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A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
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Number of interviews: 1,679

Margin of error: +/- 2.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
Margin of error: +/- 2.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Registered Voters
Margin of error: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Likely Voters
Margin of error: +/- 4.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Republican respondents
Margin of error: +/- 4.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for Democratic respondents
Margin of error: +/- 3.8 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*

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

	Total (N=1,679)	Registered Voters (N=1,280)	Democrat (N=500)	Republican (N=490)	Independent/Other (N=689)
Economy, unemployment, and jobs	23%	23%	28%	19%	23%
Threats to democratic values and norms	14%	17%	21%	10%	10%
Corruption	13%	13%	14%	8%	15%
Immigration	7%	7%	3%	12%	5%
Political violence and extremism	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%
War and foreign conflicts	5%	5%	4%	7%	5%
Healthcare system	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Artificial intelligence (AI)	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%
Crime	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%
Environment and climate	2%	2%	3%	*	2%
Racism and discrimination	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Terrorism and extremism	2%	2%	*	4%	2%
Public health, disease, and illness	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Education	1%	1%	1%	2%	*
Other	7%	8%	5%	8%	7%
Don't know	6%	3%	3%	5%	9%
Skipped	1%	*	*	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	17%	20%	4%	43%	9%
Wrong track	66%	68%	89%	38%	69%
Don't know	16%	12%	7%	19%	20%
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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	13%	15%	1%	34%	7%
Somewhat approve	19%	20%	3%	42%	17%
Lean towards approve	*	-	-	-	*
Lean towards disapprove	*	*	*	*	*
Somewhat disapprove	15%	12%	9%	16%	18%
Strongly disapprove	51%	53%	86%	8%	53%
Skipped	2%	*	-	*	5%
Approve (Net)	32%	35%	5%	75%	23%
Disapprove (Net)	66%	64%	95%	24%	72%

RV. Are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Yes, registered to vote at my current address	74%	100%	82%	89%	58%
No, not registered to vote at my current address	20%	-	15%	10%	31%
Not sure	5%	-	3%	1%	9%
Skipped	1%	-	*	*	2%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Almost certain	32%	43%	35%	43%	23%
Very likely	10%	11%	11%	10%	9%
Somewhat likely	10%	10%	9%	12%	10%
Not very likely	8%	5%	5%	5%	11%
Not likely at all	19%	5%	12%	9%	30%
Already voted	20%	27%	28%	21%	15%
Skipped	1%	*	*	*	2%
Almost certain/Very likely (Net)	42%	54%	45%	53%	32%
Not very likely/Not likely at all (Net)	26%	9%	17%	14%	41%

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TM3287Y24_Combined. **[Base: Likely Voters]** 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? (If Don't Know) Would you say you lean more to the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	Likely Voters (N=1,164)	Dem LV (N=391)	Rep LV (N=410)	Ind/Other LV (N=363)
Democratic candidate/Lean Democratic candidate	53%	98%	5%	54%
Republican candidate/Lean Republican candidate	44%	2%	94%	35%
Candidate from another political party	2%	-	1%	6%
Will not/do not plan to vote	-	-	-	-
Skipped	2%	*	-	6%

TM3287Y24_Combined. **[Base: Registered Voters]** 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? (If Don't Know) Would you say you lean more to the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district where you live?

	Registered Voters (N=1,280)	Dem RV (N=415)	Rep RV (N=441)	Ind/Other RV (N=424)
Democratic candidate/Lean Democratic candidate	50%	96%	6%	47%
Republican candidate/Lean Republican candidate	41%	2%	91%	32%
Candidate from another political party	3%	*	1%	6%
Will not/do not plan to vote	3%	1%	1%	7%
Skipped	3%	1%	*	7%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very enthusiastic	26%	34%	39%	27%	16%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%	19%	18%	20%	10%
Neither enthusiastic or unenthusiastic	31%	27%	24%	31%	36%
Somewhat unenthusiastic	8%	9%	8%	9%	8%
Very unenthusiastic	18%	11%	11%	12%	27%
Skipped	2%	*	*	1%	3%
Enthusiastic (Net)	41%	53%	57%	47%	26%
Unenthusiastic (Net)	26%	20%	18%	22%	35%

BFB65. Thinking about Election Day, which is on Tuesday, November 3. How closely, if at all, do you plan to keep up with the results of the 2026 midterm elections on the night of Election Day?

