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This Pew Research Center analysis examines how Americans feel about the outcome of the midterm elections and the resulting changes for the U.S. government, as well as how voters in the election view the voting process and results.

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Pew Research Center conducts research to help the public, media and decision-makers understand important topics. We have studied Americans' views of politics and major policy issues for decades.

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How did we do this?

We surveyed 10,247 U.S. adults, including 7,692 U.S. citizens who reported having voted in the November elections, from November 9 to 15, 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.

In Wake of Democrats' Midterm Victory, Majority of Americans Approve of the Party's Policies and Plans

8 in 10 say Trump will be unsuccessful in getting his programs passed over the next few years

Americans are greeting the wave of Democratic election victories this month with generally positive feelings, approval of what they think the incoming congressional majority plans to do, and a desire from many to have the Democratic Congress take some of the reins of government away from President Donald Trump.

A 57% majority of Americans say they are either excited (19%) or relieved (38%) that Democrats won control of Congress in the midterm elections. A similar share (55%) approve of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the country, according to a new Pew Research Center survey.

The survey, conducted Nov. 9-15 among 10,247 adults, also finds that 36% of Americans say they would like to see Democratic congressional leaders take the lead in solving the nation's problems. Far fewer (15%) say they want to see Trump take the lead. Nearly half (47%) say both Trump and congressional Democrats should lead.

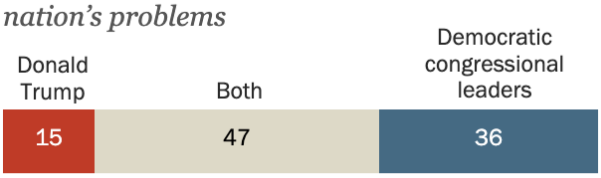
Across several issues facing the country, more Americans say Democratic congressional leaders will have the better approach than say Trump will – by double-digit margins.

Majority of Americans have positive reactions to Democrats' midterm victories, approve of party's policies and plans

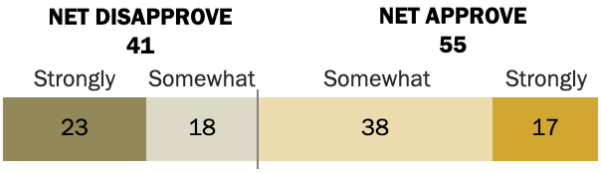
% who say they feel ___ about the Democratic Party gaining control of Congress



% who say ___ should take the lead in solving the nation's problems



% who ___ of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future



Note: No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Americans are also more likely to say potential investigations by the Democratic majority into how the government has acted during the Trump administration are the right thing to do (32%) than the wrong thing to do (19%). But they also express more concern that the party will *focus too much* on investigating Trump and his administration (67%) than that it will *not focus enough* (31%).

Prospects of policy success for Trump, Democrats

Most Americans expect Trump will not be successful in getting his programs passed into law over the next two years, while the public is split on Democrats' prospects.

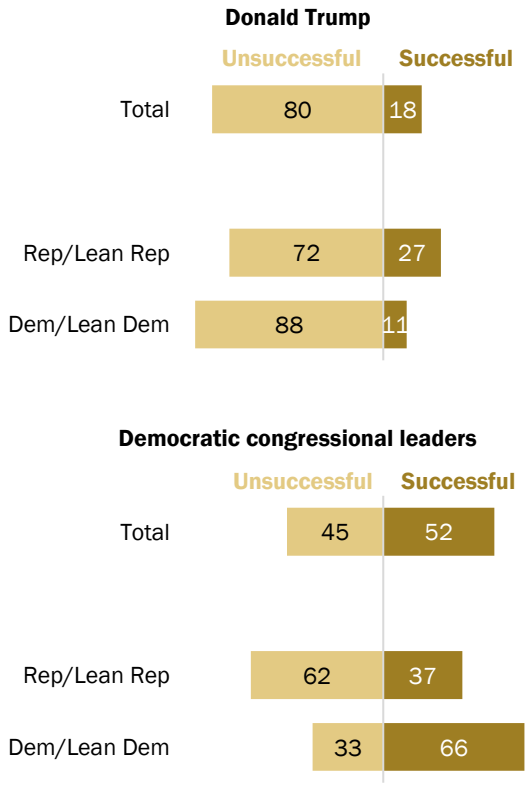
- 80% say Trump will be *unsuccessful* getting his policies passed, including 72% of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents.
- 52% of Americans say Democratic leaders in Congress will be *successful* in their policy aims.

This gap in expectations is wider than it was following the 2022 and 2018 midterm elections – in which the party not in the White House won control of the House of Representatives but not the Senate.

- In 2018, 35% of Americans said Trump would be successful getting his programs passed into law over the next few years. A similar share (33%) said this about Joe Biden in 2022.
- And in both years, 36% said the party in control of the House (congressional Democrats in 2018 and congressional Republicans in 2022) would be successful.

Americans expect Trump will not be successful in passing his policies over the next 2 years

% who say each will be ___ in getting their programs passed into law over the next two years



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Who has the better approach to issues?

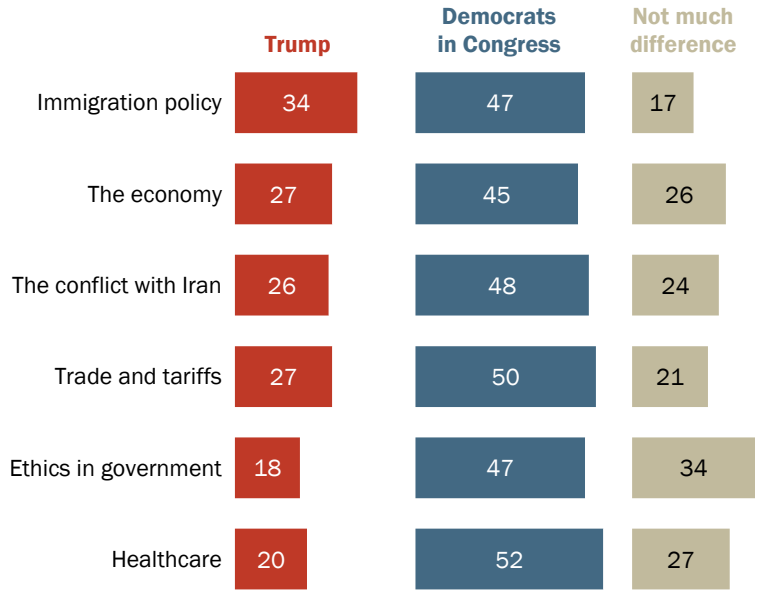
By substantial margins, more Americans say congressional Democrats will have the better approach than Trump in six issue areas facing the nation.

The economy

By an 18-point margin, more Americans say congressional Democrats will have the better approach to the economy (45%) than say Trump will (27%). Roughly a quarter say there isn't much difference between the two (26%).

Democrats in Congress seen as having the better approach to several key issues facing the country

% who say ___ will have the better approach to ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Other issues

Democrats in Congress also hold double-digit advantages on who will have the better approach to other issues, including immigration policy (+13 percentage points), the military conflict with Iran (+22), trade and tariffs (+23), ethics in government (+29), and healthcare (+32).

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Should Trump and congressional Democrats work together?

