

Centerline National Poll

Weighted Topline

September 26 – October 1, 2026

All adults n = 1,463 | Registered voters n = 1,239 | Likely voters n = 930

Centerline Research & Strategy conducted this survey of 1,570 U.S. adults age 18 and over from September 26 to October 1, 2026. 1,145 respondents completed the survey via a nonprobability online panel sample provided by RepData, and 425 were probability-based text-to-web respondents sampled from the voter file. Survey responses were screened for quality on measures of attention, time to completion, and suspected bot or AI behavior, and suspicious cases were discarded during data collection. Sampling and fielding were managed by TrueDot. After fielding, 107 cases were removed for consistent acquiescence bias (choosing the top choice or positive response on every substantive question); 101 were from the online panel and 6 from text-to-web.

The all-adults (n=1,463) and registered voters (n=1,239) data are weighted to Current Population Survey estimates for gender within race, race overall, age within race, education within race, region, density (urban, suburban, rural), and voter registration. Data are additionally weighted to population estimates of religious affiliation compiled by PRRI. Likely voters (n=930) are those who said they would certainly or probably vote in 2026, did not say “not sure” to Trump approval, and did not say “will not vote” on the congressional ballot or on more than one in a series of issue-based vote questions. This sample is weighted to the same demographics using Catalist's past turnout data as the basis for weighting targets.

Because this survey is based on a hybrid probability and nonprobability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. Surveys are always subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to, sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error. If this poll were conducted fully among a probability sample, the margins of error would be +/- 3.2 percentage points for all adults, +/- 3.2 for registered voters, and +/- 3.8 for likely voters, all at the 95 percent confidence level; all margins of error include design effects that range from 1.34 to 1.55. The margin of error increases for subgroups.

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%.

MOSTIMP

What do you think is the most important issue facing the United States today?

Open-ended responses coded into categories. Up to two main categories were coded per response, so percentages sum to more than 100%. Indented rows are subsets of the category above them.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Inflation, prices and cost of living	30	29	30
Gas prices	6	5	4
Economy and jobs	28	27	27
Tariffs	1	1	1
Debt and deficit	1	1	2
Corruption and democracy	12	13	13
From the right	4	4	5
From the left	6	7	7
Election concerns	1	1	2
Trump and administration	8	9	9
Trump corruption / abuse of power	2	4	4
Polarization and division	5	6	6
Healthcare and insurance	6	6	6
War, foreign policy and national security	8	9	8
Iran war	2	3	3
Israel and Gaza	1	1	1
Immigration and the border	8	10	9
Crime and guns	2	2	2
Other issues	14	14	13
Housing, homelessness, hunger	5	4	4
Religion	1	1	1
AI	1	1	1
Not sure / no answer	3	1	0

INFONEWS

Where do you most often see, hear, or read news and political information? Select up to three sources.

Multiple response — percentages sum to more than 100%.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
CBS, ABC, or NBC	30	32	33
CNN	14	15	16
MSNOW	4	6	6
Fox News, NewsMax, or OANN	21	24	24
Public media: PBS or NPR	10	12	13
National newspapers such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal	9	11	11
Local radio, television, or newspaper	22	24	25
YouTube	24	22	22
Social media	39	38	39
Podcasts	9	11	12
Somewhere else	3	3	3
I don't ever pay attention to news and information about politics and government	7	4	2

SEEKNEWS

Most of the time, when you see news and political information on these sources, are you intentionally looking for it, or do you just happen to see it while you are there for other reasons?

Asked of those who pay attention to news and information about politics and government.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Look for it intentionally	43	49	51
Happen to see it	53	49	48
Not sure	5	2	1
Total	100	100	100

DTAPPROV

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Strongly approve	16	19	21
Somewhat approve	15	16	18
Total approve	31	35	38
Somewhat disapprove	12	11	9
Strongly disapprove	52	53	53
Total disapprove	64	64	62
Not sure	5	2	0
Total	100	100	100

CONVT26

If the election for U.S. Congress was held today, would you vote for the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate in your district?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democratic candidate	43	49	50
Republican candidate	33	39	42
Not sure	13	10	8
Not planning to vote	10	3	0
Total	100	100	100

REPKNOW

Do you know who your current representative in the U.S. Congress is? If you don't know, that's okay - please just select no. If you do, please enter their last name.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
No	48	39	36
Yes	36	46	50
Not sure	16	14	14
Total	100	100	100

REPNAME

Name entered for current representative in the U.S. Congress.

