

National Tracking Poll

Project: 2609081

N Size: 2102 Registered Voters

Margin of Error: $\pm 2\%$

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES1a_1	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way the following individuals or groups are performing their current job? — President Donald Trump</i>		
	Strongly approve	539	26%
	Somewhat approve	336	16%
	Somewhat disapprove	187	9%
	Strongly disapprove	959	46%
	Don't know	76	4%
DES1a_2	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way the following individuals or groups are performing their current job? — Vice President JD Vance</i>		
	Strongly approve	598	29%
	Somewhat approve	370	18%
	Somewhat disapprove	185	9%
	Strongly disapprove	767	37%
	Don't know	177	8%
DES1a_3	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way the following individuals or groups are performing their current job? — The U.S. Congress</i>		
	Strongly approve	245	12%
	Somewhat approve	488	23%
	Somewhat disapprove	550	26%
	Strongly disapprove	589	28%
	Don't know	224	11%
DES1a_4	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way the following individuals or groups are performing their current job? — Secretary of War Pete Hegseth</i>		
	Strongly approve	412	20%
	Somewhat approve	349	17%
	Somewhat disapprove	236	11%
	Strongly disapprove	717	34%
	Don't know	383	18%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES1a_5	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way the following individuals or groups are performing their current job? — Secretary of State Marco Rubio</i>		
	Strongly approve	532	25%
	Somewhat approve	356	17%
	Somewhat disapprove	231	11%
	Strongly disapprove	622	30%
	Don't know	355	17%
DES2	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the recent United States military actions in Iran?</i>		
	Strongly approve	453	22%
	Somewhat approve	388	18%
	Somewhat disapprove	340	16%
	Strongly disapprove	746	36%
	Don't know	174	8%
DES3	<i>Do you approve, or disapprove, of the way President Donald Trump has handled the war in Iran?</i>		
	Strongly approve	408	19%
	Somewhat approve	356	17%
	Somewhat disapprove	276	13%
	Strongly disapprove	949	45%
	Don't know	112	5%
DES4	<i>If the election for Congress in your district were held today, would you be more likely to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate?</i>		
	Definitely the Republican candidate	624	30%
	Probably the Republican candidate	283	13%
	Probably the Democratic candidate	188	9%
	Definitely the Democratic candidate	778	37%
	Not sure	229	11%
DES5_1	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Inflation</i>		
	Extremely important	1161	55%
	Very important	544	26%
	Somewhat important	209	10%
	Not too important	41	2%
	Not at all important	38	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	108	5%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES5_2	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — The economy and jobs</i>		
	Extremely important	1137	54%
	Very important	589	28%
	Somewhat important	208	10%
	Not too important	46	2%
	Not at all important	36	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	86	4%
DES5_3	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Immigration</i>		
	Extremely important	808	38%
	Very important	557	27%
	Somewhat important	386	18%
	Not too important	168	8%
	Not at all important	77	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	107	5%
DES5_4	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Family values, morality, and faith</i>		
	Extremely important	834	40%
	Very important	519	25%
	Somewhat important	352	17%
	Not too important	157	7%
	Not at all important	140	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	100	5%
DES5_5	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — The war in Iran</i>		
	Extremely important	834	40%
	Very important	598	28%
	Somewhat important	383	18%
	Not too important	73	3%
	Not at all important	91	4%
	Don't know / No opinion	124	6%
DES5_6	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Corruption in government</i>		
	Extremely important	1074	51%
	Very important	566	27%
	Somewhat important	252	12%
	Not too important	56	3%
	Not at all important	37	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	116	6%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES5_7	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — The national debt and deficit</i>		
	Extremely important	838	40%
	Very important	617	29%
	Somewhat important	386	18%
	Not too important	94	4%
	Not at all important	52	2%
	Don't know / No opinion	115	5%
DES5_8	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Foreign policy</i>		
	Extremely important	676	32%
	Very important	743	35%
	Somewhat important	399	19%
	Not too important	79	4%
	Not at all important	63	3%
	Don't know / No opinion	142	7%
DES5_9	<i>When it comes to this year's election, how important are each of the following issues, if at all, in determining how you will vote? — Artificial intelligence and data centers</i>		
	Extremely important	673	32%
	Very important	590	28%
	Somewhat important	397	19%
	Not too important	151	7%
	Not at all important	151	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	140	7%
DES6	<i>Among the issues you said you considered important, which will have the biggest impact on how you vote? (N=2,020)</i>		
	Inflation	487	24%
