

**Third Way  
National Online Survey**

*April 8 – 15, 2026  
2,000 Registered Voters*

Q.2 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
18 to 24.....	9
25 to 29.....	7
30 to 34.....	10
35 to 39.....	8
40 to 44.....	7
45 to 49.....	9
50 to 54.....	7
55 to 59.....	7
60 to 64.....	10
65 and over.....	27

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

	<b>Total</b>
1st - 11th grade.....	1
High school graduate.....	29
Vocational or technical school.....	2
Some college, but no degree.....	17
Associate degree.....	8
4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree.....	26
Graduate school or advanced degree.....	16

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

	<b>Total</b>
White or Caucasian.....	70
Hispanic or Latino.....	12
Black or African American.....	12
Asian American or Pacific Islander.....	5
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native.....	1
Other or multiple races.....	1



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

	<b>Total</b>
Strong Democrat.....	22
Weak Democrat.....	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent.....	16
Independent-lean Republican.....	8
Weak Republican.....	15
Strong Republican.....	19
<b>Total Democrat.....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total Independent.....</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Total Republican.....</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Democrat/Lean Democrat.....</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Republican/Lean Republican.....</b>	<b>42</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
Liberal.....	24
Moderate.....	40
Conservative.....	33
Don't know.....	3

Q.3 Are you currently registered to vote in (STATE)?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes.....	100
No.....	-
Don't know.....	-

Q.12 Please rate your level of motivation to vote in the November 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.

	<b>Total</b>
10.....	46
9.....	12
8.....	11
7.....	9
6.....	5
5.....	6
4.....	2
3.....	2
2.....	1
1.....	1
0.....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	2
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.2</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
The Democratic candidate .....	45
Lean Democratic candidate.....	3
The Republican candidate.....	37
Lean Republican candidate.....	3
Other.....	1
Undecided.....	11
<b>Total Democratic candidate.....</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Total Republican candidate.....</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Democratic candidate - Republican candidate .....</b>	<b>7</b>

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?

	<b>Total</b>
Right direction .....	35
Wrong track.....	65
<b>Right direction - Wrong track.....</b>	<b>-30</b>



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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	Total ID	Fav - Unf
17 Donald Trump .....	20	19	11	49	1	-	39	60	100	-21
18 (SPLIT A) <sup>1</sup> The Democratic Party .....	10	31	26	31	2	0	41	56	100	-15
19 (SPLIT B) Democrats in Congress .....	10	27	25	34	4	0	37	59	100	-22
20 (SPLIT A) The Republican Party.....	13	26	24	34	3	0	39	58	100	-19
21 (SPLIT B) Republicans in Congress.....	11	26	22	37	4	0	37	59	100	-22
22 Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE .....	21	19	15	43	2	0	40	58	100	-18
23 (SPLIT A) The MAGA movement.....	12	19	13	49	5	2	31	62	98	-31
24 (SPLIT B) Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA .....	8	14	14	33	13	18	22	47	82	-25

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<sup>1</sup> Respondents are evenly distributed between SPLIT A and SPLIT B

Q.25 Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

	<b>Total</b>
Strongly approve .....	18
Somewhat approve .....	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove .....	48
Don't know .....	1
<b>Total Approve .....</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total Disapprove .....</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Approve - Disapprove .....</b>	<b>-21</b>

Q.26 So far, how would you say the first 15 months of Donald Trump's second term have been?

	<b>Total</b>
Better than you expected .....	19
Worse than you expected.....	50
About what you thought it would be.....	29
Don't know .....	2

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.

	<b>Yes</b>			
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>No</b>
27 High inflation .....	86	12	2	<b>74</b>
28 Economy not growing.....	64	27	9	<b>37</b>
29 Recession .....	48	37	15	<b>10</b>
30 Increasing unemployment .....	60	28	11	<b>32</b>
31 Corruption in the economy and government.....	85	9	6	<b>76</b>

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Next is a list of issues. For 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	DK	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
32 (SPLIT A) Immigration.....	20	16	16	31	11	4	2	36	47	-10
33 (SPLIT B) Border security .....	16	11	14	36	9	8	5	27	51	-24
34 The economy .....	21	17	16	20	13	9	3	39	36	3
35 Tariffs.....	27	16	14	20	12	5	6	43	35	8
36 (SPLIT A) National security .....	18	13	18	31	9	7	4	31	49	-18
37 (SPLIT B) The war in Iran .....	27	12	11	23	14	7	6	39	34	5
38 (SPLIT A) Energy costs....	19	19	14	18	14	10	6	38	32	6
39 (SPLIT B) Gas prices .....	22	18	12	18	17	10	4	39	30	9
40 (SPLIT A) Health care .....	30	20	11	15	13	8	3	50	26	24
41 (SPLIT B) Social Security.....	27	16	11	17	13	9	6	43	28	15
42 (SPLIT A) Inflation.....	20	19	15	17	17	8	3	39	32	6
43 (SPLIT B) The cost of living .....	23	17	15	16	17	9	4	40	31	9
44 Stopping political corruption.....	18	13	9	18	29	10	3	31	27	4
45 (SPLIT A) Taxes .....	19	15	17	21	17	7	4	34	38	-4
46 (SPLIT B) National debt ...	17	11	15	19	24	10	5	28	33	-5
47 Making government more efficient .....	17	13	15	22	22	8	4	30	37	-6

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Next is a list of some things that are included in many Americans' personal budgets. For each, please indicate whether you are paying more for this than you did a year ago, less for this, or about the same.

