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Reuters/Ipsos – Political Violence

Topline Findings

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 16-17, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,005 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Full Annotated Questionnaire

1. With which political party do you most identify? Summary

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strong Democrat	16%	38%	*	*
Moderate Democrat	17%	42%	*	*
Lean Democrat	8%	20%	*	*
Lean Republican	9%	*	23%	*
Moderate Republican	15%	*	41%	*
Strong Republican	14%	*	36%	*
Independent	14%	*	*	100%
None of these	5%	*	*	*
DK	2%	*	*	*
Total	1005	436	387	125

2. With which political party do you most identify? Detailed

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Democrat	41%	100%	-	-
Republican	38%	-	100%	-
Independent	14%	-	-	100%
None/DK	7%	-	-	-
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TM1562Y18_1. It is acceptable for a member of my political party to threaten and/or intimidate others to achieve a political goal: Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	5%	7%	6%	2%
Somewhat agree	6%	8%	5%	7%
Somewhat disagree	10%	7%	11%	15%
Strongly disagree	75%	76%	76%	71%
Don't know	4%	3%	1%	5%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>86%</i>

TM1562Y18_2. To achieve my idea of a better society, violent acts are acceptable: Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	6%	7%	6%	4%
Somewhat agree	7%	8%	6%	10%
Somewhat disagree	10%	9%	9%	11%
Strongly disagree	73%	73%	75%	69%
Don't know	4%	3%	3%	6%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>15%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>14%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>80%</i>

TM1562Y18_3. It is acceptable for someone in my political party to commit violence to achieve a political goal : Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	6%	6%	8%	4%
Somewhat agree	5%	6%	4%	7%
Somewhat disagree	9%	7%	9%	12%
Strongly disagree	76%	78%	77%	72%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	4%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>Total Disagree</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>85%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>84%</i>





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TM1561Y18_1. Acts of violence committed against people in your community because of their political beliefs :
Please indicate how concerned you are, if at all, about the following

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	39%	45%	33%	36%
Somewhat concerned	27%	28%	27%	27%
Not too concerned	20%	19%	25%	18%
Not at all concerned	10%	5%	14%	12%
Don't know	4%	3%	1%	6%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Concerned</i>	<i>66%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>60%</i>	<i>63%</i>
<i>Total Unconcerned</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>31%</i>

TM1561Y18_2. Acts of violence committed against people in your community because of their religious beliefs :
Please indicate how concerned you are, if at all, about the following

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	38%	44%	34%	30%
Somewhat concerned	26%	28%	23%	30%
Not too concerned	19%	18%	23%	21%
Not at all concerned	12%	7%	17%	13%
Don't know	5%	4%	2%	6%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Concerned</i>	<i>64%</i>	<i>71%</i>	<i>58%</i>	<i>61%</i>
<i>Total Unconcerned</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>34%</i>

TM3039Y22_1. Foreign terrorism (committed by non-Americans on American soil) : In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	40%	35%	46%	35%
Somewhat of a threat	40%	43%	40%	42%
Not much of a threat	14%	18%	8%	15%
Not a threat at all	2%	1%	3%	3%
Not sure	4%	4%	3%	5%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>86%</i>	<i>77%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>19%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>18%</i>





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TM3039Y22_2. Domestic terrorism (violence aimed at changing political outcomes) : In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	48%	58%	40%	40%
Somewhat of a threat	33%	32%	35%	38%
Not much of a threat	10%	6%	15%	12%
Not a threat at all	4%	2%	6%	4%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	6%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>82%</i>	<i>90%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>78%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>16%</i>

TM3039Y22_3. Hate crimes (crimes aimed at people because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.) : In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	52%	64%	40%	50%
Somewhat of a threat	32%	29%	36%	34%
Not much of a threat	10%	5%	17%	10%
Not a threat at all	3%	*	6%	3%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	3%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>84%</i>	<i>93%</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>84%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>13%</i>

TM3039Y22_4. Foreign wars (U.S. being engaged in a war outside of its borders) : In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	32%	28%	36%	27%
Somewhat of a threat	46%	52%	45%	43%
Not much of a threat	13%	13%	12%	17%
Not a threat at all	3%	2%	4%	4%
Not sure	5%	4%	3%	8%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>80%</i>	<i>81%</i>	<i>71%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>22%</i>





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TM3039Y22_5. Random acts of violence, like mass-shootings, etc. (committed by Americans on American soil) : In your opinion, how much of a threat are any of the following to American society, if at all?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Extreme threat	59%	70%	49%	56%
Somewhat of a threat	28%	24%	34%	28%
Not much of a threat	8%	3%	12%	10%
Not a threat at all	3%	2%	4%	3%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	3%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Threat</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>83%</i>	<i>84%</i>
<i>Total Not a Threat</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>13%</i>

TM1082Y16_2. What comes close to your view of the 2020 election? It was...

