

# Majority of Americans Believe Democracy ‘Isn’t Working’

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Pessimists appear to outnumber optimists these days, with a new poll showing most Americans believe democracy “is not working,” among several other jarring findings.

The new Quinnipiac University Poll released on Tuesday found 53% of citizens believe American democracy is *not* working right now, compared to 41% of Americans who believe the system is going fine.

Those on the left, unsurprisingly, were much more likely to say the figurative house is burning down, with 74% of polled Democrats saying “the system of democracy in the United States is not working”; only 22% of Republicans said it is not working, and 74% of GOP voters said there is no problem at all.

A few other eye-grabbing results from Quinnipiac:

- 79% of American voters believe the U.S. is in a state of “political crisis”
- 71% of Americans believe political violence is a “very serious problem” — up from 54% who felt that way in June
- 53% of voters said they are “pessimistic about free speech” in the U.S.

Another 39% of respondents said they approve of how President **Donald Trump** is handling the economy, including 85% of Republicans. Only 5% of Democrats gave the president a thumbs up on the economy.

Quinnipiac's poll — and the sharp jump in Americans concerned about political violence — comes two weeks after conservative activist **Charlie Kirk** was shot and killed at an event in Utah.

The new poll was conducted between Sept. 18-21 and is based on 1,276 self-identified registered voters nationally.

Overall, the top priority for 32% of respondents was “preserving democracy”; the next closest topic was the economy, according to 18% of respondents, and illegal immigration and crime, which both grabbed 9% of respondents.

Wednesday's poll comes about a month after the president received his [best approval rating ever](#), according to the Associated Press-NORC poll, thanks largely to his crackdown on illegal immigration and crime.

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September 24, 2025

## **Nearly 8 In 10 Voters Say The United States Is In A Political Crisis, Quinnipiac University National Poll Finds; Optimism Sinks For Freedom Of Speech Being Protected In The U.S.**

In the wake of the assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk, 79 percent of voters say the United States is in a political crisis, while 18 percent say it is not, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

Democrats (93 - 6 percent), independents (84 - 14 percent), and Republicans (60 - 35 percent) say the United States is in a political crisis.

*"The Kirk assassination lays bare raw, bipartisan concerns about where the country is headed," said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.*

## POLITICALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE

Seventy-one percent of voters think politically motivated violence in the United States today is a very serious problem, 22 percent think it is a somewhat serious problem, 3 percent think it is a not so serious problem, and 1 percent think it is not a problem at all.

This is a jump from Quinnipiac University's June 26 poll when 54 percent thought politically motivated violence in the United States today was a very serious problem, 37 percent thought it was a somewhat serious problem, 6 percent thought it was a not so serious problem, and 2 percent thought it was not a problem at all.

Nearly 6 in 10 voters (58 percent) think it will not be possible to lower the temperature on political rhetoric and speech in the United States, while 34 percent think it will be possible.

A majority of voters (54 percent) think political violence in the United States will worsen over the next few years, while 27 percent think it will remain about the same, and 14 percent think it will ease.

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH

Fifty-three percent of voters say they are pessimistic about freedom of speech being protected in the United States, while 43 percent say they are optimistic.

This is a reversal from six months ago, when 54 percent of voters said they were optimistic and 43 percent said they were pessimistic about freedom of speech being protected in the United States, in Quinnipiac University's March 13 poll.

In Quinnipiac University's January 29 poll, 57 percent of voters said they were optimistic and 38 percent said they were pessimistic about freedom of speech being protected in the United States.

## DEMOCRACY

Voters 53 - 41 percent think that the system of democracy in the United States is not working.

Democrats (74 - 21 percent) and independents (61 - 32 percent) think the system of democracy in the United States is not working, while Republicans (74 - 22 percent) think it is working.

"From a perceived assault on freedom of speech to the fragility of the democracy, a shudder of concern and pessimism rattles a broad swath of the electorate. Nearly 80 percent of registered voters feel they are witnessing a political crisis, seven in ten say political violence is a very serious problem, and a majority say this discord won't go away anytime soon," *added Malloy.*

## POLITICAL DISCOURSE

A vast majority of voters (82 percent) think the way people talk about politics these days is contributing to violence in the United States, while 15 percent think it is not.

