

YouGov Survey: How Much Presidents Control

May 19 - 22, 2026 - 2,201 U.S. adult citizens



1. How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Total control	A lot of control	Some control	Not much control	No control	Not sure
Military operations	29%	44%	17%	2%	1%	6%
Tariffs	22%	39%	25%	4%	3%	7%
Foreign policy	21%	49%	18%	4%	2%	7%
National debt	18%	37%	27%	7%	3%	8%
Judicial appointments	17%	35%	26%	7%	3%	13%
Federal spending	15%	37%	33%	5%	3%	7%
Natural disaster response	14%	42%	27%	7%	4%	6%
Tax rates	15%	28%	33%	12%	4%	8%
Trade deficits	14%	31%	34%	8%	3%	9%
U.S. territorial expansion	13%	31%	32%	9%	4%	10%
Illegal immigration rates	14%	36%	27%	11%	3%	8%
The federal workforce	13%	37%	33%	6%	2%	9%
Legal immigration rates	12%	34%	34%	9%	3%	8%
Federal agency decisions	12%	36%	31%	9%	2%	9%
Gas prices	11%	27%	36%	14%	6%	6%
Health care costs	10%	25%	38%	17%	4%	5%
Environmental regulation	10%	35%	34%	12%	3%	7%
Infrastructure development	9%	28%	39%	10%	3%	10%
Poverty rates	9%	22%	37%	17%	8%	8%
Grocery prices	9%	21%	38%	20%	7%	6%
Consumer prices	9%	25%	34%	18%	6%	8%
Interest rates	8%	17%	34%	21%	9%	10%
Abortion access	7%	20%	34%	19%	10%	11%
Congressional votes	7%	19%	36%	16%	10%	12%
Supreme Court decisions	7%	16%	26%	22%	20%	9%
Stock market returns	7%	16%	32%	21%	12%	13%
Housing costs	7%	21%	34%	22%	7%	9%
Judicial decisions	7%	16%	29%	25%	13%	10%
The unemployment rate	7%	21%	38%	18%	7%	8%
Local law enforcement	6%	14%	26%	31%	16%	7%
Gun deaths	5%	15%	29%	21%	21%	10%
Public school curricula	5%	13%	30%	28%	14%	9%
State and local laws	5%	11%	26%	32%	18%	8%
Private sector wages	5%	12%	29%	27%	13%	14%
Crime rates	4%	14%	38%	24%	11%	9%
High-school graduation rates	3%	8%	22%	30%	26%	12%
Drug addiction rates	3%	8%	23%	32%	23%	11%

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Interviewing Dates	May 19 - 21, 2026 May 20 - 22, 2026
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.57, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.898.
Number of respondents	2,201
Margin of error	± 2.8 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	75 questions not reported.

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1A. Control of Presidents — Military operations

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

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	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	29%	34%	24%	27%	26%	26%	39%	29%	30%	34%	31%	26%
A lot of control	44%	42%	47%	38%	41%	54%	41%	48%	38%	28%	41%	51%
Some control	17%	15%	20%	22%	18%	16%	15%	15%	19%	23%	17%	19%
Not much control	2%	2%	3%	1%	5%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%
No control	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	7%	6%	12%	9%	3%	1%	6%	8%	11%	8%	2%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,148)	(559)	(589)	(280)	(303)	(329)	(236)	(732)	(158)	(184)	(754)	(394)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	29%	29%	26%	32%	29%	33%	29%	33%	27%	30%	30%	30%	26%
A lot of control	44%	50%	41%	43%	50%	47%	42%	41%	49%	44%	45%	42%	46%
Some control	17%	16%	18%	18%	14%	16%	17%	19%	18%	19%	17%	18%	15%
Not much control	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%
No control	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Not sure	6%	2%	11%	4%	2%	2%	8%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	10%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,148)	(366)	(429)	(353)	(438)	(414)	(453)	(333)	(261)	(200)	(236)	(443)	(269)

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1B. Control of Presidents — Tariffs

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	22%	21%	22%	21%	20%	20%	27%	22%	25%	26%	25%	16%
A lot of control	39%	39%	38%	35%	38%	41%	40%	40%	34%	33%	35%	45%
Some control	25%	24%	26%	29%	28%	23%	22%	24%	27%	26%	24%	28%
Not much control	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%	6%	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%
No control	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	2%	5%
Not sure	7%	8%	6%	11%	8%	7%	3%	7%	8%	10%	10%	1%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,191)	(571)	(620)	(288)	(281)	(377)	(245)	(787)	(153)	(170)	(780)	(411)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	22%	30%	18%	20%	28%	21%	25%	21%	17%	23%	26%	23%	15%
A lot of control	39%	37%	36%	44%	35%	44%	37%	43%	38%	43%	40%	39%	34%
Some control	25%	21%	26%	28%	25%	29%	22%	22%	36%	25%	25%	21%	33%
Not much control	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%
No control	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	5%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%
Not sure	7%	4%	13%	2%	2%	2%	9%	4%	2%	3%	3%	9%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	102%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,191)	(382)	(469)	(340)	(458)	(421)	(483)	(322)	(275)	(214)	(243)	(456)	(278)

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1C. Control of Presidents — Foreign policy

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	21%	21%	21%	19%	16%	24%	23%	20%	21%	26%	21%	21%
A lot of control	49%	53%	45%	43%	47%	48%	54%	51%	40%	38%	43%	58%
Some control	18%	15%	21%	21%	18%	19%	15%	18%	17%	20%	19%	16%
Not much control	4%	5%	3%	5%	6%	4%	1%	4%	7%	5%	5%	3%
No control	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	11%	11%	3%	5%	5%	13%	8%	9%	1%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,167)	(554)	(613)	(284)	(277)	(368)	(238)	(753)	(159)	(176)	(769)	(398)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	21%	26%	14%	25%	24%	25%	21%	22%	21%	22%	26%	20%	17%
A lot of control	49%	50%	48%	48%	52%	48%	43%	54%	56%	45%	45%	52%	48%
Some control	18%	14%	22%	16%	15%	18%	21%	15%	16%	17%	20%	14%	24%
Not much control	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%
No control	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	6%	2%	1%	0%
Not sure	7%	7%	10%	2%	5%	3%	7%	4%	3%	7%	5%	8%	6%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,167)	(382)	(436)	(349)	(465)	(413)	(432)	(335)	(282)	(196)	(226)	(466)	(279)

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1D. Control of Presidents — National debt

