

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.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	/Skipped
10/28/25	41	20	20	59	13	46	*
9/15/25*	43	21	22	56	14	43	1
4/22/25**	39	21	19	55	11	44	5
2/18/25	45	27	19	53	13	39	2
Previous term:							
1/13/21***	38	27	10	60	8	52	2
10/9/20	44	30	13	54	9	45	3
9/24/20	44	28	16	53	8	46	2
8/15/20	43	29	15	55	7	47	2
7/15/20	39	28	11	57	9	48	3
5/28/20	45	32	12	53	11	42	3
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6
1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

*Washington Post-Ipsos

**April 2025 and previous Washington Post-ABC News.

**"No opinion" option was listed as a response option; results account for an initial approval question and follow-up asking whether respondents lean towards approval/disapproval.

***"has handled." 2021 and previous in CATI mode.

Compare to: Looking back, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job when he was president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Skip/
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	No opinion
8/13/24	44	23	20	49	10	39	7
7/9/24	43	22	21	52	11	41	6
4/30/24	44	22	22	50	11	39	7
1/8/24	41	19	22	53	12	40	7
9/20/23*	48	33	14	49	8	41	3 (If no
opinion or question: Which way do you lean on how Trump handled his job as president?							
Leaners are netted with somewhat.)							
*2023: CATI mode							

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

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults.

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
a. The economy	37	62	1
b. Immigration	43	56	1
c. Tariffs on imported goods*	33	65	1
d. The situation with Israel and Gaza*	46	52	2
e. The issue of crime in this country*	44	55	1
f. Managing the federal government*	36	63	1
g. U.S. relations with other countries*	40	59	1
h. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine*	39	60	2
(Items b-h were randomized)			
*Asked of half sample			

Trend, where available:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/28/25	37	NA	NA	62	NA	NA	1
9/15/25*	40	NA	NA	59	NA	NA	1
4/22/25	39	NA	NA	61	NA	NA	1
2/18/25	45	NA	NA	53	NA	NA	2
10/9/20 RV**	54	40	14	45	11	34	1
9/24/20 RV	51	38	13	46	11	35	3
9/24/20	52	36	16	45	13	32	3
7/15/20	50	36	14	47	11	36	3
5/28/20	52	37	15	44	13	30	4
3/25/20	57	38	19	38	13	24	6
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6
9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5

8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

*Sept. 2025 Washington Post-Ipsos, all others Post-ABC.

**Oct. 2020 and previous: CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

b. Immigration

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	Skipped
10/28/25	43	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	1
9/15/25*	44	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	1
4/22/25	46	NA	NA	53	NA	NA	1
2/18/25	50	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	3
7/1/19**	40	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	2
4/25/19	39	29	10	57	11	46	4
9/21/17	35	24	11	62	11	51	3

*Sept. 2025: Washington Post-Ipsos, all others Post-ABC.

**July 2019 and previous: CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

c. Tariffs on imported goods

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	33	65	1
9/15/25**	34	64	2
4/22/25	34	64	1

*Half sample

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d. The situation with Israel and Gaza

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	46	52	2
9/15/25**	39	58	3

*Half sample

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e. The issue of crime in this country

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	44	55	1
9/15/25**	44	54	1

*Half sample

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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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g. U.S. relations with other countries

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	40	59	1
4/22/25	38	61	1

*Half sample

h. The situation involving Russia and Ukraine

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
10/28/25*	39	60	2
9/15/25**	38	60	2

*Half sample
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3. Trump has been president for about nine months. Would you say he has accomplished a great deal during that time, a good amount, not very much or little or nothing?

