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Survey of Likely General Election Voters **National**

September 11 – 13, 2026 | n=1200 | $\pm 2.83\%$

Q1. Top Priority: Which one of the following issues is the most important to you in the election for U.S. Congress?

	Freq.	%
Inflation and the cost of living	314	26.2%
Threats to democracy	176	14.7%
Illegal immigration and border security	114	9.5%
Government spending and waste	98	8.2%
Social Security and Medicare	97	8.1%
Election integrity, rules, and voting reform	91	7.6%
Jobs and the economy	80	6.6%
Healthcare	67	5.6%
Data centers and AI	49	4.1%
Gun control	26	2.2%
National security	25	2.1%
Crime and public safety	19	1.6%
Abortion	19	1.5%
Unsure	25	2.1%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q2. Vote Method: How do you plan to vote in the November general election for U.S. Congress and state offices?

	Freq.	%
<u>Vote In-Person On Election Day</u>	597	49.7%
Definitely vote in-person on Election Day	424	35.4%
Probably vote in-person on Election Day	172	14.4%
<u>Vote Absentee By Mail</u>	256	21.3%
Definitely vote absentee by mail	184	15.4%
Probably vote absentee by mail	72	6.0%
<u>Vote Early In-Person</u>	347	28.9%
Definitely vote early in-person	181	15.1%
Probably vote early in-person	166	13.9%
<u>I do NOT plan to vote in the November general election</u>	0	0.0%
Unsure	0	0.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q3. Election Determination: On a scale of 0 to 10, how determined are you to vote in this year's elections for U.S. Congress, with 0 meaning not determined at all and 10 meaning extremely determined?

	Freq.	%
<u>Low Interest</u>	64	5.3%
0	6	0.5%
1	1	0.1%
2	1	0.1%
3	9	0.8%
4	5	0.4%
5	41	3.4%
<u>Mid-Interest</u>	226	18.8%
6	20	1.7%
7	40	3.4%
8	79	6.6%
9	86	7.2%



<u>10</u>	<u>901</u>	<u>75.1%</u>
Unsure	9	0.8%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q4. Election Trust: Would you say the administration of elections in the United States overall is getting more trustworthy, less trustworthy, or staying the same?

	Freq.	%
<u>More Trustworthy</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>19.6%</u>
Definitely more trustworthy	103	8.6%
Somewhat more trustworthy	132	11.0%
<u>Staying the same</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>24.3%</u>
<u>Less Trustworthy</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>51.6%</u>
Somewhat less trustworthy	218	18.2%
Definitely less trustworthy	401	33.4%
Unsure	54	4.5%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q5. Generic Ballot: If the election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for U.S. Congress?

	Freq.	%
<u>Republican Candidate</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>41.7%</u>
Definitely the Republican candidate	387	32.3%
Probably the Republican candidate	113	9.5%
<u>Democratic Candidate</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>49.7%</u>
Probably the Democratic candidate	97	8.1%
Definitely the Democratic candidate	499	41.6%
Undecided	103	8.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q6. Trump Job Approval: Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Donald Trump is doing as President?

	Freq.	%
<u>Approve</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>40.1%</u>
Strongly approve	287	23.9%
Somewhat approve	194	16.2%
<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>58.7%</u>
Somewhat disapprove	100	8.3%
Strongly disapprove	604	50.4%
Unsure	15	1.3%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q7. 2020 Election Confidence: Looking back, which of the following options most closely describes your feelings about the national 2020 election process?

	Freq.	%
No significant issues with the process	412	34.3%
Minor administrative problems	107	9.0%
Significant irregularities that didn't change outcome	143	11.9%
Widespread process errors or fraud that altered results	423	35.2%
Unsure	115	9.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%



Q8. 2024 Election Confidence: More recently, which of the following options most closely describes your feelings about the national 2024 election process?

	Freq.	%
No significant issues with the process	397	33.1%
Minor administrative problems	160	13.3%
Significant irregularities that didn't change outcome	255	21.3%
Widespread process errors or fraud that altered results	243	20.3%
Unsure	145	12.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q9. 2026 Election Confidence: Compared to recent elections, which of the following options most closely describes your feelings about the upcoming national 2026 election process?

	Freq.	%
There will be no significant issues with the process	228	19.0%
There may be minor administrative problems	201	16.8%
There may be significant irregularities, but it won't change outcome	169	14.1%
There may be widespread process errors or fraud that alters results	419	34.9%
Unsure	182	15.2%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q10. Federal Mail Ballot List Requirement: A proposed federal rule would require all 50 states to provide the Postal Service with lists of mail-in voters, and for postal workers to check every individual mail ballot against the list of voters before delivering them to recipients. Currently, the Postal Service has no rule requiring mailed ballots and the receiving voter to be verified, and state election offices handle these checks.