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

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	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	18%	18%	18%	18%	17%	19%	16%	16%	27%	20%	20%	14%
A lot of control	37%	33%	42%	36%	32%	39%	40%	39%	33%	33%	32%	46%
Some control	27%	28%	25%	25%	32%	24%	25%	26%	21%	27%	26%	28%
Not much control	7%	9%	5%	4%	5%	8%	11%	8%	5%	3%	6%	8%
No control	3%	4%	3%	0%	5%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	17%	8%	7%	2%	7%	10%	14%	12%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,191)	(587)	(604)	(272)	(300)	(361)	(258)	(764)	(161)	(178)	(768)	(423)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	18%	24%	15%	15%	22%	12%	22%	17%	14%	19%	17%	19%	16%
A lot of control	37%	41%	36%	36%	47%	33%	32%	45%	41%	34%	39%	36%	39%
Some control	27%	24%	24%	32%	22%	37%	26%	21%	32%	29%	28%	26%	24%
Not much control	7%	6%	6%	9%	5%	10%	6%	8%	9%	6%	10%	7%	4%
No control	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%	1%	4%	3%	4%	2%
Not sure	8%	3%	15%	3%	3%	4%	11%	5%	4%	7%	3%	8%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	98%
Unweighted N	(1,191)	(385)	(449)	(357)	(470)	(431)	(462)	(335)	(277)	(205)	(253)	(452)	(281)

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1E. Control of Presidents — Judicial appointments

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	17%	16%	17%	11%	15%	16%	23%	15%	14%	24%	15%	20%
A lot of control	35%	39%	30%	25%	32%	36%	43%	39%	22%	26%	29%	45%
Some control	26%	23%	28%	28%	29%	23%	24%	25%	30%	26%	27%	23%
Not much control	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%	6%	12%	6%	8%	6%
No control	3%	2%	4%	2%	4%	5%	1%	2%	6%	5%	4%	3%
Not sure	13%	12%	14%	27%	14%	12%	3%	13%	16%	13%	18%	4%
Totals	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,177)	(579)	(598)	(275)	(289)	(358)	(255)	(771)	(137)	(184)	(771)	(406)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	17%	23%	11%	18%	24%	17%	15%	20%	16%	21%	17%	15%	16%
A lot of control	35%	36%	34%	34%	41%	36%	33%	32%	43%	34%	33%	35%	36%
Some control	26%	21%	24%	32%	21%	35%	23%	28%	26%	28%	25%	25%	26%
Not much control	7%	8%	8%	5%	5%	5%	9%	5%	6%	6%	5%	9%	4%
No control	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	0%	1%	3%	5%	3%
Not sure	13%	10%	19%	8%	6%	6%	16%	10%	9%	11%	17%	11%	15%
Totals	101%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,177)	(365)	(450)	(362)	(443)	(430)	(450)	(319)	(284)	(210)	(247)	(445)	(275)

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1F. Control of Presidents — Federal spending

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	15%	12%	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%	13%	23%	18%	16%	12%
A lot of control	37%	36%	38%	40%	34%	37%	36%	38%	36%	38%	35%	41%
Some control	33%	35%	31%	28%	34%	35%	32%	33%	27%	30%	31%	36%
Not much control	5%	6%	4%	3%	5%	6%	6%	6%	2%	2%	5%	5%
No control	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%
Not sure	7%	8%	7%	14%	8%	4%	3%	7%	9%	10%	10%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,189)	(567)	(622)	(301)	(283)	(361)	(244)	(759)	(171)	(178)	(795)	(394)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	15%	22%	12%	12%	20%	13%	16%	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%	14%
A lot of control	37%	41%	37%	33%	41%	37%	41%	39%	30%	39%	37%	35%	39%
Some control	33%	27%	31%	41%	26%	38%	26%	32%	44%	36%	31%	33%	32%
Not much control	5%	3%	5%	8%	5%	7%	4%	6%	6%	3%	5%	7%	3%
No control	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	5%	1%	3%	6%	3%	2%
Not sure	7%	5%	12%	3%	4%	2%	8%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,189)	(390)	(471)	(328)	(464)	(416)	(473)	(334)	(255)	(214)	(256)	(462)	(257)

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1G. Control of Presidents — Natural disaster response

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	14%	14%	15%	15%	14%	15%	14%	14%	16%	12%	14%	15%
A lot of control	42%	41%	43%	32%	40%	44%	50%	45%	27%	39%	37%	51%
Some control	27%	28%	26%	33%	28%	26%	21%	26%	35%	24%	28%	25%
Not much control	7%	7%	7%	9%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	11%	9%	5%
No control	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	2%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	8%	8%	5%	4%	5%	11%	10%	8%	2%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,236)	(589)	(647)	(303)	(298)	(396)	(239)	(841)	(163)	(159)	(792)	(444)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	14%	20%	11%	13%	18%	12%	16%	11%	16%	19%	13%	13%	16%
A lot of control	42%	43%	41%	41%	46%	45%	36%	51%	45%	48%	38%	41%	42%
Some control	27%	22%	28%	30%	22%	31%	27%	25%	26%	21%	29%	30%	24%
Not much control	7%	5%	8%	8%	4%	6%	9%	6%	6%	7%	9%	6%	7%
No control	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	3%	1%	7%	3%	3%
Not sure	6%	5%	9%	4%	5%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	6%	9%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,236)	(418)	(459)	(359)	(491)	(433)	(470)	(352)	(296)	(222)	(244)	(488)	(282)

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1H. Control of Presidents — Tax rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	15%	13%	16%	22%	16%	11%	12%	11%	21%	26%	16%	11%
A lot of control	28%	24%	31%	30%	27%	29%	25%	28%	27%	24%	25%	32%
Some control	33%	38%	29%	28%	34%	34%	36%	36%	27%	27%	31%	38%
Not much control	12%	14%	10%	9%	10%	12%	18%	14%	11%	7%	12%	13%
No control	4%	4%	4%	0%	3%	7%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	11%	11%	7%	5%	7%	11%	11%	11%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,204)	(589)	(615)	(285)	(309)	(366)	(244)	(767)	(158)	(190)	(781)	(423)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	15%	18%	12%	14%	14%	13%	17%	13%	13%	11%	17%	14%	15%
A lot of control	28%	33%	25%	26%	34%	21%	27%	33%	24%	30%	23%	28%	29%
Some control	33%	30%	32%	38%	32%	40%	33%	31%	43%	38%	35%	31%	33%
Not much control	12%	9%	13%	14%	11%	18%	10%	12%	13%	15%	14%	11%	10%
No control	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%
Not sure	8%	7%	13%	3%	6%	3%	11%	5%	3%	3%	7%	10%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,204)	(402)	(457)	(345)	(469)	(424)	(462)	(328)	(287)	(216)	(250)	(457)	(281)

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11. Control of Presidents — Trade deficits

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	14%	16%	12%	14%	14%	13%	17%	11%	23%	22%	16%	11%
A lot of control	31%	28%	33%	28%	26%	34%	34%	32%	28%	23%	31%	30%
Some control	34%	33%	36%	35%	35%	36%	31%	36%	27%	29%	31%	40%
Not much control	8%	11%	7%	7%	10%	8%	9%	9%	6%	10%	7%	11%
No control	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	15%	13%	6%	5%	9%	12%	14%	13%	3%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	98%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(547)	(613)	(282)	(298)	(350)	(230)	(744)	(161)	(180)	(753)	(407)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	14%	18%	11%	15%	16%	13%	16%	15%	12%	17%	11%	16%	13%
A lot of control	31%	38%	26%	30%	35%	29%	32%	33%	29%	29%	28%	33%	30%
Some control	34%	27%	36%	39%	30%	43%	30%	33%	43%	35%	41%	30%	36%
Not much control	8%	9%	10%	7%	10%	5%	11%	7%	10%	6%	7%	10%	8%
No control	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	1%
Not sure	9%	6%	15%	6%	6%	7%	9%	11%	3%	9%	10%	8%	12%
Totals	99%	100%	102%	99%	100%	100%	102%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,160)	(392)	(423)	(345)	(461)	(405)	(439)	(341)	(268)	(215)	(239)	(453)	(253)