Asked of those who said they know who their representative is. Names were checked against the current membership of the U.S. House and Senate.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Names a current member of Congress	84	85	86
No name given, or not a member of Congress	16	15	14
Total	100	100	100

REELECT2

Do you think most representatives in the U.S. Congress should be re-elected or replaced with someone new?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Re-elected	17	18	18
Replaced with someone new	57	61	65
Not sure	25	21	18
Total	100	100	100

IMPACT

How do you think the outcome of the November elections and people elected to Congress will affect your life over the next two years?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
They will improve my life a lot	11	12	14
They will improve my life a little	20	23	27
Total improve	31	35	42
They will make no difference in my life	24	23	21
They will make my life a little worse	11	11	11
They will make my life a lot worse	8	8	5
Total worse	19	19	16
Not sure	26	23	22
Total	100	100	100

SNGLISS

For each issue below, please consider what you would do if your preferred candidate for Congress holds the opposite view from you on this issue, and the other party's candidate shares your exact view. Would disagreement on that single issue cause you to vote for the other party's candidate, rather than your preferred candidate?

Respondents who chose a party on the congressional ballot saw that party's candidate named as their preferred candidate.

Item		Vote for preferred candidate despite disagreeing	Vote for other party's candidate who shares my view	Would not vote
Whether to build data centers in your area	All adults	39	41	19
	Reg. voters	47	43	10
	Likely voters	53	46	1
How to handle artificial intelligence safety issues	All adults	44	36	19
	Reg. voters	51	41	9
	Likely voters	56	44	1
How to improve the cost of living	All adults	38	45	17
	Reg. voters	45	48	7
	Likely voters	49	51	0
Whether to allow transgender athletes in sports	All adults	36	42	21
	Reg. voters	43	45	11
	Likely voters	49	49	2
How to improve the healthcare system	All adults	41	43	17
	Reg. voters	49	45	6
	Likely voters	53	46	0
Whether to accept money from corporate and billionaire donors	All adults	41	36	23
	Reg. voters	48	41	11
	Likely voters	52	46	2
Whether to deport all illegal immigrants	All adults	38	44	18
	Reg. voters	44	48	9
	Likely voters	46	52	2
Whether Israel is committing genocide in Gaza	All adults	38	38	24
	Reg. voters	45	41	14
	Likely voters	50	46	3

FAVBAT

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of each of the following:

Columns: very favorable, somewhat favorable, total favorable, somewhat unfavorable, very unfavorable, total unfavorable, have not heard of it, not sure.

Item		Very fav.	Smwt. fav.	Total fav.	Smwt. unfav.	Very unfav.	Total unfav.	Not heard of it	Not sure
Socialism	All adults	10	20	30	16	32	48	4	18
	Reg. voters	11	23	34	15	38	53	2	12
	Likely voters	11	26	36	14	39	53	2	9
Capitalism	All adults	23	22	45	17	17	35	4	17
	Reg. voters	28	26	54	16	18	34	2	10
	Likely voters	32	27	59	16	16	32	2	8
The Democratic Socialists of America	All adults	11	19	30	15	32	47	8	15
	Reg. voters	13	21	34	15	36	51	7	9
	Likely voters	13	23	36	15	37	51	6	7
The Democratic Party	All adults	19	24	43	18	27	45	2	10
	Reg. voters	22	26	48	18	31	48	1	3
	Likely voters	22	27	49	16	32	48	1	2
The Republican Party	All adults	16	20	36	15	39	53	2	9
	Reg. voters	18	22	40	15	41	56	1	3
	Likely voters	20	22	42	14	42	56	1	1
The Make America Great Again movement	All adults	18	16	34	11	42	54	3	9
	Reg. voters	21	17	37	10	47	57	2	4
	Likely voters	23	17	39	10	48	58	2	2
The Make America Healthy Again movement	All adults	21	23	44	11	25	36	9	11
	Reg. voters	24	24	48	11	28	38	7	6
	Likely voters	24	26	50	11	28	39	6	4