Republicans' views

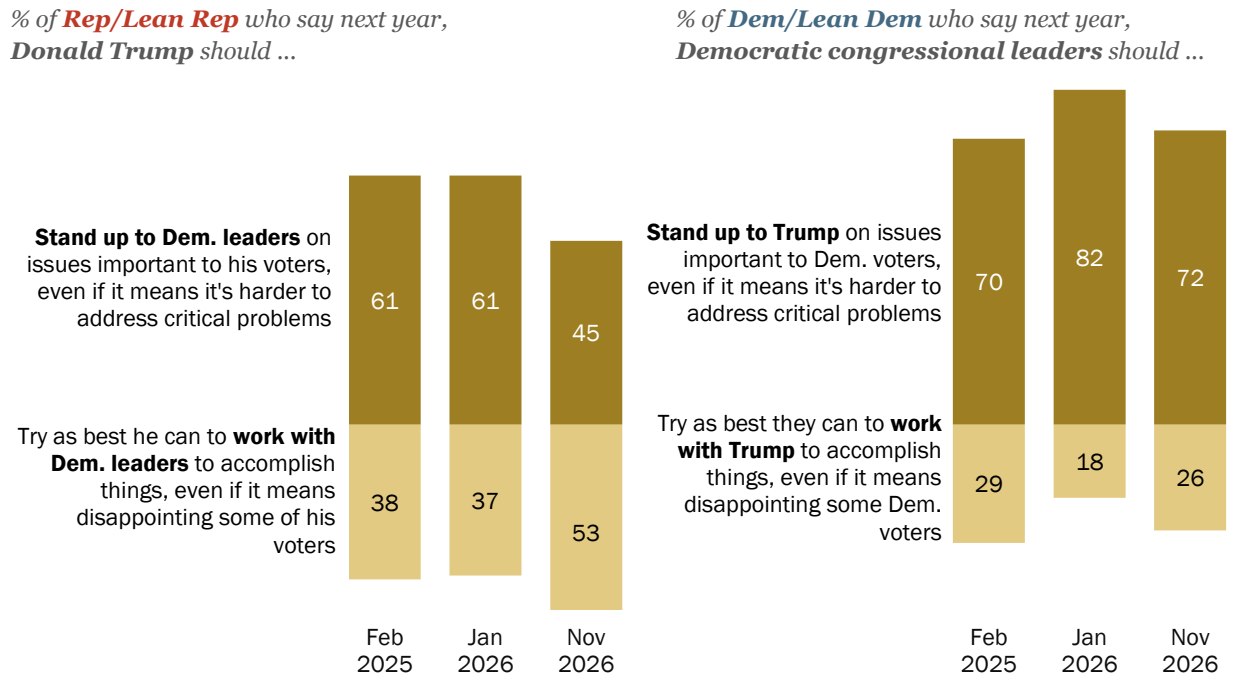
Compared with earlier in Trump's current term, more Republicans now say Trump should try as best he can to work with Democratic leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing his own voters: 53% hold this view, while 45% say Trump should stand up to Democratic leaders on issues important to his voters, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems.

Republican opinion on this question has shifted since January of this year, when 61% of Republicans said Trump should stand up to Democratic leaders and 37% said he should try to work with them.

Democrats' views

Roughly seven-in-ten Democrats (72%) say the party's leaders should stand up to Trump, while 26% say Democratic leaders should try to work with Trump.

Republicans are now divided on whether Trump should try to work with Democrats in Congress, while most Democrats want their leaders to 'stand up' to him



Note: Prior to November 2026, the question asked about what the two sides should do "this year." No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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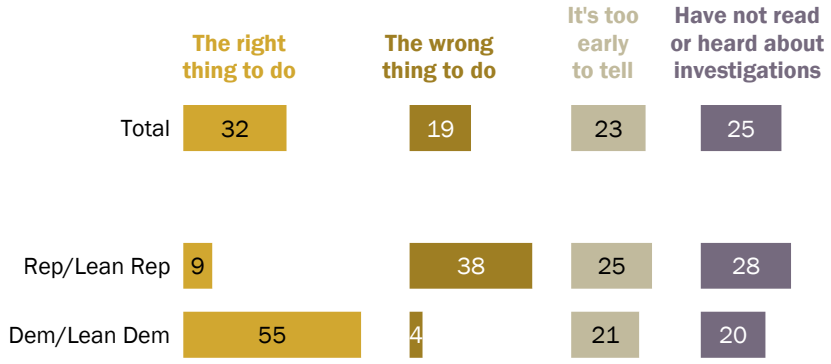
Potential investigations and oversight of the Trump administration

As Democrats consider investigations into how government has operated during the Trump administration, **more Americans say investigating the administration is the right thing to do (32%) than the wrong thing to do (19%).** About half either say it's too early to tell (23%) or that they have not heard about plans for such investigations (25%).

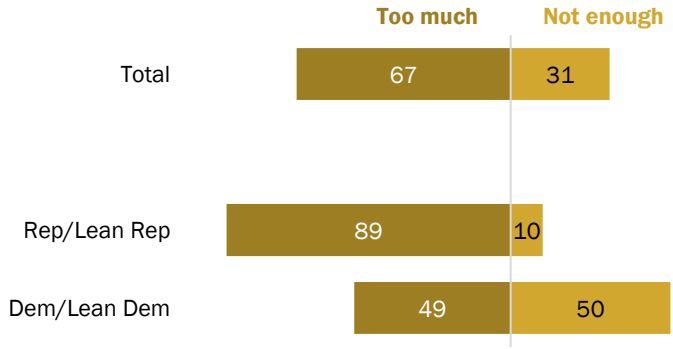
At the same time, by a more than two-to-one margin, **the public is more concerned congressional Democrats will focus *too much* on investigating the Trump administration (67%) than that they will focus *too little* on this (31%).**

More public support than opposition for Democratic investigations into Trump administration, though many are concerned this will draw too much focus

% who say investigations by congressional Democrats into how the government has operated under the Trump administration are ...



% who say they are more concerned that congressional Democrats will focus ___ on investigating the Trump administration



Note: No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Republicans are overwhelmingly more concerned congressional Democrats will focus too much on investigating the Trump administration (89% vs. 10%). Democrats are split: 49% are more concerned they will focus too much on investigating, and 50% are more concerned they will not focus on this enough.

Other key findings

Voters largely express confidence in the way the midterm elections were conducted. More than eight-in-ten voters say elections across the U.S. were conducted very or somewhat well (83%). Voters who supported the Democratic candidate in their congressional district (97%) were more likely to say this than those who supported the Republican candidate (63%).

For more on voters' views of the election process, read "Broad Satisfaction With 2026 Midterm Election Administration."

Majorities of Americans have unfavorable views of Trump and Vice President JD Vance. Americans also view other key administration officials – Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth – more unfavorably than favorably. Opinions of Democrats' congressional leaders – Rep. Hakeem Jeffries and Sen. Chuck Schumer – are also more negative than positive.

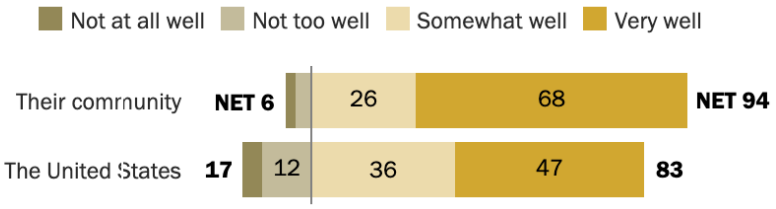
For more on views of key officials, read "How Americans View Trump, Key Administration Officials and Democratic Congressional Leaders."

Broad Satisfaction With 2026 Midterm Election Administration

Americans who say they voted in this year's midterm elections largely express confidence in the way those elections were conducted across the country, though – as in the past – voters are more confident in in-person balloting than in votes cast by mail.

Large majorities of voters say the 2026 midterm elections were run and administered well

% of voters who say the elections this November in ___ were run and administered ...



Note: Based on self-reported voters. No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Roughly eight-in-ten voters (83%) say the elections across the United States this November were run and administered very or somewhat well. And as is typically the case, an even larger share of voters (94%) say the elections in their own community were run at least somewhat well.

This is part of a larger Pew Research Center report on postelection attitudes, based on a survey of 10,247 adults (including 7,692 self-reported voters) conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

The 2026 midterm elections earned high marks from voters overall:

- 63% of voters are very confident that their own vote was accurately counted.
- 79% say voting was very easy this year.
- Just 4% of in-person voters report having waited more than 30 minutes to vote.

An overwhelming majority of voters who backed their district's Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives (97%) say the elections around the country were run and administered at least somewhat well, as do a 63% majority of voters who supported Republican candidates.