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1J. Control of Presidents — U.S. territorial expansion

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	13%	12%	14%	18%	15%	11%	10%	9%	22%	26%	15%	10%
A lot of control	31%	29%	33%	40%	29%	26%	32%	32%	35%	23%	31%	33%
Some control	32%	30%	33%	23%	29%	40%	32%	35%	16%	26%	28%	39%
Not much control	9%	12%	7%	5%	10%	8%	14%	10%	10%	7%	10%	9%
No control	4%	6%	2%	1%	5%	4%	5%	4%	2%	6%	4%	4%
Not sure	10%	11%	10%	13%	12%	10%	7%	10%	14%	12%	13%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,227)	(575)	(652)	(304)	(289)	(378)	(256)	(807)	(165)	(181)	(798)	(429)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	13%	18%	8%	15%	15%	15%	15%	14%	10%	14%	10%	13%	16%
A lot of control	31%	37%	31%	27%	36%	27%	31%	30%	32%	34%	29%	29%	36%
Some control	32%	24%	32%	39%	29%	40%	26%	36%	40%	26%	38%	34%	28%
Not much control	9%	8%	9%	11%	7%	10%	9%	8%	10%	14%	11%	9%	7%
No control	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	4%
Not sure	10%	9%	15%	5%	7%	5%	14%	8%	5%	9%	7%	13%	9%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,227)	(398)	(453)	(376)	(450)	(455)	(486)	(340)	(292)	(199)	(233)	(496)	(299)

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1K. Control of Presidents — Illegal immigration rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	14%	15%	14%	12%	13%	14%	19%	13%	16%	22%	17%	10%
A lot of control	36%	37%	36%	34%	35%	37%	38%	37%	47%	25%	36%	36%
Some control	27%	27%	27%	25%	28%	31%	24%	29%	16%	22%	23%	35%
Not much control	11%	12%	10%	9%	12%	10%	14%	11%	8%	8%	10%	13%
No control	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%	16%	11%	5%	2%	7%	10%	17%	11%	3%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,141)	(546)	(595)	(277)	(271)	(360)	(233)	(743)	(159)	(155)	(755)	(386)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	14%	10%	12%	21%	11%	22%	14%	17%	14%	16%	14%	15%	13%
A lot of control	36%	39%	31%	40%	30%	44%	35%	39%	38%	37%	39%	35%	36%
Some control	27%	30%	28%	24%	32%	24%	26%	23%	36%	33%	28%	25%	27%
Not much control	11%	11%	13%	8%	16%	6%	12%	11%	8%	6%	10%	14%	9%
No control	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	4%	1%	3%
Not sure	8%	6%	14%	4%	6%	2%	8%	6%	3%	4%	5%	9%	12%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,141)	(383)	(422)	(336)	(457)	(384)	(432)	(321)	(275)	(203)	(222)	(435)	(281)

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1L. Control of Presidents — The federal workforce

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	13%	14%	13%	17%	11%	12%	13%	11%	23%	17%	14%	11%
A lot of control	37%	38%	36%	36%	39%	35%	38%	36%	33%	37%	33%	44%
Some control	33%	31%	35%	32%	28%	35%	36%	35%	29%	29%	33%	33%
Not much control	6%	7%	6%	2%	6%	8%	9%	6%	3%	4%	6%	7%
No control	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	10%	14%	8%	2%	9%	10%	11%	11%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,181)	(572)	(609)	(283)	(290)	(377)	(231)	(756)	(154)	(183)	(768)	(413)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	13%	17%	10%	14%	15%	16%	13%	13%	16%	16%	12%	12%	15%
A lot of control	37%	41%	37%	32%	45%	32%	31%	45%	38%	42%	37%	36%	35%
Some control	33%	28%	33%	39%	27%	39%	34%	31%	33%	24%	35%	36%	33%
Not much control	6%	5%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	5%	9%	7%	8%	5%	7%
No control	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%
Not sure	9%	8%	12%	5%	6%	3%	12%	5%	3%	8%	5%	11%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,181)	(401)	(444)	(336)	(485)	(394)	(476)	(303)	(285)	(212)	(230)	(464)	(275)

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1M. Control of Presidents — Legal immigration rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	12%	10%	14%	10%	12%	11%	16%	11%	15%	18%	13%	10%
A lot of control	34%	34%	34%	32%	30%	35%	40%	34%	32%	36%	32%	38%
Some control	34%	34%	34%	34%	35%	34%	32%	35%	32%	25%	32%	37%
Not much control	9%	11%	7%	6%	12%	8%	8%	9%	8%	6%	7%	11%
No control	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%	6%	4%	1%
Not sure	8%	8%	8%	16%	10%	7%	1%	7%	12%	10%	11%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,186)	(574)	(612)	(290)	(286)	(376)	(234)	(763)	(174)	(173)	(770)	(416)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	12%	10%	11%	17%	11%	18%	13%	13%	12%	13%	13%	14%	9%
A lot of control	34%	39%	29%	37%	35%	39%	32%	35%	38%	36%	38%	32%	33%
Some control	34%	35%	35%	31%	37%	30%	33%	36%	34%	30%	30%	35%	37%
Not much control	9%	8%	10%	8%	10%	9%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	10%	7%
No control	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	6%	2%	1%
Not sure	8%	6%	12%	4%	5%	3%	10%	6%	5%	9%	5%	8%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,186)	(401)	(442)	(343)	(474)	(416)	(468)	(323)	(279)	(201)	(238)	(480)	(267)

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1N. Control of Presidents — Federal agency decisions

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	12%	14%	11%	14%	13%	12%	11%	10%	17%	22%	13%	12%
A lot of control	36%	36%	36%	35%	35%	37%	38%	39%	26%	29%	31%	45%
Some control	31%	29%	33%	29%	32%	32%	30%	32%	28%	24%	30%	34%
Not much control	9%	11%	6%	4%	8%	9%	14%	8%	14%	7%	10%	6%
No control	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	17%	11%	7%	5%	8%	12%	15%	14%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(560)	(601)	(277)	(302)	(359)	(223)	(755)	(152)	(172)	(755)	(406)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	12%	15%	11%	12%	15%	12%	13%	11%	15%	15%	14%	12%	10%
A lot of control	36%	42%	36%	30%	43%	34%	33%	44%	41%	39%	41%	35%	30%
Some control	31%	24%	30%	39%	27%	39%	30%	26%	36%	32%	29%	28%	37%
Not much control	9%	8%	6%	12%	8%	10%	10%	10%	4%	8%	5%	11%	8%
No control	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	5%	2%	1%
Not sure	9%	9%	15%	3%	5%	3%	12%	7%	4%	5%	6%	11%	14%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,161)	(384)	(438)	(339)	(445)	(412)	(455)	(316)	(274)	(201)	(252)	(441)	(267)

