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Unless otherwise noted, trend comparisons are to random-digit-dialed telephone surveys by ABC News and The Washington Post or others. Questions were reformatted as of January 2024 given the change to a self-administered online questionnaire. Differences from previous results may reflect mode effects.

See full methodological details at the end of this document.

In the tables below, asterisks in data columns indicate <0.5 percent. "Skip/No opinion" shows the share of respondents who skipped the question or who selected an explicit no opinion option in online administration. Respondents interviewed via telephone were able to volunteer a "no opinion" response. Items in parentheses were rotated.

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

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Skip/ No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/18/25	45	27	19	53	13	39	2

Compare to:

Looking back, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job when he was president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Skip/ No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
8/13/24	44	23	20	49	10	39	7
7/9/24	43	22	21	52	11	41	6
4/30/24	44	22	22	50	11	39	7
1/8/24*	41	19	22	53	12	40	7
9/20/23	48	33	14	49	8	41	3

(If no opinion or skipped question: Which way do you lean on how Trump handled his job as president? Leaners are netted with somewhat.)

*Mode change.

Compare to:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump has handled his job as president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/13/21	38	27	10	60	8	52	2
10/9/20*	44	30	13	54	9	45	3
9/24/20	44	28	16	53	8	46	2
8/15/20	43	29	15	55	7	47	2
7/15/20	39	28	11	57	9	48	3
5/28/20	45	32	12	53	11	42	3
3/25/20	48	34	15	46	11	35	6
2/17/20	43	31	12	53	11	42	4
1/23/20	44	35	10	51	9	42	4
10/30/19	38	30	8	58	10	48	5
9/5/19	38	27	11	56	8	48	6
7/1/19	44	32	12	53	8	45	3
4/25/19	39	28	12	54	9	45	6

1/24/19	37	28	9	58	9	49	5
11/1/18	40	28	12	53	9	43	8
10/11/18	41	29	12	54	7	46	6
8/29/18	36	24	12	60	7	53	4
4/11/18	40	25	15	56	10	46	4
1/18/18	36	24	13	58	9	49	5
11/1/17	37	25	12	59	8	50	4
9/21/17	39	26	13	57	9	48	4
8/20/17	37	22	15	58	13	45	5
7/13/17	36	25	11	58	10	48	6
4/20/17	42	27	15	53	10	43	5

*10/9/20 and prior: "is handling"

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling each of the following?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion /Skipped
a. The economy	45	53	2
b. Immigration	50	48	3
c. Managing the federal government	44	54	2

Trend where available:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/18/25	45	NA	NA	53	NA	NA	2
10/9/20* RV	54	40	14	45	11	34	1
9/24/20	52	36	16	45	13	32	3
7/15/20	50	36	14	47	11	36	3
5/28/20	52	37	15	44	13	30	4
3/25/20	57	38	19	38	13	24	6
2/17/20	52	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	7
1/23/20	56	NA	NA	38	NA	NA	6
9/5/19	46	NA	NA	47	NA	NA	7
7/1/19	51	NA	NA	42	NA	NA	6
10/11/18	49	35	14	46	11	35	5
8/29/18	45	30	15	47	12	36	8
4/11/18	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
9/21/17	43	27	16	49	13	36	8
7/13/17	43	26	17	41	12	29	16

*Mode change

b. Immigration

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/18/25	50	NA	NA	48	NA	NA	3
7/1/19*	40	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	2
4/25/19	39	29	10	57	11	46	4
9/21/17	35	24	11	62	11	51	3

*Mode change

c. No trend.

3. Do you think these do or do not apply to Trump?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Applies	Does not apply	No opinion /Skipped
a. He is honest and trustworthy	35	62	3
b. He has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president	47	50	2

Trend:

a. He is honest and trustworthy

	Applies	Does not apply	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	35	62	3
1/8/24*	26	70	4
5/3/23**	33	63	5
5/28/20	35	62	3
10/30/19	31	63	6
1/24/19	36	61	2
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15***	35	59	6

*ABC-Ipsos

**Mode change, "Do you think Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not? Yes, no"

***"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

b. Mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president

	Applies	Does not apply	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	47	50	2

Compare to:

Do you think Trump has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
1/8/24*	47	50	3
5/3/23*	54	43	4
5/28/20	46	52	2

*ABC-Ipsos

**Mode change, "Do you think Trump has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president, or not?"

4. Would you rather see the next Congress controlled by the (Democrats, to act as a check on Trump), or controlled by the (Republicans, to support Trump's agenda)?

