

YouGov Survey: Politics and the Midterms

October 2 - 5, 2026 - 1,053 U.S. adult citizens



1. Do you think Donald Trump is helping or hurting Republicans' chances in the 2026 midterm elections?

Helping	20%
Neither helping nor hurting	17%
Hurting	49%
Not sure	14%

2. Which party do you trust more to make you and your family financially better off?

The Democratic Party	35%
The Republican Party	29%
Neither party	29%
Not sure	7%

3. If Democrats control Congress after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

Better off financially	28%
Worse off financially	28%
About the same	28%
Not sure	17%

4. If Republicans control Congress after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

Better off financially	23%
Worse off financially	39%
About the same	23%
Not sure	15%

5. If control of Congress is split between Democrats and Republicans after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

Better off financially	8%
Worse off financially	21%
About the same	43%
Not sure	28%

6. If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, do you think Donald Trump will or will not accept the results of the elections?

He will accept the results	23%
He will not accept the results	52%
Not sure	25%

7. If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, do you think Donald Trump should or should not accept the results of the elections?

He should accept the results	74%
He should not accept the results	6%
Not sure	19%

8. Which of the following senior officials in the Trump administration, if any, do you think will be the next to leave the administration?

Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	11%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	8%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	4%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	3%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	2%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	0%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%
Another senior official in the Trump administration	1%
No senior official will leave the administration	16%
Not sure	51%

9. Which of the following senior officials in the Trump administration, if any, do you think should be the next to leave the administration?

Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	20%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	11%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	4%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	2%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	1%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	1%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%
Another senior official in the Trump administration	2%
No senior official should leave the administration	16%
Not sure	38%

10. If JD Vance runs for president in 2028, who do you think he should choose as his vice presidential running mate?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean toward the Republican Party

Marco Rubio	33%
Ron DeSantis	13%
Nikki Haley	5%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%
Tim Scott	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	3%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	2%
Glenn Youngkin	1%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	34%

11. If JD Vance runs for president in 2028, who do you think he will choose as his vice presidential running mate?

Marco Rubio	22%
Ron DeSantis	8%
Nikki Haley	3%
Tim Scott	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	2%
Glenn Youngkin	1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	55%

12. If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, who or which of the following do you think would be most responsible for the loss?

Donald Trump	40%
Republican leaders in Congress	10%
Economic factors outside politicians' control	9%
Republican candidates	6%
Democrats' campaigning	5%
Someone or something else	4%
Not sure	25%

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Interviewing Dates	October 2 - 5, 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 0.052 to 6.574, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.981.
Number of respondents	1,053
Margin of error	± 4.2 points (adjusted for weighting)
Likely Voter Screen	"Strict" indicates a respondent who is currently registered to vote and indicated that they "Definitely will vote". "Loose" indicates a respondent who is either currently registered to vote or indicated that they plan to register before the election, and also indicated that they either "Definitely will vote" or "Probably will vote".
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	116 questions not reported.

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1. Donald Trump's Effect on Republicans in the Midterms

Do you think Donald Trump is helping or hurting Republicans' chances in the 2026 midterm elections?

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Helping	20%	26%	15%	19%	20%	20%	20%	22%	16%	24%	22%	17%
Neither helping nor hurting	17%	14%	19%	12%	19%	17%	18%	17%	10%	19%	17%	16%
Hurting	49%	50%	49%	47%	48%	49%	51%	48%	51%	42%	44%	58%
Not sure	14%	11%	18%	21%	12%	14%	11%	13%	23%	15%	17%	10%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,051)	(499)	(552)	(243)	(279)	(306)	(223)	(698)	(121)	(164)	(679)	(372)

		Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Helping	20%	24%	24%	3%	11%	48%	59%	52%	3%	3%	49%
Neither helping nor hurting	17%	15%	16%	13%	12%	26%	23%	28%	9%	8%	25%
Hurting	49%	54%	53%	77%	54%	18%	6%	7%	80%	84%	18%
Not sure	14%	7%	7%	7%	24%	9%	11%	13%	8%	5%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,051)	(697)	(803)	(350)	(385)	(316)	(253)	(369)	(632)	(454)	(343)

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2. Party Trusted More on Personal Finances

Which party do you trust more to make you and your family financially better off?