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10. Control of Presidents — Gas prices

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	11%	10%	12%	12%	12%	10%	12%	8%	25%	12%	12%	9%
A lot of control	27%	24%	29%	30%	26%	26%	25%	25%	29%	29%	27%	26%
Some control	36%	32%	39%	32%	35%	37%	39%	38%	23%	35%	34%	39%
Not much control	14%	19%	10%	10%	12%	17%	17%	16%	12%	9%	12%	19%
No control	6%	7%	5%	2%	7%	6%	7%	6%	3%	7%	6%	5%
Not sure	6%	7%	5%	13%	7%	4%	1%	6%	8%	8%	9%	1%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,181)	(567)	(614)	(300)	(282)	(374)	(225)	(755)	(168)	(170)	(775)	(406)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	11%	18%	8%	9%	15%	7%	14%	9%	10%	12%	9%	10%	14%
A lot of control	27%	32%	24%	25%	31%	22%	25%	33%	23%	28%	26%	28%	23%
Some control	36%	33%	38%	36%	34%	37%	36%	35%	39%	36%	43%	32%	36%
Not much control	14%	9%	12%	22%	14%	24%	10%	15%	20%	14%	16%	16%	11%
No control	6%	5%	7%	5%	4%	7%	8%	4%	5%	4%	5%	8%	4%
Not sure	6%	2%	12%	3%	2%	2%	7%	4%	4%	5%	1%	5%	13%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,181)	(387)	(434)	(360)	(457)	(403)	(471)	(331)	(271)	(234)	(226)	(461)	(260)

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1P. Control of Presidents — Health care costs

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	10%	8%	12%	14%	12%	9%	7%	8%	15%	18%	12%	8%
A lot of control	25%	23%	28%	34%	20%	25%	23%	25%	33%	28%	26%	24%
Some control	38%	39%	37%	40%	39%	36%	38%	40%	36%	32%	36%	41%
Not much control	17%	22%	13%	7%	16%	20%	22%	18%	8%	10%	15%	20%
No control	4%	5%	4%	1%	4%	5%	6%	5%	2%	4%	5%	4%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	4%	8%	4%	4%	5%	7%	8%	6%	3%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,179)	(549)	(630)	(273)	(293)	(364)	(249)	(768)	(155)	(173)	(765)	(414)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	10%	12%	12%	7%	12%	8%	13%	9%	9%	13%	9%	11%	9%
A lot of control	25%	31%	26%	19%	33%	19%	26%	25%	25%	27%	24%	27%	22%
Some control	38%	38%	33%	44%	35%	39%	38%	36%	40%	41%	37%	38%	35%
Not much control	17%	10%	19%	21%	12%	26%	12%	21%	21%	11%	20%	16%	21%
No control	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%
Not sure	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	3%	6%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,179)	(387)	(441)	(351)	(455)	(431)	(453)	(331)	(266)	(191)	(222)	(487)	(279)

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1Q. Control of Presidents — Environmental regulation

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	10%	9%	10%	11%	12%	6%	11%	7%	13%	22%	10%	9%
A lot of control	35%	35%	34%	42%	29%	31%	38%	36%	31%	29%	31%	42%
Some control	34%	33%	34%	30%	35%	39%	29%	36%	28%	29%	32%	37%
Not much control	12%	14%	10%	7%	14%	9%	16%	12%	13%	9%	14%	7%
No control	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	6%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	9%	7%	8%	3%	6%	11%	9%	10%	2%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	102%
Unweighted N	(1,217)	(595)	(622)	(296)	(310)	(376)	(235)	(814)	(158)	(170)	(808)	(409)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	10%	10%	8%	11%	12%	9%	10%	12%	7%	7%	11%	9%	10%
A lot of control	35%	49%	33%	24%	48%	22%	31%	37%	39%	35%	38%	31%	37%
Some control	34%	25%	35%	41%	27%	45%	33%	32%	38%	35%	26%	37%	35%
Not much control	12%	9%	10%	16%	7%	15%	14%	9%	12%	11%	15%	13%	6%
No control	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%
Not sure	7%	4%	10%	6%	4%	5%	7%	7%	2%	8%	6%	6%	9%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	102%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,217)	(404)	(440)	(373)	(468)	(437)	(478)	(342)	(267)	(216)	(248)	(492)	(261)

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1R. Control of Presidents — Infrastructure development

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	9%	9%	9%	14%	10%	8%	5%	7%	17%	13%	10%	7%
A lot of control	28%	33%	24%	24%	31%	29%	30%	31%	29%	23%	24%	38%
Some control	39%	38%	40%	32%	41%	44%	38%	40%	31%	36%	39%	40%
Not much control	10%	9%	11%	12%	5%	10%	13%	11%	3%	9%	10%	9%
No control	3%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	6%	3%	6%	2%	3%	2%
Not sure	10%	6%	14%	16%	12%	7%	8%	8%	13%	17%	14%	3%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,174)	(543)	(631)	(278)	(284)	(371)	(241)	(750)	(167)	(174)	(786)	(388)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	9%	11%	8%	9%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	8%	9%	9%
A lot of control	28%	34%	25%	28%	39%	24%	25%	33%	34%	29%	29%	27%	29%
Some control	39%	35%	43%	38%	34%	46%	41%	35%	41%	40%	40%	41%	34%
Not much control	10%	6%	8%	16%	8%	13%	8%	12%	10%	8%	12%	10%	10%
No control	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%	1%
Not sure	10%	9%	14%	7%	6%	6%	13%	8%	3%	7%	8%	9%	17%
Totals	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,174)	(385)	(446)	(343)	(462)	(403)	(453)	(342)	(255)	(201)	(244)	(477)	(252)

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1S. Control of Presidents — Poverty rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	9%	8%	10%	10%	10%	7%	10%	7%	19%	10%	11%	5%
A lot of control	22%	21%	23%	26%	23%	21%	19%	22%	26%	23%	20%	27%
Some control	37%	37%	36%	41%	40%	34%	32%	35%	31%	36%	34%	41%
Not much control	17%	21%	14%	9%	13%	21%	24%	20%	12%	10%	16%	19%
No control	8%	6%	9%	4%	5%	12%	8%	8%	4%	8%	8%	6%
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	11%	9%	5%	7%	7%	8%	12%	10%	2%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,179)	(551)	(628)	(283)	(295)	(367)	(234)	(775)	(150)	(177)	(775)	(404)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	9%	12%	7%	9%	12%	6%	13%	7%	5%	7%	12%	9%	8%
A lot of control	22%	34%	21%	13%	30%	15%	23%	23%	23%	28%	20%	24%	17%
Some control	37%	32%	39%	38%	35%	37%	34%	41%	36%	38%	35%	33%	42%
Not much control	17%	9%	16%	25%	12%	27%	15%	14%	25%	13%	18%	19%	15%
No control	8%	6%	8%	9%	5%	12%	8%	10%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	6%	6%	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%	8%	7%	10%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,179)	(387)	(447)	(345)	(468)	(414)	(439)	(336)	(275)	(207)	(243)	(458)	(271)

