

CBS News Poll – October 21–23, 2026

Adults in the U.S.



2026 HOUSE ESTIMATE

D 229 - R 206

range: D 215/R 220 to D 237/R 198

Based on a statistical model incorporating voter responses to this survey.

Sample 2,355 Adults in the U.S.

Margin of Error ± 2.6 points

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

Approve	39%
Disapprove	61%

2. Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	50%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

	Approve	Disapprove
The economy	33%	67%
Inflation	27%	73%
Immigration	43%	57%

4. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...?

Very well	7%
Somewhat well	26%
Somewhat badly	26%
Very badly	41%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Iran?

Approve	33%
Disapprove	67%

6. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	6%
Fairly good	24%
Fairly bad	30%
Very bad	35%
Not sure	5%

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7. How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2026 midterm election campaign?

Among registered voters

Great deal	40%
Fair amount	40%
Not very much	16%
None at all	3%

8. As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

Among registered voters

Already voted mail or absentee	14%
Already voted early in-person	8%
Definitely will vote	62%
Probably will vote	9%
Maybe, I'm 50/50	5%
Probably won't vote	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%

9. [If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today/In the election for U.S. House of Representatives,] who [would/did] you vote for in the district where you live?

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward a Democratic or Republican candidate

Democratic candidate	53%
Republican candidate	45%
Other	1%
Not sure	0%
Nonvoter	0%

13. Would you ever consider voting for a Republican candidate for the House of Representatives this year?

Among likely voters planning to vote for a Democratic Party candidate in their congressional district

Yes	4%
Maybe	11%
No	85%

14. Would you ever consider voting for a Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives this year?

Among likely voters planning to vote for a Republican Party candidate in their congressional district

Yes	6%
Maybe	18%
No	76%

15. Earlier you said you were not definite to vote this year. Is the main reason for that because you...?

Among registered voters who are not definitely planning to vote

Don't like any candidates right now	19%
Don't like either party right now	18%
Just may not have time or interest	43%
Don't think your vote will matter this year	20%

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16. [Would/Was] your 2026 congressional vote [be]...

Among likely voters

In support of Donald Trump	26%
In opposition to Donald Trump	41%
Not about Donald Trump	33%

17. Would you describe the views of the Democratic candidate running in your congressional district as...?

Among likely voters

Very liberal	30%
Somewhat liberal	25%
Moderate	24%
Somewhat conservative	4%
Very conservative	5%
Not sure	11%

18. Would you describe the views of the Republican candidate running in your congressional district as...?

Among likely voters

Very liberal	3%
Somewhat liberal	3%
Moderate	14%
Somewhat conservative	28%
Very conservative	38%
Not sure	14%

19. [Are you planning to/Was your] vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress mainly to try to...?

Among likely voters voting for a Democrat for Congress

Help the Democrats get their policies	42%
Stop Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	58%

20. [Are you planning to/Was your] vote for the Republican candidate for Congress mainly to try to...?

Among likely voters voting for a Republican for Congress

Help Donald Trump and Republicans get their policies	56%
Stop Democrats from getting their policies	44%

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21. How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too/not important
Economy	83%	16%	1%
Immigration	68%	25%	7%
Inflation	78%	20%	2%
The U.S.-Iran conflict	62%	31%	7%
Tariffs	55%	34%	11%
Taxes	62%	31%	7%
Healthcare	73%	21%	6%

22. Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...?

Among likely voters

A financial hardship	32%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	38%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	25%
Finances have not been affected	5%

23. Do you think the Trump Administration should generally be doing...?

Among likely voters

More to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	49%
Less to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	20%
Is handling things about as they should be	31%

24. As president, which do you think Donald Trump prioritizes more...

Among likely voters

His and his family's own financial interests over those of people in the country	60%
The financial interests of people in the country over those of himself and his family	40%

25. Do you think Donald Trump's policies are making you...

Among likely voters

Financially better off	16%
Financially worse off	57%
Stay about the same	27%

26. How much [are/were] each of these a factor in your vote for Congress?

Among likely voters

	Major	Minor	Not a factor
Transgender issues	32%	29%	39%
Data centers	49%	35%	16%
Government corruption	83%	12%	4%
Voting and election issues	65%	23%	11%

27. Is your opinion of the Democratic Party...?

Among likely voters

Strongly favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Strongly unfavorable	33%

28. Is your opinion of the Republican Party...?

Among likely voters

Strongly favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Strongly unfavorable	44%

29. From what you have seen or heard, have the Democrats offered a clear plan for what they would do if they win control of Congress, or not?

Among likely voters

Yes, they have	43%
No, they haven't	57%

30. From what you have seen or heard, have the Republicans offered a clear plan for what they would do if they win control of Congress, or not?

Among likely voters

Yes, they have	44%
No, they haven't	56%

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

Among likely voters

Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	14%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	35%
Treats both equally	37%
Neither	14%

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

Among likely voters

Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	56%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	3%
Treats both equally	9%
Neither	32%

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33. If the Democrats win control of Congress in 2026, do you think their policies would make you...?

Among likely voters

Financially better off	37%
Financially worse off	36%
Not change it either way	27%

34. If the Republicans win control of Congress in 2026, do you think their policies would make you...?

Among likely voters

Financially better off	28%
Financially worse off	51%
Not change it either way	21%

35. If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think their policies would help...?

Among likely voters

Protect your culture and way of life	38%
Threaten your culture and way of life	35%
Not impact it either way	27%

36. If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think their policies would help...?

Among likely voters

Protect your culture and way of life	35%
Threaten your culture and way of life	46%
Not impact it either way	19%

37. If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think the price of gas will...?

Among likely voters

Go up	30%
Go down	35%
Not be impacted either way	35%

38. If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think the price of gas will...?

Among likely voters

Go up	50%
Go down	25%
Not be impacted either way	25%

39. If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think there will be...?

Among likely voters

More corruption in government	37%
Less corruption in government	40%
No impact either way	23%

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40. If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think there will be...?

Among likely voters

More corruption in government	52%
Less corruption in government	27%
No impact either way	21%

41. So far, do you think the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" passed by Congress last year has...

Among likely voters

Helped you and your family	21%
Hurt you and your family	42%
Did not have an impact	21%
Not sure	16%

42. From what you've seen and read, do you think Donald Trump is campaigning for Republican candidates...?

Among likely voters

Too much	42%
About the right amount	48%
Not enough	10%

43. When you see Donald Trump out campaigning for political candidates, does that make you...?

Among likely voters

More likely to vote for a Republican candidate	23%
More likely to vote for a Democratic candidate	42%
Not affect how you will vote	35%

44. In this election cycle, would you say you've seen more 2026 campaign and candidate ads for...?

Among likely voters

Democratic candidates	20%
Republican candidates	28%
About equal	52%

45. [If you choose to vote in the 2026 congressional midterm elections this year, how/How] confident do you feel that your own vote [will be/has been] recorded and counted correctly?