	-Grt deal/Good amount-			---- Not much/nothing ----			
	NET	A great deal	A good amount	NET	Not very much	Little or nothing	Skipped
10/28/25	48	25	23	51	23	28	1
Biden:							
2/1/23*	36	12	25	62	23	39	1
9/21/22	40	16	25	57	23	34	3
11/10/21	35	8	27	63	18	45	2
Trump:							
1/18/18	37	18	19	60	23	37	3
11/1/17	35	12	23	65	22	43	1
4/20/17	42	16	27	56	21	35	2
Obama:							
1/15/12	47	12	35	52	25	27	1
1/15/10	47	12	35	52	30	22	1
10/18/09	49	14	35	50	27	23	1
4/24/09	63	24	39	36	21	15	1
Clinton:							
8/16/94	36	6	30	64	39	25	*
1/23/94	47	11	36	53	33	19	1
4/26/93	37	5	32	63	38	25	*

*2023 and previous CATI mode. Question updated for passage of time

4. (AMONG THOSE WHO SAID HE ACCOMPLISHED A GREAT DEAL OR A GOOD AMOUNT) Do you think the things Trump has accomplished have been (mostly good) or (mostly bad) for the country?

	Mostly good for the country	Mostly bad for the country	Skipped
10/28/25	78	21	1

(Response options randomized)

Q3/Q4 NET

	----- Accomplished Mostly good for the country	Grt deal/Good amount Mostly bad for the country	----- Accomplished not very much/Nothing	Skipped
10/28/25	48	38	10	1

5. Thinking about the midterm elections next year, if the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	Would not vote*	Undecided/ Skipped
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10/28/25	42	39	19	*
10/28/25 RV	46	44	9	*

RV=Registered voters

("Democratic" and "Republican" options randomized)

*"Would not vote" includes respondents who chose "undecided" in initial question and "would not vote" in a follow-up; "undecided/skipped" includes respondents who did not select an option in the follow-up.

Compare to:

(ASK IF REGISTERED TO VOTE AND NOT ALREADY VOTED) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

(ASK IF ALREADY VOTED) Confidentially and for statistical purposes only, did you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
11/2/22	48	49	1	1	*	2
9/21/22	46	47	1	2	*	4
4/28/22	46	45	1	5	*	4
2/24/22	42	49	1	3	1	4
11/10/21	41	51	1	4	*	4
11/1/18	50	43	1	3	1	3
10/11/18	53	42	*	2	*	3
8/29/18	52	38	1	3	0	6
4/11/18	47	43	1	3	*	5
1/18/18	51	39	1	2	1	6
11/1/17	51	40	1	3	1	4
10/24/16 LV	47	46	1	1	1	4
10/13/16	48	42	1	3	1	5
5/19/16	45	45	*	3	1	6
10/26/14	47	44	1	2	1	5
10/12/14	46	44	1	3	1	5
9/7/14	46	44	1	4	1	4
6/1/14	47	45	1	3	1	4
4/27/14	45	44	1	2	1	7
3/2/14	46	45	1	3	*	5
1/23/14	45	46	1	3	1	5
12/15/13	47	45	1	4	1	3
10/20/13	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10*	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5
12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6

