

From August 22 to 24, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,257 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ± 3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

N=1,257 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

		D	I	R	
[1] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish over the next decade: — Closing the borders to new migration	Rank 1	25%	13%	19%	40%
	Rank 2	14	9	16	17
	Rank 3	7	7	7	8
	Rank 4	9	6	12	10
	Rank 5	11	14	9	9
	Rank 6	13	16	14	8
	Rank 7	22	35	22	8
[2] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish over the next decade: — Ensuring high-quality health care for every American			D	I	R
	Rank 1	24%	33%	27%	15%
	Rank 2	20	18	19	23
	Rank 3	16	14	16	17
	Rank 4	12	10	9	15
	Rank 5	12	9	9	15
	Rank 6	9	9	10	9
	Rank 7	7	7	10	5
[3] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish over the next decade: — Continuing growth on Wall Street			D	I	R
	Rank 1	6%	7%	8%	5%
	Rank 2	7	6	9	8
	Rank 3	15	12	16	18
	Rank 4	13	13	9	15
	Rank 5	21	27	25	15
	Rank 6	22	21	23	23
	Rank 7	14	14	10	16
[4] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish over the next decade: — Making significant public investment in green energy and green jobs			D	I	R
	Rank 1	8%	9%	9%	7%
	Rank 2	10	17	9	4
	Rank 3	11	17	10	5
	Rank 4	19	24	22	12
	Rank 5	13	15	11	11
	Rank 6	14	9	18	17
	Rank 7	26	9	20	44

[5] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish **over the next decade**:

— Maintaining dominance over China

		D	I	R
Rank 1	11%	10%	9%	13%
Rank 2	14	11	12	19
Rank 3	11	9	12	12
Rank 4	10	10	7	11
Rank 5	15	15	17	14
Rank 6	20	24	17	17
Rank 7	19	21	25	14

[6] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish **over the next decade**:

— Ensuring every American gets a high-quality public education

		D	I	R
Rank 1	9%	9%	14%	7%
Rank 2	18	21	21	13
Rank 3	19	22	16	19
Rank 4	19	19	21	17
Rank 5	15	10	11	22
Rank 6	13	13	9	16
Rank 7	7	6	8	7

[7] With 1 being the highest, how would you rank each of the following in terms of their level of priority for U.S. lawmakers to accomplish **over the next decade**:

— Lowering the cost of housing

		D	I	R
Rank 1	16%	19%	15%	13%
Rank 2	17	19	13	17
Rank 3	20	19	23	21
Rank 4	18	18	19	18
Rank 5	13	10	16	14
Rank 6	9	8	9	11
Rank 7	7	7	5	7

[8a] Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

— Social work and mental health are necessary parts of a public safety budget.

		D	I	R
Strongly agree	54%	66%	51%	44%
Somewhat agree	29	21	30	36
Somewhat disagree	7	5	8	9
Strongly disagree	4	2	2	6
Don't know	6	6	9	5
AGREE (TOTAL)	83%	87%	81%	80%
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	11	7	10	15
AGREE (NET)	+72	+80	+71	+65

[8b] Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

— Our economic system is rigged in favor of corporations and the wealthy, and should be replaced with a system that gives working people a fair shot.

		D	I	R
Strongly agree	45%	60%	40%	32%
Somewhat agree	25	22	27	26
Somewhat disagree	12	4	13	20
Strongly disagree	10	4	8	16
Don't know	8	9	12	6
AGREE (TOTAL)	70%	82%	67%	58%
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	22	8	21	36
AGREE (NET)	+48	+74	+46	+22

[8c] Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

— Corporations and the wealthy have too much influence in the political party that I usually vote for.

		D	I	R
Strongly agree	39%	47%	39%	31%
Somewhat agree	26	24	24	29
Somewhat disagree	17	13	15	21
Strongly disagree	8	6	5	12
Don't know	10	11	16	7
AGREE (TOTAL)	65%	71%	63%	60%
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	25	19	20	33
AGREE (NET)	+40	+52	+43	+27

[8d] Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

— It is a good thing that the number of billionaires in our country is increasing.

		D	I	R
Strongly agree	13%	8%	8%	22%
Somewhat agree	20	13	16	29
Somewhat disagree	20	19	21	21
Strongly disagree	31	46	33	16
Don't know	15	14	21	13
AGREE (TOTAL)	33%	21%	24%	51%
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	51	65	54	37
AGREE (NET)	-18	-44	-30	+14

[9] When thinking about **housing affordability in the U.S.**, which of the following do you **blame more** for rising housing costs?