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1T. Control of Presidents — Grocery prices

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	9%	9%	8%	13%	9%	8%	6%	5%	16%	20%	10%	5%
A lot of control	21%	17%	24%	20%	22%	18%	23%	19%	34%	16%	21%	20%
Some control	38%	33%	42%	38%	39%	41%	33%	39%	27%	33%	35%	44%
Not much control	20%	26%	15%	18%	16%	23%	22%	22%	12%	16%	19%	22%
No control	7%	9%	4%	3%	5%	6%	12%	8%	3%	6%	7%	6%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	9%	9%	4%	4%	6%	7%	8%	9%	3%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,203)	(563)	(640)	(287)	(315)	(357)	(244)	(769)	(160)	(179)	(780)	(423)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	9%	13%	7%	7%	8%	7%	12%	6%	6%	9%	5%	11%	9%
A lot of control	21%	33%	17%	13%	30%	12%	21%	20%	20%	23%	22%	19%	19%
Some control	38%	35%	37%	41%	38%	36%	38%	38%	41%	39%	44%	35%	36%
Not much control	20%	11%	21%	27%	15%	30%	16%	24%	21%	19%	20%	20%	21%
No control	7%	4%	7%	8%	4%	12%	6%	6%	8%	5%	6%	8%	6%
Not sure	6%	4%	11%	4%	4%	3%	7%	6%	4%	5%	4%	7%	9%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,203)	(386)	(450)	(367)	(455)	(438)	(471)	(335)	(275)	(209)	(237)	(464)	(293)

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1U. Control of Presidents — Consumer prices

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	9%	8%	10%	12%	9%	7%	9%	7%	16%	12%	11%	6%
A lot of control	25%	23%	27%	27%	27%	20%	28%	25%	30%	27%	25%	25%
Some control	34%	34%	35%	30%	36%	40%	28%	36%	30%	29%	32%	38%
Not much control	18%	23%	13%	15%	12%	20%	24%	20%	9%	15%	17%	19%
No control	6%	7%	5%	3%	6%	8%	6%	6%	1%	6%	5%	9%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	13%	9%	6%	5%	6%	15%	10%	10%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,196)	(580)	(616)	(272)	(300)	(366)	(258)	(766)	(158)	(189)	(785)	(411)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	9%	14%	8%	6%	13%	7%	13%	6%	5%	9%	7%	10%	8%
A lot of control	25%	35%	20%	22%	32%	17%	22%	33%	24%	22%	26%	24%	27%
Some control	34%	30%	34%	39%	30%	38%	30%	31%	43%	31%	38%	33%	35%
Not much control	18%	13%	19%	21%	17%	25%	17%	16%	21%	23%	16%	17%	18%
No control	6%	4%	7%	7%	4%	8%	7%	7%	5%	7%	7%	7%	4%
Not sure	8%	5%	12%	5%	4%	5%	10%	6%	2%	6%	6%	9%	8%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,196)	(403)	(431)	(362)	(449)	(439)	(488)	(312)	(274)	(217)	(219)	(478)	(282)

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1V. Control of Presidents — Interest rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	8%	6%	10%	12%	9%	6%	8%	5%	16%	16%	9%	5%
A lot of control	17%	13%	20%	25%	20%	12%	14%	15%	22%	24%	17%	17%
Some control	34%	33%	34%	31%	30%	39%	33%	34%	34%	30%	32%	38%
Not much control	21%	27%	16%	14%	21%	22%	26%	24%	8%	15%	18%	27%
No control	9%	11%	8%	3%	6%	12%	15%	12%	5%	5%	10%	8%
Not sure	10%	10%	11%	15%	13%	10%	4%	9%	16%	10%	14%	4%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,165)	(550)	(615)	(268)	(288)	(365)	(244)	(757)	(156)	(169)	(775)	(390)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	8%	11%	6%	8%	8%	6%	11%	8%	4%	10%	4%	8%	9%
A lot of control	17%	24%	10%	19%	19%	16%	17%	23%	13%	15%	16%	20%	13%
Some control	34%	31%	35%	35%	33%	34%	34%	30%	37%	37%	38%	32%	32%
Not much control	21%	17%	23%	23%	25%	26%	16%	20%	34%	18%	25%	21%	20%
No control	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%	12%	10%	11%	9%	11%	9%	9%	10%
Not sure	10%	8%	16%	6%	6%	5%	13%	9%	2%	9%	7%	9%	16%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,165)	(385)	(434)	(346)	(450)	(402)	(460)	(331)	(263)	(197)	(240)	(443)	(285)

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1W. Control of Presidents — Abortion access

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	7%	8%	13%	7%	4%	7%	6%	9%	14%	9%	4%
A lot of control	20%	16%	23%	19%	20%	22%	16%	19%	19%	25%	18%	23%
Some control	34%	35%	33%	33%	37%	34%	30%	33%	41%	26%	32%	36%
Not much control	19%	20%	17%	16%	16%	17%	28%	20%	11%	18%	19%	19%
No control	10%	12%	8%	3%	8%	14%	13%	12%	9%	4%	8%	14%
Not sure	11%	11%	11%	15%	13%	9%	6%	11%	11%	13%	15%	3%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,194)	(571)	(623)	(308)	(302)	(343)	(241)	(760)	(172)	(177)	(774)	(420)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	10%	6%	6%	9%	6%	6%	9%	8%	8%	9%	6%	7%
A lot of control	20%	26%	20%	11%	28%	11%	20%	26%	14%	19%	21%	18%	21%
Some control	34%	35%	29%	39%	36%	34%	35%	31%	36%	30%	35%	32%	38%
Not much control	19%	13%	19%	25%	13%	29%	17%	17%	23%	19%	17%	22%	15%
No control	10%	10%	9%	12%	9%	13%	10%	7%	14%	15%	11%	9%	6%
Not sure	11%	6%	17%	7%	5%	7%	13%	10%	4%	10%	7%	12%	12%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,194)	(415)	(438)	(341)	(469)	(422)	(438)	(361)	(283)	(212)	(239)	(451)	(292)

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1X. Control of Presidents — Congressional votes

