

CBS News Poll – February 20-23, 2026

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Sample 2,381 Adults in the U.S.

Margin of Error ± 2.3 points

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Approve	40%
Disapprove	60%

2. Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	47%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Approve	Disapprove
The economy	39%	61%
Inflation	34%	66%
Immigration	42%	58%

4. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

Very well	8%
Somewhat well	28%
Somewhat badly	27%
Very badly	37%

5. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	8%
Fairly good	29%
Fairly bad	30%
Very bad	27%
Not sure	6%

6. When Donald Trump describes prices and inflation in the U.S., do you think he makes things sound:

Better than they really are	60%
Worse than they really are	13%
About as they really are	27%

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7. If you could give the "State of the Union" which would you say describes the state of the country today?
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Divided	66%
Declining	47%
Weak	35%
Strong	19%
Prospering	16%
United	7%

8. Compared to a year ago, If you could give the "State of the Union" now would you describe things in the country as...?

Better than a year ago	29%
Worse than a year ago	53%
The same as a year ago	18%

9. Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next three years with Donald Trump as president?

Optimistic	45%
Pessimistic	55%

10. Regarding the power a U.S. president has, what do you think Donald Trump is trying to do? Is he trying to...

Increase the powers of a president	68%
Decrease the powers of a president	5%
Not change the powers of a president	27%

11. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. placing new tariffs on goods imported from other countries?

Favor	37%
Oppose	63%

12. Who should set U.S. trade and tariff policy now?

Only Donald Trump	9%
Only Congress	43%
Both Trump and Congress	48%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

Approve	46%
Disapprove	54%

14. Right now do you think that the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is conducting its operations when it stops or detains people is...

Too tough	63%
Not tough enough	12%
About right	25%

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15. Do you think Donald Trump's policies as president have....

Increased peace and stability in the world	28%
Decreased peace and stability in the world	56%
No effect either way	16%

16. Would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran to try to prevent them from producing nuclear weapons?

Favor	47%
Oppose	53%

17. So far, do you think the Trump administration has clearly explained the U.S. position with regard to possibly taking military action against Iran, or haven't they done that yet?

Clearly explained	28%
Not done that yet	72%

18. Is your view of the Democratic Party...

Favorable	37%
Unfavorable	63%

19. Is your view of the Republican Party...

Favorable	38%
Unfavorable	62%

20. Do you think Donald Trump's policies generally

Favor Democratic states over Republican states	3%
Favor Republican states over Democratic ones	63%
Treat the states the same	33%

21. How much confidence do you yourself have in the United States Supreme Court?

A great deal	7%
Quite a lot	16%
Some	43%
Very little	34%

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

Among Democrats

A lot	14%
Some	39%
Not much	39%
None	8%

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

Among Republicans

- | | |
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| Support whatever Donald Trump wants | 29% |
| Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree ... | 71% |

24. As you may know, Donald Trump will be giving a State of the Union speech to Congress on Tuesday night, February 24th. Are you planning on watching the speech?

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| Yes | 29% |
| No | 45% |
| Not sure | 26% |

25. Which of the following are important topics for you to hear about in Donald Trump's speech? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

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|--|-----|
| Cost of living and prices | 69% |
| The U.S. economy generally | 62% |
| ICE and deportation operations | 53% |
| Immigration policy generally | 48% |
| Health care and prescription drugs | 48% |
| Tariffs | 45% |
| Federal budget and spending | 45% |
| The U.S. job market | 44% |
| The situation with Iran | 44% |
| Voting and elections | 31% |
| International events generally | 27% |
| Artificial Intelligence (AI) | 18% |
| The Supreme Court | 18% |
| UFOs | 10% |
| Criticism of Democrats | 10% |
| Support for Republicans | 10% |

26. Earlier, you said you [approved/disapproved] of how Donald Trump is handling his job. Is there anything you think he might say in his State of the Union address that would make you [disapprove/approve] of him, or is your mind made up about him for now?

