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**Survey of Young Americans' Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service**

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**N=2,018 18- to- 29-Year-Olds in English and Spanish**

**Margin of Error: +/-2.74% at the 95% Level**

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply.

High school.....	8%
Trade/Vocational school.....	2%
2-year or junior college or community college.....	6%
4-year college/university.....	20%
Graduate school.....	4%
Business or professional school.....	1%
Not enrolled in a college/university, but taking at least one course.....	2%
Not currently enrolled in any of these.....	58%

**[IF RESPONDENT IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY,  
ASK Q2]**

2. In which year of college are you? (n=342)

First year student/Freshman.....	27%
Second year student/Sophomore.....	23%
Third year student/Junior.....	23%
Fourth year student/Senior.....	20%
Fifth year student or higher.....	6%
Refused.....	2%

3. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes.....	67%
No.....	25%
Don't know.....	7%
Refused.....	1%

**[IF RESPONDENT WAS OVER 18 ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, ASK Q4 – Q6]**

The following are questions about voter registration and voting...

4. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 5th, 2024? (n=1,842)

I was registered .....63%  
 I thought about registering, but didn't .....5%  
 I tried to register, but was unable to.....1%  
 I was not registered to vote on November 5, 2024 ....19%  
 Not sure.....10%  
 Refused .....1%

5. **[SPLIT SAMPLE A]** Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 5th, 2024? (n=925)

I voted at a polling place .....23%  
 I voted early .....9%  
 I voted by mail / absentee ballot .....17%  
 I planned on voting but wasn't able to .....5%  
 I did not vote in this election.....43%  
 I went to the polling place but  
 wasn't allowed to vote .....1%  
 Refused .....2%

6. **[SPLIT SAMPLE B]** In November 2024, Donald Trump ran on the Republican ticket against Kamala Harris, for the Democrats. Do you remember for sure whether or not you voted in that election for president? (n=917)

Yes, I definitely voted.....53%  
 I'm not 100% certain if I voted .....3%  
 I definitely did not vote.....43%  
 Refused .....1%

7. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

**Net: Democrat ..... 28%**  
 Strong Democrat .....16%  
 Not a strong Democrat .....12%

**Net: Republican..... 25%**  
 Strong Republican.....12%  
 Not a strong Republican.....13%

**Net: Independent/Unaffiliated ..... 44%**  
 Lean Democrat.....15%  
 Lean Republican .....7%  
 Do not lean towards either party .....22%

Refused .....3%

8. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a...?

Liberal.....	27%
Moderate leaning liberal .....	9%
Moderate .....	29%
Moderate leaning conservative .....	7%
Conservative .....	24%
Refused .....	4%

9. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2026 elections for Congress?

Definitely will be voting .....	35%
Probably will be voting .....	16%
50-50 .....	19%
Probably won't be voting .....	15%
Definitely won't be voting .....	13%
Refused .....	2%

**[IF RESPONDENT VOTED IN 2024, ASK Q10]**

10. For whom did you vote for president in 2024? (n=1,078)

Kamala Harris .....	53%
Donald Trump .....	38%
Someone else .....	4%
Don't remember .....	1%
Decline to answer.....	3%
Refused .....	1%

11. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

Yes .....	27%
No.....	71%
Refused .....	2%

12. Overall, how closely do you follow news about national politics?

<b>Net: Closely.....</b>	<b>46%</b>
<b>Net: Not closely.....</b>	<b>52%</b>
Very closely .....	11%
Somewhat closely .....	35%
Not very closely .....	31%
Not at all closely .....	21%
Refused .....	2%

13. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are...?

Generally headed in the right direction.....	13%
Off on the wrong track.....	59%
Not sure what direction the country is headed in .....	26%
Refused .....	2%

14. Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you most?