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Extremely closely	17%	22%	26%	17%	11%
Very closely	18%	22%	22%	20%	13%
Somewhat closely	30%	32%	30%	35%	25%
Not too closely	18%	15%	12%	18%	21%
Not at all closely	17%	9%	10%	10%	26%
Skipped	1%	*	-	*	3%
Closely (Net)	64%	76%	78%	72%	49%
Not closely (Net)	34%	24%	22%	28%	48%

BFB66. **[Base: If Extremely/Very/Somewhat closely in BFB65]** On election night, how do you plan on keeping up with the results of the 2026 midterm elections?

	Total (N=1,112)	RV (N=980)	Dem (N=394)	Rep (N=359)	Ind/Other (N=359)
Television news coverage	61%	63%	64%	61%	55%
Social media coverage	31%	30%	36%	26%	30%
News articles online	27%	27%	31%	20%	29%
Online livestreams	24%	24%	25%	22%	25%
Radio coverage	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

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BFB67. Which of the following emotions best describe how you feel about the upcoming midterm elections?

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Uncertain	27%	27%	26%	28%	26%
Nervous	19%	22%	27%	16%	14%
Optimistic	18%	22%	23%	24%	11%
Don't care	17%	10%	9%	13%	25%
Discouraged	13%	12%	8%	12%	16%
Excited	5%	6%	6%	6%	4%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	3%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	17%	19%	2%	44%	9%
Somewhat favorable	16%	16%	3%	32%	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%	9%	7%	13%	12%
Very unfavorable	52%	54%	87%	10%	55%
I have not heard of them	2%	*	*	*	5%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	*	6%
Favorable (Net)	32%	35%	5%	76%	23%
Unfavorable (Net)	63%	64%	93%	23%	67%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	20%	24%	3%	52%	10%
Somewhat favorable	15%	15%	4%	28%	15%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	12%	9%	9%	18%
Very unfavorable	42%	45%	76%	8%	40%
I have not heard of them	7%	3%	6%	2%	12%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Favorable (Net)	35%	39%	7%	80%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	55%	57%	86%	17%	58%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	18%	22%	3%	47%	11%
Somewhat favorable	15%	15%	7%	23%	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%	18%	19%	14%	20%
Very unfavorable	30%	33%	55%	6%	28%
I have not heard of them	16%	10%	15%	10%	21%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	1%	6%
Favorable (Net)	33%	37%	10%	70%	25%
Unfavorable (Net)	48%	51%	74%	19%	48%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	13%	15%	5%	29%	8%
Somewhat favorable	22%	23%	9%	43%	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%	14%	9%	13%	19%
Very unfavorable	39%	43%	69%	12%	36%
I have not heard of them	8%	4%	7%	3%	13%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	6%
Favorable (Net)	35%	38%	14%	71%	26%
Unfavorable (Net)	54%	57%	78%	25%	55%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	9%	11%	2%	24%	5%
Somewhat approve	16%	17%	3%	37%	11%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	15%	11%	19%	18%
Strongly disapprove	50%	53%	82%	15%	51%
Don't know	7%	3%	2%	4%	12%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	25%	28%	4%	62%	15%
Disapprove (Net)	66%	68%	92%	34%	69%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	24%	28%	3%	60%	15%
Somewhat approve	13%	13%	5%	22%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	12%	8%	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%	44%	77%	6%	41%
Don't know	6%	3%	2%	3%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	37%	41%	8%	82%	28%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	55%	89%	14%	57%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	6%	8%	2%	16%	3%
Somewhat approve	14%	15%	2%	32%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	18%	17%	10%	28%	16%
Strongly disapprove	54%	56%	83%	19%	57%
Don't know	6%	4%	2%	4%	11%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	20%	23%	4%	48%	13%
Disapprove (Net)	72%	73%	94%	47%	72%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	18%	22%	2%	47%	11%
Somewhat approve	16%	17%	8%	28%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	14%	15%	9%	17%
Strongly disapprove	37%	38%	66%	6%	37%
Don't know	12%	9%	8%	9%	17%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Approve (Net)	34%	39%	10%	75%	25%
Disapprove (Net)	51%	52%	81%	15%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	13%	16%	1%	35%	6%
Somewhat approve	14%	15%	4%	30%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	11%	10%	13%	15%
Strongly disapprove	47%	50%	78%	12%	48%
Don't know	11%	7%	7%	11%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	5%
Approve (Net)	27%	30%	5%	64%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	60%	62%	87%	25%	62%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	7%	8%	1%	17%	4%
Somewhat approve	12%	12%	1%	29%	8%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	16%	7%	27%	15%
Strongly disapprove	57%	59%	87%	22%	58%
Don't know	6%	3%	1%	4%	10%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	19%	20%	3%	46%	12%
Disapprove (Net)	73%	75%	94%	49%	74%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	14%	18%	2%	39%	7%
Somewhat approve	12%	12%	1%	24%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	9%	8%	11%	12%
Strongly disapprove	51%	54%	82%	15%	52%
Don't know	11%	7%	6%	10%	15%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%
Approve (Net)	26%	30%	3%	63%	18%
Disapprove (Net)	61%	62%	89%	26%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	11%	13%	2%	27%	6%
Somewhat approve	13%	15%	2%	31%	10%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	10%	16%	14%
Strongly disapprove	50%	53%	80%	16%	51%
Don't know	10%	6%	5%	9%	15%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Approve (Net)	24%	27%	4%	58%	16%
Disapprove (Net)	63%	66%	90%	32%	65%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly approve	7%	8%	2%	18%	3%
Somewhat approve	17%	18%	7%	34%	12%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	16%	12%	17%	16%
Strongly disapprove	40%	42%	66%	11%	40%
Don't know	19%	16%	13%	19%	24%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	*	4%
Approve (Net)	24%	26%	8%	52%	16%
Disapprove (Net)	55%	57%	77%	28%	56%