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| He might say something to change my mind | 27% |
| My mind is made up | 73% |

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1. Trump Job Approval (2 Categories)
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	40%	45%	35%	33%	35%	45%	45%	7%	37%	80%
Disapprove	60%	55%	65%	67%	65%	55%	55%	93%	63%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,372)	(1,154)	(1,218)	(498)	(600)	(772)	(502)	(666)	(762)	(698)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	40%	5%	31%	89%	48%	18%	30%	52%	40%
Disapprove	60%	95%	69%	11%	52%	82%	70%	48%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,372)	(676)	(831)	(683)	(1,492)	(296)	(378)	(919)	(573)

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2. Trump Job Approval (4 Categories)

Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	22%	26%	19%	16%	18%	24%	31%	5%	15%	51%
Somewhat approve	18%	19%	16%	17%	17%	20%	15%	1%	22%	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	13%	13%	18%	16%	13%	5%	6%	19%	10%
Strongly disapprove	47%	42%	51%	49%	49%	42%	49%	87%	44%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,372)	(1,154)	(1,218)	(498)	(600)	(772)	(502)	(666)	(762)	(698)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	22%	2%	13%	57%	27%	9%	20%	30%	23%
Somewhat approve	18%	2%	18%	32%	20%	9%	10%	23%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	10%	17%	6%	11%	19%	17%	11%	10%
Strongly disapprove	47%	85%	52%	5%	42%	63%	53%	36%	50%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,372)	(676)	(831)	(683)	(1,492)	(296)	(378)	(919)	(573)

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3A. Trump Issue Approval — The economy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	39%	45%	34%	34%	36%	42%	43%	8%	35%	79%
Disapprove	61%	55%	66%	66%	64%	58%	57%	92%	65%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,373)	(1,156)	(1,217)	(499)	(598)	(775)	(500)	(665)	(766)	(696)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	39%	6%	31%	86%	46%	18%	32%	50%	40%
Disapprove	61%	94%	69%	14%	54%	82%	68%	50%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,373)	(677)	(832)	(681)	(1,490)	(296)	(379)	(920)	(571)

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3B. Trump Issue Approval — Inflation

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	34%	38%	29%	25%	29%	38%	40%	6%	28%	71%
Disapprove	66%	62%	71%	75%	71%	62%	60%	94%	72%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,368)	(1,155)	(1,212)	(499)	(597)	(772)	(499)	(663)	(765)	(695)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	34%	4%	24%	79%	41%	11%	24%	44%	36%
Disapprove	66%	96%	76%	21%	59%	89%	76%	56%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,368)	(674)	(830)	(680)	(1,487)	(294)	(379)	(917)	(571)

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3C. Trump Issue Approval — Immigration

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Liberal	Ideology	
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+		Moderate	Conservative
Approve	42%	47%	37%	30%	36%	49%	48%	8%	37%	82%
Disapprove	58%	53%	63%	70%	64%	51%	52%	92%	63%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,374)	(1,156)	(1,217)	(500)	(598)	(773)	(502)	(664)	(765)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	42%	7%	35%	88%	50%	19%	29%	56%	39%
Disapprove	58%	93%	65%	12%	50%	81%	71%	44%	61%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,374)	(675)	(832)	(684)	(1,492)	(294)	(380)	(919)	(573)

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4. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	8%	10%	5%	9%	5%	7%	11%	3%	6%	16%
Somewhat well	28%	31%	25%	25%	28%	30%	30%	7%	28%	52%
Somewhat badly	27%	26%	27%	28%	28%	28%	20%	20%	34%	21%
Very badly	37%	32%	42%	37%	39%	35%	39%	70%	32%	11%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,377)	(1,156)	(1,221)	(500)	(600)	(774)	(502)	(664)	(765)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	8%	1%	4%	19%	8%	6%	9%	8%	8%
Somewhat well	28%	9%	24%	54%	33%	15%	22%	35%	29%
Somewhat badly	27%	26%	30%	20%	25%	32%	27%	25%	24%
Very badly	37%	64%	42%	6%	34%	47%	42%	32%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,377)	(677)	(833)	(684)	(1,494)	(294)	(381)	(921)	(573)

