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Sample Online sample of 430 18-29 year old voters fielded from September 04 to September 24, 2026.
Margin of Error $\pm 5\%$

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

Definitely vote	57%
Probably vote	24%
Maybe vote	11%
Probably not vote	5%
Definitely not vote	2%
I have already voted	0%
Totals	99%
N	420

2. If you vote in the November elections, will this be your first time voting?

Asked of respondents who did not indicate they had voted in the 2020, 2022, or 2024 general election

Yes - it is the first time I am eligible to vote	36%
Yes - I have been eligible to vote before, but this is the first time I am voting	40%
No	21%
Not sure	3%
Totals	100%
N	89

3. Thinking about the November 2026 elections, how enthusiastic would you say you are about voting? Zero means you are not at all enthusiastic about voting, and ten means you are extremely enthusiastic about voting.

0 - Not at all enthusiastic	3%
1	1%
2	4%
3	5%
4	2%
5	14%
6	15%
7	8%
8	15%
9	7%
10 - Extremely enthusiastic	26%
Totals	100%
N	420

4. Thinking about the November 2026 elections, would you say...

I feel very prepared to vote - I have a good understanding of the candidates and issues	40%
I feel somewhat prepared to vote	35%
I feel somewhat unprepared to vote	12%
I feel very unprepared to vote - I don't feel I have a good understanding of the candidates and issues	10%
Not sure	4%
Totals	101%
N	420

5. Compared to previous elections, would you say that you are more enthusiastic, neither more nor less enthusiastic, or less enthusiastic about voting in the November 2026 elections?

More enthusiastic	36%
Neither more nor less enthusiastic	42%
Less enthusiastic	15%
N/A - This will be my first election	7%
Totals	100%
N	420

6. If you vote, how do you plan on voting in the 2026 general election?

In person on election day	58%
In person before the election	12%
By mail	21%
I don't plan to vote	4%
Not sure	5%
Totals	100%
N	420

7. House Vote Intent 2026

Democratic candidate	65%
Lean Democratic candidate	2%
Republican candidate	23%
Lean Republican candidate	2%
Independent candidate	0%
Lean Independent candidate	0%
Other candidate (write-in)	0%
Lean other candidate (write-in)	0%

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Undecided	7%
Second Democratic candidate	0%
Lean Second Democratic candidate	0%
Second Republican candidate	0%
Lean Second Republican candidate	0%
Green Party candidate	0%
Lean Green Party candidate	0%
Libertarian candidate	0%
Lean Libertarian candidate	0%
Other candidate	0%
Lean Other candidate	0%
Totals	99%
N	420

8. House Vote 2026 - Full Recoded

Democratic candidate	67%
Republican candidate	26%
Other candidate	0%
Undecided	7%
Totals	100%
N	420

13. Governor Vote Intent 2026

Democratic candidate	68%
Lean Democratic candidate	2%
Republican candidate	19%
Lean Republican candidate	1%
Independent candidate	0%
Lean Independent candidate	0%
Other candidate	0%
Lean other candidate	0%
Undecided	8%
Second Republican candidate	0%
Lean Second Republican candidate	0%
Second Independent candidate	0%
Lean Second Independent candidate	0%
Second Democratic candidate	0%
Lean Second Democratic candidate	0%
Totals	98%

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14. Governor Vote 2026 - Full Recoded

Democratic candidate	70%
Republican candidate	21%
Other candidate	0%
Undecided	8%
Did not vote for state governor	0%
Registered in state without Governor race	0%
Totals	99%
N	420

15. Favorability Grid

	Have not heard of this official or group	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable
The Democratic Party	3%	20%	31%	12%	18%	17%
The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)	15%	15%	25%	20%	10%	15%
The Republican Party	2%	13%	11%	10%	17%	47%
The Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) Movement	19%	14%	14%	20%	12%	21%
Josh Shapiro	4%	25%	36%	17%	9%	9%
Stacy Garrity	21%	8%	11%	21%	13%	27%

16. For each of the following statements, please say whether you generally [agree or disagree] with that statement.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
Guys can have their reputation destroyed just for speaking their minds these days	22%	27%	21%	25%	5%
Things are generally better when men bring in money and women take care of the home and kids	11%	17%	22%	42%	8%

Feminism is about favoring women over men	11%	17%	24%	45%	4%
Gay men aren't really men	7%	8%	14%	66%	5%
Trans men aren't really men	21%	14%	14%	41%	9%