Among likely voters

Very confident	47%
Somewhat confident	38%
Not very confident	10%
Not at all confident	5%

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46. In general, how much confidence do you have in your own local and county elections administration in [State] to do things like determine who is eligible to vote and correctly count ballots?

Among likely voters

A lot	49%
Some	35%
Not much	11%
None at all	5%

47. Specifically, how often do you think non-citizens vote illegally in U.S. federal elections? Do you think that happens...

Among likely voters

A lot	24%
Sometimes	22%
Not much	30%
Not at all	24%

* Questions held for future release.

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1. Trump Job Approval (2 Categories)

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

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	39%	43%	35%	39%	35%	39%	43%	5%	32%	81%
Disapprove	61%	57%	65%	61%	65%	61%	57%	95%	68%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(1,143)	(1,202)	(471)	(595)	(776)	(503)	(609)	(805)	(700)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	39%	4%	28%	86%	45%	20%	33%	48%	40%
Disapprove	61%	96%	72%	14%	55%	80%	67%	52%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(655)	(845)	(682)	(1,493)	(291)	(383)	(923)	(570)

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2. Trump Job Approval (4 Categories)

Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	20%	23%	17%	21%	15%	20%	25%	2%	12%	49%
Somewhat approve	19%	20%	18%	18%	21%	18%	18%	3%	20%	32%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%	12%	13%	11%	13%	7%	7%	14%	7%
Strongly disapprove	50%	47%	53%	48%	53%	49%	50%	88%	54%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(1,143)	(1,202)	(471)	(595)	(776)	(503)	(609)	(805)	(700)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	20%	1%	11%	51%	23%	12%	16%	24%	20%
Somewhat approve	19%	3%	17%	35%	22%	8%	17%	24%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	7%	14%	8%	10%	9%	17%	11%	9%
Strongly disapprove	50%	89%	58%	6%	45%	71%	50%	41%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(655)	(845)	(682)	(1,493)	(291)	(383)	(923)	(570)

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3A. Trump Issue Approval — The economy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	33%	37%	29%	36%	30%	31%	36%	3%	27%	69%
Disapprove	67%	63%	71%	64%	70%	69%	64%	97%	73%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,343)	(1,136)	(1,207)	(472)	(591)	(774)	(506)	(613)	(805)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	33%	3%	24%	72%	38%	14%	29%	40%	34%
Disapprove	67%	97%	76%	28%	62%	86%	71%	60%	66%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,343)	(657)	(846)	(682)	(1,491)	(296)	(379)	(922)	(570)

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3B. Trump Issue Approval — Inflation

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	27%	31%	23%	29%	22%	27%	31%	3%	18%	61%
Disapprove	73%	69%	77%	71%	78%	73%	69%	97%	82%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,346)	(1,139)	(1,207)	(472)	(594)	(775)	(506)	(613)	(805)	(701)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	27%	3%	18%	62%	32%	12%	21%	35%	26%
Disapprove	73%	97%	82%	38%	68%	88%	79%	65%	74%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,346)	(659)	(846)	(681)	(1,491)	(296)	(382)	(922)	(569)

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3C. Trump Issue Approval — Immigration

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	43%	49%	38%	38%	36%	49%	49%	7%	37%	86%
Disapprove	57%	51%	62%	62%	64%	51%	51%	93%	63%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,344)	(1,137)	(1,207)	(472)	(594)	(772)	(506)	(612)	(804)	(702)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	43%	7%	35%	90%	51%	23%	33%	55%	45%
Disapprove	57%	93%	65%	10%	49%	77%	67%	45%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,344)	(657)	(846)	(682)	(1,490)	(296)	(380)	(921)	(570)

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4. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	7%	9%	5%	9%	7%	6%	6%	2%	4%	16%
Somewhat well	26%	28%	24%	28%	25%	25%	26%	4%	24%	48%
Somewhat badly	26%	27%	26%	29%	28%	25%	24%	17%	32%	26%
Very badly	41%	36%	45%	34%	40%	44%	44%	77%	40%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,352)	(1,142)	(1,210)	(475)	(595)	(776)	(506)	(612)	(808)	(701)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	7%	2%	3%	17%	6%	7%	11%	6%	7%
Somewhat well	26%	5%	21%	51%	30%	12%	22%	31%	28%
Somewhat badly	26%	21%	32%	24%	25%	32%	24%	27%	22%
Very badly	41%	72%	44%	8%	39%	49%	43%	36%	43%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,352)	(658)	(848)	(683)	(1,496)	(296)	(383)	(928)	(568)

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5. Trump Issue Approval - Iran

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Iran?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	33%	36%	31%	31%	31%	34%	38%	4%	27%	68%
Disapprove	67%	64%	69%	69%	69%	66%	62%	96%	73%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,347)	(1,141)	(1,206)	(475)	(592)	(773)	(507)	(614)	(803)	(702)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	33%	4%	25%	73%	38%	16%	29%	41%	34%
Disapprove	67%	96%	75%	27%	62%	84%	71%	59%	66%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,347)	(660)	(842)	(683)	(1,492)	(296)	(382)	(923)	(569)

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6. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	6%	8%	3%	6%	5%	5%	7%	2%	3%	14%
Fairly good	24%	27%	21%	29%	25%	22%	21%	7%	23%	45%
Fairly bad	30%	31%	29%	29%	28%	30%	33%	30%	37%	24%
Very bad	35%	28%	42%	30%	36%	38%	34%	59%	34%	11%
Not sure	5%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	2%	3%	6%
Totals	100%	98%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(1,140)	(1,205)	(472)	(593)	(773)	(507)	(610)	(805)	(701)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	6%	1%	2%	15%	6%	6%	8%	5%	6%
Fairly good	24%	8%	19%	46%	27%	17%	16%	27%	27%
Fairly bad	30%	30%	38%	21%	30%	26%	30%	28%	35%
Very bad	35%	57%	37%	12%	32%	47%	40%	34%	29%
Not sure	5%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,345)	(659)	(840)	(683)	(1,497)	(292)	(380)	(927)	(570)

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7. Attention to Midterm Election

How much attention have you been able to pay to the 2026 midterm election campaign?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Great deal	40%	45%	36%	27%	36%	42%	49%	50%	37%	38%
Fair amount	40%	40%	41%	54%	36%	39%	37%	37%	44%	40%
Not very much	16%	12%	19%	15%	21%	16%	13%	11%	17%	17%
None at all	3%	3%	4%	4%	7%	3%	1%	2%	2%	5%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,800)	(843)	(956)	(279)	(411)	(626)	(483)	(555)	(577)	(620)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Great deal	40%	48%	38%	37%	41%	36%	41%	35%	48%
Fair amount	40%	36%	45%	41%	39%	48%	36%	39%	40%
Not very much	16%	14%	14%	18%	16%	14%	19%	20%	11%
None at all	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	1%	4%	6%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,800)	(603)	(519)	(661)	(1,261)	(225)	(219)	(695)	(566)

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8. Midterm Likely Voter

As of now, do you plan to vote in the 2026 elections for U.S. Congress this November?

