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Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for registered voters
Margin of error: +/- 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents
Margin of error: +/- 5.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents
Margin of error: +/- 4.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for independent/something else 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



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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	21%	20%	19%	23%
Threats to democratic values and norms	12%	5%	22%	11%
Corruption	10%	9%	6%	15%
War and foreign conflicts	9%	10%	8%	8%
Political violence and extremism	7%	10%	5%	5%
Immigration	6%	12%	3%	3%
Healthcare system	5%	5%	6%	5%
Morality	5%	8%	2%	6%
Racism and discrimination	3%	1%	5%	3%
Crime	3%	2%	3%	3%
Terrorism and extremism	2%	4%	*	1%
Education	2%	2%	1%	1%
Public health, disease, and illness	2%	1%	3%	2%
Environment and climate	2%	-	4%	1%
Other	8%	7%	9%	7%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	5%
Skipped	1%	*	-	-

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	19%	46%	2%	11%
Wrong track	65%	33%	93%	73%
Don't know	15%	21%	5%	16%
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 you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Other (N=516)	Registered Voters (N=984)
Strongly approve	14%	37%	*	7%	17%
Somewhat approve	21%	41%	4%	18%	21%
Lean towards approve	*	-	-	*	-
Lean towards disapprove	*	-	-	1%	-
Somewhat disapprove	15%	12%	10%	21%	13%
Strongly disapprove	48%	9%	86%	50%	48%
Skipped	2%	-	*	4%	1%
Approve (Net)	35%	79%	4%	25%	38%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	21%	96%	71%	61%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Somethi ng else (N=484)	Registered Voters (N=984)
Strongly approve	14%	37%	*	7%	17%
Somewhat approve	21%	41%	4%	19%	21%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	12%	10%	20%	13%
Strongly disapprove	48%	9%	86%	53%	48%
Skipped	2%	-	*	2%	1%
Approve (Net)	35%	79%	4%	25%	38%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	21%	96%	73%	61%

Approval5_2. [Base: Skipped Approval5_1] If you had to choose, do you lean more towards approve or disapprove?

	Total (N=24)	Republican (N=0)	Democrat (N=1)	Ind/Somethi ng else (N=7)	Registered Voters (N=4)
Approve	4%	-	-	16%	-
Disapprove	14%	-	-	21%	-
Skipped	81%	-	100%	63%	100%

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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=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic candidate	35%	4%	84%	26%
Republican candidate	31%	81%	1%	16%
Candidate from another political party	4%	1%	1%	7%
Don't know	15%	8%	7%	26%
Will not/do not plan to vote	14%	7%	7%	24%
Skipped	1%	-	-	*

TM3154Y23_1. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?
Donald Trump

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	18%	45%	*	10%
Somewhat favorable	18%	33%	3%	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%	9%	6%	15%
Very unfavorable	50%	12%	89%	55%
I have not heard of them	1%	1%	1%	2%
Skipped	2%	*	*	1%
Favorable (Net)	35%	78%	4%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	61%	21%	95%	70%

TM3154Y23_2. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?
J.D. Vance

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	19%	49%	1%	9%
Somewhat favorable	15%	27%	4%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	10%	13%	20%
Very unfavorable	42%	8%	78%	44%
I have not heard of them	7%	6%	4%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%
Favorable (Net)	34%	76%	4%	24%
Unfavorable (Net)	57%	18%	91%	64%

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TM3154Y23_3. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?
Marco Rubio

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	18%	43%	1%	11%
Somewhat favorable	15%	26%	6%	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	10%	23%	20%
Very unfavorable	29%	6%	55%	29%
I have not heard of them	18%	13%	14%	24%
Skipped	3%	2%	*	2%
Favorable (Net)	33%	69%	7%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	46%	15%	79%	49%

TM3154Y23_5. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public figures?
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	12%	26%	1%	10%
Somewhat favorable	24%	40%	11%	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	16%	10%	17%
Very unfavorable	39%	11%	72%	40%
I have not heard of them	7%	5%	5%	10%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Favorable (Net)	36%	66%	13%	32%
Unfavorable (Net)	54%	27%	82%	57%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	10%	23%	1%	6%
Somewhat approve	16%	36%	3%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	20%	14%	19%
Strongly disapprove	50%	15%	81%	56%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	6%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	26%	59%	3%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	67%	35%	94%	74%