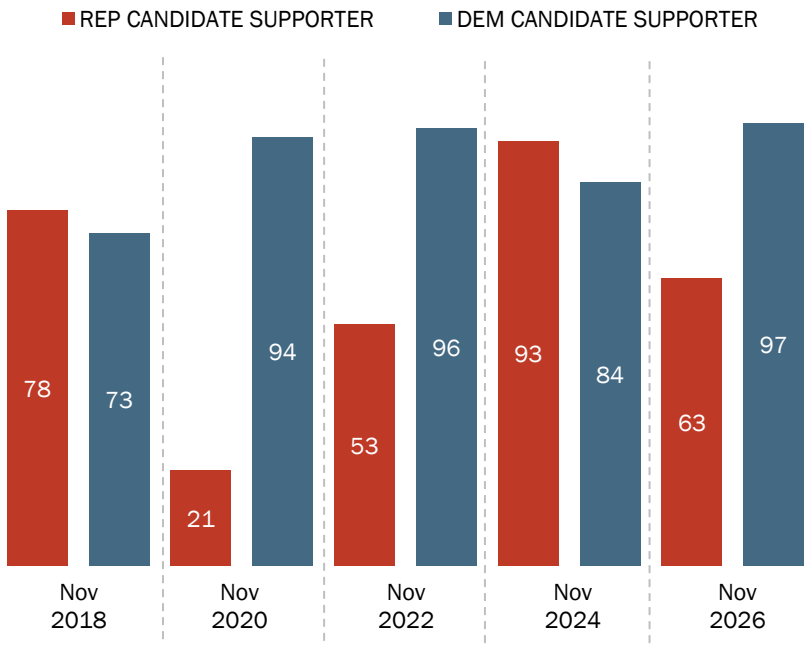
Historically, voters who backed candidates of the party that loses an election tend to express less confidence in that election compared with those who voted for a winning party. This year's results are consistent with that pattern.

Similarly, large majorities of both Democratic (97%) and Republican voters (76%) say they are very or somewhat confident that votes cast *in person at polling places* across the U.S. were counted as voters intended.

When it comes to confidence about votes cast by *absentee or mail-in ballot,* this partisan gap widens. Most Democratic voters (94%) say they are very or somewhat confident that these ballots were counted accurately, while far fewer Republican voters (44%) say the same – similar to the 41% of Republican voters who expressed confidence in mail ballots following the 2022 midterm elections.

Across both voting coalitions, clear majorities say this November's elections were run and administered well

% of voters who say the elections this November in the United States were run and administered ***very/somewhat well***



Note: Based on self-reported voters. In presidential election years, voters are classified by their candidate choice in the presidential election.
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Refer to our additional charts to see the full trend on confidence by vote method.

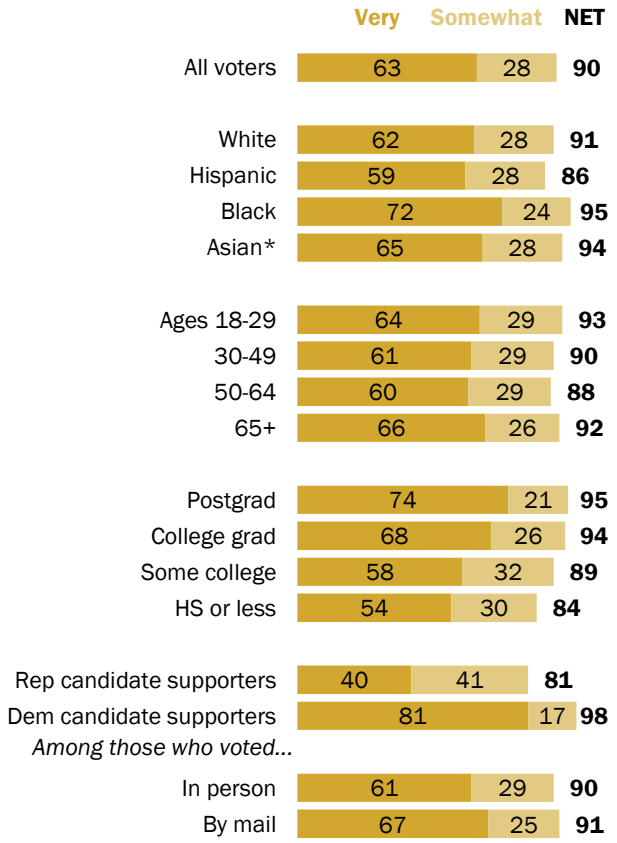
Voters across demographic groups are confident their vote was counted accurately

Nine-in-ten voters say they are very or somewhat confident that *their own vote* was counted accurately, including 63% who are very confident. Nearly all voters who backed Democratic candidates (98%) say they are confident their own vote was counted accurately, as do 81% of those who supported Republican candidates.

Large majorities of voters across demographic groups express confidence that their own vote was counted accurately. This includes voters who cast their ballots in person (90%), as well as those who cast their ballots by mail (91%).

9 in 10 voters are confident their ballot was counted accurately

% of voters who say they are ___ confident that their vote was accurately counted



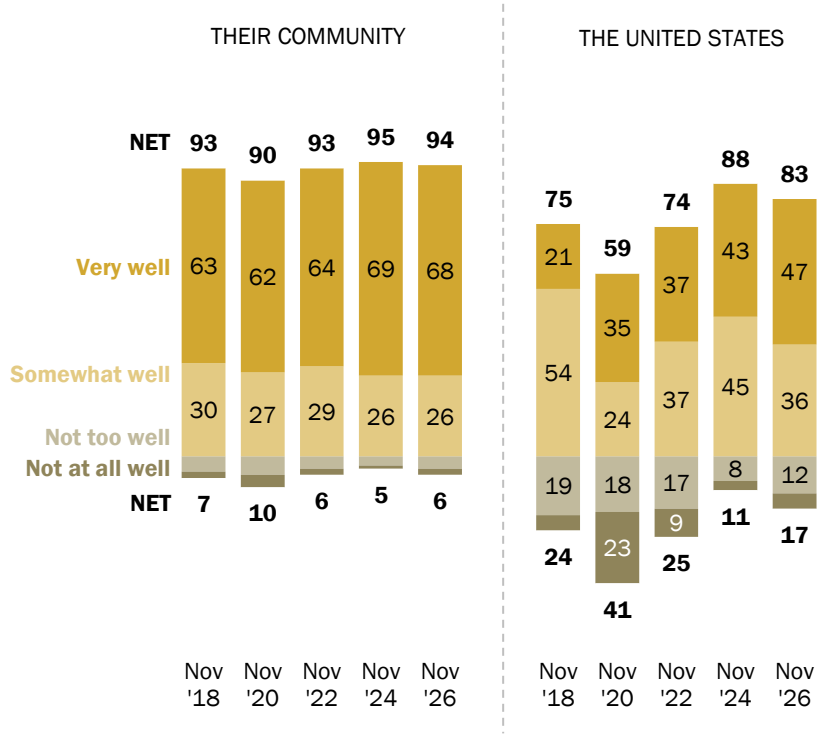
* Estimates for Asian voters are representative of English speakers only.
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Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Additional charts

Voters are more likely to say elections across the U.S. were run and administered well in 2026 than in 2022

% of voters who say the elections this November in ___ were run and administered ...

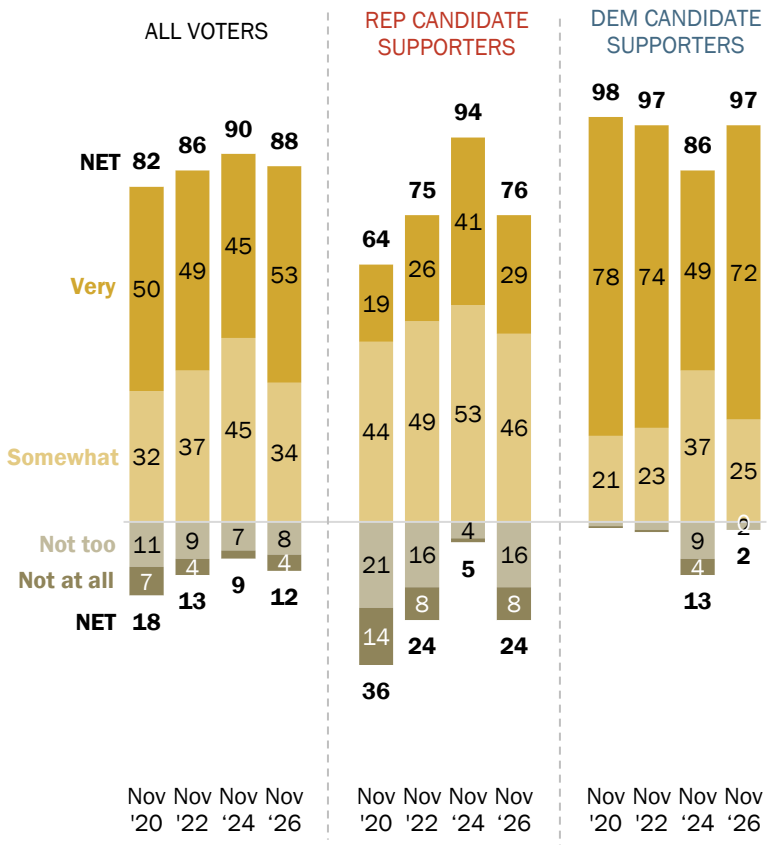


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Most voters are confident that in-person votes were counted as intended

