

# Searchlight September Omnibus Survey Toplines

Online sample of 1498 likely voters fielded over web panels from September 15, 2026 to September 17, 2026 and weighted by gender, race, 2024 Presidential Vote, education, age, and attention checks. The margin of error is 3.7%.

**1. Please select your gender:**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Female..... | 52% |
| Male.....   | 48% |

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

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| No high school diploma.....                                          | 2%  |
| High school diploma or equivalent.....                               | 24% |
| Some college, no degree.....                                         | 20% |
| Associate's degree.....                                              | 13% |
| Bachelor's degree.....                                               | 28% |
| Advanced degree (such as Masters, Professional, or Doctorate degree) | 13% |

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

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| White.....                            | 75% |
| Black or African American.....        | 10% |
| Hispanic or Latino/a.....             | 9%  |
| Asian.....                            | 3%  |
| Other race.....                       | 2%  |
| American Indian or Alaska Native..... | 0%  |

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

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Strongly approve .....    | 20%  |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 17%  |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 8%   |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 51%  |
| Not sure .....            | 3%   |
| Total Approve             | 38%  |
| Total Disapprove          | 59%  |
| Net Total Approve         | -21% |

**5. Did you vote in the 2024 presidential election?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Yes, I voted .....      | 94% |
| No, I didn't vote ..... | 6%  |
| I'm not sure .....      | 1%  |

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

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'voted' to voted\_2024)*  
**(n=1066)**

|                                        |     |
|----------------------------------------|-----|
| Democrat Kamala Harris .....           | 50% |
| Republican Donald Trump .....          | 49% |
| Green Party candidate Jill Stein ..... | 0%  |
| Libertarian Chase Oliver .....         | 0%  |
| Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr. .... | 0%  |
| Someone else .....                     | 0%  |

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

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Democrat .....       | 37% |
| Republican .....     | 37% |
| Independent .....    | 22% |
| Something else ..... | 4%  |

**8. 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=480)**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Republicans..... | 30% |
| Democrats.....   | 28% |
| Neither .....    | 42% |

**9. Do you live in an urban, suburban, or rural area?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Suburban ..... | 48% |
| Rural .....    | 26% |
| Urban.....     | 25% |
| Not sure.....  | 1%  |

**10. Which of the following best describes your current living situation?**

|                                                      |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Own the place where I live .....                     | 56% |
| Rent the place where I live .....                    | 34% |
| Live with friends or family without paying rent..... | 7%  |
| Other .....                                          | 2%  |

**11. Overall, would you say the United States is headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Wrong track.....     | 64% |
| Right direction..... | 27% |
| Not sure.....        | 10% |

**12. Here are issues that people may feel are important priorities for the president and Congress to address. Which three of these issues do you feel are the most important for leaders to focus on today?**

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The cost of living.....                                  | 76% |
| Healthcare.....                                          | 44% |
| Immigration and border security.....                     | 28% |
| Artificial intelligence (AI) and data center development | 27% |
| Crime and public safety.....                             | 27% |
| Jobs.....                                                | 21% |
| Housing.....                                             | 20% |
| Energy and electricity costs.....                        | 13% |
| Household costs.....                                     | 12% |
| Climate change.....                                      | 9%  |
| The environment and pollution.....                       | 9%  |
| None of these.....                                       | 4%  |

**13. Here is that same list again. Thinking about the Democratic Party, which three issues do you think the leaders of the Democratic Party are most focused on?**

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Healthcare.....                                          | 46% |
| The cost of living.....                                  | 44% |
| Housing.....                                             | 23% |
| Artificial intelligence (AI) and data center development | 22% |
| Jobs.....                                                | 19% |
| Climate change.....                                      | 16% |
| Immigration and border security.....                     | 14% |
| The environment and pollution.....                       | 13% |
| Household costs.....                                     | 11% |
| Crime and public safety.....                             | 10% |
| Energy and electricity costs.....                        | 10% |
| None of these.....                                       | 23% |

**14. Here is that same list again. Thinking about the Republican Party, which three issues do you think the leaders of the Republican Party are most focused on?**