Among registered voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Already voted mail or absentee	14%	14%	14%	8%	10%	15%	20%	20%	14%	8%
Already voted early in-person	8%	8%	7%	3%	6%	9%	10%	10%	6%	7%
Definitely will vote	62%	62%	61%	60%	58%	63%	64%	60%	57%	69%
Probably will vote	9%	10%	9%	15%	16%	7%	3%	7%	11%	10%
Maybe, I'm 50/50	5%	3%	5%	9%	6%	4%	2%	1%	8%	4%
Probably won't vote	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,801)	(845)	(957)	(279)	(413)	(628)	(481)	(555)	(579)	(619)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Already voted mail or absentee	14%	20%	16%	7%	14%	11%	12%	13%	16%
Already voted early in-person	8%	8%	10%	5%	8%	7%	6%	7%	9%
Definitely will vote	62%	60%	55%	69%	62%	63%	58%	60%	64%
Probably will vote	9%	8%	8%	12%	8%	11%	17%	8%	8%
Maybe, I'm 50/50	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	4%	5%	7%	2%
Probably won't vote	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,801)	(604)	(519)	(661)	(1,263)	(225)	(219)	(695)	(568)

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9. House Vote with Leaners

[If the election for U.S. House of Representatives were being held today/In the election for U.S. House of Representatives,] who [would/did] you vote for in the district where you live?

Among likely voters, including those leaning toward a Democratic or Republican candidate

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic candidate	53%	47%	59%	62%	61%	48%	49%	96%	57%	6%
Republican candidate	45%	52%	40%	36%	38%	50%	50%	3%	41%	93%
Other	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nonvoter	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(830)	(919)	(259)	(402)	(581)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Democratic candidate	53%	99%	53%	3%	47%	82%	61%	40%	56%
Republican candidate	45%	1%	43%	97%	52%	16%	39%	59%	42%
Other	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%
Not sure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Nonvoter	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(639)	(489)	(586)	(1,224)	(192)	(183)	(717)	(507)

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13. Ever Vote for a Republican Candidate for the House

Would you ever consider voting for a Republican candidate for the House of Representatives this year?

Among likely voters planning to vote for a Democratic Party candidate in their congressional district

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	4%	6%	2%	*	8%	2%	2%	4%	4%	*	
Maybe	11%	10%	12%	*	14%	7%	12%	8%	15%	*	
No	85%	83%	86%	*	78%	91%	86%	88%	81%	*	
Totals	100%	99%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*	
Weighted N	(587)	(241)	(346)	(111)	(166)	(165)	(145)	(356)	(189)	(25)	

	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	4%	3%	5%	*	5%	3%	*	8%	2%	
Maybe	11%	10%	13%	*	11%	13%	*	9%	13%	
No	85%	86%	82%	*	84%	84%	*	83%	85%	
Totals	100%	99%	100%	*	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(587)	(433)	(135)	(6)	(349)	(108)	(75)	(172)	(177)	

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14. Ever Vote for a Democratic Candidate for the House

Would you ever consider voting for a Democratic candidate for the House of Representatives this year?

Among likely voters planning to vote for a Republican Party candidate in their congressional district

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	6%	6%	6%	*	6%	5%	5%	*	13%	4%	
Maybe	18%	20%	15%	*	29%	16%	8%	*	25%	14%	
No	76%	73%	79%	*	65%	79%	87%	*	62%	82%	
Totals	100%	99%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(612)	(330)	(281)	(79)	(131)	(225)	(178)	(16)	(160)	(423)	

	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	6%	*	13%	4%	6%	*	*	4%	9%	
Maybe	18%	*	25%	16%	18%	*	*	16%	21%	
No	76%	*	62%	80%	76%	*	*	80%	70%	
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(612)	(2)	(121)	(487)	(482)	(26)	(66)	(319)	(163)	

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15. Why Not Definitely Voting

Earlier you said you were not definite to vote this year. Is the main reason for that because you...?

Among registered voters who are not definitely planning to vote

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Don't like any candidates right now	19%	19%	19%	*	12%	30%	*	*	15%	23%
Don't like either party right now	18%	15%	21%	*	13%	25%	*	*	28%	9%
Just may not have time or interest	43%	44%	41%	*	45%	27%	*	*	37%	52%
Don't think your vote will matter this year	20%	22%	19%	*	30%	17%	*	*	20%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	99%	*	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(300)	(133)	(167)	(82)	(107)	(82)	(29)	(53)	(130)	(100)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Don't like any candidates right now	19%	*	23%	18%	20%	*	*	20%	*
Don't like either party right now	18%	*	33%	9%	17%	*	*	17%	*
Just may not have time or interest	43%	*	29%	55%	49%	*	*	48%	*
Don't think your vote will matter this year	20%	*	15%	18%	14%	*	*	15%	*
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	*
Weighted N	(300)	(70)	(99)	(124)	(197)	(42)	(53)	(132)	(65)

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16. Trump Impact on Congressional Vote

[Would/Was] your 2026 congressional vote [be]...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
In support of Donald Trump	26%	30%	23%	26%	24%	26%	28%	2%	17%	59%
In opposition to Donald Trump	41%	36%	45%	49%	48%	36%	38%	74%	44%	6%
Not about Donald Trump	33%	34%	32%	25%	28%	38%	34%	23%	39%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(830)	(917)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(541)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
In support of Donald Trump	26%	1%	15%	63%	29%	11%	30%	36%	21%
In opposition to Donald Trump	41%	76%	40%	5%	38%	55%	46%	34%	43%
Not about Donald Trump	33%	22%	45%	32%	33%	34%	24%	30%	36%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(638)	(489)	(585)	(1,222)	(192)	(183)	(716)	(506)

