



INDEPENDENT CENTER

2025 Nationwide Online Survey of (n1200) Adults

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Independent Center 2025 Nationwide Online Governmental Sentiment Survey
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Field Dates: 10/10-16/2025

Adult (n1200) Margin of Error: $\pm 2.83\%$

Registered Voter (n1000) (RV) Margin of Error: $\pm 3.1\%$

SCREENER SECTION

You have been selected to participate in a survey on a confidential basis. This is a rare opportunity to voice your opinions. Your responses will be kept confidential; you are not being asked to buy anything or donate money. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

Screener 1: Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
No	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Party ID: In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a...
(ROTATE 1-7: TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strong Democrat	22%	23%	70%	0%	0%
Not so strong Democrat	9%	9%	30%	0%	0%
Independent leaning Democrat	7%	7%	0%	18%	0%
Independent	25%	24%	0%	65%	0%
Independent leaning Republican	6%	7%	0%	17%	0%
Not so strong Republican	9%	7%	0%	0%	30%
Strong Republican	21%	23%	0%	0%	70%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Screener 2: Are you currently registered to vote?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	83%	100%	84%	83%	84%
No	17%	0%	16%	17%	16%



GENERAL SENTIMENT

BOP. At this time next year, do you think that you will personally be **(ROTATE)** better or worse **(END ROTATE)** off than you are today? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Much better off	17%	18%	14%	10%	28%
Somewhat better off	34%	35%	26%	37%	37%
Somewhat worse off	21%	20%	30%	19%	15%
Much worse off	12%	12%	15%	12%	8%
Unsure	16%	15%	15%	21%	11%
Total Better Off	50%	52%	40%	48%	65%
Total Worse Off	33%	33%	45%	32%	23%

BOA. At this time next year, do you think that America will be **(ROTATE)** better or worse **(END ROTATE)** off than it is today? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Much better off	16%	17%	12%	9%	28%
Somewhat better off	25%	25%	11%	25%	38%
Somewhat worse off	25%	24%	33%	24%	17%
Much worse off	21%	23%	34%	22%	7%
Unsure	13%	12%	10%	19%	9%
Total Better Off	40%	42%	23%	35%	66%
Total Worse Off	46%	46%	67%	46%	25%

PA. Do you **(ROTATE)** approve or disapprove **(END ROTATE)** of the job President Donald Trump is doing? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly approve	23%	24%	6%	14%	52%
Somewhat approve	19%	18%	7%	23%	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	12%	13%	15%	9%
Strongly disapprove	40%	41%	72%	38%	7%
Unsure	6%	5%	2%	10%	4%
Total Approve	42%	42%	13%	36%	80%
Total Disapprove	52%	53%	85%	54%	16%



CA. Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?
(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly approve	10%	11%	7%	5%	20%
Somewhat approve	23%	22%	10%	22%	37%
Somewhat disapprove	26%	26%	30%	26%	20%
Strongly disapprove	30%	31%	47%	29%	13%
Unsure	12%	11%	6%	18%	11%
Total Approve	32%	32%	17%	27%	57%
Total Disapprove	55%	57%	77%	55%	32%

PSY. On the following scale, please indicate where you see yourself politically.

(DO NOT SHOW numeric scale....)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
0 = Progressive liberal / Strong Democrat	9%	10%	25%	3%	1%
1	6%	7%	17%	2%	0%
2	7%	7%	16%	4%	1%
3	5%	4%	8%	5%	1%
4	5%	5%	6%	9%	1%
5 = Moderate Centrist / Independent	31%	29%	20%	51%	16%
6	7%	8%	3%	10%	9%
7	7%	7%	2%	8%	11%
8	8%	8%	2%	5%	18%
9	5%	6%	1%	2%	14%
10 = Staunch conservative / Strong Republican	9%	10%	1%	1%	28%



PSF. On the following scale, please indicate how you see yourself voting in future elections.

(DO NOT SHOW numeric scale....)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
0 = Exclusively vote for Democratic candidates	17%	17%	45%	6%	0%
1	8%	8%	19%	4%	1%
2	5%	6%	9%	6%	1%
3	6%	6%	10%	5%	1%
4	4%	4%	2%	6%	3%
5 = Vote Independent / split ticket	22%	20%	8%	46%	8%
6	6%	7%	2%	8%	10%
7	6%	6%	2%	8%	7%
8	7%	8%	2%	5%	15%
9	6%	6%	1%	3%	17%
10 = Exclusively vote for Republican candidates	13%	12%	1%	3%	38%

PSEO. In the perfect world, where on the following scale, would you like to see America's elected officials stand politically?