	The economy and jobs	453	22%
	Immigration	212	10%
	Family values, morality, and faith	175	9%
	The war in Iran	128	6%
	Corruption in government	340	17%
	The national debt and deficit	116	6%
	Foreign policy	39	2%
	Artificial intelligence and data centers	69	3%
DES7	<i>Overall, how optimistic or pessimistic do you feel about the future of the country?</i>		
	Very optimistic	339	16%
	Somewhat optimistic	564	27%
	Somewhat pessimistic	530	25%
	Very pessimistic	474	23%
	Don't know / No opinion	194	9%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES8_1	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Excited</i>		
	Selected	461	22%
	Not Selected	1641	78%
DES8_2	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Hopeful</i>		
	Selected	1040	49%
	Not Selected	1062	51%
DES8_3	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Happy</i>		
	Selected	265	13%
	Not Selected	1837	87%
DES8_4	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Anxious</i>		
	Selected	825	39%
	Not Selected	1277	61%
DES8_5	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Sad</i>		
	Selected	253	12%
	Not Selected	1849	88%
DES8_6	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Angry</i>		
	Selected	281	13%
	Not Selected	1821	87%
DES8_7	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Confused</i>		
	Selected	194	9%
	Not Selected	1908	91%
DES8_8	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Hopeless</i>		
	Selected	308	15%
	Not Selected	1794	85%
DES8_9	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Apathetic</i>		
	Selected	145	7%
	Not Selected	1957	93%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES8_10	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — Other, please specify</i>		
	Selected	40	2%
	Not Selected	2062	98%
DES8_11	<i>Which of the following, if any, describe how you are feeling about this year's elections? Please select up to three responses. — None of these</i>		
	Selected	149	7%
	Not Selected	1953	93%
DES9	<i>Which comes closer to your view of why you are voting the way you plan to vote this year?</i>		
	I am mainly voting for the candidate or party I chose	908	43%
	I am mainly voting against the opposing candidate or party	374	18%
	Both equally	581	28%
	Not sure	239	11%
DES10_1	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — The economy</i>		
	The Republican Party	722	34%
	The Democratic Party	835	40%
	Both equally	205	10%
	Neither	189	9%
	Don't know / No opinion	150	7%
DES10_2	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — The cost of living</i>		
	The Republican Party	716	34%
	The Democratic Party	839	40%
	Both equally	170	8%
	Neither	230	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	146	7%
DES10_3	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Immigration</i>		
	The Republican Party	839	40%
	The Democratic Party	786	37%
	Both equally	184	9%
	Neither	141	7%
	Don't know / No opinion	151	7%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES10_4	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Education</i>		
	The Republican Party	694	33%
	The Democratic Party	870	41%
	Both equally	211	10%
	Neither	164	8%
	Don't know / No opinion	164	8%
DES10_5	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Foreign policy</i>		
	The Republican Party	741	35%
	The Democratic Party	835	40%
	Both equally	181	9%
	Neither	166	8%
	Don't know / No opinion	179	9%
DES10_6	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Trade</i>		
	The Republican Party	737	35%
	The Democratic Party	814	39%
	Both equally	205	10%
	Neither	159	8%
	Don't know / No opinion	187	9%
DES10_7	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — The federal debt and deficit</i>		
	The Republican Party	737	35%
	The Democratic Party	732	35%
	Both equally	197	9%
	Neither	254	12%
	Don't know / No opinion	182	9%
DES10_8	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Upholding family values</i>		
	The Republican Party	773	37%
	The Democratic Party	700	33%
	Both equally	215	10%
	Neither	238	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	176	8%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES10_9	<i>For each of the following issues, please tell us which political party you trust to do a better job. — Policies on transgender athletes' participation in sports</i>		
	The Republican Party	785	37%
	The Democratic Party	787	37%
	Both equally	177	8%
	Neither	169	8%
	Don't know / No opinion	185	9%
DES11	<i>When you hear the term "democratic socialism," which of the following comes closest to the first thing that comes to mind?</i>		
	Higher taxes and more government spending	376	18%
	Universal health care and a stronger social safety net	467	22%
	Government control of the economy	398	19%
	Greater economic equality	340	16%
	Other, please specify	66	3%
	I'm not sure what it means	454	22%
DES12	<i>In general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of candidates and political leaders who describe themselves as "democratic socialists"?</i>		
	Very favorable	369	18%
	Somewhat favorable	438	21%
	Somewhat unfavorable	270	13%
	Very unfavorable	579	28%
	Don't know / No opinion	447	21%
DES13_1	<i>In general, do you support or oppose each of the following as an economic system? — Capitalism</i>		
	Strongly support	632	30%
	Somewhat support	470	22%
	Somewhat oppose	300	14%
	Strongly oppose	308	15%