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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=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	26%	63%	2%	17%
Somewhat approve	14%	19%	8%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	7%	12%	17%
Strongly disapprove	40%	8%	75%	42%
Don't know	5%	3%	2%	7%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%
Approve (Net)	40%	82%	10%	33%
Disapprove (Net)	53%	14%	87%	59%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	6%	15%	*	3%
Somewhat approve	14%	32%	2%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	19%	26%	11%	19%
Strongly disapprove	54%	20%	84%	60%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	7%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%
Approve (Net)	20%	47%	2%	13%
Disapprove (Net)	73%	46%	96%	79%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	19%	46%	1%	13%
Somewhat approve	18%	31%	7%	16%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	5%	19%	15%
Strongly disapprove	39%	10%	67%	43%
Don't know	10%	7%	6%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	37%	77%	8%	29%
Disapprove (Net)	51%	15%	85%	58%

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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=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	14%	36%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	16%	30%	4%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	15%	12%	16%
Strongly disapprove	45%	11%	79%	49%
Don't know	9%	7%	4%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%
Approve (Net)	30%	66%	5%	22%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	26%	91%	65%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	6%	15%	*	4%
Somewhat approve	13%	29%	2%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	26%	7%	16%
Strongly disapprove	57%	24%	87%	65%
Don't know	5%	5%	2%	6%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	19%	45%	3%	12%
Disapprove (Net)	74%	50%	95%	81%

TM1128Y17_37. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Corruption

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	14%	36%	-	8%
Somewhat approve	14%	27%	4%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	10%	11%	12%
Strongly disapprove	51%	17%	81%	57%
Don't know	9%	10%	3%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	27%	63%	4%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	61%	26%	92%	69%

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TM1128Y17_38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? The situation with Iran

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly approve	13%	29%	1%	9%
Somewhat approve	15%	33%	5%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	17%	9%	17%
Strongly disapprove	48%	11%	83%	53%
Don't know	8%	8%	2%	10%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	1%
Approve (Net)	28%	62%	5%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	62%	28%	92%	70%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	20%	46%	2%	13%
Wrong track	67%	37%	92%	76%
Don't know	12%	17%	6%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	36%	77%	9%	26%
Wrong track	50%	15%	84%	56%
Don't know	11%	7%	7%	16%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

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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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	18%	45%	2%	9%
Wrong track	64%	33%	90%	72%
Don't know	16%	21%	7%	19%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	25%	59%	3%	17%
Wrong track	55%	23%	88%	60%
Don't know	17%	17%	8%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	14%	35%	1%	8%
Wrong track	74%	50%	96%	81%
Don't know	10%	14%	3%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	26%	58%	6%	17%
Wrong track	55%	25%	82%	62%
Don't know	17%	17%	12%	20%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

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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.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Right direction	21%	50%	2%	12%
Wrong track	59%	27%	90%	64%
Don't know	18%	22%	7%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

CP_11_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=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	32%	5%	73%	25%
Republican Party	31%	75%	3%	18%
Other	8%	2%	4%	17%
Don't know	27%	17%	20%	39%
Skipped	2%	2%	*	1%

CP_11_4. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Healthcare

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	38%	10%	77%	34%
Republican Party	26%	64%	2%	15%
Other	7%	3%	4%	13%
Don't know	27%	22%	16%	37%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

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CP_11_5. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Immigration

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	31%	5%	71%	25%
Republican Party	38%	83%	6%	28%
Other	7%	2%	5%	12%
Don't know	22%	8%	18%	34%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

CP_11_8. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Crime

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	26%	4%	60%	19%
Republican Party	38%	83%	7%	28%
Other	7%	2%	5%	14%
Don't know	27%	10%	27%	39%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

CP_11_11. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Cost of living

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	31%	6%	72%	24%
Republican Party	27%	65%	2%	16%
Other	9%	5%	4%	16%
Don't know	31%	23%	21%	43%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	2%

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CP_11_12. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Democratic values and norms

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	38%	8%	81%	33%
Republican Party	27%	67%	1%	16%
Other	7%	4%	3%	14%
Don't know	25%	20%	14%	36%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%

CP_11_13. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Women's rights

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	44%	18%	84%	39%
Republican Party	23%	57%	2%	13%
Other	7%	5%	2%	13%
Don't know	23%	20%	11%	34%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

CP_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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	34%	8%	73%	29%
Republican Party	34%	77%	6%	23%
Other	6%	2%	3%	11%
Don't know	24%	12%	18%	36%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

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CP_11_15. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Political violence and extremism

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	33%	8%	72%	26%
Republican Party	30%	71%	4%	17%
Other	8%	3%	3%	15%
Don't know	27%	16%	19%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

CP_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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	31%	5%	72%	24%
Republican Party	33%	78%	5%	20%
Other	8%	3%	4%	15%
Don't know	26%	13%	19%	41%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

CP_11_17. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Corruption

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	28%	7%	63%	20%
Republican Party	28%	66%	3%	17%
Other	11%	5%	8%	19%
Don't know	31%	21%	25%	43%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%

