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Reuters/Ipsos poll on Executive Orders

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: January 31 to February 2, 2024
Number of interviews: 1,032

Margin of error: +/- 3.7 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. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (N=1,032)	Republican (N=321)	Democrat (N=281)	Independent (N=321)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	75%	83%	83%	75%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	23%	15%	17%	24%
Not sure	2%	2%	-	1%
Skipped	*	-	-	-

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Q2. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies?

Total Support Summary

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Declassifying records related to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	73%	79%	64%	78%
The federal government creating a council to investigate political bias at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	64%	86%	46%	63%
The federal government providing more water resources in Southern California by overriding state and local laws	62%	80%	51%	62%
Reinstating military service members who were discharged for refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine during the pandemic, allowing those service members to receive full back pay, benefits, bonus payments, and compensation	59%	86%	38%	57%
Freezing all U.S.- funded foreign assistance programs, with exceptions only for programs the federal government defines as "life-saving humanitarian assistance"	56%	83%	26%	59%
Abolishing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices and programs in the Defense Department and the Department of Homeland Security	46%	79%	16%	44%
Ending efforts to ensure that Americans are aware of the legal abortion services available to them and ensure the privacy of people getting abortions	41%	60%	30%	39%
Barring transgender people from enlisting and serving openly in the military	40%	71%	16%	37%
Temporarily freezing federal funding for government grants and services in the U.S.	34%	65%	8%	31%
Placing fewer restrictions around how AI systems are developed and used	30%	43%	25%	27%

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Q2_1. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Freezing all U.S.- funded foreign assistance programs, with exceptions only for programs the federal government defines as "life-saving humanitarian assistance"

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	25%	46%	5%	23%
Somewhat support	31%	37%	21%	36%
Somewhat oppose	18%	14%	24%	17%
Strongly oppose	23%	2%	49%	23%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	2%
Support (Net)	*56%*	*83%*	*26%*	*59%*
Oppose (Net)	*40%*	*16%*	*72%*	*40%*

Q2_2. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Placing fewer restrictions around how AI systems are developed and used

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	7%	11%	5%	6%
Somewhat support	23%	32%	20%	22%
Somewhat oppose	34%	35%	30%	35%
Strongly oppose	31%	18%	44%	35%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	2%
Support (Net)	*30%*	*43%*	*25%*	*27%*
Oppose (Net)	*65%*	*53%*	*74%*	*71%*

Q2_3. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? The federal government creating a council to investigate political bias at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	27%	49%	12%	23%
Somewhat support	37%	37%	34%	39%
Somewhat oppose	17%	10%	21%	20%
Strongly oppose	14%	2%	31%	15%
Skipped	5%	1%	2%	2%
Support (Net)	*64%*	*86%*	*46%*	*63%*
Oppose (Net)	*31%*	*12%*	*52%*	*35%*

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Q2_4. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? The federal government providing more water resources in Southern California by overriding state and local laws

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	23%	41%	15%	20%
Somewhat support	38%	39%	36%	42%
Somewhat oppose	22%	14%	27%	21%
Strongly oppose	12%	4%	21%	15%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	2%
Support (Net)	*62%*	*80%*	*51%*	*62%*
Oppose (Net)	*34%*	*18%*	*47%*	*36%*

Q2_5. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Abolishing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) offices and programs in the Defense Department and the Department of Homeland Security

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	28%	56%	4%	23%
Somewhat support	19%	23%	12%	21%
Somewhat oppose	20%	12%	20%	26%
Strongly oppose	30%	6%	62%	29%
Skipped	4%	3%	1%	1%
Support (Net)	*46%*	*79%*	*16%*	*44%*
Oppose (Net)	*49%*	*18%*	*83%*	*55%*

Q2_6. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Declassifying records related to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	41%	54%	29%	44%
Somewhat support	31%	25%	35%	34%
Somewhat oppose	15%	17%	19%	10%
Strongly oppose	8%	2%	14%	10%
Skipped	4%	2%	3%	2%
Support (Net)	*73%*	*79%*	*64%*	*78%*
Oppose (Net)	*23%*	*19%*	*33%*	*20%*

