-10, 2025	21	21	20	38	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	23	22	18	37	*
AI	Make good decisions about policies around artificial intelligence (AI)					
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	9	22	24	44	1

ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:

DTBUSSEP How confident are you that Donald Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president?

Sep 28-Oct 4,

2026

13	Very confident
17	Somewhat confident
19	Not too confident
50	Not at all confident
1	No answer*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

How confident, if at all, are you that Donald Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president?

	-----CONFIDENT-----		-----NOT CONFIDENT-----		(VOL.) DK/Ref
	<u>Very</u> <u>Confident</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>Confident</u>	<u>Not too</u> <u>Confident</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>Confident</u>	
Jan 9-14, 2019	28	13	16	41	1
Jun 5-12, 2018	23	18	15	42	3
Jan 10-15, 2018	23	18	14	43	2
Feb 7-12, 2017	24	16	15	43	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

DTECON Since taking office, have Donald Trump's economic policies made economic conditions...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Not had much</u> <u>of an effect</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer*</u>
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	19	65	15	1
Jul 6-12, 2026	20	60	19	1
Jan 20-26, 2026	28	52	19	1
Sep 22-28, 2025	24	53	22	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	44	29	26	1
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	40	33	27	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Since taking office, have Joe Biden's economic policies made economic conditions...

	Jun 27-Jul 4, <u>2022</u>	Sep 13-19, <u>2021</u>
Better	11	26
Worse	56	40
Not had much of an effect	32	33
No answer*	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

LEADERCHAR Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

	Dislike <u>a lot</u>	Dislike <u>a little</u>	Neither like nor <u>dislike</u>	Like <u>a little</u>	Like <u>a lot</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

DATA Supports building data centers in areas
near you
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026

41	18	32	5	3	1
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ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:

LEADERCHAR_DSA How much do you like or dislike political leaders who identify as democratic socialists? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

Sep 28-Oct 4,
2026

Jan 20-26,
2026

31	Dislike a lot
8	Dislike a little
41	Neither like nor dislike
9	Like a little
9	Like a lot
2	No answer*

28
9
43
8
9
3

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders.²²

	Dislike <u>a lot</u>	Dislike <u>a little</u>	Neither like nor <u>dislike</u>	Like <u>a little</u>	Like <u>a lot</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
DSA Identifies as a Democratic Socialist						
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	34	11	35	10	8	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	34	9	37	9	8	2

²²

In 2021 and 2022, the question was part of a battery list that asked "Please indicate how much you like or dislike each of the following characteristics of political leaders." A previously published version of this topline did not show this as a trend for comparison.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

TARIFF2_APP

From what you've heard or read, do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's tariff policies on goods imported from most countries that trade with the U.S.? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Sep 28-Oct 4,
2026

11	Strongly approve
23	Somewhat approve
23	Somewhat disapprove
40	Strongly disapprove
2	No answer*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

TARIFF_APP

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration substantially increasing tariffs on goods imported from most countries that trade with the U.S.?

	Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>	Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>	Apr 7-13, <u>2025</u>
Strongly approve	13	15	17
Somewhat approve	25	23	22
Somewhat disapprove	22	22	17
Strongly disapprove	39	39	43
No answer*	2	1	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TARIFFS_COUNTRY2 AND TARIFFS_INDIV2]**ASK ALL:**

TARIFFS_COUNTRY2 Do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on the country as a whole over the coming years will be ...**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS_INDIV2, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u> ²³	Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>
20	Mostly positive	25	26
56	Mostly negative	51	55
22	About equally positive and negative	23	19
1	No answer*	1	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TARIFFS_COUNTRY2 AND TARIFFS_INDIV2]**ASK ALL:**

TARIFFS_INDIV2 Do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on your and your family over the coming years will be ...**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS_COUNTRY2, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u> ²⁴	Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>
16	Mostly positive	19	21
57	Mostly negative	52	55
25	About equally positive and negative	28	24
1	No answer*	1	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

MIL_IRAN_APP Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling the U.S. military action against Iran? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN THE SAME ORDER AS TARIFF2_APP]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Apr 20-26, <u>2026</u>	Mar 16-22, <u>2026</u>
14	Strongly approve	18	18
20	Somewhat approve	18	19
20	Somewhat disapprove	17	17
44	Strongly disapprove	45	44
2	No answer*	2	2

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

MIL_IRAN_RGHTWRNG Do you think the United States' initial decision to use military force in Iran in February 2026 was the... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, <u>2026</u>		Apr 20-26, <u>2026</u> ²⁵	Mar 16-22, <u>2026</u>
34	Right decision	38	38
62	Wrong decision	59	59
4	No answer*	3	3

²³ In January 2026 and August 2025, the question asked "From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on the country as a whole over the coming years will be..."

