

From September 26 to 28, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,231 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=1,231 unless otherwise specified.

[1] How much have you seen, read, or heard about the potential government shutdown at the end of September?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
A lot	21	22	21	20	20	22	13	25	19	25	15	23	14	36	8	4
Some	37	37	39	36	29	46	33	39	37	37	36	38	40	42	40	17
Only a little	26	26	25	26	29	22	27	25	27	24	28	27	15	15	32	45
Nothing at all	16	14	15	18	21	10	27	11	17	14	21	12	31	7	20	35
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214

[2] If the government were to shut down at the end of September, who would you blame the most?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
President Trump and Republicans in Congress	43	74	39	14	45	40	51	38	39	48	57	37	57	49	39	30
Democrats in Congress	28	6	21	53	24	32	18	33	32	21	11	34	15	33	25	18
Would blame both equally	27	20	37	30	28	27	29	27	26	30	30	27	28	18	33	45
Not sure	2	<0.5	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	1	<0.5	2	8
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214

[3a] To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?

— Democrats in Congress are **willing to negotiate** to avoid a government shutdown

(N=639)

(SPLIT A)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Strongly agree	20	33	20	8	21	19	19	20	20	20	45	15	31	22	16	19
Somewhat agree	31	40	36	20	29	33	39	27	27	39	25	30	35	33	32	26
Somewhat disagree	17	8	16	25	17	16	13	18	17	15	5	20	7	14	23	12
Strongly disagree	20	5	19	34	16	25	14	23	23	15	8	24	13	24	17	16
Don't know	12	13	9	13	17	6	15	11	13	11	17	12	14	7	12	28
AGREE (TOTAL)	51	73	56	28	50	52	58	47	47	59	70	45	66	55	48	45
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	37	13	35	59	33	41	27	41	40	30	13	44	20	38	40	28
AGREE (NET)	+14	+60	+21	-31	+17	+11	+31	+6	+7	+29	+57	+1	+46	+17	+8	+17
Weighted N	639	233	149	257	341	298	215	424	412	227	69	455	89	327	207	105

[3b] To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?

— President Trump and Republicans in Congress are **willing to negotiate** to avoid a government shutdown

(N=639)

(SPLIT A)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Strongly agree	19	8	10	34	17	21	14	21	19	17	11	20	16	24	15	11
Somewhat agree	24	15	28	30	19	30	25	24	24	25	15	27	20	17	33	29
Somewhat disagree	21	26	19	18	22	20	26	19	19	25	11	22	25	18	27	17
Strongly disagree	26	41	35	6	28	23	22	28	25	27	45	22	23	32	17	21
Don't know	11	10	9	12	15	6	14	9	13	7	19	9	16	8	9	22
AGREE (TOTAL)	43	23	38	64	36	51	39	45	43	42	26	47	36	41	48	40
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	47	67	54	24	50	43	48	47	44	52	56	44	48	50	44	38
AGREE (NET)	-4	-44	-16	+40	-14	+8	-9	-2	-1	-10	-30	+3	-12	-9	+4	+2
Weighted N	639	233	149	257	341	298	215	424	412	227	69	455	89	327	207	105

[4a] To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?

— Democrats in Congress **are being reasonable** in their approach to fund the government

(N=592)

(SPLIT B)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Strongly agree	19	33	10	10	18	21	23	18	17	24	25	17	24	22	13	23
Somewhat agree	28	42	25	15	33	22	36	24	30	24	50	23	41	26	30	31
Somewhat disagree	14	12	12	18	11	18	16	13	12	18	8	16	13	14	20	4
Strongly disagree	24	2	30	45	23	26	11	31	29	16	1	30	15	30	21	16
Don't know	14	11	23	12	15	13	14	14	12	18	15	14	6	7	17	26
AGREE (TOTAL)	47	75	35	25	51	43	59	42	47	48	75	40	65	48	43	54
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	38	14	42	63	34	44	27	44	41	34	9	46	28	44	41	20
AGREE (NET)	+9	+61	-7	-38	+17	-1	+32	-2	+6	+14	+66	-6	+37	+4	+2	+34
Weighted N	592	243	120	229	315	277	191	401	381	211	63	423	77	290	196	106

[4b] To what extent do you agree or disagree with each statement?

