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[1] Lawmakers in Congress are considering a government funding package. Which of the following issues do you think should be their top two priorities for funding? Please **select two options**.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Social Security and Medicare	53	59	56	47	60	46	32	63	57	46	47	55	41	62
Health care	50	67	47	35	53	47	59	46	49	53	61	47	62	53
Crime and public safety	28	20	28	36	25	32	31	27	29	26	27	28	22	23
Immigration enforcement	22	6	25	36	19	25	15	25	24	18	12	26	20	17
Education	21	25	20	16	18	23	37	13	17	27	32	17	26	15
National security and foreign policy	16	11	15	21	17	15	14	17	15	17	12	17	19	18
Energy production	10	11	9	9	8	12	11	9	8	14	10	9	10	13
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2a] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Increasing funding for rural hospitals

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	46	60	43	35	49	43	43	48	44	51	49	47	37	40
Somewhat support	36	25	38	46	33	39	31	38	36	35	27	38	43	46
Somewhat oppose	7	7	8	6	7	7	12	5	7	7	9	5	10	7
Strongly oppose	5	3	2	8	4	5	6	4	5	4	4	5	2	4
Don't know	6	5	9	6	6	6	7	5	7	4	11	5	7	4
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	82	85	81	81	82	82	74	86	80	86	76	85	80	86
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	12	10	10	14	11	12	18	9	12	11	13	10	12	11
SUPPORT (NET)	+70	+75	+71	+67	+71	+70	+56	+77	+68	+75	+63	+75	+68	+75
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2b] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Increasing funding for K-12 public schools, including funding for teacher training, smaller class sizes, after-school programs, and services for disabled students

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	52	71	46	37	55	48	50	53	49	57	60	50	57	47
Somewhat support	27	18	30	34	26	28	26	27	29	23	21	28	28	33
Somewhat oppose	9	6	12	12	7	11	12	8	10	9	6	9	8	14
Strongly oppose	6	2	5	10	5	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	2	3
Don't know	6	4	7	7	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	4
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	79	89	76	71	81	76	76	80	78	80	81	78	85	80
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	15	8	17	22	12	18	18	14	16	15	13	16	10	17
SUPPORT (NET)	+64	+81	+59	+49	+69	+58	+58	+66	+62	+65	+68	+62	+75	+63
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[2c] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Requiring the Trump administration to release all files related to Jeffrey Epstein

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	50	70	48	31	51	49	53	49	47	56	53	49	56	47
Somewhat support	22	12	26	30	20	24	22	22	22	23	17	23	21	25
Somewhat oppose	7	6	6	10	6	8	9	7	6	9	8	7	8	10
Strongly oppose	7	3	5	11	6	7	6	7	8	4	6	7	6	3
Don't know	14	8	15	18	16	11	10	15	16	8	16	14	9	14
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	72	82	74	61	71	73	75	71	69	79	70	72	77	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	14	9	11	21	12	15	15	14	14	13	14	14	14	13
SUPPORT (NET)	+58	+73	+63	+40	+59	+58	+60	+57	+55	+66	+56	+58	+63	+59
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2d] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Extending the Affordable Care Act's premium tax credits for low-income Americans

