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| Q3. In November of this year, there will be a general election for U.S. Congress and local offices. As things stand now, how likely are you to vote in the November 2026 election or have you already voted? | Almost certain | 67% |
| | Probably | 4% |
| | 50-50 | 2% |
| | Will not vote | 0% |
| | [VOL] Don't know / Refuse to say | 2% |
| | Already voted | 25% |
| Q8. When thinking about elections for Congress, are you more likely to vote for: | The Democratic candidate | 42% |
| | Allocated Democratic candidate | 8% |
| | **Total Democratic Candidate** | **50%** |
| | The Republican candidate | 39% |
| | Allocated Republican candidate | 11% |
| | **Total Republican Candidate** | **50%** |
| | Depends (unallocated) | 0% |
| | Neither (unallocated) | 0% |
| | [VOL] Don't know (unallocated) | 0% |
| Q9. Would you say you are definitely voting for the Democratic candidate or could you still change your mind? | Definitely supporting the Democratic candidate | 40% |
| | Could still change mind | 2% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 0% |
| | *Not supporting the Democratic candidate* | *58%* |
| Q9. Would you say you are definitely voting for the Republican candidate or could you still change your mind? | Definitely supporting the Republican candidate | 37% |
| | Could still change mind | 3% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 0% |
| | *Not supporting the Republican candidate* | *61%* |
| Q10. And when did you make up your mind about voting for [CHOICE FROM Q8]? **[ASKED IF PUNCH 1-2 IN Q8; N=813]** | Within the last week or two | 2% |
| | Earlier in October | 2% |
| | In September | 2% |
| | Over the summer | 9% |
| | Earlier this year | 22% |
| | I always vote for the Democratic candidate / the Republican candidate / It was never in doubt | 57% |
| | [VOL] Haven't fully decided | 1% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 5% |

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| Q11. Which TWO of the following do you feel is the most important issue that Congress should make a top priority? **[TWO RESPONSES ACCEPTED]** | Jobs and the economy | 18% |
| | Inflation and the cost of living | 32% |
| | Threats to democracy | 17% |
| | Crime and public safety | 7% |
| | Ending the Iran War | 15% |
| | Immigration and border security | 23% |
| | Healthcare | 14% |
| | Transgender issues | 4% |
| | Abortion | 5% |
| | Climate change and the environment | 5% |
| | Taxes | 8% |
| | Government corruption | 30% |
| | Housing | 4% |
| | Artificial intelligence and data centers | 6% |
| | Eliminating Trump's tariffs | 5% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q12. And thinking about the November election, do you feel that this election is: | More important than most elections you vote in | 67% |
| | Same importance as most elections you vote in | 30% |
| | Less important than most elections you vote in | 2% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q13. Thinking ahead to the 2028 election for president, if you had to decide today, would you be more likely to vote for: | Definitely the Democratic candidate | 30% |
| | Probably the Democratic candidate | 13% |
| | **Total The Democratic Candidate** | **42%** |
| | Probably the Republican candidate | 13% |
| | Definitely the Republican candidate | 29% |
| | **Total The Republican Candidate** | **42%** |
| | [VOL] Someone else / third party | 2% |
| | [VOL] Depends | 9% |
| | [VOL] Will not vote | 1% |
| | [VOL] Undecided | 3% |

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Q14. Here are some names of people and groups active in politics. For each one, please indicate whether you have a very favorable view, somewhat favorable view, somewhat unfavorable view, or very unfavorable view of them. If you have never heard of them, or cannot rate them, please indicate that.