"When asked if political discourse is contributing to violence, a rare meeting of the minds...Republicans, Democrats, and independents in equal numbers say yes, it is," *added Malloy.*

## GUN VIOLENCE

When it comes to gun violence, 83 percent of voters think political leaders are more interested in blaming others, while 10 percent think they are more interested in finding solutions.

## PRESIDENT TRUMP

Thirty-eight percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 54 percent disapprove, largely unchanged from Quinnipiac University's August 27 poll.

Voters were asked about Trump's handling of seven issues:

- immigration issues: 41 percent approve, while 55 percent disapprove, with 4 percent not offering an opinion;
- foreign policy: 40 percent approve, while 53 percent disapprove, with 7 percent not offering an opinion;
- trade: 39 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 7 percent not offering an opinion;
- the economy: 39 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 5 percent not offering an opinion;
- gun violence: 38 percent approve, while 54 percent disapprove, with 9 percent not offering an opinion;
- the Russia - Ukraine war: 33 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 11 percent not offering an opinion;
- the Israel - Hamas conflict: 31 percent approve, while 56 percent disapprove, with 13 percent not offering an opinion.

## ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR.

One third of voters (33 percent) approve of the way Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is handling his job as Secretary of Health and Human Services, while 54 percent disapprove, and 13 percent did not offer an opinion.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's June 11 poll when 38 percent approved, 53 percent disapproved, and 9 percent did not offer an opinion.

Thirty-nine percent of voters are either very confident (17 percent) or somewhat confident (22 percent) in medical information cited by Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr., while 57 percent are either not so confident (11 percent) or not confident at all (46 percent).

## VACCINES

Voters 67 - 26 percent support having vaccine requirements for children attending public schools.

Democrats (91 - 6 percent) and independents (70 - 23 percent) support vaccine requirements for children attending public schools. Republicans are mixed, with 46 percent opposing them and 44 percent supporting them.

"Keep mandatory vaccines in place for public school kids, say a large majority of voters. That sentiment is expressed as voters give a clear thumbs down to the overall recommendations by Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.," *said Malloy.*

## DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PARTIES

Thirty percent of voters have a favorable opinion of the Democratic party, while 54 percent have an unfavorable opinion, and 10 percent haven't heard enough about it.

This is the lowest favorability rating for the Democratic party since the Quinnipiac University Poll began asking voters this question in 2008. The previous low was in January of this year when 31 percent of voters had a favorable opinion, 57 percent had an unfavorable opinion, and 9 percent hadn't heard enough about it.

In today's poll, 38 percent of voters have a favorable opinion of the Republican party, while 51 percent have an unfavorable opinion, and 7 percent haven't heard enough about it.

## ECONOMY

Given a list of four economic issues and asked which one worries voters the most right now, 53 percent say the price of food and consumer goods, 28 percent say the cost of housing or rent, 8 percent say their job situation, and 7 percent say the stock market.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's April 9 poll when 47 percent of voters said the price of food and consumer goods, 20 percent said the cost of housing or rent, 17 percent said the stock market, and 6 percent said their job.

Forty-two percent of voters say they have cut spending on non-essential items compared to one year ago, while 14 percent say they have increased spending, and 43 percent say there is no change in their spending on non-essential items compared to one year ago.

## DEATH PENALTY

Given a choice between the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole for people convicted of murder, 55 percent of voters prefer life in prison with no chance of parole, while 35 percent prefer the death penalty.

## RUSSIA- UKRAINE WAR

When voters were asked how confident they are that Russia and Ukraine will agree to a permanent cease fire in the near future, 24 percent say they are either very confident (5 percent) or somewhat confident (19 percent), while 72 percent of voters say they are either not so confident (33 percent) or not confident at all (39 percent).

Voters 64 - 26 percent think supporting Ukraine is in the national interest of the United States, with 10 percent not offering an opinion.

## ISRAEL

A plurality of voters (47 percent) think supporting Israel is in the national interest of the United States, while 41 percent think supporting Israel is not in the national interest of the United States, with 12 percent not offering an opinion.

This compares to Quinnipiac University's December 20, 2023 poll when voters 69 - 23 percent thought supporting Israel was in the national interest of the United States, and 8 percent did not offer an opinion.

Twenty-one percent of voters have a favorable opinion of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, while 49 percent have an unfavorable opinion of him, and 28 percent haven't heard enough about him.

