



HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL 123: MEMO RELEASE	
Population represented:	Adults (people over the age of 18) in the United States
Sample size:	1,200 adults in the United States (964 individuals who said they are registered to vote – Poll 123).
Mode of data collection:	Online interviews were collected through a single survey instrument within High Point University's Qualtrics account. All interviews were conducted in English.
Type of sample:	Non-probability samples from Dynata's online panels (North Carolina, USA).
Dates of data collection:	May 11 - 15, 2026
Credibility interval for all adult sample:	<p>The SRC provides a credibility interval for HPU Poll 123 of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points for the full (n = 1,200) sample to account for a traditional 95% confidence interval for the estimates (plus or minus 2.8 percentage points) and a design effect of 1.35 (based on the weighting).</p> <p>These are attempts to estimate error from the nature of the sample. Additional factors such as question wording and other methodological choices in conducting survey research can introduce additional errors into the findings of opinion polls.</p>
Data quotas and weighting:	<p>High Point University's SRC worked with Dynata to fill quotas for age, gender, race, and ethnicity. The all adult data (n = 1,200) is weighted toward population parameters for age, gender, race, education, and ethnicity published by the U.S. Census for the USA and national polling data on party identification.</p> <p>The High Point University Survey Research Center (SRC) produces weights through an iterative procedure within SPSS.</p>
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Human response authentication:	HPU Polls include at least one CAPTCHA and reCAPTCHA for screening out non-human respondents in addition to the screening done by Dynata.
Survey/Data collection supplier:	High Point University's SRC drafted the survey instrument which was approved by the HPU Institutional Review Board . Interviews collected through the High Point University SRC, recording

	responses in Qualtrics. Dynata's online panels invited respondents.
Sample supplier:	Online panel (USA) provided by Dynata. Respondents were compensated according to their agreements with Dynata.
Commitment to transparency:	The HPU Poll reports methodological details in accordance with the standards set out by AAPOR's Transparency Initiative , and the HPU Survey Research Center is a Charter Member of the Initiative.
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Methodology:	Interested parties can access results from the survey at http://www.highpoint.edu/src/hpupoll and should contact the Directors for additional information.

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. It is possible that percentages in tables may not always add up to 100% due to rounding error.

**Values less than 0.5 are presented as "*" in the tables.

***Values of 0 are presented as "-" in the tables.

At what age are people in the United States generally allowed to vote?	
	All Adults
16	1
17	1
18	84
Older than 18	14

These days, many people are so busy they can't find time to register to vote, or move around so often they don't get a chance to re-register. Are you NOW registered to vote in your precinct or election district or haven't you been able to register so far?	
	All Adults
Yes, I am registered to vote	86
No, I am not registered to vote	13
Don't know	1

Are you absolutely certain that you are registered to vote, or is there a chance that your registration has lapsed because you moved or for some other reason? (Asked of 1035 respondents who said they were registered to vote.)	
	All Adults
Yes, absolutely certain	93
Chance registration has lapsed	4
No, not registered	1
Don't know/Unsure	2

Do you think things in this country [are generally going in the right direction or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track]?	
	All Adults
Right direction	30
Wrong track	60
Unsure	10

Personal Finances and the Economy

Which of these statements comes closest to describing your household income now?	
	All Adults
Our household income does not cover our expenses, and we face significant difficulties in meeting our needs	12
Our household income does not cover our expenses, and we face some difficulties in meeting our needs	29
Our household income covers our expenses without notable difficulties	38
Our household income covers our expenses well, and we are able to save	20

We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you and your family living there are much better off financially, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or much worse off than you were a year ago?	
	All Adults
Much better off	8
Somewhat better off	18
About the same	41
Somewhat worse off	23
Much worse off	11

Now looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family living there will be much better off financially, somewhat better off, about the same, somewhat worse off, or much worse off than now?	
	All Adults
Much better off	13
Somewhat better off	21
About the same	42
Somewhat worse off	16
Much worse off	8

Now thinking about the economy in the country as a whole, would you say that over the past year the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed about the same, or gotten worse?	
	All Adults
Gotten better	17
Stayed about the same	29
Gotten worse	54