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|---|---|---|
| Q14_1. Donald Trump | Very Fav | 27% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 16% |
| | **Total Fav** | **43%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 6% |
| | Very Unfav | 49% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **55%** |
| | Name ID | 98% |
| | Can't Rate | 2% |
| Q14_2. Democratic incumbent **[ASKED IF DEM INCUMBENT DISTRICT; N=290]*** | Very Fav | 18% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 20% |
| | **Total Fav** | **38%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 14% |
| | Very Unfav | 24% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **38%** |
| | Name ID | 76% |
| | Can't Rate | 24% |
| Q14_3. Republican challenger **[ASKED IF NOT GOP INCUMBENT RUNNING DISTRICT; N=507]*** | Very Fav | 12% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 19% |
| | **Total Fav** | **31%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 11% |
| | Very Unfav | 17% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **28%** |
| | Name ID | 59% |
| | Can't Rate | 41% |
| Q14_4. Democratic challenger **[ASKED IF NOT DEM INCUMBENT RUNNING DISTRICT; N=711]*** | Very Fav | 17% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 20% |
| | **Total Fav** | **37%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 8% |
| | Very Unfav | 21% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **29%** |
| | Name ID | 66% |
| | Can't Rate | 34% |
| Q14_5. Republican incumbent **[ASKED IF GOP INCUMBENT DISTRICT; N=494]*** | Very Fav | 18% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 19% |
| | **Total Fav** | **37%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 12% |
| | Very Unfav | 37% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **48%** |
| | Name ID | 86% |
| | Can't Rate | 14% |

***Asked named incumbent for each district**

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| Q14_6. The Democratic Party | Very Fav | 16% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 28% |
| | **Total Fav** | **44%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 12% |
| | Very Unfav | 40% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **52%** |
| | Name ID | 96% |
| | Can't Rate | 4% |
| Q14_7. The Republican Party | Very Fav | 21% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 23% |
| | **Total Fav** | **44%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 13% |
| | Very Unfav | 40% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **53%** |
| | Name ID | 97% |
| | Can't Rate | 3% |
| Q14_8. Pete Hegseth | Very Fav | 22% |
| | Somewhat Fav | 14% |
| | **Total Fav** | **36%** |
| | Somewhat Unfav | 4% |
| | Very Unfav | 41% |
| | **Total Unfav** | **46%** |
| | Name ID | 82% |
| | Can't Rate | 18% |

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Q15. If you had to describe the following on a 0 to 10 scale, 0 being completely liberal, 10 being completely conservative, and 5 being the middle, where would you place:

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| Q15_1. Yourself | 0 - Completely liberal | 6% |
| | 1 | 2% |
| | 2 | 5% |
| | 3 | 6% |
| | 4 | 7% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 24% |
| | 6 | 8% |
| | 7 | 11% |
| | 8 | 11% |
| | 9 | 4% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 15% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 1% |
| Q15_2. The Democratic Party | 0 - Completely liberal | 29% |
| | 1 | 7% |
| | 2 | 9% |
| | 3 | 9% |
| | 4 | 8% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 20% |
| | 6 | 4% |
| | 7 | 3% |
| | 8 | 3% |
| | 9 | 1% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 5% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q15_3. The Republican Party | 0 - Completely liberal | 6% |
| | 1 | 1% |
| | 2 | 2% |
| | 3 | 2% |
| | 4 | 2% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 11% |
| | 6 | 7% |
| | 7 | 11% |
| | 8 | 12% |
| | 9 | 12% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 32% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |

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| Q15_4. Democratic incumbent **[ASKED IF DEM INCUMBENT DISTRICT; N=290]*** | 0 - Completely liberal | 20% |
| | 1 | 3% |
| | 2 | 5% |
| | 3 | 7% |
| | 4 | 9% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 20% |
| | 6 | 5% |
| | 7 | 4% |
| | 8 | 2% |
| | 9 | 1% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 2% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 23% |
| Q15_5. Republican incumbent **[ASKED IF GOP INCUMBENT DISTRICT; N=494]*** | 0 - Completely liberal | 4% |
| | 1 | 1% |
| | 2 | 1% |
| | 3 | 2% |
| | 4 | 2% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 9% |
| | 6 | 4% |
| | 7 | 11% |
| | 8 | 13% |
| | 9 | 7% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 24% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 20% |
| Q15_6. Donald Trump | 0 - Completely liberal | 8% |
| | 1 | 1% |
| | 2 | 1% |
| | 3 | 1% |
| | 4 | 1% |
| | 5 - In the middle | 7% |
| | 6 | 3% |
| | 7 | 9% |
| | 8 | 9% |
| | 9 | 9% |
| | 10 - Completely conservative | 45% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 7% |

