

September 2026 National Tracking - Populism

Toplines · Field 8/29/2026 - 9/1/2026

ADULTS

n = 1,106 · MoE ±3.2%

REGISTERED VOTERS

n = 951 · MoE ±3.4%

LIKELY VOTERS

n = 783 · MoE ±3.8%

Q1. To reduce the federal debt, would you rather cut future Social Security and Medicare benefits, cut defense spending, or raise taxes on households earning over \$1 million a year?

	Adults n = 1,106	Registered Voters n = 951	Likely Voters n = 783
Cuts to Social Security and Medicare	13%	11%	11%
Cuts to defense spending	24%	23%	23%
Higher taxes on households earning over \$1 million a year	50%	54%	56%
Not sure	13%	11%	9%

Q2. Which is closer to your view — cutting corporate taxes further is the best way to grow the economy, or corporations already get too many tax breaks?

	Adults n = 1,106	Registered Voters n = 951	Likely Voters n = 783
Cutting corporate taxes further is best for growth	26%	25%	26%
Corporations already get too many tax breaks	60%	63%	64%
Not sure	14%	12%	10%

Q3. Do you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose stronger government action to break up large corporations that dominate industries like technology, agriculture, healthcare, and banking?

	Adults n = 1,106	Registered Voters n = 951	Likely Voters n = 783
Strongly support	29%	30%	33%
Somewhat support	31%	32%	33%
Somewhat oppose	14%	13%	12%
Strongly oppose	7%	8%	8%
Not sure	19%	16%	14%

Q4. Which party is more influenced by big business and wealthy donors — Republicans, Democrats, or both equally?

	Adults n = 1,106	Registered Voters n = 951	Likely Voters n = 783
The Republican Party	41%	44%	46%
The Democratic Party	23%	22%	23%
Both equally	27%	28%	27%
Neither	3%	2%	1%
Not sure	7%	4%	3%

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Combination of online panel and Interactive Voice Response (IVR) survey of adults, weighted to match known demographic and political benchmarks.

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Audience	Unweighted n	Weighted n	Weighting efficiency	Margin of error
Adults	1,106	1,106	87.4%	±3.2% (95% confidence)
Registered Voters	951	951	85.2%	±3.4% (95% confidence)
Likely Voters	783	812	86.0%	±3.8% (95% confidence)