

CBS News Poll – February 25-27, 2026

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,264 Adults in the U.S.
 Margin of Error ± 2.5 points

12. Which party would you like to see control Congress next year?

Among registered voters

The Democratic party	45%
The Republican party	40%
Not sure	7%
It doesn't matter either way	8%

13. If these were your choices, in the 2026 Congressional elections would you most prefer to vote for...

Among registered voters

A progressive or liberal Democrat	25%
A moderate Democrat	22%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	13%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	33%
A third party candidate	4%
Wouldn't vote	3%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

Approve	47%
Disapprove	53%

22. Do you think the Trump administration is mainly prioritizing dangerous criminals for deportation, or is it mainly prioritizing people who are not dangerous criminals?

Prioritizing dangerous criminals	46%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	54%

23. Do current ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) operations in the U.S. make you personally feel...

More secure	28%
Less secure	50%
No impact either way	22%

24. Do you feel that ICE's operations in the U.S. need to be...

Increased	24%
Decreased	56%
Not changed either way	20%

25. Do you think ICE's operations in the U.S. need to be increased mainly in...

Among those who think ICE operations need to be increased

Democratic states and areas	31%
Republican states and areas	5%
Both equally	63%

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26. Who, if anyone, should ICE officials be able to stop and ask for proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency?

	Yes	No
Anyone they choose	22%	78%
People for whom there is a warrant or criminal record	86%	14%
People who ICE believes appear to be racial minorities	23%	77%

27. Do you think Hispanic people in the U.S. are being subject to more, less, or about the same amount of immigration and deportation searches from ICE as people of other races and backgrounds?

More	59%
Same	37%
Less	3%

28. And do you think Hispanic people being subject to more of those searches is fair or unfair?

Among those who think Hispanic people are subject to more ICE searches

Fair	15%
Unfair	85%

29. How closely have you followed news about the case involving convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein?

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	43%
Not too closely	23%
Not at all	11%

30. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with how the Trump administration is handling matters related to the Jeffrey Epstein case?

Very satisfied	8%
Somewhat satisfied	23%
Somewhat dissatisfied	20%
Very dissatisfied	48%

31. Is your view of the Democratic Party...

Favorable	39%
Unfavorable	61%

32. Is your view of the Republican Party...

Favorable	37%
Unfavorable	63%

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33. If you had to choose, who has the better approach to economic policy for the U.S. right now?	
The Democrats	34%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	33%
Neither	23%
Not sure	10%
34. If you had to choose, who has the better approach to immigration policy for the U.S. right now?	
The Democrats	34%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	36%
Neither	21%
Not sure	9%
35. Do you think the Democratic Party generally puts the interests of...	
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	29%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	27%
Treats both equally	18%
Neither	26%
36. Do you think the Republican Party generally puts the interests of...	
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	57%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	10%
Treats both equally	20%
Neither	13%
37. Do you think the Democratic Party generally puts the interests of...	
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	12%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	32%
Treats both equally	36%
Neither	20%
38. Do you think the Republican Party generally puts the interests of...	
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	57%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	4%
Treats both equally	12%
Neither	27%
39. Whether or not you agree with them, would you describe the Democratic Party's positions generally as:	
<i>Among registered voters</i>	
Mainstream	55%
Extreme	45%

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40. Whether or not you agree with them, would you describe the Republican Party's positions generally as:

Among registered voters

Mainstream	44%
Extreme	56%

41. Right now do you think the Democratic Party is mostly focused on things you consider economic and financial issues, things you consider cultural or social issues, both, or neither?

Mostly economic and financial	10%
Mostly cultural and social	29%
Both	38%
Neither	23%

42. Right now do you think the Republican Party is mostly focused on things you consider economic and financial issues, things you consider cultural or social issues, both, or neither?

