

This Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll was conducted among 2,725 U.S. adults, Oct. 24-28, 2025, via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel®. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 1.9 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. The error margin is plus or minus 2.2 points for the sample of 2,203 registered voters and 2.8 points for half-sample questions. Sampling error is not the only cause of differences in polls. Sampling, fieldwork and data processing were provided by Ipsos Public Affairs.

Where noted, trend comparisons are to random-digit-dialed telephone surveys ("CATI mode") by The Washington Post and ABC News or others. Questions were reformatted as of January 2024 given the change to a self-administered online questionnaire. Differences from previous results may reflect mode effects.

See full methodological details at the end of this document.

In the tables below, asterisks in data columns indicate <0.5 percent. "Skipped" shows the share of respondents who skipped the question in online administration. "Skipped/No opinion" shows the share of respondents who skipped the question or who selected an explicit "no opinion" option in online administration. Respondents interviewed via telephone were able to volunteer a "no opinion" response. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Questions 1 held for release.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling each of the following?

f. Managing the federal government

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	36	63	1
4/22/25	42	57	1
2/18/25**	44	54	2

*Half sample

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Items a-e, g-h held for future release.

Questions 3-21 held for future release.

22. How concerned, if at all, are you about the shutdown of the federal government that began earlier this month?

	-- More concerned --			----- Less concerned -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	Skipped
10/28/25	75	43	32	25	16	9	1
10/1/25*	66	25	41	34	22	12	NA

*Washington Post, "partial shutdown of the federal government that began today"

23. Who do you think is mainly responsible for the federal government shutting down?

	Democrats in Congress	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Not sure	Skipped
10/28/25	33	45	22	*
10/1/25*	30	47	23	NA

(Response options randomized)

*Washington Post, "federal government partially shutting down"

Compare to Post-ABC polls:

The federal government might have to partially shut down at the start of next month because of a dispute over spending and policy issues. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Biden and the Democrats in Congress) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Biden and the Democrats in Congress	The Republicans in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
9/20/23	40	33	19	*	8

As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) and (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and the Republicans in Congress) or (Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and the Republicans in Congress	Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/24/19	53	34	10	*	3

As you may know, the federal government has been partially shut down because (Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/11/19	53	29	13	2	4

As you may know, the federal government might have to partially shut down later this week if (Trump and Republicans in Congress) and (Democrats in Congress) cannot agree on laws about immigration and border security. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (Trump and Republicans in Congress) or (the Democrats in Congress)?

	Trump and Republicans in Congress	Democrats in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/18/18	48	28	18	1	5

Who do you think was mainly responsible for the partial shutdown of the federal government - (Obama) or the (Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	29	53	15	1	2

As you may know, the federal government might have to partially shut down later this month if (the Obama administration) and (the Republicans in Congress) cannot agree on a plan to keep it running while they work on a new budget. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (the Obama administration) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/13/11	31	45	17	2	4

If the federal government shuts down because (Republicans) and (the Obama administration) cannot agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame:

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2/27/11	35	36	17	1	10

As you may know, the Clinton administration and the Republicans have agreed to temporarily reopen the government offices that were closed for nearly three weeks while they worked on a new budget. Whose fault do you think this partial government shutdown mainly was -- Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

	Clinton	GOP	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/7/96*	27	50	20	1	2
1/3/96**	25	44	24	3	3
11/19/95	24	51	20	1	4
11/13/95***	27	46	20	2	5

*Reworded and phrased in past tense

**"many" changed to "some"

***Phrased in future tense

24. Please explain, in a few words or a sentence, why you think (RESPONSE FROM Q23) are to blame for the federal government shutting down?

[Verbatim responses not tabulated]

Questions 25-31 held for release.

32. The Trump administration has torn down the east wing of the White House to make way for a 90,000 square-foot ballroom, paid for by \$300 million in private donations from U.S. businesses and individuals. Do you support or oppose this project?
(Randomized with Q31)

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			Not	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	sure	Skipped
10/28/25	28	15	13	56	11	45	16	*

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

Questions 33-38 held for future release.

