

# DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From October 6 to 12, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,238 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is  $\pm 3$  percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,238 unless otherwise specified.

## [1] How often do you watch National Football League (NFL) games?

| Response   | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | NFL viewer | Not an NFL viewer |
|------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Often      | 30      | 35       | 25                        | 31         | 43         | 0                 |
| Sometimes  | 41      | 40       | 40                        | 43         | 57         | 0                 |
| Never      | 28      | 25       | 35                        | 26         | 0          | 100               |
| Weighted N | 1,238   | 403      | 387                       | 447        | 886        | 352               |

## [2] How much have you heard or read about the recent head injuries sustained by NFL quarterback Tua Tagovailoa?

| Response       | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | NFL viewer | Not an NFL viewer |
|----------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| A lot          | 22      | 23       | 19                        | 24         | 29         | 3                 |
| Some           | 37      | 42       | 33                        | 36         | 40         | 29                |
| Nothing at all | 41      | 35       | 48                        | 40         | 31         | 68                |
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[3] In a recent NFL game, Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa was tackled to the ground, hitting his head on the grass. After getting up from the ground, Tagovailoa exhibited "gross motor instability," as he grabbed for his helmet, shook his head a few times, and then stumbled back to the ground.

Multiple sports doctors, analysts, and former NFL players have stated that Tagovailoa's injury appeared to be a concussion, which would have required Tagovailoa to exit the remainder of the game.

However, medical staff for the Miami Dolphins described this as a "back injury," and allowed Tagovailoa to play the rest of the game.

How concerned or unconcerned are you about the Miami Dolphins' handling of this situation?

| Response                | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | NFL viewer | Not an NFL viewer |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Very concerned          | 46      | 51       | 44                        | 42         | 48         | 40                |
| Somewhat concerned      | 30      | 29       | 30                        | 31         | 32         | 25                |
| Only a little concerned | 9       | 10       | 7                         | 11         | 10         | 8                 |
| Not at all concerned    | 15      | 9        | 18                        | 16         | 9          | 27                |
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**[4]** NFL concussion protocol states that if a player loses consciousness, exhibits confusion, or experiences gross motor instability as a result of a head injury, they are ruled out of play.

In cases where a player exhibits gross motor instability, the player may be allowed to return to the game if doctors are unable to prove that this was caused by the head injury.

When thinking about the NFL concussion protocol, which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

| Response  | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | NFL viewer | Not an NFL viewer |
|---|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| The NFL needs to improve its concussion protocol and do more to protect players who have suffered concussions.    | 77      | 84       | 75                        | 73         | 78         | 74                |
| The NFL concussion protocol is already thorough and does enough to protect players who have suffered concussions. | 12      | 9        | 11                        | 15         | 14         | 6                 |
| Don't know  | 10      | 7        | 13                        | 11         | 7          | 19                |
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**[5]** In response to the handling of Tua Tagovailoa's injury, the NFL and the NFL Players Association have agreed to update their concussion protocol. This new protocol would ensure that players who exhibit gross motor instability would be ruled out of play, regardless of any possible contributing factors.

Do you support or oppose this update to the NFL concussion protocol?

| Response         | Topline | Democrat | Independent / Third party | Republican | NFL viewer | Not an NFL viewer |
|------------------|---------|----------|---------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Strongly support | 58      | 66       | 50                        | 57         | 60         | 53                |
| Somewhat support | 26      | 19       | 31                        | 28         | 26         | 25                |
| Somewhat oppose  | 4       | 5        | 5                         | 2          | 4          | 4                 |
| Strongly oppose  | 2       | 3        | 2                         | 2          | 3          | 1                 |
| Don't know       | 11      | 8        | 12                        | 12         | 8          | 17                |
| SUPPORT (TOTAL)  | 84      | 85       | 81                        | 85         | 86         | 78                |
| OPPOSE (TOTAL)   | 6       | 8        | 7                         | 4          | 7          | 5                 |
| SUPPORT (NET)    | +78     | +77      | +74                       | +81        | +79        | +73               |
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