What about the next 12 months? Do you expect the economy, in the country as a whole, to get better, stay about the same, or get worse?	
	All Adults
Get better	24
Stay about the same	31
Get worse	45

Divided Government

Do you think it is better when one party controls both the presidency and Congress, better when control is split between the Democrats and Republicans, or doesn't it matter?	
	All Adults
Better when one party controls both	22
Better when control is split	50
It doesn't matter	29

Feelings about the Direction of the Country and Political Actors

When you think about the direction the country is headed today, how does it make you feel? (Items were randomized)					
	Extremely	Quite a bit	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all
Worried	30	22	24	13	12
Angry	24	19	24	15	18
Sad	23	21	23	15	18
Afraid	20	19	28	15	18
Proud	13	12	17	22	35
Happy	10	12	21	24	34

We'd like to get your feelings toward some of our political leaders and other people who are in the news these days. We'd like you to rate those people using something we call the feeling thermometer. Ratings between 50 degrees and 100 degrees mean that you feel favorable and warm toward the person. Ratings between 0 degrees and 50 degrees mean that you don't feel favorable toward the person and that you don't care too much for that person. You would rate the person at the 50 degree mark if you don't feel particularly warm or cold toward the person OR in case you do not know the person or thing. Make sure you rate each person or thing. (Items were randomized)

	All Adults Mean Rating
Independents	53
Moderates	48
Democrats	44
Conservatives	44
Kamala Harris	42
Republicans	42
Liberals	40
Joe Biden	39
Donald Trump	38
JD Vance	38

Trust in People and Institutions

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you need to be very careful in dealing with people?

	All Adults
Most people can be trusted	33
Need to be very careful	67

How much do you trust the following? Please indicate whether you highly trust, somewhat trust, somewhat distrust, or highly distrust the following (Items randomized):				
	Highly Trust	Somewhat Trust	Somewhat distrust	Highly distrust
U.S. military	35	41	15	10
Small businesses	30	54	12	4
Police officers	24	45	20	12
President of the United States	20	23	17	40
State officials overseeing elections	15	42	27	16
U.S. Supreme Court	15	37	28	20
Republican politicians	12	30	27	32
Democratic politicians	11	35	29	25
Public opinion polls	11	43	32	14
News media	10	36	29	25
U.S. Congress	9	30	39	22
Big businesses	8	35	36	22

General Happiness, Health, and Security

Taking all things together, would you say you are....?	
	All Adults
Very happy	19
Somewhat happy	49
Not very happy	22
Not at all happy	10

All in all, how would you describe your state of health these days? Would you say it is...	
	All Adults
Very good	16
Good	46
Fair	29
Poor	7
Very poor	2

In general, how secure do you feel these days?	
	All Adults
Very secure	17
Somewhat secure	51
Not very secure	25
Not at all secure	7

Democracy

How important is it for you to live in a country that is governed democratically? On this scale where 1 means it is "not at all important" and 10 means "absolutely important" what position would you choose? (mean = 7.93, standard deviation 2.27)	
	All Adults
1 - Not at all important	3
2	1
3	1
4	2
5	11
6	9
7	10
8	16
9	12
10 - Absolutely important	38

And how democratically is this country being governed today? Again using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means that it is "not at all democratic" and 10 means that it is "completely democratic," what position would you choose? (mean = 5.61, standard deviation 2.71)	
	All Adults
1 - Not at all democratic	12
2	4
3	7
4	10
5	17
6	9
7	13
8	12
9	7
10 - completely democratic	9

On the whole, are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied or not at all satisfied with the following in United States? (Items were randomized)				
	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not very satisfied	Not at all satisfied
Quality of elections	18	38	30	15
Choices of political parties	14	28	34	25
Quality of news media	13	32	33	23
Quality of democracy	12	35	34	19

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements? (Items were randomized)				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Democracy is preferable to any other form of political system	42	40	13	5
American elections are free and fair	21	41	26	12
Public opinion polls are skewed	21	46	27	7
There is a great deal of voter fraud in American elections	20	34	26	19
Under some circumstances, a non-democratic government may be preferable to a democratic one	10	28	32	29