7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02**	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	45	46		2	1	5
10/31/99	50	43		3	1	3
9/2/99	48	44		3	*	5
3/14/99	50	41		2	1	6
2/14/99	48	41		3	1	7
1/30/99	49	39		8	1	3
11/1/98	51	43		4	*	2
10/25/98	48	43		3	1	4
10/18/98	49	44		3	1	4
9/28/98	49	44		2	*	4
9/13/98	49	43		3	1	4
8/21/98	48	45		3	1	3
7/12/98	47	45		2	*	6
1/31/98	49	40		2	1	8
1/19/98	47	44		3	1	5
10/8/96	51	41		2	1	5
9/29/96	48	41		3	1	7
9/22/96	50	43		2	1	4
9/15/96	49	45		1	1	4
9/4/96	48	44		3	*	5
8/29/96	53	39		3	1	5
8/28/96	51	40		3	1	5
8/27/96	51	41		3	0	5
8/26/96	51	41		3	0	5
8/25/96	48	43		3	1	6
8/24/96	47	43		2	1	6
8/19/96	49	42		3	0	6
8/18/96	45	46		3	0	6
8/15/96	46	43		4	1	5
8/14/96	48	42		3	1	6
8/13/96	49	43		3	0	5
8/12/96	49	42		3	1	5
8/11/96	49	40		4	1	6
8/10/96	49	41		4	1	5
8/5/96	48	45		2	1	4
6/30/96	49	44		3	*	3
5/22/96	52	41		3	1	3
3/17/96	48	48		2	*	2
3/10/96	51	43		2	*	4
1/21/96	52	43		3	1	1
11/13/95	51	43		4	*	2
10/1/95	49	44		3	*	3
11/6/94	47	42		5	2	5
10/31/94	48	44		4	1	3
10/23/94	50	45		2	1	2
10/9/94	46	47		3	2	2
9/11/94	50	45		1	1	4
8/7/94	49	42		4	1	4
3/27/94	49	35		6	1	9
2/27/94	50	40		8	1	2
10/21/91	51	41		4	*	4
7/28/91	49	41		6	*	3
6/2/91	48	42		4	1	5
11/4/90	51	41		5	*	3
10/14/90	50	41		5	*	3
9/9/90	47	46		3	*	3
7/24/90	51	41		4	1	4
5/21/90	47	45		5	1	2
10/10/88	52	41		2	1	4

9/19/88	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	53	45	2		1
7/8/84	58	40	2		1
10/27/82	58	39	NA		3
10/11/82	55	36			9
9/13/82	58	36			6
11/22/81	53	41	"	"	7

*9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)"

**1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded

6. Do you think Trump is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he out of touch?

	In touch	Out of touch	Skipped
10/28/25	36	63	1
4/22/25	39	60	1
8/29/18*	34	63	3
4/20/17	38	58	4

Compare to: Obama

3/2/14	48	49	2
4/14/13	51	46	2

*2018 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

7. Do you think the Democratic Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch? (Randomized with Q8)

	In touch	Out of touch	Skipped
10/28/25	30	68	2
4/22/25	30	69	1
11/10/21*	33	62	5
8/29/18	40	51	9
4/20/17	28	67	6
3/2/14	48	48	4
4/14/13	43	51	6

*2021 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

8. Do you think the Republican Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch? (Randomized with Q7)

	In touch	Out of touch	Skipped
10/28/25	37	61	1
4/22/25	35	64	1
11/10/21*	37	58	6
8/29/18	31	63	7
4/20/17	32	62	7
3/2/14	28	68	4
4/14/13	23	70	7

*2021 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

9. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	Skipped
10/28/25	32	67	1
11/1/24	24	75	1

1/15/17	29	63	8
7/14/16	28	68	4
1/24/16	36	60	4
7/19/15	31	65	4
1/15/15	39	56	5
10/26/14	28	68	5
10/12/14	29	66	5
9/7/14	31	65	5
4/27/14	30	66	4
1/23/14	35	62	2
11/17/13	27	70	3
10/20/13	28	68	4
7/21/13	36	60	4
5/19/13	39	57	4
1/13/13	39	57	5
10/31/12 LV	43	55	2
10/13/12 RV	42	56	3
9/29/12 RV	38	60	2
8/25/12 RV	29	69	2
7/8/12	33	63	4
4/8/12	33	64	3
1/15/12	30	68	2
11/3/11	22	74	3
9/1/11	20	77	3
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	1
11/15/09	44	55	2
10/18/09	44	54	2
8/17/09	44	55	1
6/21/09	47	50	3
4/24/09	50	48	2
3/29/09	42	57	1
2/22/09	31	67	2
1/16/09	19	78	3
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3
11/4/06 RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	30	68	2
10/8/06	32	66	2
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4
2/14/99	55	41	4
11/1/98	55	43	2
9/13/98*	51	45	3