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	6%	8%	6%	10%	6%	5%	6%	10%	10%	7%	7%
A lot of control	19%	17%	20%	16%	21%	19%	18%	18%	17%	25%	17%	21%
Some control	36%	40%	33%	41%	32%	33%	43%	38%	38%	31%	34%	42%
Not much control	16%	17%	16%	13%	14%	19%	18%	18%	9%	13%	17%	14%
No control	10%	11%	8%	8%	9%	12%	9%	9%	12%	11%	9%	11%
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	15%	14%	12%	7%	11%	13%	10%	16%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,232)	(586)	(646)	(295)	(325)	(376)	(236)	(784)	(178)	(193)	(813)	(419)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	8%	10%	3%	10%	6%	7%	4%
A lot of control	19%	24%	19%	14%	25%	13%	24%	17%	16%	17%	14%	20%	22%
Some control	36%	35%	34%	41%	39%	41%	29%	40%	44%	39%	39%	33%	38%
Not much control	16%	10%	17%	22%	12%	24%	16%	16%	18%	16%	20%	15%	15%
No control	10%	12%	8%	10%	9%	11%	8%	10%	11%	10%	7%	12%	7%
Not sure	12%	11%	18%	6%	7%	4%	15%	7%	8%	8%	13%	12%	14%
Totals	100%	99%	102%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,232)	(407)	(454)	(371)	(487)	(418)	(472)	(349)	(289)	(221)	(248)	(478)	(285)

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1Y. Control of Presidents — Supreme Court decisions

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	6%	7%	9%	8%	5%	6%	6%	9%	11%	8%	4%
A lot of control	16%	14%	17%	14%	14%	14%	21%	15%	24%	17%	15%	18%
Some control	26%	23%	29%	29%	29%	27%	18%	25%	22%	27%	25%	28%
Not much control	22%	25%	20%	25%	21%	22%	23%	23%	18%	21%	22%	24%
No control	20%	25%	17%	11%	14%	25%	29%	24%	10%	15%	18%	25%
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	13%	12%	7%	3%	8%	17%	10%	13%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	98%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,198)	(570)	(628)	(291)	(281)	(381)	(245)	(777)	(159)	(177)	(772)	(426)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	8%	5%	8%	7%	6%	8%	6%	4%	7%	9%	6%	5%
A lot of control	16%	22%	15%	11%	24%	9%	14%	18%	16%	18%	11%	16%	18%
Some control	26%	28%	26%	24%	29%	23%	27%	27%	26%	24%	26%	27%	26%
Not much control	22%	22%	20%	27%	16%	30%	19%	23%	25%	26%	25%	20%	21%
No control	20%	14%	22%	24%	18%	29%	19%	19%	27%	20%	24%	20%	17%
Not sure	9%	7%	13%	6%	5%	4%	12%	7%	2%	5%	5%	10%	13%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,198)	(396)	(461)	(341)	(474)	(411)	(451)	(334)	(299)	(203)	(248)	(470)	(277)

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12. Control of Presidents — Stock market returns

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	7%	7%	10%	8%	5%	5%	5%	11%	12%	7%	6%
A lot of control	16%	15%	16%	22%	16%	12%	13%	14%	15%	25%	16%	14%
Some control	32%	28%	36%	31%	32%	31%	35%	33%	34%	22%	27%	41%
Not much control	21%	26%	16%	15%	17%	25%	23%	23%	11%	14%	20%	22%
No control	12%	16%	10%	7%	8%	16%	17%	14%	9%	13%	12%	13%
Not sure	13%	9%	16%	15%	19%	11%	7%	11%	21%	14%	17%	4%
Totals	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,185)	(545)	(640)	(279)	(293)	(371)	(242)	(773)	(160)	(185)	(775)	(410)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	8%	5%	8%	8%	6%	7%	10%	3%	6%	6%	7%	8%
A lot of control	16%	19%	13%	15%	17%	13%	14%	21%	12%	21%	9%	18%	14%
Some control	32%	31%	28%	38%	33%	32%	31%	28%	42%	30%	37%	32%	29%
Not much control	21%	18%	24%	19%	22%	24%	20%	20%	23%	18%	23%	17%	25%
No control	12%	11%	13%	13%	10%	17%	12%	11%	14%	16%	13%	11%	11%
Not sure	13%	13%	17%	7%	10%	8%	14%	10%	6%	9%	11%	14%	14%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,185)	(403)	(449)	(333)	(470)	(412)	(452)	(329)	(282)	(206)	(229)	(471)	(279)

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1AA. Control of Presidents — Housing costs

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	7%	2%	5%	9%	15%	7%	7%
A lot of control	21%	16%	26%	26%	21%	21%	16%	19%	33%	22%	22%	19%
Some control	34%	36%	32%	35%	35%	31%	36%	34%	32%	30%	32%	37%
Not much control	22%	27%	18%	15%	17%	27%	27%	25%	14%	17%	19%	27%
No control	7%	8%	7%	2%	7%	8%	12%	8%	5%	3%	8%	7%
Not sure	9%	7%	11%	15%	10%	6%	7%	9%	8%	12%	12%	4%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,218)	(585)	(633)	(309)	(309)	(360)	(240)	(778)	(169)	(188)	(805)	(413)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	8%	4%	9%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	11%	6%	6%	6%
A lot of control	21%	32%	16%	16%	27%	13%	21%	26%	15%	21%	21%	24%	16%
Some control	34%	31%	37%	32%	37%	31%	35%	28%	43%	31%	36%	31%	39%
Not much control	22%	17%	21%	29%	19%	32%	17%	22%	29%	25%	22%	21%	22%
No control	7%	4%	9%	9%	5%	11%	8%	9%	6%	5%	10%	7%	8%
Not sure	9%	9%	13%	5%	5%	5%	13%	8%	2%	7%	5%	11%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,218)	(417)	(443)	(358)	(482)	(423)	(473)	(348)	(271)	(215)	(239)	(496)	(268)

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1AB. Control of Presidents — Judicial decisions

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender		Age				Race			Education		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	6%	7%	5%	10%	5%	6%	6%	9%	11%	9%	2%
A lot of control	16%	17%	15%	17%	18%	14%	15%	13%	26%	21%	15%	18%
Some control	29%	25%	33%	33%	30%	28%	26%	29%	26%	29%	27%	33%
Not much control	25%	29%	22%	24%	22%	25%	31%	27%	17%	22%	23%	28%
No control	13%	15%	11%	6%	9%	19%	17%	16%	11%	5%	12%	15%
Not sure	10%	8%	11%	15%	11%	9%	4%	9%	11%	11%	13%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,165)	(557)	(608)	(275)	(299)	(361)	(230)	(753)	(155)	(183)	(746)	(419)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	7%	5%	7%	7%	6%	10%	6%	2%	5%	11%	5%	6%
A lot of control	16%	20%	14%	14%	21%	14%	15%	21%	13%	14%	10%	16%	22%
Some control	29%	35%	26%	28%	32%	24%	31%	24%	34%	30%	30%	30%	27%
Not much control	25%	19%	27%	30%	19%	34%	20%	26%	33%	28%	26%	24%	24%
No control	13%	11%	13%	15%	14%	17%	11%	16%	14%	15%	15%	15%	6%
Not sure	10%	7%	15%	6%	6%	5%	13%	7%	4%	8%	7%	9%	14%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,165)	(393)	(424)	(348)	(448)	(412)	(445)	(333)	(274)	(208)	(238)	(447)	(272)