Do you support or oppose requiring the U.S. Postal Service to check and verify mailed ballots match the voter they are supposed to be mailed to?

	Freq.	%
<u>Support</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>52.4%</u>
Strongly support	461	38.4%
Somewhat support	168	14.0%
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>491</u>	<u>40.9%</u>
Somewhat oppose	95	7.9%
Strongly oppose	396	33.0%
Unsure	80	6.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q11. Federal Ballot Mail Rejection: Under the same rule, the Postal Service would refuse to deliver the ballots a state mails out to its voters unless that state has met these requirements. Which statement comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Freq.	%
This is a reasonable federal intervention regulating how states conduct mail balloting	493	41.1%
This is federal overreach into how states run their own elections	587	48.9%
Unsure	120	10.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%



Q12. Mail-In Voting Preference: Which statement comes closer to your view about mail-in voting, even if neither is exactly right?

	Freq.	%
Mail-in voting opens the door for fraud and abuse. If elections are going to be secure, voting should happen in person, not through the mail.	493	41.1%
Mail-in voting is a convenient and secure way to vote. Safeguards like voter verification, ballot tracking, and audits help ensure that only legal votes are counted.	657	54.7%
Unsure	50	4.2%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q13. Mail Voting Removed: If you were not able to vote by mail in November, how much harder would it be for you to vote?

	Freq.	%
<u>Harder</u>	<u>533</u>	<u>44.4%</u>
Much harder	124	10.3%
Somewhat harder	189	15.8%
Only a little harder	220	18.3%
<u>Not any harder</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>52.8%</u>
Unsure	33	2.8%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q14. Voter ID Requirement: Which statement comes closer to your view about voter ID, even if neither is exactly right?

	Freq.	%
All voters should be required to provide ID to vote, including when voting by mail	834	69.5%
Providing government-issued identification every time you vote is not necessary	306	25.5%
Unsure	61	5.1%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q15. Proof of Citizenship Requirement: Which statement about citizenship and voting comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Freq.	%
Voters should be required to provide proof of citizenship in order to register to vote	870	72.5%
Voters should NOT be required to provide proof of citizenship in order to register to vote	259	21.6%
Unsure	71	5.9%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q16. SAVE America Act Position: Do you support or oppose the proposed SAVE America Act that would require voter ID, proof of citizenship to vote, and require states to remove non-citizens from their voting rolls?

	Freq.	%
<u>Support</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>58.1%</u>
Strongly support	547	45.6%
Somewhat support	149	12.5%
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>432</u>	<u>36.0%</u>



Somewhat oppose	90	7.5%
Strongly oppose	342	28.5%
Unsure	71	6.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q17. Election Trust Without SAVE America Act: Which comes closer to your view about the SAVE America Act, even if neither is exactly right?

	Freq.	%
Without the SAVE America Act, the results in November can't be trusted	471	39.3%
The results can be trusted whether or not the SAVE America Act passes	558	46.5%
Unsure	171	14.2%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q18. Voting Restrictions Tradeoff: Do you believe it is more important to stop voter fraud and non-citizens from voting or that eligible citizens are not denied the ability to vote?

	Freq.	%
<u>More Important To Stop Voter Fraud And Non-Citizens From Voting</u>	534	44.5%
Much more important to stop voter fraud and non-citizens from voting	405	33.7%
Somewhat more important to stop voter fraud and non-citizens from voting	129	10.7%
<u>More Important To Make Sure Eligible Citizens Are Not Denied The Ability To Vote</u>	613	51.1%
Somewhat more important to make sure eligible citizens are not denied the ability to vote	125	10.4%
Much more important to make sure eligible citizens are not denied the ability to vote	488	40.7%
Unsure	53	4.4%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q19. Non-Citizen Registration Concern: Are you concerned that non-citizens may be registered to vote in any of the following places? Select all that apply.

	Freq.	%
I'm not concerned about this anywhere	463	38.6%
In the country overall	416	34.6%
In states run by Democrats	367	30.6%
In large cities	289	24.0%
In your own state	276	23.0%
In states run by Republicans	143	11.9%
Unsure	52	4.3%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q20. Close Election Concern: Think about a close race for Congress decided by a few hundred votes. How concerned would you be that non-citizens voting could change who wins?

