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Reuters/Ipsos August 2026 Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: August 14-17, 2026
Number of interviews: 1,166
Number of Registered Voter interviews: 876
Number of Democrat interviews: 365
Number of Republican interviews: 334
Number of independent/other interviews: 467

Margin of error: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
Margin of error: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 5.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents
Margin of error: +/- 5.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents
Margin of error: +/- 4.6 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=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	73%	100%	82%	85%	60%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	22%	-	14%	12%	34%
Not sure	4%	-	4%	2%	6%
Skipped	*	-	*	*	1%



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Approval5_Sum. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? **(If Skipped)** If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	14%	16%	1%	39%	7%
Somewhat approve	19%	19%	3%	40%	17%
Lean towards approve	-	-	-	-	-
Lean towards disapprove	*	*	-	-	1%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	15%	11%	14%	24%
Strongly disapprove	47%	49%	85%	7%	46%
Skipped	2%	*	-	-	5%
Approve (Net)	33%	35%	4%	79%	24%
Disapprove (Net)	64%	65%	96%	21%	71%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Immigration	38%	42%	8%	84%	28%
Crime	37%	41%	7%	82%	27%
U.S. foreign policy	31%	35%	5%	73%	21%
The U.S. economy	29%	33%	6%	70%	18%
Iran	27%	30%	3%	66%	17%
Your cost of living	23%	26%	4%	56%	15%
Inflation/rising prices	23%	26%	4%	57%	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=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	11%	13%	2%	29%	5%
Somewhat approve	18%	20%	4%	41%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	15%	9%	18%	19%
Strongly disapprove	49%	50%	82%	10%	51%
Don't know	5%	2%	3%	3%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	4%
Approve (Net)	29%	33%	6%	70%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	64%	65%	91%	28%	70%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	26%	30%	2%	66%	16%
Somewhat approve	12%	12%	5%	18%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	12%	8%	17%
Strongly disapprove	42%	43%	78%	6%	41%
Don't know	6%	3%	2%	3%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*	4%
Approve (Net)	38%	42%	8%	84%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	55%	89%	13%	58%

TM1128Y17_8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Your cost of living

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	7%	8%	2%	19%	2%
Somewhat approve	16%	18%	2%	37%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	19%	19%	9%	27%	20%
Strongly disapprove	51%	52%	85%	13%	53%
Don't know	5%	2%	2%	4%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	23%	26%	4%	56%	15%
Disapprove (Net)	70%	71%	94%	40%	73%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	21%	25%	2%	55%	12%
Somewhat approve	16%	16%	5%	27%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	15%	6%	17%
Strongly disapprove	37%	39%	71%	5%	35%
Don't know	11%	7%	6%	6%	17%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	37%	41%	7%	82%	27%
Disapprove (Net)	50%	51%	86%	11%	52%

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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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	16%	18%	2%	41%	8%
Somewhat approve	15%	16%	3%	31%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	12%	9%	12%	15%
Strongly disapprove	45%	47%	80%	7%	47%
Don't know	9%	6%	5%	7%	14%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	31%	35%	5%	73%	21%
Disapprove (Net)	57%	59%	89%	19%	61%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	7%	8%	1%	20%	2%
Somewhat approve	16%	18%	2%	37%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	16%	9%	23%	19%
Strongly disapprove	53%	54%	83%	16%	56%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%	4%	8%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	3%
Approve (Net)	23%	26%	4%	57%	13%
Disapprove (Net)	70%	71%	92%	39%	75%

TM1128Y17_15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Iran

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Strongly approve	13%	15%	2%	36%	6%
Somewhat approve	13%	15%	1%	30%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	12%	9%	12%	19%
Strongly disapprove	47%	49%	82%	12%	46%
Don't know	10%	7%	5%	9%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	27%	30%	3%	66%	17%
Disapprove (Net)	61%	62%	90%	25%	65%

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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?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic candidate	35%	41%	87%	3%	22%
Republican candidate	30%	36%	2%	83%	15%
Candidate from another political party	4%	5%	2%	1%	8%
Don't know	15%	15%	5%	8%	27%
Will not/do not plan to vote	14%	4%	4%	5%	27%
Skipped	1%	*	-	-	2%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Very enthusiastic	23%	29%	35%	24%	14%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%	18%	18%	20%	10%
Neither enthusiastic or unenthusiastic	39%	36%	33%	40%	42%
Somewhat unenthusiastic	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Very unenthusiastic	14%	8%	7%	8%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	3%
Enthusiastic (Net)	38%	47%	53%	44%	25%
Unenthusiastic (Net)	22%	17%	15%	16%	30%

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 position on...