(DO NOT SHOW numeric scale....)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
0 = Progressive liberal / Strong Democrat	11%	12%	28%	5%	1%
1	6%	6%	15%	2%	0%
2	6%	5%	13%	3%	1%
3	6%	6%	10%	6%	1%
4	4%	5%	7%	5%	2%
5 = Moderate Centrist / Independent	30%	28%	20%	54%	11%
6	7%	7%	2%	9%	9%
7	7%	7%	2%	8%	12%
8	7%	7%	2%	3%	18%
9	6%	6%	1%	3%	16%
10 = Staunch conservative / Strong Republican	10%	11%	0%	3%	30%



PIP. Please rank the top three most important issues to you **personally**, with '1' being the most important. (RANDOMIZE 1-13)

Rank 1

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Health care	18%	18%	26%	16%	13%
Jobs and the economy	16%	16%	13%	17%	17%
Affordability	15%	15%	14%	17%	14%
Immigration	8%	8%	5%	7%	14%
Free speech and censorship	7%	7%	9%	6%	4%
Taxes and government spending	6%	7%	2%	8%	9%
Government leadership	6%	6%	7%	6%	4%
Abortion	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Energy and the environment	4%	4%	6%	5%	3%
National security	4%	4%	1%	3%	9%
Education	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Police reform and criminal justice	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Social reforms	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%
None of the above	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%

PIE. Please rank the top three most important issues for **your locally elected officials** to focus on, with '1' being the most important. (RANDOMIZE 1-13)

Rank 1

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Jobs and the economy	16%	16%	16%	15%	17%
Affordability	15%	15%	15%	17%	14%
Health care	14%	14%	20%	11%	12%
Taxes and government spending	10%	11%	6%	12%	11%
Immigration	7%	7%	6%	6%	10%
Education	6%	6%	8%	5%	5%
Free speech and censorship	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%
Government leadership	5%	6%	8%	4%	3%
Energy and the environment	5%	6%	7%	5%	4%
Police reform and criminal justice	4%	3%	3%	5%	4%
National security	4%	4%	1%	3%	7%
Abortion	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%
Social reforms	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%
None of the above	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%



PIA. Please rank the top three most important issues for **our national elected officials** to focus on, with '1' being the most important. **(RANDOMIZE 1-13)**

Rank 1

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Jobs and the economy	15%	15%	12%	17%	15%
Health care	14%	14%	16%	14%	11%
Affordability	13%	13%	15%	11%	12%
Immigration	9%	9%	7%	6%	15%
Taxes and government spending	8%	7%	6%	8%	11%
Government leadership	8%	8%	12%	8%	5%
National security	7%	8%	6%	5%	12%
Free speech and censorship	6%	7%	8%	7%	4%
Education	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%
Energy and the environment	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%
Abortion	4%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Social reforms	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Police reform and criminal justice	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
None of the above	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%



FAVORABILITY SECTION

You will now read a list of political officials and entities in the United States. After each, please indicate whether you have a **(ROTATE)** favorable or unfavorable **(END ROTATE)** opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that.

(RANDOMIZE)

F1. Donald Trump

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	26%	27%	5%	17%	59%
Somewhat favorable	18%	17%	8%	22%	24%
Very unfavorable	36%	37%	64%	36%	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%	14%	20%	15%	8%
Never heard of	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Unsure	4%	3%	2%	8%	2%
Total Favorable	44%	45%	13%	39%	83%
Total Unfavorable	51%	51%	84%	51%	14%

F2. The Republican party

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	21%	21%	6%	8%	53%
Somewhat favorable	24%	24%	10%	28%	35%
Very unfavorable	32%	33%	57%	31%	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	16%	23%	18%	5%
Never heard of	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Unsure	7%	6%	2%	14%	2%
Total Favorable	45%	45%	16%	36%	88%
Total Unfavorable	47%	49%	81%	49%	10%



F3. The Democratic party

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	23%	24%	51%	11%	7%
Somewhat favorable	25%	26%	37%	28%	10%
Very unfavorable	24%	24%	4%	25%	45%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%	20%	4%	22%	33%
Never heard of	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Unsure	7%	5%	4%	12%	3%
Total Favorable	48%	49%	88%	39%	17%
Total Unfavorable	44%	44%	8%	47%	78%