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17. Democratic Candidate Ideology

Would you describe the views of the Democratic candidate running in your congressional district as...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	30%	34%	27%	19%	25%	34%	35%	21%	17%	53%
Somewhat liberal	25%	22%	28%	25%	28%	24%	25%	41%	22%	14%
Moderate	24%	23%	25%	27%	23%	21%	28%	25%	46%	5%
Somewhat conservative	4%	5%	3%	6%	6%	5%	2%	3%	4%	7%
Very conservative	5%	6%	4%	8%	8%	3%	3%	2%	1%	11%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	15%	10%	13%	7%	8%	10%	9%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(830)	(917)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	30%	18%	25%	48%	32%	21%	26%	33%	29%
Somewhat liberal	25%	36%	25%	15%	27%	23%	21%	25%	30%
Moderate	24%	33%	32%	8%	23%	27%	26%	21%	25%
Somewhat conservative	4%	2%	4%	7%	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%
Very conservative	5%	3%	2%	10%	4%	9%	9%	4%	3%
Not sure	11%	8%	12%	12%	10%	14%	12%	12%	8%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(639)	(489)	(584)	(1,223)	(192)	(182)	(716)	(507)

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18. Republican Candidate Ideology

Would you describe the views of the Republican candidate running in your congressional district as...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very liberal	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%	6%	2%	0%
Somewhat liberal	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%
Moderate	14%	15%	14%	17%	13%	14%	14%	2%	34%	9%
Somewhat conservative	28%	30%	26%	23%	26%	31%	30%	18%	21%	48%
Very conservative	38%	39%	37%	37%	41%	35%	39%	55%	26%	34%
Not sure	14%	11%	16%	16%	13%	14%	14%	14%	14%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(829)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(579)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very liberal	3%	5%	2%	1%	2%	7%	5%	2%	1%
Somewhat liberal	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	7%	2%	2%	3%
Moderate	14%	10%	20%	14%	15%	11%	12%	16%	13%
Somewhat conservative	28%	16%	31%	41%	32%	11%	18%	32%	32%
Very conservative	38%	49%	30%	34%	37%	42%	47%	35%	41%
Not sure	14%	17%	14%	7%	11%	21%	16%	13%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(638)	(488)	(586)	(1,222)	(192)	(183)	(716)	(506)

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19. Why Are You Voting for the Democrat

[Are you planning to/Was your] vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress mainly to try to...?

Among likely voters voting for a Democrat for Congress

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Help the Democrats get their policies	42%	35%	47%	*		46%	40%	43%	43%	42%	*
Stop Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	58%	65%	53%	*		54%	60%	57%	57%	58%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(878)	(375)	(503)	(151)		(226)	(261)	(240)	(550)	(277)	(29)

	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Help the Democrats get their policies	42%	49%	23%	*		40%	54%	45%	35%	44%
Stop Donald Trump and Republicans from getting their policies	58%	51%	77%	*		60%	46%	55%	65%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(878)	(629)	(221)	(13)		(546)	(140)	(106)	(273)	(273)

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20. Why Are You Voting for the Republican

[Are you planning to/Was your] vote for the Republican candidate for Congress mainly to try to...?

Among likely voters voting for a Republican for Congress

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Help Donald Trump and Republicans get their policies	56%	57%	54%	*	70%	45%	52%	*	44%	60%	
Stop Democrats from getting their policies	44%	43%	46%	*	30%	55%	48%	*	56%	40%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(723)	(385)	(337)	(79)	(139)	(272)	(233)	(18)	(180)	(512)	
	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education		
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+	
Help Donald Trump and Republicans get their policies	56%	*	30%	63%	52%	*	*	52%	50%		
Stop Democrats from getting their policies	44%	*	70%	37%	48%	*	*	48%	50%		
Totals	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%		
Weighted N	(723)	(3)	(162)	(556)	(581)	(27)	(67)	(387)	(194)		

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21A. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Economy

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	83%	81%	85%	87%	82%	82%	84%	89%	83%	77%
Somewhat important	16%	18%	14%	13%	16%	17%	15%	10%	16%	22%
Not too/not important	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,742)	(826)	(916)	(258)	(402)	(580)	(502)	(580)	(538)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	83%	90%	80%	78%	81%	93%	85%	84%	78%
Somewhat important	16%	10%	18%	21%	18%	7%	13%	15%	21%
Not too/not important	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,742)	(636)	(489)	(582)	(1,218)	(191)	(182)	(714)	(504)

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21B. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Immigration

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	68%	67%	69%	56%	63%	66%	80%	64%	61%	81%
Somewhat important	25%	24%	25%	37%	27%	25%	16%	26%	31%	16%
Not too/not important	7%	9%	6%	7%	10%	8%	4%	10%	8%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(828)	(918)	(259)	(400)	(580)	(507)	(581)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	68%	65%	62%	78%	70%	65%	68%	73%	64%
Somewhat important	25%	26%	29%	18%	24%	25%	26%	21%	28%
Not too/not important	7%	9%	9%	4%	6%	10%	6%	6%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(637)	(489)	(586)	(1,222)	(191)	(183)	(715)	(507)

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21C. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Inflation

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	78%	74%	82%	77%	78%	75%	82%	84%	79%	70%
Somewhat important	20%	23%	17%	22%	20%	22%	17%	15%	19%	28%
Not too/not important	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(829)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(579)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	78%	85%	78%	71%	75%	90%	84%	77%	73%
Somewhat important	20%	14%	20%	27%	23%	9%	14%	22%	25%
Not too/not important	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(638)	(489)	(585)	(1,222)	(191)	(183)	(715)	(507)

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21D. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — The U.S.-Iran conflict

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	62%	60%	63%	56%	59%	58%	70%	72%	60%	53%
Somewhat important	31%	31%	31%	40%	33%	30%	25%	25%	31%	36%
Not too/not important	7%	9%	6%	4%	8%	11%	5%	3%	8%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(829)	(917)	(259)	(402)	(579)	(506)	(580)	(539)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	62%	70%	60%	54%	59%	69%	67%	58%	61%
Somewhat important	31%	26%	30%	37%	33%	21%	27%	35%	29%
Not too/not important	7%	4%	10%	9%	8%	10%	5%	7%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(637)	(488)	(586)	(1,222)	(190)	(183)	(717)	(506)

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21E. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Tariffs

