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We surveyed 5,062 U.S. adults, including 3,917 registered voters, from Sept. 28 to Oct. 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](#).

# With Americans in a Sour Mood, Democratic Voters Are More Engaged in Midterms

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The 2026 midterm election is taking place amid deep public dissatisfaction with the state of the nation, near-record low approval ratings of President Donald Trump, and growing negativity about national economic conditions and the ongoing conflict with Iran.

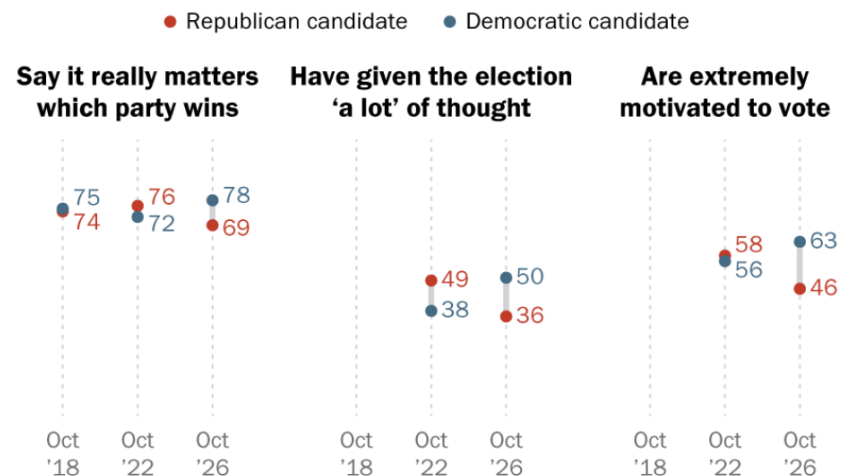
Against this backdrop, Democratic candidates now hold an 8 percentage point edge over Republican candidates in preferences for the House of Representatives among all registered voters nationally.

And while many registered voters will not turn out to vote this fall, **Democratic candidates are also buoyed by their supporters’ relatively high levels of engagement and stated motivation to vote when compared with those who are backing Republican candidates.** For example:

- 78% of voters who back their House district’s Democratic candidate say it “really matters” which party wins control of Congress – 9 points higher than the share of Republican backers who say this.
- In contrast, Republican candidate supporters were 4 points higher on this measure than Democratic supporters at a similar point before the 2022 midterm election.

## Heading into the midterm home stretch Democratic voters are more invested, motivated than GOP voters

*Among registered voters who support the \_\_\_ for the House of Representatives this November, % who ...*



Note: Based on registered voters.

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

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The partisan gap is also wide on other measures of engagement: Democratic supporters are 14 points more likely than Republican supporters to say they have given this year’s election “a lot” of thought and 17 points more likely to say they are “extremely motivated” to vote this year.

A new Pew Research Center survey of 5,062 U.S. adults – including 3,917 registered voters – conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026, also finds that Donald Trump’s approval rating now stands at 30% – the lowest of his second term. Most voters (63%) consider Trump a factor in their vote for Congress, with far more thinking of their choice as a vote *against* the president (44%) than *for* him (19%).

As economic ratings turn more [negative and concerns about prices rise](#) – particularly for gas and energy – **the economy continues to rank as the top voting issue this year, across the political spectrum:** 84% of registered voters – including 88% of those who support Democrats and 82% who back Republicans – say it is very important to their vote.

## The midterm race

Democrats currently hold an 8 percentage point edge in national vote preferences, with 44% of all registered voters saying they would support a Democrat for the House if the election were held today and 36% preferring a Republican. Another 5% say they would select a different candidate and 15% say they aren’t sure.

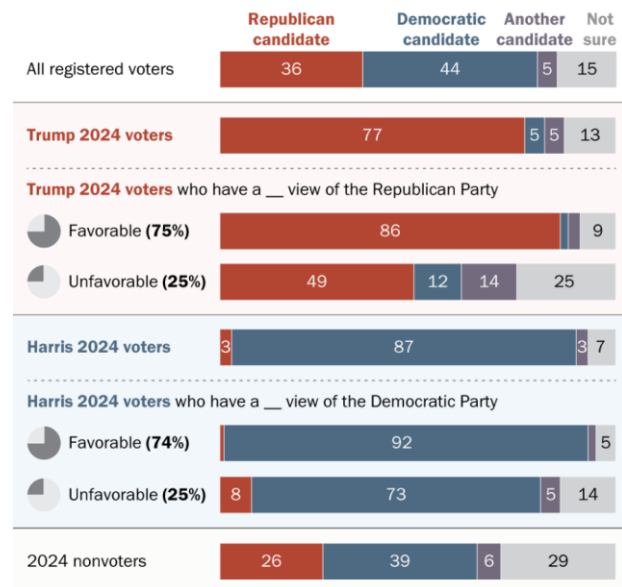
**Among validated voters – confirmed to have voted in the 2024 election – those who voted for Trump are less consolidated behind GOP candidates (77%) than Kamala Harris’ voters are behind Democratic candidates (87%).**

The difference is even more pronounced among voters who are disaffected with the party they backed in 2024 – who make up a quarter of each 2024 coalition:

- 49% of Trump voters who have an unfavorable view of the GOP today support Republican candidates for the House this year. While only 12% say they back Democrats, more than a third say either that they are “not sure” (25%) or prefer “another candidate” (14%).

### Trump voters who view GOP negatively are less loyal to the party’s midterm candidates than Harris voters with negative views of the Democratic Party

% of registered voters who say that if the election were held today, they would vote for the \_\_\_ for U.S. House of Representatives in their district



Note: Based on registered voters. Nonvoters include those who did not vote in 2024 but were eligible to do so, as well as those who were not eligible to vote. Validated Trump and Harris voters are adult citizens for whom a record of voting was found in official state election records. Vote choice was collected in a survey conducted in the month after the 2024 election.

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

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- In contrast, Harris voters with a negative view of the Democratic Party are much more solid in their preferences for Democrats this year: 73% say they support Democratic House candidates.

In both 2024 coalitions, these disaffected voters are less engaged with the election than those who have positive views of the parties – but that is particularly the case among Trump’s 2024 voters. For instance, just 36% of Trump voters with an unfavorable view of the GOP say the outcome this November really matters. By comparison, 65% of Harris voters with a negative view of the Democratic Party say it does.

For more on demographic differences in candidate support, jump to [“Midterm Vote Preferences by Race and Ethnicity, Age and Other Demographics”](#) and explore the [detailed tables](#).

## Trump’s approval rating continues to drop

Three-in-ten Americans now say they approve of Trump’s handling of his job as president, while 68% disapprove – down 4 percentage points from July and his lowest approval rating of his second term.

**Much of this decline in his approval ratings over the course of his term is among Trump’s own 2024 voters** – 67% of validated Trump 2024 voters approve of his job performance today while 31% disapprove. At the beginning of his term, 95% approved.

## Trump’s approval rating drops to 30% – on par with his rating prior to leaving office in January 2021

% who **approve** of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president



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

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Some of the starkest declines have come among Hispanic and younger voters who backed Trump in 2024.

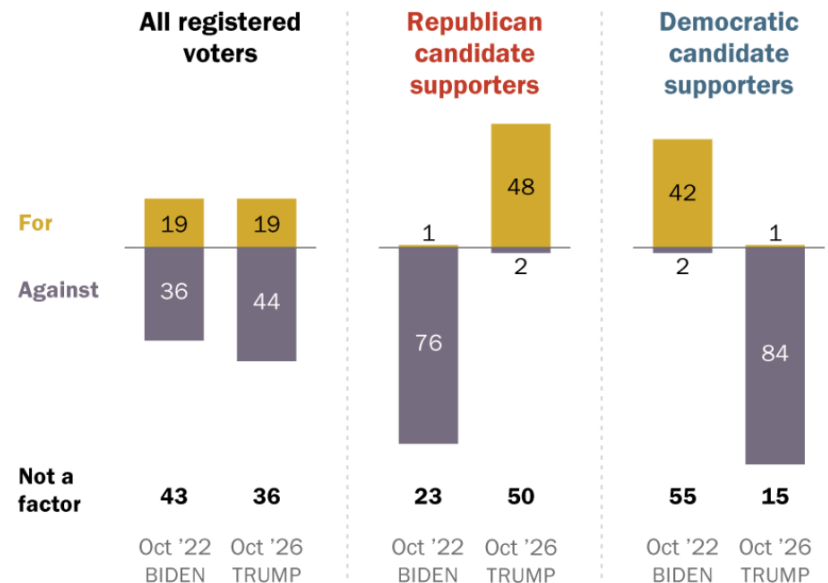
For more on Trump's approval ratings and confidence in his governing and handling of issues, read ["Trump's Approval Rating Drops as Fewer Americans Are Confident in His Handling of the Economy, Other Issues."](#)

### Trump is more of a factor in voters' choices this year than Joe Biden was four

**years ago.** While voters in most recent midterms have [tended to be motivated more by opposition to the sitting president](#) than support for him, the current gap is wider than it was four years ago – when 36% of voters saw their vote in opposition to Biden and 19% viewed it as in support of him.

