Third Way
National Online Survey

Q.2 In what year were you born?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
18 to 24	7	6	9	11
25 to 29	6	6	8	5
30 to 34	10	12	11	10
35 to 39	9	9	8	8
40 to 44	8	8	9	7
45 to 49	7	7	7	7
50 to 54	8	8	8	7
55 to 59	8	9	8	9
60 to 64	9	9	9	10
65 and over	27	27	25	25

Q.3 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
1st - 11th grade	2	2	2	3
High school graduate	26	28	28	46
Vocational or technical school	3	3	3	5
Some college, but no degree	17	19	17	30
Associate degree	9	9	7	16
4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	28	27	27	-
Graduate school or advanced degree	15	13	16	-

Q.4 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
White or Caucasian	69	78	68	69
Black or African American	12	5	11	14
Hispanic or Latino	12	11	14	13
Asian or Pacific Islander	5	5	6	2
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	0	0	1	1
Other	1	1	1	1

Q.6 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

	Total	**Trump**	**Ind**	**NoCol**
Strong Democrat	23	1	-	20
Weak Democrat	11	2	-	10
Independent-lean Democrat	9	1	29	8
Independent	14	10	45	16
Independent-lean Republican	8	15	27	8
Weak Republican	15	25	-	15
Strong Republican	21	45	-	23
(Don't know/Refused)	-	-	-	-
Total Democrat	**34**	**3**	**-**	**30**
Total Independent	**31**	**27**	**100**	**32**
Total Republican	**35**	**70**	**-**	**39**
Democrat/Lean Democrat	**43**	**5**	**29**	**38**
Republican/Lean Republican	**43**	**85**	**27**	**46**

Q.9 Which of the following best describes your political perspective?

	Total	**Trump**	**Ind**	**NoCol**
Liberal	24	4	14	18
Moderate	41	33	63	42
Conservative	32	61	17	35
Don't know	3	2	6	4

Q.11 Are you currently registered to vote in (STATE)?

	Total	**Trump**	**Ind**	**NoCol**
Yes	100	100	100	100
No	-	-	-	-
Don't know	-	-	-	-

Q.12 Please rate your level of motivation to vote in the November 2026 election for U.S. Congress and other offices on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means you are not at all motivated to vote and 10 means you are extremely motivated to vote.

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
10	47	46	37	43
9	11	12	11	8
8	11	13	11	12
7	9	11	10	9
6	5	5	5	6
5	6	6	10	7
4	2	1	2	2
3	2	1	3	2
2	2	1	2	2
1	1	1	2	2
0	2	1	4	3
(Don't know/Refused)	2	2	3	3
Mean	**8.2**	**8.3**	**7.5**	**7.9**

Q.13 If the November 2026 election for U.S. Congress were being held today, for whom would you vote?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
The Democratic candidate	44	5	36	39
Lean The Democratic candidate	3	1	7	3
The Republican candidate	39	82	25	42
Lean The Republican candidate	3	5	5	4
Other	1	0	2	1
Undecided	9	6	24	11
Total Democratic candidate	**48**	**7**	**43**	**43**
Total Republican candidate	**42**	**86**	**30**	**46**
Democratic cand - Republican cand	**5**	**-80**	**12**	**-3**

Q.15 Generally speaking, do you think that things in the United States are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Right direction	37	71	29	38
Wrong track	63	29	71	62
Right direction - Wrong track	**-26**	**42**	**-41**	**-24**

Q.16 What is the top issue you want your elected leaders in Washington D.C. to focus on?

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Please indicate if you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the following people and groups. If you have not heard of that person or group or are unfamiliar with them, please indicate that.