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	55%	54%	56%	60%	55%	50%	58%	73%	56%	37%
Somewhat important	34%	34%	35%	35%	35%	36%	31%	23%	34%	45%
Not too/not important	11%	12%	9%	5%	9%	14%	11%	4%	10%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(829)	(916)	(259)	(400)	(579)	(507)	(581)	(538)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	55%	72%	50%	40%	51%	76%	56%	51%	50%
Somewhat important	34%	24%	37%	43%	37%	19%	37%	37%	37%
Not too/not important	11%	4%	13%	16%	12%	5%	7%	12%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(635)	(489)	(585)	(1,221)	(192)	(181)	(717)	(504)

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21F. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Taxes

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	62%	58%	66%	55%	64%	62%	65%	57%	63%	66%
Somewhat important	31%	32%	29%	35%	28%	31%	30%	31%	32%	29%
Not too/not important	7%	10%	5%	10%	7%	7%	5%	11%	5%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(828)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(579)	(506)	(581)	(539)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	62%	62%	60%	65%	58%	79%	71%	64%	50%
Somewhat important	31%	29%	30%	32%	34%	17%	24%	31%	38%
Not too/not important	7%	9%	10%	3%	8%	4%	5%	5%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(638)	(487)	(586)	(1,222)	(190)	(183)	(716)	(506)

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21G. Issue Importance for Congressional Vote — Healthcare

How important [will/was] each of these issues [be] in your vote for Congress this year?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very important	73%	68%	78%	78%	78%	67%	74%	89%	75%	54%
Somewhat important	21%	23%	19%	17%	17%	25%	22%	10%	21%	33%
Not too/not important	6%	9%	3%	4%	5%	8%	4%	1%	3%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(829)	(919)	(259)	(402)	(581)	(506)	(582)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very important	73%	90%	71%	57%	69%	92%	83%	71%	67%
Somewhat important	21%	10%	23%	32%	24%	8%	15%	24%	24%
Not too/not important	6%	0%	6%	11%	7%	0%	1%	5%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(638)	(489)	(586)	(1,224)	(191)	(183)	(717)	(507)

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22. Family Finances and Prices

Thinking about your family finances, have higher prices for goods and services been...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A financial hardship	32%	28%	35%	21%	37%	37%	27%	38%	35%	20%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	38%	37%	39%	48%	35%	34%	40%	41%	38%	35%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	25%	28%	22%	29%	24%	24%	27%	18%	23%	36%
Finances have not been affected	5%	7%	3%	2%	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(830)	(917)	(259)	(400)	(581)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A financial hardship	32%	40%	32%	22%	31%	42%	36%	35%	24%
Difficult but not a financial hardship	38%	40%	39%	35%	39%	32%	33%	39%	40%
An inconvenience, but not difficult	25%	17%	25%	35%	25%	20%	27%	22%	29%
Finances have not been affected	5%	3%	4%	8%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(639)	(489)	(584)	(1,222)	(192)	(183)	(717)	(505)

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23. Should Do More or Less for Ukraine

Do you think the Trump Administration should generally be doing...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	49%	49%	50%	44%	50%	45%	55%	80%	48%	20%
Less to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	20%	17%	22%	21%	20%	26%	12%	10%	24%	26%
Is handling things about as they should be	31%	34%	28%	35%	29%	29%	33%	10%	28%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,742)	(830)	(912)	(259)	(395)	(580)	(507)	(575)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	49%	77%	52%	17%	49%	51%	50%	42%	58%
Less to help Ukraine in its conflict with Russia	20%	13%	22%	25%	19%	26%	18%	21%	15%
Is handling things about as they should be	31%	9%	26%	58%	32%	23%	32%	36%	27%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,742)	(638)	(489)	(586)	(1,217)	(191)	(183)	(717)	(501)

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24. Trump Prioritizes Interests of the Country or His Own Financial Interests

As president, which do you think Donald Trump prioritizes more...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
His and his family's own financial interests over those of people in the country	60%	57%	63%	66%	65%	58%	56%	93%	69%	17%
The financial interests of people in the country over those of himself and his family	40%	43%	37%	34%	35%	42%	44%	7%	31%	83%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,741)	(826)	(915)	(258)	(402)	(577)	(504)	(582)	(536)	(570)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
His and his family's own financial interests over those of people in the country	60%	92%	70%	17%	57%	76%	61%	51%	65%
The financial interests of people in the country over those of himself and his family	40%	8%	30%	83%	43%	24%	39%	49%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,741)	(638)	(485)	(582)	(1,218)	(191)	(182)	(712)	(506)

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25. Financial Condition with Trump

Do you think Donald Trump's policies are making you...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Financially better off	16%	19%	12%	17%	14%	17%	15%	2%	12%	35%
Financially worse off	57%	51%	62%	62%	61%	53%	54%	90%	63%	16%
Stay about the same	27%	29%	25%	20%	24%	30%	31%	8%	25%	49%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(830)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(581)	(506)	(582)	(541)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Financially better off	16%	1%	15%	32%	17%	7%	19%	18%	15%
Financially worse off	57%	92%	61%	14%	53%	76%	59%	49%	58%
Stay about the same	27%	7%	24%	54%	30%	17%	22%	33%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(639)	(488)	(586)	(1,224)	(192)	(183)	(717)	(507)

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26A. Factor in Vote for Congress — Transgender issues

How much [are/were] each of these a factor in your vote for Congress?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Major	32%	27%	36%	33%	38%	29%	29%	32%	20%	41%
Minor	29%	29%	29%	43%	27%	25%	29%	34%	30%	24%
Not a factor	39%	44%	35%	24%	34%	46%	42%	33%	49%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(827)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(578)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Major	32%	27%	25%	41%	32%	27%	35%	35%	27%
Minor	29%	34%	29%	25%	28%	38%	28%	26%	32%
Not a factor	39%	39%	45%	34%	40%	35%	37%	39%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(637)	(489)	(584)	(1,221)	(191)	(183)	(715)	(506)

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26B. Factor in Vote for Congress — Data centers

How much [are/were] each of these a factor in your vote for Congress?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Major	49%	44%	54%	66%	49%	44%	47%	62%	47%	37%
Minor	35%	36%	33%	25%	38%	36%	35%	32%	35%	38%
Not a factor	16%	20%	12%	9%	12%	20%	18%	6%	18%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(830)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Major	49%	59%	49%	38%	46%	60%	53%	49%	41%
Minor	35%	34%	31%	39%	36%	31%	37%	33%	41%
Not a factor	16%	6%	20%	23%	18%	9%	10%	18%	18%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(639)	(489)	(585)	(1,223)	(192)	(183)	(716)	(507)

