

# National Results Spring 2026

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## Section 1. Weighted Toplines

Weighted percentages based on the respondent-level results. The methodology statement is at the end of this document.

### Q1. University Athletics Funding

Some states, like Wisconsin and North Carolina, have begun directing tax dollars to public university athletic departments. Would you support or oppose your state doing this?

Response option	Weighted %
Definitely support	10%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Definitely oppose	44%
Not sure / No opinion	25%

#### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Definitely support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Definitely oppose	Not sure / No opinion
Overall	10%	9%	12%	44%	25%
Republican	4%	9%	5%	59%	23%
Democrat	15%	8%	20%	33%	24%
Independents	12%	11%	12%	34%	31%

## Q2. Gas Prices And Spending Habits

Would you say that recent changes in gas prices have impacted your regular spending habits?

Response option	Weighted %
Yes, significantly	47%
Yes, moderately	19%
A little	17%
Not at all	14%
Not sure	3%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Yes, significantly	Yes, moderately	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Overall	47%	19%	17%	14%	3%
Republican	30%	18%	28%	22%	2%
Democrat	54%	24%	11%	10%	1%
Independents	63%	13%	10%	7%	7%

## Q3. Gas Prices And View Of The Republican Party

How do gas prices impact your view of the Republican party?

Response option	Weighted %
More likely to support Republican Party	12%
No difference	31%
Less likely to support Republican Party	57%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	More likely to support Republican Party	No difference	Less likely to support Republican Party
Overall	12%	31%	57%
Republican	32%	45%	23%
Democrat	1%	16%	83%
Independents	0%	36%	64%

## Q4. Teachers' Unions

Do you support or oppose teachers' unions in the United States?

Response option	Weighted %
Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	9%
Neither support nor oppose	10%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure / No opinion	8%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Neither support nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure / No opinion
Overall	46%	9%	10%	6%	21%	8%
Republican	9%	13%	16%	11%	41%	10%
Democrat	77%	6%	6%	2%	6%	3%
Independents	61%	8%	7%	3%	7%	14%

## Q5. Political Figure Favorability

Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each of the following people? If you've never heard of them, please say so.

### Candace Owens

Favorability results for Candace Owens.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	17%
Unfavorable	40%
Never heard of them	14%
Heard of them, but no opinion	29%

#### Topline summary

Net favorability: -23.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	17%	40%	14%	29%
Republican	25%	32%	6%	37%
Democrat	8%	55%	20%	17%
Independents	17%	29%	17%	37%

## Spencer Pratt

Favorability results for Spencer Pratt.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	25%
Unfavorable	29%
Never heard of them	31%
Heard of them, but no opinion	15%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -4.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	25%	29%	31%	15%
Republican	46%	13%	26%	15%
Democrat	12%	44%	33%	11%
Independents	9%	26%	43%	22%

## Erika Kirk

Favorability results for Erika Kirk.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	28%
Unfavorable	54%
Never heard of them	6%
Heard of them, but no opinion	12%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -26.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	28%	54%	6%	12%
Republican	62%	21%	2%	15%
Democrat	6%	79%	9%	6%
Independents	8%	65%	9%	18%

## Ben Shapiro

Favorability results for Ben Shapiro.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	17%
Unfavorable	44%
Never heard of them	11%
Heard of them, but no opinion	28%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -27.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	17%	44%	11%	28%
Republican	24%	28%	7%	41%
Democrat	12%	53%	15%	20%
Independents	12%	55%	13%	20%

## Hasan Piker

Favorability results for Hasan Piker.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	10%
Unfavorable	19%
Never heard of them	56%
Heard of them, but no opinion	15%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -9.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	10%	19%	56%	15%
Republican	1%	27%	55%	17%
Democrat	19%	13%	54%	14%
Independents	10%	17%	59%	14%

## Graham Platner

Favorability results for Graham Platner.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	19%
Unfavorable	25%
Never heard of them	37%
Heard of them, but no opinion	19%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -6.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	19%	25%	37%	19%
Republican	5%	46%	36%	13%
Democrat	30%	12%	37%	21%
Independents	26%	11%	35%	28%

## James Fishback

Favorability results for James Fishback.

Response option	Weighted %
Favorable	10%
Unfavorable	23%
Never heard of them	53%
Heard of them, but no opinion	14%

### Topline summary

Net favorability: -13.

