Americans on the Iran War, 2026 Pre-Midterm Poll

November 9, 2026 · 1,000 US adults

Sample	1,000 adults in the United States (18+), interviewed online by YouGov from its opt-in panel
Weighting	Sample matched and weighted on gender, age, race, education, region, home ownership, and 2024 presidential vote (US Census CPS & 2024 AP VoteCast)
Conducted	October 29 – November 2, 2026 (ahead of the November 3 midterm elections)
Margin of error	±3.4 percentage points for the full sample, adjusted for the design effect of weighting

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

Achieving US military goals in Iran as effectively as possible, even if it means higher prices in the US	22%
Avoiding higher prices in the US, even if it means US military goals in Iran are not fully met	56%
Not sure	21%

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

President Trump	29%
Congress	53%
Not sure	18%

3. 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?

More likely	13%
Less likely	44%
Would not make much difference	26%
Not sure	16%

Methodology

This poll was commissioned by the Institute for Global Affairs at Eurasia Group and conducted online by YouGov from October 29 to November 2, 2026, ahead of the November 3 midterm elections. Respondents were drawn from YouGov's opt-in panel and screened for attention, completion speed, and eligibility—panelists must have been members of the panel for at least 30 days and passed a series of quality checks. YouGov interviewed 1,160 respondents, who were then matched down to a final sample of 1,000 adults in the United States on gender, age, race, and education using benchmarks from the US Census Bureau's 2024 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration Supplement and the 2024 AP VoteCast exit poll. To achieve a representative sample, matched cases were then weighted on 2024 presidential vote choice, gender, age, race, education, home ownership, and region:

- **Gender** (Man, Woman)
- **Age** (18–29, 30–44, 45–64, 65+)
- **Race/Ethnicity** (White non-Hispanic, Black, Hispanic, Other non-Hispanic)
- **Education** (High school graduate or less, Some college / 2-year degree, 4-year college degree, Post-graduate degree)
- **2024 Presidential Vote Choice** (Kamala Harris, Donald Trump, Another candidate, Did not vote)
- **Home Ownership** (Own, Rent, Other)
- **Census Region** (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)

The full-sample margin of error is ±3.4 percentage points, adjusted for the design effect of weighting. Full methodology, report, and crosstabs: instituteforglobalaffairs.org/2026/11/iran-war-poll-pre-election/.

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