- Net: Economic Issues ..... 28%**
- Economy ..... 10%
- Inflation..... 7%
- High cost of living/difficult to make ends meet.....3%
- Prices.....2%
- Jobs/unemployment .....1%
- Money issues.....1%
- Other economic mentions .....4%
  
- Net: War/Military/Iran ..... 17%**
- War/military ..... 10%
- Iran/Iran war .....6%
  
- Net: Government/Politics/Democracy ..... 10%**
- President Trump/ineffective leadership/  
administration .....4%
- Government/political corruption.....3%
- Democracy .....1%
- Other government/politics/democracy mentions .....3%
  
- Illegal immigrants/immigration .....9%
- Foreign policy/affairs.....3%
- Civil rights/liberties .....3%
- The environment/global warming .....2%
- Health care .....2%
- Abortion/reproductive rights.....2%
- Housing.....1%
- Crime/violence .....1%
  
- Other mentions..... 11%
- Don't know/ no answer .....9%
- None.....2%

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "APPROVE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Approve	Disapprove	Refused
15. The Democrats in Congress	26%	68%	7%
16. Donald Trump as president	25%	70%	5%
17. The Republicans in Congress	25%	69%	6%

18. What is your preference for the outcome of the 2026 Congressional elections, a Congress controlled by Democrats, or a Congress controlled by Republicans?
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|---------------------------|-----|
| Democrats control.....    | 40% |
| Republicans control ..... | 24% |
| Don't know .....          | 34% |
| Refused .....             | 3%  |
19. If the 2026 election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for:
- |                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic candidate ..... | 36% |
| Republican candidate .....     | 22% |
| I will not vote .....          | 16% |
| Don't know .....               | 23% |
| Refused .....                  | 3%  |
20. Do you consider yourself to be a member of the Make America Great Again, or MAGA, movement?
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| Yes .....                     | 10% |
| No.....                       | 77% |
| I don't know what it is ..... | 10% |
| Refused .....                 | 2%  |
21. Right now, which of the following best describes how you feel about the 2026 elections for Congress?
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|---|-----|
| Cynical about the political system as a whole ..... | 25% |
| Paying attention but not strongly engaged.....      | 14% |
| Motivated and ready to participate .....            | 12% |
| Frustrated with the choices available .....         | 9%  |
| Interested but still deciding.....                  | 8%  |
| Don't know .....                                    | 28% |
| Refused .....                                       | 2%  |
22. How much trust do you have that the 2026 elections for Congress will be conducted fairly and accurately?
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|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Net: Trust.....</b>      | <b>33%</b> |
| <b>Net: No trust.....</b>   | <b>43%</b> |
| A great deal of trust.....  | 8%         |
| A fair amount of trust..... | 25%        |
| Not very much trust .....   | 28%        |
| No trust at all.....        | 15%        |
| Don't know .....            | 21%        |
| Refused .....               | 2%         |

23. In general, do you think the Democratic Party cares:
- More about the interests of the elite.....37%
  - More about the interests of people like you.....26%
  - Don't know .....34%
  - Refused .....3%
24. In general, do you think the Republican Party cares:
- More about the interests of the elite.....56%
  - More about the interests of people like you.....15%
  - Don't know .....26%
  - Refused .....2%
25. Which party do you think is better at getting things done when they are in power?
- The Republican party .....20%
  - The Democratic party .....20%
  - Both parties are about the same .....18%
  - Neither party .....24%
  - Don't know .....15%
  - Refused .....3%
26. Thinking about the 2026 elections for Congress, do you think Donald Trump's role in the Republican Party will mostly:
- Hurt the party's chances of winning .....34%
  - Help the party win elections .....19%
  - Not make much difference.....15%
  - Don't know .....30%
  - Refused .....3%

27. What is the ideal age of a congressional candidate? [Open-ended]

**Mean..... 39**

25-34 .....	20%
35-39 .....	18%
40-44 .....	22%
45-49 .....	16%
50+ .....	12%
Refused .....	13%

28. In general, which of the following qualities of a congressional candidate would make you MOST likely to vote for them? Please select only one response.

A candidate who shares my values .....	37%
A candidate who is independent from special interests .....	17%
A candidate who projects strength as a leader .....	8%
A candidate under the age of 40 .....	5%
A candidate with political experience .....	5%
A candidate who is a political outsider .....	2%
A candidate who shares my demographic background.....	2%
Don't know .....	20%
Refused .....	3%

29. Some leaders say the United States should follow an 'America First' approach to foreign policy. Others say the U.S. should prioritize cooperation with allies and international organizations.