	Democrats, to act as a check on Trump	Republicans, to support Trump's agenda	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	54	41	5

Compare to:

Would you rather see the next Congress controlled by the (Republicans, to act as a check on Biden), or controlled by the (Democrats, to support Biden's agenda)?

	Controlled by Democrats	Controlled by Republicans	No opinion
9/21/22	45	48	6
2/24/22	40	50	11

Would you rather see the next Congress controlled by the (Democrats, to act as a check on Trump), or controlled by the (Republicans, to support Trump's agenda)?

	Controlled by Democrats	Controlled by Republicans	No opinion
10/11/18	55	39	7
8/29/18	60	31	8
7/13/17	53	35	12

Regardless of how you might vote in your own congressional district, do you think it's more important (to have the Democrats in charge of Congress, to help support Obama's policies), or (to have the Republicans in charge of Congress, to act as a check on Obama's policies)?

	Dems in charge	Reps in charge	No opinion
4/27/14 RV	39	53	8
9/2/10 RV	39	55	6
7/11/10 RV	43	51	6

Which statement comes closer to the way you think: Since the president is a Republican, we need (Republicans in charge of Congress to help support the president's agenda), or since the president is a Republican, we need (Democrats in charge of Congress to act as a check on the president and his agenda).

	Dems in charge	Reps in charge	No difference (vol.)	No opinion
9/26/02 RV	55	36	6	3

5. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as...?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
2/18/25	26	1	24	73	52	21	2
8/13/24*	27	2	25	72	40	33	1
9/20/23	25	2	23	74	31	42	1
9/21/22	24	3	21	74	36	38	1
2/24/22	24	3	21	75	36	39	1
11/10/21	29	2	26	70	33	38	1
4/21/21	42	4	38	58	37	20	1
9/24/20	40	9	31	59	37	22	1
8/15/20	31	7	24	68	34	33	1
5/28/20	34	8	26	65	40	24	1
9/5/19	56	16	40	43	30	13	1
11/1/18	65	15	49	34	25	9	1
8/29/18	58	12	46	40	31	9	2
1/18/18	58	14	44	40	28	12	2
1/15/17	51	6	45	48	35	14	1
3/29/15	40	2	38	59	40	19	1
1/15/15	41	3	39	58	40	18	1
10/26/14	27	1	26	72	44	28	1
9/7/14	30	1	29	69	42	27	1
4/27/14	29	1	27	71	40	31	1

3/2/14	27	2	26	72	44	28	*
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12	RV 18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12**	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04	RV 46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04	RV 45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1
1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02	LV 28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02	LV 27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02	LV 29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00	LV 86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00	LV 86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*

2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

*Mode change. 2023 and previous, "skip" was "no opinion"

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6. Would you describe each of the following these days as... ?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	/Skipped
a. The unemployment rate	42	3	39	56	41	15	2
b. Gas or energy prices	22	1	21	76	48	28	1
c. Food prices	7	*	6	92	45	47	1
d. The incomes of average Americans	26	1	25	72	49	24	2

Trend where available:

a. The unemployment rate

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	/Skipped
2/18/25	42	3	39	56	41	15	2
9/20/23*	35	10	24	57	32	25	8

*Mode change

b. Gas or energy prices

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	/Skipped
2/18/25	22	1	21	76	48	28	1
9/20/23*	12	1	11	87	35	52	2

*Mode change

c. Food prices

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	/Skipped
2/18/25	7	*	6	92	45	47	1
9/20/23*	8	1	8	91	36	55	1

*Mode change

d. The incomes of average Americans

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	/Skipped
2/18/25	26	1	25	72	49	24	2
9/20/23*	21	2	19	75	40	35	4

*Mode change

7. Which best describes your financial situation?

Getting ahead	Having just enough to maintain your standard of living	Falling behind financially	Don't know /Refused
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2/18/25	25	54	20	1
11/6/23	25	57	19	0
5/12/22*	23	57	20	*

*Washington Post-Schar School web/mail poll

Compare to:

Which best describes your family's financial situation? Do you feel as if you are getting ahead financially, have just enough money to maintain your standard of living, or are you falling behind financially?

