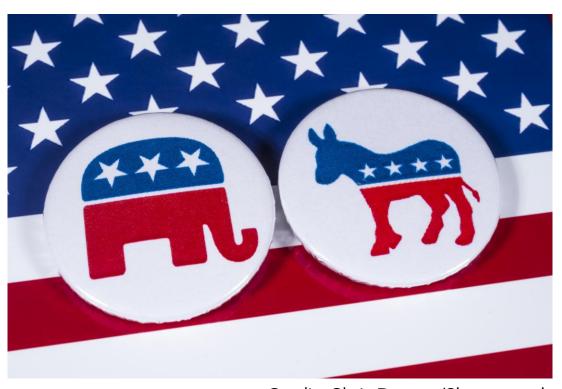
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Republicans in Congress: A Guide for Advocates



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Key Takeaways:

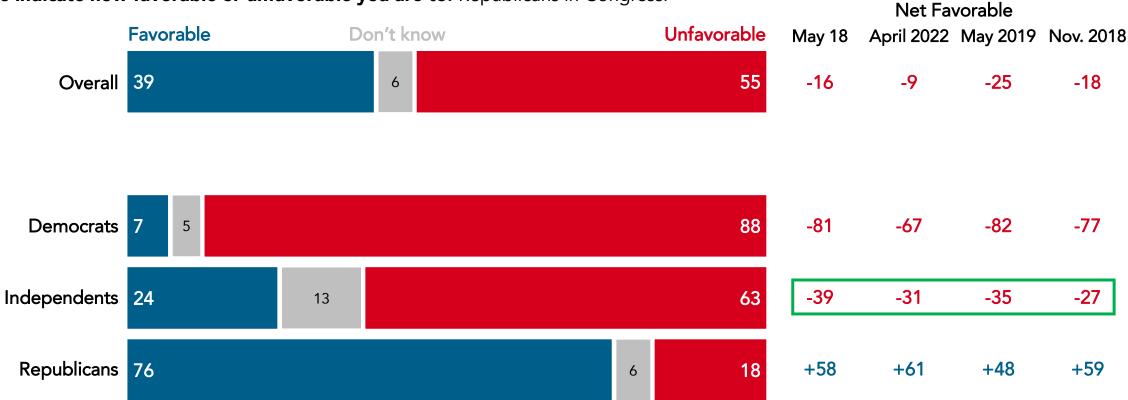
- Americans see Republicans in Congress as largely aligned with Trump, though more say "mostly" or "somewhat aligned" rather than "completely."
- More than 40 percent of Americans say Republicans support Trump and give him largely unchecked authority – few say they are doing what they can to stop him.
- Republicans too close to Trump are seen as acting as "yes men" to him and his agenda.

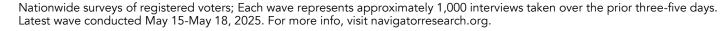


A Majority of Americans Are Unfavorable Towards Republicans in Congress

Roughly two in three (63%) independents are unfavorable to Republicans in Congress, and their rating of Republicans in Congress has gotten more negative since 2018 (from net -27 favorable in 2018 to net -39 now).

Please indicate how favorable or unfavorable you are to: Republicans in Congress.



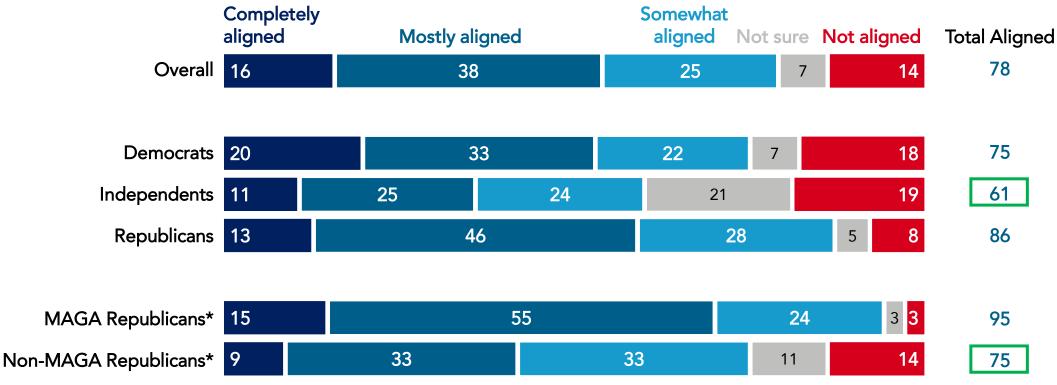




People Believe Republicans in Congress Are "Mostly" or "Somewhat" Aligned With Trump, Not "Completely"

Three in five independents (61%) and three in four non-MAGA Republicans* (75%) say that Republicans in Congress are aligned with Trump and his policies.