Which view comes closer to your own?

The U.S. should follow an America First approach and focus primarily on its own national interests .....	23%
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The U.S. should prioritize cooperation with allies and international institutions .....	16%
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The U.S. should try to balance both approaches.....	37%
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Don't know .....	20%
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Refused .....	3%
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Do you think the United States’ relationship with each of the following is:

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "MOSTLY A BENEFIT TO THE UNITED STATES." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Mostly a benefit to the United States	Mostly a burden to the United States	Don't know	Refused
30. Canada	53%	9%	34%	4%
31. European Union	45%	14%	37%	4%
32. Mexico	40%	20%	36%	4%
33. Ukraine	21%	31%	44%	4%
34. Israel	16%	46%	35%	3%

35. In January, the United States used military force to remove Nicolás Maduro from power in Venezuela. Based on what you know, do you think that this action was or was not in the best interest of the American people?

**Net: Definitely/probably in the best interest of the American people ..... 26%**

**Net: Definitely/probably not in the best interest of the American people ..... 39%**

Definitely in the best interest of the American people .....9%  
 Probably in the best interest.....17%  
 Probably not in the best interest.....19%  
 Definitely not in the best interest of the American people .....20%  
 Don't know .....32%  
 Refused .....4%

How serious a threat to America do you consider each to be?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: SERIOUS." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: Serious</b>	<b>Net: Not serious</b>	Very serious	Some- what serious	Not very serious	Not a threat	Don't know	Ref.
36. Cyberattacks from foreign actors	<b>67%</b>	<b>11%</b>	38%	30%	9%	3%	17%	4%
37. International terrorist organizations	<b>67%</b>	<b>12%</b>	36%	31%	10%	2%	17%	4%
38. International drug cartels	<b>60%</b>	<b>20%</b>	28%	32%	15%	4%	16%	4%
39. Russia	<b>59%</b>	<b>17%</b>	28%	32%	13%	4%	19%	4%
40. Iran	<b>55%</b>	<b>22%</b>	27%	29%	14%	7%	19%	4%
41. China	<b>54%</b>	<b>23%</b>	25%	28%	16%	7%	19%	4%
42. North Korea	<b>51%</b>	<b>26%</b>	19%	32%	19%	6%	20%	4%

43. In recent weeks, the United States has carried out major military operations against Iran, which many described as war. Based on what you know, do you think these actions are in the best interest of the American people?

**Net: Definitely/probably in the best interest of the American people ..... 18%**

**Net: Definitely/probably not in the best interest of the American people ..... 55%**

Definitely in the best interest of the American people .....8%  
 Probably in the best interest.....10%  
 Probably not in the best interest.....19%  
 Definitely not in the best interest of the American people .....36%  
 Don't know .....24%  
 Refused .....3%

Thinking about the current conflict involving the United States and Iran, how serious do you consider each of the following concerns to be?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: SERIOUS." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

		<b>Net: Serious</b>	<b>Net: Not serious</b>	Very serious	Some- what serious	Not very serious	Not at all serious	Don't know	Ref.
44.	The possibility that the conflict could escalate into a much larger war	<b>72%</b>	<b>8%</b>	50%	22%	6%	2%	16%	4%
45.	The potential impact on the cost of living in the United States	<b>71%</b>	<b>9%</b>	51%	21%	7%	2%	15%	4%
46.	The risk of attacks on U.S. troops, embassies, or other interests	<b>71%</b>	<b>9%</b>	49%	22%	6%	2%	16%	4%
47.	Not knowing which information about the conflict is accurate	<b>68%</b>	<b>10%</b>	41%	27%	8%	2%	18%	4%
48.	Military action being taken without approval from Congress	<b>63%</b>	<b>15%</b>	46%	17%	9%	5%	18%	4%
49.	The risk of a direct attack on the United States homeland	<b>61%</b>	<b>18%</b>	36%	25%	14%	5%	16%	4%