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
The Democratic Party	35%	35%	36%	43%	32%	30%	38%	30%	55%	36%	32%	41%
The Republican Party	29%	34%	25%	17%	26%	33%	39%	37%	6%	26%	30%	28%
Neither party	29%	27%	31%	30%	33%	31%	20%	29%	25%	23%	30%	27%
Not sure	7%	5%	9%	10%	9%	6%	3%	5%	13%	15%	9%	3%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(497)	(553)	(244)	(279)	(304)	(223)	(697)	(121)	(164)	(679)	(371)

	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
The Democratic Party	35%	44%	42%	85%	25%	0%	5%	4%	57%	81%	0%
The Republican Party	29%	36%	37%	1%	10%	79%	77%	74%	5%	0%	82%
Neither party	29%	18%	19%	11%	49%	20%	14%	18%	35%	17%	17%
Not sure	7%	2%	2%	3%	15%	1%	3%	4%	4%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(694)	(801)	(351)	(384)	(315)	(252)	(367)	(632)	(455)	(341)

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3. Personal Finances if Democrats Control Congress

If Democrats control Congress after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Better off financially	28%	30%	26%	33%	26%	23%	31%	24%	40%	36%	26%	31%
Worse off financially	28%	31%	25%	8%	23%	35%	41%	34%	9%	20%	30%	23%
About the same	28%	27%	28%	33%	27%	29%	20%	28%	23%	21%	24%	35%
Not sure	17%	13%	20%	26%	23%	13%	7%	14%	28%	23%	20%	11%
Totals	101%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(498)	(552)	(243)	(278)	(306)	(223)	(699)	(120)	(164)	(678)	(372)

	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Better off financially	28%	35%	34%	61%	20%	7%	9%	7%	44%	60%	5%
Worse off financially	28%	33%	32%	3%	16%	65%	66%	60%	10%	3%	67%
About the same	28%	25%	26%	29%	33%	20%	17%	21%	34%	31%	21%
Not sure	17%	7%	8%	7%	31%	8%	9%	12%	11%	7%	7%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(696)	(803)	(351)	(384)	(315)	(252)	(368)	(632)	(455)	(342)

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4. Personal Finances if Republicans Control Congress

If Republicans control Congress after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

		Gender		Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Better off financially	23%	28%	19%	14%	24%	24%	30%	27%	10%	24%	22%	26%
Worse off financially	39%	38%	39%	40%	40%	36%	41%	35%	50%	35%	37%	43%
About the same	23%	23%	23%	23%	16%	28%	22%	24%	15%	17%	22%	23%
Not sure	15%	11%	19%	23%	20%	12%	7%	13%	25%	24%	19%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,053)	(499)	(554)	(244)	(280)	(306)	(223)	(699)	(121)	(165)	(680)	(373)

		Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Better off financially	23%	30%	30%	3%	11%	58%	64%	58%	4%	3%	59%
Worse off financially	39%	46%	44%	79%	36%	5%	4%	4%	65%	79%	3%
About the same	23%	18%	19%	12%	26%	28%	23%	27%	21%	13%	29%
Not sure	15%	6%	7%	6%	27%	10%	8%	12%	9%	5%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,053)	(697)	(804)	(351)	(386)	(316)	(253)	(369)	(633)	(455)	(343)

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5. Personal Finances if Democrats and Republicans Split Control of Congress

If control of Congress is split between Democrats and Republicans after the 2026 midterm elections, do you think you personally would be better off or worse off financially?