	Getting ahead	Just enough to maintain	Falling behind	No opinion
7/17/11*	15	58	27	*
2/9/11**	18	60	21	*
10/3/10**	15	56	28	1
1/12/08*	21	61	17	1
9/7/07*	26	53	20	1
6/3/07**	27	53	19	1
11/4/06* RV	28	48	23	1
10/22/06* RV	25	53	21	1
11/4/96**	28	48	23	1

*Washington Post-ABC News phone polls

**Washington Post/Kaiser/Harvard phone polls

8. Overall, do you support or oppose what Trump has done since he took office less than one month ago?

	Support			Oppose			Not sure	No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
2/18/25	43	27	17	48	12	37	7	2

9. (IF SUPPORT TRUMP) What do you think is the best thing Trump has done since entering office in January? (Open-end; responses grouped into categories)

	2/18/25
Deportation/Immigration/Border	33
Musk/DOGE/Cutting or freezing funding/Identifying waste/corruption	19
Ending DEI/LGBT inclusions/Transgender policies	4
Keeping campaign promises/Acting quickly	3
Cabinet choices/RFK Jr.	2
Reversing Biden/Democratic policies	2
Tariffs	2
Fed worker layoffs/firings/RTO	2
USAID cuts/Foreign aid	1
Foreign policy/imperialism/Greenland/Gulf/Panama	1
Prices/Inflation/Economy	1
Jan. 6 pardons	*
Ukraine	*
Dismantling/destroying the federal government/democracy/Violating the constitution/Acting like a dictator	*
Lying/Telling the truth	*
Everything/Too many to list	2
Nothing	1
Other	7
Don't know	1
Skipped	28

10. (IF OPPOSE TRUMP) What do you think is the worst thing Trump has done since entering office in January? (Open-end; responses grouped into categories)

Musk/DOGE/Cutting or freezing funding/ Identifying waste/corruption	24
Deportation/Immigration/Border	10
Dismantling/destroying the federal government/democracy/Violating the constitution/Acting like a dictator	7
Tariffs	6
Fed worker layoffs/firings/RTO	5
Jan. 6 pardons	5
Cabinet choices/RFK Jr.	4
Ending DEI/LGBT inclusions/ Transgender policies	4
Foreign policy/imperialism/ Greenland/Gulf/Panama	3
USAID cuts/Foreign aid	2
Lying/Telling the truth	2
Ukraine	1
Racism/Racist	1
Gaza	1
Keeping campaign promises/Acting quickly	1
Prices/Inflation/Economy	1
Everything/Too many to list	7
Nothing	*
Other	9
Don't know	1
Skipped	19

11. Do you support or oppose each of the following? (Items a-d asked of one half sample, e-h asked of other half sample)

2/18/25 - Summary table

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
a. Banning transgender people from serving in the military	42	53	5
b. Ending diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs in the federal government	46	49	5
c. Blocking federal health agencies from communicating with the public without approval from a Trump appointee	25	68	7
d. Making it easier for presidents to fire longtime federal workers	37	58	5
e. Laying off large numbers of federal government workers	39	58	3
f. Shutting down the U.S. agency that provides humanitarian aid in low-income countries	38	59	3
g. Pardoning people convicted of <u>violent</u> crimes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot	14	83	3
h. Pardoning people convicted of <u>nonviolent</u> crimes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot	42	55	3

12. Thinking about funding for federal government programs that were approved by Congress and past presidents, do you think:

	Trump should have the power to freeze funding for these programs without congressional approval	Trump should have to get Congress's approval to freeze funding for these programs	No op. /Skip
2/18/25	29	66	5

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the job that Elon Musk is doing within the federal government?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			Not sure	No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
2/18/25	34	21	13	49	8	41	14	2

14. Do you approve or disapprove of Musk shutting down federal government programs that he decides are unnecessary?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	26	52	19	2

15. Do you think Musk is mainly cutting (wasteful government spending) or is he cutting (necessary government programs)?

	Cutting wasteful government spending	Cutting necessary government programs	Not sure	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	37	34	26	3

16. How concerned, if at all, are you about Musk's team getting access to some federal government databases that have Americans' personal Social Security, Medicare and tax information?

