

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From October 10 to 13, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,217 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.

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=1,217 unless otherwise specified.

[1] [Open-ended question] In the past week, what's the one specific news story you heard, saw, or read about the most?

(Open-ended responses were manually categorized into the following bins)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Government shutdown	25	28	19	27	25	26	22	26	26	24	33	24	31
Ceasefire in Gaza	22	11	28	28	20	23	10	27	20	24	8	25	16
[All other items]	11	12	9	12	12	10	15	10	10	13	10	11	12
Immigration / Deportations	6	5	5	8	5	7	7	6	6	5	5	6	9
Nothing	5	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	7	3	10	5	4
National Guard / Chicago / Portland	5	8	5	1	6	4	6	4	5	5	3	5	1
Tariffs	4	7	6	1	3	7	6	4	4	5	4	4	4
Crime	4	4	6	3	6	2	6	4	5	2	8	2	4
Charlie Kirk assassination	3	1	4	5	4	3	6	2	4	2	4	3	3
Nobel Prize	2	4	2	1	3	2	<0.5	3	2	4	4	2	4
General comments about Trump administration	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1
Blank / Unintelligible	2	2	1	3	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	2	1
Tennessee explosion	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	<0.5	2	1
Weather / Climate	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	<0.5	1	3	0	1	<0.5
James Comey / Letitia James indictments	1	2	<0.5	0	1	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	2	3	1	<0.5
Foreign policy (not Israel / Gaza)	1	1	1	1	<0.5	1	1	1	1	<0.5	1	1	0
Epstein	1	1	1	<0.5	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	<0.5
Don't know	2	2	3	2	3	2	5	1	3	1	2	2	6
Weighted N	1,217	463	304	450	649	568	376	841	784	433	130	867	150

[2] [Open-ended question]What do you think the current government shutdown fight is mainly about?

(Open-ended responses were manually categorized into the following bins)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Health care (general)	14	17	16	9	15	12	11	15	12	17	13	13	14
Budget / Spending (general)	12	13	10	13	12	13	17	10	12	14	12	12	12
Benefits for immigrants	10	1	8	20	9	11	4	12	10	9	4	11	8
Power / Control / Ego	10	11	12	7	9	11	6	11	9	11	18	9	10
Obstructionism by Republicans / Trump	9	13	12	3	11	6	7	10	9	9	14	8	8
Obstructionism by Democrats	8	1	7	17	7	10	7	9	10	6	<0.5	11	4
Disagreement / Partisanship	7	5	7	9	6	8	9	6	8	5	4	7	10
Protecting health care / Social programs	6	11	4	2	5	7	3	7	4	9	7	7	3
[All other items]	5	5	7	5	4	7	10	4	5	6	6	4	11
Epstein files	3	7	2	<0.5	4	2	2	3	3	2	<0.5	2	4
Nothing	1	1	<0.5	3	1	2	2	1	1	2	4	1	1
Blank / Unintelligible	1	2	<0.5	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	4	1	3
Immigration (general)	1	1	1	2	<0.5	2	3	1	1	1	0	2	<0.5
Economy / Tariffs	1	2	<0.5	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	1
One Big Beautiful Bill	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2
Foreign aid / International spending	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	1	1	1	1	<0.5	0	1	<0.5
Firing federal employees	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	<0.5	1	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	1
Don't know	9	8	10	8	11	6	14	6	10	5	8	9	7
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