Mostly economic and financial	28%
Mostly cultural and social	15%
Both	32%
Neither	25%

45. Which is more important for the Democratic Party to talk about in 2026? Their plans for...

Among registered voters who are Democrats

Their own policy ideas	47%
Stopping Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	53%

46. When the Democratic Party chooses candidates for Congress in 2026, how important is it that those Democratic candidates show opposition to Donald Trump?

Among registered voters who are Democrats

Very important	71%
Somewhat important	21%
Not too important	5%
Not at all important	2%

48. Which is more important for the Republican Party to talk about in 2026? Their plans for...

Among registered voters who are Republicans

Their own policy ideas	81%
Stopping Democrats from getting their policies	19%

49. When the Republican Party chooses candidates for Congress in 2026, how important is it that those Republican candidates show support for Donald Trump?

Among registered voters who are Republicans

Very important	52%
Somewhat important	34%
Not too important	9%
Not at all important	5%

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51. Overall, how much confidence do you have in the voting and election system in [State] to handle elections in a way that accurately and fairly reflects the will of the voters in [State]?

Very confident	26%
Somewhat confident	41%
Not very confident	19%
Not at all confident	14%

* Questions held for future release.

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12. Preferred Party to Control Congress

Which party would you like to see control Congress next year?

Among registered voters

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The Democratic party	45%	42%	48%	47%	46%	42%	47%	90%	49%	5%
The Republican party	40%	44%	35%	35%	34%	44%	42%	5%	26%	83%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	9%	10%	5%	6%	3%	12%	5%
It doesn't matter either way	8%	8%	8%	9%	10%	9%	5%	2%	12%	7%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,523)	(725)	(798)	(226)	(355)	(535)	(407)	(468)	(471)	(540)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The Democratic party	45%	93%	47%	2%	40%	73%	47%	31%	50%
The Republican party	40%	1%	26%	88%	47%	9%	31%	55%	38%
Not sure	7%	3%	11%	5%	6%	7%	15%	6%	6%
It doesn't matter either way	8%	3%	16%	5%	7%	11%	7%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,523)	(506)	(445)	(547)	(1,063)	(188)	(186)	(580)	(483)

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13. Preferred Congressional Candidate

If these were your choices, in the 2026 Congressional elections would you most prefer to vote for...

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A progressive or liberal Democrat	25%	22%	29%	32%	30%	21%	23%	71%	9%	1%
A moderate Democrat	22%	22%	22%	19%	21%	23%	25%	21%	45%	5%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	13%	13%	12%	17%	14%	11%	11%	1%	17%	19%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	33%	37%	29%	26%	25%	38%	37%	4%	18%	72%
A third party candidate	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	2%	2%	6%	2%
Wouldn't vote	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	0%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,526)	(727)	(799)	(226)	(357)	(534)	(409)	(469)	(471)	(543)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A progressive or liberal Democrat	25%	54%	24%	0%	23%	41%	21%	17%	30%
A moderate Democrat	22%	43%	26%	1%	19%	37%	30%	15%	24%
A Republican who is more independent from Donald Trump	13%	1%	14%	23%	14%	6%	12%	14%	15%
A Republican who is more in line with Donald Trump	33%	0%	21%	74%	39%	7%	27%	47%	28%
A third party candidate	4%	1%	10%	1%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%
Wouldn't vote	3%	1%	5%	1%	1%	5%	6%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,526)	(507)	(448)	(547)	(1,063)	(188)	(188)	(580)	(483)

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21. Trump Deportation Program Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration’s program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	47%	54%	40%	40%	42%	52%	51%	10%	46%	87%
Disapprove	53%	46%	60%	60%	58%	48%	49%	90%	54%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,256)	(1,094)	(1,162)	(466)	(574)	(740)	(476)	(613)	(749)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	47%	11%	44%	89%	54%	30%	35%	60%	44%
Disapprove	53%	89%	56%	11%	46%	70%	65%	40%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,256)	(641)	(792)	(650)	(1,423)	(281)	(360)	(880)	(543)

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22. Trump Administration Deportation Prioritizing Dangerous Criminals or Not

