CBS News Poll – February 5-7, 2025
Adults in the U.S.

YouGov

Sample   2,175 Adults in the U.S.

Margin of Error   ±2.5 points

17. In general, which comes closer to how congressional Republicans should approach working with Donald Trump now? Should congressional Republicans:

Support whatever Donald Trump wants 24%

Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree ...76%

18. In general, do you want to see congressional Democrats try to compromise and find common ground with Donald Trump, or do you want to see congressional Democrats try to oppose Donald Trump as much as possible?

Common ground 62%

Oppose 38%

19. How much confidence do you have in congressional Democrats' ability to effectively oppose Donald Trump on policies when they disagree?

A lot 10%

Some 31%

Not much 44%

None 15%

* Questions held for future release.

17. Congressional Republicans and Trump

In general, which comes closer to how congressional Republicans should approach working with Donald Trump now? Should congressional Republicans:

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Support whatever Donald Trump wants	24%	27%	21%	25%	23%	23%	26%	10%	20%	39%
Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree	76%	73%	79%	75%	77%	77%	74%	90%	80%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(1,050)	(1,097)	(449)	(549)	(694)	(456)	(555)	(746)	(656)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Support whatever Donald Trump wants	24%	10%	21%	40%	26%	16%	22%	30%	20%
Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree	76%	90%	79%	60%	74%	84%	78%	70%	80%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(663)	(665)	(717)	(1,359)	(262)	(342)	(844)	(515)

18. Congressional Democrats Compromise with Trump

In general, do you want to see congressional Democrats try to compromise and find common ground with Donald Trump, or do you want to see congressional Democrats try to oppose Donald Trump as much as possible?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Common ground	62%	65%	59%	65%	60%	62%	62%	28%	66%	87%
Oppose	38%	35%	41%	35%	40%	38%	38%	72%	34%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(1,053)	(1,107)	(452)	(547)	(702)	(458)	(558)	(751)	(657)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Common ground	62%	35%	61%	87%	66%	51%	58%	70%	59%
Oppose	38%	65%	39%	13%	34%	49%	42%	30%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(667)	(671)	(717)	(1,360)	(268)	(344)	(847)	(514)

19. Confidence in Congressional Democrats' Ability to Oppose Trump
How much confidence do you have in congressional Democrats' ability to effectively oppose Donald Trump on policies when they disagree?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	10%	10%	10%	12%	14%	8%	6%	13%	10%	8%
Some	31%	29%	33%	33%	32%	29%	32%	33%	32%	31%
Not much	44%	46%	42%	40%	38%	47%	50%	42%	45%	46%
None	15%	15%	15%	14%	16%	16%	12%	12%	13%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,160)	(1,057)	(1,103)	(450)	(545)	(705)	(459)	(560)	(749)	(658)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	10%	16%	6%	8%	8%	18%	14%	7%	8%
Some	31%	36%	25%	33%	32%	30%	33%	32%	32%
Not much	44%	39%	49%	45%	46%	38%	35%	47%	46%
None	15%	9%	19%	14%	14%	14%	18%	13%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,160)	(668)	(671)	(716)	(1,357)	(270)	(347)	(840)	(517)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,175 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 5-7, 2025.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, and 2024 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.7, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.7.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ±2.5 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + \text{CV}^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.