17. Please indicate the extent to which you [agree or disagree] with each of the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
White people in the U.S. have certain advantages because of the color of their skin	42%	30%	11%	14%	3%
Racial problems in the U.S. are rare, isolated situations	8%	13%	25%	50%	4%
There is racism out there, but society these days provokes these kind of views by making everything about race and deciding some people deserve special treatment based on their race	21%	28%	21%	23%	7%

18. What are the top issues facing the U.S. today? Select up to three.

Jobs and the economy	26%
Income inequality	11%
The budget, taxes, and the federal deficit	10%
Foreign trade and tariffs	6%
Healthcare policy, including Medicare and Medicaid	13%
Abortion policy	10%
Social Security	4%
Gun violence	13%
Climate change and the environment	16%
Housing cost and rent	19%
Immigration policy	12%
Education policy	5%
Racism and race relations	14%
LGBTQ rights	6%
The cost of living and inflation	48%
Election integrity and voting rights	4%
Democracy	10%

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Israel and Gaza	10%
Crime	11%
Corruption in our political system	26%
Data centers	11%
Other	1%
N	420

19. Do you [approve or disapprove] of the way Donald Trump is handling the following issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Iran	6%	12%	12%	61%	10%
The Epstein Files	4%	5%	14%	71%	7%
The cost of living	7%	11%	15%	63%	4%
The price of gas	5%	9%	16%	67%	4%

20. Overall, how much confidence do you have in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

A great deal	9%
Some	15%
Only a little	12%
None at all	61%
Not sure	3%
Totals	100%
N	420

21. In the conflict between Israel and Palestine, which side do you sympathize with more?

Israel	10%
Palestine	46%
Both equally	18%
Neither	16%
Not sure	11%
Totals	101%
N	420

22. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	16%
Off on the wrong track	78%
Not sure	5%
Totals	99%
N	420

23. Would you say things in your community today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	48%
Not sure	17%
Totals	100%
N	420

24. Thinking about your own financial situation, compared to a year ago would you say you are:

Better off financially	13%
About the same	46%
Worse off financially	41%
Not sure	0%
Totals	100%
N	420

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	8%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	67%
Not sure	2%
Totals	100%
N	420

26. Party ID (3 category, leaners with their parties)

Democrat	60%
Independent	15%
Republican	25%

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Totals	100%
N	420

27. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	20%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	13%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	7%
Totals	100%
N	420

28. Ideology (3 category)

Liberal/Very Liberal	40%
Moderate	39%
Conservative/Very conservative	20%
Totals	99%
N	420

29. People often use labels to identify their political beliefs. Which of the following do you identify with? Select all that apply.

Moderate	24%
Progressive	20%
Liberal	28%
Conservative	15%
Libertarian	6%
Nationalist	3%
The Make America Healthy Again Movement (MAHA)	8%
The Make America Great Again Movement (MAGA)	8%
The Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)	12%
The Trad Wife movement	3%
The Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL)	4%
I don't identify with any of these labels	18%
N	420

30. Some people participate in politics in various ways other than voting, while others do not. Which of the following, if any, have you done in the last 6 months? (Check all that apply)

Volunteered for a candidate, political party, or other political organization	7%
Attended a rally or protest	10%
Called or wrote to an elected official	12%
Posted about politics on social media	30%
Made a donation to a candidate, party, or other political organization	9%
Talked to friends or family about voting in November	49%
Helped someone else register to vote	13%
Other	2%
I have not done any of the above	31%
N	420

31. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	30%
Some of the time	35%
Only now and then	24%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	3%
Totals	100%
N	420

32. In the past week, did you get news from any of the following sources? Please select all that apply:

CNN	17%
Fox News	13%
MS NOW, formerly known as MSNBC	5%
Other Cable News TV Networks	6%
Local TV News	21%
National nightly network TV news	8%
News websites or apps	23%
Your local daily print newspaper	4%
National print newspapers	2%
News on the radio	9%
Late night comedy shows	4%
Facebook	33%
X, formerly known as Twitter	23%
Reddit	19%
YouTube	47%

Podcasts	15%
One America News Network (OANN)	0%
Newsmax	2%
Instagram	43%
TikTok	43%
Other social media such as LinkedIn or Snapchat	6%
None of these	5%
N	420