Do you think the Trump administration is mainly prioritizing dangerous criminals for deportation, or is it mainly prioritizing people who are not dangerous criminals?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Prioritizing dangerous criminals	46%	53%	40%	45%	42%	50%	46%	13%	43%	83%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	54%	47%	60%	55%	58%	50%	54%	87%	57%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,253)	(1,093)	(1,160)	(466)	(570)	(739)	(478)	(613)	(749)	(659)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Prioritizing dangerous criminals	46%	13%	42%	86%	53%	29%	38%	58%	44%
Prioritizing those who are not dangerous criminals	54%	87%	58%	14%	47%	71%	62%	42%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,253)	(640)	(792)	(649)	(1,422)	(280)	(361)	(881)	(541)

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23. ICE Operations Make You Feel

Do current ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) operations in the U.S. make you personally feel...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More secure	28%	33%	22%	22%	24%	30%	33%	5%	19%	63%
Less secure	50%	45%	55%	53%	58%	46%	45%	86%	54%	13%
No impact either way	22%	22%	22%	25%	18%	24%	22%	9%	27%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(1,099)	(1,164)	(466)	(574)	(741)	(482)	(614)	(753)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More secure	28%	3%	21%	63%	34%	11%	20%	35%	30%
Less secure	50%	82%	56%	13%	43%	63%	61%	38%	52%
No impact either way	22%	15%	22%	24%	23%	26%	19%	27%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(644)	(794)	(651)	(1,427)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(543)

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24. ICE Operations Need to Increase or Decrease

Do you feel that ICE's operations in the U.S. need to be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increased	24%	30%	17%	21%	21%	26%	26%	5%	16%	53%
Decreased	56%	50%	62%	57%	63%	52%	54%	90%	62%	17%
Not changed either way	20%	20%	21%	22%	16%	22%	20%	5%	22%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(1,099)	(1,165)	(466)	(574)	(742)	(482)	(614)	(753)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increased	24%	4%	21%	50%	30%	9%	15%	33%	24%
Decreased	56%	90%	62%	16%	49%	73%	67%	43%	58%
Not changed either way	20%	6%	17%	34%	21%	17%	18%	24%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(644)	(794)	(652)	(1,429)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(543)

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25. Increase ICE Operations in Democratic or Republican Areas

Do you think ICE's operations in the U.S. need to be increased mainly in...

Among those who think ICE operations need to be increased

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic states and areas	31%	35%	26%	*	35%	30%	34%	*	23%	35%
Republican states and areas	5%	3%	8%	*	5%	6%	1%	*	5%	4%
Both equally	63%	62%	66%	*	59%	64%	65%	*	72%	61%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	99%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(535)	(331)	(204)	(97)	(119)	(194)	(124)	(30)	(122)	(348)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Democratic states and areas	31%	*	28%	33%	30%	*	*	30%	32%
Republican states and areas	5%	*	2%	7%	4%	*	*	3%	6%
Both equally	63%	*	70%	60%	66%	*	*	67%	62%
Totals	99%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(535)	(24)	(166)	(323)	(421)	(26)	(54)	(293)	(128)

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26A. Who should ICE Ask for Proof of Citizenship — Anyone they choose

Who, if anyone, should ICE officials be able to stop and ask for proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	22%	25%	19%	22%	23%	24%	17%	7%	18%	41%
No	78%	75%	81%	78%	77%	76%	83%	93%	82%	59%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(1,091)	(1,155)	(466)	(573)	(736)	(472)	(610)	(747)	(655)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	22%	8%	20%	40%	25%	18%	18%	28%	20%
No	78%	92%	80%	60%	75%	82%	82%	72%	80%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(641)	(790)	(644)	(1,415)	(282)	(361)	(878)	(537)

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26B. Who should ICE Ask for Proof of Citizenship — People for whom there is a warrant or criminal record