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Immigration and border security.....                     | 59% |
| Crime and public safety.....                             | 43% |
| Artificial intelligence (AI) and data center development | 34% |
| The cost of living.....                                  | 26% |
| Jobs.....                                                | 19% |
| Healthcare.....                                          | 16% |
| Housing.....                                             | 9%  |
| Energy and electricity costs.....                        | 7%  |
| Household costs.....                                     | 6%  |
| The environment and pollution.....                       | 3%  |
| Climate change.....                                      | 3%  |
| None of these.....                                       | 24% |

**15. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Donald Trump**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable.....            | 22%  |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 16%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 8%   |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 51%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 3%   |
| Total Favorable                | 38%  |
| Total Unfavorable              | 59%  |
| Net Total Favorable            | -21% |

**16. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Joe Biden**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable.....            | 19%  |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 22%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 12%  |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 43%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 4%   |
| Total Favorable                | 41%  |
| Total Unfavorable              | 55%  |
| Net Total Favorable            | -13% |



**17. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: The oil and gas industry**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable.....            | 8%   |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 28%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 30%  |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 25%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 9%   |
| Total Favorable                | 36%  |
| Total Unfavorable              | 55%  |
| Net Total Favorable            | -18% |

**18. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Utility companies**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Very favorable.....            | 7%  |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 34% |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 30% |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 18% |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 11% |
| Total Favorable                | 42% |
| Total Unfavorable              | 48% |
| Net Total Favorable            | -6% |

**19. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Pharmaceutical companies**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable.....            | 7%   |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 29%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 32%  |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 22%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 9%   |
| Total Favorable                | 36%  |
| Total Unfavorable              | 55%  |
| Net Total Favorable            | -18% |

**20. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Environmental groups**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Very favorable.....            | 24% |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 33% |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 18% |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 15% |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 11% |
| Total Favorable                | 56% |
| Total Unfavorable              | 32% |
| Net Total Favorable            | 24% |

**21. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: The clean energy industry**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Very favorable.....            | 25% |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 36% |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 15% |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 12% |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 12% |
| Total Favorable                | 61% |
| Total Unfavorable              | 27% |
| Net Total Favorable            | 34% |

**22. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Data centers**

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable.....            | 6%   |
| Somewhat favorable.....        | 17%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable.....      | 25%  |
| Very unfavorable.....          | 41%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure..... | 11%  |
| Total Favorable                | 23%  |
| Total Unfavorable              | 65%  |
| Net Total Favorable            | -42% |

**23. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable view of the following people, groups, and things?: Artificial intelligence (AI)**

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Very favorable. ....             | 8%   |
| Somewhat favorable. ....         | 25%  |
| Somewhat unfavorable . ....      | 23%  |
| Very unfavorable . ....          | 37%  |
| Never heard of / Not sure . .... | 7%   |
| Total Favorable                  | 33%  |
| Total Unfavorable                | 60%  |
| Net Total Favorable              | -27% |

**24. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Keeping basic goods and services affordable**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more . ....      | 34% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 15% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 14% |
| Republicans much more . ....    | 20% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 17% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 48% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 34% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 14% |

**25. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Lowering the cost of energy**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more . ....      | 31% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 15% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 16% |
| Republicans much more . ....    | 21% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 17% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 46% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 37% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 9%  |



**26. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Improving public health**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more .....       | 37% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 16% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 13% |
| Republicans much more .....     | 19% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 15% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 53% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 32% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 21% |

**27. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Expanding current energy sources and developing new sources to meet America's energy  
demands**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more .....       | 31% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 15% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 14% |
| Republicans much more .....     | 24% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 16% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 46% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 38% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 9%  |

**28. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Reducing pollution and protecting the environment**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more .....       | 37% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 18% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 10% |
| Republicans much more .....     | 17% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 18% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 55% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 27% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 27% |

**29. Overall, do you have more confidence in Democrats or Republicans to address...:  
Combatting climate change**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Democrats much more .....       | 40% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....   | 19% |
| Republicans somewhat more. .... | 9%  |
| Republicans much more .....     | 14% |
| Not sure. ....                  | 19% |
| Total Trust Democrats More      | 59% |
| Total Trust Republicans More    | 23% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More  | 36% |