8/21/98	57	40	4
7/12/98	50	45	6
4/4/98	55	41	4
1/31/98	61	34	5
1/30/98	61	34	5
1/19/98	44	50	6
8/27/97	39	57	4
6/8/97	37	60	3
3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2
10/4/92 RV	18	78	4
6/7/92	14	83	3
4/9/92	16	81	3
3/11/92	18	79	4
1/15/92	19	78	3
11/10/91	24	72	4
10/29/91	26	71	3
8/27/91	31	60	9
7/28/91	30	67	3
6/2/91	39	57	4
4/9/91	42	51	7
2/26/91	58	39	3
1/27/91	49	48	4
10/14/90	19	79	2
9/9/90	36	60	4
8/20/90	35	60	5
7/24/90	37	60	2
5/21/90	39	60	2
3/26/90	44	53	2
2/4/90	49	48	3
1/16/90	48	49	3
5/23/89	42	55	3
3/16/89	46	52	2
1/16/89 LV	51	46	3
10/25/88 LV	49	46	6
9/27/88	48	44	8
7/11/88	40	56	4
5/25/88	35	59	6

3/21/88	40	56	4
1/23/88	39	59	2
12/13/87	49	47	4
12/2/87	35	61	4
9/23/87	43	54	4
6/29/87	35	62	3
4/13/87	37	60	3
3/9/87	38	58	4
1/18/87	39	56	5
9/8/86	50	48	2
1/26/86	45	47	8
7/29/85	52	43	6
1/16/85	59	36	4
5/22/84	47	48	5
12/13/83	43	51	6
11/7/83	51	44	5
4/12/83	41	54	4
3/2/83	43	53	3
10/11/82	35	57	8
1/30/82	39	56	5
2/80**	20	70	10
2/78	34	53	13
2/77	41	44	14
10/75	19	71	9
10/74	15	75	11
10/73	16	74	10

(Response options randomized)

*Washington Post

**2/80 and previous: Roper

10. Under Trump, do you think America's leadership in the world has gotten (stronger), gotten (weaker), or remained about the same?

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	Skipped
10/28/25	33	48	18	1
9/15/25	36	46	17	1
4/22/25	34	49	17	1
7/20/18*	30	47	20	4
11/1/17	26	53	20	1
7/13/17	27	48	23	3

(Response options randomized)

Compare to: Biden

	Stronger	Weaker	Same	No opinion
2/24/22	23	48	26	2

*2022 and previous: CATI mode

11. Do you think Trump is spending (too much) time on international crises, (too little) time or about the right amount?

	Too much	Too little	About the right amount	Skipped
10/28/25	32	19	47	2

(Response options randomized)

12. How much credit do you think Trump should get for the cease-fire agreement between Israel and Hamas?

	---- More credit ----			-- Less credit --			No opinion
	NET	A great deal	A good amount	NET	Just some	None	/Skipped
10/28/25	39	20	19	43	22	20	18

13. In negotiations to end Russia's war in Ukraine, do you think Trump has been...

	Too supportive of Russia	Too supportive of Ukraine	Handling this about right	Skipped
10/28/25	46	8	41	5

14. In each of these areas, do you think Trump is (going too far), is (not going far enough), or is handling it about right?

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
a. Trying to expand the power of the presidency	64	5	30	2
b. Deporting undocumented immigrants	50	15	34	1
c. Laying off government employees to cut the size of the federal workforce*	57	13	29	2
d. Taking measures against his political opponents	58	11	29	2
e. Sending the National Guard to patrol U.S. cities	55	10	33	2
f. Trying to make changes in how U.S. colleges and universities operate*	54	14	30	2
g. Closing pathways for immigrants to legally enter the United States*	48	12	39	2
h. Closing pathways for immigrants to legally remain in the United States*	50	15	33	2
i. Trying to end efforts to increase diversity in the government and private workplaces*	47	16	34	3
j. Trying to end diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs in the government and private workplaces*	51	15	32	2

("Going too far" and "not going far enough" were randomized, as were items a-j)
*Asked of half sample