### Most Democratic supporters view their vote as being against Trump; about half of Republicans say their vote is for him

% of registered voters who think about their vote for Congress this fall as a vote \_\_\_ the president



Note: Based on registered voters. No answer responses are not shown.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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## Other key findings

**Satisfaction with the state of the nation has dropped to 39% among Republicans overall (including those who lean to the GOP).** This is the lowest of Trump’s second term (down from 65% shortly after he entered office and 54% at the beginning of this year). Overall, 22% of Americans say they are satisfied with the state of the nation, while 77% are dissatisfied.

**Majorities of voters consider the future of democracy (73%), healthcare (68%), education (62%), immigration (59%) and foreign policy (57%) as important to their vote.** As in past elections, immigration is a more central issue for Republican voters (72% say it’s very important) than for Democratic voters (53%) – but Democratic voters see it as a more important issue than they did four years ago.

For more on the top issues in the election, read “[Economy ranks as top issue in midterms for all voters – but partisans differ over the importance of other issues.](#)”

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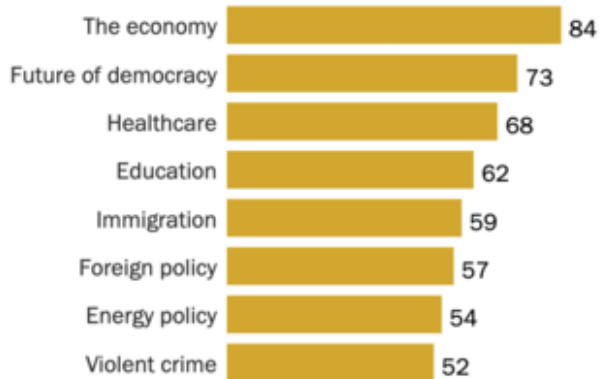
**The U.S. military action in Iran remains deeply unpopular, and most Americans think it won’t end soon.** A third of Americans approve of how Trump is handling the conflict – down from 37% in March, shortly after it began. About three-quarters of Americans (77%) expect the conflict to last another six months or more.

**Most voters (61%) say they dislike elected officials who support building data centers in their area; just 8% like this.** While dislike is especially widespread among Democratic voters (75% dislike), on balance Republican voters also do not like leaders who support data centers (44% dislike, 14% like).

**Related:** [Americans’ Views of Data Centers Have Turned More Negative](#)

### Economy tops voters’ list of election issues this year

% of registered voters who say each is **very important** to their vote in the 2026 congressional elections



Note: Based on registered voters. No answer responses are not shown. Issues named by at least 50% of voters are shown here. Refer to topline for full distribution and list of items.

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

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# Midterm Vote Preferences by Race and Ethnicity, Age and Other Demographics

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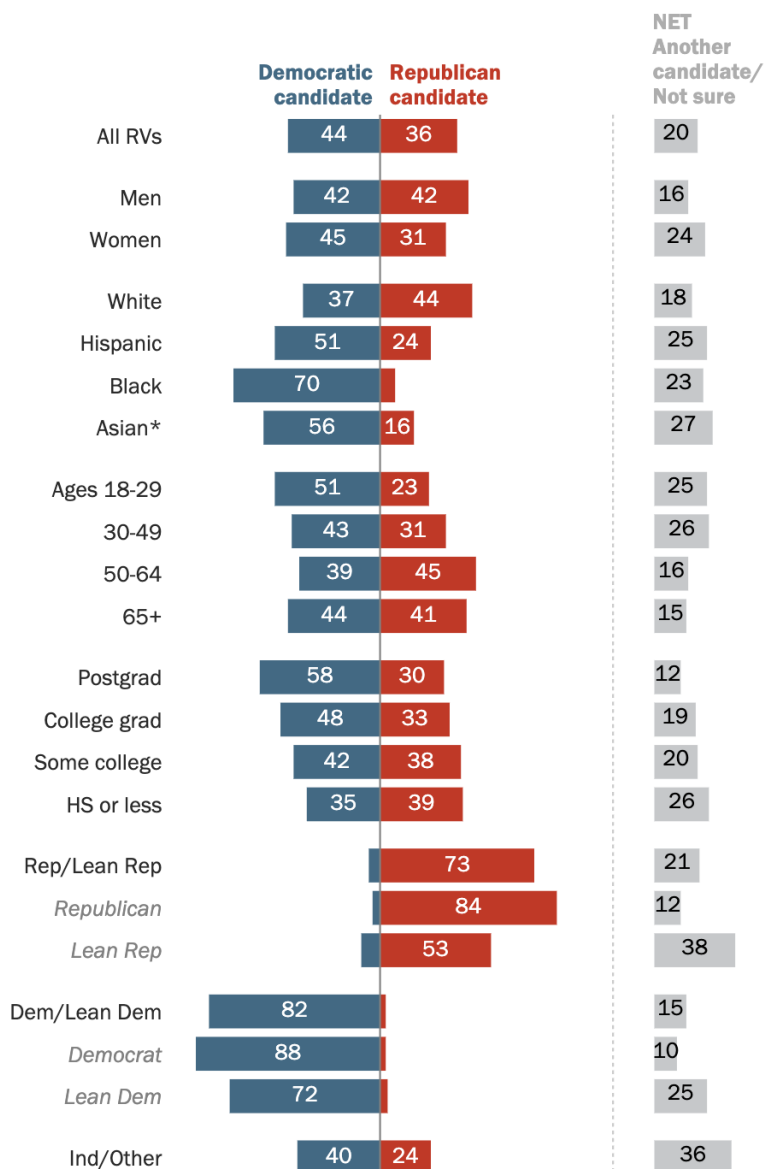
With several weeks to go until Election Day, Americans who are registered to vote favor Democrats over Republicans in the national race for the House of Representatives by an 8 percentage point margin (44% to 36%). About two-in-ten registered voters say they would vote for a third-party candidate or are not sure.

This analysis is among **all registered voters** – many of whom will not turn out in this November's midterm elections. For example, 46% of those eligible [voted in the 2022 midterm elections](#).

**While those who turn out in elections often differ from those who do not, including in their vote choice**, the ways groups of voters overall view the choice illustrate wide – and familiar – differences in voting preferences by gender, race, education, age and political party.

## Midterm vote preferences in key demographic groups

% of registered voters who say that if the election were held today, they would vote for the \_\_\_ for U.S. House of Representatives in their district



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

Note: Based on registered voters. White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic; Hispanics are of any race. The survey used geographic information provided by respondents to present them the names and party affiliations of the candidates running in their congressional districts in most districts. Refer to the topline for more details.

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

### *Gender*

**Men** are evenly divided: 42% say they would vote for the Democratic candidate in their district, and 42% say they would vote for the Republican.

**Women** support Democratic candidates by a 14-point margin, 45% vs. 31% for Republicans.

### *Race and ethnicity*

**White voters** tilt toward Republicans, 44% to 37%.

Among **Hispanic voters**, Democratic candidates hold a 51% to 24% advantage. A quarter of Hispanic voters say they would support another candidate or are not sure.