50. How safe do you feel walking in your community during the day?

**Net: Safe**.....**85%**

**Net: Not safe** .....**11%**

Very safe .....47%

Somewhat safe .....38%

Not too safe .....8%

Not at all safe .....3%

Refused .....3%

51. What about at night? How safe do you feel walking in your community at night?

**Net: Safe**.....**66%**

**Net: Not safe** .....**30%**

Very safe .....24%

Somewhat safe .....42%

Not too safe .....20%

Not at all safe .....10%

Refused .....3%

52. Overall, do you think crime and disorder in the country is getting worse, staying about the same or improving?

Improving.....10%

Staying about the same .....35%

Getting worse .....38%

Don't know .....14%

Refused .....3%

53. Overall, do you think crime and disorder in your community is getting worse, staying about the same or improving?

Improving.....9%

Staying about the same .....53%

Getting worse .....20%

Don't know .....16%

Refused .....3%

54. How much does concern about your personal safety affect your day-to-day stress or mental health?

A great deal.....5%

Quite a bit.....9%

Some .....21%

A little .....28%

Not at all.....33%

Refused .....4%

55. How often do thoughts about your personal safety make it harder for you to focus on work, school, or daily activities?

- All the time .....3%
- Often .....5%
- Sometimes.....22%
- Rarely.....31%
- Never.....35%
- Refused .....4%

56. Which comes closer to your view about immigration enforcement actions by ICE in the communities where they operate?

- They make those communities safer.....18%
- They make those communities less safe .....44%
- They do not have much impact on safety in those communities.....13%
- Don't know .....21%
- Refused .....4%

57. If immigration enforcement operations by ICE were regularly conducted in your community, how do you think it would affect your personal sense of safety?

- I would feel safer .....13%
- I would feel less safe.....47%
- It would not change my sense of safety .....20%
- Don't know .....17%
- Refused .....4%

58. At this moment, would you say that you are more hopeful or fearful about the future of America?

- Hopeful .....26%
- Fearful.....69%
- Refused .....5%

Have you participated in any of the following activities in the past 12 months?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "YES." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Yes	No	Refused
59. Volunteered for community service	28%	68%	4%
60. Participated in a government, political, or issue-related organization	8%	88%	4%

Next, we would now like to ask you some questions about your participation in various activities.

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "YES." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	Yes	No	Refused
61. Shared or posted online advocating for a political position or opinion	22%	74%	4%
62. Attended a political rally or demonstration	13%	83%	4%
63. Donated money to a political campaign or cause	9%	87%	4%
64. Volunteered on a political campaign for a candidate or an issue	5%	90%	4%

Switching gears, below is a list of individuals, organizations and institutions. How often do you trust each of them to do the right thing?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: ALL OF THE TIME/MOST OF THE TIME." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: All of the time/ most of the time</b>	All of the time	Most of the time	Some of the time	Never	Refused
65. The United States military	<b>39%</b>	10%	29%	34%	22%	5%
66. The Supreme Court	<b>28%</b>	4%	24%	43%	24%	6%
67. The President	<b>19%</b>	6%	14%	31%	45%	5%
68. The Congress	<b>16%</b>	2%	14%	52%	27%	5%
69. The federal government	<b>15%</b>	2%	12%	50%	30%	5%

Below is a list of statements about politics and public service. Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AGREE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Disagree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
70. Elected officials seem to be motivated by selfish reasons.	<b>68%</b>	<b>7%</b>	39%	29%	20%	4%	3%	6%
71. I feel like the government does not represent the America I love.	<b>61%</b>	<b>10%</b>	36%	25%	23%	6%	4%	6%
72. Politics today are no longer able to meet the challenges our country is facing.	<b>53%</b>	<b>13%</b>	23%	30%	28%	8%	5%	6%
73. People like me don't have any say about what the government does.	<b>50%</b>	<b>20%</b>	23%	27%	24%	13%	7%	5%
74. I feel like I need more practical information about politics before I get involved.	<b>47%</b>	<b>18%</b>	19%	28%	29%	11%	7%	5%
75. <b>[ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY]</b> I feel comfortable sharing my political opinions at my college without fear of censorship or negative repercussions. (n=342)	<b>47%</b>	<b>25%</b>	18%	29%	24%	12%	13%	4%
76. Running for office is an honorable thing to do.	<b>36%</b>	<b>17%</b>	10%	25%	42%	11%	6%	5%

