

Strength In Numbers/Verasight Poll, October 2025 Topline Document

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Methodology overview:

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The data are weighted to match the August 2025 Current Population Survey on age, race/ethnicity, sex, income, education, region, and metropolitan status. In addition, weights are calibrated to benchmarks of a running three-year average of partianship distributions from the Pew Research Center NPORS benchmarking surveys, and population benchmarks of 2024 vote. The margin of sampling error is $\pm 1.5\%$.

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Topline results

Generic ballot

Table 1: If the 2026 general election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate would you be more likely to vote for in your local Congressional district? *Pushes leaners.

	Margin of		
Response	Percent	Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party candidate	46	2.5	732
The Republican Party candidate	39	2.5	612
Don't know	15	1.9	223

Generic ballot - "Would definitely" or "very likely to" vote

Table 2: If the 2026 general election for Congress were held today, which party's candidate would you be more likely to vote for in your local Congressional district? *Pushes leaners.

	Margin of		
Response	Percent	Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party candidate	49	2.7	667
The Republican Party candidate	41	2.7	560
Don't know	10	1.7	125

Q4 and Q5 held for future release

Right track/wrong track

Table 3: Generally speaking, do you think the United States today is [Field-q6_text1], or is it [Field-q6_text2]?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Right track	30	2.3	472
Wrong track	62	2.5	966
Don't know	8	1.4	129

Trust to handle issues

Table 4: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Jobs and the economy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	44	2.5	707
Republican Party	42	2.5	659
Don't know	14	1.8	201

Table 5: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Prices/inflation

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	44	2.5	703
Republican Party	39	2.5	616
Don't know	17	2	248

Table 6: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Trade with other countries

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	45	2.5	722
Republican Party	39	2.5	620
Don't know	16	1.9	225

Table 7: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Foreign policy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	42	2.5	672
Republican Party	41	2.5	655
Don't know	16	1.9	240

Table 8: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Immigration

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	39	2.5	615
Republican Party	48	2.5	756
Don't know	13	1.8	196

Table 9: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Border security

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	31	2.3	492
Republican Party	55	2.5	866
Don't know	14	1.8	209

Table 10: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Deportations

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	36	2.4	566
Republican Party	49	2.5	779
Don't know	15	1.9	222

Table 11: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	51	2.5	813
Republican Party	36	2.4	561
Don't know	13	1.8	193

Table 12: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Health care

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	53	2.5	850
Republican Party	32	2.4	514
Don't know	14	1.8	203

Table 13: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Government funding and social programs

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	53	2.5	840
Republican Party	33	2.4	530
Don't know	14	1.8	197

Table 14: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the [Field-q7_text1] or the [Field-q7_text2] will do a better job at handling: - Crime and public safety

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Democratic Party	38	2.5	597
Republican Party	48	2.5	748
Don't know	15	1.8	222

Most important problem and priorities

Table 15: In your opinion, what is the most important problem facing the country today?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Jobs and the economy	18	1.9	275
Prices/inflation	30	2.3	455
Trade with other countries	3	0.8	43
Foreign policy	2	0.6	26
Immigration	7	1.3	112
Border security	3	0.9	48
Deportations	3	0.8	39

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Education	3	0.9	41
Health care	11	1.5	180
Government funding and social	13	1.7	207
programs Crime and public safety	9	1.4	141

Trust to handle most important problem:

Table 16: Which political party do you think will do a better job handling [QID192-ChoiceGroup-SelectedChoices]?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	46	2.5	734
The Republican Party	39	2.5	610
Don't know	15	1.9	223

Table 17: Now, thinking about the parties' position on all these issues, which issue do you think the Democratic Party generally cares most about?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Jobs and the economy	9	1.5	136
Prices/inflation	6	1.3	92
Trade with other countries	3	0.9	44
Foreign policy	3	0.9	46
Immigration	8	1.4	120
Border security	1	0.7	19
Deportations	4	1	70
Education	3	0.9	44
Health care	22	2.1	354
Government funding and social	38	2.4	611
programs			
Crime and public safety	2	0.8	31

