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Reuters/Ipsos poll on the war in Iran and the economy

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: March 17-19, 2026

Number of interviews: 1,545

Number of Republican interviews: 477

Number of Democrat interviews: 460

Number of independent/other interviews: 608

Margin of error: +/- 2.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents

Margin of error: +/- 4.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents

Margin of error: +/- 4.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democrat respondents

Margin of error: +/- 4.1 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

RV_1. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	75%	84%	82%	64%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	21%	14%	13%	31%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	5%
Skipped	*	-	*	*





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Approval5_1. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	19%	47%	1%	10%
Somewhat approve	21%	38%	5%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	9%	18%
Strongly disapprove	45%	4%	85%	47%
Skipped	2%	*	-	5%
Approve (Net)	40%	84%	7%	30%
Disapprove (Net)	58%	15%	93%	65%

Approval5_2. If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=31)	Republican (N=1)	Democrat (N=0)	Independent (N=30)
Approve	4%	-	-	4%
Disapprove	13%	-	-	14%
Skipped	83%	100%	-	83%

Approval5_Sum. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	19%	47%	1%	10%
Somewhat approve	21%	38%	5%	20%
Lean towards approve	*	-	-	*
Lean towards disapprove	*	-	-	1%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	9%	18%
Strongly disapprove	45%	4%	85%	47%
Skipped	2%	*	-	4%
Approve (Net)	40%	84%	7%	30%
Disapprove (Net)	58%	15%	93%	66%





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TM1128Y17_Sum1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Summary - Approve

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Crime	42%	84%	10%	32%
Immigration	42%	85%	8%	33%
The U.S. economy	35%	76%	6%	24%
U.S. foreign policy	34%	77%	6%	23%
Your cost of living	29%	67%	6%	18%
Inflation/rising prices	29%	66%	4%	19%

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

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	15%	36%	2%	8%
Somewhat approve	20%	40%	4%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	13%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	44%	7%	80%	46%
Don't know	6%	4%	2%	9%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	35%	76%	6%	24%
Disapprove (Net)	58%	20%	91%	63%

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

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	28%	66%	3%	18%
Somewhat approve	13%	19%	5%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	6%	13%	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%	5%	76%	42%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%	7%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	42%	85%	8%	33%
Disapprove (Net)	52%	11%	89%	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=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	10%	24%	2%	6%
Somewhat approve	19%	43%	3%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	17%	12%	20%
Strongly disapprove	46%	10%	80%	50%
Don't know	6%	5%	2%	9%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	29%	67%	6%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	27%	92%	69%

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

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	24%	58%	4%	14%
Somewhat approve	17%	26%	7%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	6%	16%	16%
Strongly disapprove	34%	4%	67%	34%
Don't know	10%	5%	7%	14%
Skipped	2%	*	*	4%
Approve (Net)	42%	84%	10%	32%
Disapprove (Net)	47%	10%	82%	50%

TM1128Y17_25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? U.S. foreign policy

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	19%	45%	2%	11%
Somewhat approve	16%	32%	4%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	9%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	44%	6%	81%	46%
Don't know	7%	7%	3%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	34%	77%	6%	23%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	15%	91%	63%





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TM1128Y17_36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Inflation/rising prices

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Strongly approve	10%	25%	2%	6%
Somewhat approve	18%	41%	3%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	19%	8%	18%
Strongly disapprove	48%	10%	84%	51%
Don't know	6%	5%	3%	9%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	3%
Approve (Net)	29%	66%	4%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	29%	93%	69%

TM3363Y26. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of U.S. military strikes against Iran?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Approve	37%	77%	6%	28%
Disapprove	59%	21%	93%	63%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	9%

TREND. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of U.S. military strikes against Iran?

	Ipsos, March 13-15 (N=1,025)
Approve	38%
Disapprove	58%
Skipped	4%

TREND FOR COMPARISON. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of U.S. military strikes against Iran?

	Ipsos, March 6-9 (N=1,021)	Reuters/Ipsos, Feb 28-Mar 1 (N=1,025)
Approve	29%	27%
Disapprove	43%	43%
Not sure	26%	29%
Skipped	2%	1%





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TM3384Y26. Over the long run, do you think U.S. military action in Iran will make America...