In the [2024 presidential election](#), Hispanic voters were nearly evenly split in their vote preference. But in previous midterm and presidential elections over the past two decades, they have supported Democrats by considerable margins.

Seven-in-ten **Black voters** support Democratic candidates, while 7% back Republicans.

Among **Asian voters**, 56% support Democrats, and 16% choose Republicans. A combined 27% would vote for another candidate or are not sure.

### *Age*

As in previous midterm elections, younger voters tilt Democratic. Voters ages 50 and older are more divided:

- **Voters ages 18 to 29** prefer Democrats over Republicans by a two-to-one margin: 51% to 23%. A quarter say they are not sure or would support another candidate.
- **Voters 30 to 49** tilt toward Democrats – 43% vs. 31% for Republicans – with 26% backing another candidate or saying they’re not sure.
- Republicans have a modest advantage among **voters 50 to 64**, 45% to 39%.
- **Voters 65 and older** are divided: 44% support Democrats, and 41% back Republicans.

### *Education*

Like in recent elections, voters with bachelor’s degrees or more education are more likely than those with less education to support Democratic candidates.

Democrats have a wide advantage among **voters with a postgraduate degree** (58% vs. Republicans' 30%). They also have a sizable, though narrower, advantage among **voters with a bachelor's degree but without a postgraduate degree** (48% to 33%).

**Voters who attended some college but do not have bachelor's degrees** (42% for Democrats and 38% for Republicans) and **voters who did not attend college** (35% for Democrats and 39% for Republicans) are more divided.

### *Party identification*

Though very few voters who identify with or lean toward a political party say they would vote for the other party's congressional candidates, Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are more united than their GOP counterparts.

Among **Republicans and Republican leaners**, 73% prefer Republican candidates, while 6% prefer Democrats. About two-in-ten would pick another candidate or are not sure.

By contrast, 82% of **Democrats and Democratic leaners** say they would vote for Democratic candidates, and just 2% would vote for Republicans. About 15% prefer another candidate or are not sure.

*For more information on groups' congressional vote preferences, refer to the [detailed tables](#).*

### **A specific, not generic, ballot**

For this survey, respondents were presented with the names and partisan affiliations of the major-party candidates on the ballot in their congressional district, based on geographic information they provided. They were also presented with options to choose "another candidate" or say they were not sure.

Respondents in Alaska (where there are four candidates on the [general election ballot](#)), Louisiana and Missouri (where a late change to the congressional map has resulted in an open, majority-vote primary held in November) received generic Republican and Democratic candidate choices. In districts where one of the two major parties did not field a candidate, respondents were given the option to choose a generic member of the party opposite the named candidate in their district.

## Midterm preferences and engagement

Voters who are highly attentive to this year's elections favor Democrats by a wide margin.

The Democratic advantage is not as wide among all those who turned out to vote in either the most recent presidential (2024) or midterm (2022) elections.

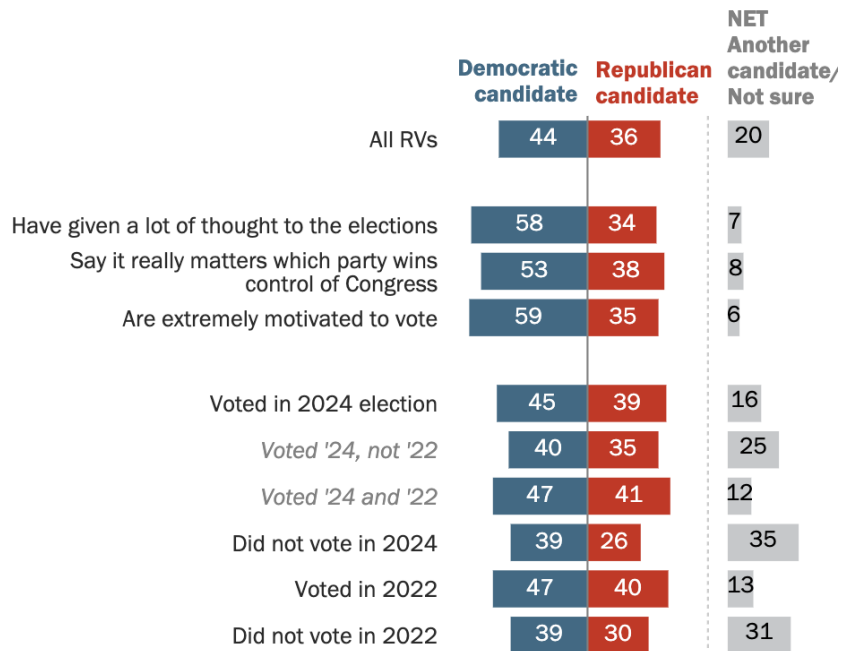
### *Vote preference among highly engaged voters*

- Among voters who say they have **given a lot of thought** to the election, Democrats lead Republicans, 58% to 34%.
- Among voters who say it **really matters** who wins, Democrats lead, 53% to 38%.
- Among voters who say they are **extremely motivated** to vote, Democrats lead, 59% to 35%.

Democrats' leads contrast the last [midterm elections in 2022](#), when voters who said it really mattered who won or were extremely motivated were evenly divided in their preferences, and those who had given a lot of thought tilted to GOP candidates.

### **Voters who are highly engaged in midterms are particularly supportive of Democratic candidates**

*% of registered voters who say that if the election were held today, they would vote for the \_\_\_ for U.S. House of Representatives in their district*



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### *Vote preference and turnout in recent elections*

Compared with Democrats' wide advantages among the most engaged voters, Democrats hold more modest leads among voters who have a validated record of voting in the 2024 presidential election (45% to 39%) and those who voted in *both* 2024 and 2022 (47% to 41%).

Democrats also lead among voters who *didn't* vote in 2024 or 2022. However, roughly one-in-three of these 2024 or 2022 nonvoters say they support a third-party candidate or are not sure – a larger share than those who voted in 2024 (16%) or 2022 (13%).

# Economy Ranks as Top Issue in Midterms for All Voters – But Partisans Differ Over the Importance of Other Issues

The economy is the dominant issue for midterm voters in this fall's congressional elections.

As Americans express growing concerns about [economic conditions and the cost of necessities](#), 84% of registered voters say the economy is very important to their midterm vote.

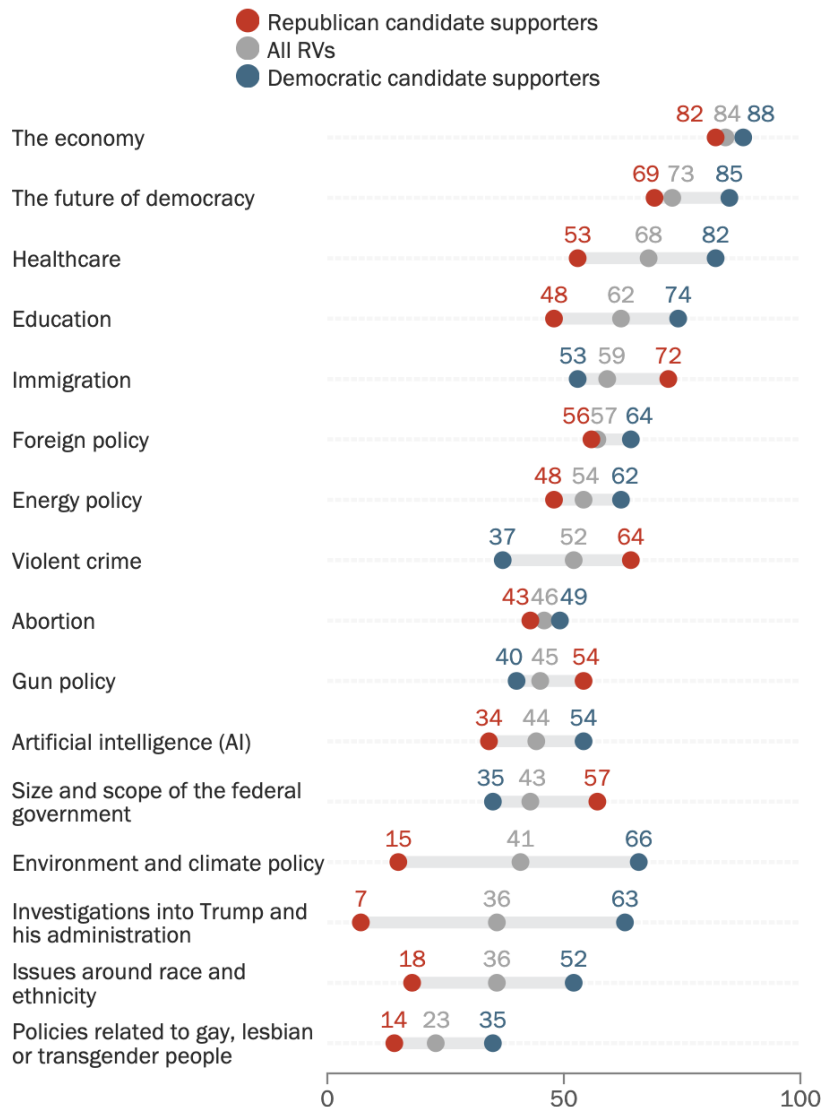
It is the top issue among both voters who prefer Republican candidates in the congressional elections (82%) and those who back Democrats (88%).