	Very Fav	Smwt Fav	Smwt Unf	Very Unf	Cant Rate	Never Hrd	Total Fav	Total Unf	Fav-Unf
17 Donald Trump	23	20	11	45	1	0	**43**	**56**	**-13**
Trump '24	47	36	11	5	0	0	**84**	**16**	**68**
Independent	13	23	15	47	2	0	**35**	**62**	**-27**
Non-College	26	21	10	41	1	0	**47**	**52**	**-5**
18 (SPLIT A)[1] The Democratic Party	13	31	22	31	2	0	**44**	**54**	**-10**
Trump '24	2	9	24	63	1	0	**11**	**87**	**-76**
Independent	4	31	35	26	4	-	**35**	**61**	**-26**
Non-College	13	29	19	35	3	0	**42**	**55**	**-12**
19 (SPLIT B) Democrats in Congress	13	28	25	30	4	0	**40**	**55**	**-15**
Trump '24	2	11	24	58	5	-	**13**	**82**	**-69**
Independent	5	26	32	30	7	0	**30**	**62**	**-32**
Non-College	13	26	22	33	6	0	**39**	**55**	**-15**
20 (SPLIT A) The Republican Party	17	26	17	36	2	0	**44**	**54**	**-10**
Trump '24	37	49	11	3	1	-	**86**	**14**	**72**
Independent	7	25	25	38	5	0	**32**	**63**	**-30**
Non-College	20	27	19	32	3	0	**46**	**51**	**-5**
21 (SPLIT B) Republicans in Congress	13	29	20	35	3	0	**42**	**55**	**-13**
Trump '24	26	53	12	5	3	-	**80**	**17**	**62**
Independent	6	27	27	34	6	0	**33**	**60**	**-27**
Non-College	14	31	20	32	4	0	**45**	**52**	**-7**
22 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE	22	21	15	37	4	0	**43**	**52**	**-10**
Trump '24	45	33	11	7	3	0	**78**	**18**	**59**
Independent	18	21	17	37	7	0	**39**	**54**	**-15**
Non-College	24	21	15	33	5	1	**46**	**48**	**-3**
23 The No Kings Movement	25	15	8	27	11	14	**40**	**35**	**5**
Trump '24	4	9	11	51	12	13	**13**	**62**	**-50**
Independent	22	17	8	25	14	15	**38**	**33**	**5**
Non-College	22	11	8	30	12	17	**33**	**38**	**-5**

[1] Respondents were evenly distributed between SPLIT A and SPLIT B.

Q.24 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	Total	**Trump**	**Ind**	**NoCol**
Strongly approve	20	43	13	23
Somewhat approve	23	42	25	23
Somewhat disapprove	12	11	15	12
Strongly disapprove	44	4	45	40
Don't know	1	1	2	2
Total Approve	**43**	**85**	**37**	**46**
Total Disapprove	**56**	**15**	**60**	**52**
Approve - Disapprove	**-12**	**70**	**-23**	**-6**

Q.25 So far, how would you say the first 10 months of Donald Trump's second term have been?

	Total	**Trump**	**Ind**	**NoCol**
Better than you expected	23	46	16	24
Worse than you expected	46	18	48	44
About what you thought it would be	30	35	33	29
Don't know	2	1	3	3

Next is a list of some economic problems that countries occasionally experience. For each item, please indicate whether you believe America is facing this problem today.

	Yes	**No**	**DK**	**Yes - No**
26 High inflation	84	13	3	**71**
Trump '24	75	21	4	**54**
Independent	85	12	3	**73**
Non-College	86	11	4	**75**
27 (SPLIT A) Economy isn't growing	60	30	10	**30**
Trump '24	40	49	12	**-9**
Independent	63	23	13	**40**
Non-College	60	28	12	**32**
28 (SPLIT B) Recession	57	30	13	**27**
Trump '24	40	47	14	**-7**
Independent	56	28	16	**28**
Non-College	58	26	16	**32**
29 Increasing unemployment	66	25	9	**40**
Trump '24	46	43	11	**3**
Independent	67	23	10	**45**
Non-College	64	25	11	**39**

Next is a list of issues. After each, please indicate which party you think would be better at handling that issue - Democrats in Congress or Republicans in Congress.

	Dems Much	Dems Smwt	Reps Smwt	Reps Much	Nei- ther	Both Same	Dont Know	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
30 (SPLIT A) Immigration	23	12	14	33	8	7	3	**35**	**47**	**-12**
Trump '24	1	4	20	65	4	5	1	**5**	**84**	**-79**
Independent	16	14	14	30	13	11	3	**30**	**44**	**-14**
Non-College	20	11	12	38	8	7	4	**31**	**50**	**-19**
31 (SPLIT B) Border security	13	10	18	35	11	9	4	**23**	**53**	**-29**
Trump '24	1	1	20	67	4	4	1	**3**	**87**	**-84**
Independent	8	7	19	32	17	11	6	**15**	**51**	**-35**
Non-College	14	9	17	36	10	10	4	**22**	**53**	**-31**
32 The economy	22	15	15	22	12	11	3	**38**	**38**	**.**
Trump '24	2	3	26	47	11	9	2	**5**	**73**	**-67**
Independent	16	16	14	15	20	16	4	**32**	**29**	**3**
Non-College	22	13	15	24	12	12	3	**34**	**39**	**-5**
33 Tariffs	28	13	13	21	12	7	5	**41**	**35**	**6**
Trump '24	3	6	24	44	11	8	4	**9**	**68**	**-59**
Independent	22	15	12	15	19	9	6	**37**	**28**	**10**
Non-College	24	11	14	25	12	9	6	**34**	**38**	**-4**
34 Crime	15	11	15	27	13	15	4	**26**	**42**	**-16**
Trump '24	1	2	21	54	8	11	3	**3**	**75**	**-72**
Independent	9	8	14	23	21	20	5	**17**	**37**	**-19**
Non-College	16	9	14	29	13	16	4	**24**	**43**	**-19**
35 (SPLIT A) National security	19	10	14	31	10	11	5	**29**	**46**	**-17**
Trump '24	1	3	17	63	6	7	3	**4**	**80**	**-76**
Independent	12	11	15	25	13	16	7	**23**	**40**	**-17**
Non-College	18	7	13	35	10	10	6	**25**	**48**	**-23**
36 (SPLIT A) Health care	33	15	12	16	13	8	3	**48**	**28**	**20**
Trump '24	3	8	25	33	18	9	4	**11**	**57**	**-46**
Independent	27	18	10	8	21	12	4	**46**	**17**	**28**
Non-College	29	14	12	18	14	9	4	**43**	**30**	**12**

