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Reuters/Ipsos May Political Update Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
 Interview dates: May 8-11, 2026
 Number of interviews: 1,254
 Number of Democrat interviews: 346
 Number of Republican interviews: 403
 Number of independent/other interviews: 505

Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
 Margin of error: +/- 5.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents
 Margin of error: +/- 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents
 Margin of error: +/- 4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all independent/other

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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	76%	84%	85%	64%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	20%	13%	12%	31%
Not sure	4%	3%	3%	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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	17%	1%	43%	8%
Somewhat approve	20%	2%	39%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	8%	12%	21%
Strongly disapprove	48%	90%	6%	50%
Skipped	1%	-	-	3%
Approve (Net)	36%	3%	82%	26%
Disapprove (Net)	62%	97%	18%	71%

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

	Total (N=12)	Democrat (N=0)	Republican (N=0)	Ind/Other (N=12)
Approve	-	-	-	-
Disapprove	7%	-	-	7%
Skipped	93%	-	-	93%

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?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	17%	1%	43%	8%
Somewhat approve	20%	2%	39%	18%
Lean towards approve	-	-	-	-
Lean towards disapprove	*	-	-	*
Somewhat disapprove	15%	8%	12%	21%
Strongly disapprove	48%	90%	6%	50%
Skipped	1%	-	-	3%
Approve (Net)	36%	3%	82%	26%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	97%	18%	71%





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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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Crime	41%	8%	85%	31%
Immigration	40%	6%	85%	31%
U.S. foreign policy	34%	5%	77%	22%
The U.S. economy	30%	4%	67%	20%
Your cost of living	26%	4%	58%	17%
Inflation/rising prices	23%	5%	54%	13%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	12%	2%	30%	7%
Somewhat approve	17%	2%	37%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	11%	18%	17%
Strongly disapprove	49%	84%	9%	54%
Don't know	5%	1%	4%	7%
Skipped	1%	*	1%	2%
Approve (Net)	30%	4%	67%	20%
Disapprove (Net)	64%	95%	28%	70%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	27%	2%	65%	17%
Somewhat approve	13%	3%	20%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	11%	6%	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%	80%	6%	44%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	6%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	2%
Approve (Net)	40%	6%	85%	31%
Disapprove (Net)	54%	91%	12%	60%





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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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	7%	1%	18%	4%
Somewhat approve	18%	3%	41%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	9%	24%	17%
Strongly disapprove	52%	86%	14%	58%
Don't know	4%	1%	4%	6%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	2%
Approve (Net)	26%	4%	58%	17%
Disapprove (Net)	69%	95%	37%	75%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	22%	3%	53%	13%
Somewhat approve	19%	5%	32%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	16%	4%	18%
Strongly disapprove	36%	70%	5%	35%
Don't know	9%	5%	6%	15%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	2%
Approve (Net)	41%	8%	85%	31%
Disapprove (Net)	49%	86%	9%	53%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	17%	2%	42%	9%
Somewhat approve	17%	3%	35%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	9%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	47%	85%	8%	48%
Don't know	6%	1%	5%	11%
Skipped	1%	*	-	2%
Approve (Net)	34%	5%	77%	22%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	94%	18%	65%





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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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Strongly approve	7%	1%	17%	4%
Somewhat approve	16%	4%	36%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	5%	25%	16%
Strongly disapprove	56%	90%	16%	63%
Don't know	4%	*	4%	7%
Skipped	1%	*	*	2%
Approve (Net)	23%	5%	54%	13%
Disapprove (Net)	72%	95%	42%	78%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Approve	35%	5%	77%	25%
Disapprove	61%	95%	21%	68%
Skipped	4%	1%	2%	6%

TM3407Y26. In your view, has President Trump clearly explained the goals of U.S. military involvement in Iran?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Yes	31%	4%	68%	22%
No	66%	95%	30%	73%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	5%

TM3408Y26. Do you think the Trump administration has a clear strategy for achieving its goals for the conflict with Iran, or not?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Yes	23%	2%	55%	13%
No	53%	85%	15%	58%
Not sure	23%	12%	29%	26%
Skipped	2%	*	1%	3%





