

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From April 18 to 21, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,171 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ± 3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,171 unless otherwise specified.

[1] Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— Elon Musk

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Very favorable	23	6	10	46	15	31	20	24	19	29	10	26	19
Somewhat favorable	19	7	16	31	17	20	17	19	20	16	11	21	12
Somewhat unfavorable	12	10	16	11	12	11	17	9	14	8	17	10	13
Very unfavorable	42	71	50	9	47	35	38	43	40	44	54	37	48
Haven't heard enough to say	6	6	9	3	9	3	7	5	7	3	8	5	7
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	42	13	26	77	32	51	37	43	39	45	21	47	31
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	54	81	66	20	59	46	55	52	54	52	71	47	61
FAVORABLE (NET)	-12	-68	-40	+57	-27	+5	-18	-9	-15	-7	-50	0	-30
Weighted N	1,171	419	298	454	625	546	398	773	754	417	127	834	156

[2] To serve as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Elon Musk has been designated as a "special government employee" by President Trump, which exempts him from the usual conflict of interest laws that other government employees must follow. For example, Musk would otherwise be required to divest from his for-profit companies.

According to the law, special government employees can only serve for 130 days in a given year. This means that according to the law, Musk can only serve in the U.S. government until May 30, 2025.

Knowing this, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

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The Trump administration should comply with the law and have Musk resign as head of DOGE by May 30	62	80	74	38	66	58	59	64	59	68	69	61	61
The Trump administration should find a way to keep Musk as head of DOGE past May 30	28	10	15	53	22	35	30	27	28	29	18	30	29
Don't know	10	9	11	9	12	7	11	9	13	3	13	9	10
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[3] Some people say that Elon Musk should be removed from his government position immediately, arguing that he has used his role to benefit his own companies and violated ethics rules.

Other people say that Musk is helping improve how government agencies work and should be allowed to continue in the role and lend his expertise, while still serving as an executive at his companies.

Do you support or oppose removing Elon Musk from his government position immediately?

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Strongly support	43	62	46	23	44	42	36	46	39	50	37	43	48
Somewhat support	13	11	19	11	13	13	22	8	13	13	18	11	16
Somewhat oppose	15	8	15	22	16	13	20	12	18	9	18	15	10
Strongly oppose	25	14	15	40	21	29	17	28	24	26	20	27	22
Don't know	5	5	5	4	6	3	4	5	6	2	6	4	4
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	56	73	65	34	57	55	58	54	52	63	55	54	64
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	40	22	30	62	37	42	37	40	42	35	38	42	32
SUPPORT (NET)	+16	+51	+35	-28	+20	+13	+21	+14	+10	+28	+17	+12	+32
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