Table 18: Which issue do you think the Republican Party generally cares most about?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Jobs and the economy	12	1.6	187

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Prices/inflation	4	1.1	60
Trade with other countries	6	1.2	85
Foreign policy	4	1	62
Immigration	20	2	306
Border security	14	1.8	231
Deportations	25	2.2	404
Education	1	0.6	18
Health care	2	0.8	25
Government funding and social	4	1	56
programs			
Crime and public safety	8	1.4	133

Trump approval

Table 19: Do you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	24	2.1	389
Somewhat approve	17	2	260
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	154
Strongly disapprove	46	2.5	725
Don't know	3	0.9	39

Table 20: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Jobs and the economy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	22	2.1	347
Somewhat approve	18	2	285
Somewhat disapprove	13	1.7	193
Strongly disapprove	42	2.5	661
Don't know	6	1.3	81

Table 21: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Prices/inflation

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	18	1.9	288
Somewhat approve	16	1.9	259
Somewhat disapprove	15	1.8	225
Strongly disapprove	46	2.5	729
Don't know	5	1.1	66

Table 22: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Trade with other countries

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	23	2.1	369
Somewhat approve	16	1.9	244
Somewhat disapprove	12	1.7	179
Strongly disapprove	43	2.5	689
Don't know	6	1.3	86

Table 23: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Foreign policy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	26	2.2	420
Somewhat approve	16	1.9	248
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	170
Strongly disapprove	39	2.5	626
Don't know	7	1.4	103

Table 24: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Immigration

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	32	2.4	512
Somewhat approve	14	1.8	216
Somewhat disapprove	9	1.5	143
Strongly disapprove	39	2.5	628

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Don't know	5	1.2	68

Table 25: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Border security

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	36	2.4	576
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	254
Somewhat disapprove	7	1.3	113
Strongly disapprove	35	2.4	549
Don't know	5	1.2	75

Table 26: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Deportations

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	31	2.3	497
Somewhat approve	14	1.8	215
Somewhat disapprove	9	1.5	129
Strongly disapprove	41	2.5	657
Don't know	5	1.2	69

Table 27: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	21	2.1	343
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	264
Somewhat disapprove	12	1.6	175
Strongly disapprove	42	2.5	678
Don't know	7	1.4	107

Table 28: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Health care

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	18	1.9	286
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	261
Somewhat disapprove	12	1.7	182
Strongly disapprove	44	2.5	709
Don't know	9	1.5	129

Table 29: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Government funding and social programs

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	20	2	328
Somewhat approve	16	1.9	246
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	150
Strongly disapprove	47	2.5	755
Don't know	6	1.3	88

Table 30: For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you Approve or Disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling: - Crime and public safety

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	29	2.3	458
Somewhat approve	18	1.9	278
Somewhat disapprove	9	1.5	137
Strongly disapprove	37	2.4	599
Don't know	7	1.3	95

Table 31: Trump approval by issue, collapsed approve/disapprove

issue	Total approve	Total disapprove	Net
Prices/inflation	35	61	-26
Government funding and social	36	58	-22
programs			
Health care	35	56	-21
Trade with other countries	39	55	-16

issue	Total approve	Total disapprove	Net
Education	39	54	-15
Jobs and the economy	40	54	-14
Foreign policy	42	50	-8
Deportations	45	50	-5
Immigration	46	49	-3
Crime and public safety	47	47	0
Border security	53	42	11

Table 32: In general, do you think Donald Trump is doing enough to achieve the economic promises he made during the 2024 presidential campaign, or has he not done enough on issues like prices and the jobs market?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Trump has achieved his goals on	25	2.2	390
the economy Trump has not achieved his goals	63	2.5	1000
on the economy Don't know	12	1.7	177

News

Table 33: Would you say that you follow political news...