**30. Which of these monthly expenses puts the most strain on your household budget?**

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Housing costs (rent, mortgage, or other)..... | 30% |
| Food costs .....                              | 27% |
| Electricity bills.....                        | 14% |
| Healthcare .....                              | 9%  |
| Transportation costs .....                    | 5%  |
| Phone / internet bill .....                   | 2%  |
| Childcare or eldercare .....                  | 1%  |
| Not sure. ....                                | 7%  |
| Something else. ....                          | 4%  |

**31. Do you consider climate change to be...?**

|                                           |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| A crisis. ....                            | 29% |
| A serious problem, but not a crisis. .... | 24% |
| A somewhat serious problem .....          | 18% |
| Not a serious problem .....               | 21% |
| Not sure. ....                            | 7%  |

**32. Which of the following comes closer to your view?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'a' to clean\_energy\_cost\_frame)*

**(n=786)**

|                                                                      |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| We can use more clean energy and lower energy costs at the same time | 58% |
| Using more clean energy means energy costs will go up                | 23% |
| Not sure. ....                                                       | 18% |

**33. Which of the following comes closer to your view?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'b' to clean\_energy\_cost\_frame)*

**(n=712)**

|                                                                     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| We can fight climate change and lower energy costs at the same time | 55% |
| Fighting climate change means energy costs will go up               | 26% |
| Not sure. ....                                                      | 19% |

**34. If you had to choose, which of the following is more important?**

|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Keeping energy costs as low as possible .... | 56% |
| Fighting climate change ....                 | 33% |
| Not sure. ....                               | 11% |

**35. Which of the following comes closest to your view of American electricity production?**

|                                                                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The U.S. currently produces more than enough electricity to power everything on the grid    | 20% |
| The U.S. currently produces the right amount of electricity to power everything on the grid | 19% |
| The U.S. currently does not produce enough electricity to power everything on the grid      | 37% |
| Not sure. ....                                                                              | 24% |

**36. In the past 12 months, would you say your household's electricity bill has...?**

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Gone up a lot. ....          | 34% |
| Gone up a little. ....       | 35% |
| Mostly stayed the same. .... | 27% |
| Gone down a little. ....     | 3%  |
| Gone down a lot. ....        | 1%  |
| Total Gone Up                | 69% |
| Total Gone Down              | 4%  |
| Net Total Gone Up            | 65% |

**37. In the past 12 months, do you think your household’s electricity usage has...?**

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Gone up a lot.....          | 13% |
| Gone up a little.....       | 18% |
| Mostly stayed the same..... | 57% |
| Gone down a little.....     | 11% |
| Gone down a lot.....        | 2%  |
| Total Gone Up               | 31% |
| Total Gone Down             | 13% |
| Net Total Gone Up           | 18% |

**38. When electricity costs go up, who do you think is most responsible?**

|                                                     |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Utility companies .....                             | 37% |
| The government .....                                | 17% |
| Increased demand from AI and data centers .....     | 14% |
| Oil and gas companies.....                          | 8%  |
| Clean energy advocates.....                         | 4%  |
| Environmental advocates.....                        | 3%  |
| No one is responsible for rising electricity prices | 2%  |
| Not sure.....                                       | 15% |

**39. Of the following, what action do you think would most help to lower your energy bill in the next year?**

|                                                         |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Prevent utility companies from making excessive profits | 21% |
| End the war in Iran.....                                | 18% |
| Upgrade the electricity grid to make it more efficient  | 16% |
| Ban the development of data centers .....               | 11% |
| Increase access to clean energy sources.....            | 9%  |
| Increase access to fossil fuel sources.....             | 8%  |
| Something else.....                                     | 2%  |
| Not sure.....                                           | 15% |

**40. As far as you know, does increasing the amount of clean energy in the United States make electricity more expensive, less expensive, or does it not affect the price of electricity?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| More expensive .....            | 30% |
| Less expensive .....            | 23% |
| Has no impact on the price..... | 16% |
| Not sure .....                  | 31% |

**41. Do you think expanding clean energy production in the United States would mostly help...**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Blue collar workers ..... | 36% |
| White collar workers..... | 20% |
| Not sure .....            | 43% |

**42. Do you think expanding fossil fuel production in the United States would mostly help...**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Blue collar workers ..... | 40% |
| White collar workers..... | 19% |
| Not sure .....            | 42% |

**43. As far as you know, does the U.S. rely on other countries, like China, for materials or equipment needed to build clean energy technology, such as solar panels or batteries?**