Clear majorities of Republican and Democratic voters also say the future of democracy is very important to their vote – though Democrats are more likely to say this than Republicans (85% vs. 69%, respectively).

*This is part of a [larger report on the attitudes and dynamics shaping the 2026 midterm elections](#).*

## Republican and Democratic voters rate economy as top voting issue in midterms

*% of registered voters who say each of the following issues are **very important** to their vote in the 2026 congressional elections*



Note: Based on registered voters.

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

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**Republican and Democratic voters differ considerably over the importance of many other issues asked about on the survey.**

The two largest differences across the 16 items asked on the survey are on “investigations into Trump and his administration” (56 percentage point gap), as well as environmental and climate policy (51 percentage point gap) – both of which rank as very important for most Democratic voters but far fewer Republican voters.

There are also sizable gaps on violent crime (which Republican voters are considerably more likely to see as important to their vote) and issues around race and ethnicity, healthcare and education (which Democrats are more likely to see as important to their vote).

### *Artificial intelligence and the 2026 midterms*

**Artificial intelligence (AI) ranks fairly low as an election issue: 44% of voters say it is very important to their vote this year.** However, Democratic voters (54%) are more likely to say it is very important to their vote than Republican voters (34%).

A separate question on data centers finds that **voters across the political spectrum dislike political leaders who support building data centers in areas near them**: 61% say this, while just 8% say they *like* political leaders who back data centers in their area.

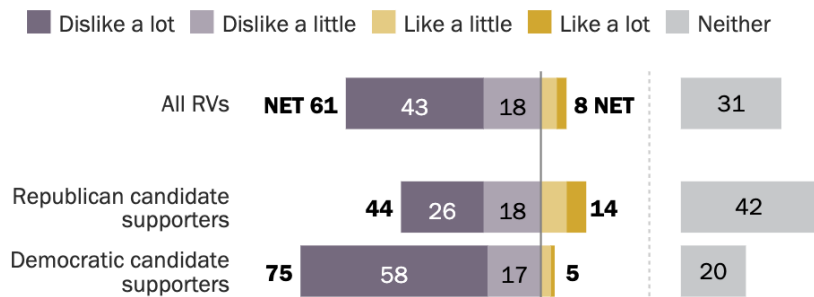
This sentiment is particularly widespread among Democratic voters: 75% dislike leaders who support data centers, while just 5% like this in a leader.

But by about three-to-one, Republicans on balance also dislike leaders who support building data centers locally

(44% say they dislike them and 14% say they like them). A sizeable share of Republicans express indifference, though: 42% say they neither like nor dislike this in a leader.

### **Widespread dislike of political leaders who support building data centers locally, particularly among Democratic voters**

*% of registered voters who \_\_\_ political leaders who support building data centers in areas near them*



Note: Based on registered voters. No answer responses are not shown.  
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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## How do 2026 midterm voting issues compare to 2022?

The economy is the top voting issue for both Republican and Democratic voters in 2026. But Republican voters are *less* likely to say it is very important to their vote than they were to say this at a similar point before the 2022 midterms (82% now vs. 92% then). The reverse is true among Democratic voters: The economy's importance has risen 23 percentage points since 2022 (88% today vs. 65% then).

Immigration is seen as a more important voting issue among Democratic voters today than four years ago (+17 percentage points). Among Republican voters, 72% say it is important today and 76% said it was important in 2022.

Abortion and gun policy are also considerably less central to Democratic voters' considerations this year than in 2022. Among Republican voters, education policy and energy policy are less important than they were four years ago.

## Compared with 2022, Republican and Democratic voters' priorities in 2026 have shifted in different directions on many issues – including the economy

*% of registered voters who say each of the following issues are very important to their vote for Congress*

|                                                  | All RVs<br>'22 | All RVs<br>'26 | '26-'22<br>Diff | Rep RVs<br>'22 | Rep RVs<br>'26 | '26-'22<br>Diff | Dem RVs<br>'22 | Dem RVs<br>'26 | '26-'22<br>Diff |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| The economy                                      | 79             | 84             | 5               | 92             | 82             | -10             | 65             | 88             | 23              |
| The future of democracy                          | 70             | 73             | 3               | 70             | 69             | -1              | 80             | 85             | 5               |
| Healthcare                                       | 63             | 68             | 5               | 42             | 53             | 11              | 79             | 82             | 3               |
| Education                                        | 64             | 62             | -2              | 60             | 48             | -12             | 66             | 74             | 8               |
| Immigration                                      | 54             | 59             | 5               | 76             | 72             | -4              | 36             | 53             | 17              |
| Foreign policy                                   | 54             | 57             | 3               | 62             | 56             | -6              | 49             | 64             | 15              |
| Energy policy                                    | 61             | 54             | -7              | 63             | 48             | -15             | 63             | 62             | -1              |
| Violent crime                                    | 61             | 52             | -9              | 74             | 64             | -10             | 45             | 37             | -8              |
| Abortion                                         | 56             | 46             | -10             | 39             | 43             | 4               | 75             | 49             | -26             |
| Gun policy                                       | 57             | 45             | -12             | 56             | 54             | -2              | 62             | 40             | -22             |
| Size and scope of federal government             | 41             | 43             | 2               | 60             | 57             | -3              | 26             | 35             | 9               |
| Investigations into Trump and his administration | 30             | 36             | 6               | 7              | 7              | 0               | 56             | 63             | 7               |
| Issues around race and ethnicity                 | 34             | 36             | 2               | 13             | 18             | 5               | 52             | 52             | 0               |

Note: Based on registered voters. In 2022, "artificial intelligence (AI)" and "policies related to people who are gay, lesbian or transgender" were not asked and are omitted from the table. In 2026, item asked about "environment and climate policy," and in 2022, item asked about "climate policy;" so trends are not directly comparable. Rep RVs refer to registered voters who say they support a Republican candidate in the midterms. Dem RVs refer to registered voters who say they support a Democratic candidate in the midterms.

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

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## Trump's Approval Rating Drops as Fewer Americans Are Confident in His Handling of the Economy, Other Issues

*31% of Trump's 2024 voters disapprove of his job performance*

Three-in-ten Americans now approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 68% disapprove.

Trump's approval rating has dropped substantially over the course of his second term – his current rating is comparable to the lowest rating of his first term (29% according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted in the days between Jan. 6, 2021, and the end of his first term).

Confidence in Trump's handling of several key issues, including the economy, foreign policy and immigration, is also lower than at the beginning of his term. Also, most Americans (69%) say they have little confidence in Trump to keep his business interests separate from his presidential decision-making.

