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Margin of error: +/- 3.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 5.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents
Margin of error: +/- 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents
Margin of error: +/- 4.4 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



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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	23%	22%	21%	25%	22%
Threats to democratic values and norms	12%	15%	9%	20%	10%
Corruption	12%	13%	9%	10%	15%
War and foreign conflicts	8%	8%	10%	8%	5%
Immigration	5%	6%	10%	2%	4%
Political violence and extremism	5%	6%	6%	5%	4%
Healthcare system	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%
Artificial intelligence (AI)	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%
Terrorism and extremism	2%	2%	5%	*	2%
Public health, disease, and illness	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Education	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Environment and climate	2%	2%	-	2%	2%
Racism and discrimination	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%
Crime	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%
Other	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%	4%	10%
Skipped	1%	*	-	-	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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	17%	19%	41%	3%	11%
Wrong track	68%	68%	40%	91%	70%
Don't know	15%	12%	19%	6%	17%
Skipped	1%	*	-	-	2%

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Approval5_Summary. 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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	11%	14%	30%	1%	6%
Somewhat approve	20%	21%	42%	4%	17%
Lean towards approve	*	*	*	-	-
Lean towards disapprove	*	*	-	-	1%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	14%	18%	7%	23%
Strongly disapprove	49%	50%	9%	89%	49%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-	5%
Approve (Net)	32%	35%	73%	4%	24%
Disapprove (Net)	66%	65%	27%	96%	72%