	Freq.	%
<u>Concerned</u>	666	55.5%
Very concerned	462	38.5%
Somewhat concerned	203	16.9%



<u>Not Concerned</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>41.2%</u>
Not very concerned	129	10.8%
Not concerned at all	365	30.4%
Unsure	40	3.3%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q21. State vs Federal Election Control: Which statement comes closer to your view of who should run elections in the states?

	Freq.	%
States should set and run their own elections with federal agencies having limited oversight roles.	711	59.3%
Federal agencies should be the ultimate decision-makers on election administration, even if states disagree.	388	32.4%
Unsure	100	8.4%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q22. National Standards: Congress has considered legislation setting national standards for election rules such as voter ID, mail-in voting, and registration deadlines. State laws that differ would be overridden. Do you support or oppose this legislation?

	Freq.	%
<u>Support</u>	<u>592</u>	<u>49.3%</u>
Strongly support	381	31.8%
Somewhat support	210	17.5%
<u>Oppose</u>	<u>492</u>	<u>41.0%</u>
Somewhat oppose	136	11.3%
Strongly oppose	357	29.7%
Unsure	116	9.7%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q23. Federal Control Under Trump: How comfortable would you be with the Trump administration overriding your state's election rules?

	Freq.	%
<u>Comfortable</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>38.6%</u>
Very comfortable	285	23.8%
Somewhat comfortable	178	14.8%
<u>Not Comfortable</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>56.1%</u>
Not very comfortable	107	8.9%
Not comfortable at all	566	47.2%
Unsure	63	5.2%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q24. Federal Control Under Democrats: How comfortable would you be with a future Democratic administration overriding your state's election rules?

	Freq.	%
<u>Comfortable</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>22.5%</u>
Very comfortable	133	11.1%
Somewhat comfortable	137	11.4%
<u>Not Comfortable</u>	<u>844</u>	<u>70.4%</u>
Not very comfortable	191	15.9%



Not comfortable at all	653	54.4%
Unsure	86	7.2%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q25. 2020 Candidate Effect: If a candidate for Congress says the 2020 election was stolen and that Donald Trump actually won, does that make you more likely or less likely to vote for them?

	Freq.	%
<u>More Likely</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>18.5%</u>
Much more likely	119	9.9%
Somewhat more likely	102	8.5%
<u>Makes no difference</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>25.0%</u>
<u>Less Likely</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>50.2%</u>
Somewhat less likely	66	5.5%
Much less likely	537	44.7%
Unsure	76	6.3%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q26. News Source: What are your primary sources for news? Select up to three options.

	Freq.	%
National broadcast television news (e.g. NBC, ABC, CBS)	364	30.3%
Local broadcast television news	316	26.3%
Cable news (e.g. Fox News, MSNBC / MS NOW, CNN)	426	35.5%
Streaming app(s) (e.g. YouTube TV, Hulu)	125	10.4%
<u>Social Media</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>38.2%</u>
TikTok	109	9.1%
Facebook	204	17.0%
Twitter / X	108	9.0%
YouTube	195	16.3%
Newspaper	151	12.6%
Talk radio	134	11.1%
Podcasts	135	11.3%
AI, like ChatGPT	39	3.2%
News media websites	371	30.9%
Other websites	165	13.7%
Unsure	43	3.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q27. Gender: Are you female or male?

	Freq.	%
Female	643	53.6%
Male	557	46.4%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q28. Age Range: What is your age as of today?

	Freq.	%
<u>Under 55</u>	<u>584</u>	<u>48.6%</u>
18 - 29	128	10.6%
30 - 45	250	20.8%
45 - 54	206	17.1%



<u>55 and Over</u>	<u>616</u>	<u>51.4%</u>
55 - 64	261	21.7%
65+	356	29.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q29. Partisanship by Response: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

	Freq.	%
<u>Republican</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>37.1%</u>
Strongly Republican	243	20.3%
Mostly Republican	202	16.9%
<u>Independent</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>25.8%</u>
<u>Democratic</u>	<u>426</u>	<u>35.5%</u>
Mostly Democratic	180	15.0%
Strongly Democratic	246	20.5%
Unsure	19	1.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q30. Ideology: And thinking about your views toward politics and government, would you say you are...

	Freq.	%
<u>Conservative</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>40.5%</u>
Very conservative	235	19.6%
Somewhat conservative	251	20.9%
<u>Moderate</u>	<u>338</u>	<u>28.2%</u>
<u>Liberal</u>	<u>336</u>	<u>28.0%</u>
Somewhat liberal	185	15.4%
Very liberal	150	12.5%
Unsure	40	3.4%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q31. Specific Voter History: Which of the following general elections did you vote in? Select all that apply.