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Disagree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
77. Political involvement rarely has any tangible results.	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>	9%	21%	36%	19%	9%	6%
78. Politics is not relevant to my life right now.	<b>21%</b>	<b>46%</b>	7%	14%	27%	21%	25%	5%

Over the last two weeks, how often have you been bothered by the following problems?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AT LEAST SEVERAL DAYS." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: At least several days</b>	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day	Refused
79. Feeling tired or having little energy	<b>57%</b>	38%	34%	11%	12%	5%
80. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	<b>48%</b>	47%	29%	10%	10%	5%
81. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<b>42%</b>	53%	25%	10%	6%	5%
82. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<b>40%</b>	55%	25%	8%	7%	5%
83. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading or watching television	<b>40%</b>	55%	25%	9%	6%	5%
84. Poor appetite or overeating	<b>37%</b>	59%	22%	8%	7%	5%
85. Feeling bad about yourself - or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	<b>36%</b>	59%	21%	9%	6%	6%
86. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite - being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual.	<b>20%</b>	74%	11%	6%	3%	5%
87. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or thoughts of hurting yourself in some way	<b>20%</b>	75%	11%	5%	4%	5%

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: AGREE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Disagree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
88. I am concerned about the moral direction of the country.	<b>67%</b>	<b>8%</b>	41%	26%	22%	4%	3%	4%
89. Basic health insurance is a right for all people, and if someone has no means of paying for it, the government should provide it.	<b>58%</b>	<b>15%</b>	39%	20%	22%	8%	7%	4%
90. Basic necessities, such as food and shelter, are a right that government should provide to those unable to afford them.	<b>57%</b>	<b>16%</b>	33%	23%	24%	9%	7%	3%
91. The government should spend more to reduce poverty.	<b>55%</b>	<b>17%</b>	30%	25%	24%	9%	7%	4%
92. Government should do more to curb climate change, even at the expense of economic growth.	<b>47%</b>	<b>20%</b>	25%	22%	30%	9%	11%	4%
93. Cutting taxes is an effective way to increase economic growth.	<b>39%</b>	<b>17%</b>	17%	22%	39%	9%	8%	4%

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Disagree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
94. If parents had more freedom to choose where they could send their children to school, the education system in this country would be better.	<b>38%</b>	<b>23%</b>	17%	21%	36%	14%	9%	3%
95. Our country's goal in trade policy should be to eliminate all barriers to trade and employment so that we have a truly global economy	<b>35%</b>	<b>15%</b>	13%	23%	46%	9%	6%	4%
96. Recent immigration into this country has done more good than harm.	<b>34%</b>	<b>31%</b>	17%	17%	31%	14%	17%	4%
97. The US should stop the development of nuclear weapons in Iran, even if it requires unilateral military action.	<b>32%</b>	<b>25%</b>	14%	17%	40%	14%	11%	4%
98. Same sex relationships are morally wrong.	<b>27%</b>	<b>45%</b>	16%	10%	25%	8%	37%	3%
99. Government spending is an effective way to increase economic growth.	<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	8%	18%	44%	15%	11%	4%

	<b>Net: Agree</b>	<b>Net: Disagree</b>	Strongly agree	Some- what agree	Neither agree nor dis- agree	Some- what dis- agree	Strongly disagree	Ref.
100. In today's world, it is sometimes necessary to attack potentially hostile countries or groups, rather than waiting until we are attacked to respond.	<b>26%</b>	<b>34%</b>	8%	18%	37%	17%	17%	4%
101. Qualified minorities should be given special preferences in hiring and education.	<b>24%</b>	<b>36%</b>	8%	15%	37%	15%	20%	4%
102. Religious values should play a more important role in government.	<b>24%</b>	<b>45%</b>	11%	13%	28%	12%	34%	4%
103. <b>[SPLIT SAMPLE A]</b> The US should work to spread freedom and democracy even if it involves significant taxpayer dollars. (n=1,006)	<b>23%</b>	<b>34%</b>	8%	15%	39%	20%	15%	4%
104. <b>[SPLIT SAMPLE B]</b> The US should work to spread freedom and democracy even if it involves significant US casualties. (n=1,012)	<b>14%</b>	<b>45%</b>	6%	8%	36%	20%	25%	4%