33. Which of the following social media platforms have you used in the past week? Please select all that apply.

Discord	25%
Facebook	48%
Instagram	67%
LinkedIn	17%
Pinterest	25%
Reddit	38%
Snapchat	45%
TikTok	55%
Tumblr	9%
Twitch	14%
Kick	2%
X, formerly known as Twitter	29%
WhatsApp	11%
YouTube	76%
Parler	1%
Telegram	6%
Nextdoor	4%
Rumble	2%
Threads	11%
BlueSky	2%
Truth Social	1%
Other	1%
I do not use social media	1%
N	420

34. And generally speaking, how important is politics to your personal identity?

Very important	29%
Somewhat important	36%
Not too important	23%

Not at all important	9%
Not sure	3%
Totals	100%
N	420

35. In the past three months, has anyone contacted you about registering to vote or voting in the November election? Select all that apply.

Someone came to my door	9%
Someone talked to me at a table or event, on campus, or in my community	12%
Text message	43%
Phone call	13%
Email	23%
Mail	24%
Social media post, ad, or direct message	21%
No one has tried to contact me about voting	26%
N	420

36. If someone were encouraging you to vote this November, who would you be most likely to listen to? Select up to 2.

A friend or classmate	30%
A family member	52%
A coworker or someone from my union	6%
Someone from my neighborhood or community	12%
A local organization I know	7%
A creator or influencer I follow	7%
A candidate or someone from a campaign	11%
A faith leader	6%
A teacher or professor	10%
None of these	15%
N	420

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37. Next, you will see the names of some people and organizations. For each of those, please say whether you [follow that person or organization, recognize the name but don't really follow them, or if you are unfamiliar with them].

	Follow this person	Recognize the name but don't really follow	Not familiar with this person
Erika Kirk	11%	73%	16%
Hasan Piker	11%	33%	55%
Joe Rogan	18%	66%	16%
Elon Musk	18%	78%	4%
Tucker Carlson	10%	54%	36%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)	28%	38%	34%
Candace Owens	15%	58%	27%
Bernie Sanders	36%	53%	10%
Mehdi Hasan	8%	27%	66%
Zohran Mamdani	41%	31%	28%
Theo Von	17%	40%	43%
Andrew Schultz	5%	37%	57%
Aaron Parnas	9%	24%	67%
Ms. Rachel	28%	48%	24%
Kai Cenat	26%	45%	30%
Mr. Beast	30%	63%	7%

38. Next, you will see the names of some people and organizations. Some have strong opinions about these people or organizations, while many others don't really know who they are. For each of those, please say whether you [tend to like that person's content and generally trust what they say, like that person's content but are generally skeptical of what they say, if you don't like that person's content], or if you aren't really familiar with that person.

	Like this person and generally trust their views	Like this person but generally don't trust their views	Don't like this person's content	Not really familiar with this person
Erika Kirk	8%	14%	68%	11%
Hasan Piker	20%	19%	35%	26%
Joe Rogan	15%	23%	46%	15%
Elon Musk	12%	17%	64%	7%
Tucker Carlson	12%	18%	54%	16%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)	48%	18%	23%	11%
Candace Owens	14%	24%	47%	15%
Bernie Sanders	48%	16%	20%	16%

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Mehdi Hasan	22%	22%	28%	28%
Zohran Mamdani	61%	14%	18%	7%
Theo Von	18%	34%	27%	21%
Andrew Schultz	9%	18%	38%	35%
Aaron Parnas	20%	19%	23%	39%
Ms. Rachel	56%	11%	17%	15%
Kai Cenat	32%	24%	24%	21%
Mr. Beast	25%	28%	38%	9%

39. Have you recently used any of the following?

	I have visited this platform, but did not actively bet on it	I have visited this platform, and have used it for betting	I have not visited this platform	Not sure
Kalshi	13%	13%	67%	7%
Polymarket	10%	11%	72%	7%

40. Do you happen to know which political party currently has majority control in the U.S. House of Representatives?

The Republican party	59%
The Democratic party	20%
Not sure	21%
Totals	100%
N	420

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This survey is based on 430 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters in Pennsylvania who are 18-29. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and Pennsylvania geographic 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. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of 18-29 year old registered voters. The weights range from NA to NA with a mean of NA and a standard deviation of NA.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the subsetting sample is approximately 5%. 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.