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, relies heavily.....              | 24% |
| Yes, relies somewhat .....            | 39% |
| No, it is mostly self-sufficient..... | 9%  |
| Not sure .....                        | 28% |

**44. How concerning, if at all, is it to you that the U.S. might depend on other countries, like Germany, for materials needed to build energy infrastructure?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'a' to foreign\_dependence\_frame)*  
**(n=726)**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very concerning. ....      | 28% |
| Somewhat concerning. ....  | 36% |
| Not very concerning. ....  | 17% |
| Not at all concerning .... | 6%  |
| Not sure. ....             | 13% |
| Total Concerning           | 64% |
| Total Not Concerning       | 24% |
| Net Total Concerning       | 40% |

**45. How concerning, if at all, is it to you that the U.S. might depend on China for materials needed to build energy infrastructure?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'b' to foreign\_dependence\_frame)*  
**(n=771)**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very concerning. ....      | 37% |
| Somewhat concerning. ....  | 31% |
| Not very concerning. ....  | 11% |
| Not at all concerning .... | 4%  |
| Not sure. ....             | 16% |
| Total Concerning           | 68% |
| Total Not Concerning       | 15% |
| Net Total Concerning       | 53% |

**46. Which of the following comes closest to your view on electricity demand?**

|                                                                              |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| It is generally a good thing if demand for electricity increases in the U.S. | 18% |
| It is generally a bad thing if demand for electricity increases in the U.S.  | 51% |
| Not sure. ....                                                               | 31% |

**47. Do you think that building data centers to power AI is a good thing or a bad thing?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'a' to data\_center\_good\_bad\_frame)*

**(n=702)**

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Much more a good thing.....     | 6%   |
| Somewhat more a good thing..... | 15%  |
| Somewhat more a bad thing.....  | 24%  |
| Much more a bad thing.....      | 34%  |
| Not sure.....                   | 21%  |
| Total Good Thing                | 21%  |
| Total Bad Thing                 | 58%  |
| Net Total Good Thing            | -37% |

**48. Do you think that building data centers to power online services, like cloud storage for photos and videos, is a good thing or a bad thing?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'b' to data\_center\_good\_bad\_frame)*

**(n=795)**

|                                 |      |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Much more a good thing.....     | 5%   |
| Somewhat more a good thing..... | 15%  |
| Somewhat more a bad thing.....  | 27%  |
| Much more a bad thing.....      | 32%  |
| Not sure.....                   | 20%  |
| Total Good Thing                | 20%  |
| Total Bad Thing                 | 59%  |
| Net Total Good Thing            | -39% |

**49. Do you think that building heavy industry, like steel mills and smelters, is a good thing or a bad thing?**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Much more a good thing.....     | 16% |
| Somewhat more a good thing..... | 29% |
| Somewhat more a bad thing.....  | 15% |
| Much more a bad thing.....      | 9%  |
| Not sure.....                   | 30% |
| Total Good Thing                | 45% |
| Total Bad Thing                 | 25% |
| Net Total Good Thing            | 21% |

**50. If a large data center to power AI was going to be built in your community, would you support or oppose it?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'a' to data\_center\_local\_frame)*  
**(n=778)**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Strongly support ..... | 5%   |
| Somewhat support ..... | 12%  |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 22%  |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 44%  |
| Not sure .....         | 17%  |
| Total Support          | 17%  |
| Total Oppose           | 65%  |
| Net Total Support      | -48% |

**51. If a large data center to power online services, like cloud storage for photos and videos, was going to be built in your community, would you support or oppose it?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'b' to data\_center\_local\_frame)*  
**(n=720)**

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Strongly support ..... | 5%   |
| Somewhat support ..... | 17%  |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 20%  |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 37%  |
| Not sure .....         | 21%  |
| Total Support          | 22%  |
| Total Oppose           | 57%  |
| Net Total Support      | -36% |

**52. Who should be responsible for paying for the electricity that data centers use?**

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'a' to data\_center\_payer\_frame)*  
**(n=776)**

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The companies that own and operate the data centers   | 71% |
| The government .....                                  | 9%  |
| All electricity customers in the form of higher bills | 7%  |
| Not sure .....                                        | 13% |

53. Who should be responsible for paying for the poles and wires that move electricity from where it is produced to where it is used, commonly called “the grid”?

