



# CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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## **A Majority of Americans are Worried About the Prospects of the Trump Administration**

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### **Survey Methodology**

The survey was fielded by SSRS on its Opinion Panel Omnibus platform. The SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus is a national, twice-per-month, probability-based survey. Data collection was conducted from February 7 – February 9, 2025 among a sample of 1,005 respondents. The survey was conducted via web (n=975) and telephone (n=30) and administered in English. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus data are weighted to represent the target population of U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Q1. How would you characterize your overall outlook for President Trump’s new administration? Would you say you are:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Very worried	8%	75%	38%	40%
2. Somewhat worried	9%	15%	16%	14%
3. Neither worried nor hopeful	6%	4%	13%	9%
4. Somewhat hopeful	23%	5%	16%	14%
5. Very hopeful	54%	1%	19%	23%

Q2A. Among the following choices, please choose the THREE issues you are worried about MOST with President Trump’s new administration. If you are not worried about any of these issues, please select “None of the above”.

I am MOST worried about what the new administration might do towards: (Choose the top three issues)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. First amendment rights (freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly)	8%	26%	18%	18%
2. Democratic institutions	8%	20%	14%	13%
3. Federal agencies and departments	10%	23%	14%	16%
4. Income inequality	11%	16%	14%	14%
5. Climate change	9%	18%	10%	12%
6. Minority groups	10%	25%	14%	17%
7. Overall economy	22%	35%	24%	27%
8. U.S. involvement in international conflicts/war	19%	19%	24%	20%
9. NATO	4%	4%	8%	6%
10. Appointment of judges	2%	12%	8%	7%
11. Reproductive rights	7%	28%	18%	18%
12. LGBTQ communities	5%	19%	7%	11%
13. Immigration and deportation	13%	28%	19%	20%
14. International trade	10%	10%	16%	12%
15. International organizations	5%	2%	6%	4%
16. Gun rights	6%	4%	8%	5%
17. None of the above	51%	5%	26%	27%

Q2B. Among the following choices, please choose the THREE issues you are hopeful about MOST with President Trump’s new administration. If you are not hopeful about any of these issues, please select “None of the above”.

I am MOST hopeful about what the new administration might do towards: (Choose the top three issues)

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. First amendment rights (freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly)	29%	5%	17%	16%
2. Democratic institutions	2%	2%	3%	2%
3. Federal agencies and departments	24%	5%	15%	15%
4. Income inequality	11%	6%	7%	8%
5. Climate change	4%	1%	3%	3%
6. Minority groups	4%	4%	3%	4%
7. Overall economy	65%	10%	39%	37%
8. U.S. involvement in international conflicts/war	23%	7%	20%	16%
9. NATO	1%	1%	3%	1%
10. Appointment of judges	8%	2%	2%	4%
11. Reproductive rights	2%	4%	3%	3%
12. LGBTQ communities	5%	4%	4%	5%
13. Immigration and deportation	63%	13%	33%	35%
14. International trade	10%	7%	5%	8%
15. International organizations	3%	1%	4%	3%
16. Gun rights	21%	3%	14%	12%
17. None of the above	8%	76%	42%	43%

Q3. Which of the following best describes your view of how former President Biden's handling of the war in Gaza has impacted his legacy? Would you say it has:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Substantially damaged his legacy	53%	13%	29%	32%
2. Somewhat damaged his legacy	28%	35%	39%	33%
3. Has not impacted his legacy	12%	36%	27%	26%
4. Somewhat improved his legacy	5%	10%	4%	6%
5. Substantially improved his legacy	3%	5%	1%	3%

Q4. What is your assessment about the likelihood of a U.S. war with Iran under President Trump's new administration? Would you say the likelihood of war has:

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Substantially increased	5%	35%	18%	20%
2. Somewhat increased	15%	34%	30%	26%
3. Neither increased nor decreased	34%	23%	30%	30%
4. Somewhat decreased	24%	3%	10%	12%
5. Substantially decreased	21%	5%	13%	13%

Q5. When the Russia-Ukraine conflict comes up in conversations outside your home, which of the following do you feel MOST?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Russia	6%	7%	5%	6%
2. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Ukraine	5%	3%	6%	5%
3. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing U.S. policy	8%	13%	15%	11%
4. I don't feel the need to be extra careful	72%	65%	63%	66%
5. Other	9%	12%	11%	12%

Q6. When the Israeli-Palestinian conflict comes up in conversations outside your home, which of the following do you feel MOST?

	<b>Rep</b>	<b>Dem</b>	<b>Ind</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Israel	10%	14%	14%	12%
2. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Palestinians	5%	8%	12%	8%
3. I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing U.S. policy	5%	14%	11%	11%
4. I don't feel the need to be extra careful	69%	49%	52%	56%
5. Other	10%	15%	11%	14%