

This Washington Post-ABC News-Ipsos poll was conducted among 2,589 U.S. adults, Feb. 12-17, 2026, via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel®. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus two 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 2,087 registered voters. 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
2/17/26	39	19	21	60	13	47	1
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? Leanners are netted with somewhat.)  
\*2023: CATI mode

2. (AMONG THOSE WHO APPROVE OF TRUMP) What do you think are the best things Trump has done since entering office in January 2025? Describe up to three, one per box. (Open-end)

NET Immigration	79
Secured borders	
/stopped illegal immig.	42
Increased immigration	
enforcement/ICE	32
Immigration (other/general)	15
NET Economy	45
Tariffs	14
Inflation/Prices	9
Economy (general)	25
Tax cuts/Big Beautiful Bill	15
Cut gov't spending/workers	9
International peace deals	8
Health care policy changes	6
Crime reduction	4
Strengthening military	4
Environmental deregulation	3
Increased military actions	2
Support for Israel/Ending war	2
Epstein files	1
Other	3

3. (AMONG THOSE WHO DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP) What do you think are the worst things Trump has done since entering office in January 2025? Describe up to three, one per box. (Open-end)

NET Immigration	57
Increased immigration	
enforcement/ICE	50
Immigration (other/general)	7
NET Economy	33
Tariffs	29
Inflation/Prices	3
Economy (general)	2
Corruption/Violating	
Constitution/Rights/	
Democracy/Politicizing DoJ	22
Poor international relations	17

Epstein files	13
Promoted racism/ Discrimination	9
Mismanagement of gov't agencies	8
Increased military actions	8
Health care policy changes	6
Environmental deregulation	6
Pardons/Jan. 6 offenders	6
Cut gov't spending/workers	3
Tax cuts/Big Beautiful Bill	2
Support for Israel/Ending war	2
Other	6

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

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
a. The economy	41	57	2
b. Immigration	40	58	2
c. Tariffs on imported goods	34	64	2
d. U.S. relations with other countries	35	62	2
e. Inflation	32	65	2
f. The immigration situation at the U.S.-Mexico border	47	50	2

(Items c-f randomized)

Trend, where available:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/26	41	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	2
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
2/17/26	40	NA	NA	58	NA	NA	2
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
2/17/26	34	64	2
10/28/25*	33	65	1
9/15/25**	34	64	2
4/22/25	34	64	1

\*Half sample

\*\*Post-Ipsos

d. U.S. relations with other countries

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
2/17/26	35	62	2
10/28/25*	40	59	1
4/22/25	38	61	1

\*Half sample

e. Inflation

No trend for Trump, Biden trend:

	Approve	Disapprove	Skipped
3/9/24	31	66	3
10/14/23	29	69	3
1/21/23	31	67	1
8/6/22	29	69	2
6/4/22	28	71	1
4/9/22	29	69	1
3/12/22	29	70	1
1/29/22	29	69	2
12/11/21	28	69	3

f. No trend.

5. How likely are you to vote in the congressional election in November?

	Absolutely certain to vote	Probably will vote	Chances are 50-50	Less likely than that	Skipped
2/17/26	53	13	11	22	1

6. 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 (the Republican candidate)?

	Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	Would not vote*	Undecided/ Skipped
2/17/26	43	39	18	*
2/17/26 RV	47	45	8	*
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

8. Who do you trust to do a better job handling each of the following?

2/17/26 - Summary table among registered voters

	Trump	The Democrats in Congress	Neither	Both equally	Skipped
a. Immigration	38	34	24	3	1
b. Reducing the cost of living in the U.S.	32	31	33	4	1

(Items randomized)

Trend where available:

	Trump	The Democrats in Congress	Neither	Both equally	Skipped
2/17/26	38	34	24	3	1
7/2/18*	30	38	24	7	1

\*Washington Post-Schar School

b. No trend.

9. Do you think Trump is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is he out of touch? (Randomized with Q10)

	In touch	Out of touch	Skipped
2/17/26	35	64	1
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."

10. 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 Q9)

	In touch	Out of touch	Skipped
2/17/26	34	64	2
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."

11. Do you think these do or don't apply to Trump?

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Applies	Does not apply	Skipped
a. He is honest and trustworthy	29	70	2
b. He has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president	43	56	1
c. He is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president	48	51	1
d. He is a strong leader	48	51	2

(Items randomized)

Trend:

a. He is honest and trustworthy

	Applies	Does not apply	Skipped
2/17/26	29	70	2
9/15/25	33	66	1
1/8/24*	26	70	4
5/3/23	33	63	5
5/28/20	35	62	3
10/30/19	31	63	6
1/24/19	36	61	2
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15**	35	59	6

\* 2024 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

\*\*"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

b. He has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president

	Applies	Does not apply	Skipped
2/17/26	43	56	1
9/15/25	47	52	1
1/8/24*	47	50	3
5/3/23	54	43	4
5/28/20	46	52	2

\* 2024 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/(Volunteered no opinion).

c. He is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president

	Applies	Does not apply	Skipped
2/17/26	48	51	1
9/15/25	54	45	1

1/8/24	57	40	3
5/3/23*	64	28	8

\*2023: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/ (Volunteered no opinion).

d. He is a strong leader

	Applies	Does not apply	Skipped
2/17/26	48	51	2
9/15/25	51	48	1
5/28/20*	50	49	1
10/30/19	44	54	2
1/24/19	48	51	1
11/1/17	40	59	1
4/20/17	53	45	2

\* 2020 and previous: CATI mode; "Do you think Trump... or not?" Response options: Yes/No/ (Volunteered no opinion).

