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Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
 Interview dates: January 23-25, 2026
 Number of interviews: 1,139

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

BFB2. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	15%	13%	13%	17%
War and foreign conflicts	3%	5%	1%	2%
Immigration	10%	19%	6%	7%
Terrorism and extremism	2%	4%	1%	1%
Healthcare system	5%	5%	4%	6%
Public health, disease, and illness	1%	2%	0%	1%
Energy issues	0%	0%	-	1%
Morality	4%	7%	1%	5%
Education	1%	2%	1%	1%
Environment and climate	1%	0%	1%	2%
Racism and discrimination	3%	1%	6%	3%
Abortion issues	1%	2%	0%	1%
Threats to democratic values and norms	16%	6%	33%	13%
Political violence and extremism	12%	14%	12%	11%
Crime	3%	4%	3%	2%
Corruption	9%	8%	6%	10%
Other	7%	6%	7%	7%
Don't know	5%	3%	3%	8%
Skipped	1%	-	-	1%

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BFB3. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	23%	58%	2%	13%
Wrong track	61%	25%	93%	64%
Don't know	15%	17%	5%	19%
Skipped	1%	-	0%	3%

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

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	19%	49%	1%	8%
Somewhat approve	19%	37%	1%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	9%	13%	21%
Strongly disapprove	44%	5%	84%	44%
Skipped	3%	-	-	8%
Approve (Net)	38%	85%	3%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	15%	97%	65%

BFB5. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=35)	Republican (N=0)	Democrat (N=0)	Independent (N=35)
Approve	-	-	-	-
Disapprove	15%	-	-	15%
Skipped	85%	-	-	85%

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=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=454)
Strongly approve	19%	49%	1%	8%
Somewhat approve	19%	37%	1%	19%
Lean towards approve	-	-	-	0%
Lean towards disapprove	*	-	-	1%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	9%	13%	22%
Strongly disapprove	44%	5%	84%	44%
Skipped	3%	-	-	7%
Approve (Net)	38%	85%	3%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	15%	97%	66%

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AB_CP_10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Your cost of living

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	13%	34%	1%	5%
Somewhat approve	17%	37%	4%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	13%	13%	20%
Strongly disapprove	43%	7%	78%	46%
Don't know	9%	8%	3%	12%
Skipped	2%	0%	-	5%
Approve (Net)	30%	70%	6%	17%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	21%	91%	66%

AB_CP_2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Immigration

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	26%	63%	3%	15%
Somewhat approve	14%	22%	3%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	6%	10%	13%
Strongly disapprove	43%	6%	81%	44%
Don't know	5%	3%	3%	8%
Skipped	2%	0%	-	5%
Approve (Net)	39%	84%	5%	30%
Disapprove (Net)	53%	12%	91%	57%

AB_CP_1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? The U.S. economy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	17%	44%	2%	8%
Somewhat approve	18%	35%	3%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	12%	16%	21%
Strongly disapprove	40%	5%	77%	40%
Don't know	6%	3%	2%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	5%
Approve (Net)	35%	80%	4%	23%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	16%	93%	61%

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AB_CP_3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? National politics

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	17%	44%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	14%	30%	2%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	12%	11%	17%
Strongly disapprove	44%	6%	81%	46%
Don't know	9%	8%	3%	13%
Skipped	2%	-	1%	5%
Approve (Net)	32%	75%	4%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	57%	18%	92%	62%

AB_CP_8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? U.S. foreign policy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	20%	50%	2%	10%
Somewhat approve	15%	29%	3%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	9%	10%	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%	6%	79%	42%
Don't know	9%	5%	6%	15%
Skipped	2%	-	-	5%
Approve (Net)	35%	79%	5%	22%
Disapprove (Net)	54%	16%	89%	58%

AB_CPIA_2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Employment and jobs

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	17%	44%	2%	9%
Somewhat approve	20%	39%	5%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	7%	16%	18%
Strongly disapprove	36%	5%	69%	37%
Don't know	10%	6%	7%	15%
Skipped	2%	0%	-	5%
Approve (Net)	37%	82%	7%	25%
Disapprove (Net)	50%	12%	86%	55%

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AB_CP_9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Corruption

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Strongly approve	18%	44%	2%	9%
Somewhat approve	15%	30%	3%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	8%	7%	13%
Strongly disapprove	46%	8%	84%	49%
Don't know	10%	10%	5%	13%
Skipped	2%	0%	0%	5%
Approve (Net)	32%	74%	4%	21%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	16%	91%	61%

AB2_10. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? Your cost of living

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	24%	57%	4%	13%
Wrong track	61%	25%	91%	67%
Don't know	13%	17%	5%	16%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	5%

AB2_2. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? Immigration policy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	35%	81%	4%	24%
Wrong track	51%	12%	88%	54%
Don't know	11%	6%	8%	18%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	5%

