YouGov Survey: Military Orders
November 25 - 29, 2025 - 1,108 U.S. adult citizens

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1. If a member of the U.S. military received an order that they believed to be illegal from the following president, do you think they should have...?

	Followed the order	Not followed the order	Not sure
George W. Bush	25%	54%	22%
Barack Obama	27%	54%	19%
Donald Trump	28%	55%	17%
Joe Biden	22%	58%	20%

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2. As far as you know, did the following president issue any military orders that were illegal?

	Yes, he did	No, he did not	Not sure
George W. Bush	17%	32%	51%
Barack Obama	15%	40%	45%
Donald Trump	40%	26%	35%
Joe Biden	14%	39%	46%

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1A. Should Military Member Follow Illegal Order — George W. Bush
If a member of the U.S. military received an order that they believed to be illegal from the following president, do you think they should have...?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Followed the order	25%	28%	22%	19%	22%	28%	29%	27%	19%	23%	*
Not followed the order	54%	53%	54%	48%	54%	57%	54%	53%	56%	56%	*
Not sure	22%	19%	24%	33%	24%	15%	18%	21%	25%	21%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(509)	(597)	(275)	(298)	(314)	(219)	(724)	(139)	(175)	(68)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Followed the order	25%	10%	22%	43%	12%	47%	25%	23%	26%	23%	25%	26%	23%
Not followed the order	54%	73%	56%	32%	74%	31%	51%	60%	52%	56%	55%	50%	56%
Not sure	22%	17%	22%	25%	14%	22%	24%	17%	22%	21%	20%	24%	21%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(354)	(428)	(324)	(423)	(392)	(439)	(320)	(253)	(198)	(220)	(448)	(240)

1B. Should Military Member Follow Illegal Order — Barack Obama
If a member of the U.S. military received an order that they believed to be illegal from the following president, do you think they should have...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Followed the order	27%	30%	25%	29%	25%	28%	26%	25%	29%	30%	*
Not followed the order	54%	53%	55%	46%	52%	56%	60%	55%	53%	51%	*
Not sure	19%	18%	20%	24%	23%	15%	14%	20%	18%	19%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(509)	(597)	(275)	(298)	(314)	(219)	(724)	(139)	(175)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Followed the order	27%	21%	24%	37%	21%	40%	30%	23%	28%	22%	27%	29%	29%
Not followed the order	54%	65%	56%	41%	69%	41%	52%	59%	52%	55%	54%	52%	56%
Not sure	19%	14%	19%	22%	10%	19%	19%	18%	20%	23%	19%	19%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(354)	(428)	(324)	(423)	(392)	(439)	(320)	(253)	(198)	(220)	(448)	(240)

1C. Should Military Member Follow Illegal Order — Donald Trump
If a member of the U.S. military received an order that they believed to be illegal from the following president, do you think they should have...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Followed the order	28%	32%	24%	30%	24%	29%	28%	30%	14%	30%	*
Not followed the order	55%	53%	58%	50%	56%	57%	58%	52%	72%	55%	*
Not sure	17%	16%	18%	20%	20%	14%	14%	18%	15%	15%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(509)	(597)	(275)	(298)	(314)	(219)	(724)	(139)	(175)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Followed the order	28%	10%	21%	53%	10%	56%	27%	25%	32%	26%	25%	30%	28%
Not followed the order	55%	81%	59%	27%	82%	27%	54%	59%	54%	54%	57%	54%	58%
Not sure	17%	10%	20%	20%	8%	17%	19%	16%	13%	21%	18%	15%	15%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,106)	(354)	(428)	(324)	(423)	(392)	(439)	(320)	(253)	(198)	(220)	(448)	(240)