*% of voters who are ___ confident that votes cast **in person at polling places** across the United States were counted as voters intended*

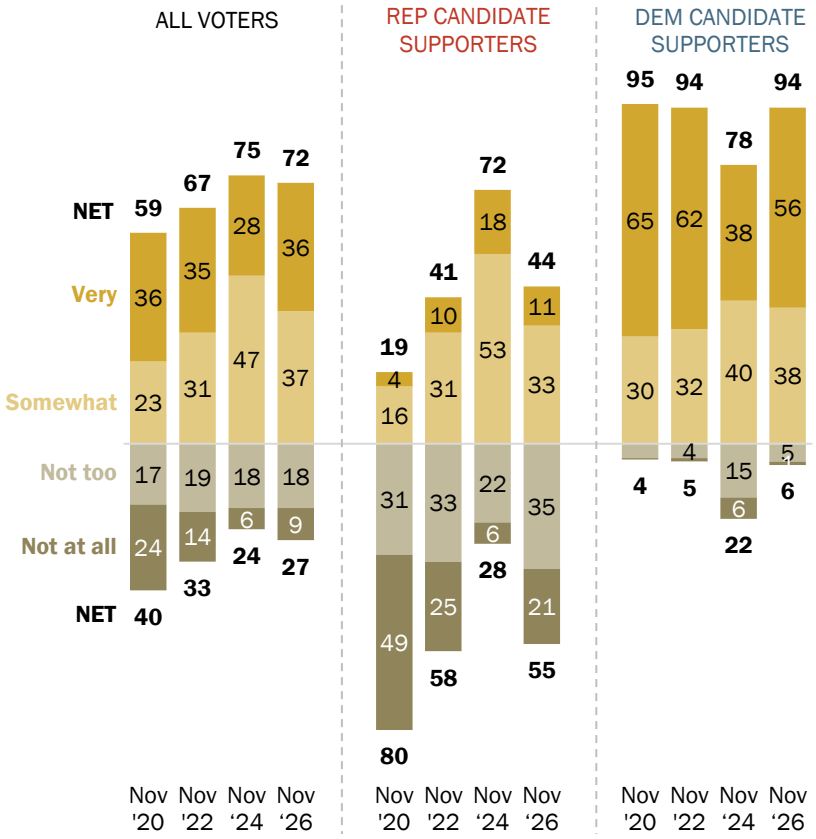


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As in 2022, a majority of Republican voters are not confident in the counting of absentee and mail ballots

*% of voters who are ___ confident that votes cast **by absentee or mail-in ballot** across the United States were counted as voters intended*

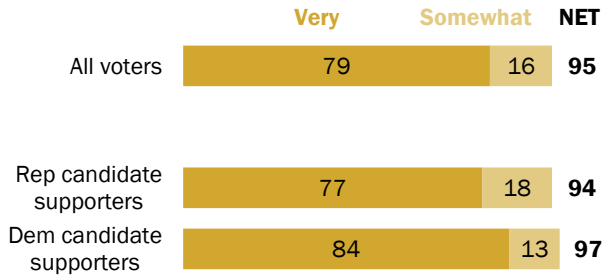


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Most say voting was very easy in 2026

% of voters who say voting in the election was ___ easy

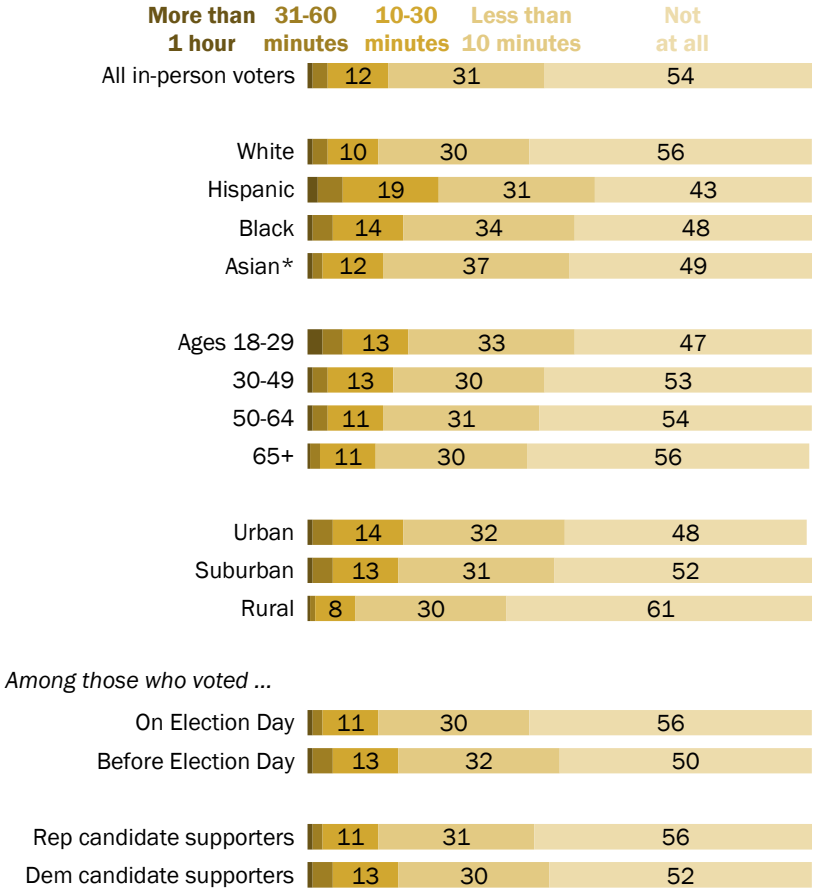


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More than half of in-person voters report no wait to vote; fewer than 1 in 10 waited more than 30 minutes

% of in-person voters who say they waited in line to vote …



* Estimates for Asian voters are representative of English speakers only. Relatively low sample size for Asian voters who voted in person (N=140, margin of error +/- 10.6 percentage points at 95% confidence).
Note: Based on self-reported voters who said they voted in person. White, Black and Asian voters include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanic voters are of any race. No answer responses are not shown.
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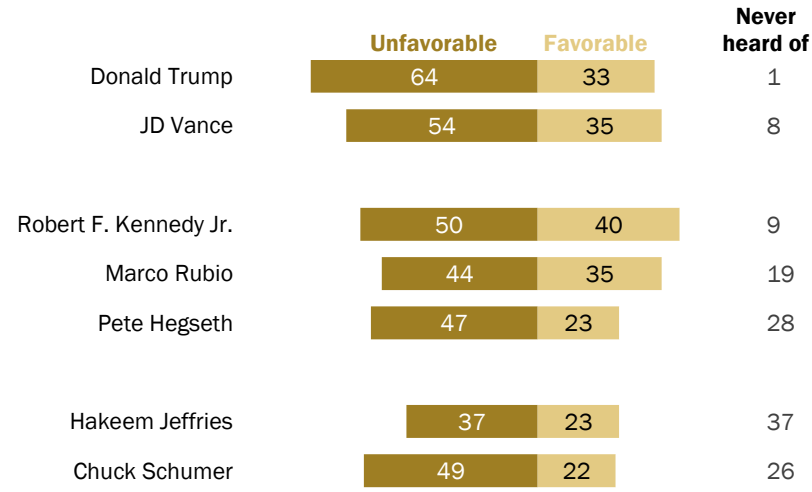
How Americans View Trump, Key Administration Officials and Democratic Congressional Leaders

Majorities of Americans express unfavorable opinions of President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance. The public also views key members of Trump's administration and Democratic congressional leaders more unfavorably than favorably.

