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**A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)**  
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Number of interviews: 1,117

Margin of error: +/- 3.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 5.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 5.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents  
Margin of error: +/- 4.7 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for independent/other 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

CP1. In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

	Total (N=1,117)	Republican (N=352)	Democrat (N=300)	Independent (N=465)
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	14%	16%	13%	14%
War and foreign conflicts	1%	2%	-	1%
Immigration	9%	17%	5%	7%
Terrorism and extremism	2%	3%	2%	2%
Healthcare system	4%	4%	3%	4%
Public health, disease, and illness	1%	1%	*	1%
Morality	6%	10%	2%	5%
Education	2%	1%	4%	2%
Environment and climate	1%	1%	2%	1%
Racism and discrimination	5%	1%	8%	4%
Threats to democratic values and norms	15%	4%	29%	13%
Political violence and extremism	12%	16%	8%	11%
Crime	3%	4%	2%	3%
Corruption	13%	13%	12%	14%
Other	7%	5%	6%	8%
Don't know	5%	3%	3%	9%
Skipped	*	-	-	1%



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CP2. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	21%	48%	3%	15%
Wrong track	64%	34%	92%	67%
Don't know	14%	17%	6%	17%
Skipped	1%	-	-	1%

Approval5\_1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	17%	43%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	21%	41%	4%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	47%	5%	86%	50%
Skipped	3%	*	-	6%
Approve (Net)	38%	84%	4%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	60%	16%	96%	68%

Approval5\_2. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	<b>Total (N=21)</b>	<b>Republican (N=1)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=0)</b>	<b>Independent (N=20)</b>
Approve	9%	100%	-	5%
Disapprove	4%	-	-	4%
Skipped	87%	-	-	91%

Approval5\_Sum. 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?

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	17%	43%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	21%	41%	4%	18%
Lean towards approve	*	*	-	*
Lean towards disapprove	*	-	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	47%	5%	86%	50%
Skipped	2%	*	-	5%
Approve (Net)	38%	84%	4%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	60%	16%	96%	68%



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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?

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic candidate	36%	2%	86%	26%
Republican candidate	32%	83%	-	16%
Candidate from another political party	3%	1%	1%	5%
Don't know	14%	8%	7%	24%
Will not/do not plan to vote	15%	6%	5%	28%
Skipped	*	-	-	1%

TM3154Y23\_1. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?  
Donald Trump

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	20%	50%	2%	11%
Somewhat favorable	18%	33%	3%	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%	9%	5%	13%
Very unfavorable	48%	7%	89%	50%
I have not heard of them	2%	*	*	5%
Skipped	2%	*	*	4%
Favorable (Net)	38%	83%	5%	28%
Unfavorable (Net)	58%	17%	94%	63%

TM3154Y23\_2. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?  
J.D. Vance

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	20%	49%	2%	11%
Somewhat favorable	16%	30%	4%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	9%	10%	16%
Very unfavorable	41%	6%	81%	41%
I have not heard of them	8%	5%	4%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	5%
Favorable (Net)	36%	79%	6%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	14%	91%	57%





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TM3154Y23\_3. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?  
Marco Rubio

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	17%	41%	1%	11%
Somewhat favorable	15%	25%	5%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%	10%	21%	20%
Very unfavorable	28%	4%	55%	26%
I have not heard of them	20%	19%	16%	23%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	5%
Favorable (Net)	32%	66%	7%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	14%	76%	46%

TM3154Y23\_5. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?  
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	13%	29%	3%	9%
Somewhat favorable	25%	42%	11%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	15%	13%	16%
Very unfavorable	37%	7%	69%	37%
I have not heard of them	8%	6%	4%	11%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	5%
Favorable (Net)	38%	70%	14%	31%
Unfavorable (Net)	51%	22%	82%	52%

TM1128Y17\_1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? The U.S. economy

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	15%	34%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	19%	39%	5%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	13%	19%	19%
Strongly disapprove	40%	9%	71%	43%
Don't know	7%	5%	4%	11%
Skipped	1%	*	-	3%
Approve (Net)	34%	73%	6%	24%
Disapprove (Net)	57%	22%	90%	62%





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TM1128Y17\_7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Immigration

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	25%	58%	3%	17%
Somewhat approve	13%	23%	5%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	9%	9%	16%
Strongly disapprove	43%	5%	81%	44%
Don't know	6%	5%	2%	9%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	2%
Approve (Net)	38%	81%	7%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	14%	90%	61%

TM1128Y17\_8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Your cost of living

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	10%	25%	1%	5%
Somewhat approve	20%	41%	4%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	16%	17%	17%
Strongly disapprove	44%	11%	75%	48%
Don't know	7%	6%	3%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	3%
Approve (Net)	30%	66%	5%	21%
Disapprove (Net)	61%	27%	92%	65%