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5. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	8%	10%	5%	9%	6%	6%	9%	3%	6%	15%
Fairly good	29%	34%	24%	26%	27%	30%	33%	9%	28%	52%
Fairly bad	30%	29%	32%	28%	32%	33%	27%	36%	35%	21%
Very bad	27%	21%	33%	29%	27%	26%	27%	49%	23%	9%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	4%	3%	7%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,380)	(1,158)	(1,221)	(500)	(602)	(776)	(502)	(666)	(765)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	8%	2%	5%	18%	8%	6%	10%	8%	8%
Fairly good	29%	13%	24%	53%	33%	16%	23%	33%	34%
Fairly bad	30%	38%	34%	19%	31%	30%	29%	29%	35%
Very bad	27%	44%	30%	6%	23%	39%	32%	25%	21%
Not sure	6%	3%	7%	4%	4%	9%	6%	5%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,380)	(677)	(833)	(684)	(1,495)	(296)	(381)	(922)	(573)

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6. How Trump Describes Prices and Inflation

When Donald Trump describes prices and inflation in the U.S., do you think he makes things sound:

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better than they really are	60%	57%	62%	61%	54%	61%	63%	80%	62%	43%
Worse than they really are	13%	13%	13%	19%	18%	11%	5%	15%	15%	6%
About as they really are	27%	29%	25%	20%	28%	27%	32%	5%	23%	51%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,375)	(1,158)	(1,217)	(499)	(600)	(773)	(502)	(666)	(764)	(697)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better than they really are	60%	77%	64%	41%	61%	52%	60%	57%	67%
Worse than they really are	13%	17%	14%	4%	8%	32%	20%	8%	7%
About as they really are	27%	5%	22%	55%	31%	15%	20%	35%	26%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,375)	(677)	(833)	(682)	(1,492)	(294)	(380)	(921)	(572)

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7. State of the Country

If you could give the "State of the Union" which would you say describes the state of the country today? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Divided	66%	63%	68%	62%	61%	68%	71%	77%	62%	64%
Declining	47%	43%	50%	51%	47%	46%	43%	74%	45%	21%
Weak	35%	32%	38%	39%	40%	33%	28%	57%	32%	14%
Strong	19%	23%	15%	22%	18%	17%	20%	7%	17%	37%
Prospering	16%	20%	13%	13%	14%	17%	20%	3%	12%	36%
United	7%	9%	6%	12%	10%	5%	3%	5%	9%	6%
Weighted N	(2,381)	(1,159)	(1,222)	(500)	(602)	(776)	(504)	(666)	(766)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Divided	66%	72%	69%	57%	67%	61%	62%	65%	71%
Declining	47%	71%	51%	16%	44%	55%	49%	42%	47%
Weak	35%	55%	37%	12%	33%	44%	39%	32%	34%
Strong	19%	6%	14%	40%	22%	10%	18%	22%	22%
Prospering	16%	3%	11%	37%	19%	11%	11%	19%	19%
United	7%	4%	7%	11%	6%	9%	10%	6%	6%
Weighted N	(2,381)	(678)	(834)	(684)	(1,495)	(296)	(381)	(923)	(573)

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8. Describe Things in the Country Compared to a Year Ago

Compared to a year ago, If you could give the "State of the Union" now would you describe things in the country as...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better than a year ago	29%	33%	24%	20%	25%	31%	37%	7%	22%	62%
Worse than a year ago	53%	48%	58%	54%	55%	52%	52%	84%	54%	22%
The same as a year ago	18%	19%	17%	26%	20%	17%	11%	9%	24%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,373)	(1,154)	(1,219)	(495)	(600)	(775)	(503)	(666)	(758)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better than a year ago	29%	5%	20%	65%	34%	13%	25%	37%	29%
Worse than a year ago	53%	85%	57%	17%	48%	66%	57%	44%	56%
The same as a year ago	18%	10%	23%	18%	18%	21%	17%	19%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,373)	(675)	(833)	(684)	(1,495)	(295)	(380)	(923)	(573)

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9. Feeling about Next Three Years with Trump