1D. Should Military Member Follow Illegal Order — Joe Biden

If a member of the U.S. military received an order that they believed to be illegal from the following president, do you think they should have...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Followed the order	22%	26%	19%	22%	18%	24%	24%	22%	24%	23%	*
Not followed the order	58%	56%	60%	52%	57%	61%	62%	58%	55%	56%	*
Not sure	20%	18%	21%	25%	25%	16%	14%	20%	21%	21%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,105)	(508)	(597)	(275)	(297)	(314)	(219)	(723)	(139)	(175)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Followed the order	22%	17%	21%	29%	18%	33%	23%	21%	23%	16%	23%	24%	23%
Not followed the order	58%	69%	58%	48%	70%	48%	56%	62%	57%	60%	56%	57%	61%
Not sure	20%	14%	21%	23%	12%	19%	21%	17%	20%	24%	20%	19%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,105)	(353)	(428)	(324)	(422)	(392)	(438)	(320)	(253)	(198)	(220)	(448)	(239)

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2A. Did Presidents Issue Illegal Orders — George W. Bush
As far as you know, did the following president issue any military orders that were illegal?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he did	17%	23%	12%	24%	20%	15%	11%	16%	20%	18%	*
No, he did not	32%	38%	27%	16%	29%	42%	38%	34%	22%	34%	*
Not sure	51%	40%	61%	61%	51%	44%	51%	50%	58%	48%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,101)	(508)	(593)	(274)	(296)	(312)	(219)	(720)	(139)	(173)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, he did	17%	26%	15%	11%	24%	14%	15%	17%	27%	17%	22%	12%	22%
No, he did not	32%	31%	30%	36%	36%	43%	31%	34%	34%	35%	27%	34%	32%
Not sure	51%	42%	54%	54%	40%	44%	55%	49%	39%	48%	51%	54%	46%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,101)	(351)	(428)	(322)	(421)	(389)	(437)	(319)	(251)	(197)	(219)	(448)	(237)

2B. Did Presidents Issue Illegal Orders — Barack Obama
As far as you know, did the following president issue any military orders that were illegal?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he did	15%	18%	12%	15%	16%	15%	13%	16%	10%	13%	*
No, he did not	40%	43%	37%	32%	32%	48%	45%	37%	51%	43%	*
Not sure	45%	39%	51%	52%	52%	37%	43%	47%	40%	43%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,103)	(509)	(594)	(274)	(297)	(313)	(219)	(722)	(139)	(173)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, he did	15%	9%	13%	22%	11%	22%	13%	17%	17%	19%	10%	15%	16%
No, he did not	40%	59%	34%	30%	61%	32%	38%	40%	46%	38%	39%	41%	41%
Not sure	45%	31%	53%	48%	28%	45%	49%	43%	36%	43%	50%	44%	43%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,103)	(351)	(428)	(324)	(421)	(391)	(438)	(319)	(252)	(197)	(219)	(450)	(237)

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2C. Did Presidents Issue Illegal Orders — Donald Trump

As far as you know, did the following president issue any military orders that were illegal?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he did	40%	39%	40%	43%	35%	39%	42%	35%	55%	46%	*
No, he did not	26%	31%	21%	13%	28%	32%	28%	31%	9%	21%	*
Not sure	35%	30%	39%	44%	37%	29%	31%	34%	36%	34%	*
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Yes, he did	40%	68%	44%	7%	71%	12%	40%	35%	47%	37%	44%	35%	44%
No, he did not	26%	7%	18%	54%	8%	57%	21%	33%	27%	29%	21%	30%	22%
Not sure	35%	25%	39%	39%	21%	31%	39%	31%	26%	34%	35%	35%	34%
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No, he did not	39%	45%	34%	33%	31%	47%	42%	36%	46%	44%	*
Not sure	46%	39%	53%	54%	54%	37%	46%	48%	46%	43%	*
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Yes, he did	14%	7%	14%	22%	8%	24%	13%	16%	17%	18%	16%	14%	11%
No, he did not	39%	58%	36%	25%	59%	32%	37%	38%	47%	35%	36%	41%	42%
Not sure	46%	35%	50%	53%	33%	44%	50%	45%	36%	47%	48%	44%	47%
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