

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From June 15 to 17, 2021, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,257 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ±3 percentage points.

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

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<p>[1] Some lawmakers are proposing a bill that would change the way sexual assault is prosecuted in the military. The proposal would replace military commanders with judge advocates (independent military lawyers) as the prosecutors of sexual assault.</p> <p>Do you support or oppose replacing military commanders with military lawyers as prosecutors for sexual assault?</p>	Strongly support	33%	41%	33%	23	
	Somewhat support	34	33	35	36	
	Somewhat oppose	11	11	8	13	
	Strongly oppose	10	7	9	14	
	Don't know	12	8	15	14	
	SUPPORT (TOTAL)		67%	74%	68%	59
	OPPOSE (TOTAL)		21	18	17	27
	SUPPORT (NET)		+46	+56	+51	+32

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<p>[2] Some lawmakers are proposing a bill that would change the way sexual assault is prosecuted in the military. The proposal would replace military commanders with judge advocates (independent military lawyers) as the prosecutors of sexual assault.</p> <p>Supporters say that prosecutorial decisions should be made by staff with legal training. They say that the current system prevents service members from coming forward out of fear of retaliation, and can soften punishments for accused service members who have otherwise good performance records.</p> <p>Opponents of this bill say that cases involving sexual assault are complex, and that this change will have little effect. They say that commanders should be involved in the prosecution since they know their staff.</p> <p>Do you support or oppose replacing military commanders with military lawyers as prosecutors for sexual assault?</p>	Strongly support	33%	44%	31%	23	
	Somewhat support	36	34	39	37	
	Somewhat oppose	10	8	8	12	
	Strongly oppose	10	6	8	16	
	Don't know	11	9	14	13	
	SUPPORT (TOTAL)		69%	78%	70%	60
	OPPOSE (TOTAL)		20	14	16	28
	SUPPORT (NET)		+49	+64	+54	+32