Who, if anyone, should ICE officials be able to stop and ask for proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	86%	87%	85%	79%	82%	89%	95%	74%	88%	96%
No	14%	13%	15%	21%	18%	11%	5%	26%	12%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,247)	(1,090)	(1,157)	(464)	(573)	(737)	(473)	(610)	(752)	(651)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	86%	77%	86%	97%	86%	83%	89%	87%	83%
No	14%	23%	14%	3%	14%	17%	11%	13%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,247)	(642)	(788)	(643)	(1,414)	(281)	(360)	(876)	(539)

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26C. Who should ICE Ask for Proof of Citizenship — People who ICE believes appear to be racial minorities

Who, if anyone, should ICE officials be able to stop and ask for proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	23%	26%	20%	23%	25%	25%	16%	7%	19%	38%
No	77%	74%	80%	77%	75%	75%	84%	93%	81%	62%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(1,086)	(1,152)	(465)	(573)	(731)	(469)	(610)	(748)	(647)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	23%	9%	19%	39%	25%	19%	21%	29%	18%
No	77%	91%	81%	61%	75%	81%	79%	71%	82%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,238)	(642)	(785)	(640)	(1,408)	(281)	(360)	(871)	(537)

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27. Hispanic People - Amount of Immigration and Deportation Searches

Do you think Hispanic people in the U.S. are being subject to more, less, or about the same amount of immigration and deportation searches from ICE as people of other races and backgrounds?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More	59%	54%	64%	52%	61%	62%	62%	86%	60%	37%
Same	37%	43%	32%	44%	34%	36%	36%	12%	36%	60%
Less	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(1,095)	(1,159)	(466)	(573)	(738)	(477)	(613)	(749)	(657)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More	59%	84%	61%	36%	55%	64%	69%	48%	66%
Same	37%	12%	35%	62%	42%	29%	28%	49%	32%
Less	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	7%	3%	3%	2%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(642)	(792)	(646)	(1,421)	(282)	(361)	(881)	(540)

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28. More Hispanic People Subject to Deportation Searches Fair or Unfair

And do you think Hispanic people being subject to more of those searches is fair or unfair?

Among those who think Hispanic people are subject to more ICE searches

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Fair	15%	21%	11%	13%	14%	18%	16%	3%	14%	50%
Unfair	85%	79%	89%	87%	86%	82%	84%	97%	86%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,338)	(595)	(743)	(241)	(347)	(456)	(294)	(525)	(448)	(244)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Fair	15%	4%	15%	47%	18%	10%	10%	20%	16%
Unfair	85%	96%	85%	53%	82%	90%	90%	80%	84%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,338)	(537)	(486)	(230)	(780)	(179)	(250)	(422)	(358)

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29. Followed News about Epstein Case

How closely have you followed news about the case involving convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very closely	22%	22%	22%	18%	19%	23%	26%	38%	17%	17%
Somewhat closely	43%	47%	40%	47%	41%	41%	47%	44%	48%	44%
Not too closely	23%	22%	25%	23%	22%	26%	21%	14%	26%	29%
Not at all	11%	9%	13%	12%	17%	10%	6%	4%	9%	10%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(1,099)	(1,163)	(466)	(573)	(742)	(481)	(613)	(752)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very closely	22%	35%	21%	14%	22%	24%	22%	16%	31%
Somewhat closely	43%	45%	47%	43%	46%	39%	35%	46%	46%
Not too closely	23%	15%	21%	33%	23%	23%	25%	26%	18%
Not at all	11%	5%	11%	10%	9%	14%	18%	12%	4%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(643)	(793)	(652)	(1,427)	(282)	(360)	(885)	(542)

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30. Satisfaction with How Trump Administration Handling Epstein Case

Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with how the Trump administration is handling matters related to the Jeffrey Epstein case?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very satisfied	8%	8%	8%	5%	7%	9%	10%	3%	4%	19%
Somewhat satisfied	23%	26%	21%	17%	20%	27%	28%	4%	18%	49%
Somewhat dissatisfied	20%	21%	20%	26%	24%	18%	13%	8%	26%	20%
Very dissatisfied	48%	45%	51%	51%	49%	46%	49%	85%	51%	12%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(1,092)	(1,154)	(466)	(569)	(736)	(475)	(613)	(751)	(653)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very satisfied	8%	1%	3%	21%	9%	3%	8%	11%	7%
Somewhat satisfied	23%	4%	18%	50%	28%	13%	17%	30%	24%
Somewhat dissatisfied	20%	12%	25%	20%	20%	19%	23%	21%	18%
Very dissatisfied	48%	83%	54%	9%	43%	65%	52%	38%	51%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(644)	(787)	(642)	(1,416)	(282)	(357)	(876)	(541)

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31. View of Democratic Party

Is your view of the Democratic Party...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable	39%	33%	44%	42%	37%	35%	43%	69%	45%	7%
Unfavorable	61%	67%	56%	58%	63%	65%	57%	31%	55%	93%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,237)	(1,080)	(1,157)	(454)	(571)	(734)	(479)	(610)	(735)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favorable	39%	84%	33%	5%	34%	59%	43%	30%	40%
Unfavorable	61%	16%	67%	95%	66%	41%	57%	70%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,237)	(638)	(776)	(651)	(1,409)	(279)	(358)	(872)	(537)

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32. View of Republican Party

Is your view of the Republican Party...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable	37%	39%	36%	33%	33%	39%	42%	7%	29%	79%
Unfavorable	63%	61%	64%	67%	67%	61%	58%	93%	71%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,235)	(1,080)	(1,155)	(453)	(569)	(733)	(479)	(612)	(734)	(659)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favorable	37%	4%	24%	90%	44%	15%	30%	50%	36%
Unfavorable	63%	96%	76%	10%	56%	85%	70%	50%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,235)	(644)	(777)	(647)	(1,410)	(282)	(353)	(870)	(540)

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33. Better Approach to Economic Policy

If you had to choose, who has the better approach to economic policy for the U.S. right now?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The Democrats	34%	31%	37%	36%	33%	31%	38%	76%	33%	5%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	33%	37%	30%	21%	28%	39%	42%	4%	21%	81%
Neither	23%	24%	22%	29%	30%	21%	12%	17%	33%	9%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%	14%	9%	9%	7%	3%	13%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(1,099)	(1,162)	(466)	(573)	(741)	(481)	(612)	(753)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The Democrats	34%	82%	28%	2%	30%	52%	35%	24%	41%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	33%	1%	21%	86%	42%	7%	25%	45%	36%
Neither	23%	11%	41%	8%	20%	28%	27%	22%	16%
Not sure	10%	6%	10%	4%	8%	13%	13%	9%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(644)	(793)	(651)	(1,427)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(542)

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34. Better Approach to Immigration Policy

If you had to choose, who has the better approach to immigration policy for the U.S. right now?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The Democrats	34%	30%	38%	42%	34%	31%	32%	75%	33%	5%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	36%	40%	32%	23%	29%	43%	45%	5%	27%	82%
Neither	21%	23%	19%	23%	26%	18%	18%	16%	30%	9%
Not sure	9%	7%	11%	12%	11%	8%	5%	4%	10%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,256)	(1,097)	(1,159)	(465)	(573)	(738)	(480)	(610)	(751)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The Democrats	34%	77%	30%	2%	30%	49%	39%	23%	42%
Donald Trump and the Republicans	36%	2%	26%	88%	45%	10%	26%	48%	38%
Neither	21%	15%	34%	7%	19%	24%	21%	21%	17%
Not sure	9%	6%	10%	3%	6%	17%	14%	7%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,256)	(643)	(789)	(651)	(1,426)	(281)	(359)	(885)	(540)

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35. Does Democratic Party Put Wealthy or Middle Class Interests First