*(Asked only of respondents who answered 'b' to data\_center\_payer\_frame)*  
**(n=722)**

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The companies that own and operate the data centers   | 53% |
| The government .....                                  | 18% |
| All electricity customers in the form of higher bills | 9%  |
| Not sure. ....                                        | 19% |

54. Do you think the U.S. is in competition with China to build data centers and develop AI?

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes. .... | 74% |
| No. ....  | 26% |

55. Do you think competing with China to lead in AI and advanced technology is...?

|                                                          |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| A national security priority for the United States. .... | 41% |
| An economic priority, but not a national security issue  | 19% |
| Not a priority at all .....                              | 19% |
| Not sure. ....                                           | 20% |

56. How reliable or unreliable would you say your electricity is?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Very reliable. ....       | 41% |
| Somewhat reliable. ....   | 38% |
| Somewhat unreliable. .... | 7%  |
| Very unreliable. ....     | 4%  |
| Not sure. ....            | 10% |

57. Which of the following, if any, have you experienced in the past year?

|                                                                                            |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| A rolling blackout or planned power shutoff .....                                          | 7%  |
| An unplanned power outage lasting more than a few hours                                    | 31% |
| Being asked by your utility provider to reduce electricity use during a high demand period | 17% |
| None of the above .....                                                                    | 52% |

**58. How much confidence do you have that the U.S. electric grid can reliably handle the added demand from AI and data centers?**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| A great deal of confidence. ....  | 5%   |
| A fair amount of confidence. .... | 24%  |
| Not much confidence. ....         | 32%  |
| No confidence at all. ....        | 21%  |
| Not sure. ....                    | 19%  |
| Total Confident                   | 29%  |
| Total Not Confident               | 53%  |
| Net Total Confident               | -24% |

**59. If the U.S. electric grid became unable to reliably meet growing electricity demand, which of the following possible consequences would concern you the most?**

|                                                                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Higher electricity bills. ....                                                          | 35% |
| More frequent power outages. ....                                                       | 21% |
| Reduced reliability for hospitals, emergency services, or other critical infrastructure | 18% |
| The U.S. falling behind other countries like China in AI and technology development     | 6%  |
| Slower economic growth and fewer new jobs. ....                                         | 4%  |
| None of these concern me. ....                                                          | 3%  |
| Not sure. ....                                                                          | 12% |

**60. Who should be responsible for paying for updating the U.S. electric grid?**

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The companies that own and operate the electric grid  | 39% |
| The federal government. ....                          | 18% |
| Big tech companies. ....                              | 17% |
| State and local governments. ....                     | 6%  |
| All electricity customers in the form of higher bills | 5%  |
| Not sure. ....                                        | 15% |

**61. Do you agree or disagree with the following: If the U.S. electric grid cannot keep up with the electricity demands of AI and new technologies, it will put the country at a strategic disadvantage compared to rivals like China.**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Strongly agree .....   | 26% |
| Somewhat agree .....   | 34% |
| Somewhat disagree..... | 9%  |
| Strongly disagree..... | 5%  |
| Not sure.....          | 26% |
| Total Agree            | 59% |
| Total Disagree         | 15% |
| Net Total Agree        | 44% |

**62. Which of the following comes closest to your view on reliable electricity?**

|                                                                                                                               |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| A power grid that cannot keep up with demand is mainly a personal inconvenience to the people who need to put up with outages | 21% |
| A power grid that cannot keep up with demand is mainly a problem that threatens America’s national security and economy       | 57% |
| Not sure.....                                                                                                                 | 21% |

**63. Which of the following comes closest to your view?**

|                                                                                                                   |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Growth and development, like building more housing and infrastructure, are generally good for the U.S.            | 58% |
| Growth and development, like building more housing and infrastructure, often cause more problems than they solve. | 21% |
| Not sure.....                                                                                                     | 20% |

**64. Building new energy infrastructure, like power plants, transmission lines, or pipelines, often requires environmental review and government permits, which can take years to complete. Which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?**

|                                                                                                        |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| These reviews should be sped up, even if it means less time for environmental and community input      | 28% |
| The current review process should be kept as is, to fully protect environmental and community concerns | 48% |
| Not sure.....                                                                                          | 23% |