1,276 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from September 18th - 21st with a margin of error of +/- 3.3 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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### Poll Questions

- [Question 1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 38%                      | 86%        | 3%         | 30%        | 46%        | 32%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 54                       | 10         | 93         | 61         | 46         | 61         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 8                        | 5          | 5          | 9          | 8          | 7          |

- [Question 1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? COMBINED WITH: \(If approve/disapprove q1\) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?](#)

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| <b>Approve strongly</b> | 30%                      | 71%        | 1%         | 21%        | 35%        | 26%        |

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| <b>Approve smwht</b>       | 8  | 13 | 2  | 8  | 10 | 5  |
| <b>Disapprove smwht</b>    | 5  | 5  | 4  | 6  | 5  | 5  |
| <b>Disapprove strongly</b> | 49 | 5  | 89 | 55 | 41 | 56 |
| <b>DK/NA</b>               | 9  | 6  | 5  | 10 | 9  | 8  |

- [Question 2. Is your opinion of the Democratic party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?](#)

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| <b>Favorable</b>        | 30%                      | 5%         | 70%        | 25%        | 22%        | 37%        |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>      | 54                       | 88         | 21         | 53         | 61         | 48         |
| <b>Hvn't hrd enough</b> | 10                       | 4          | 7          | 14         | 10         | 10         |
| <b>REFUSED</b>          | 6                        | 2          | 2          | 8          | 6          | 5          |

- [Question 3. Is your opinion of the Republican party favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about it?](#)

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| <b>Favorable</b>        | 38%                      | 86%        | 5%         | 27%        | 42%        | 34%        |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>      | 51                       | 8          | 87         | 59         | 45         | 56         |
| <b>Hvn't hrd enough</b> | 7                        | 3          | 5          | 9          | 8          | 6          |
| <b>REFUSED</b>          | 4                        | 3          | 3          | 5          | 5          | 4          |

- [Question 4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is handling his job as Secretary of Health and Human Services?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 33%                      | 71%        | 4%         | 28%        | 38%        | 28%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 54                       | 11         | 91         | 61         | 50         | 58         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 13                       | 18         | 6          | 12         | 12         | 14         |

- [Question 5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kash Patel is handling his job as Director of the FBI?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 33%                      | 70%        | 6%         | 26%        | 36%        | 29%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 49                       | 10         | 79         | 58         | 47         | 51         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 18                       | 20         | 15         | 16         | 17         | 19         |

- [Question 6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Pam Bondi is handling her job as United States Attorney General?](#)

- **REGISTERED VOTERS**

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 30% | 67% | 8%  | 21% | 33% | 27% |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 48  | 11  | 78  | 57  | 45  | 52  |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 22  | 22  | 14  | 23  | 22  | 21  |

- [Question 7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Brendan Carr is handling his job as Federal Communications Commission Chairman?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 19%                      | 39% | 5%  | 14% | 23% | 16% |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 40                       | 7   | 65  | 46  | 36  | 43  |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 41                       | 53  | 30  | 39  | 41  | 41  |

- [Question 8. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?](#)

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| -                         | Tot                      | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| <b>Very satisfied</b>     | 13%                      | 31% | 1%  | 7%  | 16% | 10% |
| <b>Smwht satisfied</b>    | 21                       | 44  | 4   | 19  | 24  | 19  |
| <b>Smwht dissatisfied</b> | 13                       | 13  | 11  | 14  | 15  | 11  |
| <b>Very dissatisfied</b>  | 51                       | 11  | 83  | 57  | 42  | 58  |
| <b>DK/NA</b>              | 2                        | 1   | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   |

- [Question 9. In your opinion, what is the most urgent issue facing the country today: the economy, climate change, health care, immigration, abortion, racial inequality, crime, preserving democracy in the United States, international conflicts, or gun violence?](#)

| -                           | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |     |     |     |     |     |
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| -                           | Tot                      | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| <b>Economy</b>              | 18%                      | 24% | 13% | 20% | 24% | 14% |
| <b>Climate change</b>       | 2                        | 1   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| <b>Health care</b>          | 7                        | 4   | 9   | 8   | 5   | 9   |
| <b>Immigration</b>          | 9                        | 17  | 5   | 5   | 12  | 6   |
| <b>Abortion</b>             | 1                        | 4   | -   | -   | 1   | 2   |
| <b>Racial inequality</b>    | 5                        | 1   | 7   | 5   | 3   | 6   |
| <b>Crime</b>                | 9                        | 21  | 2   | 6   | 9   | 10  |
| <b>Preserving democracy</b> | 32                       | 14  | 48  | 32  | 26  | 37  |
| <b>Intl conflicts</b>       | 4                        | 5   | 3   | 5   | 6   | 2   |
| <b>Gun violence</b>         | 6                        | 4   | 8   | 8   | 7   | 6   |
| <b>SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)</b>  | 5                        | 5   | 2   | 6   | 6   | 5   |

