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Politico Magazine Trump Verdict Survey

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A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
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Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all 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_1. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? Supreme Court Justices

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	12%	7%	19%	11%
A fair amount	27%	22%	33%	29%
Only a little	28%	34%	23%	28%
None or almost none	20%	28%	14%	20%
Don't know	10%	8%	8%	9%
Skipped	3%	0%	3%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>A great deal</i>	14%	8%	27%	12%
<i>A fair amount</i>	29%	20%	39%	29%
<i>Only a little</i>	29%	33%	19%	35%
<i>None or almost none</i>	21%	32%	10%	16%
<i>Don't know</i>	7%	6%	5%	7%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	0%	1%	1%



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Q1_2. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? State court judges

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	8%	10%	6%	9%
A fair amount	41%	51%	33%	43%
Only a little	25%	23%	32%	23%
None or almost none	12%	7%	17%	13%
Don't know	11%	10%	9%	9%
Skipped	3%	0%	2%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	<i>Total (N=1,017)</i>	<i>Democrat (N=316)</i>	<i>Republican (N=301)</i>	<i>Independent (N=314)</i>
<i>A great deal</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>7%</i>
<i>A fair amount</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>39%</i>
<i>Only a little</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>35%</i>
<i>None or almost none</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Don't know</i>	<i>9%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>9%</i>
<i>Skipped</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>1%</i>

Q1_3. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? Federal court judges

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	9%	11%	8%	10%
A fair amount	39%	48%	33%	41%
Only a little	25%	22%	30%	24%
None or almost none	14%	8%	18%	14%
Don't know	10%	10%	10%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	2%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	<i>Total (N=1,017)</i>	<i>Democrat (N=316)</i>	<i>Republican (N=301)</i>	<i>Independent (N=314)</i>
<i>A great deal</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>10%</i>	<i>7%</i>
<i>A fair amount</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>40%</i>	<i>38%</i>
<i>Only a little</i>	<i>35%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>34%</i>	<i>36%</i>
<i>None or almost none</i>	<i>12%</i>	<i>14%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>11%</i>
<i>Don't know</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Skipped</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>1%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</i>

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Q1_4. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? District attorneys, state attorneys or other prosecuting attorneys

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	9%	11%	6%	9%
A fair amount	35%	44%	26%	38%
Only a little	27%	21%	37%	25%
None or almost none	16%	12%	20%	17%
Don't know	11%	11%	9%	8%
Skipped	2%	0%	2%	2%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>A great deal</i>	5%	8%	4%	5%
<i>A fair amount</i>	37%	42%	37%	37%
<i>Only a little</i>	32%	26%	34%	33%
<i>None or almost none</i>	16%	12%	17%	16%
<i>Don't know</i>	10%	12%	8%	8%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	-	1%	1%

Q1_5. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? Defense attorneys

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	8%	7%	7%	10%
A fair amount	39%	50%	31%	41%
Only a little	28%	24%	35%	26%
None or almost none	11%	6%	14%	12%
Don't know	12%	12%	10%	9%
Skipped	3%	1%	3%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>A great deal</i>	5%	7%	2%	4%
<i>A fair amount</i>	36%	39%	39%	33%
<i>Only a little</i>	35%	32%	34%	40%
<i>None or almost none</i>	13%	11%	17%	11%
<i>Don't know</i>	10%	10%	7%	10%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	1%	1%	1%

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Q1_6. How much trust do you have, if any, in the people working in the following areas? Citizens serving on juries

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
A great deal	15%	24%	8%	16%
A fair amount	39%	43%	34%	39%
Only a little	25%	20%	32%	26%
None or almost none	9%	5%	14%	7%
Don't know	10%	7%	9%	10%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	2%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>A great deal</i>	14%	17%	14%	12%
<i>A fair amount</i>	44%	41%	46%	46%
<i>Only a little</i>	28%	27%	28%	27%
<i>None or almost none</i>	7%	7%	8%	7%
<i>Don't know</i>	7%	7%	4%	6%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	0%	0%	1%

Q2_1. Do the following types of people generally get treated fairly by the criminal justice system, get special breaks, or get given a harder time? Wealthy people

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Get special breaks	72%	82%	61%	77%
Treated fairly	10%	7%	15%	9%
Given a harder time	3%	1%	3%	4%
Don't know	12%	8%	18%	7%
Skipped	3%	2%	3%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>Get special breaks</i>	77%	84%	66%	79%
<i>Treated fairly</i>	10%	7%	18%	9%
<i>Given a harder time</i>	1%	1%	4%	0%
<i>Don't know</i>	10%	8%	11%	10%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	-	2%	2%