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26C. Factor in Vote for Congress — Government corruption

How much [are/were] each of these a factor in your vote for Congress?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Major	83%	81%	85%	80%	82%	82%	87%	91%	81%	77%
Minor	12%	14%	11%	14%	13%	13%	10%	8%	14%	17%
Not a factor	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	3%	1%	5%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(828)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(541)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Major	83%	89%	85%	75%	82%	88%	79%	84%	80%
Minor	12%	10%	10%	18%	13%	8%	18%	12%	14%
Not a factor	4%	1%	5%	7%	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(638)	(489)	(584)	(1,223)	(191)	(182)	(716)	(507)

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26D. Factor in Vote for Congress — Voting and election issues

How much [are/were] each of these a factor in your vote for Congress?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Major	65%	65%	65%	58%	65%	65%	68%	70%	56%	68%
Minor	23%	23%	24%	26%	22%	24%	23%	21%	28%	22%
Not a factor	11%	12%	11%	16%	12%	11%	9%	9%	16%	10%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(829)	(917)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(505)	(582)	(539)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Major	65%	68%	62%	65%	63%	77%	68%	64%	61%
Minor	23%	22%	25%	23%	25%	18%	26%	23%	29%
Not a factor	11%	10%	13%	11%	12%	5%	6%	13%	10%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(638)	(488)	(585)	(1,222)	(191)	(183)	(716)	(506)

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27. Opinion of the Democratic Party

Is your opinion of the Democratic Party...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly favorable	18%	14%	22%	23%	16%	17%	18%	34%	17%	3%
Somewhat favorable	31%	28%	33%	34%	35%	26%	30%	50%	36%	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	21%	16%	23%	29%	17%	10%	14%	25%	18%
Strongly unfavorable	33%	37%	29%	19%	20%	40%	42%	2%	22%	73%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(830)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly favorable	18%	44%	6%	1%	14%	45%	22%	14%	14%
Somewhat favorable	31%	48%	34%	7%	29%	34%	36%	24%	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	7%	29%	22%	18%	12%	21%	17%	20%
Strongly unfavorable	33%	1%	31%	70%	39%	9%	21%	45%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(639)	(489)	(586)	(1,223)	(192)	(183)	(716)	(507)

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28. Opinion of the Republican Party

Is your opinion of the Republican Party...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly favorable	18%	18%	17%	18%	16%	17%	20%	2%	8%	43%
Somewhat favorable	24%	29%	20%	19%	20%	27%	26%	1%	28%	44%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%	13%	16%	18%	15%	14%	12%	14%	19%	9%
Strongly unfavorable	44%	40%	47%	45%	49%	42%	42%	83%	44%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(828)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(581)	(505)	(582)	(541)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly favorable	18%	0%	5%	48%	19%	7%	23%	23%	14%
Somewhat favorable	24%	1%	29%	45%	28%	8%	15%	31%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%	18%	19%	5%	13%	19%	15%	13%	13%
Strongly unfavorable	44%	81%	47%	1%	39%	65%	46%	33%	48%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(639)	(489)	(584)	(1,220)	(192)	(183)	(714)	(506)

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29. Clear Plan with Democrats in Control

From what you have seen or heard, have the Democrats offered a clear plan for what they would do if they win control of Congress, or not?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, they have	43%	38%	47%	47%	47%	39%	41%	59%	43%	26%
No, they haven't	57%	62%	53%	53%	53%	61%	59%	41%	57%	74%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,740)	(826)	(914)	(258)	(400)	(578)	(503)	(580)	(539)	(570)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes, they have	43%	63%	37%	25%	40%	56%	53%	40%	39%
No, they haven't	57%	37%	63%	75%	60%	44%	47%	60%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,740)	(635)	(488)	(582)	(1,217)	(190)	(182)	(712)	(505)

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30. Clear Plan with Republicans in Control

From what you have seen or heard, have the Republicans offered a clear plan for what they would do if they win control of Congress, or not?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, they have	44%	46%	43%	48%	39%	47%	44%	27%	37%	70%
No, they haven't	56%	54%	57%	52%	61%	53%	56%	73%	63%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(829)	(917)	(259)	(401)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(541)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes, they have	44%	25%	35%	74%	46%	32%	48%	49%	42%
No, they haven't	56%	75%	65%	26%	54%	68%	52%	51%	58%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(637)	(488)	(585)	(1,222)	(190)	(183)	(715)	(507)

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31. Democratic Party Puts Interests of Citizens or Immigrants First

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

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	14%	15%	14%	17%	21%	12%	11%	23%	15%	5%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	35%	38%	32%	16%	22%	43%	45%	2%	30%	75%
Treats both equally	37%	34%	40%	42%	43%	34%	33%	61%	40%	9%
Neither	14%	13%	14%	25%	13%	11%	11%	13%	15%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(829)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(581)	(506)	(582)	(539)	(573)

	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	14%	23%	14%	5%	14%	23%	13%	12%	16%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	35%	2%	38%	69%	42%	11%	19%	48%	32%
Treats both equally	37%	65%	31%	12%	32%	54%	52%	28%	39%
Neither	14%	10%	17%	14%	12%	12%	16%	12%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(638)	(489)	(584)	(1,223)	(191)	(182)	(716)	(507)

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32. Republican Party Puts Interests of Citizens or Immigrants First

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

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Current U.S. citizens ahead of recent immigrants	56%	59%	54%	49%	52%	56%	62%	47%	44%	78%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	3%	2%	4%	1%	7%	4%	1%	3%	4%	3%
Treats both equally	9%	10%	7%	16%	11%	8%	4%	3%	11%	12%
Neither	32%	28%	35%	34%	30%	32%	33%	47%	41%	7%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,744)	(827)	(917)	(259)	(402)	(578)	(505)	(581)	(538)	(573)

	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	56%	41%	54%	75%	63%	32%	35%	63%	63%
Recent immigrants ahead of U.S. citizens	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	9%	5%	1%	3%
Treats both equally	9%	3%	7%	15%	7%	11%	19%	7%	7%
Neither	32%	52%	35%	8%	28%	48%	41%	28%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,744)	(636)	(487)	(585)	(1,221)	(191)	(181)	(715)	(506)

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33. Financial Impact of a Democratic Majority

