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## Politico Magazine/Ipsos Survey

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®  
**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)**

Interview dates: August 18-21, 2023

Number of interviews: 1,032

Number of Republican interviews: 272

Number of Democrat interviews: 321

Number of Independent interviews: 319

Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 6.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 5.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Independent respondents

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

NOTE: \* = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable

### Annotated Questionnaire:

Q1. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters?

Total Very/Somewhat well Summary

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
The sensitive document case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump	64%	59%	75%	61%
The federal 2020 election subversion case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump	62%	60%	75%	60%
The Georgia 2020 election subversion case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump	59%	55%	71%	57%
The falsifying business records case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump	55%	48%	67%	53%
The failure to pay taxes case, allegations, and pending charges against Hunter Biden	54%	60%	58%	52%





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Q1\_1. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters? The sensitive document case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Very well	26%	21%	32%	27%
Somewhat well	38%	38%	43%	34%
Not too well	21%	30%	13%	21%
Not at all	7%	6%	6%	7%
Don't know	8%	5%	6%	9%
Skipped	1%	*	*	1%
Well (Net)	64%	59%	75%	61%
Not well (Net)	28%	35%	18%	28%

Q1\_2. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters? The falsifying business records case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Very well	19%	15%	27%	19%
Somewhat well	35%	34%	40%	34%
Not too well	28%	37%	21%	29%
Not at all	9%	9%	6%	9%
Don't know	7%	5%	6%	8%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	1%
Well (Net)	55%	48%	67%	53%
Not well (Net)	37%	45%	26%	38%

Q1\_3. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters? The federal 2020 election subversion case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Very well	25%	21%	36%	24%
Somewhat well	37%	39%	39%	36%
Not too well	21%	26%	13%	22%
Not at all	8%	8%	5%	8%
Don't know	8%	5%	7%	9%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
Well (Net)	62%	60%	75%	60%
Not well (Net)	28%	34%	18%	30%





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Q1\_4. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters? The Georgia 2020 election subversion case, allegations, and pending charges against Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Very well	26%	20%	37%	24%
Somewhat well	33%	35%	34%	33%
Not too well	24%	30%	15%	26%
Not at all	8%	9%	7%	6%
Don't know	9%	6%	7%	10%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
Well (Net)	59%	55%	71%	57%
Not well (Net)	31%	38%	22%	32%

Q1\_5. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the following legal matters? The failure to pay taxes case, allegations, and pending charges against Hunter Biden

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Very well	19%	27%	18%	16%
Somewhat well	36%	33%	40%	36%
Not too well	26%	27%	23%	27%
Not at all	11%	6%	12%	11%
Don't know	8%	7%	7%	8%
Skipped	1%	*	-	1%
Well (Net)	54%	60%	58%	52%
Not well (Net)	36%	33%	35%	39%

Q2. Should the federal trial on Donald Trump's 2020 election subversion case take place before the 2024 Republican primaries begin in early 2024?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	59%	32%	89%	59%
No	19%	43%	2%	14%
Don't know	22%	24%	9%	26%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%

Q3. Should the federal trial on Donald Trump's 2020 election subversion case take place before the 2024 presidential election in November 2024?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	61%	33%	89%	63%
No	19%	45%	3%	14%
Don't know	19%	21%	8%	22%
Skipped	1%	2%	-	1%





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Q4. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions.

### Total Yes Summary

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Do you believe that Hunter Biden is guilty of the alleged crimes in the tax non-payment case?	59%	77%	51%	57%
Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the sensitive documents case?	52%	16%	87%	54%
Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the federal 2020 election subversion election case?	51%	14%	88%	53%
Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the Georgia election subversion case?	51%	14%	88%	52%
Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the falsifying business records case?	48%	13%	82%	49%

Q4\_1. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions. Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the sensitive documents case?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	52%	16%	87%	54%
No	25%	62%	2%	17%
Don't know	22%	21%	11%	28%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%

Q4\_2. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions. Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the falsifying business records case?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	48%	13%	82%	49%
No	23%	60%	2%	15%
Don't know	29%	27%	16%	35%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	1%





