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Sample Online sample of 806 voters fielded from October 09 to October 20, 2026.
Margin of Error $\pm 3.8\%$

1. This November, there will be U.S. elections for Congress and other offices. Will you...

Definitely vote	76%
Probably vote	12%
Maybe vote	5%
Probably not vote	2%
Definitely not vote	2%
I have already voted	3%
Totals	100%
N	806

2. Was concern about vote counting in the mid term elections a factor in your decision to vote early?

Major factor	38%
Minor factor	18%
Not a factor at all	42%
Unsure	2%
Totals	100%
N	27

3. How confident are you that the midterm elections on November 3, 2026 will be counted accurately in [respondent's state]?

Very confident	42%
Somewhat confident	39%
Not too confident	11%
Not at all confident	5%
Unsure	3%
Totals	100%
N	806

4. How confident are you that the midterm elections on November 3, 2026 will be counted accurately nationally?

Very confident	25%
Somewhat confident	42%
Not too confident	21%
Not at all confident	7%
Unsure	4%

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Totals	99%
N	806

5. If the midterm elections on November 3 were to be counted accurately, which party would you expect to win control of the House of Representatives?

Republican Party	36%
Democratic Party	48%
Unsure	16%
Totals	100%
N	806

6. If the midterm elections on November 3 were to be counted accurately, which party would you expect to win control of the Senate?

Republican Party	39%
Democratic Party	41%
Unsure	20%
Totals	100%
N	806

7. If the midterm elections on November 3 were to be counted accurately, which party would you expect to win the U.S. Senate election in [state of residence]?

Republican Party	47%
Democratic Party	39%
Independent candidate	0%
Unsure	14%
Totals	100%
N	486

8. If the midterm elections on November 3 were to be counted accurately, which party would you expect to win the Governor election in [state of residence]?

Republican Party	43%
Democratic Party	45%
Unsure	13%
Totals	101%
N	634

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9. President Donald Trump has sought to expand his influence over state and local election rules. Which of the following do you believe is his primary motivation for doing so?

He wants to ensure elections are free and fair, regardless of which party wins.	37%
He wants to ensure that Republicans win elections, regardless of if they are free and fair.	56%
Unsure	7%
Totals	100%
N	806

10. If the DEMOCRATS were to win the midterm elections on November 3, which of the following do you think would be the primary explanation for why they won?

A majority of voters voted for Democratic candidates over Republican candidates.	66%
The results were manipulated through fraud or illegal activity on the part of Democratic politicians.	20%
Neither/unsure	14%
Totals	100%
N	806

11. If the REPUBLICANS were to win the midterm elections on November 3, which of the following do you think would be the primary explanation for why they won?

A majority of voters voted for Republican candidates over Democratic candidates.	54%
The results were manipulated through fraud or illegal activity on the part of Republican politicians.	30%
Neither/unsure	16%
Totals	100%
N	806

12. President Trump has repeatedly claimed that U.S. elections are "rigged," "dishonest" and that Democrats "cheat like hell." How do these claims impact your decision to vote in the upcoming midterm elections?

They make me more likely to vote.	39%
They make me less likely to vote.	5%
They do not change my likelihood of voting.	57%
Totals	101%
N	779

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13. Now I'm going to present you with a series of potential scenarios regarding how federal or state officials might respond to the 2026 election process. For each, please tell me whether you would [support or oppose] that action.

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
ICE agents or other armed federal officials are deployed near polling places.	19%	18%	8%	48%	7%
The Trump administration attempts to use emergency powers to take election authority away from state and local officials and place it under federal control.	8%	10%	13%	57%	11%
Federal or state law enforcement attempt to seize ballots, machines, or election records mid-process before vote counting and certification are complete.	6%	7%	14%	61%	12%
Federal officials open criminal investigations into state and local election administrators in order to pressure them into altering election rules.	7%	8%	12%	58%	14%
Federal officials pressure states to halt counting or declare victory before the legally required counting period is complete.	8%	7%	12%	59%	13%
Federal officials attempt to disqualify the votes of certain categories of ballots or voter registrations, such as mail-in voters or voters in certain areas.	7%	14%	14%	52%	13%
County or state officials refuse or delay certification of votes in an attempt to contest results.	5%	9%	15%	52%	20%
State and federal officials seek to prevent newly elected Democratic members of Congress from being sworn into office when the new term begins in January.	6%	6%	10%	60%	18%

14. Does hearing about these scenarios make you [less or more] motivated to vote?

More motivated	71%
Less motivated	7%
Unsure	22%

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N **779**

15. If an elected official in your state were to support or participate in efforts to delay election certification or block official results, would that make you [less likely or more likely] to vote for them in the next election?

More Likely 13%
 Less Likely 58%
 No effect 15%
 Unsure 13%
 Totals 99%
N **806**

16. [Republicans] Which of the following comes closer to your view regarding Republican state and local officials?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

They have a duty to uphold election laws and certify results, even if a [Democratic candidate] wins. 88%
 They should use their power to challenge or alter election results to ensure [Republicans] stay in control. 12%
 Totals 100%
N **383**

17. [Democrats] Which of the following comes closer to your view regarding Democratic state and local officials?

Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

They have a duty to uphold election laws and certify results, even if a [Republican candidate] wins. 91%
 They should use their power to challenge or alter election results to ensure [Democrats] stay in control. 9%
 Totals 100%
N **389**

18. [Independents] Which of the following comes closer to your view regarding state and local officials?

Asked of Independents who did not lean towards either party

They have a duty to uphold election laws and certify results, even if a [member of an opposing party] wins. 91%
 They should use their power to challenge or alter election results to ensure [members of their party] stay in control. 9%
 Totals 100%
N **35**

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19. If federal officials or state leaders attempted to prevent legally elected representatives from taking office, which of the following actions, if any, would you be willing to take?

Vote against elected officials who tried to overturn election results	52%
Sign a petition or public statement opposing the action	43%
Attend a peaceful rally or public demonstration	30%
Contact my elected representatives	33%
None of these / Would not take action	16%
Unsure	16%
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This survey is based on 806 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and U.S. Census region based on voter registration lists, the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and approximate 2024 Presidential vote based on available results, and party identification estimates based on Pew Research Center's National Public Opinion Reference Survey. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.22 to 5.12 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.44.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the subsetting sample is approximately 3.8%. It is calculated using the formula:

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.