This is part of a larger Pew Research Center report on postelection attitudes, based on a survey of 10,247 adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

Americans have negative views of Trump, administration officials and top Democrats in Congress

% who say they have a(n) ___ opinion of ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.
Source: Survey of U.S. adults conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026.

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Trump and Vance

Nearly two-thirds of Americans (64%) say they have an unfavorable view of Trump, while 34% say they have a favorable view. The share expressing an unfavorable view of Trump has increased 6 percentage points since February of this year.

A 54% majority also express an unfavorable view of Vance, while 35% have a favorable opinion of him. Another 8% say they have not heard of Vance.

Cabinet secretaries: Kennedy, Rubio and Hegseth

Americans also view three other key administration officials more unfavorably than favorably.

- 50% say they have an unfavorable view of **Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** Four-in-ten have a favorable view of him, and 9% have not heard of him.

- 44% have an unfavorable view of **Secretary of State Marco Rubio.** About a third (35%) view him favorably, and 19% say they have not heard of him.

- **Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth** is also viewed more unfavorably (47%) than favorably (23%), although more than a quarter of adults (28%) say they have not heard of Hegseth.

The share of Americans who view Hegseth unfavorably is up 6 points since January. (While the survey was being fielded, the House of Representatives set aside an attempt to impeach Hegseth.)

Democratic congressional leaders: Schumer and Jeffries

The Democratic Party's two current congressional leaders are also viewed more unfavorably than favorably, though sizable shares of the public have not heard of them.

More Americans have a negative (49%) than positive (22%) view of Senate Minority Leader **Chuck Schumer** of New York, who is vying to become the chamber's majority leader when the new Congress convenes in January. About a quarter (26%) say they have not heard of him. (Most of the interviews for this survey were completed before Sen. Chris Van Hollen of Maryland announced he would challenge Schumer for the position of majority leader.)

More than a third (37%) have not heard of House Minority Leader **Hakeem Jeffries,** also of New York, whom Democrats have formally nominated to be House speaker in the new Congress. The same share (37%) view him unfavorably, while 23% view him favorably.

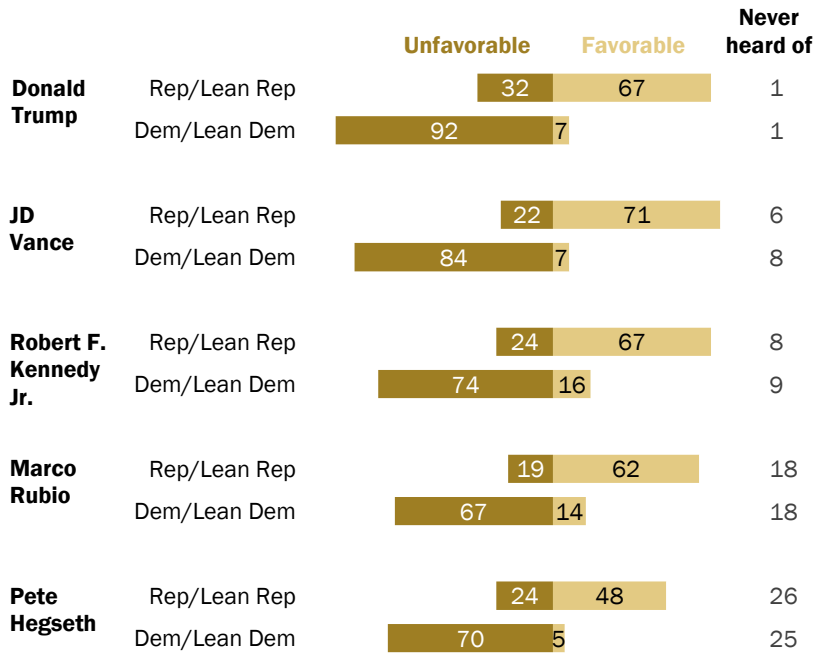
Partisan views of Trump and administration officials

Republicans and Republican-leaning independents generally view Trump and other members of his administration positively, while Democrats and Democratic leaners generally view them negatively.

For instance, 67% of Republicans have a favorable view of Trump, while only 7% of Democrats say the same. The partisan gap is similar on views of Vance: 71% of Republicans view him favorably, compared with 7% of Democrats.

How partisans view Trump and administration officials

% who say they have a(n) ___ opinion of ...



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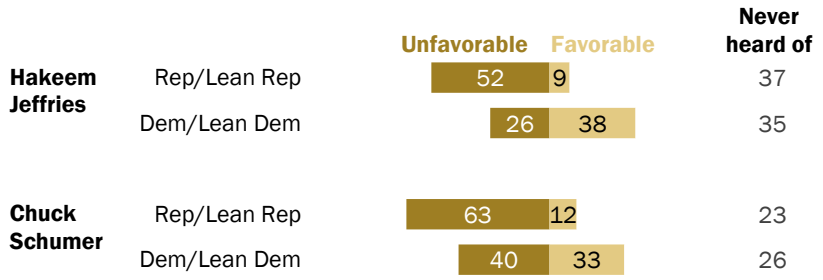
Partisan views of Democratic congressional leaders

Among Democrats, Jeffries gets more positive ratings than Schumer, as was the case last year.

- 38% of Democrats say they have a positive view of Jeffries, while 26% have a negative view. About a third (35%) say they have never heard of him.
- More Democrats have a negative view (40%) than a positive view (33%) of Schumer. About a quarter (26%) say they have never heard of him.

More Democrats have a negative than positive view of Chuck Schumer

% who say that they have a(n) ___ opinion of ...



Note: No answer responses are not shown.
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Majorities of Republicans view both Jeffries (52%) and Schumer (63%) negatively, while only about one-in-ten rate either positively.

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Methodology

The American Trends Panel survey methodology

Overview

Data in this report comes from Wave 203 of the American Trends Panel (ATP), Pew Research Center's nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. The survey was conducted Nov. 9-15, 2026. A total of 10,247 panelists responded out of 11,574 who were sampled, for a survey-level response rate of 89%.

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 10,247 respondents is plus or minus 1.4 percentage points.

SSRS conducted the survey for Pew Research Center via online (n=9,910) and live telephone (n=337) interviewing. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

To learn more about the ATP, read "About the American Trends Panel."

Panel recruitment

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

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

[1] AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. "AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling."
[2] Email pewsurveys@pewresearch.org.

Sample design

The overall target population for this survey was noninstitutionalized persons ages 18 and older living in the United States. All active panel members were invited to participate in this wave.

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 Nov. 9-15, 2026. Surveys were conducted via self-administered web survey or by live telephone interviewing.

For panelists who take surveys online:[3] Postcard notifications were mailed to a subset on Nov. 9.[4] Survey invitations were sent out in two separate launches: soft launch and full launch. Sixty panelists were included in the soft launch, which began with an initial invitation sent on Nov. 9. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled online panelists were included in the full launch and were sent an invitation on Nov. 10.

[3] The ATP does not use routers or chains in any part of its online data collection protocol, nor are they used to direct respondents to additional surveys.
[4] Postcard notifications for web panelists are sent to 1) panelists who were recruited within the last two years and 2) panelists recruited prior to the last two years who opt to continue receiving postcard notifications.

Invitation and reminder dates for web respondents, ATP Wave 203

	Soft launch	Full launch
Initial invitation	Nov. 9, 2026	Nov. 10, 2026
First reminder	Nov. 12, 2026	Nov. 12, 2026
Final reminder	Nov. 14, 2026	Nov. 14, 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 Nov. 6. Soft launch took place on Nov. 9 and involved dialing until a total of eight 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, three 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) 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	2024 American Community Survey (ACS)
Volunteerism	2023 CPS Volunteering & Civic Life Supplement
Frequency of internet use Religious affiliation Party affiliation x Race/Ethnicity Party affiliation x Age	2026 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS)
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.
Self-reported 2026 congressional election turnout and vote choice	Candidate vote share is based on results compiled by Cook Political Report. 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 2024 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. Turnout and vote share for the 2026 congressional election are based on results reported as of November 16, 2026.

