

Third Way
National Online Survey

September 17 – 24, 2026
 2,000 Registered Voters

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

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
(Don't know/refused)	-

Q.4 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 to 24	8
25 to 29	8
30 to 34	9
35 to 39	7
40 to 44	9
45 to 49	8
50 to 54	7
55 to 59	8
60 to 64	8
65 and over	26
(Refused)	-

Q.5 What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1st - 11th grade	1
High school graduate	30
Vocational or technical school	3
Some college, but no degree	17
Associate degree	9
4-year college graduate or bachelor's degree	25
Graduate school or advanced degree	15

Q.6 What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

	Total
White or Caucasian	68
Hispanic or Latino	13
Black or African American	12
Asian American or Pacific Islander	4
Native American, American Indian, or Alaska Native	1
Other	1
Refused	-



Q.8 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a...?

	Total
Strong Democrat.....	25
Weak Democrat	12
Independent-lean Democrat.....	9
Independent.....	13
Independent-lean Republican	8
Weak Republican.....	12
Strong Republican.....	22
(Don't know/refused)	-
Total Democrat.....	37
Total Independent	30
Total Republican	33
Democrat/Lean Democrat.....	45
Republican/Lean Republican	42

Q.11 Which of the following best describes your political perspective?

	Total
Liberal	25
Moderate.....	40
Conservative	32
Don't know	2

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.

	Total
10.....	48
9.....	12
8.....	11
7.....	8
6.....	6
5.....	7
4.....	2
3.....	1
2.....	1
1.....	1
0.....	1
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Mean.....	8.3

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

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?

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 Heard	Total Fav	Total Unf	Total ID	Fav - Unfav
17 Donald Trump	18	20	10	51	1	0	38	61	100	-23
18 (SPLIT A) ¹ The Democratic Party	17	31	21	29	2	-	48	50	100	-2
19 (SPLIT B) Democrats in Congress	13	30	24	29	4	0	43	53	100	-10
20 (SPLIT A) The Republican Party.....	13	26	21	37	2	0	40	58	100	-19
21 (SPLIT B) Republicans in Congress.....	11	29	21	36	4	1	39	57	99	-17
22 The MAGA movement.....	13	18	13	48	5	2	31	61	98	-30
23 The Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA	10	20	14	34	12	10	30	48	90	-18

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

	Total
Strongly approve	16
Somewhat approve	21
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove	50
Don't know	1
Total Approve	37
Total Disapprove	62
Approve - Disapprove	-25

¹ Respondents are evenly distributed between SPLIT A and SPLIT B

Q.25 So far, how would you say the first year and a half of Donald Trump's second term have been?

	Total
Better than you expected	16
Worse than you expected.....	56
About what you thought it would be.....	28
Don't know	1

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	90	9	1	81
27 (SPLIT A) Economy not growing	67	25	8	43
28 (SPLIT B) Recession.....	55	33	12	22
29 Increasing unemployment	63	27	9	36
30 (SPLIT A) Corruption in the economy and government	87	8	5	79
31 (SPLIT B) Growing government debt and deficit spending	87	7	6	80

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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 Somewhat	Reps Somewhat	Reps Much	Nei- ther	Both	Don't Know	Total Dems	Total Reps	Dems - Reps
32 (SPLIT A) Immigration.....	25	15	15	29	9	5	2	40	44	-4
33 (SPLIT B) Border security	18	12	15	35	10	8	3	30	51	-21
34 (SPLIT A) The economy	28	16	14	19	12	8	3	45	33	12
35 (SPLIT B) Tariffs	31	15	15	16	13	7	3	46	31	15
36 (SPLIT A) The war in Iran	28	14	11	19	17	7	4	42	30	12
37 (SPLIT A) Energy costs.....	26	17	14	16	14	10	3	42	31	12
38 (SPLIT B) Gas prices	27	17	12	14	17	9	4	44	27	17
39 (SPLIT A) Health care	33	18	12	15	12	8	3	51	27	24
40 (SPLIT B) Social Security.....	29	15	13	15	14	9	5	44	28	16
41 (SPLIT A) Inflation.....	26	18	14	16	15	8	3	44	30	15
42 (SPLIT B) The cost of living	29	15	15	15	16	7	2	44	30	14
43 (SPLIT B) Stopping political corruption.....	23	13	10	17	25	8	3	36	27	9
44 (SPLIT A) Taxes	24	16	12	21	15	9	3	40	33	7
45 (SPLIT B) The national debt.....	22	13	14	14	22	11	3	35	28	7
46 (SPLIT A) Artificial intelligence.....	18	12	12	13	23	13	9	30	25	6
47 (SPLIT B) Data centers	21	14	12	13	19	12	9	35	24	11
48 (SPLIT A) Crime.....	21	14	17	24	11	11	3	34	41	-6
49 (SPLIT B) Transgender issues	28	13	9	19	15	7	8	42	29	13

