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Reuters Ipsos Government Shutdown Survey

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A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

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Margin of error: +/- 3.0 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

BFB1. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	73%	82%	84%	69%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	24%	14%	16%	27%
Not sure	4%	4%	1%	4%
Skipped	-	-	-	-

BFB4. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	21%	2%	51%	12%
Somewhat approve	19%	5%	33%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	10%	10%	22%
Strongly disapprove	43%	82%	6%	46%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	40%	8%	84%	31%
Disapprove (Net)	58%	92%	16%	68%

BFB5. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove? [ONLY ASKED OF THOSE WHO SKIPPED IN BFB4]

	Total (N=26)	Democrat (N=2)	Republican (N=1)	Independent (N=2)
Approve	5%	63%	-	-
Disapprove	15%	-	100%	-
Skipped	80%	37%	-	100%

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BFB4_ BFB5 Combined. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	21%	2%	51%	12%
Somewhat approve	19%	5%	33%	19%
Lean towards approve	0%	1%	0%	0%
Lean towards disapprove	0%	0%	1%	0%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	10%	10%	22%
Strongly disapprove	43%	82%	6%	46%
Skipped	2%	0%	0%	1%
Approve (Net)	40%	8%	84%	31%
Disapprove (Net)	58%	92%	16%	68%

TM3287Y24. Thinking about the elections in 2026, if the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Democratic candidate	33%	83%	5%	27%
Republican candidate	32%	3%	79%	21%
Candidate from another political party	3%	-	1%	7%
Don't know	16%	8%	10%	26%
Will not/do not plan to vote	16%	6%	5%	19%
Skipped	1%	-	-	-

TM1128Y17_1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? The U.S. economy

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	16%	2%	40%	10%
Somewhat approve	18%	4%	35%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	12%	11%	19%
Strongly disapprove	42%	78%	9%	42%
Don't know	9%	3%	4%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	1%
Approve (Net)	34%	6%	75%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	90%	21%	61%

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TM1128Y17_2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? U.S. foreign policy

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	19%	3%	47%	12%
Somewhat approve	14%	3%	27%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	11%	8%	20%
Strongly disapprove	38%	73%	7%	39%
Don't know	14%	9%	10%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	0%
Approve (Net)	33%	6%	74%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	51%	84%	16%	59%

TM1128Y17_3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? International trade

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	18%	3%	42%	12%
Somewhat approve	16%	3%	31%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	10%	11%	18%
Strongly disapprove	40%	76%	7%	41%
Don't know	12%	7%	9%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	1%
Approve (Net)	33%	6%	73%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	53%	86%	18%	60%

TM1128Y17_7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Immigration

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	29%	5%	67%	22%
Somewhat approve	12%	5%	15%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	7%	17%
Strongly disapprove	38%	74%	6%	39%
Don't know	7%	4%	3%	8%
Skipped	2%	0%	1%	0%
Approve (Net)	41%	10%	83%	36%
Disapprove (Net)	50%	85%	14%	56%

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TM1128Y17_8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Your cost of living

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	11%	3%	28%	6%
Somewhat approve	16%	4%	34%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	19%	16%	18%	24%
Strongly disapprove	43%	74%	13%	46%
Don't know	9%	3%	7%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	1%
Approve (Net)	27%	6%	62%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	62%	90%	31%	70%

TM1128Y17_9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Ukraine

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	13%	3%	33%	6%
Somewhat approve	19%	3%	36%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	17%	11%	22%
Strongly disapprove	32%	64%	5%	30%
Don't know	19%	12%	15%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	0%
Approve (Net)	32%	6%	68%	26%
Disapprove (Net)	47%	81%	16%	51%

TM1128Y17_14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Response to natural disasters

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	19%	4%	46%	12%
Somewhat approve	17%	8%	27%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	16%	10%	19%
Strongly disapprove	32%	63%	4%	33%
Don't know	16%	10%	12%	19%
Skipped	1%	0%	-	-
Approve (Net)	36%	11%	73%	29%
Disapprove (Net)	47%	79%	15%	52%

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TM1128Y17_15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Information related to accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein (sometimes called "the Epstein files")

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	10%	3%	21%	6%
Somewhat approve	10%	3%	21%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	7%	18%	17%
Strongly disapprove	43%	74%	12%	48%
Don't know	22%	12%	27%	21%
Skipped	1%	0%	1%	-
Approve (Net)	20%	7%	42%	14%
Disapprove (Net)	57%	81%	30%	65%

TM1128Y17_16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Russia

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	13%	2%	34%	5%
Somewhat approve	17%	4%	32%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	9%	13%	21%
Strongly disapprove	36%	71%	7%	34%
Don't know	19%	13%	14%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	1%
Approve (Net)	29%	6%	66%	22%
Disapprove (Net)	50%	80%	20%	55%