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

Sample sizes and margins of error, ATP Wave 203

Group	Unweighted sample size	Weighted %	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	10,247		1.4 percentage points
Half form	At least 5,119		2.0 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	4,660	43	2.1 percentage points
Half form	At least 2,308		3.0 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	5,274	50	2.0 percentage points
Half form	At least 2,616		2.8 percentage points
Voters	7,692		1.4 percentage points
Half form	At least 3,845		2.0 percentage points
Among those who voted for ...			
A Rep House candidate	3,077	42	2.1 percentage points
Half form	At least 1,526		3.0 percentage points
A Dem House candidate	4,023	56	1.9 percentage points
Half form	At least 2,005		2.7 percentage points

Note: Unweighted sample sizes do not account for the sample design or weighting and do not describe a group's contribution to weighted estimates. See the Sample design and Weighting sections above for details.

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

Dispositions and response rates

Final dispositions, ATP Wave 203

	AAPOR code	Total
Completed interview	1.1	10,247
Logged in (web) / Contacted (CATI), but did not complete any items	2.11	219
Started survey; broke off before completion	2.12	80
Never logged on (web) / Never reached on phone (CATI)	2.20	1025
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	3
Total panelists sampled for the survey		**11,574**
Completed interviews	I	10,247
Partial interviews	P	0
Refusals	R	299
Non-contact	NC	1025
Other	O	3
Unknown household	UH	0
Unknown other	UO	0
Not eligible	NE	0
Total		**11,574**
AAPOR RR1 = I / (I+P+R+NC+O+UH+UO)		89%

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Cumulative response rate, ATP Wave 203

	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 203	40%
Response rate to Wave 203 survey	89%
Cumulative response rate	**3%**

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WAVE 203 POLITICS SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
Nov. 9-15, 2026
N=10,247

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?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	21	78	1
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

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Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	18	82	1
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	12	87	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	12	87	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	31	68	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	33	66	1
Oct 29-Nov 11, 2019	31	69	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	28	71	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	27	72	1
Nov 27-Dec 10, 2018	34	65	1
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	36	63	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017[5]	32	68	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	23	75	2
Jun 7-Jul 5, 2016	19	80	1
Sep 15-Oct 3, 2014	25	75	*

ASK ALL CITIZENS (XCITIZEN=1) [N=9,932]:
VOTED26 Which of the following statements best describes you?

Note: The survey was weighted to approximately reflect turnout in the election. See methodology for more details.

	I did not vote in the 2026 congressional elections	I planned to vote but wasn't able to	I definitely voted in the 2026 congressional elections	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	30	19	50	1
Nov 12-17, 2024	22	13	65	1
Nov 16-27, 2022[6]	32	20	47	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	22	9	67	2
Nov 7-16, 2018	23	22	55	1
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	14	8	77	1

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3)
CONGPOST26 In the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for the… **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3]**

BASED ON VOTERS [N=7,692]:

Note: The survey was weighted to approximately reflect the margin of the election results. See methodology for more details.

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 7-13, 2018[7]
42	Republican Party's candidate in your district	51	45
56	Democratic Party's candidate in your district	48	52
1	Another party's candidate in your district	1	2
1	No answer*	*	1

[1] The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.
[6] In 2022 and 2018, this question was asked about that November's congressional election. In 2024, 2020, and 2016, this question was asked about that November's presidential election.
[7] In November 2018, the question wording was: In the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for **[Show in order of response: "**the Republican Party's candidate**"** OR **"**the Democratic Party's candidate**"]** for Congress in your district? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

CONGPOST26 CONTINUED …

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Nov 17 – Dec 15, 2014[8]
Republican Party's candidate	44
Democratic Party's candidate	44
Another party's candidate	5
Prefer not to say	6
Refused/Don't know	1

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3):
VOTEFORAGNST Would you say that your vote for Congress in your district was more…

BASED ON VOTERS [N=7,692]:

Nov 9-15, 2026		Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026[9]	Nov 7-13, 2018
15	A vote FOR Trump	19	25
48	A vote AGAINST Trump	44	39
36	Trump was not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	36	35
1	No answer*	1	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Nov 16-27, 2022
A vote FOR Biden	17
A vote AGAINST Biden	35
Biden was not much of a factor in my vote for Congress this fall	46
No answer*	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED26=1,2) [N=2,210]:
POL5MOD If you had voted in the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, would you have voted for the… **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]**

	Republican Party's candidate in your district	Democratic Party's candidate in your district	Another party's candidate in your district	Not sure	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	28	35	4	33	1
Nov 16-27, 2022	28	32	5	34	1
Nov 7-16, 2018[10]	28	38	4	29	1
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014	25	31	6	37	1

[8] In 2014, the question wording was: In the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, did you vote for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

[9] The pre-election survey asked, "Do you think about your vote for Congress this fall as…"

[10] In 2018 and earlier, the question wording was: If you had voted in the elections this November for the U.S. House of Representatives, would you have voted for **[RANDOMIZE: "the Republican Party's candidate" OR "the Democratic Party's candidate"]** for Congress in your district?

ASK IF DID NOT VOTE (VOTED26=1-2) [N=2,210]:
WISH_VOTED Do you wish that you had voted in the election?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 7-16, 2018	Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014
48	Yes	42	45	61	55
51	No	57	54	38	43
1	No answer*	1	1	1	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3) [N=7,692]:
VTCOUNT_OWN How confident are you that your vote was accurately counted?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 12-17, 2020
63	Very confident	59	57	59
28	Somewhat confident	33	31	26
6	Not too confident	5	8	9
3	Not at all confident	2	3	6
*	No answer*	*	*	*

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Nov 10-14 2016	Nov 6-9 2014	Nov 8-11 2012	Nov 4-7 2010	Nov 2008	Nov 2006	Nov 2004
Very confident	71	68	68	64	73	70	68
Somewhat confident	19	21	22	26	22	23	24
Not too confident	4	5	5	4	3	3	4
Not at all confident	5	4	3	3	2	2	3
Don't know/Refused **(VOL.)**	1	1	1	3	*	2	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_POST_INP AND VTCOUNT_POST_ABS]

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:
VTCOUNT_POST_INP How confident are you that votes cast in person at polling places across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 12-17, 2020
40	Very confident	38	37	42
40	Somewhat confident	47	43	35
12	Not too confident	11	13	13
6	Not at all confident	4	6	8
1	No answer*	1	1	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
How confident are you that votes cast in person at polling places across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Oct 10-16, 2022	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020
Very confident	31	36	34	42
Somewhat confident	45	46	45	44
Not too confident	16	13	15	10
Not at all confident	7	5	5	4
No answer*	2	1	1	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_POST_INP AND VTCOUNT_POST_ABS]

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:
VTCOUNT_POST_ABS How confident are you that votes cast by absentee or mail in ballot across the United States were counted as voters intended in the elections this November?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 12-17, 2020
27	Very confident	24	25	30
39	Somewhat confident	46	37	27
22	Not too confident	21	23	19
11	Not at all confident	7	13	23
1	No answer*	1	1	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
How confident are you that votes cast by absentee or mail-in ballot across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Oct 10-16, 2022	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020
Very confident	16	22	21	17
Somewhat confident	35	38	38	38
Not too confident	31	27	24	28
Not at all confident	17	12	16	16
No answer*	2	1	1	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_POST_COM AND VTADMIN_POST_US]

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:
VTADMIN_POST_COM Do you think the elections this November in your community were run and administered…

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 7-16, 2018
50	Very well	55	42	53	49
37	Somewhat well	35	42	32	38
7	Not too well	7	9	9	8
4	Not at all well	2	4	6	4
2	No answer*	1	3	1	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Do you think the elections this November in your community will be run and administered…

	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Oct 10-16, 2022	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018
Very well	39	43	40	36	41
Somewhat well	44	44	45	48	46
Not too well	11	8	10	11	9
Not at all well	5	4	4	4	3
No answer*	1	1	1	*	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_POST_COM AND VTADMIN_POST_US]

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:
VTADMIN_POST_US Do you think the elections this November in the United States were run and administered…