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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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	19%	22%	3%	48%	11%
Wrong track	65%	67%	88%	36%	67%
Don't know	14%	10%	7%	15%	19%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	35%	39%	8%	79%	25%
Wrong track	50%	51%	84%	11%	51%
Don't know	13%	9%	7%	8%	20%
Skipped	2%	1%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	17%	20%	4%	43%	8%
Wrong track	62%	66%	85%	33%	65%
Don't know	19%	13%	10%	23%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	22%	26%	4%	55%	14%
Wrong track	56%	59%	84%	23%	58%
Don't know	19%	14%	12%	21%	24%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	15%	17%	4%	36%	9%
Wrong track	72%	73%	90%	50%	72%
Don't know	11%	9%	5%	13%	15%
Skipped	2%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	25%	28%	7%	58%	17%
Wrong track	54%	56%	80%	23%	56%
Don't know	19%	14%	13%	18%	24%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Right direction	21%	24%	4%	52%	14%
Wrong track	59%	61%	87%	26%	59%
Don't know	18%	14%	8%	21%	23%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	34%	37%	73%	4%	25%
Republican Party	28%	33%	4%	73%	15%
Other	8%	8%	4%	5%	13%
Don't know	27%	20%	17%	18%	41%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	1%	6%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	40%	44%	82%	8%	31%
Republican Party	24%	29%	2%	66%	13%
Other	9%	8%	3%	4%	17%
Don't know	24%	18%	12%	21%	35%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	1%	5%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	33%	37%	75%	4%	22%
Republican Party	36%	41%	5%	84%	26%
Other	7%	6%	4%	2%	13%
Don't know	21%	14%	14%	9%	34%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	27%	30%	63%	3%	17%
Republican Party	35%	41%	6%	83%	24%
Other	7%	6%	4%	2%	12%
Don't know	29%	22%	26%	12%	42%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	35%	38%	76%	4%	25%
Republican Party	25%	30%	2%	67%	15%
Other	9%	8%	3%	6%	15%
Don't know	28%	22%	17%	22%	41%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%