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Q2_2. Do the following types of people generally get treated fairly by the criminal justice system, get special breaks, or get given a harder time? Current or former elected officials

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Get special breaks	63%	72%	55%	67%
Treated fairly	12%	11%	13%	12%
Given a harder time	7%	3%	12%	6%
Don't know	16%	12%	18%	13%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>Get special breaks</i>	71%	75%	72%	68%
<i>Treated fairly</i>	10%	10%	10%	10%
<i>Given a harder time</i>	3%	2%	4%	3%
<i>Don't know</i>	15%	13%	12%	16%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	-	1%	3%

Q2_3. Do the following types of people generally get treated fairly by the criminal justice system, get special breaks, or get given a harder time? People like you

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Get special breaks	2%	4%	0%	2%
Treated fairly	39%	38%	47%	39%
Given a harder time	35%	37%	26%	38%
Don't know	21%	19%	24%	18%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	3%

<i>July 2023 Data</i>	Total (N=1,017)	Democrat (N=316)	Republican (N=301)	Independent (N=314)
<i>Get special breaks</i>	4%	6%	1%	3%
<i>Treated fairly</i>	45%	36%	61%	48%
<i>Given a harder time</i>	30%	38%	22%	25%
<i>Don't know</i>	21%	20%	15%	22%
<i>Skipped</i>	1%	-	1%	2%



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Q3. How familiar are you, if at all, with the various investigations, indictments, and trials currently facing Donald Trump?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Very familiar	29%	34%	31%	26%
Somewhat familiar	41%	45%	42%	40%
Heard of, but that's it	25%	20%	24%	26%
Have not heard of	3%	1%	1%	5%
Skipped	2%	0%	2%	2%
Familiar (Net)	70%	79%	73%	67%

Q4. How well do you think you understand, if at all, the details of the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump brought by the Manhattan D.A.?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Very well	22%	30%	18%	22%
Somewhat well	37%	40%	39%	35%
Not too well	22%	18%	21%	24%
Not at all well	10%	5%	15%	9%
Don't know	7%	6%	4%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	2%	2%
Well (Net)	59%	70%	57%	57%
Not well (Net)	31%	23%	37%	33%

Q5. Do you believe that Donald Trump is guilty in the falsifying business records case brought by the Manhattan D.A.?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	52%	92%	16%	53%
No	25%	1%	56%	17%
Don't know	21%	6%	27%	28%
Skipped	2%	-	1%	2%

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Q6. How does Donald Trump's guilty conviction in the Manhattan D.A.'s falsifying business records case impact your likelihood to support him for president?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
More likely to support Trump	17%	0%	42%	12%
No impact	38%	36%	40%	40%
Less likely to support Trump	33%	58%	9%	32%
Don't know	10%	4%	9%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%

Q7_1. How important, if at all, is Donald Trump's conviction in the Manhattan falsifying business records case in how, and if, you decide to vote in the presidential election this November? If I vote

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Very important	26%	40%	16%	23%
Somewhat important	9%	9%	15%	7%
Not very important	10%	9%	10%	13%
Not at all important	42%	36%	51%	43%
Don't know	9%	5%	7%	11%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	3%
Important (Net)	36%	49%	31%	30%
Not important (Net)	53%	45%	61%	56%

Q7_2. How important, if at all, is Donald Trump's conviction in the Manhattan falsifying business records case in how, and if, you decide to vote in the presidential election this November? How I vote

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Very important	28%	43%	17%	26%
Somewhat important	10%	9%	13%	9%
Not very important	13%	11%	12%	16%
Not at all important	37%	31%	50%	33%
Don't know	9%	4%	8%	13%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	2%
Important (Net)	38%	53%	29%	36%
Not important (Net)	50%	42%	62%	49%



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Verdict's Impact on Direction and Intensity of Voting Behavior Analysis: combining responses of Q6 and Q7_2.

Q6. How does Donald Trump's guilty conviction in the Manhattan D.A.'s falsifying business records case impact your likelihood to support him for president?

Q7_2. How important, if at all, is Donald Trump's conviction in the Manhattan falsifying business records case in how, and if, you decide to vote in the presidential election this November? How I vote

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
More likely to support Trump AND Conviction is important to how I will vote	6%	0%	13%	5%
More likely to support Trump AND Conviction is NOT important to how I will vote	11%	0%	28%	7%
No impact on support for Trump AND Conviction is important to how I will vote	10%	12%	9%	10%
No impact on support for Trump AND Conviction is NOT important to how I will vote	40%	29%	41%	47%
Less likely to support Trump AND Conviction is important to how I will vote	22%	40%	7%	21%
Less likely to support Trump AND Conviction is NOT important to how I will vote	10%	18%	1%	11%

Q8. Do you believe the verdict in in the Manhattan falsifying business records case against Donald Trump was the result of a fair and impartial judicial process?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	46%	85%	12%	46%
No	32%	5%	67%	27%
Don't know	19%	10%	20%	24%
Skipped	3%	0%	1%	3%





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Q9. Now that Donald Trump has been convicted in the Manhattan falsifying business records case, what do you think the punishment should be, if anything?