Are you generally optimistic or pessimistic about the next three years with Donald Trump as president?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Optimistic	45%	49%	40%	38%	44%	49%	46%	11%	41%	80%
Pessimistic	55%	51%	60%	62%	56%	51%	54%	89%	59%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,371)	(1,154)	(1,216)	(496)	(600)	(772)	(504)	(663)	(761)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Optimistic	45%	12%	36%	88%	49%	32%	40%	54%	42%
Pessimistic	55%	88%	64%	12%	51%	68%	60%	46%	58%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,371)	(673)	(831)	(684)	(1,492)	(292)	(381)	(919)	(573)

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10. Trump Trying to Increase or Decrease the Power of a U.S. President

Regarding the power a U.S. president has, what do you think Donald Trump is trying to do? Is he trying to...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increase the powers of a president	68%	66%	69%	72%	66%	66%	69%	90%	71%	46%
Decrease the powers of a president	5%	5%	5%	6%	7%	4%	2%	5%	6%	2%
Not change the powers of a president	27%	29%	26%	22%	27%	30%	28%	5%	23%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(1,152)	(1,217)	(499)	(599)	(769)	(503)	(665)	(762)	(696)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increase the powers of a president	68%	89%	71%	44%	65%	72%	70%	61%	72%
Decrease the powers of a president	5%	6%	5%	1%	3%	12%	8%	3%	3%
Not change the powers of a president	27%	5%	24%	54%	32%	15%	21%	36%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(677)	(831)	(680)	(1,490)	(295)	(378)	(918)	(572)

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11. Tariffs on Imported Goods

Do you favor or oppose the U.S. placing new tariffs on goods imported from other countries?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	37%	41%	33%	27%	34%	42%	44%	7%	31%	76%
Oppose	63%	59%	67%	73%	66%	58%	56%	93%	69%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(1,154)	(1,215)	(497)	(597)	(773)	(502)	(665)	(762)	(697)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	37%	7%	28%	79%	44%	15%	32%	48%	37%
Oppose	63%	93%	72%	21%	56%	85%	68%	52%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(677)	(828)	(682)	(1,489)	(294)	(378)	(919)	(571)

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12. Who Should Set Tariff Policy

Who should set U.S. trade and tariff policy now?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Only Donald Trump	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	11%	9%	2%	6%	20%
Only Congress	43%	38%	48%	45%	46%	41%	41%	78%	43%	12%
Both Trump and Congress	48%	52%	44%	47%	46%	48%	50%	20%	51%	68%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(1,152)	(1,218)	(496)	(597)	(774)	(503)	(662)	(763)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Only Donald Trump	9%	0%	6%	22%	11%	3%	9%	12%	9%
Only Congress	43%	79%	46%	6%	37%	64%	49%	33%	44%
Both Trump and Congress	48%	21%	47%	72%	52%	33%	42%	55%	47%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,369)	(675)	(829)	(684)	(1,491)	(294)	(380)	(918)	(573)

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13. Trump Deportation Program Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's program to find and deport immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	46%	51%	42%	34%	41%	56%	52%	12%	44%	86%
Disapprove	54%	49%	58%	66%	59%	44%	48%	88%	56%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,368)	(1,151)	(1,217)	(496)	(597)	(772)	(504)	(663)	(761)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	46%	13%	41%	90%	53%	27%	34%	59%	44%
Disapprove	54%	87%	59%	10%	47%	73%	66%	41%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,368)	(673)	(832)	(682)	(1,494)	(292)	(377)	(921)	(573)

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14. Way ICE Conducts Operations

Right now do you think that the way Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is conducting its operations when it stops or detains people is...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too tough	63%	57%	67%	73%	68%	55%	57%	92%	68%	27%
Not tough enough	12%	16%	8%	8%	12%	14%	14%	2%	9%	25%
About right	25%	27%	24%	19%	20%	31%	29%	6%	23%	48%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,376)	(1,158)	(1,218)	(499)	(602)	(773)	(503)	(666)	(765)	(697)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too tough	63%	92%	68%	24%	56%	81%	72%	49%	66%
Not tough enough	12%	3%	11%	23%	13%	6%	11%	16%	9%
About right	25%	5%	21%	53%	31%	13%	17%	35%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,376)	(677)	(832)	(683)	(1,491)	(296)	(380)	(920)	(571)

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15. Peace and Stability in the World with Trump

Do you think Donald Trump's policies as president have....