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Q2_7. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Ending efforts to ensure that Americans are aware of the legal abortion services available to them and ensure the privacy of people getting abortions

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	17%	26%	14%	14%
Somewhat support	24%	34%	15%	25%
Somewhat oppose	20%	24%	15%	20%
Strongly oppose	34%	13%	55%	39%
Skipped	5%	2%	*	1%
Support (Net)	*41%*	*60%*	*30%*	*39%*
Oppose (Net)	*54%*	*38%*	*70%*	*60%*

Q2_8. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Temporarily freezing federal funding for government grants and services in the U.S.

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	11%	27%	*	8%
Somewhat support	22%	39%	8%	23%
Somewhat oppose	25%	24%	21%	26%
Strongly oppose	38%	8%	70%	42%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	1%
Support (Net)	*34%*	*65%*	*8%*	*31%*
Oppose (Net)	*62%*	*32%*	*91%*	*68%*

Q2_9. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Barring transgender people from enlisting and serving openly in the military

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	23%	47%	5%	19%
Somewhat support	17%	24%	11%	17%
Somewhat oppose	24%	20%	24%	31%
Strongly oppose	31%	8%	58%	32%
Skipped	4%	2%	2%	1%
Support (Net)	*40%*	*71%*	*16%*	*37%*
Oppose (Net)	*55%*	*27%*	*82%*	*63%*

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Q2_10. To what extent do your support or oppose the following policies? Reinstating military service members who were discharged for refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine during the pandemic, allowing those service members to receive full back pay, benefits, bonus payments, and compensation

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Strongly support	36%	64%	15%	32%
Somewhat support	23%	22%	23%	25%
Somewhat oppose	19%	8%	28%	20%
Strongly oppose	19%	5%	33%	21%
Skipped	4%	*	1%	2%
Support (Net)	*59%*	*86%*	*38%*	*57%*
Oppose (Net)	*37%*	*13%*	*62%*	*41%*

Q3. Which of the following best describes your feelings about the current news cycle?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Concerned	44%	25%	64%	51%
Anxious	27%	11%	48%	30%
Overwhelmed	25%	13%	37%	29%
Angry	24%	7%	43%	27%
Afraid	19%	6%	37%	18%
Confused	16%	8%	21%	19%
Hopeful	16%	35%	5%	12%
Optimistic	15%	31%	6%	11%
Excited	8%	16%	4%	5%
Relieved	7%	17%	1%	5%
Confident	6%	17%	3%	2%
Other	6%	4%	7%	8%
Don't know	18%	17%	11%	18%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	*

Q4. What story in the news stood out to you the most in past 7 days, if anything? *Open-ended responses provided separately.*

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Q5. Which of these is your main source of news in the last month?

	Total	Republican	Democrat	Independent
Social media, Podcasts or YouTube	16%	16%	19%	11%
ABC, CBS, or NBC News	16%	12%	26%	15%
Digital or online news	15%	13%	11%	18%
Your local TV news or newspaper	11%	10%	9%	12%
FOX News	11%	24%	*	10%
Public television or radio	5%	4%	8%	6%
CNN or MSNBC	4%	1%	8%	4%
New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, or Wall Street Journal	4%	3%	7%	4%
Conservative media (Talk radio, Breitbart, Newsmax, OAN, etc.)	2%	6%	-	1%
Telemundo or Univision	1%	-	1%	2%
Other	5%	4%	5%	3%
None of these	10%	7%	6%	13%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	-

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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted from January 31 to February 2, 2025, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,032 adults age 18 or older.

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 for the total sample were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2024 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). The 2024 presidential vote choice benchmarks came from the Federal Elections Commission 2024 election results for the U.S. President.
- 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's degree, Master's degree 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+)
- 2024 Presidential Election Vote (Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, Other, Did not vote)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.7 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 1.50.

The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. 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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