TM1128Y17_17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? China

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	16%	2%	41%	8%
Somewhat approve	17%	5%	29%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	18%	11%	23%
Strongly disapprove	31%	62%	5%	29%
Don't know	19%	12%	14%	23%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	-
Approve (Net)	32%	8%	70%	25%
Disapprove (Net)	47%	80%	16%	52%

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TM1128Y17_18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Gun violence

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	18%	3%	44%	12%
Somewhat approve	16%	4%	29%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	9%	10%	14%
Strongly disapprove	39%	75%	7%	37%
Don't know	15%	8%	10%	18%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	1%
Approve (Net)	34%	8%	73%	29%
Disapprove (Net)	49%	84%	17%	51%

TM1128Y17_19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Crime

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly approve	25%	5%	59%	17%
Somewhat approve	16%	7%	23%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	14%	6%	16%
Strongly disapprove	34%	67%	5%	33%
Don't know	11%	6%	6%	15%
Skipped	1%	0%	-	-
Approve (Net)	41%	12%	83%	36%
Disapprove (Net)	46%	82%	11%	49%

TM3306Y25_1. Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, do you believe each party's views are: too extreme, too willing to compromise or appropriately balanced? Democratic Party

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Too extreme	50%	16%	83%	55%
Too willing to compromise	25%	44%	11%	26%
Appropriately balanced	19%	38%	5%	15%
Skipped	6%	2%	1%	5%

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TM3306Y25_2. Thinking about the Democratic and Republican parties, do you believe each party's views are: too extreme, too willing to compromise or appropriately balanced? Republican Party

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Too extreme	55%	89%	20%	65%
Too willing to compromise	11%	5%	15%	13%
Appropriately balanced	28%	4%	63%	18%
Skipped	6%	2%	1%	4%

TM3317Y25. Thinking about elected leaders who you agree with on important issues, which better describes your views: Elected leaders you agree with should ...

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Stand up for their issue positions, even if it results in a government shutdown	45%	48%	53%	39%
Be willing to compromise on their issue positions in order to avoid a government shutdown	50%	50%	45%	57%
Skipped	5%	2%	2%	3%

ExecOrder_1_5. To what extent do you support or oppose the following policies? Downsizing the federal government

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly support	23%	5%	45%	21%
Somewhat support	31%	21%	39%	36%
Somewhat oppose	23%	33%	11%	26%
Strongly oppose	19%	40%	3%	15%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	2%
Support (Net)	54%	26%	84%	56%
Oppose (Net)	42%	72%	15%	42%

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ExecOrder_1_11. To what extent do you support or oppose the following policies? Firing tens of thousands of federal workers

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly support	12%	2%	24%	12%
Somewhat support	21%	5%	38%	18%
Somewhat oppose	25%	17%	27%	31%
Strongly oppose	39%	74%	9%	37%
Skipped	4%	1%	2%	2%
Support (Net)	33%	8%	62%	30%
Oppose (Net)	63%	91%	36%	68%

ExecOrder_1_14. To what extent do you support or oppose the following policies? Deploying armed soldiers to fight crime in U.S. cities

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly support	18%	4%	41%	14%
Somewhat support	24%	9%	37%	26%
Somewhat oppose	15%	14%	15%	17%
Strongly oppose	38%	71%	6%	42%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	2%
Support (Net)	43%	13%	78%	39%
Oppose (Net)	54%	85%	21%	59%

TM143Y13. So far, Congress has been unable to reach an agreement on a spending bill that would fund the federal government, so the federal government has shut down. How concerned, if at all, are you about this issue?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Very concerned	24%	39%	12%	23%
Somewhat concerned	39%	46%	36%	42%
Not very concerned	23%	13%	34%	23%
Not at all concerned	11%	2%	17%	11%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	1%
Concerned (Net)	63%	85%	48%	64%
Not concerned (Net)	34%	14%	52%	35%

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TM3318Y25_1. How much blame, if any, do each of the following deserve for the federal government shutdown? Democrats in Congress

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
A great deal	31%	7%	59%	31%
A fair amount	32%	27%	30%	39%
Only a little	21%	41%	7%	19%
None at all	11%	23%	3%	8%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	3%

TM3318Y25_2. How much blame, if any, do each of the following deserve for the federal government shutdown? Republicans in Congress

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
A great deal	38%	71%	9%	38%
A fair amount	29%	20%	32%	37%
Only a little	16%	4%	31%	16%
None at all	12%	2%	27%	7%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	3%

TM3318Y25_3. How much blame, if any, do each of the following deserve for the federal government shutdown? President Trump

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
A great deal	42%	76%	10%	46%
A fair amount	21%	16%	22%	26%
Only a little	17%	4%	32%	15%
None at all	15%	2%	34%	10%
Skipped	5%	2%	2%	3%

TM144Y13. Who would you say most deserves blame for a deal not being reached, causing the federal government to shut down?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Democrats in Congress	37%	6%	81%	29%
Republicans in Congress	19%	32%	5%	24%
President Trump	37%	60%	10%	40%
Skipped	8%	3%	4%	6%