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Favorable	Unfavorable	Never heard of them	Heard of them, but no opinion
Overall	10%	23%	53%	14%
Republican	19%	8%	55%	18%
Democrat	5%	38%	50%	7%
Independents	4%	22%	53%	21%

## Q6. Military Draft

If President Trump implemented a military draft, would you support or oppose it?

Response option	Weighted %
Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	59%
Not sure / No opinion	9%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure / No opinion
Overall	11%	14%	7%	59%	9%
Republican	18%	25%	11%	30%	16%
Democrat	4%	6%	4%	82%	4%
Independents	8%	8%	6%	74%	4%

## Q7. Recent Attempts On Trump's Life

Do you believe recent attempts on President Trump's life, such as the July 2024 shooting in Butler, Pennsylvania, and the April 2026 shooting at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, were genuine or staged?

Response option	Weighted %
Definitely genuine	32%
Probably genuine	19%
Probably staged	17%
Definitely staged	19%
Not sure	13%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Definitely genuine	Probably genuine	Probably staged	Definitely staged	Not sure
Overall	32%	19%	17%	19%	13%
Republican	57%	24%	5%	7%	7%
Democrat	17%	12%	27%	27%	17%
Independents	15%	22%	21%	24%	18%

## Q8. Public Perception: Pro-Israel Vs. Pro-Nazi

In American public life today, which do you think carries a greater social stigma?

Response option	Weighted %
Being publicly pro-Israel	16%
Being publicly pro-Nazi	34%
About the same	25%
Neither carries much stigma	14%
Not sure	11%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Being publicly pro-Israel	Being publicly pro-Nazi	About the same	Neither carries much stigma	Not sure
Overall	16%	34%	25%	14%	11%
Republican	31%	19%	20%	19%	11%
Democrat	4%	47%	32%	9%	8%
Independents	11%	37%	20%	14%	18%

## Q9. Planned Primary Participation

Which party primary do you plan to vote in?

Response option	Weighted %
Republican Primary	39%
Democratic Primary	48%
Do not plan to vote in either primary	13%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Republican Primary	Democratic Primary	Do not plan to vote in either primary
Overall	39%	48%	13%
Republican	98%	0%	2%
Democrat	0%	100%	0%
Independents	0%	34%	66%

## Party Affiliation

Simulated party-affiliation profile used for party-based breakouts in this report.

Response option	Weighted %
Republican	37%
Democrat	38%
Independents	25%

### Q10. 2028 Republican Presidential Primary (Republicans only)

If the 2028 Republican presidential primary were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for?

Response option	Weighted %
JD Vance	39%
Marco Rubio	32%
Ron DeSantis	9%
Donald Trump, Jr.	0%
Ted Cruz	0%
Tulsi Gabbard	1%
Josh Hawley	4%
Nikki Haley	4%
Vivek Ramaswamy	0%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	0%
Glenn Youngkin	0%
Tom Cotton	2%
Someone else	3%
Undecided	6%

### Q11. Rubio Vs. Vance Head-To-Head (Republicans only)

If the 2028 Republican presidential primary came down to JD Vance and Marco Rubio, who would you vote for?

Response option	Weighted %
JD Vance	36%
Marco Rubio	42%
Undecided	22%

### Q12. 2028 Democratic Presidential Primary (Democrats only)

If the 2028 Democratic presidential primary were held today, which of the following candidates would you vote for?

Response option	Weighted %
Gavin Newsom	13%
Kamala Harris	9%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	12%
Pete Buttigieg	16%
Josh Shapiro	8%
Wes Moore	2%
Gretchen Whitmer	0%
Cory Booker	7%
JB Pritzker	1%
Bernie Sanders	9%
Mark Kelly	4%
Andy Beshear	3%
Someone else	2%
Undecided	14%

### Q13. AOC Vs. Newsom Head-To-Head (Democrats only)

If the 2028 Democratic presidential primary came down to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Gavin Newsom, who would you vote for?

Response option	Weighted %
Gavin Newsom	35%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	43%
Undecided	22%

### Q14. Vance Vs. Newsom General Election Matchup

If the general election were held today between JD Vance and Gavin Newsom, who would you vote for?

