



OVERVIEW

The study was conducted for CNN via web on the SSRS Opinion Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. SSRS is an independent research company. Surveys were obtained **February 24-28, 2025**, with a representative sample of n=**2,212** respondents. The margin of sampling error for total respondents is +/-**2.4** at the 95% confidence level. The design effect is **1.4**. More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting www.ssrs.com.

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NOTE ABOUT RESULTS

Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the August 3-6, 2017 survey and ending with the April 21-26, 2021 survey are from polls conducted by SSRS via telephone only. For more information about other trend data included in this topline, please see the "More on Methodology" section at the end of this document.

Results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from telephone surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from telephone surveys conducted by Gallup.

Question text noted in parentheses was rotated or randomized. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*).

NOTE ABOUT CROSSTABS

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum N=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than N=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "**SN**" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.

A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
February 24-28, 2025	48%	52%	*
February 13-17, 2025	47%	52%	1%
January 9-14, 2021	34%	62%	4%
October 23-26, 2020	42%	55%	4%
October 1-4, 2020	40%	57%	3%
Aug. 28-Sept. 01, 2020	41%	53%	7%
August 12-15, 2020	42%	54%	3%
June 2-5, 2020	38%	57%	5%
May 7-10, 2020	45%	51%	4%
April 3-6, 2020	44%	51%	5%
March 4-7, 2020	43%	53%	4%
January 16-19, 2020	43%	53%	4%
December 12-15, 2019	43%	53%	4%
November 21-24, 2019	42%	54%	4%
October 17-20, 2019	41%	57%	2%
September 5-9, 2019	39%	55%	6%
August 15-18, 2019	40%	54%	6%
June 28-30, 2019	43%	52%	5%
May 28-31, 2019	43%	52%	5%
April 25-28, 2019	43%	52%	5%
March 14-17, 2019	42%	51%	8%
Jan. 30-Feb. 02, 2019	40%	55%	5%
January 10-11, 2019	37%	57%	7%
December 06-09, 2018	39%	52%	9%
November 01-03, 2018	39%	55%	6%
October 04-07, 2018	41%	52%	7%
September 06-09, 2018	36%	58%	6%
August 09-12, 2018	42%	53%	5%
June 14-17, 2018	39%	54%	7%
May 02-05, 2018	41%	53%	6%
March 22-25, 2018	42%	54%	5%
February 20-23, 2018	35%	58%	7%
January 14-18, 2018	40%	55%	5%
December 14-17, 2017	35%	59%	6%
November 02-05, 2017	36%	58%	6%
October 12-15, 2017	37%	57%	6%
September 26-28, 2017	37%	56%	7%
September 17-20, 2017	40%	55%	5%
August 03-06, 2017	38%	56%	5%
April 22-25, 2017	44%	54%	2%
March 01-04, 2017	45%	52%	3%
Jan. 31-Feb. 02, 2017	44%	53%	3%

Q2. Do you think the policies being proposed by Donald Trump will move the country in the (right direction) or the (wrong direction)? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Right direction	Wrong direction	No opinion
February 24-28, 2025*	39%	45%	15%
Jan. 30-Feb. 02, 2019	41%	53%	5%
January 14-18, 2018	40%	52%	8%
October 12-15, 2017	38%	56%	6%
March 1-4, 2017	49%	50%	1%
January 12-15, 2017**	48%	49%	3%

*Don't know/Prefer not to say option displayed for respondents

** Asked of half sample A respondents after Q3 and half sample B respondents before demographics

COMPARE TO:

Joe Biden	The right direction	The wrong direction	No opinion
March 3-8, 2021	54%	41%	5%
October 23-26, 2020	51%	42%	6%

QUESTION WORDING: Do you think the policies being proposed by Joe Biden will move the country in the right direction or the wrong direction?

Q3. So far, would you say Donald Trump (has had the right priorities), or that he (hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems)? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Has had the right priorities	Hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems	No opinion
February 24-28, 2025*	40%	52%	8%
February 13-17, 2025	45%	55%	*
November 01-03, 2018	40%	56%	4%
September 26-28, 2017	34%	59%	6%
August 03-06, 2017	37%	59%	5%
April 22-25, 2017	44%	55%	*

*Don't know/Prefer not to say option displayed for respondents

COMPARE TO:

Joe Biden	Has had the right priorities	Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems	No opinion
May 17-20, 2023	31%	69%	*
October 26-31, 2022	35%	65%	*
June 13-July 13, 2022	31%	68%	*
November 1-4, 2021	42%	58%	0%
April 21-26, 2021	53%	43%	3%

QUESTION WORDING: So far, would you say Joe Biden (has had the right priorities), or that he (hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems)?

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CNN/ORC AND CNN/TIME TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

	<u>Right priorities</u>	Not enough attention to most important <u>problems</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<u>Obama</u>			
2010 Oct 27-30	42%	56%	3%
2010 Jan 22-24	45%	55%	*
2009 Apr 23-26	63%	35%	1%
<u>Bush</u>			
2003 Dec 30 – 2004 Jan 1	45%	52%	3%
2003 Jan 15-16	48%	47%	5%
2001 Jul 17-18	47%	47%	6%
2001 May 23-24	46%	49%	5%
<u>Clinton</u>			
1993 May 12-13	39%	56%	5%
1993 Apr 28-29	37%	56%	17%

MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of n=2,212 adults were surveyed via web on the SSRS Opinion Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. Surveys were conducted in English and Spanish.

Results for the full sample have a margin of sampling error of +/- 2.4 percentage points.

Among the entire sample, **29%** described themselves as Democrats, **31%** described themselves as Republicans, and **39%** described themselves as independents or members of another party.

The entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, age, education, race, Hispanic Nativity, and census region. The sample was also weighted to reflect benchmarks for population density, civic engagement, voter registration, and Pew Research Center's NPORS figures for religious affiliation and frequency of internet use. The sample was also weighted for party identification in detail (leaners broken out). The benchmarks for party identification were taken from CNN's national poll conducted by SSRS via web and phone from June 3-23, 2024, which implemented a full probability design via Address-Based Sampling (ABS).

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum n=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than n=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "SN" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.

NOTE ON TRENDS

All included trend points were based on surveys conducted using probability-based sampling methods. Some surveys included as trend points in this document were conducted using different methodologies, or with different combinations of sponsors. Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the August 3-6, 2017 survey and ending with the April 21-26, 2021 survey are from polls conducted by SSRS via telephone only. Most surveys conducted since April 2021 were conducted using SSRS's probability-based panel via web and phone. The table below contains more details on the methodology behind each CNN poll conducted by SSRS using other methods.

Address-Based Sampling	Probability Panel: Web only	Probability Panel: SMS only
August 3-September 7, 2021	March 25-26, 2019	February 25-26, 2022
January 10-February 6, 2022	September 21-22, 2020	May 12-13, 2022
June 13-July 13, 2022	October 7-11, 2021	March 31-April 1, 2023
September 3-October 5, 2022	February 23-26, 2022	October 12-13, 2023
March 1-31, 2023	May 3-5, 2022	
July 1-31, 2023	July 22-24, 2022 (Recontact)	
November 1-30, 2023		
June 3-23, 2024		

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CNN/SSRS Poll -- February 24, 2025 to February 28, 2025

TABLE 001

Question A1

A1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Trump Apprv	Trump Dis-apprv
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	48%	54%	42%	55%	37%	100%	0%
Disapprove	52%	46%	57%	45%	63%	0%	100%
Not sure	*	0%	*	*	0%	0%	0%
Don't know/Refused	*	*	0%	*	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.4

	Total	18-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	48%	47%	51%	45%	45%	50%
Disapprove	52%	53%	49%	55%	55%	50%
Not sure	*	*	*	0%	*	*
Don't know/Refused	*	*	0%	0%	0%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	48%	47%	48%	51%	41%	61%	45%
Disapprove	52%	53%	52%	48%	58%	38%	55%
Not sure	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%	*
Don't know/Refused	*	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.3

	Total	Demo-crat	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	48%	10%	41%	90%	14%	42%	80%
Disapprove	52%	90%	59%	10%	86%	58%	20%
Not sure	*	0%	*	0%	0%	0%	*
Don't know/Refused	*	0%	0%	0%	0%	*	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.8	3.8	4.3

	Total	Lean Demo-crat	Lean Repub lican	Regis tered Voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Approve	48%	10%	86%	48%
Disapprove	52%	90%	14%	52%
Not sure	*	0%	*	*
Don't know/Refused	*	*	0%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.6

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TABLE 002
 Question 2

2. Do you think the policies being proposed by Donald Trump will move the country in the (right direction) or the (wrong direction)?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Trump Apprv	Trump Dis-apprv
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Right direction	39%	46%	34%	48%	25%	81%	2%
Wrong direction	45%	41%	48%	40%	53%	3%	84%
Don't know/Refused	15%	13%	18%	11%	21%	16%	15%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.4

	Total	18-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Right direction	39%	36%	44%	43%	34%	44%
Wrong direction	45%	45%	44%	47%	47%	44%
Don't know/Refused	15%	18%	12%	10%	18%	13%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Right direction	39%	35%	42%	41%	37%	53%	42%
Wrong direction	45%	45%	47%	40%	54%	32%	52%
Don't know/Refused	15%	20%	11%	19%	9%	15%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.3

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Right direction	39%	8%	28%	84%	10%	32%	74%
Wrong direction	45%	84%	48%	8%	85%	46%	16%
Don't know/Refused	15%	9%	24%	8%	4%	22%	11%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.8	3.8	4.3

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Regis tered Voter
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Right direction	39%	7%	78%	42%
Wrong direction	45%	83%	10%	46%
Don't know/Refused	15%	10%	12%	12%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.6

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TABLE 003
 Question 3

3. So far, would you say Donald Trump (has had the right priorities), or that he (hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems)?

Base: Total Respondents

	Total	Men	Women	White	Ppl of Color	Trump Apprv	Trump Dis-apprv
Has had the right priorities	40%	46%	36%	49%	26%	79%	5%
Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems.....	52%	48%	56%	43%	66%	12%	88%
Don't know/Refused	8%	7%	9%	7%	8%	9%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.4	3.0	4.3	3.5	3.4

	Total	18-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Has had the right priorities	40%	36%	45%	45%	34%	45%
Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems.....	52%	55%	48%	50%	57%	48%
Don't know/Refused	8%	9%	7%	5%	9%	7%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	4.8	4.8	3.8	3.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
Has had the right priorities	40%	35%	43%	42%	38%	54%	42%
Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems.....	52%	53%	52%	49%	57%	36%	54%
Don't know/Refused	8%	12%	5%	9%	5%	10%	4%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.3	3.0	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.3

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
Has had the right priorities	40%	7%	32%	81%	10%	34%	73%
Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems.....	52%	89%	55%	14%	85%	56%	21%
Don't know/Refused	8%	4%	13%	5%	5%	10%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	4.1	4.6	3.8	4.8	3.8	4.3

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	Regis tered Voter
Has had the right priorities	40%	7%	76%	43%
Hasn't paid enough attention to most important problems.....	52%	87%	18%	51%
Don't know/Refused	8%	6%	6%	6%
Sampling Error (+/-)	2.4	3.5	3.2	2.6