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Toplines: National Survey on Trump's Immigration Policies

This national survey of 1,500 U.S. adults was designed by Wave Polling and Research, LLC and conducted online from February 6 to February 10, 2026 by Verasight, a mixed-mode survey provider. The margin of sampling error is ±2.5 percentage points. Results below show overall weighted percentages for the full national sample.

2024 Trump voter classification: Trump defectors are 2024 Trump voters who now say they would vote for a Democrat in Congress or are undecided. Loyal Trump voters are 2024 Trump voters who still intend to vote Republican.

Response	Overall
Trump defectors	6%
Loyal Trump voters	33%
All other voters	62%

Which ONE issue will be most important to you personally when deciding how to vote in this year's midterm elections?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Border security	2%	2%	6%
Deportations/immigration enforcement	12%	7%	13%
Jobs and the economy	14%	19%	14%
Inflation and the cost of living	26%	28%	29%
Health care	10%	13%	8%
Abortion and reproductive rights	4%	0%	4%
Democracy and elections	15%	8%	3%
Climate and environment	2%	0%	2%
Crime and public safety	6%	12%	10%
Foreign policy	1%	3%	1%
Government spending and the deficit	4%	4%	7%
Something else	4%	4%	3%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The Trump administration is focusing too much on deportations and not focusing enough on fixing the economy, inflation, and the rising cost of living.

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Agree	69%	77%	32%
Disagree	24%	16%	57%
Not sure	7%	8%	11%

Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections, are you more likely or less likely to vote for a Republican candidate because of the Trump administration's immigration enforcement policies?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Much more likely	19%	7%	51%
Somewhat more likely	6%	2%	13%
No effect	17%	17%	26%
Somewhat less likely	6%	18%	4%
Much less likely	29%	36%	4%
Not sure	6%	17%	3%
Would never vote Republican	17%	4%	0%

Thinking about the 2026 congressional elections, are you more likely or less likely to vote for a Republican candidate because of the Trump administration sending thousands of ICE agents to cities across the country?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Much more likely	19%	6%	49%
Somewhat more likely	6%	1%	14%
No effect	16%	22%	26%
Somewhat less likely	6%	17%	5%
Much less likely	29%	37%	2%
Not sure	4%	9%	2%
Would never vote Republican	19%	8%	0%

Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the Republican Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
More favorable	17%	11%	41%
Less favorable	51%	66%	9%
About the same	27%	17%	47%
Not sure	4%	7%	3%

Compared to a year ago, is your opinion of the Democratic Party more favorable, less favorable, or about the same?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
More favorable	20%	25%	6%
Less favorable	38%	24%	68%
About the same	38%	42%	24%
Not sure	5%	9%	2%

Among 2024 Trump voters who now say they would vote Democratic or are undecided: Which of the following are the biggest reasons your opinion of President Trump and/or the Republican Party has changed? (Select up to 3)

Response	Percent
Economy and cost of living	49%
Trump's personal conduct/rhetoric	34%
ICE deployments to cities	32%
Immigration enforcement/deportation	27%
Pardons and DOJ for allies	24%
Cuts to health care funding	23%
Tariffs and trade policy	22%
Cuts to federal workforce/agencies	10%
Foreign policy decisions	5%

If the Trump administration moderated its immigration enforcement — for example, decreasing the number of federal agents that are deployed to major cities — would that change your opinion of the Republican Party?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
More favorable	14%	18%	19%
No change	66%	59%	60%
Less favorable	11%	6%	15%
Not sure	9%	17%	5%

Do you think your opinion of the Democratic Party would increase, decrease, or stay the same if Democratic politicians pressed Trump administration officials to reduce the number of federal agents that are deployed to major cities?

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
More favorable	33%	31%	4%
No change	38%	41%	43%
Less favorable	20%	13%	48%
Not sure	9%	15%	5%

Do you support or oppose a plan that would allow immigrants who are already here, living in the U.S. illegally, the chance to become U.S. citizens if they meet certain requirements over a period of time? (Asked of half the sample.)

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly support	44%	36%	19%
Somewhat support	29%	29%	39%
Somewhat oppose	8%	16%	12%
Strongly oppose	11%	8%	20%
Not sure	9%	11%	10%

Do you support or oppose a plan that would allow immigrants who are already here, living in the U.S. illegally, the chance to earn legal residency (not citizenship) if they meet certain requirements over a period of time? (Asked of half the sample.)

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly support	43%	32%	17%
Somewhat support	29%	26%	40%
Somewhat oppose	9%	23%	14%
Strongly oppose	11%	6%	22%
Not sure	8%	12%	7%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Deportations/Immigration enforcement

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	25%	8%	59%
Somewhat approve	15%	24%	26%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	31%	8%
Strongly disapprove	46%	34%	4%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Border security

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	32%	16%	74%
Somewhat approve	18%	37%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%	19%	5%
Strongly disapprove	34%	21%	2%
Not sure	4%	6%	3%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Jobs and the economy

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	18%	9%	43%
Somewhat approve	20%	24%	38%
Somewhat disapprove	14%	19%	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%	43%	4%
Not sure	4%	5%	5%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Inflation and the cost of living

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	15%	6%	35%
Somewhat approve	17%	7%	36%
Somewhat disapprove	15%	33%	15%
Strongly disapprove	50%	48%	9%
Not sure	3%	5%	4%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Tariffs and trade policy

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	18%	5%	45%
Somewhat approve	17%	19%	30%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	22%	14%
Strongly disapprove	48%	48%	6%
Not sure	5%	6%	6%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Cuts to federal spending

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	22%	9%	50%
Somewhat approve	17%	12%	31%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	25%	10%
Strongly disapprove	42%	41%	3%
Not sure	6%	13%	5%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Foreign policy

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	20%	6%	51%
Somewhat approve	16%	20%	29%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	27%	10%
Strongly disapprove	42%	36%	3%
Not sure	9%	11%	8%

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration is handling each of the following? - Health care

Response	Overall	Trump defectors	Loyal Trump
Strongly approve	15%	6%	34%
Somewhat approve	18%	18%	38%
Somewhat disapprove	13%	21%	13%
Strongly disapprove	46%	46%	5%
Not sure	7%	8%	10%