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Better off financially	8%	9%	7%	13%	11%	4%	4%	5%	11%	12%	6%	11%
Worse off financially	21%	24%	19%	14%	21%	24%	24%	23%	11%	23%	21%	22%
About the same	43%	45%	41%	37%	40%	47%	45%	45%	38%	32%	40%	49%
Not sure	28%	22%	34%	36%	28%	24%	27%	26%	40%	33%	33%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,051)	(498)	(553)	(244)	(279)	(306)	(222)	(698)	(120)	(165)	(679)	(372)

		Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Better off financially	8%	10%	10%	8%	6%	10%	9%	10%	7%	11%	9%
Worse off financially	21%	27%	26%	21%	18%	26%	22%	21%	23%	24%	25%
About the same	43%	44%	44%	46%	41%	42%	45%	45%	45%	43%	46%
Not sure	28%	19%	20%	25%	35%	22%	24%	24%	25%	23%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,051)	(695)	(802)	(350)	(386)	(315)	(252)	(368)	(632)	(454)	(342)

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6. Will Donald Trump Accept the Midterm Results

If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, do you think Donald Trump will or will not accept the results of the elections?

		Gender		Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
He will accept the results	23%	29%	19%	18%	22%	28%	25%	26%	14%	21%	22%	27%
He will not accept the results	52%	49%	54%	53%	46%	51%	58%	50%	56%	47%	49%	57%
Not sure	25%	22%	27%	30%	33%	21%	17%	24%	30%	32%	29%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(497)	(553)	(243)	(278)	(306)	(223)	(697)	(120)	(165)	(679)	(371)

		Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
He will accept the results	23%	29%	29%	6%	11%	55%	61%	55%	6%	6%	56%
He will not accept the results	52%	57%	55%	81%	55%	21%	16%	17%	79%	86%	21%
Not sure	25%	14%	15%	13%	34%	24%	23%	28%	14%	8%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(695)	(802)	(351)	(384)	(315)	(252)	(368)	(632)	(454)	(342)

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7. Should Donald Trump Accept the Midterm Results

If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, do you think Donald Trump should or should not accept the results of the elections?

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
He should accept the results	74%	75%	73%	67%	66%	78%	84%	78%	62%	64%	71%	79%
He should not accept the results	6%	7%	6%	9%	8%	6%	3%	6%	10%	8%	6%	7%
Not sure	19%	18%	21%	24%	26%	16%	13%	17%	28%	29%	23%	14%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(498)	(552)	(243)	(279)	(306)	(222)	(696)	(121)	(165)	(678)	(372)

		Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
He should accept the results	74%	84%	83%	89%	65%	72%	65%	63%	89%	93%	71%
He should not accept the results	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%	5%	4%	9%
Not sure	19%	10%	11%	5%	30%	20%	27%	28%	6%	3%	20%
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,050)	(696)	(802)	(351)	(385)	(314)	(252)	(366)	(633)	(455)	(341)

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8. Senior Trump Administration Official Expected To Leave Next

Which of the following senior officials in the Trump administration, if any, do you think will be the next to leave the administration?

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	11%	14%	8%	7%	15%	7%	17%	11%	11%	7%	8%	15%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	8%	10%	6%	9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	11%	4%	8%	9%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	4%	5%	4%	8%	6%	1%	3%	3%	9%	3%	4%	6%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Another senior official in the Trump administration	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
No senior official will leave the administration	16%	14%	17%	6%	12%	21%	20%	18%	4%	14%	16%	15%

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	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Not sure	51%	48%	55%	61%	47%	53%	44%	50%	53%	62%	56%	43%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,049)	(497)	(552)	(244)	(280)	(303)	(222)	(697)	(119)	(165)	(677)	(372)

	Likely Voter Screen			Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	11%	16%	15%	20%	9%	5%	4%	3%	18%	24%	5%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	8%	10%	10%	13%	9%	3%	3%	3%	12%	16%	4%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%

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	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Another senior official in the Trump administration	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	0%
No senior official will leave the administration	16%	19%	17%	13%	9%	26%	31%	27%	10%	11%	28%
Not sure	51%	38%	41%	37%	61%	53%	49%	54%	44%	31%	49%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%	102%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,049)	(694)	(800)	(349)	(385)	(315)	(250)	(367)	(632)	(453)	(341)

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9. Senior Trump Administration Official Who Should Leave Next

Which of the following senior officials in the Trump administration, if any, do you think should be the next to leave the administration?