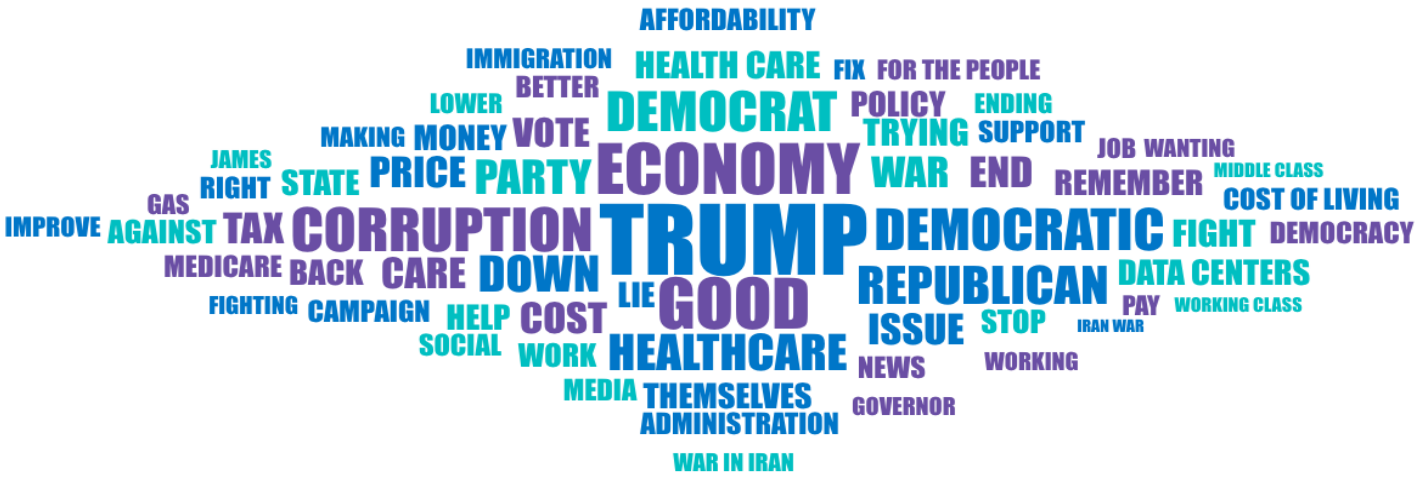
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| Q16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? | Strongly approve | 24% |
| | Somewhat approve | 18% |
| | **Total Approve** | **42%** |
| | Somewhat disapprove | 6% |
| | Strongly disapprove | 50% |
| | **Total Disapprove** | **56%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy? | Strongly approve | 21% |
| | Somewhat approve | 19% |
| | **Total Approve** | **40%** |
| | Somewhat disapprove | 8% |
| | Strongly disapprove | 50% |
| | **Total Disapprove** | **58%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q18. Have you seen, read, or heard anything positive about Democratic candidates in ads in the last few weeks? | Yes | 45% |
| | No | 47% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 8% |

Q19. What have you seen, read, or heard about Democratic candidates in positive ads over the last few weeks? **[OPEN-ENDED] [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED] [ASKED IF YES IN Q18; N=451]**