	Dems Much	Dems Smwt	Reps Smwt	Reps Much	Nei- ther	Both Same	Dont Know	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
37 (SPLIT B) Medicaid	32	18	9	14	13	9	5	**51**	**24**	**27**
Trump '24	7	12	17	30	17	11	5	**20**	**47**	**-27**
Independent	27	23	7	9	17	11	7	**50**	**16**	**34**
Non-College	28	16	8	17	16	9	5	**45**	**25**	**19**
38 Energy costs	21	15	13	18	15	13	6	**36**	**30**	**5**
Trump '24	3	5	22	37	15	13	5	**8**	**59**	**-51**
Independent	14	16	9	11	24	17	8	**30**	**20**	**10**
Non-College	19	13	11	19	16	15	7	**32**	**31**	**1**
39 (SPLIT B) Social Security	29	16	10	16	14	10	4	**45**	**26**	**19**
Trump '24	4	10	20	32	19	11	3	**14**	**53**	**-39**
Independent	24	14	8	13	22	13	6	**39**	**21**	**18**
Non-College	26	13	10	19	14	11	6	**39**	**29**	**10**
40 (SPLIT A) Inflation	23	12	15	20	14	13	3	**35**	**34**	**1**
Trump '24	1	3	27	41	13	12	3	**4**	**68**	**-63**
Independent	17	12	12	12	21	22	5	**28**	**24**	**4**
Non-College	22	10	14	21	15	14	5	**31**	**35**	**-4**
41 (SPLIT B) The cost of living	26	16	13	17	16	9	3	**42**	**31**	**11**
Trump '24	4	6	25	36	17	10	2	**10**	**61**	**-51**
Independent	18	18	11	10	25	12	5	**36**	**22**	**14**
Non-College	24	13	12	19	16	11	4	**37**	**32**	**6**
42 (SPLIT A) Freedom of speech	31	12	10	22	8	14	4	**43**	**32**	**11**
Trump '24	3	6	19	45	8	16	4	**9**	**64**	**-55**
Independent	27	14	8	15	12	19	5	**40**	**23**	**17**
Non-College	26	10	10	24	9	15	5	**36**	**34**	**1**
43 (SPLIT B) Political civility	23	13	10	15	22	11	6	**36**	**26**	**11**
Trump '24	2	5	20	31	24	13	5	**7**	**51**	**-44**
Independent	16	14	8	11	28	14	9	**30**	**19**	**12**
Non-College	21	11	10	17	21	12	9	**32**	**27**	**5**
44 Stopping political corruption	21	11	10	16	26	12	4	**31**	**26**	**5**
Trump '24	2	3	18	35	26	12	3	**5**	**53**	**-48**
Independent	15	8	8	10	37	15	5	**24**	**19**	**5**
Non-College	18	9	10	19	27	12	5	**27**	**29**	**-1**

Next is a list of some things that have happened in the news recently. For each one, please indicate how much you have heard about that topic: a lot, some, a little bit or nothing at all.