Trend where available:

a. Trying to expand the power of the presidency

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
10/28/25	64	5	30	2
4/22/25	64	5	29	2

b. Deporting undocumented immigrants

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
10/28/25	50	15	34	1
4/22/25	48	16	34	1

c. Laying off government employees to cut the size of the federal workforce

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
10/28/25*	57	13	29	2
4/22/25	56	12	32	1
*Half sample				

d. Taking measures against his political opponents

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
10/28/25*	58	11	29	2
4/22/25	56	11	31	2

e-h. No trend

i. Trying to end efforts to increase diversity in the government and private workplaces

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
10/28/25*	47	16	34	3
4/22/25	51	13	35	1

j. No trend.

15. Do you think the Trump administration is or is not committed to protecting the rights and freedoms of each of the following? (Half sample)

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Committed to protecting their rights and freedoms	Not committed to protecting their rights and freedoms	Skipped
a. People who are Democrats	42	56	3
b. People who are Republicans	65	32	3
c. Americans overall	48	50	2
("Committed to protecting their rights and freedoms" and "not committed to protecting their rights and freedoms" were randomized, as were items a and b)			

Compare to:

Do you think the Trump administration is or is not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms?

	Committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms	Not committed to protecting Americans' rights and freedoms	Skip
4/22/25	45	55	1

16. Do you think Trump is or is not committed to each of the following? (Half sample, randomized with Q17)

10/28/25 - Summary table of U.S. adults

	Is committed	Is not committed	Skipped
a. Protecting freedom of speech	42	57	2
b. Protecting freedom of the press	36	61	2
c. Protecting freedom to own firearms	73	25	2
d. A fair criminal justice system	42	56	2
e. Free and fair elections	43	56	2
f. Protecting freedom of religion	49	49	2

("Is committed" and "is not committed" were randomized, as were items a-f)

17. Do you think The Democratic Party is or is not committed to each of the following? (Half sample, randomized with Q16)

	Is committed	Is not committed	Skipped
a. Protecting freedom of speech	53	45	2
b. Protecting freedom of the press	53	44	3
c. Protecting freedom to own firearms	37	60	3
d. A fair criminal justice system	48	49	3
e. Free and fair elections	51	47	2
f. Protecting freedom of religion	52	45	3

("Is committed" and "is not committed" were shown in the same order as Q16, as were items a-f)

18. As you may know, former FBI director James Comey has been indicted on charges of making a false statement and obstruction related to his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2020. Do you think these charges (justified) or are they (politically motivated)? (Half sample)

	Are justified	Are politically motivated	Not sure	Skipped
10/28/25	25	38	36	1

(Response options randomized)

19. As you may know, former national security adviser John Bolton has been indicted on charges he unlawfully transmitted and retained classified documents. Do you think these charges are (justified) or are they (politically motivated)? (Half sample)

	Are justified	Are politically motivated	Not sure	Skipped
10/28/25	22	36	41	1

(Response options randomized)

Compare to:

Do you think the investigation into possible dealings between Trump associates and Russia was justified, or was the investigation politically motivated?

	Justified	Politically motivated	Don't know /No answer
3/26/19*	37	54	9
1/19/21**	50	45	5
11/18/18	46	51	4

*CBS News, CATI mode

**2021 and previous "investigation into dealings..."

20. In handling lawsuits against the Trump administration, which of these do you think best describes what federal judges are trying to do?

	Federal judges are trying to interfere with Trump's legal authority	Federal judges are trying to enforce existing limits on Trump's legal authority	Skipped
10/28/25	35	60	5
4/22/25	35	62	3
(Response options randomized)			

21. In responding to federal court rulings regarding its activities, which of these do you think best describes what the Trump administration is trying to do?