F4. A politician willing to work with both sides of the aisle

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	38%	40%	42%	36%	37%
Somewhat favorable	37%	37%	35%	32%	44%
Very unfavorable	7%	6%	7%	9%	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%
Never heard of	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%
Unsure	8%	7%	6%	12%	4%
Total Favorable	75%	77%	77%	68%	81%
Total Unfavorable	13%	12%	12%	14%	11%

F5. JD Vance

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	20%	22%	6%	14%	43%
Somewhat favorable	19%	19%	10%	19%	29%
Very unfavorable	33%	35%	58%	31%	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	11%	16%	11%	7%
Never heard of	9%	6%	7%	10%	8%
Unsure	7%	6%	3%	14%	3%
Total Favorable	39%	42%	16%	33%	72%
Total Unfavorable	45%	46%	74%	42%	16%



You will now read a list of current U.S. Cabinet officials. After each, please indicate whether you have a (ROTATE) favorable or unfavorable (END ROTATE) opinion of each. If you don't know or haven't heard of the subject, please note that.

(RANDOMIZE)

F6. Marco Rubio

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	17%	18%	7%	12%	33%
Somewhat favorable	18%	20%	12%	16%	27%
Very unfavorable	25%	25%	43%	22%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%	12%	16%	15%	8%
Never heard of	15%	13%	13%	19%	13%
Unsure	12%	11%	8%	17%	9%
Total Favorable	35%	38%	20%	28%	60%
Total Unfavorable	38%	38%	59%	36%	18%

F7. Scott Bessent

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	9%	9%	5%	7%	16%
Somewhat favorable	13%	14%	10%	12%	18%
Very unfavorable	14%	15%	22%	14%	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	7%	8%	8%	9%
Never heard of	42%	41%	45%	42%	40%
Unsure	14%	14%	11%	18%	11%
Total Favorable	22%	23%	15%	18%	34%
Total Unfavorable	23%	22%	30%	22%	16%

F8. Pete Hegseth

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	14%	16%	6%	10%	30%
Somewhat favorable	14%	15%	8%	13%	22%
Very unfavorable	26%	28%	43%	24%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	8%	12%	9%	6%
Never heard of	25%	22%	26%	28%	21%
Unsure	11%	11%	5%	16%	10%
Total Favorable	29%	31%	14%	23%	52%
Total Unfavorable	35%	36%	55%	33%	17%



F9. Pam Bondi

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	13%	14%	4%	9%	27%
Somewhat favorable	15%	16%	10%	11%	25%
Very unfavorable	27%	28%	42%	27%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%	8%	9%	10%	7%
Never heard of	26%	23%	28%	28%	21%
Unsure	11%	11%	5%	16%	9%
Total Favorable	28%	30%	15%	20%	52%
Total Unfavorable	36%	37%	51%	37%	18%

F10. Doug Burgum

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	10%	11%	5%	7%	20%
Somewhat favorable	12%	13%	8%	13%	16%
Very unfavorable	13%	14%	18%	13%	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%	9%	6%	3%
Never heard of	45%	43%	49%	46%	41%
Unsure	13%	13%	11%	17%	11%
Total Favorable	22%	24%	13%	19%	36%
Total Unfavorable	19%	19%	27%	18%	12%

F11. Brooke Rollins

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	8%	8%	5%	4%	14%
Somewhat favorable	11%	12%	10%	8%	16%
Very unfavorable	11%	11%	14%	13%	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
Never heard of	51%	50%	57%	52%	45%
Unsure	13%	13%	8%	17%	12%
Total Favorable	19%	20%	15%	12%	31%
Total Unfavorable	17%	17%	20%	18%	13%



F12. Howard Lutnick

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	8%	9%	5%	5%	15%
Somewhat favorable	12%	12%	8%	12%	15%
Very unfavorable	16%	16%	23%	14%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Never heard of	46%	45%	49%	46%	43%
Unsure	12%	12%	8%	16%	12%
Total Favorable	20%	21%	13%	17%	30%
Total Unfavorable	22%	22%	30%	20%	16%

F13. Lori Chavez-DeRemer

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	6%	7%	5%	4%	10%
Somewhat favorable	10%	10%	8%	7%	14%
Very unfavorable	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%	8%	7%	5%
Never heard of	51%	49%	56%	50%	46%
Unsure	15%	15%	10%	20%	14%
Total Favorable	16%	17%	14%	12%	24%
Total Unfavorable	18%	19%	20%	19%	16%