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increased peace and stability in the world	28%	34%	23%	20%	23%	33%	36%	5%	24%	60%
Decreased peace and stability in the world	56%	50%	62%	61%	58%	52%	54%	90%	57%	21%
No effect either way	16%	16%	15%	19%	19%	15%	10%	5%	19%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,379)	(1,159)	(1,221)	(499)	(602)	(775)	(504)	(666)	(765)	(698)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increased peace and stability in the world	28%	5%	20%	65%	34%	13%	23%	36%	31%
Decreased peace and stability in the world	56%	89%	61%	16%	51%	71%	62%	46%	58%
No effect either way	16%	6%	18%	19%	15%	16%	15%	18%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,379)	(678)	(833)	(683)	(1,495)	(296)	(380)	(922)	(573)

16. Favor or Oppose U.S. Military Action to Prevent Iran from Producing Nuclear Weapons

Would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran to try to prevent them from producing nuclear weapons?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	47%	50%	44%	37%	43%	55%	50%	19%	46%	78%
Oppose	53%	50%	56%	63%	57%	45%	50%	81%	54%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,351)	(1,151)	(1,200)	(490)	(597)	(766)	(498)	(659)	(753)	(695)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	47%	22%	40%	82%	51%	36%	41%	55%	45%
Oppose	53%	78%	60%	18%	49%	64%	59%	45%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,351)	(671)	(821)	(679)	(1,484)	(293)	(377)	(914)	(570)

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17. Possible Use of Military Action Against Iran Clearly Explained or Not

So far, do you think the Trump administration has clearly explained the U.S. position with regard to possibly taking military action against Iran, or haven't they done that yet?

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Clearly explained	28%	32%	24%	26%	26%	30%	30%	10%	24%	53%	
Not done that yet	72%	68%	76%	74%	74%	70%	70%	90%	76%	47%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(2,360)	(1,153)	(1,207)	(492)	(595)	(771)	(503)	(663)	(758)	(697)	
	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education		
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+	
Clearly explained	28%	10%	20%	57%	30%	19%	30%	33%	26%		
Not done that yet	72%	90%	80%	43%	70%	81%	70%	67%	74%		
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		
Weighted N	(2,360)	(673)	(829)	(680)	(1,488)	(295)	(379)	(916)	(572)		

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18. View of Democratic Party

Is your view of the Democratic Party...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable	37%	33%	41%	46%	35%	33%	39%	67%	39%	10%
Unfavorable	63%	67%	59%	54%	65%	67%	61%	33%	61%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,353)	(1,148)	(1,205)	(491)	(595)	(768)	(500)	(664)	(754)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favorable	37%	81%	29%	6%	31%	63%	39%	27%	38%
Unfavorable	63%	19%	71%	94%	69%	37%	61%	73%	62%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,353)	(676)	(818)	(684)	(1,481)	(292)	(377)	(911)	(569)

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19. View of Republican Party

Is your view of the Republican Party...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favorable	38%	41%	36%	33%	34%	41%	43%	6%	35%	76%
Unfavorable	62%	59%	64%	67%	66%	59%	57%	94%	65%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,357)	(1,148)	(1,209)	(493)	(595)	(768)	(501)	(666)	(756)	(698)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favorable	38%	6%	25%	88%	44%	21%	32%	49%	37%
Unfavorable	62%	94%	75%	12%	56%	79%	68%	51%	63%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,357)	(673)	(826)	(684)	(1,488)	(291)	(377)	(916)	(572)

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20. Trump Policies Favor Democratic or Republican States