	Freq.	%
2018 - Congressional Midterm	741	61.7%
2020 - Presidential	1,048	87.3%
2022 - Congressional Midterm	853	71.1%
2024 - Presidential	1,100	91.6%
I did not vote in any of these elections	31	2.6%
Unsure	20	1.7%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q32. Community Type: Do you consider the area where you live to be more rural, small town, suburban, or urban?

	Freq.	%
Rural	138	11.5%
Small town	190	15.9%
Suburban	618	51.5%
Urban	253	21.1%
Total	1,200	100.0%



Q33. Income by Response: What annual household income range do you fall within out of the following options?

	Freq.	%
Less than \$25,000	120	10.0%
\$25,000 - \$49,999	156	13.0%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	197	16.4%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	131	10.9%
\$100,000 - \$124,999	180	15.0%
\$125,000 - \$199,999	204	17.0%
\$200,000+	173	14.4%
Unsure	39	3.3%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q34. Race/Ethnicity: Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

	Freq.	%
White or Caucasian	847	70.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	30	2.5%
Black or African American	132	11.0%
Hispanic or Latino	131	10.9%
Other	40	3.3%
Unsure	21	1.7%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q35. 2024 Retro Ballot: Thinking back, who did you vote for in the 2024 election for President?

	Freq.	%
Republican Donald Trump	542	45.2%
Democrat Kamala Harris	542	45.2%
Another candidate	51	4.2%
Did not vote in 2024	40	3.3%
Unsure	24	2.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q36. Education Level: What's the highest level of education you have completed?

	Freq.	%
<u>No degree</u>	<u>626</u>	<u>52.1%</u>
Some high school	18	1.5%
High school diploma/GED	183	15.3%
Technical Certification	51	4.2%
Some college or Associate's Degree	373	31.1%
<u>At least College</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>47.3%</u>
Four-year undergraduate or Bachelor's Degree	327	27.2%
Graduate degree or further	241	20.1%
Unsure	7	0.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q37. General Election (X of 4)

	Freq.	%
0 of 4	48	4.0%
1 of 4	171	14.3%
2 of 4	209	17.4%



3 of 4	284	23.7%
4 of 4	476	39.7%
Unsure	11	0.9%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q38. Geography

	Freq.	%
South	253	21.1%
Midwest	266	22.1%
NorthEast	204	17.0%
Southwest/FI	237	19.8%
West	240	20.0%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q39. Gender + Age

	Freq.	%
F 18 - 29	68	5.7%
F 30 - 45	134	11.2%
F 45 - 54	110	9.2%
F 55 - 64	137	11.4%
F 65+	193	16.1%
M 18 - 29	59	4.9%
M 30 - 45	116	9.6%
M 45 - 54	95	7.9%
M 55 - 64	124	10.3%
M 65+	162	13.5%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q40. Partisanship + Gender

	Freq.	%
F GOP	210	17.5%
M GOP	236	19.7%
F DEM	285	23.7%
M DEM	141	11.8%
F Independent	137	11.4%
M Independent	173	14.4%
Unsure	19	1.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q41. Race + Gender

	Freq.	%
White Female	449	37.4%
White Male	398	33.1%
Asian Female	21	1.7%
Asian Male	9	0.8%
Black Female	72	6.0%
Black Male	60	5.0%
Hispanic Female	70	5.9%
Hispanic Male	60	5.0%
Other Female	21	1.7%
Other Male	19	1.6%
Unsure	21	1.7%



Total	1,200	100.0%
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Q42. Gender + Education

	Freq.	%
Female At least College	293	24.4%
Female No degree	345	28.8%
Male At least College	275	22.9%
Male No degree	280	23.4%
Unsure	7	0.6%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Q43. Party + Vote History

	Freq.	%
R 0-2/4	140	11.7%
R 3-4/4	304	25.3%
D 0-2/4	172	14.3%
D 3-4/4	247	20.5%
Independent 0-2/4	108	9.0%
Independent 3-4/4	200	16.7%
Unsure	30	2.5%
Total	1,200	100.0%

Methodology

This probabilistic survey was conducted September 11 – 13, 2026, with 1200 likely general election voters in National. It has a margin of error of $\pm 2.83\%$. Known registered voters were interviewed via online panel and SMS. This survey was weighted to a likely general election voter universe.

About the Firm

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