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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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	39%	43%	80%	6%	31%
Republican Party	27%	32%	2%	72%	14%
Other	8%	7%	3%	5%	14%
Don't know	23%	16%	13%	16%	35%
Skipped	3%	2%	1%	1%	6%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	43%	47%	84%	12%	34%
Republican Party	24%	29%	1%	63%	15%
Other	7%	6%	3%	4%	11%
Don't know	23%	16%	9%	20%	34%
Skipped	3%	2%	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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	35%	39%	75%	6%	25%
Republican Party	33%	38%	5%	80%	22%
Other	7%	6%	4%	2%	12%
Don't know	23%	16%	15%	12%	37%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	5%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	33%	37%	72%	4%	23%
Republican Party	28%	33%	3%	74%	16%
Other	8%	8%	4%	4%	15%
Don't know	28%	21%	18%	18%	41%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	5%

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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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	34%	37%	74%	5%	24%
Republican Party	29%	35%	4%	75%	18%
Other	8%	8%	4%	4%	14%
Don't know	26%	18%	16%	16%	39%
Skipped	3%	2%	2%	1%	6%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	31%	36%	70%	5%	19%
Republican Party	26%	31%	3%	69%	15%
Other	10%	9%	5%	5%	17%
Don't know	30%	23%	20%	20%	43%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	6%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	42%	47%	80%	13%	33%
Republican Party	24%	29%	2%	64%	13%
Other	6%	5%	2%	3%	12%
Don't know	25%	18%	14%	20%	36%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	6%

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=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Democratic Party	23%	25%	52%	4%	14%
Republican Party	21%	25%	4%	55%	11%
Other	9%	9%	5%	4%	15%
Don't know	44%	40%	38%	37%	54%
Skipped	3%	1%	2%	1%	5%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	5%	5%	2%	10%	2%
Somewhat favorable	28%	28%	19%	49%	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	36%	37%	39%	30%	37%
Very unfavorable	26%	27%	36%	9%	29%
Skipped	6%	3%	3%	2%	10%
Favorable (Net)	33%	33%	22%	59%	23%
Unfavorable (Net)	62%	65%	75%	39%	67%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	5%	5%	2%	10%	3%
Somewhat favorable	27%	27%	17%	50%	19%
Somewhat unfavorable	35%	37%	42%	28%	36%
Very unfavorable	27%	28%	36%	10%	32%
Skipped	6%	3%	3%	2%	10%
Favorable (Net)	32%	32%	19%	60%	22%
Unfavorable (Net)	62%	65%	77%	38%	68%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	9%	10%	3%	20%	6%
Somewhat favorable	32%	33%	19%	53%	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	29%	30%	36%	19%	31%
Very unfavorable	24%	25%	40%	5%	24%
Skipped	6%	3%	2%	3%	10%
Favorable (Net)	41%	43%	22%	74%	34%
Unfavorable (Net)	53%	54%	76%	24%	56%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	8%	9%	6%	14%	5%
Somewhat favorable	37%	38%	38%	44%	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%	31%	33%	26%	32%
Very unfavorable	19%	19%	20%	14%	21%
Skipped	6%	3%	3%	2%	10%
Favorable (Net)	45%	46%	44%	58%	36%
Unfavorable (Net)	50%	51%	53%	40%	54%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very favorable	8%	8%	7%	10%	6%
Somewhat favorable	42%	45%	42%	53%	35%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%	31%	35%	26%	30%
Very unfavorable	14%	12%	12%	9%	18%
Skipped	6%	4%	4%	2%	10%
Favorable (Net)	50%	54%	49%	63%	42%
Unfavorable (Net)	44%	43%	46%	34%	48%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very strong economy	6%	7%	2%	14%	4%
Somewhat strong economy	25%	26%	11%	47%	20%
Somewhat weak economy	40%	40%	45%	31%	42%
Very weak economy	27%	27%	41%	7%	29%
Skipped	3%	1%	1%	1%	5%
Strong economy (Net)	31%	33%	13%	61%	24%
Weak economy (Net)	67%	67%	86%	38%	71%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
I have enough money to live comfortably	26%	30%	23%	36%	20%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, and still have a little left over	34%	35%	32%	37%	34%
I have enough money to cover my basic needs, but don't have any left over	27%	25%	30%	19%	29%
I do not have enough money to cover my basic needs	12%	10%	14%	7%	15%
Skipped	1%	1%	*	1%	2%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Extremely confident	7%	7%	4%	9%	7%
Very confident	15%	17%	12%	28%	9%
Somewhat confident	35%	36%	36%	37%	33%
Not too confident	29%	27%	35%	20%	30%
Not confident at all	13%	11%	13%	5%	19%
Skipped	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Confident (Net)	57%	61%	52%	75%	49%
Not confident (Net)	41%	38%	48%	24%	48%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Very positive	3%	3%	2%	7%	2%
Somewhat positive	7%	8%	5%	12%	6%
Mix of positive and negative	53%	54%	50%	57%	53%
Somewhat negative	17%	16%	19%	13%	18%
Very negative	18%	18%	23%	11%	19%
Skipped	2%	1%	*	1%	3%
Positive (Net)	11%	11%	7%	19%	8%
Negative (Net)	35%	34%	42%	24%	37%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
A lot	45%	53%	49%	49%	39%
A little	44%	41%	43%	45%	43%
Nothing at all	10%	6%	7%	6%	15%
Skipped	1%	1%	1%	*	3%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Approve	33%	36%	8%	72%	25%
Disapprove	62%	61%	91%	25%	65%
Skipped	6%	3%	1%	3%	10%