Do you think Donald Trump's policies generally

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor Democratic states over Republican states	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%	2%
Favor Republican states over Democratic ones	63%	62%	64%	63%	63%	63%	63%	88%	66%	44%
Treat the states the same	33%	35%	31%	32%	33%	34%	35%	8%	31%	54%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,361)	(1,150)	(1,211)	(490)	(600)	(768)	(503)	(664)	(755)	(698)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor Democratic states over Republican states	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%	7%	6%	3%	2%
Favor Republican states over Democratic ones	63%	88%	65%	41%	62%	68%	61%	57%	70%
Treat the states the same	33%	7%	32%	58%	36%	25%	33%	40%	28%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,361)	(673)	(828)	(681)	(1,487)	(295)	(378)	(915)	(573)

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21. Confidence in U.S. Supreme Court

How much confidence do you yourself have in the United States Supreme Court?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A great deal	7%	9%	6%	9%	10%	6%	4%	4%	9%	10%
Quite a lot	16%	18%	13%	16%	12%	14%	22%	5%	17%	27%
Some	43%	41%	44%	43%	44%	44%	39%	36%	45%	47%
Very little	34%	32%	37%	32%	34%	36%	35%	55%	29%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,374)	(1,155)	(1,219)	(495)	(602)	(774)	(504)	(666)	(760)	(699)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A great deal	7%	6%	7%	10%	6%	8%	11%	5%	8%
Quite a lot	16%	8%	14%	27%	18%	12%	11%	18%	17%
Some	43%	38%	40%	50%	45%	38%	38%	47%	43%
Very little	34%	48%	39%	13%	31%	42%	40%	30%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,374)	(675)	(833)	(684)	(1,495)	(296)	(381)	(922)	(573)

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22. Confidence in 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?

Among Democrats

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A lot	14%	13%	15%	12%	16%	14%	14%	11%	19%	*
Some	39%	39%	40%	35%	34%	38%	52%	38%	45%	*
Not much	39%	41%	37%	46%	34%	43%	32%	42%	32%	*
None	8%	7%	8%	7%	16%	5%	2%	9%	4%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Weighted N	(678)	(281)	(397)	(145)	(164)	(202)	(166)	(448)	(167)	(40)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A lot	14%	14%	*	*	9%	24%	20%	9%	9%
Some	39%	39%	*	*	39%	43%	45%	40%	38%
Not much	39%	39%	*	*	43%	26%	32%	44%	42%
None	8%	8%	*	*	9%	6%	3%	7%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	*	*	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(678)	(678)	(0)	(0)	(365)	(146)	(116)	(174)	(191)

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23. Republicans and Trump

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

Among Republicans

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Support whatever Donald Trump wants	29%	33%	24%	*	27%	24%	29%	*	22%	30%
Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree	71%	67%	76%	*	73%	76%	71%	*	78%	70%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(682)	(354)	(329)	(91)	(140)	(273)	(178)	(24)	(125)	(509)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Support whatever Donald Trump wants	29%	*	*	29%	27%	*	*	25%	31%
Support Donald Trump's policies when they agree, but push back when they disagree	71%	*	*	71%	73%	*	*	75%	69%
Totals	100%	*	*	100%	100%	*	*	100%	100%
Weighted N	(682)	(0)	(0)	(682)	(552)	(25)	(80)	(358)	(194)

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24. Plan to Watch SOTU

As you may know, Donald Trump will be giving a State of the Union speech to Congress on Tuesday night, February 24th. Are you planning on watching the speech?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	29%	30%	27%	22%	25%	31%	35%	17%	26%	50%
No	45%	41%	49%	47%	47%	46%	40%	64%	42%	25%
Not sure	26%	29%	24%	31%	28%	23%	25%	18%	32%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,376)	(1,158)	(1,218)	(500)	(600)	(776)	(501)	(666)	(763)	(697)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	29%	18%	22%	52%	31%	20%	26%	31%	32%
No	45%	60%	50%	21%	44%	49%	48%	41%	49%
Not sure	26%	22%	28%	27%	24%	31%	26%	28%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,376)	(677)	(831)	(682)	(1,492)	(295)	(381)	(919)	(573)

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25. Important to Hear in SOTU