	A Lot	Some	Little Bit	No-thing	Dont Know	A Lot/ Some	Little/ No-thing
45 Republican leadership shutting down attempts to release the Epstein files for months.	46	23	18	10	3	**69**	**28**
Trump '24	28	26	26	16	5	**54**	**42**
Independent	47	22	17	9	4	**70**	**27**
Non-College	43	22	19	12	4	**65**	**31**
46 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, conducting widespread raids of businesses to identify and deport non-citizens.	63	23	11	2	1	**86**	**13**
Trump '24	55	30	12	2	1	**85**	**14**
Independent	63	22	11	2	1	**86**	**13**
Non-College	59	24	13	3	2	**83**	**15**
47 The President and RFK Jr saying that pregnant women taking Tylenol leads to autism in children.	41	29	17	9	3	**70**	**27**
Trump '24	28	35	23	10	4	**63**	**33**
Independent	42	27	18	9	4	**69**	**27**
Non-College	35	29	19	12	4	**65**	**31**
48 The President having the Attorney General fire federal prosecutors who did not bring charges against his political opponents because they did not uncover evidence of crimes.	26	26	20	21	7	**52**	**41**
Trump '24	14	26	22	28	10	**40**	**50**
Independent	25	24	21	22	8	**49**	**44**
Non-College	22	25	21	23	9	**47**	**45**
49 The President tearing down the East Wing of the White House to make space for a new ballroom.	52	25	11	9	2	**77**	**21**
Trump '24	42	32	15	9	2	**74**	**24**
Independent	53	24	11	10	2	**77**	**21**
Non-College	49	24	13	11	2	**73**	**24**
50 The President saying recently, "We have the strongest economy we've ever had."	32	30	20	15	3	**61**	**35**
Trump '24	27	34	22	14	4	**61**	**36**
Independent	29	30	22	16	3	**59**	**38**
Non-College	30	28	20	18	4	**58**	**38**

Q.51 On the next several screens, you will see a series of statements people have made about Republicans in Congress. On each screen, regardless of how you feel about Republicans in Congress, please select the statement that raises the greatest concern for you about Republicans in Congress and the statement that raises the least concern for you about Republicans in Congress. You may see the same statement more than once.

	Mean	Great	Least
Statement 1: Republicans in Congress voted for a budget bill that bankrupts America with $3 trillion in new debt, and bankrupts Americans by raising health insurance premiums and electricity bills, all while giving tax cuts to billionaires.	162.3	10	5
Trump '24	158.5	10	5
Independent	167.2	10	4
Non-College	154.0	9	5
Statement 2: Republicans in Congress voted to slash $1 trillion from Medicaid, threatening coverage for millions of children and hard-working people who can't otherwise afford health insurance, while increasing premiums for other Americans by 20 percent.	196.6	11	3
Trump '24	158.1	9	4
Independent	196.9	11	3
Non-College	199.3	11	3
Statement 3: Republicans in Congress promised they'd reduce costs, but instead they support chaotic tariffs, which are a just a tax on everything we buy, raising prices by $2,400 a year on Americans already struggling with high costs	101.9	8	6
Trump '24	118.7	9	5
Independent	109.0	8	6
Non-College	99.5	8	6
Statement 4: Republicans in Congress are ignoring corruption schemes that enrich politicians, stopping efforts to ban insider trading for members of Congress and taking millions of dollars from corporate special interests seeking to advance their agenda.	78.9	6	8
Trump '24	110.4	8	6
Independent	87.0	7	7
Non-College	84.6	7	8
Statement 5: Republicans in Congress are pushing extreme immigration raids at restaurants, construction sites, and farms, deporting immigrant workers who work, pay taxes, contribute to our communities and haven't committed crimes.	73.8	6	8
Trump '24	51.3	5	10
Independent	73.0	6	8
Non-College	70.2	6	9

	Mean	Great	Least
Statement 6: Republicans in Congress have made the largest cuts to food assistance in history, cutting healthy meals for millions of struggling Americans, including seniors and children who need low-cost school meals to function in school.	198.0	10	4
Trump '24	175.5	9	5
Independent	189.2	10	4
Non-College	209.8	10	4
Statement 7: Republicans in Congress have supported massive cuts to public health funding, including billions of dollars for cancer research, forcing researchers to abandon promising treatments in the middle of clinical trials.	83.8	9	5
Trump '24	90.8	8	5
Independent	86.9	9	5
Non-College	82.5	8	5
Statement 8: Republicans in Congress supported RFK Jr's appointment, rubber-stamping his extreme agenda that undermines public health, making lifesaving vaccines harder to get, and spreading inaccurate information on drug safety.	61.1	5	9
Trump '24	72.0	6	8
Independent	63.5	5	9
Non-College	55.3	5	9
Statement 9: For months, Republicans in Congress refused to release the full Epstein files, denying the public the chance to finally see what investigators uncovered about the late pedophile and his list of powerful clients.	53.4	4	12
Trump '24	66.3	4	12
Independent	57.9	4	12
Non-College	53.9	4	12
Statement 10: Republicans in Congress voted to slash Medicaid, threatening health care coverage for millions of Americans in order to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, one of the biggest wealth transfers in history.	147.1	10	4
Trump '24	118.8	8	5
Independent	141.2	9	4
Non-College	152.0	10	4