CAPITAL

Here is a little more information about capitalism. Capitalism is a way of running the economy where individual people and private companies own most businesses and property. They choose what to make and what to charge, hoping to earn a profit. Some will profit, and others will not. Prices are mostly set by buying and selling in a free market, not by the government. After reading this, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of capitalism?

The order of CAPITAL and SOCIALISM was rotated; results combine both orders.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Very favorable	27	33	36
Somewhat favorable	28	30	31
Total favorable	55	63	67
Somewhat unfavorable	18	16	15
Very unfavorable	15	14	13
Total unfavorable	33	30	28
Not sure	12	7	4
Total	100	100	100

SOCIALISM

Here is a little more information about socialism. Socialism is a way of running the economy where the government or the public owns and controls big businesses and resources, like factories, land, and power companies. The government or public decides what gets made and what it costs. The goal is to share all wealth equally. After reading this, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of socialism?

The order of CAPITAL and SOCIALISM was rotated; results combine both orders.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Very favorable	12	14	14
Somewhat favorable	25	25	26
Total favorable	38	39	40
Somewhat unfavorable	17	19	19
Very unfavorable	32	36	37
Total unfavorable	49	55	55
Not sure	13	7	4
Total	100	100	100

DEMSOC

Here is a little more information about the Democratic Socialists of America. DSA is a political group that wants to replace our economy with socialism to distribute wealth equally and give people more power over the economy and government. They support ideas like free health care and stronger unions. Some DSA members run for office as Democrats and want to move the party toward socialism. After reading this, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of the Democratic Socialists of America?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Very favorable	16	17	18
Somewhat favorable	26	26	27
Total favorable	42	43	46
Somewhat unfavorable	14	14	14
Very unfavorable	29	35	36
Total unfavorable	43	49	49
Not sure	14	8	5
Total	100	100	100

GOVTRUST

How much trust would you have in the federal government to own and run each of the following?

Item		Complete trust	A lot of trust	Total complete / a lot	Some trust	A little trust	No trust at all	Total a little / none	Not sure
The healthcare system	All adults	5	12	16	20	16	40	56	8
	Reg. voters	5	11	16	21	16	45	60	3
	Likely voters	7	11	18	21	17	43	60	1
All major utilities, like electricity and water	All adults	5	10	15	18	21	38	59	8
	Reg. voters	4	10	14	19	21	42	63	4
	Likely voters	6	10	16	18	22	42	63	2
Major industries, like air travel	All adults	5	10	14	18	19	40	59	9
	Reg. voters	5	9	14	19	20	43	63	4
	Likely voters	5	11	16	19	20	43	63	2
Housing, including renting and homeownership	All adults	4	8	12	17	19	44	63	8
	Reg. voters	4	7	11	17	18	50	68	4
	Likely voters	5	8	12	17	19	49	69	2
Large industries and corporations, such as Amazon, Google, and AI companies	All adults	4	7	11	17	16	47	63	9
	Reg. voters	4	5	10	18	16	53	68	4
	Likely voters	5	6	11	19	16	51	68	2

COMPFIGT

If they have to choose how to spend their time between these two options, would you rather see [Democrats / Republicans / representatives] in Congress:

Party named matched the respondent's congressional ballot choice; others saw "representatives." The order of COMPFIGT and SYSCHNG was rotated; results combine both orders.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Fight for completely overhauling systems, even if there is not much chance it will get the support it needs to become law	36	40	39
Compromise to pass legislation that makes only small changes, even if it means progress is very slow	42	47	52
Not sure	22	13	9
Total	100	100	100

SYSCHNG

For each of the following, which is closer to your view:

The order of COMPFIGT and SYSCHNG was rotated; results combine both orders. Full response wording: The system is broken and we need to start completely over; The system needs change but can be fixed; The system is working fine and does not need change; Not sure.