Do you think the Democratic Party generally puts the interests of...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	29%	32%	27%	24%	29%	33%	29%	23%	20%	47%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	27%	24%	29%	23%	26%	26%	34%	47%	30%	10%
Treats both equally	18%	17%	19%	25%	20%	15%	13%	23%	23%	8%
Neither	26%	26%	25%	28%	25%	26%	24%	7%	26%	35%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,257)	(1,097)	(1,160)	(465)	(571)	(739)	(482)	(613)	(750)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	29%	13%	31%	46%	34%	16%	22%	35%	32%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	27%	52%	23%	11%	25%	33%	28%	20%	34%
Treats both equally	18%	29%	18%	8%	15%	28%	19%	15%	16%
Neither	26%	6%	28%	35%	25%	23%	31%	30%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,257)	(642)	(793)	(651)	(1,425)	(281)	(359)	(883)	(543)

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36. Does Republican Party Put Wealthy or Middle Class Interests First

Do you think the Republican Party generally puts the interests of...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	57%	54%	60%	54%	58%	58%	57%	90%	63%	25%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	10%	11%	10%	7%	11%	11%	13%	2%	6%	25%
Treats both equally	20%	22%	17%	19%	18%	21%	22%	6%	15%	41%
Neither	13%	12%	13%	20%	13%	10%	8%	2%	16%	9%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,250)	(1,093)	(1,157)	(466)	(568)	(737)	(480)	(608)	(752)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The wealthy ahead of the middle class	57%	92%	62%	20%	53%	70%	58%	46%	64%
The middle class ahead of the wealthy	10%	2%	6%	26%	12%	3%	7%	14%	10%
Treats both equally	20%	1%	15%	46%	23%	7%	19%	25%	20%
Neither	13%	4%	16%	8%	11%	19%	16%	15%	6%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,250)	(643)	(790)	(645)	(1,423)	(282)	(354)	(883)	(540)

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37. Does Democratic Party Put Citizens or Immigrants Interests First

Do you think the Democratic Party generally puts the interests of...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	12%	12%	13%	19%	12%	11%	9%	20%	13%	6%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	32%	36%	27%	14%	27%	40%	40%	3%	26%	70%
Treats both equally	36%	32%	39%	35%	39%	33%	38%	64%	40%	10%
Neither	20%	20%	21%	32%	22%	16%	13%	13%	20%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,249)	(1,093)	(1,156)	(464)	(569)	(740)	(476)	(611)	(744)	(659)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	12%	17%	15%	6%	11%	21%	14%	9%	13%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	32%	3%	28%	69%	38%	8%	20%	42%	34%
Treats both equally	36%	68%	33%	11%	33%	46%	39%	26%	44%
Neither	20%	12%	24%	14%	18%	25%	27%	23%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,249)	(640)	(788)	(647)	(1,421)	(278)	(360)	(880)	(542)

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38. Does Republican Party Put Citizens or Immigrants Interests First

Do you think the Republican Party generally puts the interests of...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	57%	59%	56%	52%	54%	60%	61%	60%	52%	74%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	3%
Treats both equally	12%	12%	11%	16%	13%	10%	9%	7%	12%	15%
Neither	27%	24%	29%	29%	28%	24%	26%	29%	31%	8%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(1,095)	(1,159)	(464)	(573)	(738)	(479)	(611)	(748)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	57%	55%	53%	74%	64%	36%	51%	60%	69%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	4%	5%	5%	3%	3%	8%	6%	3%	2%
Treats both equally	12%	5%	11%	19%	12%	12%	14%	12%	12%
Neither	27%	35%	31%	4%	21%	44%	29%	24%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(641)	(790)	(651)	(1,426)	(280)	(359)	(883)	(543)

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39. Democratic Party Positions Mainstream or Extreme

Whether or not you agree with them, would you describe the Democratic Party's positions generally as:

