

NBC News | SurveyMonkey Government Shutdown Poll Results
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The NBC News | SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online from Saturday, January 20 through Monday, January 22, 2018. Results are among a national sample of 3,450 adults aged 18 and over. The error estimate for all adults is plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

Complete error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

TOPLINE RESULTS

In general, do you think things in this country are heading in the right direction or the wrong direction?

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong direction</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	37	60	3

Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	<u>Foreign policy</u>	<u>The environment</u>	<u>Terrorism</u>	<u>Immigration</u>	<u>Health care</u>	<u>Jobs and the economy</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	5	9	6	14	18	29	8	10	1

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

	<u>Strongly approve</u>	<u>Somewhat approve</u>	<u>Somewhat disapprove</u>	<u>Strongly disapprove</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	23	18	11	47	1

In general, is it more important for government officials in Washington to compromise to find solutions, or stand on principles even if it means gridlock?

	<u>Compromise to find solutions</u>	<u>Stand on principles even if it means gridlock</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	79	18	2

Who do you think is more to blame for the recent federal government shutdown?

	<u>President Trump</u>	<u>Republicans in Congress</u>	<u>Democrats in Congress</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	38	18	39	4

Do you think it is acceptable for the President or members of Congress to threaten a government shutdown to achieve their policy goals, or is that not an acceptable way to negotiate?

	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	16	81	3

During the recent negotiations over the government shutdown, do you think Donald Trump showed strong qualities of leadership?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	37	60	3

Would you say immigration helps the United States more than it hurts it, or immigration hurts the United States more than it helps it?

	<u>Helps more than it hurts</u>	<u>Hurts more than it helps</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	58	39	4

Do you support or oppose building a wall along the entire U.S. border with Mexico?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	27	15	13	43	2

If the U.S. builds a wall along the entire border with Mexico, who do you think would ultimately pay for it?

	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Mexico</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	60	5	33	2

Do you support or oppose the DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) policy, which protects those who were brought into the United States as undocumented children from being deported?

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	66	31	3

How important would you say it is for Congress to reauthorize funding for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides health care coverage for uninsured children?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not that important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	71	19	5	3	2

If you were making up the budget for the federal government, would you increase spending, decrease spending or keep spending the same for military defense?

	<u>Increase spending</u>	<u>Decrease spending</u>	<u>Keep spending about the same</u>	<u>No answer</u>
1/20—1/22	34	29	34	3

METHODOLOGY

The NBC News|SurveyMonkey poll was conducted online among a national sample of 3,450 adults aged 18 and over from January 20 through January 22, 2017. Respondents for this survey were selected from the nearly three million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week has been weighted for age, race, sex, education and region using the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States.

Because the sample is based on those who initially self-selected for participation rather than a probability sample, no estimates of sampling error can be calculated. All surveys may be subject to multiple sources of error, including, but not limited to sampling error, coverage error, and measurement error.

To assess the variability in the estimates and account for design effects, we create a bootstrap confidence interval to produce an error estimate. The bootstrap confidence interval for this survey is plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

To calculate the bootstrap confidence interval, we use the weighted data to generate 5000 independent samples and calculate the 95% confidence intervals for the weighted average. When analyzing the survey results and their accuracy, this error estimate should be taken into consideration in much the same way that analysis of probability polls takes into account the margin of sampling error.

Group	Unweighted N	Plus or minus
Total	3,450	2.2
Republican	910	4.4
Democrat	1,129	4.0
Independent	1,323	3.5
Male	1,654	3.1
Female	1,796	3.0
18-24	288	7.1
25-34	444	5.7
35-44	482	5.6
45-54	666	4.9
55-64	857	4.6
65+	713	5.2
White	2,525	2.8
Black	323	5.9
Hispanic	222	7.0
Asian	102	10.5
Other	278	6.5