



# CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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## **Attitudes on Trump's Actions Toward Universities and Assessment of His Administration's Policies Toward the Israeli/Palestinian Issue**

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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 April 3 – April 7, 2025 among a sample of 1,007 respondents. The survey was conducted via web (n=977) and telephone (n=30) and administered in English. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.7 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.

Note: Percentages may not always add to one hundred due to rounding.

Q1. When the Russia-Ukraine conflict comes up in conversations outside your home, which of the following do you feel MOST?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Russia	4%	5%	6%	5%
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Ukraine	8%	7%	8%	8%
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing U.S. policy	14%	17%	14%	14%
I don't feel the need to be extra careful	69%	68%	64%	65%
Other	5%	4%	9%	8%

Q2. When the Israeli-Palestinian conflict comes up in conversations outside your home, which of the following do you feel MOST?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Israel	11%	16%	18%	15%
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing Palestinians	14%	11%	8%	10%
I feel the need to be extra careful when criticizing U.S. policy	12%	15%	10%	12%
I don't feel the need to be extra careful	57%	55%	56%	55%
Other	6%	4%	8%	8%

Q3. How would you describe the Trump administration policy towards the Russia-Ukraine issue?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
It leans toward Russia more than I do	23%	68%	51%	44%
It leans toward Ukraine more than I do	4%	4%	5%	4%
It coincides with my position	45%	6%	17%	22%
I don't know	28%	22%	28%	30%

Q4. How would you describe the Trump administration policy towards the Israeli-Palestinian issue?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
It leans toward Israel more than I do	11%	48%	38%	30%
It leans toward Palestinians more than I do	5%	6%	4%	5%
It coincides with my position	55%	10%	22%	28%
I don't know	28%	37%	37%	37%

Q5A. You may have heard of the Trump administration's actions toward a number of American universities, students, and faculty, particularly regarding protests of the war in Gaza. How would you evaluate the degree to which the following reasons were behind the administration's actions: Confronting antisemitism.

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
A lot	36%	18%	23%	25%
Somewhat	24%	12%	21%	19%
Not much	12%	21%	22%	17%
Not at all	8%	26%	14%	15%
I don't know	20%	24%	20%	24%

Q5B. You may have heard of the Trump administration's actions toward a number of American universities, students, and faculty, particularly regarding protests of the war in Gaza. How would you evaluate the degree to which the following reasons were behind the administration's actions: Confronting critics of Israel.

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
A lot	29%	35%	26%	29%
Somewhat	28%	20%	28%	24%
Not much	16%	12%	19%	15%
Not at all	8%	9%	9%	9%
I don't know	19%	24%	19%	24%

Q5C. You may have heard of the Trump administration's actions toward a number of American universities, students, and faculty, particularly regarding protests of the war in Gaza. How would you evaluate the degree to which the following reasons were behind the administration's actions: Confronting critics of the Trump administration.

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
A lot	27%	58%	37%	39%
Somewhat	23%	10%	20%	18%
Not much	19%	9%	16%	14%
Not at all	14%	6%	9%	10%
I don't know	17%	17%	17%	20%