— President Trump and Republicans in Congress **are being reasonable** in their approach to fund the government

(N=592)

(SPLIT B)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Strongly agree	21	4	20	38	17	24	14	24	21	21	7	25	7	29	12	14
Somewhat agree	24	10	22	39	21	27	27	22	24	24	19	23	31	18	30	28
Somewhat disagree	14	20	13	8	15	13	16	13	16	11	25	14	16	16	12	13
Strongly disagree	31	59	29	4	37	25	30	32	30	34	42	28	43	32	36	20
Don't know	10	6	16	11	10	10	13	9	10	10	7	11	3	5	10	25
AGREE (TOTAL)	45	14	42	77	38	51	41	46	45	45	26	48	38	47	42	42
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	45	79	42	12	52	38	46	45	46	45	67	42	59	48	48	33
AGREE (NET)	0	-65	0	+65	-14	+13	-5	+1	-1	0	-41	+6	-21	-1	-6	+9
Weighted N	592	243	120	229	315	277	191	401	381	211	63	423	77	290	196	106

[5] Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Democrats in Congress are fighting on behalf of people like me (N=745)

(Asked of self-identified Democrats and Independents)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Strongly agree	38	48	20	42	33	34	41	38	39	54	34	46	44	33	29
Somewhat agree	33	36	28	32	35	38	30	31	37	34	32	28	33	34	32
Somewhat disagree	12	8	19	11	14	14	11	13	11	6	15	7	10	15	12
Strongly disagree	14	5	30	10	18	11	15	15	12	6	16	15	13	13	17
Don't know	3	3	4	5	1	3	3	4	1	1	3	4	<0.5	4	10
AGREE (TOTAL)	71	84	48	74	68	72	71	69	76	88	66	74	77	67	61
DISAGREE (TOTAL)	26	13	49	21	32	25	26	28	23	12	31	22	23	28	29
AGREE (NET)	+45	+71	-1	+53	+36	+47	+45	+41	+53	+76	+35	+52	+54	+39	+32
Weighted N	745	477	268	412	333	277	468	474	271	118	458	123	367	257	121

[6] Earlier this week, the Trump administration announced it would conduct mass firings of federal workers if the government shuts down on September 30.

Do you support or oppose the Trump administration's proposal?

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Strongly support	16	3	15	29	12	21	12	18	17	14	6	18	14	22	11	8
Somewhat support	19	5	14	35	17	21	18	19	17	21	10	21	15	17	18	25
Somewhat oppose	16	15	19	16	14	19	18	15	16	16	17	17	10	13	22	15
Strongly oppose	45	73	48	14	50	38	46	44	42	49	63	39	54	48	42	40
Don't know	5	4	4	5	7	2	5	4	7	1	4	4	7	1	7	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	35	8	29	64	29	42	30	37	34	35	16	39	29	39	29	33
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	61	88	67	30	64	57	64	59	58	65	80	56	64	61	64	55
SUPPORT (NET)	-26	-80	-38	+34	-35	-15	-34	-22	-24	-30	-64	-17	-35	-22	-35	-22
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214

[7] Below are two arguments for how Democrats in Congress should respond to the Trump administration's mass firing announcement. Which statement do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly correct?

Statement A: Democrats in Congress should **stop** pushing for negotiations on government funding and health care and pass the Republican government funding bill in order to protect workers from President Trump's threat.

Statement B: Democrats in Congress should **keep** pushing for negotiations on government funding and health care and stand up to President Trump so that he doesn't make these threats in the future.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A much more	20	9	20	31	17	24	15	22	21	18	9	23	20	24	18	13
Statement A somewhat	21	11	11	38	18	25	23	21	22	21	14	24	11	21	19	26
Statement B somewhat	22	28	28	14	22	22	26	21	20	28	16	21	29	16	32	23
Statement B much more	29	48	33	8	34	24	28	30	29	30	54	26	31	35	23	24
Don't know	7	5	8	9	9	5	9	6	9	4	7	7	8	4	7	15
STATEMENT A (TOTAL)	41	20	31	69	35	49	38	43	43	39	23	47	31	45	37	39
STATEMENT B (TOTAL)	51	76	61	22	56	46	54	51	49	58	70	47	60	51	55	47
STATEMENT A (NET)	-10	-56	-30	+47	-21	+3	-16	-8	-6	-19	-47	0	-29	-6	-18	-8
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214

[8] Below are two statements about priorities in the government funding negotiations in Congress. Which do you agree with more, even if neither are exactly correct?

Statement A: Democrats have offered a proposal that will fund the government, but President Trump refuses to even meet with Democratic leaders and told Republicans in Congress not to negotiate. In fact, Republican members of Congress skipped town days before the September 30 funding deadline.

If Republicans want to prevent a government shutdown, they need to come to the table and negotiate.

Statement B: For years Democrats talked about the importance of clean bipartisan funding bills, but now they're threatening to shut down the government if Republicans don't agree to \$1 trillion in new spending.

We need a clean funding bill to keep the government running while we continue bipartisan negotiations. Republicans are ready to pass it. The ball is in Democrats' court.

(N=590)

(SPLIT A)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A	51	64	57	34	48	54	55	49	50	52	54	50	54	52	51	46
Statement B	36	22	36	50	37	35	30	39	37	34	34	38	31	37	36	33
Don't know	13	14	7	16	15	11	16	12	13	14	12	12	15	10	13	22
Weighted N	590	239	124	227	315	275	194	396	380	210	64	420	91	300	182	108

[9] Below are two statements about priorities in the government funding negotiations in Congress. Which do you agree with more, even if neither are exactly correct?

