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Methodology overview:

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Topline results

Right track/wrong track (new wording)

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Things are going well in America and no major changes are needed	10	1.5	174
Things could be going better	34	2.4	538
Things are going poorly, and major, disruptive changes are needed	52	2.5	819
Don't know	3	0.9	35

Which best describes your view of the direction the country is headed?

Generic ballot

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Republican Party	40	2.5	649
Democratic Party	50	2.5	782
Don't know	10	1.6	135

Generic vote for U.S. House in 2026

demo_vote_reg	Democratic Party	Don't know	Republican Party	Unweighted n
No	35	34	31	165
Yes	52	6	42	1401

Generic vote for U.S. House in 2026

Trump approval

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	19	2	317
Somewhat approve	18	1.9	283

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	149
Strongly disapprove	49	2.5	775
Don't know	3	1	42

Trump job approval rating

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Strongly approve	18	1.9	294
Somewhat approve	20	2	312
Somewhat disapprove	14	1.8	216
Strongly disapprove	43	2.5	669
Don't know	5	1.2	75

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	12	1.6	193
Somewhat approve	19	1.9	304
Somewhat disapprove	15	1.8	222
Strongly disapprove	51	2.5	790
Don't know	4	1.1	57

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	20	2	328
Somewhat approve	16	1.8	255
Somewhat disapprove	12	1.7	183
Strongly disapprove	45	2.5	706
Don't know	7	1.4	94

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	22	2.1	360
Somewhat approve	14	1.8	231
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	169
Strongly disapprove	45	2.5	706
Don't know	8	1.5	100

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	27	2.2	449
Somewhat approve	13	1.7	208
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	154
Strongly disapprove	45	2.5	702
Don't know	4	1.1	53

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	31	2.3	509
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	262
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.5	152
Strongly disapprove	38	2.5	583
Don't know	5	1.2	60

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	27	2.2	445
Somewhat approve	13	1.7	210
Somewhat disapprove	10	1.6	149
Strongly disapprove	45	2.5	712
Don't know	4	1	50

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	17	1.9	273
Somewhat approve	19	2	305
Somewhat disapprove	11	1.6	170
Strongly disapprove	44	2.5	690
Don't know	9	1.5	128

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	14	1.7	217
Somewhat approve	19	2	304
Somewhat disapprove	14	1.8	216
Strongly disapprove	46	2.5	728
Don't know	7	1.4	101

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	17	1.9	271
Somewhat approve	17	1.9	280
Somewhat disapprove	14	1.8	212
Strongly disapprove	46	2.5	721
Don't know	6	1.3	82

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	23	2.1	381
Somewhat approve	18	2	285
Somewhat disapprove	13	1.7	203
Strongly disapprove	40	2.5	622

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Don't know	6	1.2	75

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

issue	Total approve	Total disapprove	Net
Prices/inflation	30	65	-35
Health care	33	60	-27
Government funding and social programs	34	60	-26
Trade with other countries	36	57	-21
Foreign policy	36	56	-20
Jobs and the economy	37	57	-20
Education	36	55	-19
Deportations	41	55	-14
Immigration	41	55	-14
Crime and public safety	41	53	-12
Border security	48	48	0

Trump approval by issue, collapsed approve/disapprove

Trust to handle issues

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	44	2.5	701
The Republican Party	37	2.4	602
Don't know	18	2	263

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Jobs and the economy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	44	2.5	685
The Republican Party	36	2.4	581
Don't know	21	2.1	300

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Prices/inflation

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	45	2.5	712
The Republican Party	37	2.4	604
Don't know	18	2	250

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Trade with other countries

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	43	2.5	678
The Republican Party	39	2.5	623
Don't know	19	2	265

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Foreign policy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	41	2.5	642
The Republican Party	44	2.5	699
Don't know	16	1.9	225

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Immigration

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	34	2.4	528
The Republican Party	48	2.5	777
Don't know	18	2	261