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Q4\_3. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions. Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the federal 2020 election subversion election case?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	51%	14%	88%	53%
No	26%	64%	2%	20%
Don't know	22%	21%	10%	27%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%

Q4\_4. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions. Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty of the alleged crimes in the Georgia election subversion case?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	51%	14%	88%	52%
No	26%	64%	2%	18%
Don't know	23%	22%	10%	29%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%

Q4\_5. Please respond yes or no to each of the following questions. Do you believe that Hunter Biden is guilty of the alleged crimes in the tax non-payment case?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Yes	59%	77%	51%	57%
No	2%	4%	1%	2%
Don't know	38%	18%	48%	41%
Skipped	*	*	-	1%





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Q5. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump?

### Total Favorable Summary

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
The U.S. Department of Justice	40%	16%	68%	41%
Joe Biden	36%	6%	75%	32%
Donald Trump	27%	63%	6%	20%
Special counsel Jack Smith	26%	5%	50%	26%
Merrick Garland	22%	4%	45%	22%

Q5\_1. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump? Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly favorable	13%	33%	4%	6%
Somewhat favorable	14%	30%	1%	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%	13%	6%	13%
Strongly unfavorable	47%	14%	78%	49%
Don't know	13%	9%	10%	17%
Skipped	1%	2%	-	1%
Favorable (Net)	27%	63%	6%	20%
Unfavorable (Net)	58%	26%	84%	62%

Q5\_2. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump? Joe Biden

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly favorable	15%	2%	36%	11%
Somewhat favorable	21%	5%	38%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	11%	6%	17%
Strongly unfavorable	33%	72%	3%	28%
Don't know	17%	8%	16%	21%
Skipped	2%	3%	-	2%
Favorable (Net)	36%	6%	75%	32%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	83%	9%	45%





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Q5\_3. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump? Merrick Garland

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly favorable	11%	1%	24%	9%
Somewhat favorable	12%	3%	20%	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	4%	5%	8%
Strongly unfavorable	17%	37%	3%	14%
Don't know	54%	53%	48%	55%
Skipped	1%	2%	-	1%
Favorable (Net)	22%	4%	45%	22%
Unfavorable (Net)	22%	41%	7%	21%

Q5\_4. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump? The U.S. Department of Justice

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly favorable	17%	4%	32%	17%
Somewhat favorable	23%	12%	36%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	22%	7%	15%
Strongly unfavorable	18%	39%	2%	16%
Don't know	26%	20%	23%	27%
Skipped	1%	3%	-	1%
Favorable (Net)	40%	16%	68%	41%
Unfavorable (Net)	33%	62%	9%	31%

Q5\_5. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the actions, statements, and behavior of the following people regarding the cases against Donald Trump? Special counsel Jack Smith

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly favorable	16%	1%	36%	15%
Somewhat favorable	9%	4%	14%	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	6%	2%	7%
Strongly unfavorable	15%	34%	1%	12%
Don't know	53%	52%	47%	53%
Skipped	1%	2%	-	1%
Favorable (Net)	26%	5%	50%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	20%	40%	3%	19%



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Q6. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

### Total Agree Summary

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
The Justice Department's decision to indict Trump in the 2020 election subversion case was based on a fair evaluation of the evidence and the law	59%	23%	89%	64%
The Trump Administration actively used the Justice Department to investigate political enemies with little or no evidence of actual wrong-doing	53%	29%	75%	56%
The Biden Administration has actively used the Justice Department to investigate political enemies with little or no evidence of actual wrong-doing	45%	78%	14%	43%
The Justice Department's decision to indict Trump in the 2020 election subversion case was based on trying to gain a political advantage for Joe Biden	44%	75%	20%	40%

Q6\_1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The Justice Department's decision to indict Trump in the 2020 election subversion case was based on a fair evaluation of the evidence and the law

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly agree	39%	10%	73%	38%
Somewhat agree	20%	14%	17%	26%
Somewhat disagree	16%	27%	5%	17%
Strongly disagree	20%	47%	4%	14%
Skipped	4%	2%	2%	5%
Agree (Net)	59%	23%	89%	64%
Disagree (Net)	37%	74%	9%	32%