If the Democrats win control of Congress in 2026, do you think their policies would make you...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Financially better off	37%	32%	42%	41%	44%	33%	35%	69%	36%	7%
Financially worse off	36%	40%	33%	20%	26%	44%	44%	3%	30%	76%
Not change it either way	27%	28%	25%	39%	30%	23%	21%	28%	34%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(826)	(917)	(256)	(401)	(579)	(506)	(581)	(537)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Financially better off	37%	72%	29%	5%	32%	64%	49%	29%	37%
Financially worse off	36%	4%	38%	72%	42%	15%	21%	49%	33%
Not change it either way	27%	24%	33%	23%	26%	21%	30%	22%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(637)	(487)	(583)	(1,221)	(191)	(180)	(716)	(506)

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34. Financial Impact of a Republican Majority

If the Republicans win control of Congress in 2026, do you think their policies would make you...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Financially better off	28%	32%	24%	26%	24%	30%	29%	2%	21%	60%
Financially worse off	51%	45%	56%	56%	57%	48%	47%	90%	54%	8%
Not change it either way	21%	23%	20%	18%	19%	22%	24%	8%	25%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,744)	(826)	(918)	(257)	(402)	(578)	(506)	(582)	(538)	(571)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Financially better off	28%	1%	21%	63%	31%	11%	28%	36%	24%
Financially worse off	51%	90%	53%	5%	45%	76%	55%	40%	52%
Not change it either way	21%	9%	25%	32%	24%	13%	17%	24%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,744)	(638)	(487)	(583)	(1,221)	(192)	(180)	(716)	(505)

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35. Cultural Impact of a Democratic Majority

If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think their policies would help...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Protect your culture and way of life	38%	34%	43%	48%	42%	35%	35%	72%	38%	6%
Threaten your culture and way of life	35%	39%	31%	16%	25%	43%	43%	2%	28%	75%
Not impact it either way	27%	27%	26%	36%	33%	22%	22%	26%	34%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(828)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(579)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(571)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Protect your culture and way of life	38%	73%	33%	5%	32%	69%	49%	28%	38%
Threaten your culture and way of life	35%	2%	37%	70%	42%	10%	18%	47%	34%
Not impact it either way	27%	25%	30%	25%	26%	21%	33%	25%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(637)	(489)	(584)	(1,222)	(192)	(182)	(715)	(507)

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36. Cultural Impact of a Republican Majority

If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think their policies would help...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Protect your culture and way of life	35%	40%	30%	27%	27%	40%	38%	3%	26%	76%
Threaten your culture and way of life	46%	43%	49%	50%	52%	43%	43%	87%	45%	5%
Not impact it either way	19%	17%	21%	22%	21%	17%	19%	10%	29%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(828)	(915)	(259)	(402)	(577)	(505)	(581)	(538)	(573)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Protect your culture and way of life	35%	2%	29%	76%	39%	13%	33%	44%	33%
Threaten your culture and way of life	46%	85%	46%	4%	40%	72%	50%	35%	48%
Not impact it either way	19%	13%	25%	20%	20%	15%	17%	21%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(637)	(485)	(585)	(1,220)	(190)	(183)	(713)	(507)

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37. Gas Prices if Democrats Win Control of Congress

If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think the price of gas will...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Go up	30%	33%	28%	17%	26%	35%	34%	4%	25%	62%
Go down	35%	30%	39%	45%	34%	34%	32%	61%	36%	8%
Not be impacted either way	35%	37%	33%	38%	39%	31%	34%	35%	39%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(828)	(917)	(258)	(401)	(580)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(571)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Go up	30%	4%	30%	58%	34%	14%	25%	39%	26%
Go down	35%	65%	32%	5%	30%	64%	42%	29%	32%
Not be impacted either way	35%	31%	38%	36%	36%	21%	33%	32%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(639)	(489)	(583)	(1,222)	(191)	(181)	(715)	(507)

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38. Gas Prices if Republicans Win Control of Congress

If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think the price of gas will...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Go up	50%	45%	55%	58%	60%	47%	43%	83%	55%	11%
Go down	25%	30%	20%	17%	18%	28%	30%	3%	19%	55%
Not be impacted either way	25%	24%	25%	25%	22%	25%	27%	14%	26%	34%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,738)	(827)	(911)	(258)	(400)	(577)	(503)	(581)	(536)	(567)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Go up	50%	84%	52%	11%	44%	76%	60%	39%	52%
Go down	25%	4%	19%	54%	29%	8%	19%	35%	20%
Not be impacted either way	25%	12%	29%	35%	27%	16%	20%	25%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,738)	(638)	(485)	(579)	(1,216)	(191)	(182)	(713)	(504)

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39. Corruption in Government if Democrats Win Control of Congress

If the Democrats win control of Congress, do you think there will be...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More corruption in government	37%	42%	33%	23%	28%	42%	45%	3%	31%	78%
Less corruption in government	40%	36%	43%	39%	45%	37%	40%	77%	38%	6%
No impact either way	23%	22%	24%	38%	27%	21%	15%	20%	31%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(829)	(918)	(258)	(401)	(581)	(507)	(582)	(540)	(572)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More corruption in government	37%	2%	36%	77%	43%	14%	26%	49%	35%
Less corruption in government	40%	78%	34%	4%	36%	65%	46%	30%	44%
No impact either way	23%	20%	30%	19%	21%	21%	28%	21%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,746)	(639)	(489)	(583)	(1,224)	(190)	(181)	(717)	(507)

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40. Corruption in Government if Republicans Win Control of Congress

If the Republicans win control of Congress, do you think there will be...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More corruption in government	52%	49%	54%	56%	58%	48%	49%	92%	53%	10%
Less corruption in government	27%	31%	24%	22%	23%	28%	32%	3%	20%	59%
No impact either way	21%	20%	22%	22%	19%	24%	19%	5%	27%	31%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(829)	(914)	(257)	(401)	(578)	(507)	(581)	(539)	(571)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More corruption in government	52%	90%	54%	8%	47%	74%	54%	41%	56%
Less corruption in government	27%	2%	19%	62%	31%	9%	30%	35%	25%
No impact either way	21%	8%	27%	29%	22%	17%	16%	24%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,743)	(638)	(488)	(582)	(1,220)	(191)	(181)	(714)	(506)

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41. One Big Beautiful Bill Act Helped or Hurt Your Family

So far, do you think the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" passed by Congress last year has...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Helped you and your family	21%	26%	16%	13%	15%	24%	26%	2%	14%	47%
Hurt you and your family	42%	40%	45%	40%	45%	42%	42%	78%	42%	7%
Did not have an impact	21%	20%	21%	25%	16%	23%	20%	10%	25%	29%
Not sure	16%	14%	18%	22%	24%	11%	12%	9%	19%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(830)	(919)	(259)	(402)	(581)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Helped you and your family	21%	1%	21%	42%	23%	8%	20%	26%	18%
Hurt you and your family	42%	74%	45%	7%	41%	56%	42%	37%	47%
Did not have an impact	21%	13%	21%	30%	21%	21%	22%	21%	21%
Not sure	16%	12%	13%	21%	15%	15%	16%	16%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(639)	(489)	(586)	(1,224)	(192)	(183)	(717)	(507)