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Cost of living	48%	47%	46%	47%	51%
Democratic values and norms	24%	28%	39%	15%	19%
Immigration	12%	12%	8%	23%	7%
Crime	5%	5%	2%	7%	6%
Something else	8%	8%	4%	7%	10%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	7%

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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=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Healthcare	25%	28%	30%	25%	22%
Housing / Rent	23%	20%	28%	15%	25%
Food	19%	21%	22%	19%	17%
Gasoline	10%	11%	8%	16%	9%
Electricity	4%	5%	2%	6%	5%
Childcare	1%	1%	2%	*	1%
Something else	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%
None of these costs will impact vote	11%	10%	5%	14%	12%
Skipped	2%	*	-	-	4%

TM3393Y26_1. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? The U.S. economy

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	34%	38%	82%	4%	22%
Republican Party	31%	35%	4%	77%	19%
Other	8%	7%	2%	3%	15%
Don't know	25%	19%	11%	15%	41%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	3%

TM3393Y26_2. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Healthcare

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	40%	44%	85%	8%	30%
Republican Party	23%	26%	3%	64%	10%
Other	8%	8%	3%	4%	14%
Don't know	27%	21%	8%	23%	42%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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TM3393Y26_3. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Immigration

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	35%	38%	80%	4%	25%
Republican Party	36%	40%	6%	84%	24%
Other	6%	6%	3%	2%	11%
Don't know	21%	16%	11%	9%	36%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

TM3393Y26_4. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Crime

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	27%	30%	68%	3%	16%
Republican Party	37%	42%	9%	83%	25%
Other	7%	6%	3%	1%	13%
Don't know	27%	21%	19%	13%	41%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

TM3393Y26_5. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Cost of living

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	35%	38%	81%	4%	23%
Republican Party	26%	31%	4%	69%	14%
Other	9%	9%	1%	4%	17%
Don't know	28%	22%	13%	23%	42%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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TM3393Y26_6. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Democratic values and norms

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	38%	42%	85%	7%	28%
Republican Party	26%	30%	3%	70%	14%
Other	7%	7%	2%	3%	13%
Don't know	26%	19%	9%	19%	42%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%

TM3393Y26_10. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? War, foreign conflicts, or terrorism

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	34%	37%	80%	5%	22%
Republican Party	31%	36%	5%	78%	19%
Other	8%	7%	3%	4%	14%
Don't know	25%	19%	12%	13%	41%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

TM3393Y26_11. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Corruption

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Democratic Party	30%	34%	74%	4%	18%
Republican Party	26%	30%	5%	69%	13%
Other	11%	11%	5%	6%	19%
Don't know	30%	23%	16%	20%	46%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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TM1540Y18. How would you describe President Donald Trump's administration so far?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Dangerous	24%	26%	50%	4%	21%
Bold	19%	21%	1%	47%	13%
Chaotic	19%	19%	15%	14%	24%
Dishonest	17%	17%	27%	4%	18%
Trustworthy	6%	6%	1%	17%	2%
Orderly	3%	3%	2%	6%	2%
Other	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%
Don't Know	8%	4%	3%	5%	14%
Skipped	1%	*	-	-	2%

TM3460Y26. Which of the following statements comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Corruption in politics can be eliminated with strong regulation and enforcement.	75%	80%	83%	75%	70%
Corruption is just part of how politics gets done and it can't really be eliminated	22%	19%	16%	23%	24%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	2%	6%

TM3461Y26. Do you think corruption in politics has more to do with?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
The ethical standards of the people who pursue a career in politics	65%	69%	65%	70%	63%
The pressures and structure of the political system	32%	30%	35%	29%	31%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	6%

