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N=3200 U.S. Likely Voters
Adjusted Margin of Error: +/- 1.8%

Margins of error have been adjusted to include
design effects resulting from weighting and survey design features

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Methodology in Brief

YouGov interviewed 3386 U.S. registered voters who were then matched down to a sample of 3200 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote. The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, and years of education. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame, and then post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then weighted to give likely voter profiles slightly more weight than their unlikely voter counterparts. Finally, the weights were then post-stratified on 2020 presidential vote choice as well as gender, age (4-categories), race (3-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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U.S. Likely Voters

September 2024

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1. Looking at your choices in the election for Congress, how happy or unhappy are you with your choices this year?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Very happy	21%	25%	7%	21%	22%	23%	17%	16%	11%
Somewhat happy	43%	46%	30%	45%	43%	46%	44%	45%	38%
Somewhat unhappy	25%	22%	37%	25%	24%	23%	31%	24%	32%
Very unhappy	10%	7%	26%	9%	10%	8%	8%	15%	19%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Very happy	21%	18%	23%	15%	19%	22%	27%
Somewhat happy	43%	38%	44%	45%	41%	46%	40%
Somewhat unhappy	25%	33%	23%	28%	31%	22%	24%
Very unhappy	10%	11%	10%	12%	9%	11%	9%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Very happy	21%	20%	21%	23%
Somewhat happy	43%	45%	44%	42%
Somewhat unhappy	25%	24%	26%	24%
Very unhappy	10%	11%	8%	11%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very happy	21%	23%	20%	8%	28%	16%	21%
Somewhat happy	43%	43%	44%	41%	43%	44%	44%
Somewhat unhappy	25%	23%	27%	33%	21%	27%	25%
Very unhappy	10%	11%	10%	17%	8%	13%	10%

2. Do you think that you live in a Congressional district where Democrats and Republicans both have a good shot of winning the seat, or does it strongly favor one party over the other?

		Leaned Party ID			Race				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Favors Republicans	33%	24%	24%	47%	37%	19%	26%	10%	35%
Favors Democrats	33%	48%	27%	18%	29%	47%	41%	49%	28%
Both have a shot	34%	28%	49%	35%	34%	34%	33%	40%	37%

		Education					
	Total	No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Favors Republicans	33%	23%	35%	33%	31%	32%	36%
Favors Democrats	33%	33%	28%	34%	29%	35%	40%
Both have a shot	34%	44%	38%	33%	39%	32%	24%

		Income		
	Total	LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Favors Republicans	33%	32%	35%	34%
Favors Democrats	33%	33%	31%	37%
Both have a shot	34%	36%	34%	29%

		Gender			Ideology		
	Total	Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favors Republicans	33%	34%	33%	29%	29%	27%	45%
Favors Democrats	33%	32%	32%	47%	47%	32%	22%
Both have a shot	34%	33%	35%	23%	24%	42%	33%

3. How often do you think you can trust the federal government in Washington to do what is right?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Just about always	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%
Most of the time	20%	30%	9%	11%	19%	26%	23%	23%	14%
Some of the time	55%	58%	49%	53%	55%	56%	57%	59%	53%
None of the time	23%	8%	41%	34%	24%	15%	17%	17%	32%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Just about always	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%
Most of the time	20%	17%	18%	15%	21%	21%	27%
Some of the time	55%	37%	54%	58%	56%	57%	53%
None of the time	23%	45%	26%	26%	20%	18%	17%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Just about always	3%	3%	3%	3%
Most of the time	20%	16%	20%	26%
Some of the time	55%	57%	56%	50%
None of the time	23%	24%	21%	21%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Just about always	3%	3%	2%	—	4%	3%	2%
Most of the time	20%	21%	19%	9%	29%	23%	9%
Some of the time	55%	52%	57%	66%	58%	56%	51%
None of the time	23%	24%	22%	25%	9%	18%	37%

