

DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From October 14 to 15, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,264 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  $\pm 3$  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](https://dataforprogress.org/our-methodology).

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=1,264 unless otherwise specified.

**[1]** If a federal government employee is required to stop working temporarily due to a government shutdown, do you think they should or should not receive compensation for their required time off?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
They should receive compensation for their required time off	71	83	70	59	74	67	71	71	68	76	78	70	63
They should not receive compensation for their required time off	21	10	19	32	15	27	18	22	20	22	11	22	26
Don't know	9	7	11	9	11	6	11	7	12	2	10	8	11
Weighted N	1,264	484	268	512	672	592	414	850	814	450	135	903	170

**[2]** As you may know, there is currently a government shutdown, which will require many federal government workers to take a leave of absence.

Previously, these workers were guaranteed "back pay" as compensation for their required time off. However, President Trump recently issued a memo to **reject this guarantee**, meaning these workers are no longer guaranteed back pay for their required time off.

Do you approve or disapprove of this new decision from the Trump administration?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly approve	13	3	12	22	9	17	10	14	11	16	7	15	13
Somewhat approve	19	7	15	32	15	23	22	17	19	18	13	19	22
Somewhat disapprove	22	16	20	28	23	20	23	21	23	20	14	23	21
Strongly disapprove	41	70	43	11	44	36	37	42	39	44	58	37	36
Don't know	7	4	10	7	8	5	9	6	9	3	8	6	9
APPROVE (TOTAL)	32	10	27	54	24	40	32	31	30	34	20	34	35
DISAPPROVE (TOTAL)	63	86	63	39	67	56	60	63	62	64	72	60	57
APPROVE (NET)	-31	-76	-36	+15	-43	-16	-28	-32	-32	-30	-52	-26	-22
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