	Don't know / No opinion	392	19%
DES13_2	<i>In general, do you support or oppose each of the following as an economic system? — Socialism</i>		
	Strongly support	237	11%
	Somewhat support	420	20%
	Somewhat oppose	331	16%
	Strongly oppose	721	34%
	Don't know / No opinion	392	19%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES13_3	<i>In general, do you support or oppose each of the following as an economic system? — Democratic socialism</i>		
	Strongly support	386	18%
	Somewhat support	335	16%
	Somewhat oppose	296	14%
	Strongly oppose	650	31%
	Don't know / No opinion	435	21%
DES13_4	<i>In general, do you support or oppose each of the following as an economic system? — Communism</i>		
	Strongly support	117	6%
	Somewhat support	180	9%
	Somewhat oppose	229	11%
	Strongly oppose	1272	60%
	Don't know / No opinion	305	14%
DES14_1	<i>Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — The rising cost of housing and the cost of living</i>		
	Selected	711	34%
	Not Selected	1391	66%
DES14_2	<i>Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Struggles with employment and wages</i>		
	Selected	380	18%
	Not Selected	1722	82%
DES14_3	<i>Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — A misunderstanding of the benefits of capitalism</i>		
	Selected	412	20%
	Not Selected	1690	80%
DES14_4	<i>Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Growing inequality between the wealthy and everyone else</i>		
	Selected	676	32%
	Not Selected	1426	68%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES14_5	Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Frustration with both major political parties		
	Selected	599	28%
	Not Selected	1503	72%
DES14_6	Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Social media and online influencers		
	Selected	390	19%
	Not Selected	1712	81%
DES14_7	Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Other, please specify		
	Selected	58	3%
	Not Selected	2044	97%
DES14_8	Whether you have a favorable or unfavorable view of democratic socialism, which of the following do you think best explains why it has become more prominent in U.S. politics? Please select up to two answers. — Don't know / No opinion		
	Selected	241	11%
	Not Selected	1861	89%
DES15_1	Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — A friend		
	Selected	304	14%
	Not Selected	1798	86%
DES15_2	Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — A family member		
	Selected	198	9%
	Not Selected	1904	91%
DES15_3	Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — A co-worker		
	Selected	163	8%
	Not Selected	1939	92%
DES15_4	Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — An acquaintance		
	Selected	311	15%
	Not Selected	1791	85%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES15_5	<i>Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — I do not know anyone who is transgender</i>		
	Selected	1276	61%
	Not Selected	826	39%
DES15_6	<i>Do you personally know anyone who is transgender? Please select all that apply. — Prefer not to answer</i>		
	Selected	94	4%
	Not Selected	2008	96%
DES16	<i>Some states have passed laws requiring that student athletes compete on sports teams that match their sex assigned at birth, rather than their current gender identity. Do you support or oppose these laws?</i>		
	Strongly support	1017	48%
	Somewhat support	318	15%
	Somewhat oppose	225	11%
	Strongly oppose	226	11%
	Don't know / No opinion	316	15%
DES17	<i>Which, if any, of the following concerns you most when it comes to transgender-related issues in women's sports?</i>		
	The well-being and safety of transgender individuals	502	24%
	The potential impact on women's sports and women's spaces	961	46%
	Other, please specify	44	2%
	I am not particularly concerned about any of these	373	18%
	Don't know / No opinion	221	11%
DES18_1	<i>Do you think transgender girls and women should or should not be allowed to compete on girls' or women's sports teams at each of the following levels? — Youth sports</i>		
	Definitely should be allowed	390	19%
	Probably should be allowed	239	11%
	Probably should not be allowed	205	10%
	Definitely should not be allowed	943	45%
	Don't know / No opinion	325	15%
DES18_2	<i>Do you think transgender girls and women should or should not be allowed to compete on girls' or women's sports teams at each of the following levels? — High school</i>		
	Definitely should be allowed	365	17%
	Probably should be allowed	248	12%
	Probably should not be allowed	231	11%
	Definitely should not be allowed	945	45%
	Don't know / No opinion	313	15%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES18_3	<i>Do you think transgender girls and women should or should not be allowed to compete on girls' or women's sports teams at each of the following levels? — College</i>		
	Definitely should be allowed	388	18%
	Probably should be allowed	244	12%
	Probably should not be allowed	204	10%
	Definitely should not be allowed	949	45%
	Don't know / No opinion	317	15%
DES18_4	<i>Do you think transgender girls and women should or should not be allowed to compete on girls' or women's sports teams at each of the following levels? — Professional</i>		
	Definitely should be allowed	385	18%
	Probably should be allowed	225	11%
	Probably should not be allowed	193	9%
	Definitely should not be allowed	960	46%
	Don't know / No opinion	338	16%