F14. Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	17%	17%	12%	12%	29%
Somewhat favorable	25%	25%	11%	26%	40%
Very unfavorable	33%	35%	59%	29%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%	11%	9%	14%	11%
Never heard of	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%
Unsure	8%	7%	4%	12%	6%
Total Favorable	42%	43%	23%	39%	69%
Total Unfavorable	44%	46%	68%	43%	21%



F15. Scott Turner

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	7%	8%	5%	3%	14%
Somewhat favorable	12%	13%	9%	11%	18%
Very unfavorable	10%	10%	12%	10%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%
Never heard of	49%	48%	57%	49%	42%
Unsure	15%	15%	12%	21%	11%
Total Favorable	19%	20%	14%	14%	31%
Total Unfavorable	16%	16%	18%	16%	15%

F16. Sean Duffy

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	9%	10%	5%	6%	18%
Somewhat favorable	13%	14%	10%	11%	18%
Very unfavorable	15%	15%	20%	15%	10%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	6%	9%	7%	5%
Never heard of	43%	42%	45%	45%	38%
Unsure	13%	12%	11%	15%	11%
Total Favorable	22%	24%	15%	17%	36%
Total Unfavorable	22%	22%	29%	23%	15%

F17. Chris Wright

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	7%	8%	5%	5%	13%
Somewhat favorable	11%	13%	8%	10%	16%
Very unfavorable	10%	10%	12%	10%	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%
Never heard of	52%	51%	58%	52%	47%
Unsure	14%	14%	11%	17%	12%
Total Favorable	19%	20%	13%	15%	29%
Total Unfavorable	15%	15%	18%	16%	12%



F18. Linda McMahon

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	10%	11%	5%	7%	20%
Somewhat favorable	14%	15%	10%	11%	21%
Very unfavorable	19%	21%	31%	20%	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	7%	9%	9%	7%
Never heard of	35%	33%	37%	37%	32%
Unsure	13%	13%	8%	17%	15%
Total Favorable	24%	26%	15%	18%	41%
Total Unfavorable	28%	28%	40%	29%	13%

F19. Doug Collins

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	9%	9%	5%	6%	17%
Somewhat favorable	11%	11%	10%	9%	15%
Very unfavorable	12%	11%	15%	13%	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%
Never heard of	47%	46%	53%	47%	42%
Unsure	14%	15%	10%	19%	13%
Total Favorable	20%	21%	15%	15%	32%
Total Unfavorable	18%	18%	22%	20%	13%

F20. Kristi Noem

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very favorable	15%	17%	6%	10%	31%
Somewhat favorable	12%	13%	7%	11%	19%
Very unfavorable	26%	27%	45%	24%	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	8%	9%	7%	9%
Never heard of	27%	24%	25%	31%	23%
Unsure	11%	10%	7%	16%	9%
Total Favorable	27%	30%	14%	21%	50%
Total Unfavorable	34%	36%	54%	31%	17%



HOMELAND SECURITY

HSR. Based on her performance and qualifications, do you believe Kristi Noem should remain as the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), or should she be replaced? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Should Remain: She is qualified and should continue to lead the department.	33%	35%	15%	28%	59%
Should Be Replaced: She is unqualified and should step down or be removed.	38%	40%	62%	32%	20%
Unsure	29%	26%	23%	40%	21%

HSIL. In general, do you believe the current level of immigration enforcement is... **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Too harsh	44%	45%	71%	44%	16%
About right	31%	31%	17%	24%	53%
Not harsh enough	15%	14%	6%	15%	24%
Unsure	11%	10%	7%	17%	6%

HSIC. When it comes to the actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), do you believe the agency has... **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Gone too far	48%	49%	73%	48%	22%
Acted appropriately	31%	33%	16%	26%	55%
Not gone far enough	10%	9%	4%	10%	16%
Unsure	11%	9%	7%	16%	7%



HSPF. Which of the following should be the primary focus of U.S. immigration policy? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strictly keeping people out who do not have legal authorization to enter and attempting to remove all undocumented immigrants already here.	26%	25%	18%	21%	40%
A balanced approach of keeping unauthorized people out, removing people here without authorization if they are a threat to public safety, and providing legal pathways.	41%	42%	39%	45%	39%
Creating more legal pathways for people to enter and live in the country.	23%	25%	39%	17%	14%
Unsure	10%	9%	4%	17%	6%