TM1128Y17\_19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Crime

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	20%	48%	2%	11%
Somewhat approve	18%	30%	7%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	8%	15%	17%
Strongly disapprove	37%	7%	70%	37%
Don't know	9%	6%	6%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	3%
Approve (Net)	38%	79%	8%	29%
Disapprove (Net)	51%	15%	85%	54%





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TM1128Y17\_25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? U.S. foreign policy

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	18%	43%	0%	10%
Somewhat approve	15%	29%	4%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	11%	16%
Strongly disapprove	43%	8%	80%	44%
Don't know	10%	8%	4%	15%
Skipped	1%	*	-	3%
Approve (Net)	32%	72%	5%	22%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	19%	91%	60%

TM1128Y17\_36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Inflation/rising prices

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	11%	28%	1%	7%
Somewhat approve	17%	37%	3%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	15%	14%	17%
Strongly disapprove	46%	13%	79%	48%
Don't know	7%	6%	2%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	3%
Approve (Net)	29%	65%	4%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	62%	28%	93%	65%

TM1128Y17\_37. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Corruption

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Strongly approve	15%	36%	*	10%
Somewhat approve	15%	31%	3%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	7%	13%
Strongly disapprove	48%	13%	86%	49%
Don't know	10%	9%	3%	14%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	3%
Approve (Net)	30%	66%	3%	21%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	23%	93%	62%





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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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	28%	62%	3%	19%
Wrong track	54%	18%	87%	57%
Don't know	17%	19%	10%	21%
Skipped	1%	*	*	2%

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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	35%	79%	4%	25%
Wrong track	52%	10%	89%	56%
Don't know	11%	10%	4%	16%
Skipped	2%	*	2%	4%

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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	20%	47%	3%	12%
Wrong track	60%	29%	89%	62%
Don't know	19%	24%	7%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	3%

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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	28%	64%	3%	19%
Wrong track	51%	13%	88%	54%
Don't know	19%	22%	10%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	3%





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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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	24%	54%	6%	16%
Wrong track	60%	30%	88%	64%
Don't know	14%	16%	6%	18%
Skipped	1%	*	-	3%

AB2\_11. 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

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	29%	64%	6%	20%
Wrong track	49%	18%	79%	50%
Don't know	20%	17%	14%	26%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	3%

AB2\_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.

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Right direction	26%	56%	4%	19%
Wrong track	55%	22%	87%	59%
Don't know	17%	22%	8%	20%
Skipped	1%	*	1%	3%

QCP\_11\_1. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? The U.S. economy

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	29%	2%	74%	19%
Republican Party	35%	80%	4%	23%
Other	8%	3%	3%	14%
Don't know	26%	14%	18%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	4%





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QCP\_11\_4. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Healthcare

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	40%	6%	83%	35%
Republican Party	26%	62%	3%	15%
Other	7%	6%	2%	10%
Don't know	26%	25%	12%	36%
Skipped	2%	*	-	4%

QCP\_11\_5. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Immigration

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	32%	3%	78%	23%
Republican Party	37%	83%	4%	25%
Other	8%	3%	4%	15%
Don't know	21%	11%	13%	34%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	4%

QCP\_11\_8. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Crime

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	26%	3%	67%	15%
Republican Party	38%	81%	7%	27%
Other	7%	2%	4%	13%
Don't know	27%	13%	21%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	5%

QCP\_11\_11. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Cost of living

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	33%	5%	76%	24%
Republican Party	29%	71%	2%	16%
Other	9%	4%	5%	14%
Don't know	28%	21%	17%	42%
Skipped	1%	*	*	3%





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QCP\_11\_12. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Democratic values and norms

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	38%	9%	82%	29%
Republican Party	28%	67%	3%	17%
Other	7%	4%	3%	13%
Don't know	24%	19%	11%	37%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	4%

QCP\_11\_13. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Women's rights

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	42%	8%	86%	38%
Republican Party	25%	62%	1%	15%
Other	6%	4%	3%	9%
Don't know	25%	25%	10%	34%
Skipped	2%	*	1%	4%

QCP\_11\_14. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Gun violence and gun control

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	35%	7%	79%	25%
Republican Party	32%	73%	5%	21%
Other	7%	3%	3%	12%
Don't know	25%	17%	13%	38%
Skipped	2%	*	-	4%

QCP\_11\_15. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Political violence and extremism

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	33%	5%	77%	25%
Republican Party	30%	70%	4%	19%
Other	8%	3%	4%	13%
Don't know	27%	21%	15%	39%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	4%





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QCP\_11\_16. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? War, foreign conflicts, or terrorism

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	28%	3%	69%	20%
Republican Party	35%	79%	5%	23%
Other	8%	3%	4%	14%
Don't know	27%	15%	20%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	4%

QCP\_11\_17. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Corruption

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	30%	5%	70%	21%
Republican Party	29%	66%	5%	17%
Other	11%	7%	4%	18%
Don't know	28%	20%	21%	40%
Skipped	2%	2%	-	4%

QCP\_11\_18. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Environment and climate