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| Q20. Which of the following issues have you seen, heard, or read the most about from Democrats in positive ads? **[THREE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]** | Costs and the economy | 28% |
| | Stopping corruption in government | 19% |
| | Immigration and border security | 10% |
| | Crime and public safety | 4% |
| | Healthcare | 21% |
| | The Iran War | 17% |
| | Social Security | 7% |
| | Threats to democracy | 14% |
| | Data centers | 17% |
| | Climate change and the environment | 6% |
| | Abortion | 7% |
| | Transgender issues | 6% |
| | Trump's tariffs | 13% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 32% |
| Q21. Have you seen, read, or heard anything negative about Republican candidates in ads in the last few weeks? | Yes | 69% |
| | No | 21% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 10% |

Q22. What have you seen, read, or heard about Republican candidates in negative ads over the last few weeks? **[OPEN-ENDED] [MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED] [ASKED IF YES IN Q21; N=691]**



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| Q23. Which of the following issues have you seen, heard, or read about in negative ads about Republicans? **[THREE RESPONSES ACCEPTED]** | Costs and the economy | 29% |
| | Corruption in government | 28% |
| | Immigration and border security | 19% |
| | Crime and public safety | 5% |
| | Healthcare | 11% |
| | Social Security | 6% |
| | The Iran War | 32% |
| | Threats to democracy | 19% |
| | Data centers | 16% |
| | Climate change and the environment | 3% |
| | Abortion | 5% |
| | Transgender issues | 9% |
| | Trump's tariffs | 22% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 22% |
| Q24. Have you seen or heard anything about Republican attempts to obstruct the upcoming election? | A lot | 24% |
| | Some | 20% |
| | A little | 11% |
| | Not at all | 39% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 6% |

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| Q25. Which of the following is the best reason to support Democrats in the upcoming midterm elections? **[SPLIT A]** | Putting a check on Trump | 37% |
| | Enacting Democratic policy priorities | 16% |
| | [VOL] Don't plan to support Democrats | 39% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 9% |
| Q26. If Democrats win control of Congress, which of the following would you prefer they prioritize? **[SPLIT B]** | Finding solutions to the affordability crisis and bringing down the cost of healthcare, gas, and groceries | 73% |
| | Investigating the actions of the Trump administration | 17% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 10% |
| Q27. If Democrats win control of Congress, which of the following would you prefer they prioritize? **[SPLIT A]** | Impeaching President Trump for his corrupt actions | 18% |
| | Investigating the actions of the Trump administration and how they have been driving up costs for Americans | 38% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 43% |
| Q28. Which kind of approach to governing would you be more likely to support? **[SPLIT B]** | A Democratic Member of Congress who says they will stand up against Trump's dangerous policies but work with him on things where they can find common ground | 54% |
| | A Democratic Member of Congress who says they are not willing to work with President Trump, because he is damaging the country and we should fight against his agenda | 23% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 23% |
| Q29. Which of the following would you prefer Congress do to help you manage the cost of living? **[SPLIT A]** | Giving every American $5,000 of taxpayer dollars | 11% |
| | Ending the Iran War to lower gas prices and the cost of every day goods and services | 70% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 19% |
| Q30. Which of the following would you prefer Congress do to help you manage the cost of living? **[SPLIT B]** | Giving every American $5,000 of taxpayer dollars | 23% |
| | Cutting Trump's tariffs to lower the cost of every day goods and services | 57% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 21% |