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Border security

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	41	2.5	647
The Republican Party	43	2.5	688
Don't know	16	2	231

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Deportations

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	51	2.5	805
The Republican Party	33	2.4	537
Don't know	16	1.9	224

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	53	2.5	831
The Republican Party	30	2.3	488
Don't know	17	2	247

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Health care

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	51	2.5	814
The Republican Party	32	2.4	524
Don't know	16	2	228

For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Government funding and social programs

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	39	2.5	618
The Republican Party	42	2.5	683
Don't know	18	2	265

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
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For each of the following issues, please tell us whether you believe the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will do a better job at handling... - Crime and public safety

Most important problem

One of top three issues? (Selected by issue)

0 indicates topic was not selected by x% of respondents.

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	59	2.5	920
Jobs and the economy	41	2.5	646

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today? (Please select up to three.) Jobs and the economy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	45	2.5	715
Prices/inflation	55	2.5	851

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today? (Please select up to three.) Prices/inflation

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	91	1.4	1416
Trade with other countries	9	1.4	150

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today? (Please select up to three.) Trade with other countries

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	90	1.5	1392
Foreign policy	10	1.5	174

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Foreign policy

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	78	2.1	1217
Immigration	22	2.1	349

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Immigration

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	88	1.6	1369
Border security	12	1.6	197

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Border security

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	84	1.9	1316
Deportations	16	1.9	250

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Deportations

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	86	1.8	1348
Education	14	1.8	218

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	61	2.5	944
Health care	39	2.5	622

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Health care

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	77	2.1	1204
Government funding and social programs	23	2.1	362

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Government funding and social programs

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
0	78	2.1	1223
Crime and public safety	22	2.1	343

Which of the following do you consider the most important issues facing the country today?
(Please select up to three.) Crime and public safety

Most important problem (single)

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Health care	12	1.6	191
Jobs and the economy	16	1.8	251
Prices/inflation	32	2.4	483
Government funding and social programs	6	1.2	101
Deportations	7	1.3	111
Foreign policy	2	0.7	42
Education	3	0.9	55
Immigration	8	1.4	123
Crime and public safety	9	1.4	130
Border security	3	0.9	55
Trade with other countries	1	0.6	24

which of the following is the single most important problem facing the country today?

Trust to handle most important problem:

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
The Democratic Party	46	2.5	733
The Republican Party	38	2.4	600
Don't know	16	1.9	233

Which political party do you think will do a better job handling [QID13-ChoiceGroup-SelectedChoices]?

Parties in/out of touch

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Don't know	14	1.8	199
In touch	33	2.4	530
Out of touch	53	2.5	837

Do you think the Democratic Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Don't know	15	1.9	218
In touch	31	2.3	498
Out of touch	53	2.5	850

Do you think the Republican Party is in touch with the concerns of most people in the United States today, or is it out of touch?

Words used to describe parties

Democratic Party

Adjective	% Agree	% Neutral	% Disagree
Tough	31	15	54
Weak	48	14	38
Competent	46	11	42
Ineffective	47	12	41

Adjective	% Agree	% Neutral	% Disagree
Principled	49	11	39
Cynical	37	14	49
Empathetic	54	10	36
Cruel	31	8	61
Elitist	43	12	45
Extreme	42	11	47

Does each adjective describe the Democratic Party? (1-10 scale)

Republican Party

Adjective	% Agree	% Neutral	% Disagree
Tough	56	11	33
Weak	32	10	58
Competent	41	9	50
Ineffective	41	10	49
Principled	41	11	48
Cynical	46	11	43
Empathetic	31	9	60
Cruel	51	7	42
Elitist	57	9	34
Extreme	60	10	31

Does each adjective describe the Republican Party? (1-10 scale)

Adding states and SCOTUS justices

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	32	2.3	503
Oppose	36	2.4	578
Not sure	32	2.4	485

Please tell us whether you would support or oppose making Washington, DC its own state?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	51	2.5	806
Oppose	24	2.2	392
Not sure	25	2.2	368