Which of the following are important topics for you to hear about in Donald Trump's speech? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Cost of living and prices	69%	67%	72%	58%	66%	71%	81%	63%	72%	75%
The U.S. economy generally	62%	64%	59%	52%	58%	64%	73%	50%	67%	73%
ICE and deportation operations	53%	52%	53%	55%	49%	48%	61%	48%	52%	62%
Immigration policy generally	48%	49%	47%	45%	43%	45%	61%	39%	48%	62%
Health care and prescription drugs	48%	44%	51%	32%	38%	53%	66%	45%	49%	52%
Tariffs	45%	46%	44%	41%	40%	46%	54%	38%	45%	56%
Federal budget and spending	45%	45%	45%	33%	37%	48%	62%	38%	44%	57%
The U.S. job market	44%	44%	44%	38%	40%	46%	53%	40%	45%	50%
The situation with Iran	44%	45%	43%	38%	34%	46%	58%	40%	43%	55%
Voting and elections	31%	33%	29%	27%	22%	29%	48%	29%	27%	44%
International events generally	27%	31%	23%	27%	22%	24%	36%	23%	27%	34%
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	18%	19%	17%	18%	18%	14%	23%	16%	18%	21%
The Supreme Court	18%	20%	15%	22%	17%	14%	19%	20%	15%	20%
UFOs	10%	13%	7%	9%	13%	9%	7%	9%	9%	11%
Criticism of Democrats	10%	13%	7%	15%	9%	7%	11%	7%	10%	13%
Support for Republicans	10%	12%	8%	10%	9%	8%	13%	5%	9%	16%
Weighted N	(2,381)	(1,159)	(1,222)	(500)	(602)	(776)	(504)	(666)	(766)	(699)

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	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Cost of living and prices	69%	67%	69%	74%	71%	66%	62%	73%	67%
The U.S. economy generally	62%	55%	61%	73%	65%	54%	53%	66%	65%
ICE and deportation operations	53%	50%	49%	61%	52%	52%	54%	53%	52%
Immigration policy generally	48%	44%	42%	62%	50%	39%	46%	49%	50%
Health care and prescription drugs	48%	48%	45%	52%	50%	50%	40%	51%	49%
Tariffs	45%	40%	43%	55%	47%	42%	40%	47%	46%
Federal budget and spending	45%	41%	43%	55%	49%	33%	38%	50%	49%
The U.S. job market	44%	42%	44%	50%	46%	43%	36%	46%	46%
The situation with Iran	44%	40%	41%	56%	49%	34%	36%	49%	50%
Voting and elections	31%	31%	26%	41%	34%	27%	27%	34%	34%
International events generally	27%	24%	27%	33%	30%	20%	18%	27%	35%
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	18%	17%	19%	19%	19%	16%	14%	19%	19%
The Supreme Court	18%	18%	15%	20%	17%	19%	19%	18%	16%
UFOs	10%	6%	12%	10%	9%	9%	15%	10%	8%
Criticism of Democrats	10%	8%	8%	14%	9%	11%	10%	10%	8%
Support for Republicans	10%	5%	6%	19%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%
Weighted N	(2,381)	(678)	(834)	(684)	(1,495)	(296)	(381)	(923)	(573)

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26. SOTU Possibly Change Your Mind

Earlier, you said you [approved/disapproved] of how Donald Trump is handling his job. Is there anything you think he might say in his State of the Union address that would make you [disapprove/approve] of him, or is your mind made up about him for now?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
He might say something to change my mind	27%	29%	25%	26%	30%	28%	23%	9%	36%	34%
My mind is made up	73%	71%	75%	74%	70%	72%	77%	91%	64%	66%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,360)	(1,152)	(1,208)	(497)	(593)	(769)	(500)	(664)	(760)	(697)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
He might say something to change my mind	27%	11%	33%	34%	28%	19%	28%	30%	24%
My mind is made up	73%	89%	67%	66%	72%	81%	72%	70%	76%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,360)	(672)	(828)	(681)	(1,488)	(294)	(377)	(916)	(572)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,381 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 20-23, 2026.

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 4.3, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.5.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.3 points. It is calculated using the formula

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

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.