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	46	64	42	31	48	44	45	47	47	45	60	45	42	44
Somewhat support	26	22	30	27	27	24	26	26	22	32	17	25	29	34
Somewhat oppose	10	7	10	13	9	11	14	8	10	9	4	11	19	14
Strongly oppose	8	2	5	15	6	9	7	8	8	6	9	9	3	6
Don't know	10	4	13	15	10	11	9	11	12	7	11	10	6	3
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	72	86	72	58	75	68	71	73	69	77	77	70	71	78
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	18	9	15	28	15	20	21	16	18	15	13	20	22	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+54	+77	+57	+30	+60	+48	+50	+57	+51	+62	+64	+50	+49	+58
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2e] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Restoring funding that was cut from federal agencies like the Social Security Administration and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau by Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	48	69	43	29	50	45	45	49	44	54	54	47	47	47
Somewhat support	20	16	20	23	19	20	24	18	20	20	14	20	22	25
Somewhat oppose	12	5	16	16	11	13	12	11	13	10	10	11	12	15
Strongly oppose	12	4	11	20	10	14	11	12	13	10	12	13	12	6
Don't know	9	6	11	11	10	7	8	9	10	6	10	9	7	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	68	85	63	52	69	65	69	67	64	74	68	67	69	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	24	9	27	36	21	27	23	23	26	20	22	24	24	21
SUPPORT (NET)	+44	+76	+36	+16	+48	+38	+46	+44	+38	+54	+46	+43	+45	+51
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2f] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Restoring funding that was cut from Medicaid by the Republican budget bill

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	49	72	44	29	51	47	47	49	45	55	62	47	41	50
Somewhat support	18	12	16	25	17	19	19	17	17	18	13	18	25	22
Somewhat oppose	13	8	17	17	14	13	14	13	14	12	8	14	13	14
Strongly oppose	12	4	14	20	10	14	12	12	15	8	9	14	14	9
Don't know	8	5	9	10	8	7	8	8	8	7	9	7	8	4
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	67	84	60	54	68	66	66	66	62	73	75	65	66	72
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	25	12	31	37	24	27	26	25	29	20	17	28	27	23
SUPPORT (NET)	+42	+72	+29	+17	+44	+39	+40	+41	+33	+53	+58	+37	+39	+49
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2g] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Requiring President Trump to lower tariffs on imported goods

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	43	71	38	18	46	40	45	42	40	49	50	39	55	42
Somewhat support	20	15	24	24	22	19	26	18	20	22	22	20	25	32
Somewhat oppose	15	7	14	24	13	17	13	16	16	14	9	16	9	14
Strongly oppose	13	1	12	25	9	18	8	15	14	11	9	16	4	6
Don't know	8	5	13	10	10	6	8	8	11	4	9	8	7	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	63	86	62	42	68	59	71	60	60	71	72	59	80	74
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	28	8	26	49	22	35	21	31	30	25	18	32	13	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+35	+78	+36	-7	+46	+24	+50	+29	+30	+46	+54	+27	+67	+54
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2h] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Protecting the U.S. Department of Education from being dismantled by President Trump

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	46	72	43	23	45	48	51	44	43	52	64	43	56	43
Somewhat support	17	14	17	21	19	15	21	16	17	18	13	17	18	22
Somewhat oppose	12	6	17	16	13	11	12	12	14	9	4	13	13	18
Strongly oppose	17	4	16	30	14	21	10	20	17	16	10	20	9	13
Don't know	7	4	8	10	9	5	6	8	9	4	9	7	5	5
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	63	86	60	44	64	63	72	60	60	70	77	60	74	65
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	29	10	33	46	27	32	22	32	31	25	14	33	22	31
SUPPORT (NET)	+34	+76	+27	-2	+37	+31	+50	+28	+29	+45	+63	+27	+52	+34
Weighted N	1,226	480	260	486	654	572	387	839	790	436	130	876	166	133

[2i] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Protecting undocumented immigrants who don't have criminal records from deportation

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	33	52	28	15	33	32	37	30	30	37	38	30	43	24
Somewhat support	21	24	22	18	22	20	27	19	18	27	21	20	22	34
Somewhat oppose	14	11	18	15	15	12	14	14	15	12	16	13	13	14
Strongly oppose	24	6	22	43	19	30	15	28	28	17	10	30	15	21
Don't know	8	7	10	8	10	5	7	9	9	6	14	8	6	7
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	54	76	50	33	55	52	64	49	48	64	59	50	65	58
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	38	17	40	58	34	42	29	42	43	29	26	43	28	35
SUPPORT (NET)	+16	+59	+10	-25	+21	+10	+35	+7	+5	+35	+33	+7	+37	+23
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[2j] Do you support or oppose each of the following policies that lawmakers in Congress are considering?