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- [Question 10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- the economy?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 39%                      | 85%        | 5%         | 30%        | 45%        | 34%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 56                       | 12         | 93         | 64         | 51         | 61         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 5                        | 3          | 2          | 5          | 4          | 5          |

- [Question 11. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- trade?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 39%                      | 83%        | 3%         | 32%        | 47%        | 32%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 54                       | 13         | 92         | 60         | 47         | 60         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 7                        | 4          | 5          | 8          | 6          | 8          |

- [Question 12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- foreign policy?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 40%                      | 85%        | 4%         | 31%        | 47%        | 33%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 53                       | 9          | 91         | 61         | 47         | 59         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 7                        | 6          | 6          | 7          | 6          | 8          |

- [Question 13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- immigration issues?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 41%                      | 91%        | 4%         | 32%        | 48%        | 35%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 55                       | 7          | 94         | 63         | 48         | 62         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 4                        | 2          | 2          | 5          | 4          | 4          |

- [Question 14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- gun violence?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 38%                      | 82%        | 4%         | 29%        | 44%        | 32%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 54                       | 9          | 91         | 61         | 47         | 60         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 9                        | 9          | 5          | 9          | 9          | 8          |

- [Question 15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- the Russia- Ukraine war?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 33%                      | 76%        | 3%         | 24%        | 40%        | 28%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 56                       | 14         | 90         | 65         | 50         | 61         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 11                       | 10         | 7          | 11         | 10         | 12         |

- [Question 16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling- the Israel- Hamas conflict?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 31%                      | 71%        | 4%         | 21%        | 36%        | 27%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 56                       | 14         | 88         | 66         | 52         | 60         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 13                       | 15         | 8          | 13         | 13         | 13         |

- [Question 17. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump sending the National Guard and law enforcement from federal agencies, including ICE, to cities in the United States in an effort to reduce crime?](#)

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| <b>Approve</b>    | 42%                      | 87%        | 5%         | 34%        | 49%        | 35%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b> | 55                       | 9          | 95         | 64         | 48         | 61         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 3                        | 5          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4          |

- [Question 18. How confident are you in medical information cited by Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Jr.; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?](#)

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| -                           | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                           | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Very confident</b>       | 17%                      | 39%        | -          | 13%        | 19%        | 15%        |
| <b>Somewhat confident</b>   | 22                       | 42         | 8          | 17         | 24         | 20         |
| <b>Not so confident</b>     | 11                       | 6          | 12         | 12         | 13         | 8          |
| <b>Not confident at all</b> | 46                       | 6          | 78         | 53         | 40         | 50         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>                | 5                        | 7          | 2          | 4          | 3          | 6          |

- [Question 19. Do you support or oppose having vaccine requirements for children attending public schools?](#)

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| -              | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -              | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Support</b> | 67%                      | 44%        | 91%        | 70%        | 63%        | 70%        |

|               |    |    |   |    |    |    |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Oppose</b> | 26 | 46 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 23 |
| <b>DK/NA</b>  | 7  | 10 | 3 | 7  | 7  | 7  |

- [Question 20. Which punishment do you prefer for people convicted of murder: the death penalty or life in prison with no chance of parole?](#)

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| -                     | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                     | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Death penalty</b>  | 35%                      | 61%        | 12%        | 34%        | 43%        | 29%        |
| <b>Life/No parole</b> | 55                       | 29         | 81         | 58         | 47         | 62         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>          | 10                       | 9          | 7          | 8          | 10         | 10         |

- [Question 21. When it comes to gun violence, do you think political leaders in the United States are more interested in blaming others or finding solutions?](#)

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| -                        | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                        | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Blaming others</b>    | 83%                      | 70%        | 92%        | 87%        | 81%        | 84%        |
| <b>Finding solutions</b> | 10                       | 21         | 5          | 6          | 9          | 11         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>             | 7                        | 10         | 3          | 7          | 10         | 5          |

- [Question 22. Would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about freedom of speech being protected in the United States?](#)