	The Trump administration is trying to comply with court orders	The Trump administration is trying to avoid complying with court orders	Skipped
10/28/25	32	64	4
4/22/25	31	65	3
(Response options randomized)			

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]

25. Would you say the country's economy has gotten better since Trump became president in January, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----				
	NET	Much better	Better	NET	Worse	Much worse	Same	Skip
10/28/25	27	9	18	52	26	26	20	1
4/22/25	21	5	16	53	28	25	25	1
2/24/22*	17	5	12	54	17	38	27	1
10/30/19**	44	NA	NA	22	NA	NA	31	3
9/9/12*** RV	32	NA	NA	43	NA	NA	24	1

*2022 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."
 *Biden, **Trump, ***Obama

26. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Trump became president in January, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

	Better off	Not as well off	About the same	Skip
10/28/25	18	37	45	1
4/22/25	10	41	48	1
11/1/18*	25	13	60	2
Compare to: Biden				
11/1/24	16	42	42	1
10/8/24	18	44	37	1
7/9/24	17	42	41	1
4/30/24	16	43	40	1
1/8/24	13	43	41	3
9/20/23	15	44	39	1
2/1/23	16	41	42	1
2/24/22	17	35	47	1
Obama				
9/22/16	29	25	45	2
1/15/15	25	25	49	2
10/12/14	22	30	46	2
10/28/12 LV	22	33	45	1
9/9/12 RV	20	32	47	*
5/20/12 RV	17	31	51	1
1/15/12 RV	15	31	53	1
11/3/11 RV	13	35	51	1
9/1/11 RV	14	36	50	1
7/18/09	8	27	64	*
G.W. Bush				
10/5/04 LV	30	30	40	1
10/29/03	22	27	50	1
9/13/03	21	30	49	*
8/11/03	17	25	58	1
Clinton				
6/11/00	34	14	50	2
7/19/98	30	15	52	3
3/1/98	32	9	57	1
6/23/96	29	22	49	0
2/27/94	12	17	71	*
G.H.W. Bush				
1/17/93	27	28	44	1
8/9/92	22	32	45	1
6/7/92	19	32	49	*

3/11/92	20	33	46	1
2/2/92	19	31	49	*
12/15/91	17	33	49	*
10/21/91	20	27	53	1
3/4/91	19	18	63	1

Reagan				
1/16/89	42	18	39	1
1/18/87	37	23	40	1
9/8/86	41	20	39	1

*Sept. 2023 and previous in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

27. How much, if at all, do you blame Trump for the current rate of inflation, meaning rising prices?

	--- More blame -----			--- Less blame ----			
	NET	Great deal	Good amount	NET	Not much	Not at all	Skipped
10/28/25	59	32	27	40	26	14	1

Biden							
2/24/22*	50	33	18	48	24	24	1
11/10/21	48	34	14	50	29	21	2

*2022 and previous CATI mode

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

Questions 28-29 held for release.

30. Overall, how would you describe the problem of crime in each of the following:

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	--- More serious ---			Modrtly	----- Less serious -----			
	NET	Extmrly	Very	serious	NET	Not too	Not at all	Skip
a. In the United States	49	17	32	39	12	10	2	1
b. In large U.S. cities	61	29	32	30	8	7	2	1
c. In the area where you live	18	8	11	32	49	37	13	1

(Response options were shown in reverse order for half sample. Full response options: "Extremely serious, very serious, moderately serious, not too serious, not at all serious")

Trend:

a. In the United States

	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Not too	Not at all	No opinion /Skipped
10/28/25	17	32	39	10	2	1
10/12/24*	25	31	37	5	1	*
10/23/23*	26	37	29	7	1	1
10/19/21*	21	33	36	9	1	1
6/30/21	28	31	32	6	1	2
10/15/20*	18	33	41	7	*	*
10/13/19	20	32	41	6	1	1
10/10/18	16	32	41	7	1	2
10/11/17	26	33	34	6	1	1
10/9/16	20	40	32	7	*	1