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
All the time	27	2.2	442
Most of the time	38	2.5	604
Sometimes	30	2.4	442
Never	6	1.3	79

Table 34: Which of the following is your main source of political news? (Select one)

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Social media or podcasts	19	2.1	277
Online news, news aggregators, or	16	1.8	251
newsletters			
Local TV news or newspapers	14	1.8	214

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Fox News	11	1.6	177
ABC News	4	1	70
Friends or family	3	0.9	42
NPR or PBS	3	0.8	46
CNN	5	1.1	77
CBS News	2	0.8	36
NBC News	2	0.7	35
National newspapers (New York	5	1.1	92
Times, Wall Street Journal, USA			
Today, Washington Post)			
Conservative media	2	0.7	33
MSNBC	3	0.9	56
The Associated Press or Reuters	2	0.6	27
Talk radio	1	0.6	22
Other	4	0.9	59
None of these	4	1	53

2025 elections

Table 35: Thinking about the state elections on November 4, 2025, how closely are you following news about the races around the country?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very closely	25	2.2	408
Somewhat closely	38	2.5	599
Not too closely	24	2.2	372
Not at all	12	1.7	165
Don't know	2	0.7	23

Table 36: Even if you don't live in these states, which party would you prefer to win the elections for governor in Virginia and New Jersey next month? - New Jersey

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Candidate	42	2.5	685
The Republican Candidate	36	2.4	571
No preference	11	1.6	160
Don't know	11	1.6	151

Table 37: Even if you don't live in these states, which party would you prefer to win the elections for governor in Virginia and New Jersey next month? - Virginia

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Candidate	43	2.5	689
The Republican Candidate	36	2.4	565
No preference	11	1.6	162
Don't know	11	1.6	151

Table 38: Would you say the 2025 state elections are mostly about:

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Supporting or opposing Donald Trump and his agenda	38	2.4	619
State and local issues specific to each state	15	1.8	221
A mix of national and state issues	38	2.5	589
Don't know	10	1.6	138

Democracy and presidential powers

Table 39: Next month, residents of California will vote on a new map of congressional districts that will give more seats to Democrats in Congress. Reformers say the new plan is necessary to counter pro-Republican redistricting in other states, including Texas and Missouri.Do you think states should be able to redraw their districts to give more seats to one political party? Or should Congress pass a federal law mandating that state plans are fair to each party?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Yes, states should be able to redraw	20	2.1	298
lines to give one party an advantage			
No, Congress should mandate fair	63	2.5	1014
lines			
Don't know	17	1.9	255

Table 40: Would you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] Congress passing a new law that makes it so U.S. House seats are assigned to each party in proportion to the number of votes they win statewide in each election, as opposed to our current system using single-winner districts?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly support	17	1.9	275
Somewhat support	31	2.4	490
Somewhat oppose	10	1.6	156
Strongly oppose	9	1.4	153
Don't know	32	2.4	493

Table 41: In general, which comes closer to your view of the presidency?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The president should work within	71	2.3	1131
limits, share power with Congress			
and the courts, and compromise with			
other branches of government in			
order to accomplish his goals			
The president should use strong	19	2	291
unilateral action when necessary to			
achieve his goals, even if that means			
consolidating power from other			
branches			
Don't know	10	1.6	145

Table 42: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Executive Order limiting birthright citizenship for certain U.S.-born children (currently blocked by federal courts)

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	30	2.3	481
Oppose	53	2.5	849
Don't know	16	1.9	237

Table 43: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Reviving the federal "Schedule F" rule to make it easier to fire senior civil servants and replace them with political appointees

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	21	2.1	334
Oppose	56	2.5	894
Don't know	23	2.2	339

Table 44: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Ordering mass deportations of undocumented immigrants living in the U.S., without giving people an opportunity to plead their case before a judge

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	37	2.5	588
Oppose	51	2.5	819
Don't know	11	1.7	160

Table 45: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Imposing broad tariffs by using presidential emergency powers rather than through Congress

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	31	2.3	484
Oppose	55	2.5	870
Don't know	15	1.9	213

Table 46: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Directing the Department of Justice to investigate political opponents