4. How many of the people running the government are corrupt?

		Leaned Party ID			Race				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
All	6%	4%	13%	5%	5%	8%	8%	10%	8%
Most	35%	22%	49%	45%	36%	22%	32%	23%	46%
About half	29%	31%	22%	28%	29%	33%	28%	23%	24%
A few	30%	42%	16%	21%	29%	34%	30%	44%	21%
None	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%	—	0%

		Education					
	Total	No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
All	6%	12%	6%	9%	6%	3%	4%
Most	35%	40%	35%	38%	36%	34%	28%
About half	29%	30%	30%	30%	29%	28%	26%
A few	30%	15%	28%	22%	28%	34%	42%
None	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	1%	0%

		Income		
	Total	LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
All	6%	7%	5%	4%
Most	35%	35%	34%	34%
About half	29%	31%	29%	26%
A few	30%	25%	31%	36%
None	1%	2%	1%	1%

		Gender			Ideology		
	Total	Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
All	6%	5%	6%	12%	5%	5%	7%
Most	35%	35%	34%	34%	22%	31%	47%
About half	29%	25%	32%	39%	31%	31%	26%
A few	30%	33%	27%	16%	41%	32%	20%
None	1%	1%	1%	—	1%	1%	1%

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5. How often do politics and government seem so complicated that you can't really understand what's going on?

		Leaned Party ID			Race				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
All of the time	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	—	10%
Most of the time	20%	14%	24%	24%	21%	17%	13%	14%	18%
Half the time	23%	23%	28%	22%	21%	30%	33%	21%	21%
Some of the time	41%	47%	29%	37%	41%	33%	41%	59%	38%
Never	11%	12%	14%	11%	12%	11%	8%	6%	13%

		Education					
	Total	No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
All of the time	5%	11%	6%	5%	7%	3%	3%
Most of the time	20%	12%	23%	20%	20%	21%	13%
Half the time	23%	28%	25%	25%	27%	19%	20%
Some of the time	41%	36%	37%	37%	36%	45%	49%
Never	11%	13%	9%	13%	10%	11%	15%

		Income		
	Total	LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
All of the time	5%	7%	5%	3%
Most of the time	20%	22%	19%	20%
Half the time	23%	24%	24%	21%
Some of the time	41%	39%	42%	41%
Never	11%	8%	10%	15%

		Gender			Ideology		
	Total	Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
All of the time	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%
Most of the time	20%	18%	21%	3%	12%	21%	24%
Half the time	23%	20%	26%	24%	20%	27%	22%
Some of the time	41%	42%	39%	52%	51%	38%	37%
Never	11%	14%	9%	15%	12%	11%	11%

6. How much would you say you agree or disagree with the following statement: public officials don't care much what people like me think?

		Leaned Party ID			Race				
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Strongly agree	32%	22%	49%	39%	33%	26%	28%	23%	48%
Somewhat agree	48%	49%	40%	49%	48%	53%	51%	50%	35%
Somewhat disagree	17%	25%	10%	10%	17%	18%	19%	26%	15%
Strongly disagree	3%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%

		Education					
	Total	No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Strongly agree	32%	47%	36%	35%	30%	29%	25%
Somewhat agree	48%	40%	48%	49%	52%	49%	42%
Somewhat disagree	17%	9%	13%	14%	17%	19%	30%
Strongly disagree	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%

		Income		
	Total	LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Strongly agree	32%	36%	30%	31%
Somewhat agree	48%	47%	51%	44%
Somewhat disagree	17%	14%	17%	22%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	2%	3%

		Gender			Ideology		
	Total	Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly agree	32%	34%	30%	41%	22%	28%	43%
Somewhat agree	48%	46%	50%	39%	46%	52%	46%
Somewhat disagree	17%	17%	18%	21%	28%	17%	9%
Strongly disagree	3%	3%	2%	—	4%	3%	2%