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	20%	20%	21%	11%	19%	22%	29%	22%	19%	10%	15%	30%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	11%	12%	11%	15%	13%	8%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	12%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	4%	5%	4%	6%	9%	2%	1%	4%	5%	2%	4%	6%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	3%	6%	2%	1%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	3%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Another senior official in the Trump administration	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%
No senior official should leave the administration	16%	19%	14%	4%	12%	21%	26%	21%	2%	11%	16%	17%

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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
Not sure	38%	33%	43%	52%	38%	37%	28%	36%	49%	51%	46%	24%
Totals	98%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,048)	(496)	(552)	(243)	(278)	(304)	(223)	(698)	(118)	(164)	(676)	(372)

	Likely Voter Screen			Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Pete Hegseth, Secretary of Defense	20%	27%	25%	37%	20%	6%	4%	3%	34%	43%	6%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services	11%	13%	13%	19%	11%	4%	2%	2%	18%	20%	5%
Kash Patel, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	2%
Todd Blanche, acting U.S. Attorney General	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%
Marco Rubio, Secretary of State	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Howard Lutnick, Secretary of Commerce	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%
Sean Duffy, Secretary of Transportation	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Doug Burgum, Secretary of the Interior	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%

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	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Another senior official in the Trump administration	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	4%	6%	0%
No senior official should leave the administration	16%	21%	20%	3%	8%	39%	45%	41%	2%	0%	43%
Not sure	38%	25%	28%	22%	48%	41%	39%	43%	29%	18%	37%
Totals	98%	101%	100%	102%	98%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,048)	(695)	(801)	(351)	(383)	(314)	(252)	(368)	(631)	(454)	(342)

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10. Preferred Running Mate for JD Vance in 2028

If JD Vance runs for president in 2028, who do you think he should choose as his vice presidential running mate?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean toward the Republican Party

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Marco Rubio	33%	33%	34%	*	*	36%	43%	39%	*	*	30%	41%
Ron DeSantis	13%	13%	14%	*	*	13%	16%	15%	*	*	13%	14%
Nikki Haley	5%	7%	3%	*	*	4%	9%	5%	*	*	6%	4%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%	3%	3%	*	*	1%	2%	2%	*	*	4%	1%
Tim Scott	3%	4%	1%	*	*	3%	3%	3%	*	*	2%	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	3%	3%	2%	*	*	3%	0%	2%	*	*	3%	1%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	2%	1%	3%	*	*	2%	3%	3%	*	*	2%	3%
Glenn Youngkin	1%	2%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	3%
Someone else	3%	2%	3%	*	*	4%	1%	2%	*	*	2%	4%
Not sure	34%	31%	36%	*	*	34%	21%	29%	*	*	37%	26%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	*	*	101%	99%	101%	*	*	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(385)	(198)	(187)	(66)	(81)	(127)	(111)	(308)	(12)	(52)	(269)	(116)

	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Marco Rubio	33%	41%	38%	*	*	34%	45%	38%	*	*	37%
Ron DeSantis	13%	14%	15%	*	*	14%	12%	15%	*	*	16%
Nikki Haley	5%	7%	6%	*	*	5%	5%	4%	*	*	5%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%	2%	2%	*	*	2%	1%	1%	*	*	2%
Tim Scott	3%	3%	3%	*	*	3%	3%	3%	*	*	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	3%	2%	3%	*	*	3%	1%	1%	*	*	2%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	2%	3%	3%	*	*	3%	2%	2%	*	*	3%
Glenn Youngkin	1%	2%	2%	*	*	2%	2%	2%	*	*	2%

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	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Someone else	3%	3%	3%	*	*	3%	2%	2%	*	*	3%
Not sure	34%	23%	26%	*	*	33%	26%	30%	*	*	28%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	*	102%	99%	98%	*	*	101%
Unweighted N	(385)	(263)	(314)	(0)	(69)	(316)	(219)	(305)	(75)	(2)	(324)

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11. Predicted Running Mate for JD Vance in 2028

If JD Vance runs for president in 2028, who do you think he will choose as his vice presidential running mate?