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Q.50 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 Score	Great- est Conc	Least Conc
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.	125.7	10	5
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.	179.9	10	5
Republicans in Congress are championing a war in Iran with no end in sight that costs over a billion dollars a day, resulting in nearly 800 American military deaths and injuries and record high gas prices for the rest of us.	199.4	11	5
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.	129.0	9	6
Republicans in Congress voted for multiple budget busting bills, driving our national debt to over \$40 trillion and making it more expensive for Americans by raising the cost of auto, business, and home loans.	98.5	9	6
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.	101.9	6	11
Republicans in Congress are profiting off blatant corruption, stopping efforts to ban insider trading for themselves, and taking millions of dollars from corporate special interests seeking to advance their agendas.	60.4	7	8
Republicans in Congress want to fast-track the construction of massive new data centers without requiring strong protections for consumers and the communities where they are built.	73.8	6	10

	Mean Score	Great- est Conc	Least Conc
Republicans in Congress have pushed to wipe out state-level regulations on artificial intelligence, including rules for protecting children and to make AI models safer as the technology progresses.....	59.0	5	10
Republicans in Congress are pushing reckless and aggressive immigration raids against non-violent people led by untrained ICE officers in public locations, causing chaos and making communities less safe.....	68.0	6	9
Republicans in Congress are trying to pick which voters they represent, re-drawing their districts in the middle of an election cycle to hold on to power, weakening minority communities and avoiding accountability for their votes.....	45.4	6	10
Republicans in Congress are championing a bill that would make it harder for millions of legal citizens to vote, including women who change their names after marriage and seniors and others who rely on mail-in voting.....	95.3	7	9
Republicans in Congress continue to support reckless tariffs even after the Supreme Court ruled them unconstitutional, including a 50 percent tariff on Canada, our closest ally, which will hurt businesses and families on both sides of the border.....	63.7	7	8

Q.51 (SPLIT C)² 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?

	Total
Democrats should work with President Trump wherever possible to lower the cost of living for people struggling with high prices.....	45
Democrats should stand up against President Trump's policies that have raised prices and are hurting regular people.....	51
Don't know	4
Work with Trump – Stand up to Trump.....	-7

² Respondents are evenly distributed between SPLIT C and SPLIT D

Q.52 (SPLIT D) 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?

	Total
Democrats should prioritize investigating the Trump administration for misconduct and impeaching the President if he has broken the law.	27
Democrats should prioritize bringing down costs for the American people, not investigations and impeachment.	68
Don't know	5
Prioritize impeaching – Prioritize costs.....	-41

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Next is a list of positions that some Democratic candidates for the U.S. House and Senate might support either where you live or somewhere else. For each item, please indicate whether that position would make you more or less likely to support that candidate in an election, or if it would not affect your vote either way.

	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	Would Not Affect	Know Dont	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
53 (SPLIT A) Supports a moratorium on new data center construction until new consumer protections are established.....	26	30	10	11	15	8	56	21	36
54 (SPLIT B) Supports strong consumer and community protections for any new data centers, including protections against higher utility bills.	36	32	6	9	11	6	68	15	52
55 (SPLIT A) Supports abolishing prisons.	8	9	13	53	9	7	17	67	-50
56 (SPLIT B) Wants to crack down on the online exploitation of children.	52	27	4	3	10	4	79	7	72
57 (SPLIT A) Supports increased funding for local police departments.	26	35	10	10	16	3	61	19	42
58 (SPLIT B) Supports defunding police departments.	10	14	13	48	10	5	24	60	-36
59 (SPLIT A) Supports putting everyone on a single government health insurance network.	21	21	11	25	11	10	42	37	6
60 (SPLIT B) Supports creating a cap for out-of-pocket medical expenses.	39	31	7	6	11	6	70	13	56

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	Much More Lkly	Smwt More Lkly	Smwt Less Lkly	Much Less Lkly	Would Not Affect	Know Dont	Total More	Total Less	More - Less
62 (SPLIT B) Calls themselves a socialist.....	12	11	10	34	21	13	22	44	-22
63 (SPLIT A) Supports giving voting rights to non-citizen residents.	10	12	13	50	10	5	22	63	-41
64 (SPLIT B) Will vote to ban congressional stock trading.....	35	27	7	6	16	9	62	13	49
65 (SPLIT A) Calls for an audit of the government to root out waste, fraud and abuse.....	41	32	6	6	12	4	73	11	62
66 (SPLIT B) Will vote to end the war in Iran.	44	26	6	10	10	4	70	16	54

Finally, a few more questions for statistical purposes.

Q.67 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in another way?

	Total
Man.....	48
Woman	52
Another way.....	0

Q.68 In the 2024 election for President, for whom did you vote?

	Total
Democrat Kamala Harris.....	44
Republican Donald Trump.....	44
(Other)	2
(Did not vote)	9
(Refused)	-
Kamala Harris - Donald Trump.....	-

Q.69 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.

	Total
Less than \$20,000.....	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$50,000	15
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$200,000	22
\$200,000 or more.....	7
Prefer not to answer	1

Q.70 On average, how frequently do you read, watch, or listen to news about politics?

	Total
Every day.....	46
A few times a week	37
A few times a month.....	11
A few times a year.....	4
Never	3

Q.71 On average, how frequently do you post on social media about politics or other public issues?

	Total
Every day.....	10
A few times a week	19
A few times a month.....	15
A few times a year.....	11
Never	46