How aligned do you think Republicans in Congress are with Trump and his policies?



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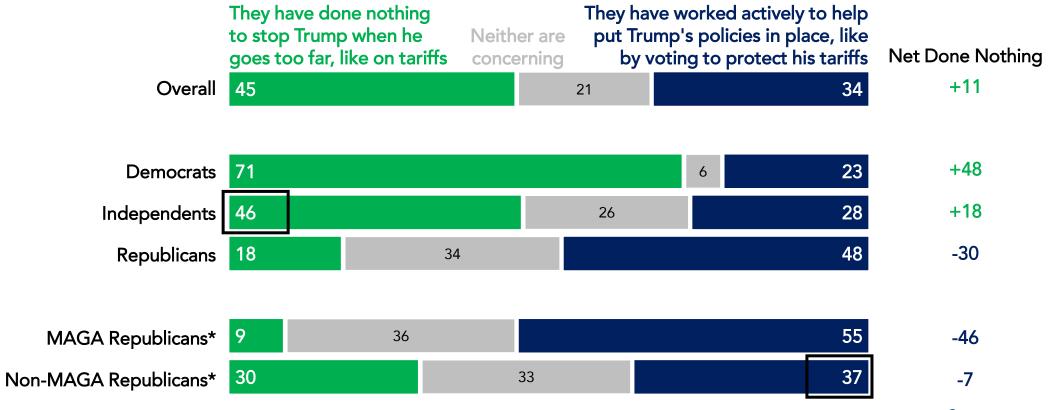
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Americans Are More Concerned Republicans in Congress Are Doing Nothing To Stop Trump Than Actively Aiding Him

A plurality of independents (46%) say they are more concerned Republicans in Congress have done nothing to stop Trump.

Which of the following concerns you more about how Republicans in Congress are acting?



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Americans Most See Republicans in Congress As Supporting Trump and Giving Him Unchecked Power

Non-MAGA Republicans* say the relationship is best described as "they like his policies, but hate his personality" (37%), while independents say they "support him and give him largely unchecked authority" (35%) and "know better but are too spineless" (34%).

Which best describes the relationship between Republicans in Congress and Donald Trump?

	% top two best describes	Dem	Ind	Rep	Reps.*	Reps.*
They support him and give him largely unchecked authority	43%	54	35	34	37	29
They know better but are too spineless	36	54	34	16	13	21
They are scared of what Trump might do	31	40	31	22	16	30
They like his policies, but hate his personality	22	11	21	35	33	37
They are doing what they can to stop him	6	5	6	7	8	6

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Republicans in Congress Are Most Viewed As Acting As "Yes Men" to Donald Trump

For both independents and non-MAGA Republicans*, the top descriptor is "acting as 'Yes Men' to Donald Trump" (44% and 35%).

Which of the following phrases best describes what Republicans who are too close to Donald Trump are doing?

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	% top two best describes	Dem	IIIG	кер	ivebs.	iveps.
Acting as "Yes Men" to Donald Trump	45%	67	44	23	14	35
Showing no backbone in dealing with Trump	34	50	33	16	11	23
Being complicit in Trump's agenda	24	46	27	22	21	24
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Putting party over country	26	36	26	15	8	24
Protecting Trump from real oversight	24	29	22	19	16	24
		0.4	40	4.4	40	4.5
Being a rubber stamp for Trump	19	24	18	14	13	15
Trying to conv. Trump	0	8	5	9	10	8
Trying to copy Trump	O	O	J	7	10	O

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About Navigator

In a world where the news cycle is the length of a tweet, our leaders often lack the real-time public-sentiment analysis to shape the best approaches to talking about the issues that matter the most. Navigator is designed to act as a consistent, flexible, responsive tool to inform policy debates by conducting research and reliable guidance to inform allies, elected leaders, and the press. Navigator is a project led by pollsters from Global Strategy Group and GBAO along with an advisory committee, including: Jessica Floyd, The Hub Project; Christina Reynolds; Mike Podhorzer; Jesse Ferguson, progressive strategist; Navin Nayak, Center for American Progress Action Fund; Stephanie Valencia, EquisLabs; and Melanie Newman, Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

About the Study

Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from May 15-May 18, 2025. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 76 additional interviews were conducted among African American and Pacific Islander voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables. The margin of error for the full sample at the 95 percent level of confidence is +/- 3.1 percentage points. The margin of error for subgroups varies and is higher.

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