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post, ABC News and Ipsos. The poll includes a random sample of 2,725 U.S. adults. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a nationwide survey panel designed to be representative of the U.S. adult population. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a tablet and internet service. KnowledgePanel members receive a per survey incentive, usually the equivalent of \$1 (though for some it is \$2) in points that can be redeemed for cash or prizes.

In this poll, invitations were sent to 4,182 panelists, resulting in 2,725 completed interviews. In quality control, 73 respondents were removed for skipping half or more

of the questions for which they were eligible or for completing the survey among the fastest 1 percent of interviews.

Ipsos used probability-proportional-to-size sampling to draw a national sample of adults using the KnowledgePanel matching U.S. population benchmarks. This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The following table shows unweighted, weighted and benchmark values for weighting variables in the October 24-28, 2025, Washington Post-Ipsos poll. The survey has a design effect due to weighting of 1.1.

The following table shows unweighted, weighted and benchmark values for weighting variables:

	Unweighted	Weighted	Benchmark
Age by sex	%	%	%
18-29, Male	8.3	10.1	10.1
18-29, Female	7.2	9.9	9.9
30-44, Male	12.6	13.1	13.1
30-44, Female	11.6	13.0	13.0
45-59, Male	12.0	11.3	11.3
45-59, Female	10.7	11.5	11.5
60+, Male	18.6	14.4	14.4
60+, Female	19.0	16.7	16.7
Race/ethnicity			
White/Non-Hispanic	65.5	59.9	59.9
Black/Non-Hispanic	10.8	12.0	12.0
Other or 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic	9.2	9.6	9.6
Hispanic	14.5	18.4	18.4
Education			
Less than HS	7.6	9.1	9.1
HS graduate or equivalent	26.3	28.4	28.4
Some college	27.1	26.2	26.2
Bachelor's degree	24.7	22.7	22.7
Master's or above	14.3	13.6	13.6
Region by metro status			
Northeast, metro	16.0	16.0	16.0
Northeast, non-metro	1.3	1.2	1.2
Midwest, metro	17.2	16.2	16.2
Midwest, non-metro	4.2	4.2	4.2
South, metro	33.0	33.2	33.2
South, non-metro	5.3	5.4	5.4
West, metro	20.5	21.4	21.4
West, non-metro	2.5	2.3	2.3
Household income			
Under \$25,000	8.3	9.3	9.3
\$25,000-\$49,999	12.7	13.5	13.5
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.8	14.1	14.1
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.3	12.1	12.2

\$100,000-\$149,999	18.8	18.6	18.6
\$150,000 and over	33.1	32.4	32.4
Language dominance			
Not Hispanic	85.5	81.6	81.6
Hispanic - English dominant	4.0	5.1	5.1
Hispanic - Bilingual	8.3	9.7	9.7
Hispanic - Spanish dominant	2.2	3.7	3.7
2024 presidential vote			
Donald Trump	33.6	29.5	29.5
Kamala Harris	32.8	28.6	28.6
Another candidate	1.1	1.0	1.0
Did not vote/Refused	32.6	40.9	40.9
Party identification			
Democrat	26.7	27.7	27.7
Ind/Other - lean Democrat	20.7	17.5	17.5
Refused to lean	6.0	8.3	8.3
Ind/Other - lean Republican	15.4	15.1	15.1
Republican	31.2	31.4	31.4

Note: 2024 presidential vote is adjusted to 2024 nonvoters, voters and their vote choices. Among 2024 voters, weighted candidate support was 50% Trump, 48% Harris and 2% other; and unweighted 50% Trump, 49% Harris and 2% other.

Sources:

- Census Bureau Current Population Survey 2025 March Supplement (age by sex, race/ethnicity, education, region by metro status, household income)
- Census Bureau 2023 American Community Survey (language dominance)
- Associated Press tabulation of certified results (2024 presidential vote)
- Pew 2025 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (party identification)

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.1 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures.

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