TM3382Y26. Thinking ahead to the midterm Congressional elections this November, how likely are you to vote in the midterm elections?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Almost certain	43%	56%	49%	53%	32%
Very likely	13%	17%	18%	14%	10%
Somewhat likely	11%	11%	11%	11%	12%
Not very likely	10%	7%	9%	7%	12%
Not likely at all	20%	7%	12%	12%	29%
Already voted	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	-	3%
Almost certain/Very likely (Net)	56%	73%	68%	67%	42%
Not very likely/Not likely at all (Net)	29%	14%	21%	19%	42%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic candidate	37%	43%	3%	87%	27%
Republican candidate	29%	35%	80%	1%	16%
Candidate from another political party	3%	3%	2%	1%	6%
Don't know	13%	14%	8%	6%	22%
Will not/do not plan to vote	15%	5%	8%	5%	27%
Skipped	1%	1%	-	-	3%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very enthusiastic	23%	30%	24%	35%	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%	17%	18%	18%	10%
Neither enthusiastic or unenthusiastic	31%	27%	29%	27%	35%
Somewhat unenthusiastic	10%	11%	13%	6%	10%
Very unenthusiastic	20%	14%	16%	14%	25%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	4%
Enthusiastic (Net)	38%	47%	42%	53%	25%
Unenthusiastic (Net)	29%	25%	29%	20%	35%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	15%	18%	40%	2%	8%
Somewhat favorable	17%	17%	35%	2%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	10%	14%	6%	15%
Very unfavorable	51%	52%	12%	88%	53%
I have not heard of them	2%	1%	-	1%	4%
Skipped	3%	2%	-	1%	6%
Favorable (Net)	32%	35%	75%	5%	22%
Unfavorable (Net)	63%	62%	25%	94%	67%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	18%	22%	47%	2%	10%
Somewhat favorable	16%	16%	29%	4%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	12%	11%	10%	15%
Very unfavorable	43%	44%	9%	78%	41%
I have not heard of them	9%	5%	4%	5%	14%
Skipped	3%	1%	-	*	6%
Favorable (Net)	34%	38%	76%	6%	24%
Unfavorable (Net)	55%	56%	19%	88%	56%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	17%	21%	41%	2%	12%
Somewhat favorable	14%	14%	25%	5%	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	17%	14%	18%	16%
Very unfavorable	32%	35%	7%	60%	30%
I have not heard of them	17%	10%	12%	13%	23%
Skipped	4%	3%	1%	1%	7%
Favorable (Net)	31%	36%	65%	8%	24%
Unfavorable (Net)	49%	52%	22%	78%	46%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	12%	14%	26%	3%	9%
Somewhat favorable	23%	24%	40%	11%	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	13%	17%	10%	16%
Very unfavorable	38%	42%	9%	69%	36%
I have not heard of them	9%	5%	6%	6%	12%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	*	6%
Favorable (Net)	35%	38%	66%	14%	30%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	55%	27%	79%	52%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	9%	11%	23%	1%	5%
Somewhat approve	14%	16%	33%	2%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	16%	25%	12%	16%
Strongly disapprove	50%	51%	15%	81%	52%
Don't know	7%	4%	5%	2%	12%
Skipped	2%	2%	-	2%	5%
Approve (Net)	23%	27%	56%	3%	16%
Disapprove (Net)	67%	67%	39%	93%	68%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	23%	28%	59%	3%	14%
Somewhat approve	13%	14%	20%	5%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	10%	7%	12%	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%	43%	8%	77%	42%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	2%	9%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	5%
Approve (Net)	36%	42%	79%	8%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	53%	15%	90%	58%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	5%	6%	13%	1%	3%
Somewhat approve	12%	14%	31%	1%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	16%	27%	10%	17%
Strongly disapprove	56%	57%	25%	84%	57%
Don't know	7%	5%	5%	3%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-	5%
Approve (Net)	17%	21%	44%	2%	10%
Disapprove (Net)	74%	73%	51%	95%	74%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	18%	22%	47%	1%	11%
Somewhat approve	16%	16%	28%	7%	15%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	10%	15%	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%	38%	7%	68%	36%
Don't know	14%	10%	8%	9%	21%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	35%	39%	75%	8%	26%
Disapprove (Net)	50%	50%	17%	83%	49%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	12%	15%	31%	1%	7%
Somewhat approve	15%	16%	32%	3%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	11%	14%	9%	11%
Strongly disapprove	47%	49%	12%	81%	47%
Don't know	12%	8%	10%	6%	17%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	5%
Approve (Net)	27%	31%	63%	4%	19%
Disapprove (Net)	59%	60%	27%	89%	59%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	6%	7%	16%	1%	3%
Somewhat approve	11%	13%	26%	1%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	17%	17%	29%	7%	16%
Strongly disapprove	57%	58%	24%	88%	57%
Don't know	7%	4%	5%	3%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	5%
Approve (Net)	17%	20%	42%	2%	11%
Disapprove (Net)	74%	75%	53%	95%	73%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	13%	16%	37%	1%	6%
Somewhat approve	12%	13%	27%	3%	9%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	9%	13%	7%	12%
Strongly disapprove	51%	53%	14%	84%	52%
Don't know	11%	8%	9%	5%	17%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	4%
Approve (Net)	26%	29%	64%	4%	16%
Disapprove (Net)	61%	62%	28%	91%	63%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	9%	12%	25%	2%	5%
Somewhat approve	14%	15%	30%	2%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	13%	19%	8%	13%
Strongly disapprove	51%	52%	17%	84%	51%
Don't know	10%	6%	9%	3%	14%
Skipped	2%	2%	-	1%	5%
Approve (Net)	24%	27%	55%	4%	17%
Disapprove (Net)	64%	65%	36%	92%	64%

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TM1128Y17_39. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Donald Trump is handling the following issues? Artificial intelligence (AI)