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Imprisonment	40%	73%	5%	42%
Probation, but no imprisonment	18%	18%	17%	21%
Financial penalty only	16%	6%	24%	17%
No penalty	22%	2%	51%	15%
Skipped	4%	0%	3%	5%

Q10_1. Do you believe the following people or organizations were directly involved in the decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to bring the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump?
President Joe Biden

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	29%	5%	63%	23%
No	42%	76%	14%	42%
Don't know	25%	18%	21%	32%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	4%

Q10_2. Do you believe the following people or organizations were directly involved in the decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to bring the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump?
The U.S. Justice Department

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	36%	20%	59%	33%
No	27%	48%	11%	27%
Don't know	34%	30%	29%	38%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	3%

Q10_3. Do you believe the following people or organizations were directly involved in the decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to bring the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump?
"Never Trump" Republicans

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	16%	3%	30%	14%
No	41%	64%	23%	40%
Don't know	40%	31%	45%	43%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	3%





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Q10_4. Do you believe the following people or organizations were directly involved in the decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to bring the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump?
The Democratic Party

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	35%	9%	69%	31%
No	37%	69%	9%	36%
Don't know	25%	21%	20%	30%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	3%

Q10_5. Do you believe the following people or organizations were directly involved in the decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to bring the falsifying business records case against Donald Trump?
Letitia James, New York State Attorney General

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Yes	40%	28%	59%	38%
No	18%	32%	6%	17%
Don't know	39%	39%	34%	43%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	3%

Q11_1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to charge Donald Trump was based on a fair evaluation of the evidence and the law

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Strongly agree	37%	75%	8%	32%
Somewhat agree	18%	17%	12%	25%
Somewhat disagree	15%	3%	21%	18%
Strongly disagree	23%	2%	52%	19%
Skipped	6%	3%	5%	6%
Agree (Net)	55%	92%	21%	57%
Disagree (Net)	39%	4%	74%	37%

Q11_2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? The decision by the Manhattan District Attorney's office to charge Donald Trump was based on trying to gain a political advantage for Joe Biden

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Strongly agree	25%	2%	55%	22%
Somewhat agree	18%	7%	25%	22%
Somewhat disagree	13%	12%	9%	17%
Strongly disagree	39%	75%	7%	34%
Skipped	6%	3%	5%	6%
Agree (Net)	43%	9%	79%	44%
Disagree (Net)	51%	87%	16%	50%





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Q11_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

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Strongly agree	23%	2%	51%	17%
Somewhat agree	21%	8%	29%	24%
Somewhat disagree	19%	24%	7%	23%
Strongly disagree	31%	62%	6%	29%
Skipped	7%	4%	6%	7%
Agree (Net)	43%	11%	80%	41%
Disagree (Net)	50%	86%	14%	52%

Q11_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

	Total (N=1,027)	Democrat (N=349)	Republican (N=296)	Independent (N=294)
Strongly agree	21%	41%	6%	18%
Somewhat agree	30%	38%	21%	32%
Somewhat disagree	25%	9%	35%	29%
Strongly disagree	17%	8%	32%	15%
Skipped	7%	4%	6%	7%
Agree (Net)	51%	79%	27%	50%
Disagree (Net)	42%	17%	67%	44%





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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted June 7-9, 2024 on behalf of Politico Magazine using the KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a representative sample of 1,027 U.S. residents, age 18 or older. This topline displays data from an Ipsos poll conducted July 7-17, 2023 using the KnowledgePanel® based on a representative sample of 1,017 U.S. residents, age 18 or older.

The study was conducted in English. The data for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. Party ID benchmarks are from the 2023 NPORS annual survey. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2023 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18-29, 30-44, 45-59, 60+)
- Race-Ethnicity (White/Non-Hispanic, Black/Non-Hispanic, Other/Non-Hispanic and 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan Status (Metro, Non-Metro)
- Education (High School graduate or less, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Household Income (under \$25K, \$25K-\$49,999, \$50K-\$74,999, \$75K-\$99,999, \$100K-\$149,999, \$150K and over)
- Party ID (Democrat, Lean Democrat, Republican, Lean 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 1.09 for all adults. 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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