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TM3409Y26. Based on what you have heard about the conflict with Iran, which of the following comes closest to your current view of the conflict?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Iran has the advantage	15%	28%	3%	16%
Neither side has the advantage	24%	32%	14%	26%
The United States has the advantage	34%	13%	64%	26%
Not sure	26%	27%	18%	31%
Skipped	1%	*	1%	2%

TM3410Y26. Regardless of whether or not you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military strikes against Iran, how likely would you say it is that the United States succeeds in achieving its goals for Iran?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very likely to succeed	21%	5%	47%	14%
Somewhat likely to succeed	34%	28%	41%	34%
Not very likely to succeed	27%	44%	7%	29%
Not at all likely to succeed	14%	22%	3%	17%
Skipped	4%	1%	2%	7%
Likely to succeed (Net)	55%	33%	88%	47%
Not likely to succeed (Net)	41%	66%	10%	46%

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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Gas prices will continue to go up	83%	93%	70%	85%
Prices of consumer goods will go down	21%	9%	39%	16%





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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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Extremely likely	35%	55%	15%	37%
Very likely	23%	25%	20%	23%
Somewhat likely	25%	13%	35%	25%
Not too likely	12%	2%	24%	9%
Not at all likely	5%	5%	5%	4%
Refused	1%	*	1%	2%
Likely (Net)	83%	93%	70%	85%
Not likely (Net)	16%	7%	29%	13%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Extremely likely	3%	2%	5%	3%
Very likely	4%	1%	9%	3%
Somewhat likely	14%	5%	25%	11%
Not too likely	34%	26%	41%	34%
Not at all likely	44%	65%	19%	48%
Refused	1%	-	1%	2%
Likely (Net)	21%	9%	39%	16%
Not likely (Net)	78%	91%	61%	82%

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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	27%	35%	17%	28%
Somewhat	37%	38%	34%	37%
Not too much	24%	18%	33%	22%
Not at all	12%	9%	16%	12%
Skipped	1%	-	*	1%





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TM3394Y26_1. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? The Trump Administration

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	52%	81%	18%	58%
A fair amount	23%	12%	38%	20%
Only a little	15%	3%	31%	12%
None at all	7%	4%	11%	6%
Refused	2%	*	1%	5%

TM3394Y26_2. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? The conflict with Iran

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	64%	80%	49%	64%
A fair amount	22%	10%	36%	19%
Only a little	9%	5%	12%	9%
None at all	3%	4%	2%	4%
Refused	2%	1%	*	4%

TM3394Y26_3. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? Oil and gas companies

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	38%	39%	35%	40%
A fair amount	35%	35%	36%	34%
Only a little	18%	18%	21%	17%
None at all	6%	8%	6%	5%
Refused	2%	1%	1%	4%





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TM3394Y26_4. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? Oil producing countries around the world

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	30%	30%	28%	31%
A fair amount	38%	34%	45%	36%
Only a little	23%	26%	22%	22%
None at all	7%	9%	4%	7%
Refused	2%	1%	1%	4%

TM3394Y26_5. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? Republicans in Congress

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	36%	59%	9%	40%
A fair amount	26%	22%	30%	25%
Only a little	20%	10%	34%	18%
None at all	15%	8%	25%	12%
Refused	3%	1%	2%	5%

TM3394Y26_6. As you may know, the national average price of gasoline has increased by more than a \$1 in the last three months. How much responsibility, if any, does each of the following have for the recent rise in gas prices? Democrats in Congress

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
A great deal	18%	9%	24%	21%
A fair amount	26%	18%	32%	27%
Only a little	26%	30%	25%	24%
None at all	26%	42%	17%	23%
Refused	3%	1%	2%	6%

TM3411Y26. If you had to choose, which party do you feel is more responsible for the recent increases in gas prices?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
The Republican Party	65%	88%	46%	64%
The Democratic Party	27%	12%	49%	21%
Skipped	8%	*	5%	15%



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TM3412Y26. If gas prices were to remain at their current level through the end of the summer, which of the following best describes how it would impact your summer vacation plans?