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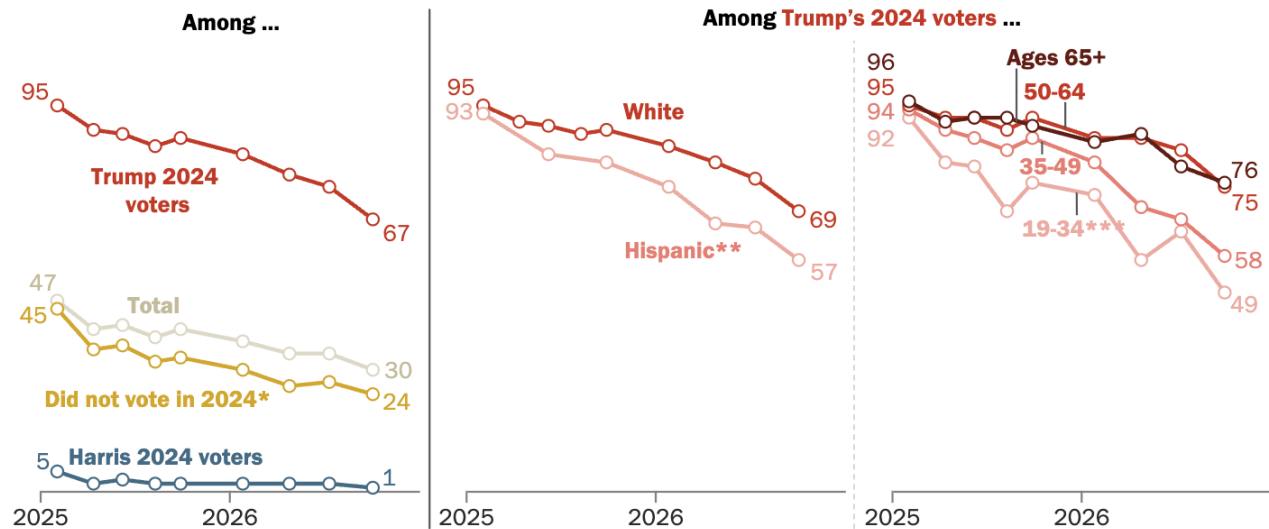
### Trump's approval among his 2024 voters

The decline in Trump's approval ratings is particularly pronounced among those who voted for him in 2024, and among those who did not vote:

- 67% of Trump's 2024 voters now approve of his performance, down from 75% in July, 83% at the beginning of this year and 95% early in his second term.
- Today, 24% of those who did not vote in 2024 approve of Trump's performance.

## Trump's approval rating is down among his 2024 voters, with declines most pronounced among his younger and Hispanic supporters

% who **approve** of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president



\* Nonvoters include those who did not vote in 2024 but were eligible to do so, as well as those who were not eligible to vote.

\*\* The February 2025 survey sampled 148 Hispanic Trump voters, for an effective sample size of 95 and a margin of error of +/- 10.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

\*\*\* The youngest adults who were eligible to vote in 2024 are currently 19 years old.

Note: White adults include those who report only being one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Validated Trump and Harris voters are adult citizens who have an official state record of voting. Vote choice was collected in a survey conducted in the month after the 2024 election.

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

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Among Trump's own 2024 voters, his approval rating is down particularly among Hispanic voters and younger voters:

- 57% of Trump's 2024 Hispanic backers now approve of his performance in office, compared with 69% of White 2024 Trump voters.
- 49% of 2024 Trump voters ages 19 to 34 and 58% of those 35 to 49 approve, compared with 76% of 2024 Trump voters ages 50 and older.

Hardly any of those who voted for Kamala Harris in 2024 (1%) approve of Trump's performance in office – this is little changed over the course of his term.

For more on Trump's job approval rating among demographic groups, explore the [detailed tables](#).

## Confidence in Trump on key issues declines

*Public confidence in Trump on several key issues has declined over his term*

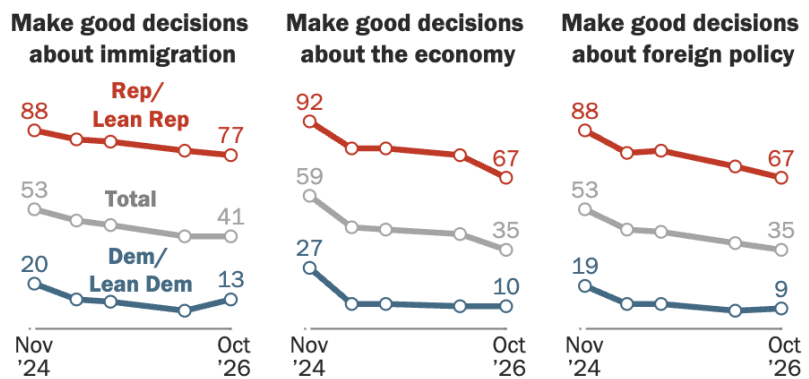
For example, 35% of Americans now say they are very or somewhat confident in Trump to make good decisions about economic policy – down 7 percentage points since April and 10 percentage points since April 2025.

Two-thirds of Republicans now express confidence in Trump on this issue, down from 77% in April of this year and 80% in April of last year. One-in-ten Democrats express confidence on this issue – little changed over his term.

Public confidence in Trump on foreign policy and immigration is also lower than it was earlier in his term.

### Confidence in Trump on economy, foreign policy, immigration is lower than earlier in his term

% who are **very/somewhat confident** Trump can do each of the following



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*Americans' confidence in Trump on working with Democrats, governing is down*

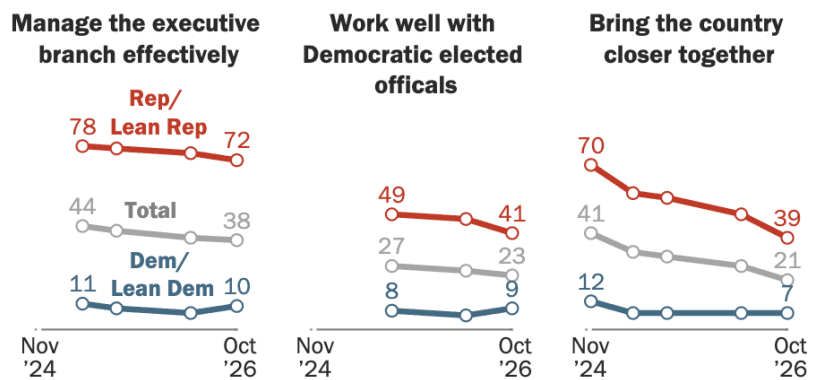
About two-in-ten Americans (21%) now say they have confidence in Trump to bring the country closer together. This is a drop from 33% who said this at the beginning of his term, with the decline driven largely by changing GOP views. About four-in-ten Republicans (39%) now say they have confidence in Trump to do this, down 19 points from April 2025.

Public opinion of Trump's ability to manage the executive branch and work well with Democrats has decreased modestly since early in his term: 38% of Americans, including 72% of Republicans, now say they have confidence in Trump to manage the executive branch. Fewer (23%) see him as able to work well with Democrats.

Full trends on confidence in Trump on other issues can be [found in the appendix](#).

### **GOP confidence in Trump to bring the country closer together has declined**

*% who are **very/somewhat confident** Trump can do each of the following*



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## How confident are Americans that Trump keeps his business interests separate from his presidential role?

Three-in-ten Americans say they are very or somewhat confident that Trump keeps his business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president. More than twice that share (69%) say they are not too or not at all confident in this.

### Views among Republicans

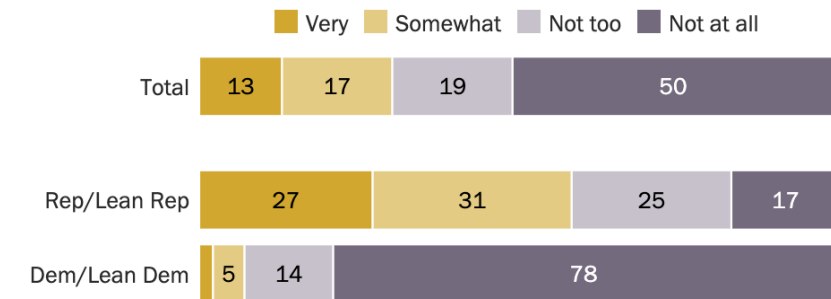
A majority of Republicans (58%) express at least some confidence that Trump keeps his business interests and presidential actions separate, including 27% who are very confident.

### Views among Democrats

Just 7% of Democrats are very or somewhat confident that Trump keeps his business interests and decisions as president separate. Nearly eight-in-ten Democrats (78%) say they are not at all confident.