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Strongly approve	7%	9%	18%	2%	4%
Somewhat approve	15%	17%	30%	6%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	13%	14%	14%	15%
Strongly disapprove	42%	43%	16%	68%	41%
Don't know	19%	17%	21%	11%	24%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	5%
Approve (Net)	22%	26%	48%	7%	15%
Disapprove (Net)	56%	56%	31%	81%	56%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	17%	21%	44%	2%	11%
Wrong track	65%	65%	39%	90%	65%
Don't know	16%	13%	16%	7%	21%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	3%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	34%	40%	76%	7%	24%
Wrong track	52%	51%	15%	86%	53%
Don't know	13%	8%	8%	7%	19%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	16%	18%	41%	3%	10%
Wrong track	64%	67%	37%	89%	64%
Don't know	18%	14%	21%	8%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	3%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	21%	25%	53%	3%	13%
Wrong track	57%	59%	27%	88%	55%
Don't know	20%	15%	20%	9%	28%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	4%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	12%	15%	32%	2%	6%
Wrong track	75%	75%	56%	95%	75%
Don't know	11%	9%	11%	3%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	26%	31%	59%	6%	18%
Wrong track	55%	54%	24%	83%	56%
Don't know	17%	14%	16%	11%	22%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	3%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Right direction	20%	24%	47%	4%	13%
Wrong track	59%	60%	29%	88%	60%
Don't know	19%	15%	23%	8%	24%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	-	3%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	34%	37%	4%	76%	25%
Republican Party	28%	33%	70%	3%	17%
Other	9%	8%	3%	3%	17%
Don't know	28%	21%	22%	19%	37%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	-	4%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	40%	42%	9%	83%	31%
Republican Party	24%	29%	66%	2%	13%
Other	8%	7%	4%	3%	14%
Don't know	26%	20%	21%	12%	38%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	4%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	32%	34%	7%	73%	22%
Republican Party	36%	41%	80%	6%	27%
Other	6%	6%	1%	2%	12%
Don't know	23%	17%	12%	18%	34%
Skipped	2%	2%	*	*	5%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	27%	28%	5%	63%	17%
Republican Party	35%	40%	78%	7%	25%
Other	7%	6%	1%	2%	13%
Don't know	29%	24%	16%	26%	40%
Skipped	2%	2%	*	1%	5%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	34%	37%	6%	75%	25%
Republican Party	24%	29%	67%	1%	12%
Other	9%	8%	5%	2%	16%
Don't know	31%	25%	21%	21%	43%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	-	4%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	39%	41%	8%	83%	29%
Republican Party	27%	32%	69%	2%	16%
Other	7%	7%	3%	2%	14%
Don't know	25%	19%	20%	13%	36%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	*	5%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	41%	44%	11%	83%	33%
Republican Party	26%	30%	66%	3%	15%
Other	7%	6%	3%	3%	12%
Don't know	24%	18%	20%	11%	36%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	*	5%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	34%	36%	6%	75%	24%
Republican Party	32%	37%	78%	4%	22%
Other	7%	6%	2%	2%	13%
Don't know	25%	19%	14%	18%	36%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	*	5%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	31%	35%	5%	70%	23%
Republican Party	27%	32%	71%	2%	16%
Other	8%	7%	2%	3%	16%
Don't know	31%	25%	21%	25%	40%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	-	5%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	33%	35%	5%	74%	23%
Republican Party	28%	33%	71%	4%	17%
Other	9%	8%	3%	3%	16%
Don't know	28%	22%	20%	19%	40%
Skipped	2%	2%	*	1%	4%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	28%	31%	4%	64%	19%
Republican Party	26%	31%	68%	2%	15%
Other	11%	9%	4%	5%	19%
Don't know	33%	27%	23%	28%	44%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%

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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	40%	44%	10%	82%	32%
Republican Party	23%	27%	62%	*	13%
Other	9%	7%	5%	2%	15%
Don't know	26%	20%	22%	15%	35%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	*	5%