Item		Broken; start completely over	Needs change but can be fixed	Working fine; no change needed	Not sure
Healthcare	All adults	37	48	8	8
	Reg. voters	39	52	7	2
	Likely voters	38	54	8	0
The economy	All adults	32	50	11	7
	Reg. voters	32	54	11	2
	Likely voters	31	56	12	1
Congress	All adults	36	46	8	10
	Reg. voters	39	50	8	4
	Likely voters	37	53	8	2
Immigration	All adults	34	47	12	8
	Reg. voters	34	50	13	3
	Likely voters	33	51	15	1

GENDER

What is your gender?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Male	48	47	46
Female	52	53	54
Total	100	100	100

AGE

Age group.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
18-29	18	13	12
30-44	25	24	23
45-64	33	34	36
65+	24	28	30
Total	100	100	100

RACE/ETHNICITY

Combined race and ethnicity: Hispanic of any race; non-Hispanic White; non-Hispanic Black; all others.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
White	65	69	72
Black	13	12	11
Hispanic	14	12	11
Other	8	7	6
Total	100	100	100

EDUC

What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
I did not complete high school	4	2	2
High school degree or G.E.D.	29	23	19
Some college, no degree	20	21	23
Associate's (two-year) degree	10	13	15
Bachelor's (four-year) degree	23	25	24
Postgraduate degree	13	17	17
Total	100	100	100

PARTY ID

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

Independent includes those who answered Other or Not sure.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democrat	32	36	37
Independent/Other/Not sure	39	30	28
Republican	28	34	36
Total	100	100	100

PARTY ID WITH LEANERS

Party identification with independents who lean toward a party counted as partisans.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Democrat + leaners	42	46	46
Pure independent/Other	23	13	10
Republican + leaners	35	41	44
Total	100	100	100

REG

Are you registered to vote at your current address?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Yes	70	100	100
No	25	0	0
Not sure	5	0	0
Total	100	100	100

VOTE

In November 2026, there will be elections for federal and state offices, including the U.S. Congress. What are the chances of you voting in the November 2026 election?

Asked of registered voters.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
I am certain to vote	--	71	84
I will probably vote	--	14	15
There is a 50-50 chance I will vote	--	7	0
I am not very likely to vote	--	2	0
I will not vote	--	4	0
Not sure	--	1	1
Total	100	100	100

TURNOUT2024

Thinking back to 2024, did you vote in the November 2024 general election for President?

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Yes, I voted in the presidential election	66	89	94
No, I did not vote in the presidential election	29	10	5
I don't know or can't remember	5	1	0
Total	100	100	100

VOTE2024

Who did you vote for in the November 2024 general election for President?

Asked of those who said they voted in the 2024 presidential election.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Donald Trump, the Republican	44	45	46
Kamala Harris, the Democrat	50	50	50
Someone else	5	4	3
I don't know or can't remember	2	1	1
Total	100	100	100

AREA TYPE

Would you say the area where you live is:

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
Urban	30	25	20
Suburban/small city	45	50	55
Small town/rural	25	25	25
Total	100	100	100

REGION

Region of residence.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
New England	5	5	5
Middle Atlantic	13	13	13
East North Central	14	15	14
West North Central	6	6	6
Deep South	32	31	31
Border states	7	7	7
Mountain States	8	8	8
Pacific	15	15	16
Total	100	100	100

RELIGION BY RACE

Religious affiliation combined with race and ethnicity.

Response	All Adults	Registered Voters	Likely Voters
White evangelical	13	14	12
White protestant	13	15	16
White Catholic	12	14	17
Black protestant	7	7	6
Hispanic protestant	4	4	3
Hispanic Catholic	6	6	6
Other Christian (any race)	13	10	10
Jewish	2	2	2
Muslim	1	1	1
All else	2	1	2
Unaffiliated	27	26	25
Total	100	100	100