Among registered voters

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainstream	55%	49%	60%	63%	60%	50%	51%	92%	64%	13%
Extreme	45%	51%	40%	37%	40%	50%	49%	8%	36%	87%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,515)	(723)	(792)	(224)	(351)	(535)	(406)	(466)	(465)	(539)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainstream	55%	94%	58%	14%	48%	86%	57%	40%	57%
Extreme	45%	6%	42%	86%	52%	14%	43%	60%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,515)	(506)	(445)	(539)	(1,055)	(187)	(186)	(576)	(479)

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40. Republican Party Positions Mainstream or Extreme

Whether or not you agree with them, would you describe the Republican Party's positions generally as:

Among registered voters

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mainstream	44%	49%	38%	43%	38%	47%	45%	7%	35%	83%
Extreme	56%	51%	62%	57%	62%	53%	55%	93%	65%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,522)	(726)	(795)	(225)	(355)	(535)	(406)	(468)	(469)	(541)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mainstream	44%	5%	38%	84%	51%	15%	35%	60%	40%
Extreme	56%	95%	62%	16%	49%	85%	65%	40%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,522)	(505)	(447)	(544)	(1,060)	(188)	(187)	(578)	(482)

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41. Democratic Party Focusing on Cultural Issues or Economic Issues

Right now do you think the Democratic Party is mostly focused on things you consider economic and financial issues, things you consider cultural or social issues, both, or neither?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly economic and financial	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	9%	10%	13%	11%	5%
Mostly cultural and social	29%	33%	25%	22%	29%	34%	27%	11%	28%	52%
Both	38%	32%	44%	44%	37%	34%	41%	63%	40%	16%
Neither	23%	25%	21%	25%	23%	23%	22%	13%	21%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,249)	(1,093)	(1,157)	(458)	(570)	(740)	(480)	(611)	(747)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mostly economic and financial	10%	14%	9%	6%	9%	13%	11%	9%	10%
Mostly cultural and social	29%	10%	30%	50%	33%	11%	23%	31%	36%
Both	38%	68%	37%	13%	34%	57%	39%	31%	40%
Neither	23%	8%	24%	30%	23%	19%	27%	29%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,249)	(643)	(784)	(650)	(1,417)	(280)	(361)	(876)	(541)

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42. Republican Party Focusing on Cultural Issues or Economic Issues

Right now do you think the Republican Party is mostly focused on things you consider economic and financial issues, things you consider cultural or social issues, both, or neither?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly economic and financial	28%	29%	26%	23%	27%	33%	25%	16%	30%	40%
Mostly cultural and social	15%	15%	15%	15%	19%	13%	13%	32%	13%	4%
Both	32%	32%	33%	35%	31%	30%	37%	25%	26%	48%
Neither	25%	24%	26%	27%	23%	24%	25%	27%	31%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(1,092)	(1,154)	(456)	(570)	(740)	(479)	(609)	(745)	(658)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Mostly economic and financial	28%	21%	25%	40%	29%	27%	27%	28%	30%
Mostly cultural and social	15%	25%	18%	4%	16%	12%	12%	11%	25%
Both	32%	20%	28%	51%	35%	24%	30%	38%	30%
Neither	25%	33%	29%	5%	20%	37%	31%	23%	15%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,246)	(641)	(785)	(647)	(1,413)	(280)	(361)	(876)	(538)

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45. More Important for Democratic Party to Talk about in 2026

Which is more important for the Democratic Party to talk about in 2026? Their plans for...

Among registered voters who are Democrats

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Their own policy ideas	47%	46%	47%	*	48%	41%	45%	46%	50%	*
Stopping Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	53%	54%	53%	*	52%	59%	55%	54%	50%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(506)	(203)	(303)	(79)	(120)	(159)	(148)	(316)	(159)	(21)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Their own policy ideas	47%	47%	*	*	50%	40%	48%	40%	58%
Stopping Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	53%	53%	*	*	50%	60%	52%	60%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(506)	(506)	(0)	(0)	(283)	(126)	(73)	(124)	(159)

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46. Importance of Showing Opposition to Trump in Midterms

When the Democratic Party chooses candidates for Congress in 2026, how important is it that those Democratic candidates show opposition to Donald Trump?