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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=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Democratic Party	21%	23%	4%	50%	13%
Republican Party	20%	23%	52%	2%	11%
Other	10%	10%	4%	5%	18%
Don't know	47%	43%	39%	42%	54%
Skipped	2%	2%	1%	*	5%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	4%	4%	7%	2%	3%
Somewhat favorable	28%	30%	51%	18%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	34%	32%	31%	38%	34%
Very unfavorable	28%	31%	9%	41%	32%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	1%	10%
Favorable (Net)	32%	34%	58%	20%	24%
Unfavorable (Net)	63%	63%	41%	79%	66%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	4%	5%	8%	2%	3%
Somewhat favorable	28%	29%	48%	19%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	34%	32%	28%	38%	34%
Very unfavorable	29%	31%	13%	39%	31%
Skipped	5%	4%	2%	1%	10%
Favorable (Net)	33%	34%	57%	21%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	62%	63%	42%	78%	65%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	9%	11%	17%	4%	8%
Somewhat favorable	31%	32%	52%	21%	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	29%	28%	23%	33%	31%
Very unfavorable	25%	27%	7%	40%	26%
Skipped	5%	3%	1%	1%	9%
Favorable (Net)	41%	43%	69%	25%	33%
Unfavorable (Net)	54%	54%	30%	74%	57%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	6%	8%	11%	5%	4%
Somewhat favorable	36%	37%	45%	40%	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%	29%	25%	32%	35%
Very unfavorable	21%	23%	18%	22%	22%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	1%	10%
Favorable (Net)	42%	44%	56%	45%	32%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	52%	43%	54%	58%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very favorable	7%	8%	8%	8%	6%
Somewhat favorable	43%	45%	52%	42%	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	28%	29%	32%	30%
Very unfavorable	15%	15%	10%	17%	17%
Skipped	5%	3%	2%	1%	10%
Favorable (Net)	50%	53%	60%	50%	43%
Unfavorable (Net)	45%	43%	39%	48%	47%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very strong economy	5%	5%	13%	1%	3%
Somewhat strong economy	25%	28%	44%	15%	18%
Somewhat weak economy	38%	36%	32%	36%	44%
Very weak economy	30%	29%	11%	48%	30%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*	5%
Strong Economy (Net)	30%	34%	57%	16%	21%
Weak Economy (Net)	68%	65%	43%	83%	74%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
I have enough money to live comfortably	25%	31%	33%	25%	20%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, and still have a little left over	32%	34%	38%	32%	28%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, but don't have any left over	28%	24%	19%	29%	33%
I do not have enough money to cover my basic needs	14%	11%	9%	14%	16%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	-	3%

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BFB75. Over the next five years, how confident are you that you will be able to improve your standard of living?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Extremely confident	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%
Very confident	14%	16%	25%	11%	10%
Somewhat confident	36%	36%	42%	34%	33%
Not too confident	28%	27%	21%	32%	30%
Not confident at all	14%	12%	6%	18%	17%
Skipped	2%	2%	*	1%	4%
Confident (Net)	56%	59%	74%	50%	49%
Not confident (Net)	42%	40%	26%	50%	47%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Very positive	3%	3%	5%	1%	3%
Somewhat positive	8%	9%	15%	6%	5%
Mix of positive and negative	48%	49%	49%	46%	49%
Somewhat negative	15%	16%	14%	19%	14%
Very negative	23%	23%	17%	27%	25%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	3%
Positive (Net)	11%	12%	19%	8%	9%
Negative (Net)	39%	38%	31%	46%	39%

BFB_GlobalThreats_1. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Artificial intelligence (AI)

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	50%	52%	42%	60%	48%
Minor threat	37%	37%	45%	32%	35%
Not a threat	10%	9%	13%	7%	11%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	6%

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BFB_GlobalThreats_2. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Climate change

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	48%	48%	18%	81%	46%
Minor threat	28%	27%	37%	15%	31%
Not a threat	20%	23%	44%	3%	16%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	6%

BFB_GlobalThreats_3. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Wars and foreign conflicts

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	61%	62%	52%	72%	58%
Minor threat	30%	32%	40%	24%	29%
Not a threat	6%	5%	8%	3%	6%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_GlobalThreats_4. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Terrorism

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	54%	56%	61%	57%	47%
Minor threat	37%	39%	35%	38%	39%
Not a threat	6%	4%	3%	4%	8%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_GlobalThreats_5. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Infectious disease outbreaks