	----- Concerned -----			----- Not concerned -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	
2/18/25	63	45	19	34	16	17	3

17. There are about 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Would you support or oppose an effort by the federal government to deport all these undocumented immigrants and send them back to their home countries?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion /Skipped
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
2/18/25	51	27	24	45	23	22	4
10/8/24*	56	32	24	43	22	21	1
3/6/16**	36	23	12	61	19	42	4
11/19/15	42	29	13	55	21	34	2

*ABC-Ipsos 2024 and previous; "at least 11 million"

**Mode change

18. Do you think each of the following groups of undocumented immigrants should be deported or not? Those who...(Items a-c asked of one half sample, items d-g asked of the other half sample)

2/18/25 - Summary table of U.S. adults

Yes, should No, should not No opinion

	be deported	be deported	/Skipped
a. have been accused of committing violent crimes	89	8	3
b. have been accused of committing nonviolent crimes like shoplifting	62	34	4
c. have not broken laws in the United States except for immigration laws	39	57	5
d. arrived in the United States as children	26	70	3
e. have lived in the United States for more than 10 years	30	67	3
f. have lived in the United States for less than five years	55	41	5
g. are parents of children who are U.S. citizens by birth	30	66	4

19. Do you support or oppose each of the following?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
a. Deputizing state and local law enforcement to arrest suspected undocumented immigrants at traffic stops and other locations	41	54	5
b. Ending temporary legal status for migrants from conflict-ridden countries	38	56	6
c. Holding up to 30,000 undocumented immigrants in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba	38	56	6

20. As you may know, all people born in the United States are citizens of the United States as a birthright. Do you support or oppose ending birthright citizenship for each of the following groups:

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
a. Children of undocumented immigrants	39	56	5
b. Children of foreign workers or students with temporary visas	37	58	5
c. Children of foreign tourists	45	51	5

21. Do you personally know someone who is an undocumented immigrant, or not?

	Yes	No	Not sure	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	23	54	22	2

22. Trump said that he will impose tariffs on countries unless they meet his policy demands. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Support	Oppose	No opinion /Skipped
a. Imposing a 25 percent tariff on most products from Mexico	35	59	5
b. Imposing a 25 percent tariff on most products from Canada	31	64	5
c. Increasing tariffs by 10 percent on most products from China	50	45	5

(Rotated with Q23)

23. In general, do you think imposing tariffs on products from Mexico, Canada and China would make prices for products in the U.S....

	Increase	Decrease	Won't make much difference	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	69	6	21	4

(Rotated with Q22)

24. In general, do you think imposing tariffs on products from Mexico, Canada and China would help or hurt each of the following, or doesn't it make a difference?

2/18/25 - Summary table among U.S. adults

	Help	Hurt	Doesn't make a difference	No opinion /Skipped
a. U.S. workers	31	46	19	4
b. U.S. manufacturing companies	35	43	17	4

25. Since taking office, do you think Trump has (acted within his authority as president) or (gone beyond his authority as president)?

	Acted within his authority as president	Gone beyond his authority as president	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	40	57	3

26. If Trump goes beyond his authority as president, do you think Republicans in Congress will (try to stop him) or (go along with what Trump wants)?

	Try to stop him	Go along with what Trump wants	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	33	62	5

(Rotated with Q27)

27. If Trump goes beyond his authority as president, do you think the Supreme Court will (try to stop him) or (go along with what Trump wants)?

	Try to stop him	Go along with what Trump wants	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	56	40	5

(Rotated with Q26)

28. If a federal court rules that something the Trump administration did is illegal, do you think Trump administration...

	Should follow the court ruling	Should ignore the court ruling	No opinion /Skipped
2/18/25	84	11	5

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and Ipsos. The poll includes a random sample of 2,601 U.S. adults. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

The questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a representative panel of adults age 18 and over living in the United States. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a tablet and internet service.

Ipsos used probability-proportional-to-size sampling to draw a national sample of adults using the KnowledgePanel matching U.S. population benchmarks. This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The sample of was weighted to match population estimates for the demographic makeup of U.S. adults, as detailed in the table below.

	Source of weighting benchmarks
Weighting factors	Registered voter sample
Sex by age Race/Ethnicity Education Census region by metropolitan status Household income	2024 Current Population Survey March Supplement (Census Bureau)
Language dominance	2023 American Community Survey (Census Bureau)
2024 turnout/vote choice	Associated Press tabulation of certified results
Leaned party identification	2024 Pew NPORS (Dem/Lean Dem 46%, Rep/Lean Rep 47%, All others 7%)

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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