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Democratic Party	40%	10%	81%	34%
Republican Party	25%	59%	2%	15%
Other	7%	5%	3%	11%
Don't know	27%	26%	13%	36%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	4%

BFB10\_1. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?  
The U.S. House of Representatives

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	5%	7%	3%	4%
Somewhat favorable	31%	54%	18%	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	37%	30%	46%	37%
Very unfavorable	22%	7%	32%	27%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	9%
Favorable (Net)	36%	61%	21%	28%
Unfavorable (Net)	59%	37%	77%	63%





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BFB10\_2. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?  
The U.S. Senate

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	4%	8%	2%	4%
Somewhat favorable	30%	51%	21%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	38%	32%	46%	38%
Very unfavorable	22%	7%	30%	28%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	9%
Favorable (Net)	35%	59%	23%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	61%	39%	76%	66%

BFB10\_3. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?  
The U.S. Supreme Court

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	9%	14%	3%	8%
Somewhat favorable	34%	60%	17%	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	29%	18%	39%	30%
Very unfavorable	24%	5%	39%	27%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	8%
Favorable (Net)	43%	75%	20%	35%
Unfavorable (Net)	52%	22%	79%	56%

BFB10\_4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?  
Your State Legislature

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	9%	12%	9%	7%
Somewhat favorable	38%	46%	41%	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	28%	25%	29%	29%
Very unfavorable	20%	14%	19%	25%
Skipped	5%	2%	3%	8%
Favorable (Net)	47%	59%	49%	37%
Unfavorable (Net)	48%	39%	48%	54%





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BFB10\_5. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?  
The Federal Reserve

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Very favorable	10%	7%	12%	11%
Somewhat favorable	41%	49%	46%	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	31%	30%	29%
Very unfavorable	14%	10%	10%	18%
Skipped	5%	2%	2%	10%
Favorable (Net)	51%	56%	58%	42%
Unfavorable (Net)	44%	42%	40%	48%

TM3342Y25. How much, if anything, have you heard about recently released documents related to Jeffrey Epstein (sometimes called 'the Epstein files')?

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
A lot	42%	36%	49%	43%
A little	47%	55%	43%	44%
Nothing at all	10%	9%	7%	12%
Skipped	1%	*	-	1%

TM3310Y25\_1. Please indicate if you think the following statements are true or false. The federal government is hiding information about... The death of accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Definitely true	33%	20%	46%	35%
Probably true	32%	37%	30%	30%
Probably false	10%	15%	8%	7%
Definitely false	4%	6%	1%	4%
Not sure	20%	21%	15%	22%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	2%
True (Net)	65%	57%	76%	64%
False (Net)	14%	21%	9%	12%





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TM3310Y25\_2. Please indicate if you think the following statements are true or false. The federal government is hiding information about... The alleged clients of accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Definitely true	49%	25%	71%	50%
Probably true	27%	40%	17%	24%
Probably false	5%	9%	2%	4%
Definitely false	2%	5%	1%	2%
Not sure	16%	21%	10%	17%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	2%
True (Net)	75%	65%	88%	75%
False (Net)	7%	14%	2%	6%

Qtk\_1. Thinking about the Epstein files, how well do each of the following statements describe your own views? I feel shocked by the information in the Epstein files

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Extremely well	18%	10%	25%	19%
Very well	16%	15%	21%	13%
Somewhat well	26%	26%	22%	28%
Not too well	21%	29%	17%	18%
Not at all well	15%	17%	13%	16%
Skipped	4%	4%	2%	6%

Qtk\_2. Thinking about the Epstein files, how well do each of the following statements describe your own views? The Epstein files have lowered my trust in the country's political and business leaders

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Extremely well	33%	15%	44%	37%
Very well	20%	18%	26%	18%
Somewhat well	24%	35%	17%	20%
Not too well	9%	15%	5%	8%
Not at all well	10%	14%	6%	10%
Skipped	4%	3%	2%	6%





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Qtk\_3. Thinking about the Epstein files, how well do each of the following statements describe your own views? The Epstein files show that powerful people in the U.S. are rarely held accountable for their actions

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Extremely well	49%	31%	63%	51%
Very well	20%	26%	18%	17%
Somewhat well	17%	28%	8%	15%
Not too well	4%	5%	4%	4%
Not at all well	7%	8%	6%	7%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	6%

Qtk\_4. Thinking about the Epstein files, how well do each of the following statements describe your own views? It's time for the country to move on from talking about the Epstein files

	<b>Total (N=1,117)</b>	<b>Republican (N=352)</b>	<b>Democrat (N=300)</b>	<b>Independent (N=465)</b>
Extremely well	11%	20%	4%	9%
Very well	10%	21%	5%	6%
Somewhat well	18%	26%	12%	16%
Not too well	18%	16%	16%	20%
Not at all well	40%	15%	62%	43%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	6%





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### About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted February 13-16, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,117 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 accounting for changes in panelists' party identification over time. 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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