

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 180 POLITICS SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2025  
FINAL TOPLINE  
September 22-28, 2025  
N=3,445**

Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

\* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

**ASK ALL:**

POL1DT Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

**ASK IF ANSWERED POL1DT (POL1DT=1,2) [N=3,399]:**

POL1DTSTR Do you [IF POL1DT=1: approve; IF POL1DT=2: disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president...

	<b>NET Approve</b>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer*</i>	<b>NET Disapprove</b>	<i>Very strongly</i>	<i>Not so strongly</i>	<i>No answer*</i>	<i>No answer*</i>
<b>Trump Second Term</b>									
Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>40</b>	29	10	1	<b>58</b>	47	11	*	2
Aug 4-10, 2025	<b>38</b>	27	11	*	<b>60</b>	47	13	*	2
Jun 2-8, 2025	<b>41</b>	30	11	*	<b>58</b>	46	12	*	1
Apr 7-13, 2025	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>47</b>	37	9	*	<b>51</b>	40	11	*	2
<b>Trump First Term</b>									
Jan 8-12, 2021	<b>29</b>	21	7	*	<b>68</b>	56	12	*	3
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	<b>38</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>59</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	3
Jun 16-22, 2020	<b>39</b>	29	9	1	<b>59</b>	48	11	*	2
Apr 7-12, 2020	<b>44</b>	33	10	1	<b>53</b>	42	11	*	3
Mar 19-24, 2020	<b>45</b>	34	10	1	<b>52</b>	40	11	*	2
Jan 6-19, 2020	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>58</b>	46	11	1	1
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	<b>40</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>59</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Apr 29-May 13, 2019	<b>40</b>	29	10	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	1
Feb 4-17, 2019	<b>38</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>61</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Nov 7-13, 2018	<b>41</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>58</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	<b>38</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>61</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2
Jul 30-Aug 12, 2018	<b>40</b>	31	9	*	<b>59</b>	48	10	*	2
Jan 29-Feb 13, 2018	<b>38</b>	29	9	*	<b>60</b>	48	12	*	2
Aug 8-21, 2017	<b>36</b>	26	10	*	<b>63</b>	49	13	*	1
Apr 4-18, 2017	<b>39</b>	27	12	*	<b>61</b>	45	15	*	1
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>1</sup>	<b>44</b>	30	13	*	<b>56</b>	43	12	*	1

<sup>1</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

See past presidents' approval trends: [Joe Biden](#), [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

[SHOW RLEADAPP AND DLEADAPP ON SAME SCREEN. RANDOMIZE ORDER]

**ASK ALL:**

RLEADAPP Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Republican leaders in Congress are doing?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 22-28, 2025	36	61	2
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	29	68	3
Sep 13-19, 2021	27	70	3
Apr 5-11, 2021	32	64	4
Sep 3-15, 2019	29	64	7
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	30	67	3
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014	29	70	1
Oct 9-27, 2014	23	76	1
May 30-Jun 30, 2014	22	77	1

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>(VOL.)</u> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Republican leaders in Congress			
Sep 5-16, 2019	32	59	9
Mar 20-25, 2019	31	63	6
Jun 5-12, 2018	29	63	8
Oct 25-30, 2017	22	71	8
Feb 7-12, 2017	34	60	6
Sep 22-27, 2015	19	73	8
May 12-18, 2015	22	72	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	26	66	8
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	23	68	10
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	21	72	7
Oct 9-13, 2013	20	72	8
Sep 4-8, 2013	24	68	8
May 1-5, 2013	22	68	10
Feb 13-18, 2013 (U)	25	67	9
Dec 5-9, 2012	25	67	8
Dec 7-11, 2011	21	68	11
Nov 9-14, 2011	23	67	10
Aug 17-21, 2011	22	69	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	25	66	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	30	61	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	36	45	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	24	60	16
Jul 22-25, 2010	33	53	14
Jun 16-20, 2010	31	55	14
Apr 8-11, 2010	30	56	14
Mar 10-14, 2010	25	59	16
Jan 6-10, 2010	27	57	16
Dec 9-13, 2009	29	51	20
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	24	60	17
Jun 10-14, 2009	29	56	15
Mar 9-12, 2009	28	51	21
Feb 4-8, 2009	34	51	15