— Requiring President Trump to remove the National Guard from policing Washington, D.C.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
Strongly support	38	65	33	13	35	40	41	36	32	48	49	35	42	35
Somewhat support	12	11	10	14	12	12	16	10	11	14	7	11	16	11
Somewhat oppose	16	11	21	19	20	12	17	16	17	15	15	16	17	21
Strongly oppose	24	4	24	43	19	29	15	28	27	17	12	29	17	25
Don't know	10	10	11	11	13	7	11	10	13	6	18	9	8	9
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	50	76	43	27	47	52	57	46	43	62	56	46	58	46
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	40	15	45	62	39	41	32	44	44	32	27	45	34	46
SUPPORT (NET)	+10	+61	-2	-35	+8	+11	+25	+2	-1	+30	+29	+1	+24	0
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[3] If Congress fails to pass a government funding bill by October 1, the federal government will run out of money and shut down.

If a government shutdown happens, which of the following do you think will be most responsible for it?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Persuadable voter
President Trump	32	46	30	18	35	28	38	29	31	33	40	28	40	32
Republicans in Congress	27	36	24	19	25	28	28	26	23	33	28	27	25	31
Democrats in Congress	34	14	31	57	30	39	27	38	37	29	23	39	29	29
Don't know	7	5	14	6	10	4	8	7	8	5	9	6	7	9
TRUMP OR REPUB- LICANS IN CONGRESS (TOTAL)	59	82	54	37	60	56	66	55	54	66	68	55	65	63
DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS (TOTAL)	34	14	31	57	30	39	27	38	37	29	23	39	29	29
TRUMP OR REPUB- LICANS IN CONGRESS (NET)	+25	+68	+23	-20	+30	+17	+39	+17	+17	+37	+45	+16	+36	+34
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Report filtered to Democrats, Independents who lean toward Democrats, and persuadable voters

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[1] Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrats	Independents who lean toward Democrats	Persuadable voters
The Democratic Party is not doing enough to stand up to Donald Trump and his administration and needs to fight harder	64	66	73	47
The Democratic Party could do a better job resisting Donald Trump and his administration, but overall is doing a decent job	30	30	24	35
Don't know	6	3	4	18
Weighted N	654	480	84	133

[2] When thinking about how the Democratic Party is handling being the opposition party, which comes closest to your view? (N=615)

Response	Topline	Democrats	Independents who lean toward Democrats	Persuadable voters
Democrats should fight against Trump even if they don't win, because it shows they're willing to fight	78	79	94	61
Democrats should only pick fights they can win against Trump because losing shows weakness	11	11	3	17
Democrats should let Trump move ahead with his agenda so that voters can see how bad it is	5	6	1	8
Don't know	5	4	2	14
Weighted N	615	480	84	95

[3] Republicans currently control the presidency, the House, and the Senate. To pass a budget and keep the government open, they need some Democratic votes. Which comes closer to your view of how Democrats should respond, even if neither are exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrats	Independents who lean toward Democrats	Persuadable voters
Democrats should vote with Republicans to pass a budget and keep the government open, even if it means agreeing to proposals they oppose	26	23	17	39
Democrats should withhold their votes unless Republicans agree to changes, even if that risks a government shutdown	67	70	77	51
Don't know	8	7	6	10
Weighted N	654	480	84	133

[4] This past March, Democrats ultimately voted with Republicans at the last minute to avoid a shutdown. Compared to that, how should Democrats handle things now?

Response	Topline	Democrats	Independents who lean toward Democrats	Persuadable voters
Take a firmer stand this time, even if it risks a government shutdown	69	72	77	52
Handle it about the same way they did in March	25	22	18	42
Don't know	6	5	5	7
Weighted N	654	480	84	133