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CP_11_18. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Environment and climate

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	41%	16%	76%	38%
Republican Party	25%	60%	4%	14%
Other	6%	3%	2%	12%
Don't know	26%	19%	18%	35%
Skipped	2%	1%	2%	1%

CP_11_19. In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the following? Artificial intelligence (AI)

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Democratic Party	16%	5%	36%	13%
Republican Party	18%	41%	6%	11%
Other	9%	4%	6%	16%
Don't know	54%	50%	52%	60%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

BFB10_1. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?
The U.S. House of Representatives

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	4%	7%	2%	3%
Somewhat favorable	29%	46%	20%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	36%	33%	40%	38%
Very unfavorable	26%	11%	37%	32%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	4%
Favorable (Net)	33%	53%	21%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	63%	44%	77%	70%

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BFB10_2. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?
The U.S. Senate

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	3%	6%	1%	3%
Somewhat favorable	29%	48%	20%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	36%	31%	41%	38%
Very unfavorable	27%	13%	37%	33%
Skipped	5%	2%	1%	4%
Favorable (Net)	32%	54%	21%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	63%	44%	78%	71%

BFB10_3. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?
The U.S. Supreme Court

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	9%	17%	3%	6%
Somewhat favorable	34%	53%	19%	32%
Somewhat unfavorable	28%	21%	32%	31%
Very unfavorable	25%	7%	44%	27%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	4%
Favorable (Net)	42%	70%	22%	38%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	28%	77%	58%

BFB10_4. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?
Your State Legislature

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	6%	9%	7%	4%
Somewhat favorable	40%	45%	43%	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%	31%	29%	34%
Very unfavorable	18%	13%	20%	22%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	3%
Favorable (Net)	47%	54%	50%	41%
Unfavorable (Net)	49%	44%	49%	56%

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BFB10_5. Would you say you are generally favorable or unfavorable towards these public institutions?
The Federal Reserve

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very favorable	8%	8%	9%	8%
Somewhat favorable	42%	46%	43%	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%	34%	31%	29%
Very unfavorable	14%	9%	15%	18%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	4%
Favorable (Net)	50%	54%	53%	48%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	43%	45%	48%

Econ_Y26_1. How would you describe the U.S. economy in the country today?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very strong economy	5%	12%	1%	3%
Somewhat strong economy	28%	49%	13%	23%
Somewhat weak economy	38%	29%	42%	44%
Very weak economy	27%	9%	43%	29%
Skipped	2%	*	-	*
Strong Economy (Net)	33%	61%	15%	26%
Weak Economy (Net)	65%	39%	85%	74%

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Econ_Y26_2. Which of the following best describes your current financial situation?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
I have enough money to live comfortably	26%	35%	25%	20%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, and still have a little left over	35%	38%	35%	34%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, but don't have any left over	27%	19%	29%	33%
I do not have enough money to cover my basic needs	11%	8%	11%	12%
Skipped	2%	*	-	1%

AI_2026. How would you describe the impact artificial intelligence (AI) is having on society today?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Very positive	3%	4%	1%	2%
Somewhat positive	7%	11%	3%	7%
Mix of positive and negative	54%	53%	59%	53%
Somewhat negative	15%	16%	17%	15%
Very negative	19%	16%	20%	23%
Skipped	2%	*	-	*
Positive (Net)	10%	16%	4%	9%
Negative (Net)	35%	32%	37%	38%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Approve	34%	74%	6%	27%
Disapprove	61%	25%	93%	68%
Skipped	5%	1%	1%	5%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
More safe	25%	59%	3%	17%
Less safe	43%	14%	72%	47%
Not have much impact either way	28%	26%	24%	34%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	3%

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

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Worth the U.S. taking military action in Iran	23%	54%	3%	16%
Not worth the U.S. taking military action in Iran	52%	22%	81%	59%
Not sure	21%	23%	16%	23%
Skipped	3%	2%	-	2%

BFB30. Thinking about artificial intelligence, or AI, which of the following best describes how you use AI?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
I seek out opportunities to use and learn more about AI	16%	17%	14%	18%
I use AI when it is part of the tools I use, but I don't seek it out	44%	46%	47%	42%
I avoid using AI	38%	36%	40%	40%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-

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BFB31. Thinking about AI and the job market. For your generation, is AI doing more to ...?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Create opportunities in the job market	11%	15%	9%	9%
Take away opportunities in the job market	55%	49%	64%	57%
Not having much impact on amount of opportunities	30%	33%	27%	32%
Skipped	4%	4%	0%	2%

BFB32_Q26_a. **[Base: Age 18-44]** Compared with prior generations do you think technology will make your generations' experience in the work force...?