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| Q31. If Democrats win control of Congress and gas prices do not go down in the next couple of years, are you more likely to blame: | President Trump | 38% |
| | Democrats in Congress | 33% |
| | [VOL] Both equally | 14% |
| | [VOL] Neither | 8% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 7% |
| Q32. Which healthcare policy proposal would you prefer to become law nationwide? **[SPLIT A]** | Replacing private health insurance with one single government-run health plan that covers everyone and bans private insurance | 29% |
| | Keeping the current system of private health insurance, while restoring expanded Affordable Care Act subsidies and reversing recent cuts to Medicare and Medicaid | 53% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 19% |
| Q33. Which climate policy proposal would you prefer to become law nationwide? **[SPLIT B]** | A Green New Deal that makes major investments in clean energy like wind and solar, and moves the country away from fossil fuels rapidly to address climate change | 30% |
| | An all-of-the-above approach that expands American energy production from several sources, including natural gas and renewables, to lower energy costs while addressing climate change | 52% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 18% |
| Q34. Which of the following are you MOST concerned about if Democrats retake control of Congress? | They will focus on social issues rather than lowering costs | 15% |
| | They will raise taxes on the middle class | 10% |
| | They will focus on investigating Trump instead of getting things done | 45% |
| | None of these | 25% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q36. Which of the following statements best describes the Democratic Party? | Democrats are more focused on jobs and economic issues | 30% |
| | Democrats are more focused on social and cultural issues | 54% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 16% |
| Q37. Which of the following statements best describes the Republican Party? | Republicans are more focused on jobs and economic issues | 47% |
| | Republicans are more focused on social and cultural issues | 34% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 19% |

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Q38. Here are some ways Democrats might add oversight and accountability in the federal government if they retake Congress. For each, indicate whether you strongly support, somewhat support, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose that oversight and accountability measure.

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| Q38_1. Impeaching President Trump | Strongly support | 32% |
| | Somewhat support | 14% |
| | **Total Support** | **45%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 6% |
| | Strongly oppose | 45% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **51%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q38_2. Impeaching Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth | Strongly support | 39% |
| | Somewhat support | 9% |
| | **Total Support** | **49%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 6% |
| | Strongly oppose | 37% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **43%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 8% |
| Q38_3. Investigating the Trump administration's mishandling of the war with Iran **[SPLIT A]** | Strongly support | 39% |
| | Somewhat support | 13% |
| | **Total Support** | **53%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 8% |
| | Strongly oppose | 36% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **44%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q38_4. Investigating ICE's violent conduct during immigration enforcement operations **[SPLIT B]** | Strongly support | 48% |
| | Somewhat support | 8% |
| | **Total Support** | **57%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 10% |
| | Strongly oppose | 32% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **41%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q38_5. Investigating corrupt stock trading by members of Congress **[SPLIT A]** | Strongly support | 73% |
| | Somewhat support | 17% |
| | **Total Support** | **90%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 2% |
| | Strongly oppose | 2% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **4%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 7% |
| Q38_6. Investigating price gouging by large corporations **[SPLIT B]** | Strongly support | 56% |
| | Somewhat support | 23% |
| | **Total Support** | **79%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 7% |
| | Strongly oppose | 10% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **17%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |

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| Q38_7. Investigating the cover up of the Epstein files **[SPLIT A]** | Strongly support | 53% |
| | Somewhat support | 14% |
| | **Total Support** | **68%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 8% |
| | Strongly oppose | 15% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **24%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 9% |
| Q38_8. Investigating the impacts of the Big Beautiful Bill's cuts to health care and other social services **[SPLIT B]** | Strongly support | 42% |
| | Somewhat support | 14% |
| | **Total Support** | **56%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 9% |
| | Strongly oppose | 28% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **37%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 7% |
| Q38_9. Investigating the impact of moving billions of dollars from public safety to ICE **[SPLIT A]** | Strongly support | 44% |
| | Somewhat support | 10% |
| | **Total Support** | **55%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 7% |
| | Strongly oppose | 31% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **38%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 7% |
| Q38_10. Investigating tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy and big corporations **[SPLIT B]** | Strongly support | 50% |
| | Somewhat support | 20% |
| | **Total Support** | **70%** |
| | Somewhat oppose | 10% |
| | Strongly oppose | 16% |
| | **Total Oppose** | **26%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |

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Q40. Here are some words and phrases people might use to describe the Republican Party. For each one, do you think it describes the Republican Party very well, somewhat well, not that well, or not at all well?