**RLEADAPP PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Early October, 2006	33	56	11
June, 2006	30	53	17
March, 2006	32	50	18
January, 2006	33	52	15
Early November, 2005	33	50	17
Early October, 2005	32	52	16
Mid-September, 2005	36	49	15
Mid-May, 2005	35	50	15
Mid-March, 2005	39	44	17
Early February, 2004	41	42	17
January, 2003	48	37	15
June, 2002	50	34	16
May, 2002	49	34	17
February, 2002	56	24	20
Early September, 2001	43	39	18
June, 2001	40	40	20
May, 2001	45	36	19
April, 2001	45	30	25
January, 2001	43	36	21
July, 2000	36	46	18
May, 2000	40	42	18
July, 1999	36	45	19
June, 1999	37	46	17
May, 1999	38	44	18
March, 1999	38	47	15
February, 1999	37	51	12
January, 1999	38	50	12
Early December, 1998	38	49	13
November, 1998	41	48	11
Early September, 1998	44	37	19
Early August, 1998	43	37	20
June, 1998	42	38	20
May, 1998	40	41	19
April, 1998	41	40	19
March, 1998	43	39	18
January, 1998	43	41	16
November, 1997	41	43	16
August, 1997	42	44	14
June, 1997	33	50	17
May, 1997	40	44	16
April, 1997	40	44	16
February, 1997	44	42	14
January, 1997	38	47	15
July, 1996	38	48	14
June, 1996	36	50	14
April, 1996	39	46	15
March, 1996	35	51	14
February, 1996	33	53	14
January, 1996	36	54	10
October, 1995	36	51	13
September, 1995	36	50	14
August, 1995	38	45	17

**RLEADAPP PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
June, 1995	41	45	14
April, 1995	44	43	13
March, 1995	43	39	18
December, 1994 <sup>2</sup>	52	28	20

**ASK ALL:**

DLEADAPP

Do you approve or disapprove of the job the Democratic leaders in Congress are doing?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 22-28, 2025	24	73	3
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	33	65	2
Sep 13-19, 2021	39	58	3
Apr 5-11, 2021	50	47	3
Sep 3-15, 2019	32	62	6
Mar 18-Apr 1, 2019	41	55	3
Nov 17-Dec 15, 2014	35	64	1
Oct 9-27, 2014	36	63	1
May 30-June 30, 2014	38	61	1

**PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Democratic leaders in Congress			
Sep 5-16, 2019	31	59	10
Mar 20-25, 2019	33	59	8
Jun 5-12, 2018	31	59	10
Oct 25-30, 2017	29	62	9
Feb 7-12, 2017	37	55	8
Sep 22-27, 2015	34	60	6
May 12-18, 2015	33	60	6
Feb 18-22, 2015	36	58	7
Apr 23-27, 2014 (U)	32	60	8
Dec 3-8, 2013 (U)	34	58	8
Oct 9-13, 2013	31	62	7
Sep 4-8, 2013	33	59	7
Nov 9-14, 2011	30	61	9
Aug 17-21, 2011	29	63	9
Jul 20-24, 2011	30	60	10
Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011	31	60	9
Feb 24-27, 2011	33	48	19
Sep 30-Oct 3, 2010	30	53	17
Jul 22-25, 2010	35	56	10
Jun 16-20, 2010	35	53	12
Apr 8-11, 2010	38	51	11
Mar 10-14, 2010	31	57	12
Jan 6-10, 2010	35	53	11
Dec 9-13, 2009	36	47	17
Sep 30-Oct 4, 2009	33	53	15

<sup>2</sup>

In December 1994, the question was worded: "As best you can tell, do you approve or disapprove of Republican Congressional leaders' policies and plans for the future?"