7. How much would you say you agree or disagree with the following statement: people like me don't have any say about what the government does?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Strongly agree	26%	17%	41%	33%	28%	18%	19%	28%	35%
Somewhat agree	43%	42%	41%	46%	43%	45%	51%	30%	40%
Somewhat disagree	23%	31%	14%	16%	22%	26%	25%	38%	18%
Strongly disagree	7%	10%	4%	5%	7%	12%	6%	3%	8%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Strongly agree	26%	36%	32%	29%	25%	22%	17%
Somewhat agree	43%	44%	44%	45%	43%	44%	41%
Somewhat disagree	23%	14%	17%	20%	26%	27%	31%
Strongly disagree	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	11%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Strongly agree	26%	31%	23%	24%
Somewhat agree	43%	42%	45%	42%
Somewhat disagree	23%	20%	24%	27%
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	8%	7%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly agree	26%	29%	24%	25%	18%	23%	36%
Somewhat agree	43%	41%	46%	30%	41%	46%	44%
Somewhat disagree	23%	23%	23%	32%	30%	25%	15%
Strongly disagree	7%	7%	7%	12%	11%	6%	5%

8. Do you think that how we elect members of Congress should change, or should we keep the system the way it is?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Change how we elect	53%	59%	62%	44%	50%	67%	58%	53%	62%
Keep as is	47%	41%	38%	56%	50%	33%	42%	47%	38%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Change how we elect	53%	71%	51%	58%	59%	51%	47%
Keep as is	47%	29%	49%	42%	41%	49%	53%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Change how we elect	53%	57%	53%	50%
Keep as is	47%	43%	47%	50%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Change how we elect	53%	50%	56%	53%	59%	58%	43%
Keep as is	47%	50%	44%	47%	41%	42%	57%

9. Would the United States be better off if it had more than two competitive political parties or is the US better off with Democrats and Republicans as the two major parties?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
More than two parties	63%	63%	80%	58%	64%	55%	59%	62%	77%
Only two major parties	37%	37%	20%	42%	36%	45%	41%	38%	23%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
More than two parties	63%	49%	54%	67%	65%	68%	68%
Only two major parties	37%	51%	46%	33%	35%	32%	32%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
More than two parties	63%	59%	64%	69%
Only two major parties	37%	41%	36%	31%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More than two parties	63%	67%	59%	87%	68%	65%	58%
Only two major parties	37%	33%	41%	13%	32%	35%	42%

10. There has been a proposal to expand the House of Representatives by 150 members, going from the current 435 to 585 How strongly would you support or oppose such a measure?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Strongly support	10%	14%	9%	4%	9%	8%	12%	–	22%
Somewhat support	34%	46%	35%	20%	34%	38%	32%	–	30%
Somewhat oppose	28%	26%	25%	32%	28%	32%	36%	–	20%
Strongly oppose	28%	14%	32%	44%	30%	22%	19%	–	28%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Strongly support	10%	9%	6%	11%	7%	12%	14%
Somewhat support	34%	35%	31%	38%	36%	35%	32%
Somewhat oppose	28%	34%	28%	27%	37%	28%	24%
Strongly oppose	28%	22%	36%	24%	20%	25%	29%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Strongly support	10%	9%	9%	12%
Somewhat support	34%	32%	37%	36%
Somewhat oppose	28%	34%	29%	22%
Strongly oppose	28%	25%	25%	30%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly support	10%	11%	8%	–	19%	8%	2%
Somewhat support	34%	31%	37%	–	47%	37%	21%
Somewhat oppose	28%	23%	34%	–	24%	31%	29%
Strongly oppose	28%	36%	21%	–	11%	24%	48%

