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USAToday/Ipsos poll on expulsion of Tennessee lawmakers

Conducted by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®

A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: April 7 to April 9, 2023

Number of interviews, adults: 1,016

Number of interviews, Democrats: 331

Number of interviews, Republicans: 270

Number of interviews, independents: 324

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error for Democrats: +/- 5.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error for Republicans: +/- 6.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

Margin of error for independents: +/- 5.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

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

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following events?

Total Familiar Summary

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
The March 2023 school shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, TN	70	76	74	68
The Tennessee House of Representatives voting to expel two representatives for joining a gun control protest inside the state capitol	46	57	39	46
State legislators joining a gun control protest inside the Tennessee state capitol	44	56	39	43



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1. How familiar are you, if at all, with the following events? *(Continued)*

a. The March 2023 school shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville, TN

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	34	38	36	34
Somewhat familiar	36	39	39	34
Heard of, but that's it	20	19	18	22
Never heard of it	8	4	7	9
Skipped	1	*	*	*
<i>Familiar (net)</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>68</i>
<i>Not Familiar (net)</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>32</i>

b. State legislators joining a gun control protest inside the Tennessee state capitol

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	21	28	13	22
Somewhat familiar	23	28	25	21
Heard of, but that's it	23	20	24	27
Never heard of it	32	24	38	30
Skipped	1	*	-	-
<i>Familiar (net)</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>43</i>
<i>Not Familiar (net)</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>57</i>

c. The Tennessee House of Representatives voting to expel two representatives for joining a gun control protest inside the state capitol

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very familiar	24	32	16	25
Somewhat familiar	22	25	24	21
Heard of, but that's it	21	17	23	24
Never heard of it	32	25	37	29
Skipped	1	*	-	-
<i>Familiar (net)</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>57</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>
<i>Not Familiar (net)</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>54</i>

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2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Total Agree Summary

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Americans, including lawmakers, have a right to peacefully protest in state houses and state legislatures	75	88	62	75
In the wake of school shootings, state legislatures should pass stricter controls on gun purchases	67	92	40	72
Any legislator who disrupts a hearing or protests on the floor should be expelled from that chamber	49	31	64	53
What Tennessee legislators did by leading a protest in the state house was equivalent of the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6	35	24	54	33

a. What Tennessee legislators did by leading a protest in the state house was equivalent of the insurrection in the U.S. Capitol on Jan 6

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	11	7	15	12
Somewhat agree	24	18	39	21
Somewhat disagree	23	17	26	25
Strongly disagree	38	57	18	40
Skipped	3	1	3	2
<i>Agree (net)</i>	35	24	54	33
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	61	75	44	65

b. Any legislator who disrupts a hearing or protests on the floor should be expelled from that chamber

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	16	8	23	17
Somewhat agree	33	23	41	36
Somewhat disagree	28	36	25	25
Strongly disagree	20	33	8	21
Skipped	3	1	3	1
<i>Agree (net)</i>	49	31	64	53
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	48	69	33	46

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2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

- c. Americans, including lawmakers, have a right to peacefully protest in state houses and state legislatures

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	37	53	24	35
Somewhat agree	38	36	38	40
Somewhat disagree	17	8	26	18
Strongly disagree	6	3	10	6
Skipped	2	1	2	0
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>75</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>25</i>

- d. In the wake of school shootings, state legislatures should pass stricter controls on gun purchases

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Strongly agree	48	80	14	49
Somewhat agree	20	12	26	22
Somewhat disagree	13	6	25	10
Strongly disagree	18	1	34	18
Skipped	2	1	1	0
<i>Agree (net)</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>Disagree (net)</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>28</i>

- ### 3. Which of the following is closest to your opinion when it comes to the expulsion of two members of the Tennessee House of Representatives?

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
It was an anti-democratic abuse of power	51	73	29	52
It was an appropriate way to discipline legislators	42	23	63	43
Skipped	7	4	8	5



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About the Study

This USA Today/Ipsos poll was conducted by Ipsos from April 7 to April 9, 2023, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,016 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 331 Democrats, 270 Republicans, and 324 independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult U.S. population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the U.S. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2022 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). Party ID benchmarks are from recent ABC News/Washington Post telephone polls. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Something else)





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The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.16. By party ID, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.9 percentage points for Democrats at the 95% confidence level, plus or minus 6.3 percentage points for Republicans at the 95% confidence level, and plus or minus 5.9 percentage points for independents at the 95% confidence level. The design effect was 1.18 for Democrats, 1.12 for Republicans, and 1.19 for independents. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. Sampling error is only one potential source of error. There may be other unmeasured non-sampling error in this or any poll. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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