DES18_5	<i>Do you think transgender girls and women should or should not be allowed to compete on girls' or women's sports teams at each of the following levels? — The Olympics</i>		
	Definitely should be allowed	347	17%
	Probably should be allowed	198	9%
	Probably should not be allowed	234	11%
	Definitely should not be allowed	993	47%
	Don't know / No opinion	330	16%
DES19	<i>How comfortable or uncomfortable would you be with a child in your family playing tackle football?</i>		
	Very comfortable	583	28%
	Somewhat comfortable	540	26%
	Somewhat uncomfortable	365	17%
	Very uncomfortable	363	17%
	Don't know / No opinion	251	12%
DES20	<i>At what age, if ever, do you think children should be allowed to play tackle football?</i>		
	Under 8	87	4%
	Ages 8 to 10	296	14%
	Ages 11 to 13	396	19%
	Ages 14 and older (high school)	775	37%
	Children should not play tackle football at any age	264	13%
	Don't know / No opinion	283	13%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
DES21	<i>A study released in August 2026 found that at least 1 in 4 former NFL players who died between 2016 and 2021 had chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a degenerative brain disease linked to repeated head impacts. Does this finding affect how you feel about football?</i>		
	It makes me less likely to support or watch football	463	22%
	It concerns me, but it does not change my viewing habits	650	31%
	I was already aware of CTE risks and it does not change how I feel	491	23%
	I do not think CTE concerns are significant enough to change anything about football	188	9%
	Don't know / No opinion	310	15%
DES22	<i>Having learned more, once again, how comfortable or uncomfortable would you be with a child in your family playing tackle football?</i>		
	Very comfortable	436	21%
	Somewhat comfortable	538	26%
	Somewhat uncomfortable	420	20%
	Very uncomfortable	508	24%
	Don't know / No opinion	200	10%
DES24	<i>Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Building more data centers is necessary for the United States to compete with China in artificial intelligence, even if some are built near residential communities	541	26%
	Protecting communities from the effects of nearby data centers is more important, even if it slows America's progress in competing with China	1239	59%
	Not sure	322	15%
DES25	<i>And which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?</i>		
	Building more data centers is worth it if it spurs economic and job growth	635	30%
	It is not worth building more data centers because of the potential harm to the environment	1149	55%
	Not sure	318	15%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for respondents with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Registered Voters	2102	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	995	47%
	Gender: Female	1104	53%
	N	2099	
age	Age: 18-34	515	25%
	Age: 35-44	338	16%
	Age: 45-64	686	33%
	Age: 65+	563	27%
	N	2102	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	314	15%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	571	27%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	526	25%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	631	30%
	N	2042	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	765	36%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	521	25%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	817	39%
	N	2102	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	390	19%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	374	18%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	223	11%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	296	14%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	382	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	434	21%
	N	2099	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	1211	58%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	557	27%
	Educ: Post-grad	334	16%
	N	2102	
xdemInc3_us	Income: Under 50k	935	44%
	Income: 50k-100k	714	34%
	Income: 100k+	453	22%
	N	2102	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	1579	75%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	243	12%

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	276	13%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	247	12%
xdemReligion	All Christian	1131	54%
	All Non-Christian	134	6%
	Atheist	83	4%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	418	20%
	Something Else	337	16%
	N	2102	
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	149	7%
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	551	26%
	Community: Suburban	986	47%
	Community: Rural	565	27%
	N	2102	
xdemEmploy	Employ: Private Sector	705	34%
	Employ: Government	130	6%
	Employ: Self-Employed	192	9%
	Employ: Homemaker	111	5%
	Employ: Student	45	2%
	Employ: Retired	614	29%
	Employ: Unemployed	202	10%
	Employ: Other	103	5%
	N	2102	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	337	16%
	Military HH: No	1765	84%
	N	2102	
xsubVote24O	2024 Vote: Kamala Harris	902	43%
	2024 Vote: Donald Trump	929	44%
	2024 Vote: Other	35	2%
	2024 Vote: Didn't Vote	236	11%
	N	2102	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	363	17%
	4-Region: Midwest	472	22%
	4-Region: South	789	38%
	4-Region: West	478	23%
	N	2102	
xdem1	Knows Transgender Person	731	35%

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