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
More safe	29%	65%	4%	19%
Less safe	46%	14%	78%	49%
Not have much impact either way	22%	21%	18%	27%
Skipped	3%	-	1%	6%

TM3385Y26_Sum1. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following will happen in the next month?
Summary - Likely

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
The U.S. will deploy a small number of special forces for targeted operations in Iran	88%	91%	91%	84%
Gas prices will continue to go up	87%	76%	98%	88%
The U.S. will deploy troops in Iran for a large-scale ground operation	65%	49%	83%	65%
Prices of all consumer goods will go down	22%	41%	9%	17%

TM3385Y26_1. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following will happen in the next month? Gas prices will continue to go up

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Extremely likely	36%	14%	61%	36%
Very likely	26%	25%	25%	27%
Somewhat likely	25%	37%	11%	25%
Not too likely	9%	20%	2%	5%
Not at all likely	3%	4%	1%	3%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	3%
Likely (Net)	87%	76%	98%	88%
Not likely (Net)	11%	24%	2%	8%





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TM3385Y26_2. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following will happen in the next month?
Prices of all consumer goods will go down

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Extremely likely	3%	4%	3%	2%
Very likely	4%	9%	3%	2%
Somewhat likely	14%	28%	3%	12%
Not too likely	32%	43%	21%	32%
Not at all likely	44%	15%	70%	48%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	3%
Likely (Net)	22%	41%	9%	17%
Not likely (Net)	77%	59%	91%	80%

TM3385Y26_3. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following will happen in the next month? The
U.S. will deploy troops in Iran for a large-scale ground operation

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Extremely likely	13%	6%	19%	13%
Very likely	16%	12%	25%	14%
Somewhat likely	36%	31%	40%	38%
Not too likely	24%	37%	14%	22%
Not at all likely	7%	12%	2%	7%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	7%
Likely (Net)	65%	49%	83%	65%
Not likely (Net)	31%	49%	16%	29%

TM3385Y26_4. How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following will happen in the next month? The
U.S. will deploy a small number of special forces for targeted operations in Iran

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Extremely likely	17%	11%	25%	17%
Very likely	28%	30%	30%	25%
Somewhat likely	43%	51%	36%	41%
Not too likely	6%	6%	5%	7%
Not at all likely	3%	2%	3%	3%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	6%
Likely (Net)	88%	91%	91%	84%
Not likely (Net)	9%	8%	8%	10%





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TM3386Y26. As you may know, the U.S. has moved more forces near Iran, including U.S. marines. Which comes closest to your view on the use of U.S. ground troops inside Iran?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
I do not support the U.S. using any ground troops in Iran	55%	21%	87%	58%
I support deploying a small number of special forces for targeted operations	34%	63%	10%	30%
I support deploying a large number of troops for a large-scale ground operation	7%	14%	3%	4%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	8%

TM3387Y26. How much, if at all, have recent increases in gas prices affected your household's financial situation?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
A great deal	21%	12%	27%	24%
Somewhat	34%	30%	37%	34%
Not too much	29%	39%	24%	26%
Not at all	15%	19%	11%	14%
Skipped	1%	-	-	2%

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=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Democratic candidate	35%	3%	86%	25%
Republican candidate	32%	82%	1%	16%
Candidate from another political party	3%	2%	2%	5%
Don't know	17%	9%	9%	28%
Will not/do not plan to vote	12%	5%	3%	24%
Skipped	1%	-	-	2%





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TM3328Y25. If the 2026 congressional elections were held today, which of the following would be the single MOST important factor for you in deciding who to vote for? A candidate's positions on...

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Cost of living	40%	39%	36%	45%
Democratic values and norms	24%	12%	47%	17%
Immigration	16%	27%	9%	13%
Crime	5%	9%	2%	5%
Something else	10%	11%	5%	13%
Skipped	4%	3%	1%	8%

TM3329Y25. As you consider your vote in the 2026 congressional elections, which one area of everyday expenses would you MOST like members of Congress to prioritize? Cost of...

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Healthcare	29%	23%	37%	28%
Housing / Rent	21%	16%	23%	23%
Food	18%	22%	19%	15%
Gasoline	8%	12%	5%	7%
Electricity	5%	8%	4%	5%
Childcare	1%	1%	2%	1%
Something else	5%	5%	5%	5%
None of these costs will impact my vote	11%	13%	7%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	4%





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TM3332Y25. How enthusiastic are you about voting in the 2026 congressional elections, if at all?

	Total (N=1,545)	Republican (N=477)	Democrat (N=460)	Independent (N=608)
Very enthusiastic	24%	24%	38%	16%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%	18%	17%	10%
Neither enthusiastic or unenthusiastic	35%	39%	28%	36%
Somewhat unenthusiastic	9%	9%	6%	10%
Very unenthusiastic	16%	9%	10%	23%
Skipped	2%	-	*	5%
Enthusiastic (Net)	39%	42%	55%	26%
Unenthusiastic (Net)	24%	19%	17%	34%





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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted March 17-19, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,545 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 2.5 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 1.04. 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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