### Half of Americans are 'not at all' confident Trump keeps business interests and presidential decisions separate

*% who say they are \_\_\_ confident that Trump keeps his own business interests separate from the decisions he makes as president*



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

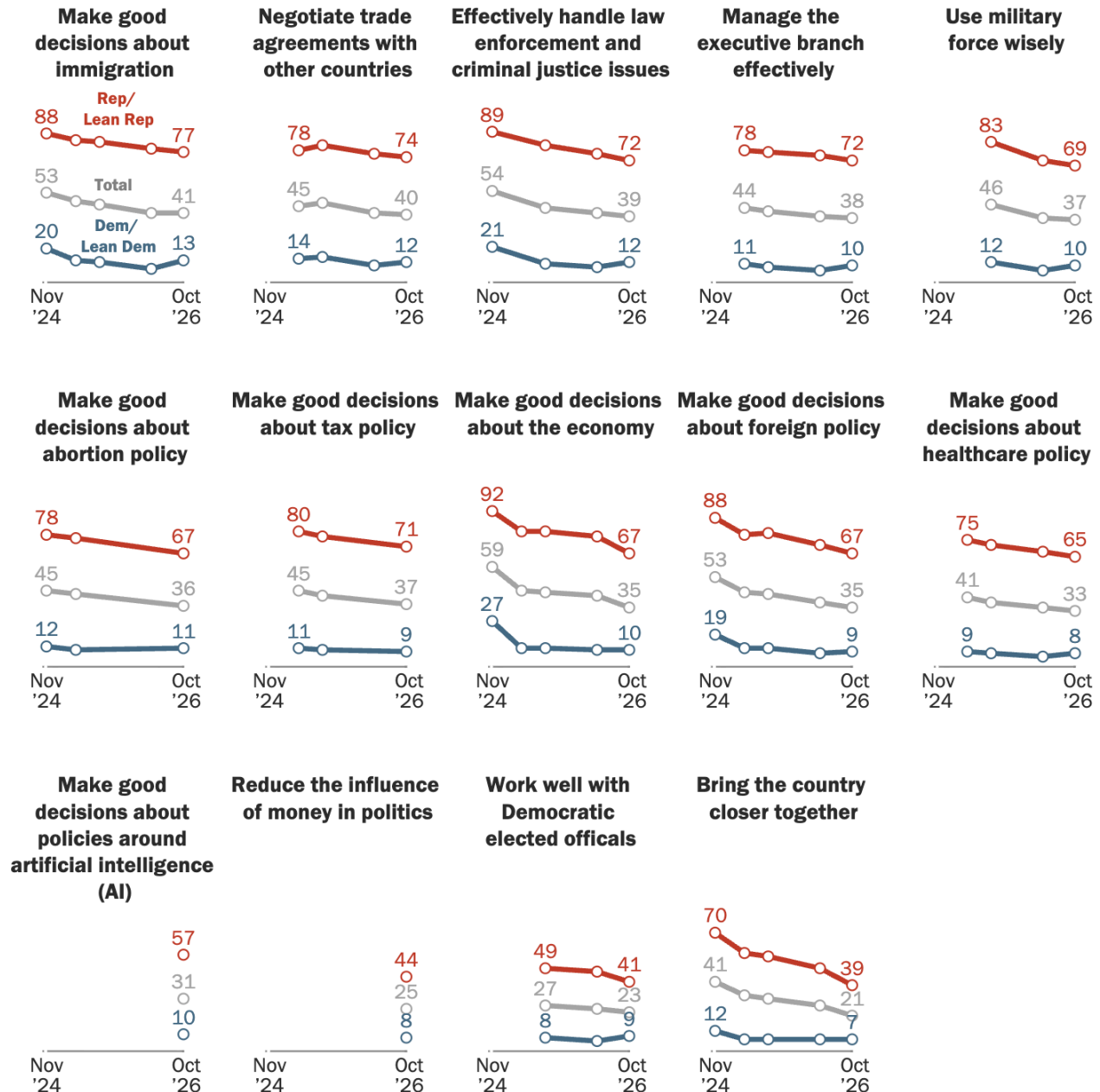
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Sept. 28-Oct. 4, 2026.

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## Appendix: Additional Charts

### Confidence in Trump declines on several issues

% who are *very/somewhat confident* Trump can do each of the following



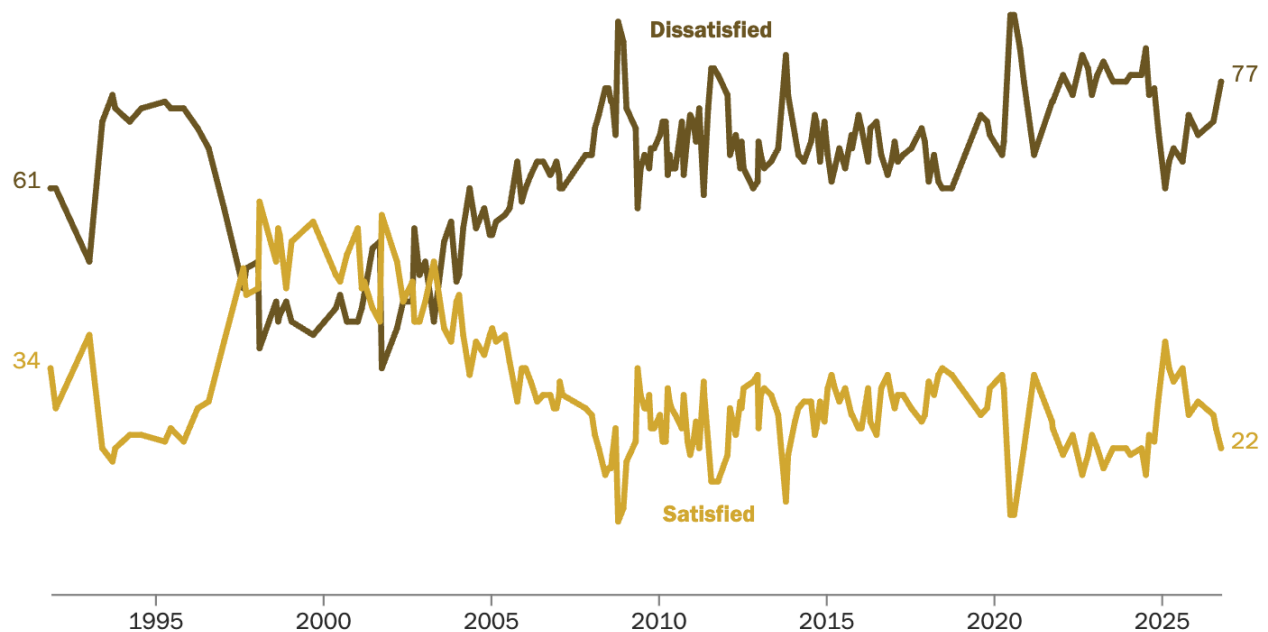
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**Americans' satisfaction with how things are going in the country remains low**

*% of U.S. adults who say they are \_\_\_ with the way things are going in the country today*



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

Source: Pew Research Center surveys, November 1991-January 2026. Surveys from 1991-2018 were conducted by telephone; surveys from 2019 and later were conducted mainly online among respondents in the Center's American Trends Panel.