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1AC. Control of Presidents — The unemployment rate

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	7%	6%	8%	9%	4%	8%	6%	5%	13%	9%	6%	7%
A lot of control	21%	18%	24%	24%	19%	22%	21%	22%	25%	18%	21%	22%
Some control	38%	40%	37%	32%	41%	34%	48%	40%	34%	31%	36%	42%
Not much control	18%	19%	17%	20%	14%	21%	16%	19%	9%	19%	17%	20%
No control	7%	10%	5%	5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	7%	12%	8%	6%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	11%	13%	6%	2%	7%	12%	12%	12%	2%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,150)	(544)	(606)	(288)	(304)	(347)	(211)	(723)	(167)	(178)	(750)	(400)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	7%	11%	5%	5%	9%	4%	7%	7%	7%	9%	7%	7%	5%
A lot of control	21%	31%	17%	18%	31%	16%	20%	25%	23%	21%	27%	20%	19%
Some control	38%	35%	34%	48%	35%	47%	37%	40%	38%	39%	36%	40%	38%
Not much control	18%	16%	18%	20%	16%	21%	14%	18%	25%	17%	15%	19%	19%
No control	7%	4%	11%	6%	5%	6%	13%	5%	4%	9%	8%	6%	7%
Not sure	8%	4%	14%	5%	3%	5%	10%	6%	3%	5%	5%	8%	12%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	102%	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,150)	(371)	(443)	(336)	(448)	(403)	(430)	(323)	(270)	(186)	(236)	(467)	(261)

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1AD. Control of Presidents — Local law enforcement

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	6%	7%	5%	9%	7%	5%	3%	5%	6%	10%	7%	3%
A lot of control	14%	15%	13%	23%	18%	9%	10%	11%	18%	22%	14%	14%
Some control	26%	24%	29%	30%	27%	22%	27%	26%	29%	25%	28%	23%
Not much control	31%	33%	29%	20%	28%	37%	35%	33%	27%	24%	27%	37%
No control	16%	17%	15%	7%	11%	21%	21%	19%	7%	11%	14%	20%
Not sure	7%	5%	10%	12%	10%	5%	3%	6%	14%	9%	10%	3%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	101%	101%	99%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,200)	(584)	(616)	(289)	(298)	(366)	(247)	(781)	(165)	(176)	(773)	(427)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%	7%	7%	6%	4%	10%	6%	4%	6%
A lot of control	14%	17%	11%	14%	12%	13%	15%	13%	14%	14%	12%	16%	14%
Some control	26%	27%	28%	23%	26%	23%	28%	29%	24%	23%	29%	26%	26%
Not much control	31%	32%	30%	30%	37%	34%	25%	34%	37%	29%	28%	33%	31%
No control	16%	13%	16%	19%	17%	19%	17%	15%	18%	17%	19%	15%	13%
Not sure	7%	5%	11%	4%	5%	5%	8%	5%	3%	8%	5%	6%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	98%	100%	101%	100%	102%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,200)	(422)	(427)	(351)	(500)	(409)	(460)	(330)	(284)	(209)	(254)	(484)	(253)

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1AE. Control of Presidents — Gun deaths

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	8%	11%	6%	4%
A lot of control	15%	13%	17%	21%	14%	12%	14%	13%	19%	26%	14%	17%
Some control	29%	27%	30%	30%	33%	26%	27%	29%	30%	22%	26%	35%
Not much control	21%	21%	21%	19%	18%	21%	26%	22%	20%	13%	20%	23%
No control	21%	25%	16%	10%	17%	29%	24%	23%	13%	16%	22%	18%
Not sure	10%	10%	10%	14%	13%	7%	6%	10%	9%	13%	13%	4%
Totals	101%	101%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,214)	(591)	(623)	(298)	(325)	(362)	(229)	(791)	(153)	(186)	(804)	(410)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	5%	9%	3%	5%	8%	3%	7%	6%	1%	7%	7%	5%	2%
A lot of control	15%	26%	10%	10%	25%	9%	13%	19%	16%	16%	12%	15%	18%
Some control	29%	35%	32%	17%	37%	19%	30%	26%	31%	29%	28%	29%	29%
Not much control	21%	17%	18%	29%	18%	26%	20%	16%	28%	24%	22%	20%	19%
No control	21%	7%	22%	33%	8%	37%	19%	26%	21%	17%	26%	20%	18%
Not sure	10%	5%	16%	6%	5%	5%	12%	7%	4%	7%	6%	11%	15%
Totals	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,214)	(406)	(461)	(347)	(469)	(419)	(486)	(342)	(277)	(204)	(247)	(492)	(271)

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1AF. Control of Presidents — Public school curricula

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	5%	6%	5%	13%	4%	4%	1%	4%	12%	10%	7%	2%
A lot of control	13%	11%	15%	20%	19%	8%	8%	9%	25%	23%	15%	10%
Some control	30%	29%	31%	39%	23%	32%	27%	29%	27%	31%	29%	32%
Not much control	28%	31%	26%	14%	28%	33%	37%	34%	19%	15%	25%	34%
No control	14%	14%	14%	4%	15%	16%	20%	16%	8%	8%	11%	19%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	11%	11%	7%	7%	8%	9%	13%	12%	4%
Totals	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,185)	(547)	(638)	(286)	(305)	(346)	(248)	(775)	(163)	(171)	(771)	(414)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%	6%	6%	5%	3%	2%	7%	5%	6%
A lot of control	13%	18%	11%	12%	13%	12%	16%	14%	9%	13%	13%	12%	16%
Some control	30%	31%	30%	30%	34%	27%	27%	32%	34%	29%	28%	32%	29%
Not much control	28%	30%	24%	33%	30%	33%	25%	30%	32%	22%	30%	29%	31%
No control	14%	12%	17%	13%	15%	16%	13%	13%	20%	24%	14%	12%	11%
Not sure	9%	5%	14%	7%	5%	6%	14%	6%	2%	10%	8%	10%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	102%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,185)	(385)	(434)	(366)	(460)	(434)	(444)	(350)	(271)	(206)	(249)	(466)	(264)

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1AG. Control of Presidents — State and local laws