		D	I	R
Government regulation slowing the building process	32%	28%	31%	37%
Landlords and banks raising prices to increase profits	59	62	56	58
Don't know	9	11	13	5

[10] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— A democratic socialist elected official in your town or city, whose agenda is primarily focused on how to make life more affordable for working people in your community by bringing down the costs of housing, groceries, and electric bills.

(N=652)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	39%	57%	39%	23%
Somewhat favorable	20	22	20	17
Somewhat unfavorable	10	4	10	15
Very unfavorable	17	6	12	29
Haven't heard enough to say	15	12	19	16
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	59%	79%	59%	40%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	27	10	22	44
FAVORABLE (NET)	+32	+69	+37	-4

[11] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— A Democratic elected official in your town or city, whose agenda is primarily focused on how to make life more affordable for working people in your community by bringing down the costs of housing, groceries, and electric bills.

(N=605)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	48%	61%	56%	31%
Somewhat favorable	21	16	21	27
Somewhat unfavorable	6	1	3	11
Very unfavorable	11	9	7	16
Haven't heard enough to say	14	13	12	16
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	69%	77%	77%	58%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	17	10	10	27
FAVORABLE (NET)	+52	+67	+67	+31

[12] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city, where ICE has been conducting regular raids. They have been working to educate people about their constitutional rights when speaking with immigration enforcement officers and help immigrant constituents avoid ICE raids – while continuing to advocate for other important issues, like cost of living and small business protections.

(N=660)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	28%	41%	20%	19%
Somewhat favorable	26	28	34	20
Somewhat unfavorable	10	8	5	16
Very unfavorable	20	13	17	28
Haven't heard enough to say	16	11	23	18
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	54%	69%	54%	39%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	30	21	22	44
FAVORABLE (NET)	+24	+48	+32	-5

[13] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city, where ICE has been conducting regular raids. They have been silent on this issue, and instead have focused on advocating for other important issues like small business protections and lowering the cost of living.

(N=597)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	22%	13%	18%	32%
Somewhat favorable	21	15	20	27
Somewhat unfavorable	22	26	30	14
Very unfavorable	17	26	16	9
Haven't heard enough to say	19	21	16	18
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	43%	28%	38%	59%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	39	52	46	23
FAVORABLE (NET)	+4	-24	-8	+36

[14] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city where there has been recent debate over trans rights. They have sponsored a bill to protect the civil rights of trans people. They have also continued to advocate on other important issues, like lowering prescription drug prices.

(N=618)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	30%	47%	35%	12%
Somewhat favorable	21	24	22	18
Somewhat unfavorable	16	6	11	27
Very unfavorable	14	3	9	28
Haven't heard enough to say	19	20	23	16
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	51%	71%	57%	30%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	30	9	20	55
FAVORABLE (NET)	+21	+62	+37	-25

[15] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city, where there has been recent debate over trans rights. They have been silent on this issue, and instead have focused on other important issues like advocating to lower prescription drug prices.

(N=639)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	27%	19%	22%	36%
Somewhat favorable	27	22	35	26
Somewhat unfavorable	20	28	18	13
Very unfavorable	11	12	11	11
Haven't heard enough to say	16	19	14	14
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	54%	41%	57%	62%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	31	40	29	24
FAVORABLE (NET)	+23	+1	+28	+38

[16] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city. They have been silent on the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and have focused instead on advocating for needed improvements to local infrastructure.

(N=620)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	20%	17%	17%	26%
Somewhat favorable	28	23	35	29
Somewhat unfavorable	20	27	14	16
Very unfavorable	13	13	10	14
Haven't heard enough to say	19	20	24	15
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	48%	40%	52%	55%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	33	40	24	30
FAVORABLE (NET)	+15	0	+28	+25

[17] Below are descriptions of different hypothetical political figures. For each, please say whether you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of them based on the descriptions given?

— An elected official in your town or city. They have been outspoken in support of Palestinian rights, referring to the Israeli government's actions in Gaza as a genocide. At the same time, they have continued to advocate for needed improvements to local infrastructure.