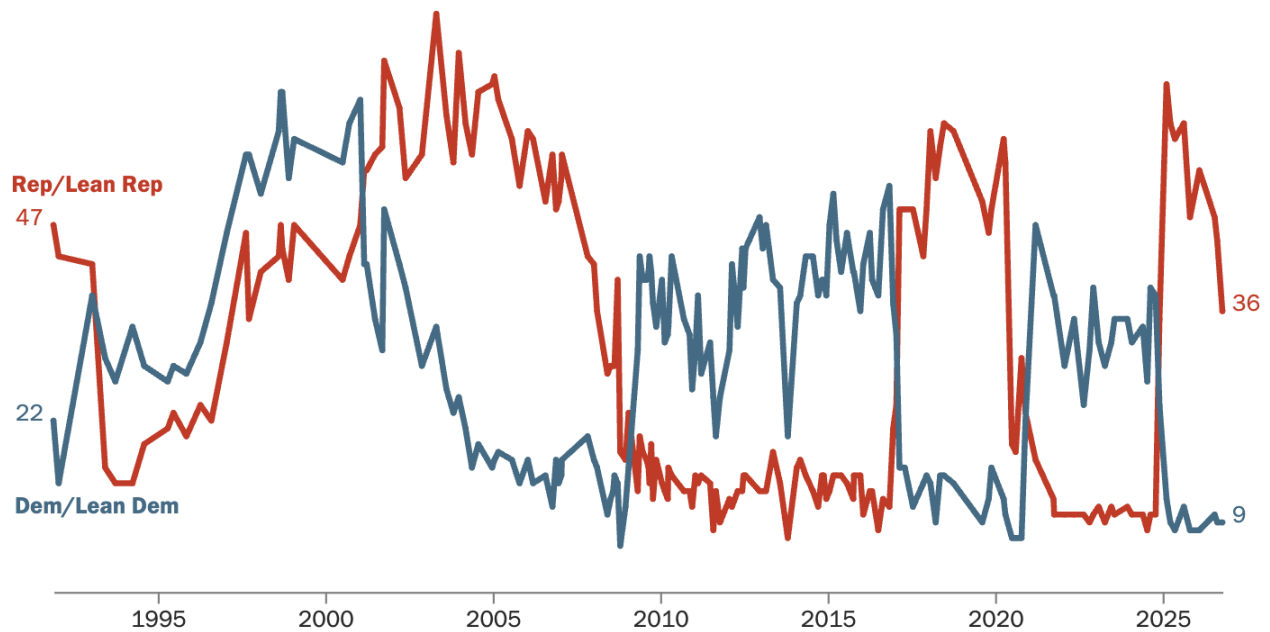
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## Republican satisfaction with how things are going in the country declines

% of U.S. adults who say they are **satisfied** with the way things are going in this country today



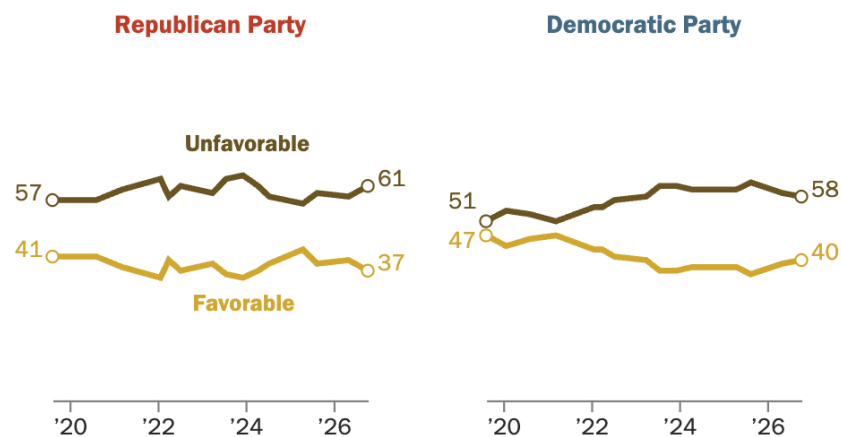
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## Majorities of Americans continue to view both the Republican and Democratic parties unfavorably

% who have a(n) \_\_\_ view of ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.

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

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> 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,

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<sup>1</sup> AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. "[AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling](#)."

<sup>2</sup> Email [pewsurveys@pewresearch.org](mailto: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:**<sup>3</sup> Postcard notifications were mailed to a subset on Sept. 28.<sup>4</sup> 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

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

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

|                    | <b>Soft launch</b> | <b>Full launch</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

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### 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            |
| <b>Total panelists sampled for the survey</b>                      |            | <b>5,835</b> |
| 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            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                       |            | <b>5,835</b> |
| 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%       |
| <b>Cumulative response rate</b>                                                       | <b>3%</b> |

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**Wave 200: POLITICS SURVEY**  
**FINAL TOPLINE**  
**Sept. 28–Oct. 4, 2026**  
**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 <sup>5</sup> | 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...

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

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

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

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

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|                     | ----- Favorable ----- |             |               | ----- Unfavorable ----- |             |               | (VOL.)         | (VOL.)         |
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|                     | <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                    | 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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|                           | ----- Favorable ----- |             |               | ----- Unfavorable ----- |             |               | (VOL.)<br>Never | (VOL.)<br>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>            |
| 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                     |

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|     |                             | <b>NET</b>          | <i>Very</i> | <i>Mostly</i> | <b>NET</b>            | <i>Very</i> | <i>Mostly</i> | <u>answer*</u> |
| DEM | The Democratic Party        |                     |             |               |                       |             |               |                |
|     | Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026          | <b>40</b>           | 7           | 34            | <b>58</b>             | 27          | 31            | 2              |
|     | Apr 20-26, 2026             | <b>39</b>           | 6           | 33            | <b>59</b>             | 27          | 32            | 2              |
|     | Aug 4-10, 2025              | <b>36</b>           | 6           | 31            | <b>62</b>             | 28          | 34            | 2              |
|     | Apr 7-13, 2025              | <b>38</b>           | 7           | 31            | <b>60</b>             | 27          | 34            | 2              |
|     | Jul 1-7, 2024               | <b>38</b>           | 7           | 31            | <b>60</b>             | 30          | 29            | 2              |
|     | Apr 1-7, 2024               | <b>38</b>           | 8           | 30            | <b>60</b>             | 31          | 30            | 2              |
|     | Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023          | <b>37</b>           | 7           | 30            | <b>61</b>             | 29          | 32            | 2              |
|     | Jul 10-16, 2023             | <b>37</b>           | 6           | 32            | <b>61</b>             | 30          | 31            | 1              |
|     | Mar 20-26, 2023             | <b>40</b>           | 6           | 34            | <b>58</b>             | 29          | 28            | 3              |
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|     | Mar 21-27, 2022             | <b>43</b>           | 7           | 36            | <b>55</b>             | 28          | 27            | 2              |
|     | Jan 10-17, 2022             | <b>43</b>           | 7           | 35            | <b>55</b>             | 28          | 28            | 2              |
|     | Mar 1-7, 2021               | <b>47</b>           | 10          | 37            | <b>51</b>             | 24          | 26            | 2              |
|     | Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020          | <b>46</b>           | 11          | 35            | <b>53</b>             | 29          | 24            | 1              |
|     | Jan 6-19, 2020 <sup>8</sup> | <b>44</b>           | 8           | 36            | <b>54</b>             | 26          | 28            | 2              |
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| 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                        |
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| Late October, 2006        | 53                    | 13          | 40            | 36                      | 11          | 25            | *                        | 11                       |
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| December, 2004            | 53                    | 13          | 40            | 41                      | 14          | 27            | *                        | 6                        |
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| 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,<br><u>2026</u> |            | Jul 6-12,<br><u>2026</u> | Oct 10-16,<br><u>2022</u> | Aug 1-14,<br><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> |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>2024 election</b>             |              |             |                 |                    |                   |
| 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                  | *                 |
| <b>2020 election</b>             |              |             |                 |                    |                   |
| Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 <sup>9</sup>  | 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                 | *                 |
| <b>2016 election</b>             |              |             |                 |                    |                   |
| May 10-Jun 6, 2016 <sup>10</sup> | 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 <sup>11</sup> | 26           | 40          | 23              | 11                 | *                 |

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

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

<sup>11</sup> 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<br>which party wins<br><u>control of congress</u> | 2  | 3  | 4 – Doesn't<br>really matter<br>which party wins<br><u>control of congress</u> | No<br><u>answer*</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2026 Congressional Election</b> |                                                                      |    |    |                                                                                |                      |
| 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                    |
| <b>2022 Congressional Election</b> |                                                                      |    |    |                                                                                |                      |
| 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                    |
| <b>2018 Congressional Election</b> |                                                                      |    |    |                                                                                |                      |
| 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,<br><u>2026<sup>12</sup></u> |                                         | Jul 6-12,<br><u>2026</u> | Jan 20-26,<br><u>2026<sup>13</sup></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*                              | *                        | *                                      |

<sup>12</sup> 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.