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	5%	4%	6%	9%	8%	2%	4%	3%	13%	11%	7%	2%
A lot of control	11%	8%	14%	19%	15%	6%	8%	8%	18%	20%	13%	8%
Some control	26%	24%	28%	29%	26%	26%	26%	24%	31%	23%	24%	29%
Not much control	32%	34%	31%	23%	29%	36%	39%	36%	16%	31%	29%	37%
No control	18%	21%	14%	10%	13%	23%	22%	22%	7%	6%	15%	22%
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	11%	10%	7%	3%	7%	14%	9%	11%	2%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	102%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,209)	(584)	(625)	(293)	(294)	(357)	(265)	(780)	(152)	(185)	(754)	(455)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	2%	4%	5%	5%	5%
A lot of control	11%	15%	8%	12%	11%	8%	12%	14%	9%	12%	5%	12%	15%
Some control	26%	32%	24%	24%	29%	21%	26%	25%	29%	25%	35%	25%	22%
Not much control	32%	29%	33%	35%	33%	41%	28%	29%	41%	30%	31%	32%	35%
No control	18%	15%	17%	21%	18%	23%	16%	21%	18%	22%	19%	18%	13%
Not sure	8%	5%	13%	3%	4%	3%	10%	7%	1%	7%	5%	8%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,209)	(383)	(466)	(360)	(482)	(423)	(463)	(333)	(292)	(225)	(230)	(465)	(289)

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1AH. Control of Presidents — Private sector wages

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	5%	3%	6%	6%	7%	2%	5%	3%	14%	4%	6%	2%
A lot of control	12%	12%	12%	15%	16%	11%	7%	11%	15%	15%	13%	10%
Some control	29%	28%	29%	27%	28%	33%	25%	29%	31%	28%	28%	31%
Not much control	27%	30%	25%	16%	27%	27%	39%	30%	14%	22%	22%	38%
No control	13%	15%	11%	7%	9%	18%	18%	16%	8%	9%	12%	15%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%	29%	14%	10%	6%	11%	18%	22%	19%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,174)	(555)	(619)	(277)	(295)	(359)	(243)	(761)	(151)	(177)	(805)	(369)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	5%	7%	3%	4%	4%	3%	7%	5%	0%	3%	7%	5%	4%
A lot of control	12%	15%	12%	10%	14%	9%	13%	15%	9%	16%	10%	10%	14%
Some control	29%	30%	24%	34%	32%	27%	28%	28%	31%	32%	30%	27%	28%
Not much control	27%	27%	25%	31%	30%	35%	21%	27%	42%	24%	30%	27%	29%
No control	13%	10%	14%	14%	12%	19%	11%	17%	14%	12%	14%	14%	12%
Not sure	14%	11%	21%	7%	8%	6%	20%	9%	3%	14%	9%	18%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,174)	(377)	(455)	(342)	(455)	(407)	(469)	(317)	(271)	(218)	(221)	(449)	(286)

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1A1. Control of Presidents — Crime rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	2%	5%	3%	5%	12%	5%	4%
A lot of control	14%	15%	14%	16%	16%	13%	13%	13%	19%	14%	14%	16%
Some control	38%	39%	37%	38%	38%	38%	38%	39%	41%	25%	36%	42%
Not much control	24%	24%	24%	19%	21%	26%	29%	26%	22%	21%	21%	29%
No control	11%	11%	11%	6%	9%	17%	9%	10%	4%	20%	12%	8%
Not sure	9%	8%	10%	15%	9%	5%	6%	9%	8%	8%	11%	3%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	102%
Unweighted N	(1,178)	(557)	(621)	(283)	(290)	(344)	(261)	(779)	(159)	(163)	(793)	(385)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	4%	6%	2%	6%	5%	5%	5%	3%	4%	6%	2%	6%	3%
A lot of control	14%	16%	12%	16%	14%	17%	16%	16%	11%	18%	13%	14%	14%
Some control	38%	41%	34%	40%	39%	35%	35%	36%	45%	40%	39%	35%	41%
Not much control	24%	23%	24%	24%	27%	29%	20%	29%	28%	20%	29%	24%	21%
No control	11%	8%	14%	9%	8%	10%	13%	10%	8%	8%	11%	12%	11%
Not sure	9%	7%	13%	5%	7%	4%	11%	7%	4%	8%	6%	10%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,178)	(393)	(443)	(342)	(460)	(410)	(466)	(321)	(274)	(200)	(219)	(481)	(278)

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1AJ. Control of Presidents — High-school graduation rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	3%	3%	3%	7%	4%	2%	2%	2%	7%	9%	4%	2%
A lot of control	8%	10%	5%	15%	9%	6%	2%	6%	11%	13%	7%	9%
Some control	22%	21%	22%	30%	23%	20%	16%	17%	34%	25%	21%	23%
Not much control	30%	29%	30%	18%	26%	31%	41%	34%	18%	20%	26%	37%
No control	26%	27%	26%	12%	23%	33%	33%	28%	20%	21%	27%	24%
Not sure	12%	10%	13%	18%	16%	9%	6%	13%	11%	11%	15%	5%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,207)	(584)	(623)	(296)	(289)	(366)	(256)	(788)	(163)	(182)	(797)	(410)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family income			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	3%	3%	2%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%
A lot of control	8%	7%	6%	9%	9%	8%	7%	10%	7%	12%	5%	7%	8%
Some control	22%	31%	22%	13%	25%	15%	22%	20%	25%	16%	29%	19%	23%
Not much control	30%	30%	24%	35%	32%	33%	25%	33%	37%	30%	25%	31%	32%
No control	26%	22%	27%	29%	24%	33%	29%	23%	26%	26%	29%	27%	22%
Not sure	12%	6%	18%	9%	8%	6%	13%	11%	3%	10%	10%	13%	13%
Totals	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,207)	(396)	(453)	(358)	(464)	(419)	(486)	(330)	(273)	(208)	(241)	(474)	(284)

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1AK. Control of Presidents — Drug addiction rates

How much control do you think U.S. presidents typically have over the following?

Respondents were asked about a random sample of 20 of the 37 measures

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Total control	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	0%	2%	6%	5%	2%	5%
A lot of control	8%	9%	7%	13%	12%	4%	4%	6%	16%	8%	8%	7%
Some control	23%	22%	24%	27%	28%	20%	20%	22%	19%	29%	22%	24%
Not much control	32%	31%	32%	18%	29%	34%	41%	36%	24%	19%	27%	39%
No control	23%	25%	21%	14%	15%	32%	26%	24%	18%	24%	25%	20%
Not sure	11%	9%	13%	24%	12%	6%	9%	10%	18%	15%	15%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,190)	(559)	(631)	(283)	(295)	(365)	(247)	(778)	(151)	(181)	(763)	(427)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family income			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total control	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	5%	5%	2%	4%	2%
A lot of control	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	8%	9%	7%	15%	6%	6%	7%
Some control	23%	27%	18%	26%	26%	23%	22%	23%	27%	23%	18%	25%	24%
Not much control	32%	30%	31%	34%	34%	36%	30%	31%	37%	24%	38%	32%	32%
No control	23%	20%	25%	23%	22%	24%	26%	24%	21%	20%	29%	22%	22%
Not sure	11%	9%	17%	6%	8%	5%	12%	11%	4%	13%	8%	11%	14%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,190)	(406)	(449)	(335)	(477)	(417)	(440)	(328)	(293)	(207)	(245)	(459)	(279)

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Interviewing Dates	May 19 - 21, 2026 May 20 - 22, 2026
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.57, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.898.
Number of respondents	2,201
Margin of error	± 2.8 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	75 questions not reported.