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 16-27, 2022	Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 7-16, 2018
37	Very well	37	25	33	21
42	Somewhat well	47	46	25	53
13	Not too well	11	18	20	18
6	Not at all well	4	8	22	7
2	No answer*	1	3	1	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Do you think the elections this November in the United States will be run and administered…

	Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Oct 10-16, 2022	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018
Very well	17	20	20	12	20
Somewhat well	50	50	49	46	57
Not too well	25	21	23	30	18
Not at all well	7	8	7	12	4
No answer*	1	1	1	1	1

ASK IF VOTED (VOTED26=3) [N=7,692]:
VTEASY_POST Overall, was voting in the election this November for you personally…**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 12-17, 2020
79	Very easy	79	77
16	Somewhat easy	15	17
4	Somewhat difficult	5	5
1	Very difficult	2	1
*	No answer*	*	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Oct 10-16 2022	Sep 30-Oct 5 2020	July 27-Aug 2 2020	Sep 24-Oct 7 2018
Very easy	43	45	29	23	46
Somewhat easy	38	37	36	28	39
Somewhat difficult	16	14	29	38	13
Very difficult	4	3	6	11	2
No answer*	*	*	*	1	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

CONGDRCT As you may know, the Democratic Party won control of the U.S. Congress as a result of the midterm elections. How much do you think Democratic control of Congress will change the way things are going in this country?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
30	A lot
46	Some
17	Not much
6	Not at all
1	No answer*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

HOUSEDRCT As you may know, the Democratic Party won control of the U.S. House of Representatives as a result of the midterm elections. How much do you think Democratic control of the House will change the way things are going in this country?

	Nov 7-13, 2018
A lot	21
Some	51
Not much	21
Not at all	6
No answer*	1

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:

TRUMP2YR Over the next two years, do you think Donald Trump will be successful or unsuccessful in getting his programs passed into law?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 7-13, 2018
18	Successful	35
80	Unsuccessful	63
2	No answer*	2

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:

DEM2YR Over the next two years, do you think Democratic leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 7-13, 2018
52	Successful	36
45	Unsuccessful	61
3	No answer*	3

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Generally, do you think Republican leaders in Congress will be successful or unsuccessful in getting their programs passed into law?

	------*Democratic leaders*-----										
	Jan 7-11, 2014	Nov 6-9, 2014	Nov 2010	July 2007	Mar 2007	Jan 2007	Nov 2006	Sept 1995	Apr 1995	Feb 1995	Dec 1994
Successful	45	49	43	43	54	57	59	54	63	61	62
Unsuccessful	46	40	37	42	32	25	22	31	28	20	24
Mixed/Get some passed **(VOL.)**	3	5	5	6	4	5	6	--	3	5	4
Don't know/ Refused **(VOL.)**	6	6	15	9	10	13	13	15	6	14	10

ASK ALL:
EMTCONGDEM How do you feel about the Democratic Party gaining control of Congress? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Nov 9-15, 2026		Sep 28-Oct 4, 2026[11]
19	Excited	11
38	Relieved	40
32	Disappointed	35
7	Angry	9
4	No answer*	4

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
EMTCONGDEM How do you feel about the Democratic Party gaining control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

	Nov 7-13, 2018	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018[12]
Excited	19	17
Relieved	40	38
Disappointed	34	34
Angry	5	7
No answer*	2	4

ASK ALL:
TAKLEAD2 Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 7-13, 2018
15	Donald Trump	17
36	Democratic congressional leaders	28
47	Both	54
2	No answer*	1

PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:
Who in Washington do you think should take the lead in solving the nation's problems — President Obama, or the Republican congressional leaders?

	President Obama	Rep leaders	(VOL.) Both/Neither/ Work together	(VOL.) DK/Ref
Feb 18-22, 2015	40	38	17	5
Nov 6-9, 2014	40	41	16	3
November 2010	49	30	16	5

	President Bush	Dem leaders	Both/Neither/ Work together	DK/Ref
November 2006	29	51	14	6

	President Clinton	Rep leaders	Both/Neither/ Work together	DK/Ref
November 1998	49	26	16	9
September 1998	47	32	12	9
February 1997	48	29	14	9
November 1996	45	30	19	6
March 1996	47	36	9	8
April 1995	48	36	12	4
March 1995	40	40	10	10
February 1995	40	38	16	6
December 1994	39	43	10	8

[11] The pre-election question asked how respondents *would* feel if the Democratic Party took control of the House.
[12] The pre-election question asked how respondents *would* feel if the Democrats took control of the House.

ASK ALL:

DEMPLANMOD As best as you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Democratic congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1]**

Nov 9-15, 2026	
17	Strongly approve
38	Somewhat approve
18	Somewhat disapprove
23	Strongly disapprove
3	No answer*

ASK ALL:

POL12 Do you think relations between Republicans and Democrats in Washington will get better in the coming year, get worse, or stay about the same as they are now?

	Get better	Get worse	Stay about the same	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	15	40	43	1
Nov 12-17, 2024	14	45	41	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	8	38	54	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	21	37	41	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	9	44	46	*
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014	11	34	55	1

ASK ALL:

PRZCNG Who do you think will have the better approach to each of the following issues? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

		Donald Trump	Democrats in Congress	Not much difference between the two	No answer*
ECON	The economy				
	Nov 9-15, 2026	27	45	26	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Nov 7-13, 2018[13]	44	33	22	1
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Obama				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	29	35	32	3
	Nov 4-7, 2010	27	37	30	6
	Clinton				
	NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	44	28	22	6
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1996	32	29	27	12
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	36	34	25	5
	NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 *(RVs)*	30	44	22	4
IRAN	The conflict with Iran				
	Nov 9-15, 2026	26	48	24	1
HC	Healthcare				
	Nov 9-15, 2026	20	52	27	1
	TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Nov 7-13, 2018	28	51	19	2
	PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
	Obama				
	Nov 6-9, 2014	34	35	29	2
	Nov 4-7, 2010	35	36	24	5
	Clinton				
	NBC/WSJ: Jan 1995	42	27	23	8

[13] This item was "Jobs and economic growth" prior to 2026.

PRZCNG CONTINUED…	Donald Trump	Democrats in Congress	Not much difference between the two	No answer*
NBC/WSJ: Nov 1994 *(RVs)*	36	39	20	5
ETHC Ethics in government				
Nov 9-15, 2026	18	47	34	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
Nov 7-13, 2018	22	48	29	2
IMMIG Immigration policy				
Nov 9-15, 2026	34	47	17	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
Nov 7-13, 2018	40	46	13	1
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:				
Obama				
Nov 6-9, 2014	28	34	33	5
Clinton				
NBC/WSJ: Dec 1996	28	33	20	19
TRDE Trade and tariffs				
Nov 9-15, 2026	27	50	21	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) GETS PRESWITHOP FIRST AND OPWITHPRES SECOND WHILE FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) GETS OPWITHPRES FIRST AND PRESWITHOP SECOND]

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:

PRESWITHOP Next year, do you think Donald Trump should... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS OPWITHPRES]**

Nov 9-15, 2026[14]		Jan 20-26, 2026	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025
72	Try as best he can to work with Democratic congressional leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for him	64	63
25	Stand up to Democratic congressional leaders on issues that are important to people who voted for him, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country	33	35
2	No answer*	2	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON

This year, do you think Joe Biden should…

	Jan 16-21 2024	Jan 18-24, 2023	Jan 10-17, 2022	Jan 8-12, 2021[15]
Try as best he can to work with Republican congressional leaders to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some people who voted for him	74	73	67	74
Stand up to Republican congressional leaders on issues that are important to the people who voted for him, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country	24	25	29	23
No answer*	2	2	4	3

[14] Previous asks of this question asked about "this year" rather than "next year."
[15] In January 2021, second response option was worded as " … on issues that are important to his supporters …".