Response option	Weighted %
Republican JD Vance	39%
Democrat Gavin Newsom	44%
Would not vote	8%
Undecided	9%

#### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Republican JD Vance	Democrat Gavin Newsom	Would not vote	Undecided
Overall	39%	44%	8%	9%
Republican	81%	5%	7%	7%
Democrat	7%	80%	8%	5%
Independents	12%	56%	8%	24%

### Q15. Sports Betting

Do you support or oppose legalized sports betting in your state?

Response option	Weighted %
Strongly support	16%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	32%
Not sure / No opinion	22%

#### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure / No opinion
Overall	16%	15%	15%	32%	22%
Republican	15%	17%	4%	32%	32%
Democrat	12%	14%	23%	32%	19%
Independents	26%	10%	22%	33%	9%

## Q16. AI And Automation

Overall, do you think that AI and automation are a net positive or net negative for society?

Response option	Weighted %
Strongly net positive	7%
Somewhat net positive	10%
Roughly equal positives and negatives	34%
Somewhat net negative	18%
Strongly net negative	28%
Not sure	3%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Strongly net positive	Somewhat net positive	Roughly equal positives and negatives	Somewhat net negative	Strongly net negative	Not sure
Overall	7%	10%	34%	18%	28%	3%
Republican	12%	17%	31%	11%	23%	6%
Democrat	4%	5%	36%	23%	30%	2%
Independents	1%	9%	27%	25%	37%	1%

## Q17. Donald Trump Job Approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

Response option	Weighted %
Approve	32%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure / No opinion	10%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure / No opinion
Overall	32%	58%	10%
Republican	70%	13%	17%
Democrat	5%	94%	1%
Independents	10%	77%	13%

## Q18. New Data Center In Your Community

Would you support a new data center being built in your community?

Response option	Weighted %
Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	55%
Unsure / No opinion	17%

### Party Affiliation Crosstab

Group	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Unsure / No opinion
Overall	7%	9%	12%	55%	17%
Republican	12%	8%	11%	44%	25%
Democrat	2%	10%	15%	61%	12%
Independents	8%	9%	9%	64%	10%

# Demographic Toplines

Weighted respondent profile for the demographic variables used throughout the report

## Gender

Weighted respondent profile by gender.

Response option	Weighted %
Male	48%
Female	52%

## Age Group

Weighted respondent profile by age group.

Response option	Weighted %
18-29	12%
30-44	22%
45-54	17%
55-64	20%
65 and over	29%

## Education Category

Weighted respondent profile by education category.

Response option	Weighted %
High school or less	33%
Some college	27%
Bachelor's degree	24%
Post graduate	16%

## Race

Weighted respondent profile by race category.

Response option	Weighted %
White	68%
Black	12%
Hispanic	13%
Asian / Other	7%

## Living Situation

Weighted respondent profile by living situation.

Response option	Weighted %
With spouse / partner	44%
With children	6%
Multigenerational household	8%
Alone	13%
With parents	6%
With roommates	4%
Prefer not to answer / Other	5%
No answer	14%

## Religious Participation

Weighted respondent profile by religious participation.

Response option	Weighted %
Weekly	24%
Monthly	5%
Holidays only	8%
Rarely	21%
Never	26%
No answer	16%

## Methodology note

In keeping with the AAPOR Transparency Initiative, any public release of this study should disclose the sponsor and research organization, exact questionnaire wording, population under study, sample source and recruitment method, mode(s) of data collection, field dates, unweighted sample size, weighting variables and targets, data-quality procedures, and the general limitations of survey research. The following methodological note is consistent with the Initiative.

This study captures public opinion of registered voters across the United States. The survey was sponsored by Overton Insights and conducted by employees of Overton Insights. Respondents were recruited from a voter-file sample of registered voters with available cell phone numbers supplied by L2 using peer-to-peer SMS text-message invitations. A total of 125,317 text-message invitations were sent between May 16 and May 20, 2026, and 1,377 completed interviews are included in the final dataset. Respondents who entered the survey completed a self-administered online questionnaire in English. No incentive or compensation was offered for participants' time.

This report presents weighted results and the exact wording of the questions reported. Results were weighted on gender, age, education, and race to reflect the registered-voter population, using targets from voter files. Prior to weighing and analysis, the data were reviewed using quality control measures, including duplicate screening, speeder removal, and attention/logic checks.

As with all survey research, the results are subject to potential sources of error, including nonresponse bias, coverage limitations, measurement error, weighting effects, and question-wording or order effects.