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	29	2.3	459
Oppose	54	2.5	868
Don't know	16	1.9	240

Table 47: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Using the Insurrection Act to deploy active-duty military domestically for immigration enforcement

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	34	2.4	542
Oppose	53	2.5	837
Don't know	13	1.8	188

Table 48: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Defying court orders that the president believes are unlawful

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	23	2.2	360
Oppose	60	2.5	957
Don't know	17	2	250

Table 49: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Ordering the military to attack foreign nationals, such as those from Venezuela and other countries that the administration alleges are trafficking drugs, without providing evidence or getting direct authorization from Congress

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	33	2.4	519
Oppose	53	2.5	843
Don't know	14	1.8	205

Table 50: Do you [Field-support_text1] or [Field-support_text2] the following actions taken or proposed by President Trump? - Unilaterally cancelling federal funding for infrastructure and other projects that Congress had already authorized

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	23	2.1	356
Oppose	60	2.5	955
Don't know	17	2	256

Table 51: Which phrase best describes your view of Donald Trump's approach to power?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Trump is a strong leader who is using new tactics and tools of the presidency to accomplish his agenda, but is not violating the principles of the Constitution	30	2.3	487
Trump is acting like a typical president	9	1.5	136
Trump is acting like he is above the law, consolidating power like a king would to achieve his own personal goals and policies, regardless of what other branches of government say	55	2.5	864
Don't know	6	1.3	80

Table 52: Did you personally participate, or do you know anyone who participated, in the "No Kings Day" protests on October 18? (Select all that apply) Yes, I participated in a protest

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	89	1.6	1391
Yes, I participated in a protest	11	1.6	176

Table 53: Did you personally participate, or do you know anyone who participated, in the "No Kings Day" protests on October 18? (Select all that apply) Yes, I know someone who participated

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	73	2.2	1138
Yes, I know someone who participated	27	2.2	429

Table 54: Did you personally participate, or do you know anyone who participated, in the "No Kings Day" protests on October 18? (Select all that apply) No, I did not participate, and I do not know anyone who did

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	36	2.4	572
No, I did not participate, and I do not know anyone who did	64	2.4	995

Full methodology statement

Verasight collected the data for this survey from October 24-29, 2025. The sample consists of 1,567 United States residents ages 18 and above.

All interviews passed all data quality assurance checks, outlined below.

The data are weighted to match the August 2025 Current Population Survey on age, race/ethnicity, sex, income, education, region, and metropolitan status, as well as to a running three-year average of partisanship distributions from the Pew Research Center NPORS benchmarking surveys and population benchmarks of 2024 vote. The margin of sampling error, which accounts for the design effect and is calculated using the classical random sampling formula, is \pm 0.5%.

All respondents were recruited via email from the Verasight Community, which is composed of individuals recruited via random address-based sampling, random person-to-person text messaging, and dynamic online targeting. All Verasight community members are verified via multi-step authentication, including providing an SMS response from a mobile phone registered with a major U.S. carrier (e.g., no VOIP or internet phones) as well as within-survey technology, including verifying the absence of non-human responses with technologies such as Google reCAPTCHA v3. Those who exhibit low-quality response behaviors over time, such as straight-lining or speeding, are also removed and prohibited from further participation in the community. Verasight Community members receive points for taking surveys that can be redeemed for Venmo or PayPal payments, gift cards, or charitable donations. Respondents are never routed from one survey to another and receive compensation for every invited survey, so there is never an incentive to respond strategically to survey qualification screener questions.

To further ensure data quality, the Verasight data team implements a number of post-data collection quality assurance procedures, including confirming that all responses correspond with U.S. IP addresses, confirming no duplicate respondents, verifying the absence of non-human responses, and removing any respondents who failed in-survey attention and/or straight-lining checks. The Verasight data team also reviewed open-ended items to ensure no responses

contained nonsensical, inappropriate, or non-sequitur text. Respondents that completed the survey in less than 30% of the median completion time were removed.

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