DEFENSE

DDRK. Based on his performance and qualifications, do you believe Pete Hegseth should remain as the Secretary of War (formerly Defense), or should he be replaced? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Should Remain: He is qualified and should continue to lead the department.	32%	34%	17%	28%	54%
Should Be Replaced: He is unqualified and should step down or be removed.	37%	39%	59%	32%	20%
Unsure	30%	27%	24%	40%	25%

DDSO. Do you (ROTATE) support or oppose (END ROTATE) changing the official name of the U.S. Department of Defense to the U.S. Department of War? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly support	12%	13%	5%	7%	25%
Somewhat support	17%	17%	11%	16%	27%
Somewhat oppose	18%	17%	17%	18%	18%
Strongly oppose	34%	36%	55%	33%	12%
Unsure	19%	18%	11%	27%	18%
Total Support	29%	29%	16%	23%	52%
Total Oppose	51%	53%	73%	51%	30%



DDNC. The Administration has changed the Department of Defense to the "Department of War" and directed the military to prioritize "maximum lethality" to assert U.S. dominance. Do you believe these moves are (ROTATE) a necessary step to deter adversaries and make the U.S. respected and feared, or is it an unnecessary and counterproductive escalation of rhetoric (END ROTATE)? **(RANDOMIZE 1-3)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Necessary step to assert dominance	30%	31%	12%	23%	60%
Unnecessary and counterproductive	49%	49%	73%	49%	24%
Unsure	21%	20%	15%	28%	17%

DDSL. Do you believe the U.S. is (ROTATE) safer or less safe (END ROTATE) following President Trump and Secretary Hegseth's adoption of the "Department of War" name and its policy of "maximum lethality"? **(RANDOMIZE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Much safer	16%	16%	6%	12%	32%
Somewhat safer	18%	18%	10%	16%	29%
Somewhat less safe	17%	16%	19%	17%	16%
Much less safe	28%	30%	51%	26%	7%
Unsure	21%	20%	15%	30%	17%
Total Safer	34%	34%	15%	28%	60%
Total Less Safe	45%	46%	70%	42%	23%

JUSTICE

JDRK. Based on her performance and qualifications, do you believe Pam Bondi should remain as the United States Attorney General, or should she be replaced? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Should Remain: She is qualified and should continue to lead the department.	32%	33%	16%	27%	55%
Should Be Replaced: She is unqualified and should step down or be removed.	38%	40%	59%	33%	20%
Unsure	31%	27%	24%	40%	25%



JDML. Do you believe Attorney General Pam Bondi is (ROTATE) more or less (END ROTATE) likely to maintain the Justice Department's traditional political independence from the White House, compared to previous Attorneys General? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Much more likely to maintain independence	13%	13%	8%	8%	24%
Somewhat more likely to maintain independence	18%	19%	12%	19%	25%
Somewhat less likely to maintain independence	15%	15%	14%	14%	18%
Much less likely to maintain independence	25%	27%	45%	22%	7%
Unsure	29%	26%	21%	36%	26%
Total More Likely	31%	32%	20%	27%	49%
Total Less Likely	40%	43%	59%	37%	25%

HEALTH

HRK. Based on his performance and qualifications, do you believe Robert F. Kennedy Jr. should remain as the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), or should he be replaced? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Should Remain: He is qualified and should continue to lead the department.	39%	39%	19%	34%	65%
Should Be Replaced: He is unqualified and should step down or be removed.	43%	45%	69%	38%	22%
Unsure	18%	16%	11%	28%	13%

HID. Do you believe the actions of HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., such as removing the CDC vaccine advisory panel and revising vaccine recommendations for healthy children and pregnant women, have primarily (ROTATE) increased or decreased (END ROTATE) public confidence in the Center for Disease Control? **(ROTATE 1-2,2-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Increased public confidence in CDC	25%	26%	15%	21%	41%
Decreased public confidence in CDC	44%	45%	63%	40%	27%
Had no impact	12%	12%	12%	12%	13%
Unsure	19%	18%	10%	27%	18%



HAC. Do you believe that taking acetaminophen (like Tylenol) during pregnancy causes, or significantly increases the risk of autism in children? **(ROTATE 1-2,2-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes, I believe it causes/significantly increases the risk.	31%	32%	22%	28%	44%
No, I believe it is safe and does not cause/significantly increase the risk.	40%	42%	60%	35%	27%
Unsure	29%	27%	19%	37%	29%

HPR. When faced with emerging data suggesting a new health risk, which approach should the government take? **(ROTATE 1-2,2-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Immediately issue official warnings and policy changes based on the potential risk.	33%	33%	28%	28%	43%
Wait for the established scientific consensus to prevent unnecessary public alarm and confusion.	48%	50%	58%	44%	41%
Unsure	20%	18%	14%	28%	15%

VOTER EMPOWERMENT

Moving on...