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESWITHOP AND OPWITHPRES SUCH THAT FORM 1 (X_FORM=1) GETS PRESWITHOP FIRST AND OPWITHPRES SECOND WHILE FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) GETS OPWITHPRES FIRST AND PRESWITHOP SECOND]

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:

OPWITHPRES Next year, do you think Democratic congressional leaders should... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PRESWITHOP]**

Nov 9-15, 2026[16]		Jan 20-26, 2026	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025
50	Try as best they can to work with Donald Trump to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing people who voted for them	49	55
47	Stand up to Donald Trump on issues that are important to people who voted for them, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country	49	43
3	No answer*	2	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON

This year, do you think Republican congressional leaders should…

	Jan 16-21 2024	Jan 18-24, 2023	Jan 10-17, 2022	Jan 8-12, 2021
Try as best they can to work with Joe Biden to accomplish things, even if it means disappointing some Republican voters	60	63	61	66
Stand up to Joe Biden on issues that are important to Republican voters, even if it means it's harder to address critical problems facing the country	37	35	37	31
No answer*	3	2	2	3

ASK ALL:

FAVPOL What is your overall opinion of… **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		NET favorable	*Very favorable*	*Mostly favorable*	**NET unfavorable**	*Very unfavorable*	*Mostly unfavorable*	Never heard of this person	No answer*
TRUMP	Donald Trump								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**33**	*12*	*22*	**64**	*47*	*17*	1	2
	Jan 20-26, 2026	**40**	*18*	*22*	**58**	*44*	*14*	1	1
	Sep 22-28, 2025	**40**	*19*	*21*	**58**	*44*	*14*	1	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	**47**	*25*	*21*	**52**	*38*	*14*	*	1
	Aug 5-11, 2024	**42**	*18*	*24*	**56**	*42*	*14*	1	1
	May 13-19, 2024	**39**	*16*	*24*	**59**	*43*	*17*	*	1
	Feb 13-25, 2024	**39**	*15*	*24*	**60**	*44*	*16*	*	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	**35**	*12*	*24*	**63**	*46*	*17*	*	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	**36**	*12*	*24*	**63**	*45*	*18*	*	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	**38**	*14*	*24*	**60**	*46*	*14*	*	1
VANCE	JD Vance								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**35**	*12*	*23*	**54**	*35*	*19*	8	2
	Jan 20-26, 2026	**38**	*18*	*20*	**52**	*36*	*16*	9	2
	Sep 22-28, 2025	**40**	*18*	*21*	**51**	*36*	*15*	8	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	**42**	*22*	*20*	**45**	*28*	*18*	11	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	**34**	*12*	*22*	**42**	*27*	*15*	23	1

[16] Previous asks of this question asked about "this year" rather than "next year."

FAVPOL CONTINUED…

		NET favorable	*Very favorable*	*Mostly favorable*	**NET unfavorable**	*Very unfavorable*	*Mostly unfavorable*	Never heard of this person	No answer*
JEFFRIES	Hakeem Jeffries								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**23**	*5*	*18*	**37**	*20*	*18*	37	2
	Sep 22-28, 2025	**24**	*5*	*19*	**30**	*17*	*13*	45	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	**28**	*6*	*22*	**26**	*12*	*14*	44	2
	Jan 18-24, 2023	**23**	*6*	*17*	**24**	*11*	*13*	51	2
SCHUMER	Chuck Schumer								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**22**	*3*	*19*	**49**	*26*	*23*	26	3
	Sep 22-28, 2025	**21**	*3*	*18*	**50**	*27*	*24*	26	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	**28**	*5*	*23*	**46**	*25*	*20*	25	2
	May 13-19, 2024	**27**	*5*	*21*	**46**	*26*	*20*	25	2
	Jul 10-16, 2023	**27**	*5*	*22*	**49**	*28*	*20*	22	2
	Jan 18-24, 2023	**28**	*6*	*23*	**44**	*24*	*20*	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	**28**	*5*	*23*	**43**	*25*	*17*	26	3
HEGSETH	Pete Hegseth								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**23**	*9*	*14*	**47**	*34*	*13*	28	2
	Jan 20-26, 2026	**26**	*11*	*15*	**41**	*32*	*10*	31	2
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:									
RFKJR	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**40**	*10*	*29*	**50**	*32*	*18*	9	2
	Jan 20-26, 2026	**44**	*13*	*31*	**48**	*31*	*17*	6	2
	Sep 22-28, 2025	**43**	*12*	*31*	**50**	*34*	*17*	5	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	**47**	*11*	*36*	**45**	*26*	*19*	6	2
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:									
RUBIO	Marco Rubio								
	Nov 9-15, 2026	**35**	*15*	*19*	**44**	*23*	*22*	19	2
	Jan 20-26, 2026	**34**	*13*	*21*	**44**	*24*	*20*	19	2

ASK IF FORM 1 ONLY [N=5,128]:

DEMOVRSGHT Thinking about Democratic control of Congress next year, which concerns you more? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]**

Nov 9-15, 2026	
67	That Democrats in Congress will focus too much on investigating the Trump administration
31	That Democrats in Congress will not focus enough on investigating the Trump administration
2	No answer*

DEMOVRSGHT CONTINUED …

TREND FOR COMPARISON:
Thinking about Democratic control of the House of Representatives next year, which concerns you more?

BASED ON DEMOCRATS AND DEMOCRATIC LEANERS

	Nov 7-13, 2018
That Democrats in Congress will FOCUS TOO MUCH on investigating the Trump administration	46
That Democrats in Congress will NOT FOCUS ENOUGH on investigating the Trump administration	51
No answer*	3

ASK IF FORM 2 ONLY [N=5,119]:
CONGINVESTIG_HRD How much, if anything, have you heard or read about Democrats in Congress planning investigations into how the government has operated under the Trump administration?

Nov 9-15, 2026	
24	A lot
51	A little
25	Nothing at all
1	No answer*

ASK IF HEARD A LOT OR A LITTLE (CONGINVESTIG_HRD=1,2) [N=4,191]:
CONGINVESTIG_RIGHT Do you think these investigations are…**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Nov 9-15, 2026	
44	The right thing to do
25	The wrong thing to do
31	Too early to tell
*	No answer*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK IF VOTED IN PERSON (VOTE_HOW_POST=1) [N=5,119]:
WAITVOTE When you went to vote, approximately how long did you have to wait in line to vote?

Nov 9-15, 2026		Nov 12-17, 2024	Nov 12-17, 2020	Nov 7-16, 2018	Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014
54	Did not wait at all[17]	42	35	47	53
31	Less than 10 minutes	30	27	33	30
12	10 to 30 minutes	17	20	14	13
3	31 minutes to 1 hour	7	11	5	3
1	More than 1 hour	4	6	1	*
*	No answer*	*	*	*	*

[17] In surveys prior to November 2024, the response was worded "Not at all".

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

[IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), THEN SHOW GOPDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY DEMDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES. IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), THEN SHOW DEMDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY GOPDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES]

ASK IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN ONLY (XPARTYSUM=1) [N=4,660]:
GOPDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Republican Party, would you say that you are…

	Very optimistic	Somewhat optimistic	Somewhat pessimistic	Very pessimistic	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	11	47	31	10	2
Nov 12-17, 2024	38	48	10	3	*
Nov 16-27, 2022	10	55	27	7	1
Nov 12-17, 2020	23	51	20	5	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	25	54	17	4	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	27	56	13	3	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	23	51	19	5	2
Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	12	47	29	10	2
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	28	51	16	4	2
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	12	49	29	9	1

[IF REPUBLICAN/LEAN REPUBLICAN (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=1), THEN SHOW GOPDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY DEMDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES. IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT (X_PARTYSUMFINAL=2), THEN SHOW DEMDIRCT FIRST FOLLOWED BY GOPDIRCT ON SEPARATE PAGES]

ASK IF DEMOCRAT/LEAN DEMOCRAT ONLY (XPARTYSUM=2) [N=5,274]:
DEMDIRCT Thinking about the future of the Democratic Party, would you say that you are…

	Very optimistic	Somewhat optimistic	Somewhat pessimistic	Very pessimistic	No answer*
Nov 9-15, 2026	24	61	11	3	1
Nov 12-17, 2024	7	43	38	11	1
Nov 16-27, 2022	13	59	23	5	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	25	58	12	5	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	15	60	20	4	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	24	57	14	3	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	19	58	16	5	2
Sep 14-Sep 28, 2017	13	51	28	6	1
Nov 29-Dec 12, 2016	14	47	29	10	1
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	22	55	15	6	2

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…[18]

Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	No answer*		*Lean Rep*	*Lean Dem*
26	28	30	14	2		*17*	*22*

[18] PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.