11. There has been a proposal to expand the House of Representatives by 150 members, going from the current 435 to 585 to reduce the size of Congressional Districts and allow members of Congress to get to know their constituents' needs better. How strongly would you support or oppose such a measure?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Strongly support	17%	25%	13%	10%	16%	24%	19%	—	15%
Somewhat support	43%	50%	41%	36%	42%	42%	54%	—	48%
Somewhat oppose	24%	18%	28%	28%	25%	22%	17%	—	18%
Strongly oppose	16%	7%	19%	26%	17%	11%	11%	—	19%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Strongly support	17%	18%	16%	11%	20%	20%	19%
Somewhat support	43%	29%	42%	49%	41%	43%	43%
Somewhat oppose	24%	30%	24%	24%	28%	22%	21%
Strongly oppose	16%	23%	18%	15%	12%	15%	17%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Strongly support	17%	17%	16%	21%
Somewhat support	43%	43%	43%	44%
Somewhat oppose	24%	25%	24%	20%
Strongly oppose	16%	15%	17%	14%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly support	17%	18%	16%	—	28%	17%	9%
Somewhat support	43%	40%	46%	—	49%	47%	34%
Somewhat oppose	24%	20%	27%	—	18%	22%	28%
Strongly oppose	16%	21%	12%	—	5%	14%	29%

12. How likely is it that changing the way members of Congress are elected will improve people's lives?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Very likely	11%	14%	8%	9%	10%	15%	13%	8%	17%
Somewhat likely	29%	37%	25%	21%	28%	36%	34%	31%	22%
A bit likely	29%	31%	30%	25%	28%	26%	31%	43%	33%
Not at all likely	31%	18%	37%	45%	34%	24%	23%	18%	29%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Very likely	11%	13%	9%	11%	12%	13%	10%
Somewhat likely	29%	27%	30%	28%	30%	31%	27%
A bit likely	29%	33%	25%	31%	32%	26%	34%
Not at all likely	31%	28%	36%	30%	26%	30%	29%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Very likely	11%	11%	10%	14%
Somewhat likely	29%	30%	31%	26%
A bit likely	29%	28%	28%	30%
Not at all likely	31%	31%	31%	30%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very likely	11%	13%	10%	18%	16%	10%	8%
Somewhat likely	29%	28%	30%	32%	35%	33%	20%
A bit likely	29%	25%	32%	31%	32%	30%	24%
Not at all likely	31%	34%	29%	19%	17%	27%	48%

13. Have you ever contacted your member of Congress for any reason?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Yes	40%	40%	41%	41%	43%	24%	23%	30%	62%
No	60%	60%	59%	59%	57%	76%	77%	70%	38%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Yes	40%	22%	26%	43%	40%	46%	59%
No	60%	78%	74%	57%	60%	54%	41%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Yes	40%	35%	40%	47%
No	60%	65%	60%	53%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	40%	44%	36%	70%	46%	34%	43%
No	60%	56%	64%	30%	54%	66%	57%

14. When you last contacted your member of Congress how satisfied or unsatisfied were you with their response?

	Total	Leaned Party ID			Race				
		Democrat	Independent	Republican	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other
Mostly satisfied	19%	22%	11%	19%	20%	21%	17%	–	17%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	27%	24%	35%	31%	27%	30%	–	26%
Somewhat unsatisfied	22%	22%	22%	21%	21%	29%	26%	–	20%
Mostly unsatisfied	29%	29%	43%	24%	29%	23%	26%	–	37%

	Total	Education					
		No High School	High School Graduate	Some College	2-year College Degree	4-year College Degree	Postgraduate
Mostly satisfied	19%	3%	14%	19%	16%	22%	23%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	31%	30%	23%	37%	31%	32%
Somewhat unsatisfied	22%	19%	25%	25%	20%	20%	20%
Mostly unsatisfied	29%	47%	31%	33%	26%	27%	26%

	Total	Income		
		LT $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+
Mostly satisfied	19%	17%	20%	20%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	29%	30%	32%
Somewhat unsatisfied	22%	21%	23%	22%
Mostly unsatisfied	29%	33%	26%	26%

	Total	Gender			Ideology		
		Man	Woman	Non-binary/Other	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Mostly satisfied	19%	20%	19%	–	22%	17%	18%
Somewhat satisfied	30%	32%	29%	–	24%	29%	37%
Somewhat unsatisfied	22%	21%	22%	–	21%	26%	19%
Mostly unsatisfied	29%	27%	29%	–	33%	29%	25%