Among registered voters who are Democrats

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	71%	70%	72%	*	68%	74%	74%	77%	61%	*
Somewhat important	21%	22%	21%	*	26%	21%	18%	20%	24%	*
Not too important	5%	7%	5%	*	5%	4%	6%	2%	12%	*
Not at all important	2%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(505)	(202)	(303)	(79)	(120)	(158)	(148)	(316)	(158)	(21)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	71%	71%	*	*	71%	74%	66%	73%	70%
Somewhat important	21%	21%	*	*	22%	19%	26%	19%	23%
Not too important	5%	5%	*	*	7%	4%	3%	7%	6%
Not at all important	2%	2%	*	*	0%	3%	5%	1%	0%
Totals	99%	99%	*	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(505)	(505)	(0)	(0)	(283)	(125)	(73)	(123)	(160)

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48. More Important for Republican Party to Talk about in 2026

Which is more important for the Republican Party to talk about in 2026? Their plans for...

Among registered voters who are Republicans

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Their own policy ideas	81%	80%	83%	*	*	80%	79%	*	*	81%
Stopping Democrats from getting their policies	19%	20%	17%	*	*	20%	21%	*	*	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%
Weighted N	(545)	(274)	(271)	(78)	(107)	(209)	(151)	(25)	(93)	(420)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Their own policy ideas	81%	*	*	81%	81%	*	*	82%	81%
Stopping Democrats from getting their policies	19%	*	*	19%	19%	*	*	18%	19%
Totals	100%	*	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(545)	(0)	(0)	(545)	(450)	(15)	(58)	(286)	(164)

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49. Importance of Showing Support for Trump in Midterms

When the Republican Party chooses candidates for Congress in 2026, how important is it that those Republican candidates show support for Donald Trump?

Among registered voters who are Republicans

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	52%	49%	55%	*	*	54%	52%	*	*	54%
Somewhat important	34%	35%	34%	*	*	32%	38%	*	*	35%
Not too important	9%	10%	8%	*	*	10%	5%	*	*	8%
Not at all important	5%	6%	3%	*	*	4%	5%	*	*	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%
Weighted N	(546)	(274)	(272)	(78)	(109)	(209)	(150)	(25)	(93)	(421)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	52%	*	*	52%	51%	*	*	56%	43%
Somewhat important	34%	*	*	34%	36%	*	*	35%	38%
Not too important	9%	*	*	9%	9%	*	*	6%	13%
Not at all important	5%	*	*	5%	4%	*	*	3%	6%
Totals	100%	*	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(546)	(0)	(0)	(546)	(451)	(15)	(58)	(287)	(163)

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51. Confidence in State Election System

Overall, how much confidence do you have in the voting and election system in [State] to handle elections in a way that accurately and fairly reflects the will of the voters in [State]?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very confident	26%	28%	24%	19%	23%	24%	36%	38%	27%	19%
Somewhat confident	41%	42%	40%	50%	42%	39%	34%	41%	44%	41%
Not very confident	19%	18%	21%	19%	19%	22%	17%	15%	18%	22%
Not at all confident	14%	12%	15%	12%	16%	15%	13%	6%	11%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(1,099)	(1,162)	(464)	(574)	(742)	(481)	(614)	(753)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very confident	26%	35%	26%	22%	27%	21%	26%	22%	34%
Somewhat confident	41%	41%	41%	42%	42%	40%	40%	43%	40%
Not very confident	19%	16%	19%	21%	18%	23%	19%	19%	17%
Not at all confident	14%	8%	14%	14%	13%	16%	15%	15%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(644)	(794)	(650)	(1,426)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(541)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,264 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 25-27, 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 4.5, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.7.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.5 points. It is calculated using the formula

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

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.