Please tell us whether you would support or oppose making Puerto Rico its own state?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	39	2.5	610
Oppose	32	2.3	526
Not sure	29	2.4	430

The Constitution gives Congress the power to determine how many justices sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, and how long each justice's term lasts. Would you support or oppose a law that expanded the number of justices on the Supreme Court — for example, from 9 to 13 justices?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	65	2.5	1035
Oppose	15	1.8	236
Not sure	20	2.1	295

Currently, justices appointed to the Supreme Court serve for life. Would you support or oppose a law that limited each judge to a shorter term — say, 18 years — so that every president was able to nominate at least one justice to the court?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Support	56	2.5	902
Oppose	24	2.2	368
Not sure	20	2.1	296

The Constitution gives presidents blanket power to issue pardons and clemency to Americans convicted of federal crimes. Recently, presidents have used this power to pardon their friends and allies from past and future potential crimes. Critics of this power say it is an abuse of the spirit of the law, whereas proponents say this is necessary to combat abuses by other branches of government. Do you support or oppose limiting the president's power to grant pardons or clemency?

Consequences of deportations and immigrant rights

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Should appear before a judge	60	2.5	932
Government should be able to deport without a court hearing	29	2.3	475
Not sure	11	1.7	159

Do you think immigrants arrested by the federal government should have the right to appear before a judge before being deported, or should the government be able to deport them without a court hearing?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Should appear before a judge	60	2.5	932
Government should be able to deport without a court hearing	29	2.3	475
Not sure	11	1.7	159

Do you think immigrants arrested by the federal government should have the right to appear before a judge before being deported, or should the government be able to deport them without a court hearing?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Very concerned	36	2.4	571
Somewhat concerned	23	2.2	359
Not very concerned	17	1.9	268
Not at all concerned	15	1.8	253
Not sure	9	1.5	115

Some economists say that deporting large numbers of immigrants could lead to higher prices for food, housing construction, and other services, because immigrants make up a large share of the workforce in those industries. How concerned are you that deportations could lead to higher prices?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Deport unauthorized immigrants even if prices rise	35	2.4	577
Pause to keep prices lower	49	2.5	766

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Don't know	16	1.9	223

If you had to choose, would you rather the government focus on deporting unauthorized immigrants even if it leads to higher prices for food and housing, or pausing deportations to keep prices lower?

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Immigration enforcement and deportations	5	1.1	83
Reducing grocery and housing costs	31	2.4	443
Tax cuts	8	1.3	125
Health care	21	2	338
Veterans' services	5	1.1	79
Social Security	13	1.7	205
Education	5	1.1	85
Public infrastructure like roads, bridges, and internet	9	1.4	144
Policies to combat climate change	4	0.9	64

Hypothetically, if the government had an extra USD 75 billion to spend, which of the following issues would be your top priority?

Composition of sample

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
White	59	2.5	1005
Hispanic	19	2.1	255
Black	12	1.8	156
Other	5	1.1	69
AAPI	5	1.1	81

Race/Ethnicity

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
65+	21	2	376

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
45-64	35	2.4	573
18-29	20	2.1	284
30-44	24	2.2	333

Age

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
2-year or associate degree	10	1.5	157
4-year or bachelor degree	23	2	427
High school graduate or GED	34	2.5	429
Post-graduate degree	13	1.6	237
Some college, no degree	16	1.8	268
Some high school or less	4	1.1	48

Education

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Republican	31	2.3	495
Independent	39	2.5	591
Democrat	30	2.3	480

Party ID

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Republican	40	2.5	642
Independent	17	2	240
Democrat	43	2.5	684

Party ID (leaned)

Response	Percent	Margin of Error	Unweighted n
Trump	48	2.8	632
Other	6	1.3	71
Harris	46	2.8	615

2024 presidential vote

Full methodology statement

[Verasight](#) collected the data for this survey from Feb 18-20, 2026. The sample consists of 1,566 United States residents ages 18 and above.

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

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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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