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| Q40_1. Looks out for the middle class **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 21% |
| | Somewhat well | 23% |
| | **Total Well** | **44%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 40% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **54%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q40_2. Shares my values **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 23% |
| | Somewhat well | 24% |
| | **Total Well** | **47%** |
| | Not too well | 10% |
| | Not at all well | 40% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **50%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q40_3. Too extreme **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 38% |
| | Somewhat well | 19% |
| | **Total Well** | **57%** |
| | Not too well | 13% |
| | Not at all well | 26% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **40%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q40_4. Not focused enough on the economy **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 31% |
| | Somewhat well | 24% |
| | **Total Well** | **55%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 28% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **42%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q40_5. Corrupt and out for themselves **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 46% |
| | Somewhat well | 15% |
| | **Total Well** | **61%** |
| | Not too well | 11% |
| | Not at all well | 25% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **36%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q40_6. Looks down on people like me **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 34% |
| | Somewhat well | 17% |
| | **Total Well** | **51%** |
| | Not too well | 11% |
| | Not at all well | 31% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **43%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 6% |

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| Q40_7. Too beholden to special interests **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 43% |
| | Somewhat well | 22% |
| | **Total Well** | **65%** |
| | Not too well | 12% |
| | Not at all well | 19% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **30%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 5% |
| Q40_8. Values hard work **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 33% |
| | Somewhat well | 19% |
| | **Total Well** | **51%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 29% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **43%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 6% |
| Q40_9. Cares more about specific groups than about everyone **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 41% |
| | Somewhat well | 18% |
| | **Total Well** | **59%** |
| | Not too well | 12% |
| | Not at all well | 27% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **38%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 2% |
| Q40_10. Preachy **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 37% |
| | Somewhat well | 15% |
| | **Total Well** | **52%** |
| | Not too well | 16% |
| | Not at all well | 21% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **38%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 10% |

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Q41. Here are some words and phrases people might use to describe the Democratic Party. For each one, do you think it describes the Democratic Party very well, somewhat well, not that well, or not at all well?

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|---|---|---|
| Q41_1. Looks out for the middle class **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 19% |
| | Somewhat well | 30% |
| | **Total Well** | **49%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 34% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **47%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q41_2. Shares my values **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 20% |
| | Somewhat well | 31% |
| | **Total Well** | **51%** |
| | Not too well | 9% |
| | Not at all well | 37% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **46%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q41_3. Too extreme **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 38% |
| | Somewhat well | 16% |
| | **Total Well** | **54%** |
| | Not too well | 18% |
| | Not at all well | 25% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **43%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 3% |
| Q41_4. Not focused enough on the economy **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 28% |
| | Somewhat well | 23% |
| | **Total Well** | **51%** |
| | Not too well | 19% |
| | Not at all well | 26% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **44%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 5% |
| Q41_5. Corrupt and out for themselves **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 37% |
| | Somewhat well | 17% |
| | **Total Well** | **54%** |
| | Not too well | 17% |
| | Not at all well | 25% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **42%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q41_6. Looks down on people like me **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 29% |
| | Somewhat well | 14% |
| | **Total Well** | **43%** |
| | Not too well | 17% |
| | Not at all well | 34% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **51%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 5% |

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| Q41_7. Too beholden to special interests **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 37% |
| | Somewhat well | 24% |
| | **Total Well** | **61%** |
| | Not too well | 13% |
| | Not at all well | 18% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **31%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 8% |
| Q41_8. Values hard work **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 26% |
| | Somewhat well | 24% |
| | **Total Well** | **50%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 32% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **45%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 5% |
| Q41_9. Cares more about specific groups than about everyone **[SPLIT A]** | Very well | 44% |
| | Somewhat well | 16% |
| | **Total Well** | **60%** |
| | Not too well | 14% |
| | Not at all well | 23% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **36%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |
| Q41_10. Preachy **[SPLIT B]** | Very well | 32% |
| | Somewhat well | 18% |
| | **Total Well** | **50%** |
| | Not too well | 18% |
| | Not at all well | 23% |
| | **Total Not Well** | **40%** |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 10% |

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Q42. Here are some issues facing the country and our elected officials. For each, please indicate whether you trust Democrats more or trust Republicans more to handle the issue.