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42. Trump Campaigning for Republican Candidates Too Much or Not Enough

From what you've seen and read, do you think Donald Trump is campaigning for Republican candidates...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	42%	36%	47%	37%	46%	38%	44%	66%	48%	12%
About the right amount	48%	51%	45%	54%	43%	49%	48%	22%	44%	79%
Not enough	10%	13%	8%	9%	10%	13%	8%	12%	8%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(829)	(917)	(259)	(400)	(579)	(506)	(580)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	42%	70%	45%	8%	39%	59%	41%	34%	47%
About the right amount	48%	21%	44%	82%	50%	31%	50%	55%	43%
Not enough	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,745)	(637)	(488)	(585)	(1,221)	(191)	(183)	(715)	(505)

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43. Effect of Trump Campaigning for a Candidate

When you see Donald Trump out campaigning for political candidates, does that make you...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More likely to vote for a Republican candidate	23%	28%	19%	24%	24%	23%	23%	3%	16%	52%
More likely to vote for a Democratic candidate	42%	37%	46%	51%	46%	37%	38%	75%	45%	6%
Not affect how you will vote	35%	35%	35%	24%	30%	40%	39%	22%	39%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(830)	(919)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More likely to vote for a Republican candidate	23%	1%	12%	59%	26%	12%	32%	31%	18%
More likely to vote for a Democratic candidate	42%	79%	38%	3%	39%	60%	43%	35%	45%
Not affect how you will vote	35%	20%	50%	38%	35%	28%	25%	34%	36%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(639)	(489)	(586)	(1,223)	(192)	(183)	(716)	(507)

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44. More Campaign and Candidate Ads

In this election cycle, would you say you've seen more 2026 campaign and candidate ads for...?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democratic candidates	20%	19%	20%	20%	19%	20%	19%	18%	20%	21%
Republican candidates	28%	31%	25%	35%	34%	25%	24%	34%	26%	25%
About equal	52%	50%	55%	45%	47%	55%	57%	48%	53%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(829)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Democratic candidates	20%	24%	16%	18%	19%	21%	24%	19%	19%
Republican candidates	28%	31%	22%	31%	27%	32%	35%	27%	27%
About equal	52%	45%	62%	51%	54%	47%	41%	54%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,748)	(637)	(489)	(586)	(1,223)	(191)	(183)	(717)	(506)

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45. If Vote in 2026, Confident Vote Recorded and Counted Correctly

[If you choose to vote in the 2026 congressional midterm elections this year, how/How] confident do you feel that your own vote [will be/has been] recorded and counted correctly?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very confident	47%	53%	41%	44%	43%	45%	53%	56%	43%	43%
Somewhat confident	38%	32%	44%	46%	39%	38%	34%	35%	43%	38%
Not very confident	10%	10%	11%	7%	13%	11%	9%	6%	11%	12%
Not at all confident	5%	5%	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%	3%	3%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(830)	(919)	(259)	(401)	(581)	(507)	(582)	(541)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very confident	47%	55%	45%	42%	48%	50%	45%	45%	50%
Somewhat confident	38%	35%	38%	42%	38%	32%	40%	38%	39%
Not very confident	10%	8%	11%	11%	10%	12%	9%	12%	7%
Not at all confident	5%	2%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,749)	(639)	(489)	(586)	(1,224)	(191)	(183)	(717)	(507)

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46. Confidence in Local Election Administration to Determine Voter Eligibility

In general, how much confidence do you have in your own local and county elections administration in [State] to do things like determine who is eligible to vote and correctly count ballots?

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	49%	52%	45%	39%	47%	47%	56%	58%	48%	41%
Some	35%	32%	37%	48%	37%	32%	31%	34%	34%	37%
Not much	11%	11%	11%	7%	11%	15%	9%	5%	14%	13%
None at all	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(830)	(918)	(259)	(401)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	49%	60%	46%	40%	50%	50%	42%	45%	55%
Some	35%	31%	34%	39%	33%	37%	40%	34%	32%
Not much	11%	5%	15%	14%	12%	8%	11%	14%	10%
None at all	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	5%	7%	6%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(638)	(489)	(586)	(1,223)	(191)	(183)	(716)	(507)

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47. Frequency of Non-Citizen Voting

Specifically, how often do you think non-citizens vote illegally in U.S. federal elections? Do you think that happens...

Among likely voters

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	24%	25%	22%	6%	15%	32%	31%	3%	16%	52%
Sometimes	22%	23%	21%	28%	25%	19%	19%	5%	28%	33%
Not much	30%	29%	31%	47%	28%	27%	27%	42%	38%	11%
Not at all	24%	23%	25%	19%	32%	22%	22%	50%	18%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(830)	(918)	(259)	(402)	(580)	(506)	(581)	(540)	(574)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	24%	2%	22%	50%	26%	14%	15%	32%	18%
Sometimes	22%	10%	23%	33%	24%	17%	22%	26%	21%
Not much	30%	44%	33%	13%	28%	38%	35%	24%	32%
Not at all	24%	44%	21%	4%	22%	31%	28%	18%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(1,747)	(637)	(489)	(586)	(1,223)	(191)	(183)	(716)	(507)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR WAS CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,355 adults in the U.S. was conducted between October 21-23, 2026. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, and 2024 presidential vote. Weighting targets come from the U.S. Census American Community Survey and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey. “Likely voters” – respondents’ relative probabilities of voting – were determined using a regression model that incorporates current, self-reported intentions to vote, along with individual-level and aggregate data about voters, such as demographics and vote history. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.0, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.79.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.6 points. It is calculated using the formula

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

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 sample estimate should differ from its expected value – the average of all estimates obtained by repeating the same sample selection and weighting procedures – by less than the 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.

The estimated numbers of Republican and Democratic seats come from a statistical model developed by CBS News and YouGov, which includes data from this poll, past vote and other district-level characteristics, demographics and historical patterns. These estimates are subject to statistical error. We simulate many elections, with the error calibrated to include historical polling accuracy, to obtain a range of seat estimates. We report 95% confidence intervals from the simulations. These estimates describe which party is ahead today and may change as additional data are collected closer to the election.