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| -                  | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                  | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Optimistic</b>  | 43%                      | 76%        | 20%        | 36%        | 45%        | 41%        |
| <b>Pessimistic</b> | 53                       | 21         | 77         | 61         | 51         | 55         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>       | 3                        | 3          | 3          | 3          | 3          | 4          |

- [Question 23. Do you think the system of democracy in the United States is working, or not?](#)

|                    |                          |            |            |            |            |            |
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| -                  | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                  | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Yes/Working</b> | 41%                      | 74%        | 21%        | 32%        | 51%        | 32%        |
| <b>No</b>          | 53                       | 22         | 74         | 61         | 44         | 62         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>       | 6                        | 5          | 5          | 7          | 5          | 6          |

- [Question 23a. \(If no/democracy not working q23\) Who do you blame more for the system of democracy not working in the United States: the Republicans or the Democrats?](#)

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| -                  | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b>         |            |            |
| -                  | <b>DEMOCRACY NOT WORKING Q23</b> |            |            |
| -                  | <b>Tot</b>                       | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Republicans</b> | 59%                              | 52%        | 64%        |
| <b>Democrats</b>   | 15                               | 18         | 14         |

|                     |    |    |    |
|---------------------|----|----|----|
| <b>BOTH(VOL)</b>    | 20 | 23 | 19 |
| <b>NEITHER(VOL)</b> | 4  | 6  | 2  |
| <b>DK/NA</b>        | 1  | 1  | 1  |

- [Question 24. In thinking about people you know who hold political views different than your own, would you say you are mostly able to talk with them about your differences, or would you say you mostly avoid talking with them about your differences?](#)

|              |                          |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| -            | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -            | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Talk</b>  | 49%                      | 54%        | 37%        | 52%        | 54%        | 45%        |
| <b>Avoid</b> | 47                       | 44         | 60         | 44         | 43         | 51         |
| <b>DK/NA</b> | 4                        | 2          | 3          | 4          | 3          | 4          |

- [Question 25. Would you say the United States is in a political crisis, or not?](#)

|                   |                          |            |            |            |            |            |
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| -                 | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                 | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Yes/Crisis</b> | 79%                      | 60%        | 93%        | 84%        | 72%        | 85%        |
| <b>No</b>         | 18                       | 35         | 6          | 14         | 25         | 11         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>      | 3                        | 5          | 1          | 2          | 3          | 3          |

- [Question 26. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?](#)

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| -                  | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                  | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Excellent</b>   | 2%                       | 5%         | 1%         | 2%         | 3%         | 2%         |
| <b>Good</b>        | 33                       | 65         | 10         | 26         | 37         | 29         |
| <b>Not so good</b> | 36                       | 24         | 47         | 37         | 35         | 36         |
| <b>Poor</b>        | 27                       | 5          | 40         | 34         | 23         | 31         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>       | 2                        | 1          | 2          | 1          | 1          | 2          |

- [Question 27. As you think about your financial situation, which one of the following economic issues worries you the most right now: the price of food and consumer goods, your job situation, the stock market, or the cost of housing or rent?](#)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| -                           | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                           | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Price of food/goods</b>  | 53%                      | 59%        | 56%        | 46%        | 50%        | 55%        |
| <b>Your job situation</b>   | 8                        | 5          | 11         | 7          | 10         | 6          |
| <b>Stock market</b>         | 7                        | 9          | 3          | 8          | 7          | 6          |
| <b>Cost of housing/rent</b> | 28                       | 21         | 27         | 35         | 28         | 28         |
| <b>SOMETHING ELSE(VOL)</b>  | 2                        | 3          | 2          | 2          | 3          | 2          |
| <b>DK/NA</b>                | 2                        | 3          | 1          | 2          | 2          | 2          |

- [Question 28. Compared to one year ago, would you say you have cut spending on non-essential items, increased spending on non-essential items, or is there no change?](#)

| -         | REGISTERED VOTERS |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| -         | Tot               | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| Cut       | 42%               | 27% | 52% | 47% | 37% | 47% |
| Increased | 14                | 16  | 11  | 13  | 13  | 14  |
| No change | 43                | 56  | 36  | 39  | 49  | 38  |
| DK/NA     | 1                 | -   | 1   | -   | 1   | 1   |