GMDB. When it is time to draw new Congressional and state legislative district boundaries, who do you believe should be responsible for creating these maps? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
The political party in power	21%	20%	18%	12%	35%
An independent commission	56%	58%	61%	60%	44%
Unsure	24%	21%	21%	28%	21%



GMAD. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "When politicians are allowed to draw their own election district lines to protect their party or their job, they are essentially rigging the election." (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	37%	39%	52%	30%	29%
Somewhat agree	27%	27%	22%	28%	31%
Somewhat disagree	12%	11%	8%	14%	14%
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	5%	5%	10%
Unsure	18%	17%	13%	23%	15%
Total Agree	64%	66%	74%	58%	61%
Total Disagree	19%	18%	13%	19%	24%

GMVS. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Partisan gerrymandering is a threat to the foundation of American democracy because it ensures politicians choose their voters, instead of voters choosing their politicians." (ROTATE 1-4,4-1)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Strongly agree	37%	41%	48%	34%	30%
Somewhat agree	25%	23%	24%	23%	27%
Somewhat disagree	9%	9%	6%	9%	14%
Strongly disagree	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%
Unsure	24%	22%	18%	30%	23%
Total Agree	62%	64%	73%	57%	57%
Total Disagree	14%	14%	10%	13%	20%

GMVM. When one political party draws district lines to ensure their candidates win, how does that make you feel about your own vote? (ROTATE 1-3,3-1)

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
My vote still matters just as much.	24%	25%	22%	19%	33%
My vote matters less, but it still has an impact.	28%	29%	29%	27%	28%
My vote is essentially meaningless.	32%	33%	39%	32%	26%
Unsure	16%	13%	10%	22%	13%



GMUT. Which statement comes closer to your view of why politicians draw electoral district maps to favor their own party? **(ROTATE 1-3,3-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
They are trying to unite the country by strengthening their party's ability to govern and pass a clear agenda.	23%	23%	15%	20%	35%
They are intentionally dividing the country by ensuring extreme views dominate and by worsening the "us versus them" political culture.	56%	58%	73%	50%	44%
Unsure	21%	19%	12%	29%	20%

VES. When independent candidates are called "spoilers" because they prevent a Democrat or Republican from winning, do you believe this is (ROTATE) primarily a problem for you as a voter as your preferred party candidate might lose, or a problem for the two major parties because they should have offered better choices (END ROTATE)? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
It is primarily a problem for me as my preferred party candidate might lose.	19%	18%	23%	13%	22%
It is primarily a problem for the two major parties because they should have offered better choices.	55%	57%	55%	55%	56%
Unsure	26%	24%	22%	32%	22%

CSV. When you think about the potential of independent or third-party candidates in elections, which of the following best describes your first thought? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
A "spoiler": They primarily serve to take votes away from a major party candidate, ultimately helping the candidate they are least aligned with.	32%	34%	39%	25%	34%
A "fresh start": They offer a new, fresh perspective to help America move forward, free from partisan gridlock.	46%	46%	43%	46%	47%
Unsure	23%	20%	18%	29%	19%



BLIV. Thinking about the freedom of every voter to choose, how much would it bother you to hear someone say they voted for an independent candidate who was not aligned with either the Democratic or Republican party? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
It would bother me a great deal	9%	10%	10%	5%	14%
It would bother me somewhat	20%	21%	25%	15%	22%
It would not bother me that much	22%	22%	23%	22%	21%
It would not bother me at all	34%	33%	30%	38%	32%
Unsure	15%	14%	12%	20%	11%

BLV. What do you think of a voter who chooses to vote for an independent candidate because they feel it is a better choice than what the two major parties are offering? **(ROTATE 1-4,4-1)**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
They are being thoughtless.	23%	23%	29%	19%	22%
They are being independent-minded.	61%	62%	59%	59%	64%
Unsure	16%	15%	12%	22%	13%



DEMOGRAPHICS

Now just a few questions to make sure we have a representative sample:

Gender Your gender identification?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Female	52%	52%	51%	57%	46%
Male	48%	48%	49%	43%	54%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Screeners 3: In what year were you born?