12. Since taking office, do you think Trump has (acted within his authority as president) or (gone beyond his authority as president)?

	Acted within his authority	Gone beyond his authority	Skipped
2/17/26	33	65	2
9/15/25	36	62	1
4/22/25	40	60	1
2/18/25	40	57	3

13. 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
2/17/26	43	56	2
4/22/25	45	55	1

Compare to:

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)

14. Do you think Trump is using the presidency to enrich himself?

	Yes	No	Skipped
2/17/26	62	36	2
9/15/25	56	42	1

15. In deporting undocumented immigrants, do you think Trump is (going too far), is (not going far enough), or is handling it about right?

	Going too far	Not going far enough	Handling it about right	Skip
2/17/26	58	12	28	1
10/28/25*	50	15	34	1
4/22/25	48	16	34	1

\*Both 2025 questions were asked in multi-item series

16. In general, do you support or oppose Trump using the U.S. military to force changes in other countries?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
2/17/26	20	54	26

17. Do you support or oppose the Trump administration recommending fewer vaccines for children?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
2/17/26	21	53	26

18. Trump says he wants the federal government to take over election administration and vote counting in certain states. Would you support or oppose this?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
2/17/26	23	54	24

19. Do you support or oppose the FBI seizing ballots from the 2020 presidential election in Fulton County, Georgia?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
2/17/26	24	45	32

20. How transparent, if at all, do you think the Trump administration has been in releasing government files from the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein?

	- More transparent --			---- Less transparent ----			No opinion
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	/Skipped
2/17/26	26	10	16	56	15	41	17

21. When a federal law enforcement agency wants to forcibly enter someone's home, should they need to get approval from a judge, or is approval from the federal agency enough?

	Need to get approval from a judge	Approval from the federal agency is enough	Skipped
2/17/26	77	20	3

22. Would you support or oppose requiring anyone registering to vote in federal elections to provide proof of United States citizenship? This would mean showing a U.S. passport, a birth certificate with a matching photo ID or other official documents verifying citizenship and identity.

No opinion

	Support	Oppose	/Skipped
2/17/26	61	22	17

23. Would you say the country's economy has gotten better since Trump became president in January 2025, gotten worse, or remained about the same?

	----- Better -----			----- Worse -----			Remained	
	Much			Much			about	
	NET	better	Better	NET	Worse	worse	the same	Skip
2/17/26	29	12	17	48	26	21	22	1
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

24. Would you say you, yourself, are better off financially than you were when Trump became president in January 2025, not as well off, or in about the same shape financially?

	Better off	Not as well off	About the same	Skip
2/17/26	22	33	44	1
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."

Questions 25-30 held for later release.

31. There are about 14 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Would you support or oppose an effort by the federal government to deport all these undocumented immigrants and send them back to their home countries?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/26	50	25	25	48	25	23	3
2/18/25*	51	27	24	45	23	22	4
10/8/24**	56	32	24	43	22	21	1
3/6/16***	36	23	12	61	19	42	4
11/19/15	42	29	13	55	21	34	2

\*"11 million"  
 \*\*ABC-Ipsos; 2024 and previous: "at least 11 million"  
 \*\*\*2016 and previous in CATI mode

32. Do you support or oppose expanded operations by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain and deport undocumented immigrants in the United States?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/26	40	23	17	53	15	38	8
10/28/25*	45	27	17	46	13	33	9

\*Asked in multi-item series

33. Do you support or oppose the tactics ICE is using to enforce immigration laws?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/17/26	31	17	13	62	12	50	7

34. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No op /Skip
	NET	Strngly	Somewhat	NET	Smewhat	Strngly	
a. Abolishing ICE, the Immigration and							

Customs Enforcement agency	37	23	14	50	16	34	13
b. Replacing Department of Homeland Security director Kristi Noem	44	37	8	23	6	16	33
c. Denying federal funds to 'sanctuary cities' that limit cooperation with ICE	38	26	12	46	11	35	17

(Items randomized)

Trend where available:

a-b: No trend

c. Denying federal funds to 'sanctuary cities' that limit cooperation with ICE

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No op
	NET	Strngly	Somewhat	NET	Smewhat	Strngly	/Skip
2/17/26	38	26	12	46	11	35	17
2/10/25*	41	27	13	40	12	28	19

\*NPR-Ipsos

35. How concerned, if at all, are you that federal immigration enforcement agents could arrest or detain...

2/17/26 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	-- More concerned ---			----- Less concerned -----			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all	Skip
a. A close friend or family member	33	15	18	66	19	47	1
b. Someone else you know	40	19	21	59	20	40	1

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

NET 35a. and 35b.