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TM3319Y25. Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
As Commander in Chief, the president is entitled to personal loyalty from members of the U.S. military	14%	6%	26%	11%
Members of the U.S. military must be loyal to the U.S. Constitution, not to any individual leader	80%	92%	70%	85%
Skipped	6%	2%	4%	4%

TM3320Y25_1. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements:
Presidents of either political party should have the power to deploy troops into states even when state governors object

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	15%	5%	33%	12%
Somewhat agree	22%	8%	37%	23%
Somewhat disagree	15%	14%	12%	20%
Strongly disagree	33%	65%	6%	32%
Unsure	12%	7%	11%	11%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	37%	13%	70%	35%
Disagree (Net)	48%	79%	18%	52%

TM3320Y25_2. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: I am more likely to support a leader who focuses on having a strong military to protect us from threats

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	35%	22%	61%	28%
Somewhat agree	28%	31%	25%	31%
Somewhat disagree	13%	20%	4%	18%
Strongly disagree	11%	18%	5%	11%
Unsure	10%	7%	5%	9%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	2%
Agree (Net)	62%	54%	86%	59%
Disagree (Net)	24%	38%	8%	29%

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TM3212Y24_7. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: The country is in a crisis and needs a strong president who should be allowed to rule without too much interference from courts and Congress

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	13%	8%	22%	12%
Somewhat agree	18%	6%	34%	17%
Somewhat disagree	17%	10%	23%	17%
Strongly disagree	39%	70%	13%	42%
Unsure	9%	5%	7%	11%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	31%	15%	56%	29%
Disagree (Net)	56%	80%	35%	59%

TM3212Y24_13. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: I worry changes in the federal government could cause delays in services I rely on, such as Social Security payments or student aid

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	24%	43%	8%	27%
Somewhat agree	25%	29%	25%	25%
Somewhat disagree	16%	11%	24%	16%
Strongly disagree	17%	7%	29%	15%
Unsure	14%	9%	12%	16%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	49%	72%	33%	52%
Disagree (Net)	33%	18%	54%	31%

TM3321Y25. When it comes to the president's policy agenda within the U.S., which of the following best describes how you feel?

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
The U.S. military should remain politically neutral and not take a side in domestic policy debates	83%	93%	78%	85%
The U.S. military should start taking sides and support the president's domestic policy agenda	10%	5%	18%	10%
Skipped	7%	2%	3%	6%

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TM3315Y25_6. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: The federal Department of Justice (DOJ), which prosecutes suspected criminals in court, does its job fairly without political interference

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	8%	6%	15%	6%
Somewhat agree	18%	10%	32%	17%
Somewhat disagree	25%	26%	24%	30%
Strongly disagree	25%	42%	10%	25%
Unsure	19%	15%	18%	21%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	2%
Agree (Net)	27%	16%	47%	22%
Disagree (Net)	50%	68%	34%	55%

TM3315Y25_7. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: Armed soldiers being deployed to my area would make me feel safer

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	14%	5%	29%	11%
Somewhat agree	18%	8%	32%	16%
Somewhat disagree	14%	12%	11%	19%
Strongly disagree	38%	67%	12%	40%
Unsure	13%	7%	15%	14%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%
Agree (Net)	31%	13%	61%	27%
Disagree (Net)	52%	79%	23%	58%

TM3315Y25_8. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: Armed soldiers being deployed to large cities in my state would make me feel safer

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	16%	5%	34%	13%
Somewhat agree	18%	5%	34%	19%
Somewhat disagree	14%	14%	10%	16%
Strongly disagree	36%	66%	10%	37%
Unsure	13%	9%	11%	14%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Agree (Net)	34%	10%	68%	32%
Disagree (Net)	50%	80%	20%	53%

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TM3315Y25_9. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements: The president should only deploy armed soldiers to areas where there are external threats

	Total (N=1,154)	Democrat (N=323)	Republican (N=348)	Independent (N=336)
Strongly agree	26%	38%	17%	30%
Somewhat agree	31%	34%	34%	30%
Somewhat disagree	15%	7%	24%	15%
Strongly disagree	10%	9%	11%	8%
Unsure	14%	10%	12%	15%
Skipped	4%	1%	2%	2%
Agree (Net)	58%	72%	51%	60%
Disagree (Net)	25%	16%	35%	23%



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About the Study

This poll was conducted October 3-7, 2025, by Ipsos on behalf of Reuters, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,154 general population adults aged 18 or older.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race and ethnicity, census region, metropolitan status, education, household income, 2024 vote choice and political party identification. Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2024 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS).

- 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 Vote Choice (Trump, Harris, Another candidate, Did not vote)
- Political Party ID (Democrat, Lean Democrat, Republican, Lean Republican, Independent/Something else)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.0 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 1.07. 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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