	Mean	Great	Least
Statement 11: Republicans in Congress supported firing highly skilled government employees who keep us safe from diseases, nuclear accidents, and natural disasters, making us sicker, weaker, and more vulnerable.	77.9	7	6
Trump '24	82.2	7	6
Independent	80.7	7	6
Non-College	73.7	6	6
Statement 12: Republicans in Congress have cheered on the Trump administration's demolition of the East Wing of the White House to make room for a $300 million ballroom, while ignoring the rising costs hurting millions of Americans.	33.7	3	14
Trump '24	43.7	3	13
Independent	29.9	3	14
Non-College	34.3	3	14
Statement 13: Republicans in Congress refused to negotiate with Democrats to extend expiring tax credits for people using the Affordable Care Act to get health care, which could cause premiums to double for 24 million Americans.	68.5	7	7
Trump '24	57.4	6	8
Independent	59.8	7	8
Non-College	68.3	7	7
Statement 14: Republicans in Congress forced air traffic controllers to work without pay during the six-week government shutdown, delaying and canceling thousands of flights and threatening passenger air safety across the entire nation.	63.0	5	9
Trump '24	96.4	7	7
Independent	57.7	5	9
Non-College	62.6	6	9

Q.52 Recently, the federal government shut down for approximately six weeks while Congress was unable to reach an agreement on funding to continue government operations. How much have you heard about this topic?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
A lot	73	71	73	70
Some	20	22	19	22
A little bit	6	6	6	7
Nothing	1	1	2	2
Total A lot/some	**93**	**93**	**92**	**92**
Total Little/nothing	**7**	**7**	**8**	**8**

Q.53 (IF HEARD)[2] And from what you have heard, who do you think was most to blame for this situation?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Trump and the Republicans in Congress	42	9	39	38
The Democrats in Congress	28	57	21	31
Both parties equally	27	31	36	28
Don't know	2	3	4	3

Q.54 (SKIP IF VOTING REPUBLICAN)[3] As you may have seen, the federal government shutdown came to an end after eight Democratic Senators struck a deal with Senate Republicans to advance spending bills to reopen the government. The deal included rehiring federal workers fired during the shutdown and the promise of a vote in December to extend expiring tax credits for people getting health coverage through the Affordable Care Act. Which of the following statements is closer to your view?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
This was a good compromise by those Democratic Senators to reopen the government, ensure federal workers get paid, provide food assistance to those in need and end the air traffic slowdowns and flight cancellations around the country	44	62	45	44
This was a bad deal that undermined the whole reason for the shutdown. These Democratic Senators caved to Republicans without getting any relief for Americans about to be hit with massive health care premium increases.	41	18	35	38
Don't know	15	21	19	18
Good compromise - Bad deal	**2**	**44**	**10**	**7**

Q.55 (SKIP IF VOTING REPUBLICAN) In your own words, what was your reaction to the deal between the eight Democratic Senators and the Republicans that reopened the government?

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[2] 1979 Respondents
[3] 1150 Respondents

Finally, a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.56 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in another way?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Man	48	55	50	44
Woman	52	45	50	56
Another way	0	-	-	0

Q.57 In the 2024 election for President, for whom did you vote? Your ballot is a secret, and your individual response will remain anonymous.

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Democrat Kamala Harris	44	-	38	38
Republican Donald Trump	45	100	38	48
Another candidate	2	-	5	1
Did not vote	10	-	19	13

Q.58 Last year, that is in 2024, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? This is only for research purposes and your personal information will not be shared with anyone else.

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Less than $20,000	9	8	11	14
$20,000 to under $30,000	10	8	9	15
$30,000 to under $50,000	15	14	16	20
$50,000 to under $75,000	20	22	21	22
$75,000 to under $100,000	16	18	15	12
$100,000 to under $200,000	22	24	20	14
$200,000 or more	6	6	6	1
Prefer not to answer	2	1	3	2

Q.59 On average, how frequently do you read, watch, or listen to news about politics?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Every day	51	50	48	43
A few times a week	34	35	33	37
A few times a month	9	9	12	12
A few times a year	3	4	4	5
Never	2	3	4	3

Q.60 On average, how frequently do you post on social media about politics or other public issues?

	Total	Trump	Ind	NoCol
Every day	9	10	8	8
A few times a week	17	18	15	17
A few times a month	13	13	13	13
A few times a year	13	12	11	12
Never	49	47	54	49