Statement A: On November 1, millions of Americans will see their health care costs skyrocket if Congress doesn't act. Democrats have offered a proposal that will prevent those price hikes and keep the government funded, but President Trump and Republicans in Congress are refusing to negotiate with Democrats.

Republicans would rather shut down your government than protect your health care. Americans don't have time to wait while Republicans play games.

Statement B: For years Democrats talked about the importance of clean bipartisan funding bills, but now they're threatening to shut down the government if Republicans don't agree to \$1 trillion in new spending.

We need a clean funding bill to keep the government running while we continue bipartisan negotiations. Republicans are ready to pass it. The ball is in Democrats' court. (N=641)

(SPLIT B)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A	50	65	52	35	52	48	54	48	46	56	66	45	57	54	54	28
Statement B	34	22	31	46	31	37	30	36	36	31	19	39	30	33	33	40
Don't know	16	12	17	19	17	14	16	16	18	13	15	16	14	13	13	31
Weighted N	641	236	144	261	342	299	210	431	413	228	68	458	73	319	219	103

[10] Below are two statements about priorities in the government funding negotiations in Congress. Which do you agree with more, even if neither are exactly correct?

Statement A: President Trump has already been shutting down the government little by little, closing down agencies like the Department of Education and cutting off funding for things like cancer research. If the government shuts down now, it's what he wanted.

Democrats offered a proposal that will fund the government and reverse these actions. If Trump and Republicans in Congress want Democrats' support, they need to actually open the government back up.

Statement B: For years Democrats talked about the importance of clean bipartisan funding bills, but now they're threatening to shut down the government if Republicans don't agree to \$1 trillion in new spending.

We need a clean funding bill to keep the government running while we continue bipartisan negotiations. Republicans are ready to pass it. The ball is in Democrats' court.

(N=641)

(SPLIT A)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A	51	74	53	30	57	45	56	49	49	55	62	48	58	58	46	44
Statement B	40	22	35	59	31	50	35	42	41	38	31	43	35	37	45	37
Don't know	9	4	11	12	12	5	9	9	10	7	7	10	7	5	9	19
Weighted N	641	236	144	261	342	299	210	431	413	228	68	458	73	319	219	103

[11] Below are two statements about priorities in the government funding negotiations in Congress. Which do you agree with more, even if neither are exactly correct?

Statement A: President Trump and Republicans in Congress have already been shutting the government down little by little: cutting health care tax credits, kicking millions of Americans off Medicaid, and sitting by while rural hospitals close across the country.

Democrats offered a proposal that will fund the government and fix these issues before it's too late. If Trump and Republicans in Congress want Democrats' support, they need to undo the damage they've caused to millions of Americans's health care.

Statement B: For years Democrats talked about the importance of clean bipartisan funding bills, but now they're threatening to shut down the government if Republicans don't agree to \$1 trillion in new spending.

We need a clean funding bill to keep the government running while we continue bipartisan negotiations. Republicans are ready to pass it. The ball is in Democrats' court.

(N=590)

(SPLIT B)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A	48	65	46	31	46	49	55	44	45	53	50	43	61	48	54	38
Statement B	37	22	37	52	38	36	31	39	37	37	40	40	31	39	33	37
Don't know	15	13	17	17	16	15	14	16	18	10	10	17	8	13	13	25
Weighted N	590	239	124	227	315	275	194	396	380	210	64	420	91	300	182	108

[12] Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither are exactly right?

Statement A: Preventing a government shutdown should be the priority for Congress. If you're worried about families losing food assistance benefits and going hungry, research for cancer treatments getting cut, or overworked air traffic controllers, you should be really concerned about the can of worms that a government shutdown would crack open.

Statement B: Restoring health care for millions of Americans should be the priority for Congress. On November 1st, health care costs are going to skyrocket by an average of 75% for more than 20 million Americans if Congress doesn't act. Lawmakers need to steer us away from this cliff, even if it risks a government shutdown.

Response	Topline	Democrat	Inde- pendent / Third party	Repub lican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino	Consumes a great deal or a lot of political news	Consumes a moderate amount of political news	Consumes a little or no political news
Statement A	40	31	37	51	39	42	37	42	40	40	35	42	44	42	42	33
Statement B	50	60	52	38	49	50	52	48	47	54	54	49	49	51	50	46
Don't know	10	9	10	11	12	8	11	10	12	6	11	10	7	7	9	21
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214

[13] Having read more, if the government were to shut down at the end of September, who would you blame the most?

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President Trump and Republicans in Congress	44	76	44	13	45	43	53	40	40	52	66	38	60	50	41	35
Democrats in Congress	26	7	19	49	21	32	19	30	29	21	10	31	16	32	21	20
Would blame both equally	27	15	35	34	31	23	25	28	28	26	21	29	23	18	35	38
Not sure	2	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	2	7
Weighted N	1,231	477	268	486	657	574	404	827	793	438	134	877	162	616	401	214