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TM3462Y26_1. How much do you think corruption influences the decisions made by ... The federal government

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
A great deal	46%	48%	59%	32%	45%
Quite a bit	28%	30%	22%	39%	25%
Some	19%	18%	16%	24%	17%
Not too much	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Not at all	3%	1%	2%	2%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	5%

TM3462Y26_2. How much do you think corruption influences the decisions made by ... Your state government

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
A great deal	28%	28%	29%	29%	26%
Quite a bit	29%	31%	27%	32%	29%
Some	31%	32%	34%	29%	30%
Not too much	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%
Not at all	3%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	5%

TM3462Y26_3. How much do you think corruption influences the decisions made by ... Your local government

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
A great deal	22%	22%	23%	23%	20%
Quite a bit	22%	23%	19%	28%	21%
Some	36%	37%	38%	32%	37%
Not too much	14%	15%	16%	15%	11%
Not at all	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	5%

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TM3463Y26. When you hear about examples of corruption in politics and government, how angry, if at all, does it make you feel?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Extremely angry	28%	32%	39%	25%	24%
Very angry	32%	35%	33%	32%	33%
Somewhat angry	30%	28%	23%	36%	30%
Not too angry	5%	4%	4%	6%	4%
Not angry at all	3%	2%	1%	2%	4%
Skipped	2%	*	-	-	5%
Angry (Net)	91%	94%	95%	92%	87%
Not angry (Net)	7%	6%	5%	8%	9%

TM3464Y26. Which political party do you think is more corrupt?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
The Republican Party	49%	52%	90%	10%	47%
The Democratic Party	41%	43%	9%	86%	33%
Skipped	10%	5%	1%	4%	20%

TM3465Y26. Do you think the level of corruption under the Trump administration is better or worse than other recent presidential administrations?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
A lot better	12%	14%	1%	32%	6%
A little better	10%	11%	2%	24%	6%
About the same	24%	21%	7%	32%	30%
A little worse	8%	7%	8%	5%	9%
A lot worse	44%	46%	83%	6%	42%
Skipped	3%	1%	-	1%	7%
Better (Net)	22%	25%	3%	56%	12%
Worse (Net)	51%	53%	90%	12%	51%

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TM3466Y26. Do you think President Trump's business interests... ?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Influence the decisions he makes as president	69%	71%	90%	48%	69%
Do not influence the decisions he makes as president	27%	27%	9%	51%	23%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	1%	8%

TM3467Y26. As you may know, President Trump and his family have earned more than one billion dollars in the last year from crypto currency projects. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the president and his family to earn money from these ventures?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Appropriate	32%	34%	6%	69%	25%
Inappropriate	63%	62%	92%	27%	66%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	4%	9%

TM2000Y20. Would investigating Donald Trump for criminal wrongdoing and potentially pressing charges against him ultimately be good or bad for the United States?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Bad for the United States	32%	35%	13%	65%	24%
Good for the United States	43%	45%	72%	13%	42%
Not sure	23%	19%	14%	21%	30%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*	5%

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

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Approve	34%	37%	7%	75%	26%
Disapprove	61%	61%	92%	23%	66%
Skipped	5%	2%	1%	2%	9%

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CAA2. Just your impression, do you think U.S. military involvement in Iran will ...

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Go on for an extended period of time	80%	82%	87%	71%	80%
End pretty quickly in a matter of weeks	16%	16%	10%	28%	13%
Skipped	4%	2%	3%	1%	7%

TM3396Y26. Considering both the costs and benefits to the U.S., do you think it has been...?

	Total (N=1,166)	RV (N=876)	Dem (N=365)	Rep (N=334)	Ind/Other (N=467)
Worth the U.S. taking military action in Iran	21%	23%	3%	50%	14%
Not worth the U.S. taking military action in Iran	54%	55%	84%	25%	53%
Not sure	23%	21%	12%	24%	29%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	5%



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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted August 14-17, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,166 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 2026 NPORS annual survey. 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+)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or higher)
- Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West) by Metro status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- 2024 Presidential Vote Choice (Harris, Trump, 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 2.9 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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