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Was not planning on taking vacation this summer	26%	26%	22%	29%
Take my vacation as planned	25%	17%	41%	20%
Haven't made vacation plans yet	19%	21%	17%	20%
Take a shorter or closer-to-home vacation	14%	17%	13%	13%
Cancel my vacation	9%	12%	4%	11%
Postpone my vacation to see if gas prices drop	5%	6%	2%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	2%

TR15_Sum1. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Summary - Favorable

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Canada	72%	88%	60%	71%
Germany	67%	79%	61%	65%
Mexico	54%	70%	37%	56%
Israel	42%	22%	71%	35%
Cuba	35%	45%	24%	37%

TR15_12. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Israel

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very favorable	11%	2%	23%	8%
Somewhat favorable	11%	5%	19%	9%
Lean towards favorable	21%	15%	28%	19%
Lean towards unfavorable	20%	25%	13%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%	19%	7%	9%
Very unfavorable	22%	30%	8%	26%
Refused	5%	3%	2%	9%
Favorable (Net)	42%	22%	71%	35%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	75%	27%	56%

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TR15_4. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Germany

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very favorable	16%	23%	8%	16%
Somewhat favorable	21%	27%	18%	20%
Lean towards favorable	30%	28%	34%	30%
Lean towards unfavorable	14%	10%	19%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	6%	12%	10%
Very unfavorable	5%	2%	6%	5%
Refused	5%	3%	2%	8%
Favorable (Net)	67%	79%	61%	65%
Unfavorable (Net)	28%	18%	37%	27%

TR15_6. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Mexico

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very favorable	9%	14%	4%	10%
Somewhat favorable	16%	24%	10%	16%
Lean towards favorable	29%	32%	23%	30%
Lean towards unfavorable	20%	15%	28%	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	6%	19%	11%
Very unfavorable	9%	6%	15%	8%
Refused	5%	2%	2%	8%
Favorable (Net)	54%	70%	37%	56%
Unfavorable (Net)	41%	28%	61%	36%



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TR15_16. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Cuba

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very favorable	4%	4%	2%	5%
Somewhat favorable	10%	15%	7%	9%
Lean towards favorable	22%	26%	15%	24%
Lean towards unfavorable	31%	31%	34%	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%	13%	18%	13%
Very unfavorable	14%	8%	22%	13%
Refused	5%	3%	2%	9%
Favorable (Net)	35%	45%	24%	37%
Unfavorable (Net)	59%	52%	74%	54%

TR15_18. Now thinking about the rest of the world, would you say your opinion is favorable or unfavorable towards the following countries? Canada

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very favorable	29%	50%	11%	29%
Somewhat favorable	23%	25%	22%	22%
Lean towards favorable	20%	13%	27%	20%
Lean towards unfavorable	12%	5%	18%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	3%	10%	5%
Very unfavorable	6%	3%	10%	5%
Refused	4%	2%	2%	7%
Favorable (Net)	72%	88%	60%	71%
Unfavorable (Net)	24%	11%	38%	22%

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=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Democratic candidate	36%	87%	3%	27%
Republican candidate	31%	*	81%	15%
Candidate from another political party	5%	1%	1%	9%
Don't know	13%	6%	10%	21%
Will not/do not plan to vote	14%	6%	4%	26%
Skipped	1%	-	1%	2%





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

	Total (N=1,254)	Democrat (N=346)	Republican (N=403)	Ind/Other (N=505)
Very enthusiastic	24%	36%	26%	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%	19%	21%	9%
Neither enthusiastic or unenthusiastic	35%	29%	34%	39%
Somewhat unenthusiastic	8%	7%	7%	9%
Very unenthusiastic	16%	8%	11%	24%
Skipped	2%	*	1%	4%
Enthusiastic (Net)	39%	55%	47%	24%
Unenthusiastic (Net)	24%	15%	19%	33%





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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted May 8-11, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,254 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 2.8 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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