10/11/15	21	38	35	4	1	1
10/15/14	18	37	39	4	1	1
10/6/13	19	36	38	4	1	2
10/9/11	18	36	39	5	1	1
10/10/10	21	39	35	3	1	2
10/4/09	20	35	40	3	*	1
10/5/08	16	35	43	5	*	1
10/7/07	20	37	39	2	*	1
10/12/06	17	39	41	2	*	1
10/16/05	19	30	46	4	*	1
10/14/04	13	29	52	5	*	1
10/8/03	17	37	40	4	1	1
9/5/00	22	38	35	3	1	1

*2024, 2023, Nov. 2021,2020 and previous: Gallup CATI mode

b. No trend.

c. In the area where you live

	Extremely	Very	Moderately	Not too	Not at all	No opinion /Skipped
10/28/25	8	11	32	37	13	1
10/12/24*	4	10	34	34	18	1
10/23/23*	5	12	36	31	16	*
10/19/21*	5	9	32	36	18	1
6/30/21	7	10	33	31	17	2
10/15/20*	3	7	28	40	22	*
10/13/19	4	9	37	31	19	*
10/10/18	2	7	32	36	22	1
10/11/17	4	8	29	36	22	1
10/9/16	5	9	33	34	20	1
10/11/15	4	8	32	38	18	*
10/15/14	6	10	34	33	17	*
10/6/13	5	8	35	33	18	1
10/9/11	4	7	41	32	15	1
10/10/10	4	9	37	33	16	1
10/4/09	4	8	36	35	16	*
10/5/08	3	8	32	35	22	1
10/7/07	5	10	34	34	17	1
10/12/06	3	9	35	35	18	*
10/16/05	5	7	30	39	19	*
10/14/04	2	6	31	37	24	*
10/8/03	4	7	33	35	21	*
9/5/00	3	9	35	35	18	*

*2024, 2023, Nov. 2021, 2020 and previous: Gallup CATI mode

31. Trump filed claims in 2023 and 2024 asking the U.S. Justice Department to pay him \$230 million as compensation for federal investigations into his conduct. Would you support or oppose this payment? (Randomized with Q32)

	Support			Oppose			Not	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	sure	Skipped
10/28/25	21	10	11	63	10	53	16	1

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

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)

33. Do you support or oppose expanded operations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain and deport undocumented immigrants in each of the following locations?

10/28/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	/Skipped
a. In the United States	45	27	17	46	13	33	9
b. In large U.S. cities	44	28	17	46	13	33	9
c. In the area where you live	43	26	17	47	12	34	10

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

34. Do you think U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security agents should or should not be allowed to wear masks or face coverings while on duty?

	Should be allowed	Should not be allowed	Skipped
10/28/25	41	57	2

35. In general, do you think a U.S. president should or should not be able to order the National Guard into a state over the objections of that state's governor?

	Should be able to	Should not be able to	Skipped
10/28/25	40	58	2

36. Who do you blame more for the risk of politically motivated violence in this country - the (Democratic Party), the (Republican Party), both equally, or neither?

	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Both equally	Neither	Skipped
10/28/25	28	34	28	9	1
8/13/24	26	37	25	11	1
11/2/22*	25	31	32	11	2

(Democratic Party and Republican Party rotated.)

*CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion"

37. (IF VOTED FOR TRUMP) Do you (regret supporting Trump) in the 2024 election, or do you (think that supporting Trump was the right thing to do) in that election?

	Regret supporting Trump	Supporting Trump was the right thing to do	Skipped
10/28/25	7	92	*
4/22/25	6	94	0
4/20/17*	2	96	1

("Regret" and "right thing" were randomized. 2017 question did not specify year)

*2017 in CATI mode. "Skip" was "no opinion."

38. (IF VOTED FOR HARRIS) Do you (regret supporting Harris) in the 2024 election, or do you (think that supporting Harris was the right thing to do) in that election?

	Regret supporting Harris	Supporting Harris was the right thing to do	Skip
10/28/25	3	97	*
4/22/25	3	97	0

("Regret" and "right thing" were randomized)

*** END ***

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 parentheses 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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