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Online sample of 3969 likely voters fielded over web panels from February 02, 2026 to February 08, 2026 and weighted by gender, race, education, potus 2024 and birth_year. Respondents were also weighted by whether they passed attention checks. The margin of error is 2.1%.

1. Please select your gender:

		D	R	I
Male.....	48%	37%	53%	53%
Female.....	52%	63%	47%	47%

2. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

		D	R	I
No high school diploma.....	2%	1%	2%	2%
High school diploma or equivalent.....	24%	21%	25%	26%
Some college, no degree.....	24%	25%	25%	22%
Associate's degree.....	13%	13%	14%	13%
Bachelor's degree.....	25%	26%	26%	25%
Advanced degree (such as Masters, Professional, or Doctorate degree)	11%	14%	8%	12%

3. Choose the race or ethnicity you consider yourself to be:

		D	R	I
White.....	76%	62%	89%	74%
Black or African American.....	14%	29%	3%	12%
Hispanic or Latino/a.....	5%	5%	4%	5%
Asian.....	1%	2%	1%	2%
American Indian or Alaska Native.....	2%	0%	2%	3%
Other race.....	2%	1%	1%	4%

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

		D	R	I
Strongly approve.....	22%	1%	49%	12%
Somewhat approve.....	22%	3%	37%	24%
Somewhat disapprove.....	9%	6%	6%	13%



		D	R	I
Strongly disapprove	45%	88%	6%	46%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	4%
Total Approve	44%	4%	87%	36%
Total Disapprove	53%	94%	12%	60%
Net Total Approve	-9%	-90%	74%	-23%

5. Did you vote in the 2024 presidential election?

		D	R	I
Yes, I voted	94%	96%	97%	88%
No, I didn't vote	6%	4%	3%	12%
I'm not sure	0%	0%	0%	1%

6. Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?

(Asked only of respondents who answered 'voted' to voted_2024)
(n=2823)

		D	R	I
Democrat Kamala Harris	48%	96%	4%	50%
Republican Donald Trump	52%	4%	95%	48%
Libertarian Chase Oliver	0%	0%	0%	0%
Green Party candidate Jill Stein	0%	0%	0%	0%
Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	0%	0%	0%	0%
Someone else	0%	0%	0%	1%

7. Did you vote in the 2020 presidential election?

		D	R	I
Yes, I voted	86%	91%	89%	77%
No, I didn't vote	14%	9%	10%	21%
I'm not sure	1%	0%	1%	2%

8. Who did you vote for in the 2020 presidential election?

(Asked only of respondents who answered 'voted' to voted_2020)
(n=2712)

		D	R	I
Republican Donald Trump	49%	3%	94%	44%
Democrat Joe Biden	48%	96%	5%	50%
Libertarian Jo Jorgensen	1%	1%	0%	3%
Green Party candidate Howie Hawkins	0%	0%	0%	0%



		D	R	I
Someone else	1%	0%	1%	3%

9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

		D	R	I
Democrat	31%	100%	0%	0%
Republican	36%	0%	100%	0%
Independent	29%	0%	0%	86%
Something else	5%	0%	0%	14%

10. If you had to choose, would you say you typically lean more towards Democrats or more towards Republicans?

(Asked only of respondents who did not answer 'democrat' to party_self_id and Asked only of respondents who did not answer 'republican' to party_self_id)
(n=1557)

		D	R	I
Democrats	31%	0%	0%	32%
Republicans	32%	0%	0%	32%
Neither	37%	0%	0%	37%

11. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Joe Biden

		D	R	I
Very favorable	14%	34%	2%	7%
Somewhat favorable	25%	50%	3%	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	12%	14%	22%
Very unfavorable	43%	3%	81%	41%
Not sure/never heard of	2%	1%	0%	4%
Total Favorable	39%	85%	5%	33%
Total Unfavorable	59%	15%	94%	63%
Net Total Favorable	-20%	70%	-89%	-30%

12. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Donald Trump

		D	R	I
Very favorable	24%	1%	55%	14%
Somewhat favorable	21%	5%	33%	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%	5%	6%	13%
Very unfavorable	45%	89%	6%	46%
Not sure/never heard of	1%	1%	0%	3%



		D	R	I
Total Favorable	46%	6%	88%	38%
Total Unfavorable	53%	94%	12%	59%
Net Total Favorable	-8%	-88%	76%	-22%

13. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: Kamala Harris

		D	R	I
Very favorable.....	21%	50%	2%	13%
Somewhat favorable.....	23%	40%	4%	27%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	11%	7%	9%	17%
Very unfavorable.....	43%	3%	83%	38%
Not sure/never heard of.....	2%	1%	1%	5%
Total Favorable	44%	90%	7%	40%
Total Unfavorable	54%	9%	92%	55%
Net Total Favorable	-11%	80%	-85%	-15%

14. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people?: J.D. Vance

		D	R	I
Very favorable.....	24%	1%	54%	13%
Somewhat favorable.....	20%	5%	30%	22%
Somewhat unfavorable.....	10%	12%	5%	14%
Very unfavorable.....	37%	74%	5%	37%
Not sure/never heard of.....	9%	8%	6%	14%
Total Favorable	44%	6%	84%	35%
Total Unfavorable	47%	86%	9%	51%
Net Total Favorable	-4%	-80%	75%	-16%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? As AI systems become more and more powerful, we have to worry about losing control of these systems. While Congress debates rules for AI, they should ensure this risk is addressed.

		D	R	I
Agree.....	84%	84%	85%	81%
Disagree.....	6%	5%	6%	6%
Not sure.....	11%	11%	9%	12%



16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Catastrophic risks from AI require the same seriousness as nuclear security.

		D	R	I
Agree.....	63%	64%	62%	63%
Disagree.....	15%	14%	16%	15%
Not sure.....	22%	22%	22%	22%

17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? We should not build AI systems smarter than humans without knowing how to control them.

		D	R	I
Agree.....	82%	84%	82%	79%
Disagree.....	8%	7%	8%	8%
Not sure.....	10%	9%	10%	13%

18. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? There should be a guaranteed “off switch” for the most powerful AI systems.

		D	R	I
Agree.....	88%	88%	90%	87%
Disagree.....	3%	3%	2%	2%
Not sure.....	9%	9%	8%	10%

19. Some policy makers are proposing creating export controls and restrictions to limit the sharing of AI software and hardware with China, Russia, and other adversary nations. Supporters say this would protect national security and prevent adversaries from using American technology against us. Critics say it could hurt U.S. companies' global competitiveness and push other countries to develop their own AI industries independently. Do you support or oppose this policy?

		D	R	I
Support this policy.....	55%	49%	62%	52%
Oppose this policy.....	12%	15%	11%	10%
Not sure.....	33%	36%	27%	37%

20. Some policymakers are proposing security requirements for advanced AI systems. Companies developing powerful AI models would be required to implement strong cybersecurity protections for their systems, in order to prevent foreign governments from obtaining access to proprietary AI technology. Supporters say this would protect American innovation and national security. Critics say it could burden AI companies with costly compliance requirements and slow down development. Would you support or oppose this policy?

		D	R	I
Support this policy.....	70%	71%	70%	69%



		D	R	I
Oppose this policy.....	7%	8%	8%	6%
Not sure.....	23%	21%	21%	25%

21. Which goal do you prioritize more in artificial intelligence policy?

		D	R	I
Keeping powerful AI technology out of the hands of America's enemies and maintaining America's strategic advantage	68%	68%	74%	63%
Giving AI developers the freedom to innovate and bring benefits of AI to the public	15%	14%	13%	18%
Not sure.....	17%	18%	13%	19%

22. On the whole, when thinking about artificial intelligence, would you say you are more excited about growth in artificial intelligence or more concerned about the risks?

		D	R	I
Mostly excited.....	5%	5%	6%	6%
Somewhat excited.....	13%	11%	14%	12%
Totally neutral.....	15%	16%	13%	16%
Somewhat concerned.....	29%	28%	30%	28%
Mostly concerned.....	34%	36%	33%	32%
Not sure.....	5%	5%	3%	5%

23. Which comes closer to your view?

		D	R	I
States should be allowed to set their own AI regulations	45%	53%	42%	42%
States should not be allowed to regulate AI.....	28%	22%	34%	27%
Not sure.....	26%	24%	24%	30%

24. Which comes closer to your view?

		D	R	I
States should be allowed to set their own AI regulations, even if the federal government also regulates AI	45%	55%	36%	44%
Only the federal government should be able to regulate AI, and federal law should override state AI laws.	35%	25%	45%	32%
Not sure.....	20%	20%	19%	23%



25. The U.S. Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI) is a government initiative housed within NIST. It evaluates the capabilities and security risks of both American and foreign AI systems, with a focus on threats like cyberattacks and bioweapons. CAISI also develops voluntary guidelines for AI developers and promotes U.S. leadership in setting international AI standards. Some policy makers are considering giving CAISI legislative authorization, which would establish it as a stable institution across administrations. Supporters say this would help the U.S. maintain leadership in global AI governance and ensure consistent safety standards. Critics say it could create unnecessary bureaucracy and give the government too much influence over the AI industry. Would you support or oppose authorizing this agency through legislation?