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Legitimate and accurate	50%	79%	25%	48%
The result of illegal voting or election rigging	28%	11%	52%	19%
Don't know	22%	10%	23%	33%
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TM3037Y22. Which of the following best describes what you think happened on January 6th, 2021, when many people entered the U.S. Capitol building, even if neither is exactly right?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Protesters gathered to express their First Amendment rights to free speech, assembly, and petitioning of government	33%	16%	53%	29%
Protesters committed criminal acts by trying to stop the certification of the election through violence and intimidation	67%	84%	47%	71%
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TM3038Y22. As you may know, some people who were at the Capitol on January 6th, 2021, have been arrested and criminally charged for their roles. Do you believe these people are being treated fairly or unfairly by our justice system?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Fairly	60%	86%	35%	55%
Unfairly	21%	6%	40%	16%
Not sure	20%	8%	25%	29%
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7. How familiar are you, if at all, with the events surrounding the FBI executing a search warrant on Donald Trump's residence at Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	28%	31%	30%	22%
Somewhat familiar	35%	39%	33%	32%
Heard of, that is it	29%	24%	31%	36%
Have not heard of	8%	6%	6%	10%
Total	1005	436	387	125
<i>Total Familiar</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>70%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>54%</i>
<i>Total Unfamiliar</i>	<i>38%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>46%</i>

8_1. Nothing: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	30%	28%	39%	18%
Yes	70%	72%	61%	82%
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8_2. Donate to his legal defense: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	93%	95%	87%	97%
Yes	7%	5%	13%	3%
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8_3. Join protests of the arrest: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	90%	94%	84%	92%
Yes	10%	6%	16%	8%
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8_4. Take up arms in opposition to the arrest: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	96%	95%	97%	97%
Yes	4%	5%	3%	3%
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8_5. Leave the country: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	96%	95%	96%	98%
Yes	4%	5%	4%	2%
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8_6. Something else: If Donald Trump were arrested by the FBI or federal law enforcement, which of the following would you be most likely to do? Select all that apply.

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
No	88%	86%	88%	93%
Yes	12%	14%	12%	7%
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9_1. Donald Trump: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	32%	18%	53%	23%
Irresponsible	42%	67%	18%	45%
Don't know	26%	15%	30%	33%
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9_2. Conservative media: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	24%	18%	36%	17%
Irresponsible	39%	51%	29%	36%
Don't know	36%	31%	35%	48%
Total	1005	436	387	125

9_3. Republican officials: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	25%	16%	40%	19%
Irresponsible	42%	63%	23%	36%
Don't know	33%	21%	37%	45%
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9_4 Joe Biden: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	38%	65%	16%	30%
Irresponsible	32%	9%	58%	27%
Don't know	30%	26%	26%	42%
Total	1005	436	387	125

9_5 Mainstream media: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	32%	54%	16%	20%
Irresponsible	38%	18%	62%	36%
Don't know	30%	28%	22%	43%
Total	1005	436	387	125

9_6 Democratic officials: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	38%	67%	15%	28%
Irresponsible	32%	12%	60%	25%
Don't know	30%	22%	24%	47%
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9_7 The FBI and Justice Department: Do you think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following the FBI search warrant of Mar A Lago?

	All Respondents	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Responsible	46%	71%	23%	44%
Irresponsible	29%	10%	54%	19%
Don't know	25%	19%	23%	37%
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About the Study

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The sample was randomly drawn from [Ipsos' online panel](#), partner online panel sources, and "[river sampling](#)" and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, education, and partisan identification.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,005, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/- 5.3 percentage points). The poll also has a credibility interval of ± 5.7 percentage points for Democrats, ± 6.1 percentage points for Republicans, and ± 10.7 percentage points for independents.

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