**DLEADAPP PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON CONTINUED ...**

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<b>(VOL.)</b> <u>DK/Ref</u>
Jun 10-14, 2009	42	45	13
Mar 9-12, 2009	47	35	18
Feb 4-8, 2009	48	38	14
August, 2008	31	58	11
January, 2008	31	53	16
November, 2007	35	50	15
October, 2007	31	54	15
July, 2007	33	54	13
June, 2007	34	49	17
April, 2007	36	43	21
March, 2007 <sup>3</sup>	37	42	21
February, 2007	41	36	23
Mid-January, 2007	39	34	27
Early October, 2006	35	53	12
June, 2006	32	50	18
March, 2006	34	46	20
January, 2006	34	48	18
Early November, 2005	36	44	20
Early October, 2005	32	48	20
Mid-September, 2005	36	45	19
Mid-May, 2005	39	41	20
Mid-March, 2005	37	44	19
Early February, 2004	38	42	20
January, 2002	54	24	22
June, 2002	47	36	17
May, 2002	42	37	21
February, 2002	49	30	21
Early Sept, 2001	49	30	21
June, 2001	50	28	22

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**<sup>3</sup>

In March 2007 the question was worded: "Do you approve or disapprove of the policies and proposals of the Democratic leaders in Congress?"

**ASK ALL:**

FAVPOL

What is your overall opinion of... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<b>NET</b> <b><u>favorable</u></b>	<i>Very</i> <i>favorable</i>	<i>Mostly</i> <i>favorable</i>	<b>NET</b> <b><u>unfavorable</u></b>	<i>Very</i> <i>unfavorable</i>	<i>Mostly</i> <i>unfavorable</i>	Never heard of this person	No answer*
TRUMP	Donald Trump								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>40</b>	19	21	<b>58</b>	44	14	1	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>47</b>	25	21	<b>52</b>	38	14	*	1
	Aug 5-11, 2024	<b>42</b>	18	24	<b>56</b>	42	14	1	1
	May 13-19, 2024	<b>39</b>	16	24	<b>59</b>	43	17	*	1
	Feb 13-25, 2024	<b>39</b>	15	24	<b>60</b>	44	16	*	1
	Jul 10-16, 2023	<b>35</b>	12	24	<b>63</b>	46	17	*	1
	Mar 20-26, 2023	<b>36</b>	12	24	<b>63</b>	45	18	*	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	<b>38</b>	14	24	<b>60</b>	46	14	*	1
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,718]:</b>									
VANCE	JD Vance								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>40</b>	18	21	<b>51</b>	36	15	8	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>42</b>	22	20	<b>45</b>	28	18	11	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	<b>34</b>	12	22	<b>42</b>	27	15	23	1
MJOHNSON	Mike Johnson								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>25</b>	8	18	<b>38</b>	23	15	36	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>30</b>	9	21	<b>33</b>	17	16	35	2
	May 13-19, 2024	<b>24</b>	3	21	<b>37</b>	13	24	37	2
JEFFRIES	Hakeem Jeffries								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>24</b>	5	19	<b>30</b>	17	13	45	1
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>28</b>	6	22	<b>26</b>	12	14	44	2
	Jan 18-24, 2023	<b>23</b>	6	17	<b>24</b>	11	13	51	2
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,727]:</b>									
THUNE	John Thune								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>16</b>	3	13	<b>26</b>	10	16	56	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>17</b>	3	14	<b>20</b>	8	13	60	2
SCHUMER	Chuck Schumer								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>21</b>	3	18	<b>50</b>	27	24	26	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>28</b>	5	23	<b>46</b>	25	20	25	2
	May 13-19, 2024	<b>27</b>	5	21	<b>46</b>	26	20	25	2
	Jul 10-16, 2023	<b>27</b>	5	22	<b>49</b>	28	20	22	2
	Jan 18-24, 2023	<b>28</b>	6	23	<b>44</b>	24	20	26	2
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	<b>28</b>	5	23	<b>43</b>	25	17	26	3
RFKJR	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.								
	Sep 22-28, 2025	<b>43</b>	12	31	<b>50</b>	34	17	5	2
	Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	<b>47</b>	11	36	<b>45</b>	26	19	6	2

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4 OR REFUSED):**

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>4</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	28	28	14	2	18	18

**Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:**

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

<sup>4</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.