105. **[SPLIT SAMPLE A]** When you hear President Trump say something is a national emergency, what does that usually mean to you? (n=1,015)

- An urgent crisis requiring immediate action.....12%
- A serious issue, but not necessarily an emergency ....18%
- Mostly political exaggeration .....39%
- Not an issue at all.....7%
- Don't know .....21%
- Refused .....3%

106. **[SPLIT SAMPLE B]** When you hear a national leader say something is a national emergency, what does that usually mean to you? (n=1,003)

- An urgent crisis requiring immediate action.....28%
- A serious issue, but not necessarily an emergency ....23%
- Mostly political exaggeration .....23%
- Not an issue at all.....2%
- Don't know .....21%
- Refused .....3%

Thinking about the following issues, which comes closest to your own view?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "AN URGENT CRISIS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	An urgent crisis requiring immediate action	A serious issue, but not necessarily an emergency	Mostly political exaggeration	Not an issue at all	Don't know	Ref.
107. Rising prices and inflation	46%	33%	5%	1%	11%	5%
108. The rising cost of housing	40%	38%	4%	2%	11%	5%
109. Access to affordable health care	38%	33%	8%	3%	12%	5%
110. U.S. military action against Iran	36%	21%	16%	4%	18%	5%
111. Long-term changes in the climate	35%	28%	11%	7%	14%	5%
112. Deaths and overdoses linked to fentanyl	31%	37%	9%	3%	15%	5%
113. Crime and disorder in communities	25%	37%	17%	3%	13%	5%
114. Illegal immigration at the US-Mexico border	20%	25%	27%	9%	14%	5%

How much do each of the following put you at personal risk?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "A LOT." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all	Don't know	Refused
115. Rising prices and inflation	50%	24%	10%	4%	9%	4%
116. The rising cost of housing	41%	24%	14%	7%	10%	5%
117. Access to affordable health care	29%	23%	18%	14%	11%	5%
118. Long-term changes in the climate	26%	24%	17%	16%	13%	5%
119. U.S. military action against Iran	16%	21%	21%	18%	19%	5%
120. Crime and disorder in communities	16%	24%	27%	17%	11%	5%
121. Illegal immigration at the US-Mexico border	10%	14%	18%	40%	14%	4%
122. Deaths and overdoses linked to fentanyl	8%	10%	16%	48%	14%	4%

When a president declares an extreme national emergency, how acceptable or unacceptable would each of the following actions be?

**[DISPLAYED IN RANK ORDER BASED ON "NET: ACCEPTABLE." SERIES WAS RANDOMIZED DURING DATA COLLECTION.]**

	<b>Net: Acceptable</b>	<b>Net: Unacceptable</b>	Completely acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Somewhat unacceptable	Completely unacceptable	Don't know	Ref.
123. Overriding decisions made by state or local authorities	<b>22%</b>	<b>51%</b>	6%	17%	22%	28%	22%	5%
124. Taking action without approval from Congress	<b>22%</b>	<b>53%</b>	4%	17%	17%	36%	20%	5%
125. Revoking a person's citizenship or legal status	<b>18%</b>	<b>56%</b>	8%	10%	15%	41%	21%	5%
126. Ignoring or defying court orders	<b>13%</b>	<b>62%</b>	4%	10%	18%	44%	20%	5%