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

## CONG/CONGA CONTINUED ...

## TREND FOR COMPARISON:

|                                                 | Rep/Lean Rep<br>candidate in your<br><u>district</u> | Dem/Lean Dem<br>candidate in your<br><u>district</u> | Another<br><u>candidate</u> | Not<br><u>sure</u> | No<br><u>answer*</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>2022 Congressional Election</b>              |                                                      |                                                      |                             |                    |                      |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 <sup>14</sup>                   | 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                 | *                    |
| <b>2018 Congressional Election<sup>15</sup></b> |                                                      |                                                      |                             |                    |                      |
| 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                    |
| <b>2014 Congressional Election</b>              |                                                      |                                                      |                             |                    |                      |
| 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,<br><u>2026</u>                                          | Jul 6-12,<br><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<br>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,<br><u>2022</u> | Aug 1-14,<br><u>2022</u> | Mar 7-13,<br><u>2022<sup>16</sup></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<br>Congress this fall | 43                        | 49                       | 38                                    |
| No answer*                                                         | 2                         | 1                        | 1                                     |

<sup>14</sup> 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.

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

<sup>16</sup> 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<br><u>satisfied</u> | Somewhat<br><u>satisfied</u> | Not too<br><u>satisfied</u> | Not at all<br><u>satisfied</u> | No<br><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 <sup>17</sup> | 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,<br><u>2026</u> |                 | Oct 10-16,<br><u>2022</u> <sup>18</sup> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 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,<br><u>2026</u> |                 | Oct 10-16,<br><u>2022</u> <sup>19</sup> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 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                                       |

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

<sup>18</sup> 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?"

<sup>19</sup> 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,<br><u>2026</u> |              | Sep 24-Oct 7,<br><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,<br><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,<br><u>2026</u> |              | Sep 24-Oct 7,<br><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,<br><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]:**

|                                    |                    | Very<br><u>important</u> | Somewhat<br><u>important</u> | Not too<br><u>important</u> | Not at all<br><u>important</u> | No<br><u>answer*</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>[SCREEN 1]</b>                  |                    |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
| <b>ASK ALL:</b>                    |                    |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
| 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                              | *                    |
| <b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> |                    |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
|                                    | 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                              | *                    |
| <b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> |                    |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
|                                    | 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                    |
| <b>ASK FORM 2 [N=1,952]:</b>       |                    |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
| 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...**

|                                    |                                     | <u>Very<br/>important</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>important</u> | <u>Not too<br/>important</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>important</u> | <u>No<br/>answer*</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> |                                     |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
|                                    | 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<br>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                     |
| <b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> |                                     |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
|                                    | 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                     |
| <b>ASK FORM 1 [N=1,965]:</b>       |                                     |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
| 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<br><u>important</u> | Somewhat<br><u>important</u> | Not too<br><u>important</u> | Not at all<br><u>important</u> | No<br><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<br/>important</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>important</u> | <u>Not too<br/>important</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>important</u> | <u>No<br/>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> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ASK ALL:</b>              |                                                   |                       |                           |                          |                             |                   |
| 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                           | *                 |
| <b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b> |                                                   |                       |                           |                          |                             |                   |
|                              | <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<br/>concerned</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>concerned</u> | <u>Not too<br/>concerned</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>concerned</u> | <u>No<br/>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                               | *                     |
|        | <b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>                               |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
|        | <i>Rising prices for food and<br/>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                               | *                     |
|        | <b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:</b>                               |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
| 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                     |
|        | <b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:</b>                               |                           |                               |                              |                                 |                       |
| 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<br>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,<br>2026 |              | Jan 20-26,<br>2026 | Jul 1-7,<br>2024 <sup>20</sup> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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,<br>2026 |              | Jan 20-26,<br>2026 | Jul 1-7,<br>2024 <sup>21</sup> |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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<br>confident | Somewhat<br>confident | Not too<br>confident | Not at all<br>confident | No<br>answer* |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>ASK FORM 1 [N=2,527]:</b> |                                                           |                   |                       |                      |                         |               |
| 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             |

<sup>20</sup> In July 2024, the words "Democratic Party" were not underlined.

<sup>21</sup> In July 2024, the words "Republican Party" were not underlined.

**DTCONF CONTINUED ...**

|      |                                              | Very<br><u>confident</u> | Somewhat<br><u>confident</u> | Not too<br><u>confident</u> | Not at all<br><u>confident</u> | No<br><u>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                    |
|      | <b>PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>           |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
|      | <b>Trump First Term</b>                      |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
|      | 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                    |
|      | <b>ASK FORM 2 [N=2,535]:</b>                 |                          |                              |                             |                                |                      |
| 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<br/>confident</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>confident</u> | <u>Not too<br/>confident</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>confident</u> | <u>No<br/>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<br>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<br>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.)<br>DK/Ref |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|                 | <i>Very<br/>Confident</i> | <i>Somewhat<br/>Confident</i> | <i>Not too<br/>Confident</i> | <i>Not at all<br/>Confident</i> |                  |
| 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<br/>of an effect</u> | <u>No<br/>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,<br><u>2022</u> | Sep 13-19,<br><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<br><u>a lot</u> | Dislike<br><u>a little</u> | Neither<br>like nor<br><u>dislike</u> | Like<br><u>a little</u> | Like<br><u>a lot</u> | No<br><u>answer*</u> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|

**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 |
|----|----|----|---|---|---|

**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.<sup>22</sup>*

|     |                                      | Dislike<br><u>a lot</u> | Dislike<br><u>a little</u> | Neither<br>like nor<br><u>dislike</u> | Like<br><u>a little</u> | Like<br><u>a lot</u> | No<br><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                    |

<sup>22</sup>

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,<br><u>2026</u> | Aug 4-10,<br><u>2025</u> | Apr 7-13,<br><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,<br><u>2026</u> |                                     | Jan 20-26,<br><u>2026</u> <sup>23</sup> | Aug 4-10,<br><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,<br><u>2026</u> |                                     | Jan 20-26,<br><u>2026</u> <sup>24</sup> | Aug 4-10,<br><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,<br><u>2026</u> |                     | Apr 20-26,<br><u>2026</u> | Mar 16-22,<br><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,<br><u>2026</u> |                | Apr 20-26,<br><u>2026</u> <sup>25</sup> | Mar 16-22,<br><u>2026</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 34                           | Right decision | 38                                      | 38                        |
| 62                           | Wrong decision | 59                                      | 59                        |
| 4                            | No answer*     | 3                                       | 3                         |

<sup>23</sup> 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..."

<sup>24</sup> 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..."

<sup>25</sup> 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,<br>2026 |                  | Apr 20-26,<br>2026 |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 8                     | Extremely clear  | 11                 |
| 12                    | Very clear       | 14                 |
| 15                    | Somewhat clear   | 15                 |
| 17                    | Not too clear    | 17                 |
| 34                    | Not at all clear | 31                 |
|                       | <b>[SPACE]</b>   |                    |
| 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,<br>2026 |                      | Apr 20-26,<br>2026 |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 7                     | Extremely confident  | 9                  |
| 9                     | Very confident       | 13                 |
| 16                    | Somewhat confident   | 16                 |
| 17                    | Not too confident    | 19                 |
| 34                    | Not at all confident | 30                 |
|                       | <b>[SPACE]</b>       |                    |
| 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<br>concerned | Very<br>concerned | Somewhat<br>concerned | Not too<br>concerned | Not concerned<br>at all | Not<br>sure | No<br>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,<br>2026 |                                                | Mar 16-22,<br>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<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Very<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Somewhat<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Not too<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Not at all<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | No<br>answer* |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026            | 47                                       | 22                                  | 17                                      | 9                                      | 5                                         | 1             |
| Oct 10-16, 2022 <sup>26</sup> | 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<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Very<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Somewhat<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Not too<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | Not at all<br>motivated<br><u>to vote</u> | 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<br>Party | Democratic<br>Party | No<br>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             |

<sup>26</sup> 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...<sup>27</sup>

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

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<sup>27</sup>

PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.