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Adults in the U.S.

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Sample 2,425 Adults in the U.S.

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25. Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?
Among registered voters

	Describes	Does not describe
Extreme	49%	51%
Reasonable	45%	55%
Weak	64%	36%
Strong	23%	77%
Effective	23%	77%

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26. Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?
Among registered voters

	Describes	Does not describe
Extreme	58%	42%
Reasonable	41%	59%
Weak	43%	57%
Strong	46%	54%
Effective	40%	60%

* Questions held for future release.

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25A. Describe the Democratic Party — Extreme

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?

Among registered voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	49%	54%	45%	41%	46%	54%	50%	11%	44%	86%
Does not describe	51%	46%	55%	59%	54%	46%	50%	89%	56%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(773)	(833)	(242)	(378)	(558)	(427)	(488)	(452)	(604)

		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	49%	15%	45%	85%	53%	29%	48%	60%	45%
Does not describe	51%	85%	55%	15%	47%	71%	52%	40%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(545)	(463)	(574)	(1,122)	(197)	(199)	(606)	(517)

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25B. Describe the Democratic Party — Reasonable

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	45%	40%	51%	55%	46%	40%	46%	84%	52%	9%
Does not describe	55%	60%	49%	45%	54%	60%	54%	16%	48%	91%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,607)	(774)	(833)	(241)	(378)	(559)	(429)	(486)	(455)	(605)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	45%	88%	43%	8%	40%	76%	45%	32%	50%
Does not describe	55%	12%	57%	92%	60%	24%	55%	68%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,607)	(547)	(461)	(574)	(1,123)	(197)	(200)	(608)	(515)

25C. Describe the Democratic Party — Weak

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	64%	68%	61%	61%	63%	68%	64%	53%	62%	77%
Does not describe	36%	32%	39%	39%	37%	32%	36%	47%	38%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,609)	(774)	(835)	(242)	(378)	(560)	(429)	(488)	(455)	(605)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	64%	45%	70%	79%	69%	39%	61%	69%	69%
Does not describe	36%	55%	30%	21%	31%	61%	39%	31%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,609)	(550)	(460)	(575)	(1,126)	(199)	(199)	(610)	(515)

25D. Describe the Democratic Party — Strong
Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?
Among registered voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	23%	19%	27%	29%	27%	19%	23%	36%	23%	11%
Does not describe	77%	81%	73%	71%	73%	81%	77%	64%	77%	89%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,606)	(773)	(832)	(242)	(379)	(559)	(425)	(487)	(454)	(603)

		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	23%	45%	14%	10%	18%	50%	29%	18%	19%
Does not describe	77%	55%	86%	90%	82%	50%	71%	82%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,606)	(548)	(461)	(573)	(1,120)	(200)	(199)	(604)	(517)

25E. Describe the Democratic Party — Effective

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Democratic Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	23%	20%	27%	27%	27%	21%	21%	36%	27%	10%
Does not describe	77%	80%	73%	73%	73%	79%	79%	64%	73%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(773)	(832)	(242)	(378)	(560)	(425)	(487)	(452)	(604)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	23%	45%	16%	9%	17%	52%	32%	17%	18%
Does not describe	77%	55%	84%	91%	83%	48%	68%	83%	82%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,605)	(547)	(461)	(574)	(1,120)	(198)	(200)	(605)	(516)

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26A. Describe the Republican Party — Extreme
Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?
Among registered voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	58%	52%	63%	71%	60%	54%	52%	93%	67%	21%
Does not describe	42%	48%	37%	29%	40%	46%	48%	7%	33%	79%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,610)	(770)	(840)	(240)	(377)	(563)	(429)	(490)	(455)	(604)

		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	58%	88%	64%	24%	55%	78%	52%	47%	64%
Does not describe	42%	12%	36%	76%	45%	22%	48%	53%	36%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,610)	(548)	(465)	(572)	(1,123)	(201)	(200)	(609)	(514)

26B. Describe the Republican Party — Reasonable

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	41%	45%	37%	33%	35%	46%	44%	4%	30%	81%
Does not describe	59%	55%	63%	67%	65%	54%	56%	96%	70%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,603)	(769)	(834)	(240)	(374)	(562)	(427)	(489)	(448)	(605)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	41%	6%	29%	85%	45%	17%	44%	53%	36%
Does not describe	59%	94%	71%	15%	55%	83%	56%	47%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,603)	(545)	(463)	(571)	(1,119)	(200)	(200)	(604)	(515)

26C. Describe the Republican Party — Weak

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	43%	43%	43%	42%	45%	43%	41%	66%	47%	21%
Does not describe	57%	57%	57%	58%	55%	57%	59%	34%	53%	79%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,601)	(766)	(835)	(240)	(376)	(558)	(427)	(488)	(451)	(602)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	43%	65%	50%	16%	40%	57%	43%	32%	49%
Does not describe	57%	35%	50%	84%	60%	43%	57%	68%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,601)	(544)	(465)	(569)	(1,119)	(197)	(200)	(607)	(513)

26D. Describe the Republican Party — Strong

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?

Among registered voters

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	46%	48%	44%	46%	44%	48%	47%	20%	43%	71%
Does not describe	54%	52%	56%	54%	56%	52%	53%	80%	57%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,604)	(768)	(836)	(240)	(375)	(561)	(427)	(488)	(453)	(602)

		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	46%	21%	36%	80%	49%	32%	46%	57%	40%
Does not describe	54%	79%	64%	20%	51%	68%	54%	43%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,604)	(543)	(464)	(572)	(1,121)	(199)	(199)	(610)	(511)

26E. Describe the Republican Party — Effective

Which of these words, if any, do you feel describe the Republican Party today?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Describes	40%	40%	39%	37%	36%	40%	43%	11%	32%	69%
Does not describe	60%	60%	61%	63%	64%	60%	57%	89%	68%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,608)	(770)	(838)	(242)	(375)	(564)	(428)	(488)	(455)	(604)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Describes	40%	12%	28%	76%	43%	21%	40%	51%	34%
Does not describe	60%	88%	72%	24%	57%	79%	60%	49%	66%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,608)	(544)	(464)	(576)	(1,126)	(199)	(200)	(611)	(515)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,425 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 3-5, 2026.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, and 2024 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.0, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.6.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.4 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + \text{CV}^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.