(N=637)

		D	I	R
Very favorable	22%	29%	23%	15%
Somewhat favorable	22	26	18	19
Somewhat unfavorable	12	11	17	11
Very unfavorable	23	11	20	36
Haven't heard enough to say	21	23	22	19
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	44%	55%	41%	34%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	35	22	37	47
FAVORABLE (NET)	+9	+33	+4	-13

		D	I	R
[18] Which of the following political figures would you prefer?				
A political figure described as being similar to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders, and Zohran Mamdani	37%	53%	33%	23%
A political figure described as being similar to Chuck Schumer, Hakeem Jeffries, and Nancy Pelosi	34	33	37	34
Don't know	29	14	30	43

		D	I	R
[19] Democratic socialists believe that the government should take a more active role to improve Americans' lives. They generally support higher taxes on corporations and high income earners, support regulations that protect workers and consumers, and want more public ownership of key industries like housing, healthcare, and utilities.				
Democratic socialism	42%	74%	36%	14%
Capitalism	46	16	47	74
Don't know	12	10	17	11

On the other hand, capitalists believe that the private sector is best equipped to make improvements to Americans' lives. They generally support lower taxes, oppose government regulations of businesses, and want the private sector to own key industries like housing, healthcare, and utilities.

Knowing what you know now, which of the following viewpoints comes closest to yours, even if neither is exactly right?

		D	I	R
[20] Which of the following statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?				
Democratic socialists can be good representatives for working-class Americans	50%	78%	52%	21%
Democratic socialists are a threat to American values	39	13	31	69
Don't know	11	9	17	10

		D	I	R
[21] What is your familiarity with the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)?				
I am a DSA member, or personally know DSA members	4%	7%	1%	3%
I don't know any DSA members, but am familiar with the organization	20	19	18	21
I have heard of DSA, but don't know much about it	30	25	34	32
I have never heard of DSA	46	48	46	44

		D	I	R
[22] Are you currently:				
Retired	33%	34%	33%	32%

	D	I	R
Managers/administrator (examples: elected official, business administrator, financial manager, marketing manager, executive, hotel manager, legal professional (not self-employed), military officer, accountant (not self-employed), administrative assistant)	9	8	9
Service industry worker (examples: delivery driver, bartender, food server, custodian, barista, maintenance person, security guard, uber driver, cashier, chef, sales associate, veterinary assistant, health aid, caregiver, police officer, dental assistant)	8	10	8
Office worker (examples: bookkeeper, administrative assistant, office administrator, bank teller, secretary, telemarketer, receptionist, messenger, customer service representative)	7	8	8
Unemployed	7	6	10
Permanently Disabled	7	9	5
Manual worker (examples: laborer, farm hand, logger, gardener, assembler, production worker, warehouse worker, carpenter, plumber, welder, electrician, steelworker, truck driver)	7	5	5
Frontline professional (examples: professor, editor, psychiatrist (not in private practice), doctor (not in private practice), minister, registered nurse, physical therapist, teacher (elementary or high school), copywriter, librarian)	6	8	5
Technical experts/technician (examples: software engineer, architect, civil engineer, software or systems analyst, computer programmer, lab operator, installation technician, pilot, safety inspector)	4	4	2
Small business owner (examples: shopkeeper, pet-sitter, farmer, owner of a hair salon, or any other owner of a small business (less than 10 employees))	4	2	5
Other (examples: homemaker, student) (please specify)	4	4	7

		D	I	R
	Large employers or self-employed professionals (examples: owner of a large business (10 or more employees), self-employed lawyer or doctor, self-employed graphic designer, self-employed writer/journalist/author)	4	2	4
		D	I	R
[23] Which of the following best describes your religious views?	Protestant (Including Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Anglican or Presbyterian)	23%	26%	37%
	Roman Catholic	24	21	22
	A Christian faith not listed above . .	11	13	20
	Not religious	20	18	6
	Jewish	7	4	2
	A faith not listed above	5	4	2
	Islam/Muslim	2	3	1
	Mormon / LDS Church	0	0	3
	Hindu	0	1	1
	Orthodox Church	1	0	1
	Buddhist	0	2	0
	Jehovah's Witness	0	0	0
	None of these	6	8	5

[24] Please click on all of the sources of news that you have gotten news from about government and politics in the past few weeks. If you're unsure, please DO NOT click it.

		D	I	R
Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC	42%	51%	47%	31%
Local television news	42	45	45	37
Fox News	37	21	33	54
YouTube	36	35	38	37
Facebook	35	33	32	39
CNN	35	48	42	19
Local newspapers	24	27	25	22
MSNBC	21	32	24	7
Instagram	19	19	18	20
TikTok	17	19	19	14
New York Times	17	23	18	10
X (formerly Twitter)	16	15	14	19
Podcasts	14	15	14	15
National Public Radio (NPR)	11	16	11	6
Newsmax	10	4	7	18
Snapchat	7	9	7	5
Reddit	7	8	6	6
Telemundo or Univision	3	5	3	2
Bluesky	3	6	2	1
Discord or Twitch	3	5	1	1
None of these	4	4	6	4