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1. Iran priority tradeoff
Which of the following should be the bigger priority for the United States right now?

		Age				Gender		Education				Race			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Man	Woman	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad	Post Grad	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Achieving US military goals in Iran as effectively as possible, even if it means higher prices in the US	22%	11%	15%	25%	36%	27%	18%	23%	26%	20%	16%	28%	10%	12%	21%
Avoiding higher prices in the US, even if it means US military goals in Iran are not fully met	56%	53%	60%	58%	53%	55%	57%	53%	54%	59%	67%	54%	62%	60%	57%
Not sure	21%	35%	26%	17%	11%	18%	25%	24%	20%	21%	18%	18%	28%	29%	22%
Totals	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(196)	(273)	(303)	(228)	(476)	(514)	(375)	(257)	(228)	(140)	(627)	(115)	(168)	(90)

		Income			Region				Urbanicity		
	Total	< $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	City	Suburb/ Town	Rural area
Achieving US military goals in Iran as effectively as possible, even if it means higher prices in the US	22%	17%	29%	24%	25%	21%	25%	17%	18%	23%	32%
Avoiding higher prices in the US, even if it means US military goals in Iran are not fully met	56%	60%	54%	58%	58%	57%	54%	59%	57%	58%	47%
Not sure	21%	23%	17%	18%	17%	22%	21%	24%	25%	19%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(412)	(266)	(230)	(166)	(202)	(398)	(234)	(380)	(456)	(164)

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		Party ID (collapsed)			2024 Presidential Vote		
	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Harris	Trump	Non-voter
Achieving US military goals in Iran as effectively as possible, even if it means higher prices in the US	22%	4%	50%	12%	6%	52%	12%
Avoiding higher prices in the US, even if it means US military goals in Iran are not fully met	56%	81%	32%	57%	84%	32%	55%
Not sure	21%	15%	18%	31%	10%	16%	34%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(386)	(355)	(207)	(286)	(288)	(400)

		Ideology				Political Interest			
	Total	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Not sure	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all
Achieving US military goals in Iran as effectively as possible, even if it means higher prices in the US	22%	2%	17%	49%	7%	30%	27%	9%	8%
Avoiding higher prices in the US, even if it means US military goals in Iran are not fully met	56%	83%	62%	33%	47%	61%	52%	60%	58%
Not sure	21%	15%	21%	18%	45%	9%	21%	32%	34%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(266)	(290)	(319)	(125)	(396)	(289)	(159)	(117)

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2. Iran final say

Who do you think should have the final say in deciding when to end US military action against Iran: President Trump or Congress?

		Age				Gender		Education				Race			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Man	Woman	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad	Post Grad	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
President Trump	29%	28%	23%	29%	36%	35%	24%	33%	30%	23%	25%	33%	19%	25%	25%
Congress	53%	50%	54%	51%	55%	50%	55%	44%	52%	60%	64%	48%	69%	55%	56%
Not sure	18%	22%	23%	19%	9%	15%	20%	22%	18%	17%	10%	19%	12%	20%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(196)	(273)	(303)	(228)	(476)	(514)	(375)	(257)	(228)	(140)	(627)	(115)	(168)	(90)

		Income			Region				Urbanicity		
	Total	< $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	City	Suburb/ Town	Rural area
President Trump	29%	26%	34%	28%	27%	28%	33%	26%	25%	30%	37%
Congress	53%	51%	52%	58%	56%	52%	49%	56%	57%	52%	42%
Not sure	18%	23%	14%	14%	18%	20%	18%	18%	17%	18%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
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	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Harris	Trump	Non-voter
President Trump	29%	7%	60%	19%	6%	64%	21%
Congress	53%	84%	21%	55%	89%	18%	51%
Not sure	18%	9%	19%	26%	6%	17%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(386)	(355)	(207)	(286)	(288)	(400)

		Ideology				Political Interest			
	Total	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Not sure	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all
President Trump	29%	5%	22%	59%	18%	33%	31%	31%	17%
Congress	53%	85%	60%	23%	44%	61%	51%	41%	46%
Not sure	18%	10%	18%	18%	38%	6%	18%	27%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(266)	(290)	(319)	(125)	(396)	(289)	(159)	(117)

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3. Iran vote candidate

Generally speaking, if a candidate running for federal office supports the war with Iran, would that make you more likely or less likely to vote for that candidate, or would it not make much difference?

		Age				Gender		Education				Race			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Man	Woman	HS or Less	Some College	College Grad	Post Grad	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
More likely	13%	9%	10%	15%	19%	17%	10%	12%	15%	15%	11%	15%	7%	10%	14%
Less likely	44%	45%	47%	42%	42%	44%	43%	35%	44%	50%	56%	41%	52%	44%	50%
Would not make much difference	26%	28%	21%	26%	32%	27%	26%	32%	25%	21%	22%	27%	26%	28%	20%
Not sure	16%	19%	22%	17%	8%	12%	21%	20%	16%	14%	11%	16%	15%	18%	16%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(196)	(273)	(303)	(228)	(476)	(514)	(375)	(257)	(228)	(140)	(627)	(115)	(168)	(90)

		Income			Region				Urbanicity		
	Total	< $50k	$50-$100k	$100k+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	City	Suburb/ Town	Rural area
More likely	13%	11%	17%	14%	10%	13%	16%	12%	9%	14%	21%
Less likely	44%	45%	42%	50%	49%	46%	40%	45%	45%	47%	31%
Would not make much difference	26%	24%	29%	25%	23%	25%	31%	23%	25%	26%	30%
Not sure	16%	20%	12%	11%	17%	17%	14%	20%	20%	13%	17%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%	99%
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		Party ID (collapsed)			2024 Presidential Vote		
	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Harris	Trump	Non-voter
More likely	13%	3%	32%	5%	2%	33%	7%
Less likely	44%	76%	13%	43%	77%	14%	41%
Would not make much difference	26%	13%	40%	30%	13%	39%	27%
Not sure	16%	8%	16%	22%	8%	15%	24%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(386)	(355)	(207)	(286)	(288)	(400)

		Ideology				Political Interest			
	Total	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Not sure	Most of the time	Some of the time	Only now and then	Hardly at all
More likely	13%	2%	8%	32%	1%	21%	13%	7%	1%
Less likely	44%	81%	50%	15%	26%	57%	37%	37%	31%
Would not make much difference	26%	9%	29%	38%	27%	17%	36%	34%	32%
Not sure	16%	9%	13%	15%	45%	5%	15%	22%	36%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%
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Sponsorship	Institute for Global Affairs at Eurasia Group
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 29 – November 2, 2026
Target population	U.S. adults, age 18 and over
Sampling method	YouGov interviewed 1,160 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1,000 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the 2024 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, and the 2024 AP Votecast exit poll, including demographics and 2024 presidential vote. All data were weighted to the CPS-VRS person weights on the public use file, with Hur & Achen reweighting adjustments to account for missing data within the voter registration and turnout fields.
Weighting	The matched cases were then iteratively proportionally fitted (IPF) on 2024 presidential vote choice, a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), these demographics' associated marginals, home ownership, and region, to produce the final weight.
Number of respondents	1,000
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Full methodology	instituteforglobalaffairs.org/2026/11/iran-war-poll-pre-election
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