	Total	Gender		Age				Race			Education	
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Marco Rubio	22%	26%	18%	12%	19%	25%	30%	25%	16%	20%	19%	27%
Ron DeSantis	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%	6%	9%	8%	13%	7%	9%	6%
Nikki Haley	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	5%	6%	3%	4%
Tim Scott	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	0%	2%	2%	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Glenn Youngkin	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Someone else	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Not sure	55%	47%	62%	65%	54%	53%	49%	52%	58%	60%	58%	48%
Totals	102%	99%	102%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,049)	(498)	(551)	(244)	(278)	(304)	(223)	(699)	(119)	(163)	(676)	(373)

	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Marco Rubio	22%	29%	28%	22%	14%	31%	39%	33%	17%	22%	36%
Ron DeSantis	8%	9%	8%	7%	7%	9%	6%	8%	8%	8%	11%
Nikki Haley	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%
Tim Scott	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
Vivek Ramaswamy	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Tulsi Gabbard	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Glenn Youngkin	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%
Someone else	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	0%

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	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Not sure	55%	44%	46%	52%	66%	43%	42%	46%	56%	51%	38%
Totals	102%	100%	101%	100%	98%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,049)	(695)	(802)	(351)	(382)	(316)	(253)	(368)	(630)	(454)	(343)

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12. Responsibility if Republicans Lose Control of Congress

If Republicans lose control of Congress in the 2026 midterm elections, who or which of the following do you think would be most responsible for the loss?

	Gender			Age				Race			Education	
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	No degree	College degree
Donald Trump	40%	40%	39%	27%	41%	41%	48%	41%	46%	24%	33%	53%
Republican leaders in Congress	10%	13%	8%	14%	8%	12%	8%	10%	10%	13%	12%	8%
Economic factors outside politicians' control	9%	11%	8%	1%	5%	11%	19%	13%	1%	4%	9%	10%
Republican candidates	6%	7%	4%	8%	7%	6%	2%	6%	4%	10%	5%	8%
Democrats' campaigning	5%	4%	7%	5%	7%	4%	6%	5%	5%	11%	7%	3%
Someone or something else	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	5%	5%	1%	2%	5%	3%
Not sure	25%	21%	29%	40%	29%	22%	12%	21%	34%	35%	30%	16%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	99%	101%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,048)	(496)	(552)	(244)	(278)	(303)	(223)	(695)	(121)	(164)	(676)	(372)

	Likely Voter Screen			Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
	Total	Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Donald Trump	40%	49%	47%	65%	38%	19%	11%	12%	63%	71%	19%
Republican leaders in Congress	10%	12%	12%	8%	11%	11%	15%	11%	11%	10%	14%
Economic factors outside politicians' control	9%	11%	12%	2%	3%	24%	24%	22%	2%	2%	24%
Republican candidates	6%	7%	6%	4%	4%	10%	10%	10%	4%	3%	10%
Democrats' campaigning	5%	5%	5%	7%	2%	7%	10%	9%	4%	5%	8%
Someone or something else	4%	6%	5%	3%	3%	8%	9%	8%	3%	2%	9%
Not sure	25%	10%	13%	11%	39%	21%	22%	28%	14%	6%	18%

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	Total	Likely Voter Screen		Party ID			MAGA	Trump job approval		House vote intent	
		Strict	Loose	Dem	Ind	Rep	Supporter	Approve	Disapprove	Dem	Rep
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	102%
Unweighted N	(1,048)	(693)	(799)	(349)	(383)	(316)	(253)	(369)	(628)	(452)	(343)

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Interviewing Dates	October 2 - 5, 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 0.052 to 6.574, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.981.
Number of respondents	1,053
Margin of error	± 4.2 points (adjusted for weighting)
Likely Voter Screen	"Strict" indicates a respondent who is currently registered to vote and indicated that they "Definitely will vote". "Loose" indicates a respondent who is either currently registered to vote or indicated that they plan to register before the election, and also indicated that they either "Definitely will vote" or "Probably will vote".
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	116 questions not reported.