**65. Would you support or oppose changes to federal law that would speed up approval for new power lines needed to expand the electric grid, even if it means reducing the amount of time for public comment and environmental review?**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Strongly support ..... | 12% |
| Somewhat support ..... | 24% |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 23% |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 16% |
| Not sure .....         | 25% |
| Total Support          | 36% |
| Total Oppose           | 38% |
| Net Total Support      | -2% |

**66. As far as you know, how long does it currently take, on average, to get approval and build a new power line in the United States?**

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Less than 1 year .....    | 3%  |
| 1 to 3 years .....        | 14% |
| 4 to 6 years .....        | 12% |
| 7 to 9 years .....        | 6%  |
| More than ten years ..... | 7%  |
| Not sure .....            | 59% |

**67. When it comes to approving new energy projects, like power plants, transmission lines, or pipelines, do you think decisions should be made...**

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| Mostly by state and local governments ..... | 54% |
| Mostly by the federal government .....      | 22% |
| Not sure .....                              | 24% |

**68. How much confidence do you have in the federal government's ability to manage major long-term projects like modernizing the electric grid?**

|                                   |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| A great deal of confidence .....  | 5%   |
| A fair amount of confidence ..... | 24%  |
| Not much confidence .....         | 33%  |
| No confidence at all .....        | 20%  |
| Not sure .....                    | 19%  |
| Total Confident                   | 28%  |
| Total Not Confident               | 53%  |
| Net Total Confident               | -25% |

**69. How much confidence do you have in your state government’s ability to manage major long-term projects like modernizing the electric grid?**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| A great deal of confidence. ....  | 6%  |
| A fair amount of confidence. .... | 37% |
| Not much confidence. ....         | 24% |
| No confidence at all. ....        | 14% |
| Not sure. ....                    | 19% |
| Total Confident                   | 43% |
| Total Not Confident               | 38% |
| Net Total Confident               | 5%  |

**70. Who do you think should lead the project of modernizing the electric grid?**

|                                                 |     |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Private electricity and utility companies. .... | 27% |
| The federal government. ....                    | 25% |
| State and local governments. ....               | 24% |
| Not sure. ....                                  | 24% |

**71. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans more to do each of the following?: Keep energy costs affordable**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Trust Democrats much more. ....   | 32% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....     | 16% |
| Republicans somewhat more. ....   | 14% |
| Trust Republicans much more. .... | 21% |
| Not sure. ....                    | 17% |
| Total Trust Democrats More        | 48% |
| Total Trust Republicans More      | 35% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More    | 12% |

**72. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans more to do each of the following?: Make sure America has a reliable electric grid**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Trust Democrats much more. ....   | 30% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....     | 15% |
| Republicans somewhat more. ....   | 18% |
| Trust Republicans much more. .... | 21% |
| Not sure. ....                    | 17% |
| Total Trust Democrats More        | 44% |
| Total Trust Republicans More      | 39% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More    | 5%  |

**73. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans more to do each of the following?: Create jobs in the energy industry**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Trust Democrats much more. ....   | 29% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....     | 16% |
| Republicans somewhat more. ....   | 16% |
| Trust Republicans much more. .... | 23% |
| Not sure. ....                    | 16% |
| Total Trust Democrats More        | 45% |
| Total Trust Republicans More      | 39% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More    | 6%  |

**74. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans more to do each of the following?: Address climate change**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Trust Democrats much more. ....   | 37% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....     | 19% |
| Republicans somewhat more. ....   | 9%  |
| Trust Republicans much more. .... | 16% |
| Not sure. ....                    | 18% |
| Total Trust Democrats More        | 57% |
| Total Trust Republicans More      | 25% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More    | 32% |

**75. Do you trust Democrats or Republicans more to do each of the following?: Invest in an all-of-the-above approach to energy**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Trust Democrats much more. ....  | 28% |
| Democrats somewhat more. ....    | 18% |
| Republicans somewhat more. ....  | 15% |
| Trust Republicans much more .... | 20% |
| Not sure. ....                   | 19% |
| Total Trust Democrats More       | 47% |
| Total Trust Republicans More     | 35% |
| Net Total Trust Democrats More   | 12% |