	<b>More</b>	<b>Less</b>	<b>About the Same</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>More - Less/ Same</b>	<b>Less/ Same</b>
48 Groceries .....	85	3	11	0	<b>14</b>	<b>71</b>
49 Utility bills .....	70	3	24	2	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>
50 Health care.....	56	4	36	4	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>
51 Housing.....	53	3	40	3	<b>43</b>	<b>10</b>
52 Gasoline.....	89	3	6	2	<b>9</b>	<b>80</b>
53 Car insurance.....	50	7	35	7	<b>42</b>	<b>8</b>
54 (SPLIT A) Going out to eat.....	72	7	18	3	<b>25</b>	<b>47</b>
55 (SPLIT B) Your hobbies .....	40	7	48	5	<b>56</b>	<b>-16</b>

Q.56 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.

	<b>Mean</b>
(GAS PRICES) Republicans in Congress are championing a war in Iran that costs more than a billion dollars a day and has already resulted in gas prices rising by more than 30 percent in recent weeks with no end in sight. ....	154.0
(BANKRUPT US) Republicans in Congress voted for a budget bill that bankrupts America with \$5 trillion in new debt, and bankrupts Americans by raising health insurance premiums and electricity bills, all while giving tax cuts to billionaires.....	149.3
(IRAN) Republicans in Congress have the wrong priorities, supporting hundreds of billions of dollars on an open-ended war with Iran while they are cutting programs like Medicaid and SNAP because they say we can't afford them.....	134.1
(MEDICAID CUTS) 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. ....	130.2
(EPSTEIN) Republicans in Congress voted against releasing the Epstein files, even when prosecutors had evidence of an illegal sex trafficking ring. They chose to protect pedophiles instead of bringing them to justice. ....	114.0

	<b>Mean</b>
(CORRUPTION SCHEMES) 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 agendas. ....	108.7
(BILLIONAIRES) 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. ....	86.8
(FOOD) 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. ....	86.5
(CANCER RESEARCH) 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. ....	73.5
(FIRED) 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. ....	65.1
(DEPORTATIONS) Republicans in Congress are pushing reckless immigration raids at restaurants, construction sites, and farms, deporting immigrant workers who work, pay taxes, contribute to our communities, and haven't committed crimes..	49.5
(TARIFF CHAOS) Republicans in Congress continue to support price-raising tariffs even after the Supreme Court ruled them unconstitutional, and they refuse to refund Americans the money they were illegally charged in tariff taxes. ....	48.3

Q.57 If Democrats win control of the House and Senate in the midterm elections this November, which of the following statements is closer to your view on what they should prioritize?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrats should work with President Trump wherever possible to lower the cost of living for people struggling with high prices. ....	50
Democrats should stand up against President Trump's policies that have raised prices and are hurting regular people. ....	45
Don't know .....	5
<b>Work with Trump - Stand up against Trump .....</b>	<b>4</b>

Q.58 If Democrats win control of the House and Senate in the midterm elections this November, which of the following statements is closer to your view on what they should prioritize?

	<b>Total</b>
Democrats should prioritize investigating the Trump administration for misconduct and impeach the President if he has broken the law. ....	27
Democrats should prioritize bringing down costs for the American people, not investigations and impeachment. ....	67
Don't know .....	6
<b>Investigating and impeaching Trump - Bringing down costs.....</b>	<b>-39</b>

Q.59 In February, Congress failed to pass a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security, leaving that as the only federal agency unfunded for 2026. From what you have heard, who do you think was most to blame for this situation?

	<b>Total</b>
Trump and the Republicans in Congress .....	34
The Democrats in Congress.....	28
Both parties equally.....	26
Don't know .....	11
<b>Trump and the Republicans - The Democrats.....</b>	<b>6</b>

Finally, a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.60 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in another way?

	<b>Total</b>
Woman .....	52
Man.....	48
Another way.....	0

Q.61 In the 2024 election for President, for whom did you vote? Your ballot is a secret, and your individual response will remain anonymous.

	<b>Total</b>
Democrat Kamala Harris .....	44
Republican Donald Trump.....	44
Other.....	3
Did not vote.....	9
<b>Kamala Harris - Donald Trump.....</b>	<b>0</b>

Q.62 Last year, that is in 2025, 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.

	<b>Total</b>
Less than \$20,000.....	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000 .....	10
\$30,000 to under \$50,000 .....	16
\$50,000 to under \$75,000 .....	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000 .....	17
\$100,000 to under \$200,000 .....	21
\$200,000 or more.....	7
Prefer not to answer.....	1

Q.63 On average, how frequently do you read, watch, or listen to news about politics?

	<b>Total</b>
Every day.....	49
A few times a week .....	35
A few times a month.....	10
A few times a year.....	3
Never .....	2

Q.64 On average, how frequently do you post on social media about politics or other public issues?

	<b>Total</b>
Every day.....	9
A few times a week .....	17
A few times a month.....	13
A few times a year.....	12
Never .....	50