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Q6\_2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The Justice Department’s decision to indict Trump in the 2020 election subversion case was based on trying to gain a political advantage for Joe Biden

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly agree	25%	47%	10%	20%
Somewhat agree	19%	28%	10%	19%
Somewhat disagree	16%	8%	18%	19%
Strongly disagree	35%	14%	59%	36%
Skipped	4%	3%	2%	6%
Agree (Net)	44%	75%	20%	40%
Disagree (Net)	52%	22%	78%	55%

Q6\_3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The Biden Administration has actively used the Justice Department to investigate political enemies with little or no evidence of actual wrongdoing

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly agree	23%	52%	4%	18%
Somewhat agree	22%	26%	11%	26%
Somewhat disagree	23%	13%	28%	26%
Strongly disagree	27%	5%	54%	26%
Skipped	5%	4%	3%	5%
Agree (Net)	45%	78%	14%	43%
Disagree (Net)	50%	19%	82%	51%

Q6\_4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The Trump Administration actively used the Justice Department to investigate political enemies with little or no evidence of actual wrongdoing

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Strongly agree	24%	11%	44%	20%
Somewhat agree	29%	18%	31%	35%
Somewhat disagree	23%	28%	15%	25%
Strongly disagree	19%	40%	8%	13%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	7%
Agree (Net)	53%	29%	75%	56%
Disagree (Net)	42%	68%	23%	37%





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Q7. If Donald Trump is eventually convicted in the Justice Department's 2020 election subversion case, what do you think the punishment should be, if anything?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Imprisonment	50%	11%	87%	51%
Probation, but no imprisonment	16%	23%	6%	18%
Financial penalty only	12%	19%	4%	13%
No penalty	18%	43%	*	14%
Skipped	3%	4%	2%	4%

Q8. If Donald Trump is tried and convicted in the Justice Department's 2020 election subversion case, how would that impact your likelihood to support him for president?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
More likely to support Trump	13%	32%	1%	8%
No impact	44%	39%	46%	45%
Less likely to support Trump	32%	17%	48%	34%
Don't know	10%	10%	4%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

Q9. Which one of these is your main source of news?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
ABC, CBS, or NBC News	20%	13%	25%	22%
Digital or online news sources or aggregators	12%	11%	10%	14%
Social media, YouTube, or TikTok	11%	8%	7%	15%
FOX News	9%	24%	1%	5%
CNN or MSNBC	9%	3%	19%	6%
Local newspaper or network news station	6%	7%	7%	4%
Public television or radio (e.g., PBS or NPR)	6%	3%	9%	6%
New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, or USA Today	5%	1%	10%	5%
Conservative news (e.g., Newsmax, OAN)	2%	6%	-	1%
Newsletters or news items sent directly to me	1%	*	1%	1%
Other	4%	5%	2%	6%
None of the above	15%	18%	8%	14%
Skipped	1%	*	*	1%





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Q11. Do you think a major political candidate skipping a scheduled debate with the other political candidates is good or bad for the American democratic process?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Good	1%	1%	1%	1%
Bad	58%	49%	72%	57%
Doesn't make a difference	39%	48%	25%	40%
Skipped	2%	2%	2%	3%

Q12. If you voted in the 2020 presidential election, who did you vote for?

	<b>Total (N=1,032)</b>	<b>Republican (N=272)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=321)</b>	<b>Independent (N=319)</b>
Did not vote	20%	12%	11%	23%
Donald Trump	30%	77%	1%	21%
Joe Biden	44%	7%	86%	45%
Someone else	5%	3%	1%	8%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	2%





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### About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted August 18-21, 2023 on behalf of Politico Magazine, using the probability based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a representative sample of 1,032 U.S. residents, age 18 or older, including 272 Republican respondents, 321 Democratic respondents, and 319 independent respondents.

The study was conducted online in English. The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and political party affiliation. 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)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.08 for all adults. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 6.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the sample of Republicans. The margin of error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.08 for Republicans. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the sample of Democrats. The margin of error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.11 for Democrats. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 5.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the sample of independents. The margin of error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.09 for independents. 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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