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	43%	43%	26%	61%	42%
Minor threat	44%	46%	56%	35%	43%
Not a threat	10%	9%	17%	4%	9%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	*	6%

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BFB_GlobalThreats_6. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Immigration

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	34%	37%	58%	20%	29%
Minor threat	35%	35%	32%	36%	37%
Not a threat	28%	27%	10%	44%	29%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	*	6%

BFB_GlobalThreats_7. Thinking about some possible threats to the U.S. How much of a threat, if any, do you think each of the following are? Global supply chain and economic ties

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major threat	51%	53%	40%	62%	50%
Minor threat	37%	38%	49%	31%	33%
Not a threat	9%	7%	11%	7%	9%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	*	7%

BFB50. How much, if anything, have you heard about the ongoing military conflict between the U.S. and Iran?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
A lot	47%	55%	49%	53%	42%
A little	43%	39%	45%	42%	42%
Nothing at all	9%	5%	6%	5%	13%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-	4%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Approve	34%	37%	71%	8%	27%
Disapprove	62%	60%	29%	92%	63%
Skipped	5%	3%	*	1%	10%

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

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Go on for an extended period of time	82%	84%	74%	92%	81%
End pretty quickly in a matter of weeks	15%	14%	26%	8%	12%
Skipped	4%	2%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_AI1. How much, if anything, have you heard about the leaders of several artificial intelligence (AI) companies calling for a slowdown of AI development and for the creation of greater oversight and safety standards?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
A lot	26%	31%	26%	29%	25%
A little	43%	46%	46%	44%	41%
Nothing at all	29%	22%	28%	27%	30%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-	5%

BFB_AI2. Do you think a slowdown of AI development would be a good thing or a bad thing for the U.S.?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Good thing	55%	56%	48%	65%	53%
Bad thing	13%	14%	21%	8%	12%
Not sure	30%	29%	31%	27%	31%
Skipped	2%	1%	-	-	5%

BFB_AI3. How confident are you that major AI companies in the U.S. have safeguards in place to prevent AI from causing serious harm to society?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Extremely confident	1%	1%	2%	-	2%
Very confident	4%	4%	8%	2%	2%
Somewhat confident	19%	19%	25%	12%	20%
Not too confident	36%	38%	36%	42%	32%
Not confident at all	37%	37%	29%	42%	39%
Skipped	2%	2%	-	1%	5%
Confident (Net)	24%	23%	35%	15%	24%
Not confident (Net)	73%	75%	65%	84%	71%

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BFB_AI4_1. How much of a role, if at all, do you think each of the following should play in setting rules and safety standards for AI? Officials in the federal government

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major role	54%	55%	48%	65%	50%
Minor role	32%	32%	41%	26%	30%
No role	11%	11%	11%	8%	14%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_AI4_2. How much of a role, if at all, do you think each of the following should play in setting rules and safety standards for AI? Leaders of AI technology companies

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Major role	55%	58%	64%	57%	48%
Minor role	30%	30%	27%	31%	31%
No role	12%	11%	9%	11%	14%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	7%

BFB_AI5. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion, even if neither is exactly right?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
It is more important for the U.S. to ensure that AI is developed safely and responsibly	73%	73%	60%	86%	72%
It is more important for the U.S. to stay ahead of the rest of the world on AI development	23%	25%	39%	13%	21%
Skipped	4%	3%	1%	1%	8%

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BFB76. In general, how often would you say you vote in elections?

	Total (N=1,277)	RV (N=979)	Rep (N=360)	Dem (N=393)	Ind/Other (N=524)
Always	35%	47%	44%	44%	23%
Most of the time	22%	28%	26%	22%	20%
Sometimes	14%	13%	16%	12%	14%
Rarely	9%	7%	6%	8%	12%
Never	18%	4%	8%	13%	27%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	*	4%



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About the Study

This Reuters/Ipsos poll was conducted September 17-20, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,277 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+)
- 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)

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