Political Protest, the Rule of Law, and Political Violence

To what extent do you agree/disagree with the following statements? (Items were randomized)				
	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The rule of the law must be followed, even if it results in unpopular decisions	38	42	15	6
The will of the people is more important than the rule of law	18	29	33	21
I am ready to take to the streets in protest for a just political cause	12	23	27	38
It is sometimes necessary to use violence to support a just cause	10	18	24	48
I am ready to use violence if necessary to support a just political cause	8	13	20	60

Demographics

What is your age in years?	
	All Adults
18-24	13
25-34	17
35-44	17
45-54	17
55-64	17
65 or older	20

Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?	
	All Adults
More than once a week	7
Once a week	17
One or twice a month	10
A few times a year	14
Seldom	15
Never	34
Unsure	2

First, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. Do you consider yourself male or female?	
	All Adults
Male	49
Female	51
Another gender (please explain)	*

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?	
	All Adults
Yes	18
No	82
Don't know/Unsure	*

What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
	All Adults
African-American or Black	16
White or Caucasian	73
Native American or American Indian	2
Asian	5
Multiple or another race (please explain)	4
Don't know/Unsure	1

What is the last year of schooling you have completed?	
	All Adults
1 st – 11 th grade	4
High school graduate	31
Some college	34
College graduate	21
Graduate school	10

In what region of the country are you living in?	
	All Adults
North	19
South	37
Midwest	23
West	22

Please indicate the correct category for your total household income.	
	All Adults
25 thousand dollars or less	22
25 to 50 thousand dollars	23
50 to 75 thousand dollars	18
75 to 100 thousand dollars	14
100 to 150 thousand dollars	13
150 to 250 thousand dollars	5
More than 250 thousand dollars	3
Don't know/Unsure	3

What is your present religion, if any?	
	All Adults
Protestant	24
Roman Catholic	25
Mormon	1
Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox	1
Jewish	3
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	*
Atheist	5
Agnostic	6
Something else	11
Nothing in particular	22

How often do you attend worship services? Would you say never, a few times a year, a few times a month, almost every week, every week, or more than once a week?	
	All Adults
Never	38
A few times a year	21
A few times a month	12
Almost every week	6
Every week	14
More than once a week	7
Don't know/Unsure	3

Do you consider yourself to be a Christian?	
	All Adults
Yes	65
No	31
Unsure	5

Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?	
	All Adults
Yes	28
No	68
Don't know/Unsure	4

How important is religion in your life?	
	All Adults
Very important	35
Somewhat important	29
Not too important	11
Not at all important	22
Unsure	2

In politics today, do you tend to lean Republican, Democrat, or what?	
	All Adults
Democrat	26
Republican	26
Independent/unaffiliated	43
Other	1
Don't know/Unsure	4

Even though you consider yourself an independent, would you say you lean toward the Democratic or Republican party? (Asked of the 516 respondents who said they are independent/unaffiliated.)	
	All Adults
Democratic Party	28
Republican Party	23
Neither	50

Thinking about politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very conservative, somewhat conservative, moderate, somewhat liberal or very liberal?	
	All Adults
Very conservative	14
Somewhat conservative	17
Moderate	42
Somewhat liberal	11
Very liberal	11
Other	1
Don't know	4

In political matters, people talk about "left" and "right". How would you place yourself on this scale?	
	All Adults
Far Left - 1	6
2	4
3	7
4	5
5	37
6	11
7	7
8	8
9	6
Far Right - 10	9

Would you say you live in a rural, a suburban, or an urban area?	
	All Adults
rural	23
suburban	47
urban	30
unsure	1

Do you have a gun in your home?	
	All Adults
Yes	26
No	72
Unsure	1

Were you born in the United States of America?	
	All Adults
Yes	91
No	9

How would you best describe your current relationship status?	
	All Adults
Single	50
Engaged	2
Living with significant other	8
Married	36
Widowed	4
Don't know/Unsure	1