127. Which of these is your main source of news in the last month?

- Social media, Podcasts, or YouTube .....34%
- A Digital or online news .....12%
- BC, CBS, or NBC News .....6%
- FOX News .....4%
- Your local TV news or newspaper.....4%
- New York Times, Washington Post, USA Today, or Wall Street Journal .....4%
- CNN or MSNBC .....3%
- Public television or radio .....2%
- Telemundo or Univision .....1%
- Conservative media (Talk radio, Breitbart, Newsmax, OAN, etc.).....1%
- Other .....4%
- None of these .....19%
- Refused .....4%

128. How would you describe your household's financial situation?
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| Struggling to make ends meet.....                        | 10% |
| Getting by, but with limited financial security .....    | 35% |
| Comfortable and financially stable .....                 | 36% |
| Doing well with a high level of financial security ..... | 9%  |
| Very well off financially.....                           | 7%  |
| Refused .....  | 4%  |
129. In general, when I am my parent's age, I believe that I will be...
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| Better off financially than they are now..... | 28% |
| About the same as they are now .....          | 26% |
| Worse off financially than they are now ..... | 25% |
| Not sure.....                                 | 17% |
| Refused .....                                 | 3%  |
130. **[ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY]** Based on the current state of the economy, how easy or difficult do you think it will be for students in your class to find a permanent job upon graduation? (n=342)
- |                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Net: Easy .....</b>     | <b>25%</b> |
| <b>Net: Difficult.....</b> | <b>70%</b> |
| Very easy .....            | 3%         |
| Somewhat easy .....        | 22%        |
| Somewhat difficult.....    | 48%        |
| Very difficult.....        | 22%        |
| Refused .....              | 5%         |
131. Now we will ask you some general questions. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?
- |  |     |
|--|-----|
| Catholic.....                              | 17% |
| Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian ..... | 15% |
| Protestant .....                           | 9%  |
| LDS/Mormon.....                            | 2%  |
| Muslim.....                                | 2%  |
| Jewish.....                                | 1%  |
| Another religion.....                      | 7%  |
| No religious preference.....               | 28% |
| Not sure.....                              | 5%  |
| Decline to answer.....                     | 9%  |
| Refused .....                              | 3%  |

**[IF CATHOLIC, FUNDAMENTALIST/EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, LDS/MORMON, MUSLIM, PROTESTANT, ANOTHER RELIGION, OR NOT SURE, ASK Q132]**

132. How important is religion in your own life? (n=1,155)

Very important.....	43%
Somewhat important.....	32%
Not very important.....	19%
Not sure.....	5%
Refused.....	<1%

**[IF CATHOLIC, FUNDAMENTALIST/EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN, LDS/MORMON, PROTESTANT, ANOTHER RELIGION, OR NOT SURE, ASK Q133]**

133. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian? (n=1,088)

Yes.....	31%
No.....	51%
Not sure.....	16%
Decline to answer.....	3%
Refused.....	1%

134. Which of the following best describes your current romantic status?

In a serious relationship.....	37%
Single and not searching for a relationship.....	25%
Single and searching for a serious relationship.....	9%
Single and searching for either serious or casual relationships.....	7%
In a casual relationship.....	5%
Single and searching for a casual relationship.....	3%
None of the above.....	11%
Refused.....	3%

135. Which of the following do you consider yourself to be?

Heterosexual or straight.....	73%
Bisexual.....	6%
Other Queer identity (e.g. pansexual, asexual etc.).....	5%
Gay.....	2%
Lesbian.....	2%
I don't know.....	2%
None of the above.....	2%
Prefer not to say.....	4%
Refused.....	3%

136. Do you consider yourself to be transgender or non-binary?

Yes.....	3%
No.....	89%
Prefer not to say.....	5%
Refused.....	3%

**[IF TRANSGENDER OR NON-BINARY, ASK Q137]**

137. Are you: (n=71)

Transgender, male to female.....	9%
Transgender, female to male.....	17%
Gender non-binary .....	66%
No, not transgender or non-binary .....	2%
Prefer not to say .....	5%
Refused .....	-

**[IF ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, ASK Q138 & Q139]**

138. Is your college/university...? (n=342)

Public .....	71%
Private .....	27%
Refused .....	3%

139. Is the college/university that you currently attend...? (n=342)

In an urban or city area .....	47%
In a suburban area next to a city .....	27%
In a small town or rural area .....	22%
Refused .....	3%