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

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Go on for an extended period of time	79%	82%	91%	67%	79%
End pretty quickly in a matter of weeks	16%	16%	7%	31%	12%
Skipped	5%	2%	2%	1%	9%

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BFB68_1. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The U.S. economy is rigged to advantage the rich and powerful

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly agree	44%	44%	66%	15%	46%
Somewhat agree	29%	30%	25%	37%	28%
Somewhat disagree	14%	14%	5%	27%	12%
Strongly disagree	8%	10%	3%	19%	6%
Skipped	4%	2%	2%	2%	8%
Agree (Net)	73%	74%	90%	52%	74%
Disagree (Net)	23%	24%	8%	46%	18%

BFB68_2. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? Traditional parties and politicians don't care about people like me

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly agree	35%	34%	36%	21%	42%
Somewhat agree	40%	43%	44%	45%	35%
Somewhat disagree	16%	17%	14%	25%	11%
Strongly disagree	5%	4%	3%	8%	4%
Skipped	4%	2%	2%	2%	8%
Agree (Net)	75%	77%	80%	66%	77%
Disagree (Net)	21%	21%	18%	33%	15%

BFB68_3. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? The political and economic elite don’t care about hard-working people

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly agree	45%	46%	59%	23%	48%
Somewhat agree	33%	35%	30%	42%	30%
Somewhat disagree	12%	12%	6%	23%	9%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	3%	9%	5%
Skipped	4%	2%	2%	2%	8%
Agree (Net)	78%	81%	89%	66%	78%
Disagree (Net)	18%	17%	9%	32%	14%

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BFB68_4. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? When jobs are scarce, employers should prioritize hiring people of this country over immigrants

	Total (N=1,679)	RV (N=1,280)	Dem (N=500)	Rep (N=490)	Ind/Other (N=689)
Strongly agree	34%	37%	18%	58%	31%
Somewhat agree	29%	30%	30%	26%	31%
Somewhat disagree	21%	21%	33%	10%	20%
Strongly disagree	10%	10%	17%	5%	8%
Skipped	5%	2%	2%	2%	9%
Agree (Net)	64%	67%	48%	83%	63%
Disagree (Net)	31%	31%	50%	14%	28%

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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 2026 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 2.4 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 1.03. 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.

The likely voter weight supports estimates for the population of likely 2026 midterm voters nationwide. The weight is applied to respondents who are registered to vote and express an intention to vote (or already voted) in the midterm election. The likely voter weight aligns this set of respondents to likely voter targets from the L2 national registered voter file and the 2022 Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement. The set of weighting variables includes age, gender, region, race/ethnicity, education, and county voting history (2016, 2020, 2024).

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