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|---|---|---|
| Q42_1. Inflation and the economy | Trust Democrats more | 46% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 44% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 11% |
| Q42_2. Stopping corruption in government | Trust Democrats more | 46% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 39% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 15% |
| Q42_3. Making the tax code more fair | Trust Democrats more | 46% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 41% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 12% |
| Q42_4. Immigration and border security | Trust Democrats more | 39% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 52% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 9% |
| Q42_5. Health care | Trust Democrats more | 51% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 39% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 10% |
| Q42_6. Crime and public safety | Trust Democrats more | 40% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 51% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 9% |
| Q42_7. Protecting democracy | Trust Democrats more | 48% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 43% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 9% |
| Q42_8. Transgender issues | Trust Democrats more | 48% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 37% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 15% |
| Q42_9. Ending the Iran War **[SPLIT A]** | Trust Democrats more | 50% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 36% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 14% |
| Q42_10. Handling the Russia-Ukraine War **[SPLIT B]** | Trust Democrats more | 45% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 41% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 14% |
| Q42_11. Data centers **[SPLIT A]** | Trust Democrats more | 43% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 33% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 24% |
| Q42_12. AI **[SPLIT B]** | Trust Democrats more | 40% |
| | Trust Republicans more | 36% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 24% |

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**QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES**

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| Q43. What is your gender? | Man | 47% |
| | Woman | 53% |
| Q44. Age | 18-34 | 16% |
| | 35-49 | 21% |
| | 50-64 | 27% |
| | 65+ | 35% |
| | [VOL] Refused | 1% |
| Q4. What was the last year of education you completed? | 1st-11th grade | 1% |
| | High school graduate | 17% |
| | Vocational or technical school | 5% |
| | Some college, but no degree | 23% |
| | Associate degree | 13% |
| | 4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree | 26% |
| | Graduate school or advanced degree | 14% |
| | [VOL] Refuse to say | 1% |
| Q5/6. Race | White or Caucasian | 75% |
| | Black or African American | 7% |
| | Hispanic or Latino | 11% |
| | Asian American or Pacific Islander | 3% |
| | Native American or American Indian | 1% |
| | [VOL] Mixed Race | 1% |
| | [VOL] Other | 1% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 1% |
| Q7. Voting is by secret ballot, and you can be assured this survey is confidential. Your individual answers will not be seen by anyone. In the November 2024 election for President, did you vote for: **[ALLOCATED]** | Harris | 48% |
| | Trump | 52% |
| Q45-48. Party Self-ID | Strong Democrat | 20% |
| | Not so strong Democrat | 10% |
| | Indep / lean Democrat | 13% |
| | Strong Republican | 24% |
| | Not so strong Republican | 9% |
| | Indep / lean Republican | 11% |
| | Independent | 7% |
| | [VOL] Other | 5% |
| | [VOL] Don't Know | 1% |
| Q49. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself: | Liberal | 20% |
| | Moderate | 42% |
| | Conservative | 34% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 4% |

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| Q50. How important is politics to your personal identity? | Very important | 28% |
| | Somewhat important | 41% |
| | Not too important | 20% |
| | Not at all important | 10% |
| | [VOL] Don't know | 1% |
| Q56. Incumbent Type | Democratic incumbent | 29% |
| | Republican incumbent | 49% |
| | Incumbent not running | 22% |
| Q57. Battleground District Type | Frontline | 29% |
| | In Play | 32% |
| | Red to blue | 39% |
| Q60. Region | Midwest | 27% |
| | Northeast | 17% |
| | South | 31% |
| | West | 25% |

****Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**