	Very/Somewhat concerned	Not too/Not at all concerned
2/17/26	42	58

36. What's your own personal reaction to immigration enforcement in Minnesota? Are you:

	--- Not concerned/Concerned ---			----- Upset/Angry -----			
	NET	Not concerned	Concerned but not upset	NET	Upset but not angry	Angry	Skipped
2/17/26	44	23	21	54	17	37	2

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

37. Of the immigrants who were deported from the U.S. since January 2025, how many do you think were violent criminals?

	---- More than half ----			----- Less than that -----			
	NET	Nearly all	Most	NET	Less than half	Hardly any	Skipped
2/17/26	27	7	21	70	37	33	3

(Response options shown in reverse order for half sample)

38. (AMONG REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN-LEANING INDEPENDENTS) Going forward, do you think Republican leaders should follow Trump's leadership or should they lead the party in a different direction?

	Follow Trump's leadership	Lead party in different direction	No opinion /Skipped
2/17/26	71	28	1
4/28/22	60	34	6
1/13/21	57	35	7

Compare to:

(IF REPUBLICAN OR LEAN REPUBLICAN) Do you think Republican leaders in Congress should (follow President Trump's leadership) or should they (lead the party in a different direction)?

	Follow President Trump's leadership	Lead the party in a different direction	Something else else (vol.)	No opinion
2/22/18*	76	18	1	4

\*Washington Post-KFF

39. Would you describe yourself as a supporter of the MAGA movement, or not?

	Supporter	Not a supporter	Skipped
2/17/26	26	70	4
Republicans & Rep leaners	54	42	4

\*\*\* 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 2,589 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 3,834 panelists, resulting in 2,589 completed interviews. In quality control, 56 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 Feb. 12-17, 2026, Washington Post-Ipsos poll.

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

	<b>Unweighted</b>	<b>Weighted</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>
<b>Age by sex</b>	%	%	%
18-29, Male	7.9	10.1	10.1
18-29, Female	8.1	9.9	9.9
30-44, Male	12.3	13.1	13.1
30-44, Female	11.6	13.0	13.0
45-59, Male	11.9	11.3	11.3
45-59, Female	12.0	11.5	11.5
60+, Male	17.1	14.4	14.4
60+, Female	19.1	16.7	16.7
<b>Race/ethnicity</b>			
White/Non-Hispanic	64.8	59.9	59.9
Black/Non-Hispanic	11.0	12.0	12.0
Other or 2+ Races/Non-Hispanic	8.8	9.6	9.6
Hispanic	15.3	18.4	18.4
<b>Education</b>			
Less than HS	7.7	9.1	9.1
HS graduate or equivalent	27.3	28.4	28.4
Some college	25.1	26.2	26.2
Bachelor's degree	23.8	22.7	22.7
Master's or above	16.2	13.6	13.6
<b>Region by metro status</b>			
Northeast, metro	15.4	16.0	16.0
Northeast, non-metro	1.8	1.2	1.2
Midwest, metro	17.7	16.2	16.2
Midwest, non-metro	4.4	4.2	4.2
South, metro	33.8	33.2	33.2
South, non-metro	5.0	5.4	5.4
West, metro	19.7	21.4	21.4
West, non-metro	2.2	2.3	2.3
<b>Household income</b>			
Under \$25,000	12.0	9.3	9.3
\$25,000-\$49,999	14.5	13.5	13.5
\$50,000-\$74,999	13.5	14.1	14.1
\$75,000-\$99,999	13.2	12.1	12.1
\$100,000-\$149,999	19.0	18.6	18.6
\$150,000 and over	27.8	32.4	32.4
<b>Language dominance</b>			
Not Hispanic	84.7	81.6	81.6
Hispanic - English dominant	4.5	5.2	5.1
Hispanic - Bilingual	8.1	9.6	9.7
Hispanic - Spanish dominant	2.7	3.7	3.7
<b>2024 presidential vote</b>			

Donald Trump	31.1	29.5	29.5
Kamala Harris	32.9	28.6	28.6
Another candidate	1.0	1.0	1.0
Did not vote/Refused	34.9	40.9	40.9
<b>Party identification</b>			
Democrat	28.3	27.9	27.9
Ind/Other - lean Democrat	20.6	19.0	19.0
Refused to lean	6.6	8.2	8.2
Ind/Other - lean Republican	14.0	14.8	14.8
Republican	30.6	30.1	30.1

Sources:

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

Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey, with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys accounting for changes in panelists' party identification over time.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.09 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.

For Q2/Q3, open-ended responses were combined and coded by BTInsights, an AI open-end coding software that sorted responses into similar categories. Each response was then reviewed by a Washington Post polling team member to ensure it was accurately categorized, if necessary, recategorized. Category names were also edited after a review of all codes within each group.

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