140. Which of the following best describes the area in which you live (if in college, when not in school)?

Suburban .....	42%
Urban .....	23%
Small town .....	16%
Rural.....	15%
Refused .....	4%

**[IF ENROLLED IN A 4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY, ASK Q141 – Q144]**

141. Which college/university do you attend?

[LIST AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST]

142. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine. (n=342)

Less than 1,000 .....	3%
1,000 - 4,999 .....	20%
5,000 – 9,999 .....	19%
10,000 – 19,999 .....	19%
20,000 or more .....	33%
Refused .....	5%

143. Where do you live while attending college? (n=342)

At home, with my parents .....	31%
In an on-campus dormitory .....	30%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .....	23%
In a campus-owned apartment .....	10%
Somewhere else .....	3%
In fraternity/sorority housing .....	<1%
Refused .....	3%

144. Are you a...? (n=342)

Full-time student .....	88%
Part-time student .....	8%
Refused .....	4%

145. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? (n=1,003)

Student .....	19%
Employed full time .....	36%
Employed part time.....	18%
Self employed .....	5%
Not employed / Homemaker.....	3%
Not employed.....	15%
Refused .....	4%

**[IF EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME, ASK Q146]**

146. Are you currently employed in the gig economy -- where people earn income providing on-demand work, services or goods? (n=560)

Yes .....	13%
No.....	86%
Refused .....	1%

147.	Gender	
	Male .....	50%
	Female.....	50%
148.	Race/Ethnicity	
	White, Non-Hispanic .....	51%
	Hispanic .....	25%
	Black, Non-Hispanic.....	13%
	Other, Non-Hispanic .....	8%
	2+ Races, Non-Hispanic .....	3%
149.	Please choose one or more race(s) that you consider yourself to be:	
	White.....	71%
	Black or African American.....	15%
	Asian .....	8%
	American Indian or Alaska Native .....	2%
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander .....	<1%
	Some other race .....	5%
150.	Education Status	
	No high school diploma or GED .....	11%
	High school graduate (high school diploma or the equivalent GED) .....	32%
	Some college or Associate's degree .....	32%
	Bachelor's degree .....	19%
	Master's degree or higher .....	6%
151.	Marital Status	
	Never married .....	85%
	Now married .....	13%
	Divorced.....	1%
	Separated.....	1%
	Widowed.....	<1%
152.	Own or Rent	
	Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household .....	62%
	Rented for cash .....	35%
	Occupied without payment of cash rent.....	3%
153.	Region 4 (Based on state of residence)	
	Northeast.....	16%
	Midwest .....	20%
	South .....	39%
	West.....	24%

154.	Region 9 (Based on state of residence)	
	New England.....	4%
	Mid-Atlantic.....	12%
	East-North Central .....	15%
	West-North Central.....	6%
	South Atlantic .....	17%
	East-South Central .....	6%
	West-South Central.....	16%
	Mountain.....	8%
	Pacific .....	16%
155.	MSA Status	
	Non-Metro .....	12%
	Metro.....	88%

### Methodology

This poll of 2,018 18-to-29-year-olds was organized with undergraduate students from the Harvard Public Opinion Project (HPOP) and supervised by John Della Volpe, Director of Polling. Data were collected by Ipsos Public Affairs using the KnowledgePanel. KnowledgePanel provides probability-based samples with an "organic" representation of the study population for measurement of public opinions, attitudes, and behaviors. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish between March 26 and April 3, 2026. Design weights for all KnowledgePanel (KP) assignees were computed to reflect their selection probabilities. The design weights KP respondents were raked to align with the following geodemographic distributions of the aged 18 to 29 population. The needed benchmarks were obtained from the 2025 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS) and language proficiency benchmark was obtained from the 2024 American Community Survey (ACS). Additionally, party affiliation and 2024 presidential vote choice benchmarks were obtained from the 2025 Pew's National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS). The margin of error for the total sample is  $\pm 2.74\%$ .