²⁴ In January 2026 and August 2025, the question asked "From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on you and your family over the coming years will be..."

²⁵ In March and April 2026, the question asked "Do you think the U.S. made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Iran?"

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

TRMP_IRN_CLEAR How clear do you think the Trump administration's goals are in the conflict with Iran? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 LAST]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026		Apr 20-26, 2026
8	Extremely clear	11
12	Very clear	14
15	Somewhat clear	15
17	Not too clear	17
34	Not at all clear	31
	[SPACE]	
14	Not sure	12
1	No answer*	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

TRMP_IRN_GOALS How confident are you that the Trump administration will achieve its goals in the conflict with Iran? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 LAST]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026		Apr 20-26, 2026
7	Extremely confident	9
9	Very confident	13
16	Somewhat confident	16
17	Not too confident	19
34	Not at all confident	30
	[SPACE]	
15	Not sure	12
1	No answer*	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

IRNCRN Thinking about the current U.S. military action against Iran, how concerned are you about each of the following? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 LAST]**

		Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not too concerned	Not concerned at all	Not sure	No answer*
GAS	Higher gas and fuel prices							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	50	23	14	6	2	5	1
	Mar 23-29, 2026	45	24	19	6	3	4	1
WPN	A shortage of weapons for the U.S. military							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	20	19	19	20	12	9	1
	Mar 23-29, 2026	15	16	21	24	15	9	*
TRP	The U.S. sending ground troops into Iran							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	31	27	22	8	3	7	1
	Mar 23-29, 2026	35	26	21	10	3	5	1
TER	Terrorist attacks in the U.S.							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	26	23	27	13	4	7	1
	Mar 23-29, 2026	31	25	26	10	3	4	*
CAS2	American troops being wounded or killed							
	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	41	30	16	4	2	6	1

ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:

MIL_IRAN_LAST Just your best guess, how much longer do you think the U.S. military action against Iran will last? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026		Mar 16-22, 2026
2	Less than a month	8
18	More than a month, but no more than six months	35
30	More than six months, but no more than a year	25
47	More than a year	29
3	No answer*	3

ASK IF CITIZEN (X_CITIZEN=1):

VOTE_MOTIV Thinking about voting in congressional elections this year, would you say that you are personally...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=3,917]:

	Extremely motivated to vote	Very motivated to vote	Somewhat motivated to vote	Not too motivated to vote	Not at all motivated to vote	No answer*
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	47	22	17	9	5	1
Oct 10-16, 2022 ²⁶	50	22	16	7	5	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON;**ASK IF ABSOLUTELY OR PROBABLY REGISTERED TO VOTE, OR PLAN TO REGISTER TO VOTE :**

VOTE_MOTIV Thinking about voting in the presidential election, would you say that you are personally...

	Extremely motivated to vote	Very motivated to vote	Somewhat motivated to vote	Not too motivated to vote	Not at all motivated to vote	No answer*
Sept 30-Oct 6, 2024	55	21	14	6	4	*
Aug 5-11, 2024	66	14	10	6	4	*
Jul 1-7, 2024	56	16	12	9	6	*

ASK ALL:

PREDELEC Just your best guess, after the elections this November, which political party do you think will hold a majority in... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

	Republican Party	Democratic Party	No answer*
a. The U.S. Senate			
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	48	46	5
Oct 10-16, 2022	52	43	5
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	57	40	3
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	45	52	3
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	49	46	5
b. The U.S. House of Representatives			
Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	40	55	5
Oct 10-16, 2022	54	41	5
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	51	46	3
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	57	40	3
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	57	38	5

²⁶

In 2022, this question was asked of all registered voters, those who were unsure of their registration and those who planned to register. Results from both years are based only on registered voters.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**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...²⁷

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
27	29	29	13	2	17	20

²⁷

PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.