	Total (N=486)	Republican (N=117)	Democrat (N=132)	Ind/Something else (N=215)
More stable	15%	18%	10%	18%
Less stable	60%	59%	69%	61%
No different	21%	22%	21%	20%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	1%

BFB32_Q26_b. **[Base: Age 18-44]** Compared with prior generations do you think technology will make your generations' experience in the work force...?

	Total (N=486)	Republican (N=117)	Democrat (N=132)	Ind/Something else (N=215)
More personally satisfying	21%	27%	15%	23%
Less personally satisfying	49%	45%	58%	50%
No different	27%	26%	27%	27%
Skipped	4%	2%	-	1%

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BFB32_Q26_c. **[Base: Age 18-44]** Compared with prior generations do you think technology will make your generations' experience in the work force...?

	Total (N=486)	Republican (N=117)	Democrat (N=132)	Ind/Something else (N=215)
Easier to earn a comfortable living	18%	24%	12%	19%
Harder to earn a comfortable living	57%	55%	65%	57%
No different	22%	20%	22%	23%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	1%

BFB32_Q26_d. **[Base: Age 18-44]** Compared with prior generations do you think technology will make your generations' experience in the work force...?

	Total (N=486)	Republican (N=117)	Democrat (N=132)	Ind/Something else (N=215)
Require more hours working for pay	27%	19%	34%	29%
Require fewer hours working for pay	35%	50%	24%	36%
No different	34%	29%	42%	34%
Skipped	4%	1%	1%	0%

BFB33. How much, if anything, have you heard about debates over the construction of data centers in the U.S. that support AI and computing services?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
A lot	22%	18%	24%	24%
A little	47%	49%	51%	46%
Nothing at all	29%	32%	25%	30%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%

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BFB34. In general, do you support or oppose the construction of new data centers in the U.S.?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly support	5%	10%	2%	3%
Somewhat support	13%	19%	9%	11%
Neither support nor oppose	39%	37%	38%	41%
Somewhat oppose	20%	17%	28%	18%
Strongly oppose	21%	15%	23%	25%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Support (Net)	17%	29%	11%	14%
Oppose (Net)	41%	33%	50%	43%

BFB35. Would you support or oppose a data center being built within 10 miles of your home?

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Strongly support	4%	6%	1%	3%
Somewhat support	7%	11%	4%	6%
Neither support nor oppose	32%	33%	31%	34%
Somewhat oppose	15%	16%	15%	15%
Strongly oppose	40%	32%	49%	41%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%
Support (Net)	10%	18%	5%	9%
Oppose (Net)	55%	47%	64%	57%

BFB36_1. How well do each of the following statements describe your own views? Data centers should be built in remote areas, away from residential communities.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Extremely well	19%	19%	22%	17%
Very well	23%	27%	24%	21%
Somewhat well	34%	36%	34%	34%
Not too well	12%	9%	12%	14%
Not at all well	7%	5%	6%	11%
Skipped	4%	4%	2%	2%
Describes well (Net)	76%	83%	80%	73%
Does not describe well (Net)	19%	14%	18%	25%

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BFB36_2. How well do each of the following statements describe your own views? Building data centers in the U.S. is necessary to remain competitive with other countries in AI technology.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Extremely well	8%	12%	5%	7%
Very well	15%	22%	12%	14%
Somewhat well	38%	40%	44%	34%
Not too well	20%	13%	23%	24%
Not at all well	13%	9%	14%	17%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	3%
Describes well (Net)	62%	74%	61%	56%
Does not describe well (Net)	33%	23%	37%	41%

BFB36_3. How well do each of the following statements describe your own views? I am concerned about the environmental impact of data centers.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Extremely well	26%	17%	36%	27%
Very well	18%	14%	23%	20%
Somewhat well	29%	32%	29%	26%
Not too well	14%	21%	8%	15%
Not at all well	9%	13%	2%	11%
Skipped	4%	3%	2%	2%
Describes well (Net)	73%	63%	88%	73%
Does not describe well (Net)	23%	34%	10%	25%

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BFB36_4. How well do each of the following statements describe your own views? The construction of data centers creates jobs and is good for the economy.

	Total (N=1,271)	Republican (N=415)	Democrat (N=340)	Ind/Something else (N=484)
Extremely well	4%	5%	3%	4%
Very well	11%	16%	6%	10%
Somewhat well	39%	45%	37%	37%
Not too well	26%	21%	31%	26%
Not at all well	17%	10%	19%	20%
Skipped	4%	3%	2%	3%
Describes well (Net)	53%	66%	47%	51%
Does not describe well (Net)	42%	31%	51%	47%

Questions BFB37 and BFB38 held for future release.



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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted May 15-18, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,271 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 1.07. 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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