		D	R	I
Support authorizing the Center for AI Standards and Innovation	47%	45%	51%	44%
Oppose authorizing the Center for AI Standards and Innovation	17%	21%	16%	16%
Not sure.	36%	34%	34%	40%

26. Which approach to AI regulation would you prefer?

		D	R	I
Option A – No regulation: Under this approach, AI systems themselves would not be subject to regulatory requirements. All responsibility for illegal activity would fall on users of foundation AI models. Producers of the models would not face additional regulation.	6%	5%	6%	6%
Option B – Regulatory guardrails: Under this approach, companies developing advanced AI systems would be mandated to implement safety measures and security standards for their most advanced models. Models would have to incorporate guardrails to address extreme risks, including preventing AI from being used to create bioweapons and from evading human control.	81%	82%	81%	79%
Not sure.	14%	13%	12%	15%

27. Which approach to AI regulation would you prefer?

		D	R	I
Option A – No regulation: Under this approach, AI systems themselves would not be subject to regulatory requirements. All responsibility for illegal activity would fall on users of foundation AI models. Producers of the models would not face additional regulation.	15%	12%	18%	16%
Option B – Ban: Under this approach, building AI systems more powerful than those currently in existence would be made illegal for the time	60%	65%	60%	57%



		D	R	I
being. More powerful systems would only be allowed to be built after more research has been conducted to prove that these systems would be safe.				
Not sure	24%	23%	23%	27%

28. Which approach to AI regulation would you prefer?

		D	R	I
Option A – Ban: Under this approach, building AI systems more powerful than those currently in existence would be made illegal for the time being. More powerful systems would only be allowed to be built after more research has been conducted to prove that these more powerful models would be safe.	24%	28%	23%	22%
Option B – Regulatory guardrails: Under this approach, companies developing advanced AI systems would be mandated to implement safety measures and security standards for their most advanced models. Models would have to incorporate guardrails to address extreme risks, including preventing AI from being used to create bioweapons and from evading human control.	59%	55%	60%	60%
Not sure	17%	16%	17%	18%

29. Some policymakers are proposing holding AI companies legally responsible when their AI models are used to cause serious harm, such as creating bioweapons, conducting cyberattacks on critical infrastructure, or enabling attacks that cause mass casualties. Supporters say this would incentivize companies to build safer AI systems and give victims a path to justice. Critics say it could stifle innovation, expose companies to frivolous lawsuits, and unfairly punish developers for misuse by bad actors. Do you support or oppose this policy?

		D	R	I
Support this policy	65%	67%	63%	65%
Oppose this policy	12%	11%	13%	11%
Not sure	23%	22%	24%	24%

30. Some policy makers are proposing requiring that, when AI systems make important decisions about people, companies must tell them and allow them to request a human to review those decisions. Supporters say this would protect individuals from unfair or biased automated decisions and ensure accountability. Critics say it could slow down efficient



processes, increase costs for businesses, and be impractical for decisions made at scale. Do you support or oppose this policy?

		D	R	I
Support this policy	67%	68%	66%	68%
Oppose this policy	12%	11%	12%	11%
Not sure	21%	20%	22%	21%

31. Congress is considering a bill that would require companies building the most powerful AI systems to conduct safety tests before releasing these systems to the public, including tests to ensure these systems cannot be weaponized by bad actors. Supporters say this would prevent dangerous AI systems from causing large-scale harm and stop adversaries from exploiting unsafe American technology. Opponents say this would slow innovation and give government too much control over AI development. Do you support or oppose this bill?

		D	R	I
Support	73%	74%	73%	73%
Oppose	9%	8%	9%	8%
Not sure	19%	18%	18%	19%

32. Congress is considering a bill that would reduce liability for companies building the most powerful AI systems that voluntarily conduct safety tests before releasing these systems to the public, including tests for the ability of these systems to evade human control or to be weaponized by bad actors. Companies that don't pass these tests would not receive these liability protections and it would be easier to sue them for harm. Supporters say this rewards responsible development and protects national security. Opponents say this could slow American AI development and let China get ahead. Do you support or oppose this bill?

		D	R	I
Support	51%	51%	51%	51%
Oppose	21%	22%	21%	21%
Not sure	28%	27%	28%	27%