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From February 28 to March 2, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,189 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=1,189 unless otherwise specified.

[1] Before today, had you heard of the term "oligarchy"?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Yes, and I could confidently explain what it means to someone else	36	42	41	28	31	42	34	37	27	53	30	38	23
Yes, but I am not sure exactly what it means	31	30	31	31	32	29	30	31	30	31	30	31	29
No, I have not heard of it	33	28	29	41	36	29	36	32	43	16	40	31	48
Weighted N	1,189	440	269	480	634	555	390	799	766	423	129	847	158

[2] Without looking it up, if you had to guess, which of the following best describes what you believe an "oligarchy" is?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Heard of oligarchy and knows what it means	Heard of oligarchy and doesn't know what it means	Hasn't heard of oligarchy
A government where power is concentrated in the hands of a small, wealthy elite	55	54	68	48	53	56	46	59	49	65	43	59	35	75	65	24
A system where all citizens participate equally in government decisions	10	10	3	14	10	10	16	7	12	7	17	8	17	7	7	17
A form of government where religious leaders control the state	6	7	4	6	5	6	10	4	6	5	13	4	11	5	3	9
A political system where a single ruler has unchecked authority	18	18	14	20	18	18	14	19	19	17	18	19	19	12	21	21
Don't know	12	11	10	13	13	10	13	11	14	7	9	10	19	1	5	29
Weighted N	1,189	440	269	480	634	555	390	799	766	423	129	847	158	431	363	395

**[3]** The term "oligarchy" refers to a system where political and economic power is concentrated in the hands of a small, wealthy elite—often at the expense of the broader population's influence in government decisions.

With this in mind, which of the following do you think best describes the United States right now?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Completely an oligarchy	15	22	18	7	17	13	24	11	17	11	16	12	30
Mostly an oligarchy	19	28	20	10	19	19	21	18	16	24	25	18	15
Somewhat an oligarchy	26	28	33	21	25	28	21	29	25	28	38	27	18
Not really an oligarchy	12	6	10	19	13	12	11	13	13	12	7	15	7
Not at all an oligarchy	18	7	11	31	15	21	9	22	17	19	6	20	15
Don't know	10	9	9	11	12	8	15	8	13	5	9	8	15
Weighted N	1,189	440	269	480	634	555	390	799	766	423	129	847	158

**[4]** Which of the following do you think better describes the United States today?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
More of a democracy	41	29	33	57	36	47	34	44	39	44	36	45	31
More of an oligarchy	42	61	47	23	45	40	48	40	41	45	51	39	48
Don't know	17	11	19	20	19	13	18	16	20	10	13	16	21
Weighted N	1,189	440	269	480	634	555	390	799	766	423	129	847	158

**[5]** Which of the following do you think best describes the direction the United States is headed?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Moving toward an oligarchy	48	67	61	23	52	43	51	47	44	54	61	46	47
Moving toward a more democratic system	25	15	14	41	21	30	20	28	25	25	21	27	20
Staying as it is today	17	11	14	24	15	20	18	17	18	15	12	18	21
Don't know	10	7	11	12	12	7	12	9	12	6	7	9	12
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