

# CANADIANS CONFIDENT THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS CAN MANAGE TRUMP; BUT RELATIONSHIP WITH US BADLY DAMAGED

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## SIX IN TEN SAY WE CAN NEVER TRUST THE AMERICANS THE SAME WAY AGAIN

**59%**

**Are confident political leaders in Canada can manage President Trump**

### % AGREE

VS. AUG '25

I think Canada's future is better served by aligning with like-minded countries in Europe rather than the United States

72%

+6 ▲

I think less of America as a country because of Donald Trump's actions toward Canada

69%

Not asked

I believe the types of Canada-US trade and economic disputes we are experiencing now will continue for several years, it is not going to be resolved soon

67%

-6 ▼

I expect Donald Trump and the United States will eventually return to the negotiating table and seek a trade agreement

62%

Not asked

We can never trust the Americans the same way again

61%

+3 ▲

I am confident political leaders of my country can manage President Trump

59%

Not asked

A majority of Canadians are confident that Canada's political leaders can manage President Trump. This sentiment is strongest among Liberals voters (81%) and weakest among Conservative (40%) and Bloc (49%) voters.

Canadians continue to believe Canada's future is better served by aligning with like-minded countries in Europe, up 6 points since a year ago. Canadians also continue to believe that we can never trust the Americans the same way again, and that the issues we are having with the U.S. will not be resolved soon.

Six in 10 Canadians expect that President Trump and the U.S. will eventually return to the negotiating table and seek a trade agreement, a sentiment held by voters of all parties. Those earning over \$100K (72%), men (67%) and Boomers (67%) are the most likely to believe this. By contrast, women (59%), GenZers (52%) and Canadians earning less than \$40K (57%) are slightly less likely to believe this.

# About This Study

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## ABOUT THE STUDY

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These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between August 26 and 27, 2026, on behalf of Global News. For this survey, a sample of 1,001 Canadians aged 18+ was interviewed online. Quotas and weighting were employed to ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the Canadian population according to census parameters. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll is accurate to within  $\pm 3.8$  percentage points, 19 times out of 20, had all Canadians aged 18+ been polled. The credibility interval will be wider among subsets of the population. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

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