AB2_1. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? The national economy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	28%	66%	4%	17%
Wrong track	53%	17%	87%	56%
Don't know	16%	16%	8%	21%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	6%

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AB2_3. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? National politics

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	23%	57%	1%	12%
Wrong track	56%	22%	88%	59%
Don't know	19%	20%	10%	23%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	5%

AB2_8. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? American foreign policy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	29%	67%	5%	18%
Wrong track	52%	15%	87%	55%
Don't know	17%	17%	8%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	5%

QCP1A_2. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? Employment and jobs

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	31%	68%	6%	20%
Wrong track	48%	13%	80%	51%
Don't know	19%	19%	14%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	0%	5%

AB_12. Generally speaking, would you say the following things are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? Public health policy in the U.S.

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Right direction	25%	57%	3%	17%
Wrong track	54%	18%	88%	57%
Don't know	19%	24%	10%	20%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	5%

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BFB_CP_11_1. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? The U.S. economy

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	30%	3%	72%	22%
Republican Party	35%	81%	5%	22%
Other	7%	2%	6%	13%
Don't know	24%	14%	16%	37%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_CP_11_2. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Women's rights

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	42%	11%	85%	37%
Republican Party	27%	65%	3%	15%
Other	6%	2%	3%	11%
Don't know	23%	21%	9%	32%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	5%

BFB_CP_11_4. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Gun violence and gun control

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	33%	5%	77%	24%
Republican Party	33%	77%	4%	20%
Other	7%	1%	5%	13%
Don't know	24%	16%	14%	37%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	5%

BFB_CP_11_6. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Healthcare

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	39%	7%	84%	31%
Republican Party	27%	67%	3%	13%
Other	7%	3%	5%	12%
Don't know	25%	23%	9%	38%
Skipped	3%	1%	-	6%

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BFB_CP_11_7. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Immigration

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	32%	4%	76%	22%
Republican Party	37%	85%	4%	25%
Other	7%	1%	7%	12%
Don't know	21%	9%	13%	35%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	6%

BFB_CP_11_8. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Political violence and extremism

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	33%	7%	75%	25%
Republican Party	30%	71%	4%	18%
Other	8%	3%	6%	14%
Don't know	26%	19%	14%	38%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	6%

BFB_CP_11_9. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? War, foreign conflicts, or terrorism

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	31%	4%	73%	21%
Republican Party	36%	83%	8%	21%
Other	8%	2%	4%	14%
Don't know	23%	10%	15%	39%
Skipped	3%	1%	-	6%

BFB_CP_11_10a. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Crime

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	25%	3%	64%	16%
Republican Party	40%	83%	10%	28%
Other	7%	1%	5%	14%
Don't know	25%	12%	21%	37%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	5%

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BFB_CP_11_10b. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Corruption

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	28%	4%	66%	20%
Republican Party	30%	72%	5%	17%
Other	10%	5%	7%	17%
Don't know	29%	19%	22%	41%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	6%

BFB_CP_11_11. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Environment and climate

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	41%	12%	82%	35%
Republican Party	26%	65%	1%	14%
Other	7%	2%	5%	11%
Don't know	24%	20%	11%	35%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	5%

BFB_CP_11_13. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Cost of living

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	32%	4%	76%	23%
Republican Party	31%	74%	5%	18%
Other	8%	2%	4%	14%
Don't know	27%	20%	15%	39%
Skipped	3%	1%	-	6%

BFB_CP_11_14. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Democratic values and norms

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Democratic Party	38%	7%	84%	30%
Republican Party	28%	70%	3%	15%
Other	7%	2%	4%	13%
Don't know	24%	20%	10%	36%
Skipped	3%	1%	0%	6%

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TM3351Y25. How much, if anything, have you heard about U.S. efforts to acquire Greenland?

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
A lot	41%	37%	56%	35%
A little	43%	51%	31%	45%
Nothing at all	14%	12%	13%	17%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	3%

TM3360Y25. How closely, if at all, have you been following U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) efforts to deal with unauthorized immigration in the country?

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Very closely	33%	31%	45%	27%
Somewhat closely	38%	43%	37%	36%
Not following at all, but I have heard of this	22%	22%	13%	28%
Have not heard of this	4%	3%	5%	4%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	4%

TM3361Y25. Overall, do you think efforts by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to deal with unauthorized immigration in the country...

	Total (N=1,139)	Republican (N=340)	Democrat (N=314)	Independent (N=485)
Go too far	58%	20%	92%	63%
Do not go far enough	12%	23%	3%	11%
Are about right	26%	55%	5%	20%
Skipped	3%	2%	0%	6%

Questions TM3287Y24, BFB20_TM3154Y23, BFB10-TM3356Y25 held for release.



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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted January 23-25, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,139 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, with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2025 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 1.06. 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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