- [Question 29. How confident are you that Russia and Ukraine will agree to a permanent cease fire in the near future; very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident, or not confident at all?](#)

| -                    | REGISTERED VOTERS |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| -                    | Tot               | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| Very confident       | 5%                | 10% | -   | 5%  | 8%  | 3%  |
| Somewhat confident   | 19                | 35  | 8   | 16  | 20  | 18  |
| Not so confident     | 33                | 27  | 38  | 36  | 30  | 35  |
| Not confident at all | 39                | 25  | 52  | 39  | 37  | 40  |
| DK/NA                | 4                 | 4   | 2   | 4   | 5   | 4   |

- [Question 30. Which comes closer to your line of thinking: supporting Ukraine is in the national interest of the United States or supporting Ukraine is not in the national interest of the United States?](#)

| -                    | REGISTERED VOTERS |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| -                    | Tot               | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| In U.S. interest     | 64%               | 50% | 82% | 66% | 61% | 67% |
| Not in U.S. interest | 26                | 37  | 10  | 27  | 30  | 22  |
| DK/NA                | 10                | 12  | 9   | 8   | 8   | 12  |

- [Question 31. Which comes closer to your line of thinking: supporting Israel is in the national interest of the United States or supporting Israel is not in the national interest of the United States?](#)

| -                    | REGISTERED VOTERS |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| -                    | Tot               | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |
| In U.S. interest     | 47%               | 75% | 36% | 37% | 48% | 46% |
| Not in U.S. interest | 41                | 19  | 49  | 53  | 43  | 40  |
| DK/NA                | 12                | 7   | 15  | 11  | 9   | 14  |

- [Question 32. Is your opinion of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?](#)

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|---|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| - | REGISTERED VOTERS |     |     |     |     |     |
| - | Tot               | Rep | Dem | Ind | Men | Wom |

|                         |     |     |    |     |     |     |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>Favorable</b>        | 21% | 47% | 4% | 14% | 22% | 19% |
| <b>Unfavorable</b>      | 49  | 20  | 70 | 58  | 50  | 48  |
| <b>Hvn't hrd enough</b> | 28  | 31  | 26 | 25  | 25  | 30  |
| <b>REFUSED</b>          | 3   | 3   | 1  | 2   | 3   | 2   |

- [Question 33. How serious a problem do you think that politically motivated violence is in the United States today; a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, a not so serious problem, or not a problem at all?](#)

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| -                           | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                           | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Very serious</b>         | 71%                      | 72%        | 74%        | 70%        | 66%        | 77%        |
| <b>Smwht serious</b>        | 22                       | 21         | 23         | 24         | 26         | 19         |
| <b>Not so serious</b>       | 3                        | 4          | 3          | 2          | 5          | 1          |
| <b>Not a problem at all</b> | 1                        | 1          | -          | 2          | 2          | -          |
| <b>DK/NA</b>                | 2                        | 2          | 1          | 2          | 1          | 2          |

- [Question 34. Do you think that the way people talk about politics these days is contributing to violence in the United States, or don't you think so?](#)

|                           |                          |            |            |            |            |            |
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| -                         | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                         | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Yes/Contributes</b>    | 82%                      | 80%        | 81%        | 84%        | 80%        | 83%        |
| <b>Doesn't contribute</b> | 15                       | 17         | 17         | 12         | 17         | 13         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>              | 4                        | 3          | 2          | 4          | 4          | 4          |

- [Question 35. Over the next few years, do you think political violence in the United States will ease, worsen, or remain about the same?](#)

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| -                  | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                  | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Ease</b>        | 14%                      | 26%        | 6%         | 12%        | 14%        | 15%        |
| <b>Worsen</b>      | 54                       | 39         | 63         | 58         | 51         | 56         |
| <b>Remain same</b> | 27                       | 30         | 26         | 26         | 31         | 23         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>       | 5                        | 5          | 4          | 4          | 4          | 6          |

- [Question 36. As you may know, there have been calls for lowering the temperature on political rhetoric and speech in the United States. Do you think this will be possible, or not?](#)

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| -                   | <b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> |            |            |            |            |            |
| -                   | <b>Tot</b>               | <b>Rep</b> | <b>Dem</b> | <b>Ind</b> | <b>Men</b> | <b>Wom</b> |
| <b>Yes/Possible</b> | 34%                      | 43%        | 28%        | 32%        | 36%        | 32%        |
| <b>No</b>           | 58                       | 49         | 66         | 61         | 58         | 58         |
| <b>DK/NA</b>        | 8                        | 9          | 6          | 7          | 5          | 11         |