Age Range **IF UNSURE OR REFUSED, ASK:** Which of the following categories best describes your age?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
18 to 24	10%	9%	11%	10%	7%
25 to 29	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%
30 to 39	16%	16%	14%	19%	14%
40 to 49	16%	16%	9%	22%	16%
50 to 64	29%	30%	29%	29%	29%
65 or older	22%	22%	30%	12%	26%
Others	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

Ethnicity Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	21%	21%	28%	17%	19%
No	79%	79%	72%	82%	81%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%



Race

And which of the following best describes your racial background?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
White or Caucasian	66%	67%	52%	68%	79%
Black or African American	13%	13%	21%	14%	3%
Hispanic	14%	13%	21%	10%	11%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Native American	2%	2%	0%	3%	2%
Other	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

Ideology:

Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be... **(ROTATE VALUES 1-5; TOP-TO-BOTTOM / BOTTOM-TO-TOP)?**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Very Liberal	14%	16%	34%	6%	4%
Somewhat Liberal	15%	15%	28%	13%	5%
Moderate	34%	33%	25%	53%	21%
Somewhat Conservative	17%	17%	7%	16%	28%
Very Conservative	14%	16%	4%	4%	39%
Libertarian	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Unsure	4%	3%	2%	6%	3%

2024 Vote

For whom did you vote in the 2024 Presidential election **(ROTATE 1-2)?**

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Donald Trump	34%	40%	3%	28%	76%
Kamala Harris	36%	42%	76%	28%	4%
Someone Else	4%	4%	1%	8%	2%
Did not vote	22%	12%	19%	30%	15%
Don't recall	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	0%	4%	1%



Education What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Less than high school	5%	3%	3%	6%	5%
High school graduate	29%	25%	29%	28%	28%
Some college	20%	20%	21%	20%	19%
College graduate with associate or 2-year degree	12%	13%	12%	12%	10%
College graduate with bachelor's or 4-year degree	20%	22%	21%	20%	18%
Post-graduate degree	12%	14%	12%	8%	17%
Technical or vocational school graduate	3%	3%	1%	4%	2%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%

LGBTQ+ Do you consider yourself to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	8%	9%	11%	9%	5%
No	88%	88%	88%	83%	93%
Unsure	3%	2%	1%	5%	1%
Prefer not to answer	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%

Marital Status What would best describe your marital status?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Single or never married	38%	36%	46%	41%	25%
Married	36%	40%	27%	35%	47%
Separated	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%
Divorced	16%	15%	17%	14%	16%
Widowed	6%	5%	8%	4%	8%
Other	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%



Children Do you have children currently living in your household?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	32%	34%	27%	33%	38%
No	66%	64%	73%	64%	61%
Refused	2%	1%	0%	3%	1%

Neighborhood Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as...

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Urban	34%	35%	42%	28%	35%
Suburban	44%	45%	43%	48%	39%
Rural	21%	20%	15%	23%	25%
Unsure	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%

401K Do you invest into an IRA or 401k?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	37%	43%	35%	35%	41%
No	63%	57%	65%	65%	59%

Occupation Please describe your current occupational status.

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Employed (Government)	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%
Employed (Private Sector)	35%	38%	32%	35%	39%
Small Business Owner	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Student	3%	3%	3%	5%	1%
Homemaker	5%	5%	2%	8%	5%
Retired	25%	26%	34%	16%	28%
Unemployed	14%	11%	15%	16%	10%
Other	4%	3%	3%	6%	2%
Unsure	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%



Income We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be...?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Below \$40,000	43%	37%	48%	43%	38%
Between \$40,000 and \$79,999	29%	32%	27%	28%	32%
Between \$80,000 and \$124,999	12%	14%	11%	13%	13%
Above \$125,000	12%	14%	11%	10%	15%
Unsure	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Prefer not to answer	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%

Homeowner Do you currently own (outright/pay mortgage) your residence?

	Adult	RV	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Own (outright/pay mortgage)	55%	60%	52%	49%	68%
I do not own my residence (rent/other)	45%	40%	48%	51%	32%

