



2024 NATIONAL

Public Safety and Homelessness Poll

1. Which of the following three entities do you think is best equipped to successfully prepare inmates for re-entry into society: the government, private for-profit businesses, or nonprofit organizations?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Government</i>	30%	24%	29%	27%
<i>For-Profit Business</i>	26%	20%	18%	21%
<i>Nonprofit Organizations</i>	44%	56%	53%	51%

2. Prisons are funded primarily based on the number of inmates they hold. Would you support or oppose tying a portion of prisons' funding to their inmate rehabilitation success rates?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	49%	50%	58%	52%
<i>Oppose</i>	18%	17%	11%	15%
<i>Unsure</i>	34%	33%	31%	33%

3. Would you support or oppose providing bonus funding to prisons that have higher-than-average inmate rehabilitation success rates?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	50%	55%	64%	56%
<i>Oppose</i>	22%	15%	16%	17%
<i>Unsure</i>	28%	31%	20%	26%

4. Would you support or oppose offering non-violent individuals time off the length of their probation or parole if they maintain steady employment or complete an approved job skills program?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	69%	73%	79%	73%
<i>Oppose</i>	13%	10%	11%	11%
<i>Unsure</i>	19%	17%	10%	15%

5. Would you support or oppose reducing the length of probation or parole for non-violent individuals if they successfully complete a substance abuse or mental health program?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	57%	62%	68%	62%
<i>Oppose</i>	25%	16%	16%	19%
<i>Unsure</i>	17%	23%	16%	19%

6. Which of the following two options do you think is the biggest root cause of chronic homelessness: mental illness and addiction, or lack of affordable housing and low wages?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Mental Illness and Addiction</i>	59%	59%	51%	57%
<i>Lack of Affordable Housing/Low Wages</i>	28%	23%	39%	30%
<i>Unsure</i>	13%	18%	10%	13%

7. Should homeless individuals be required to participate in job training, mental health, and sobriety programs as a condition of receiving taxpayer-funded housing benefits?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Yes</i>	70%	67%	71%	69%
<i>No</i>	14%	17%	16%	16%
<i>Unsure</i>	16%	17%	13%	15%

8. Do you think it is more compassionate to allow homeless individuals to camp wherever they choose or to move them into shelters?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Camp Wherever They Choose</i>	13%	10%	10%	11%
<i>Move Into Shelters</i>	69%	68%	78%	72%
<i>Unsure</i>	18%	21%	12%	17%

9. Should homeless individuals be allowed to camp on public property such as sidewalks or city parks?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Yes</i>	15%	11%	20%	15%
<i>No</i>	73%	69%	66%	69%
<i>Unsure</i>	12%	20%	14%	15%

10. Would you support or oppose creating designated homeless camping areas with access to hygiene facilities and social services that are away from business and residential areas?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	58%	68%	74%	67%
<i>Oppose</i>	23%	13%	14%	17%
<i>Unsure</i>	19%	19%	12%	17%

11. Would you support or oppose establishing drug-free zones around homeless service provider facilities?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	57%	62%	69%	63%
<i>Oppose</i>	18%	10%	12%	14%
<i>Unsure</i>	25%	27%	19%	24%

12. Would you support or oppose increasing fines and penalties for selling drugs at or near homeless service facilities?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	68%	61%	71%	67%
<i>Oppose</i>	15%	17%	18%	16%
<i>Unsure</i>	17%	22%	12%	17%

13. Would you support or oppose criminal penalties for homeless service providers who knowingly permit drug trafficking or drug use at their facilities?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	59%	58%	64%	60%
<i>Oppose</i>	18%	16%	19%	18%
<i>Unsure</i>	22%	27%	17%	22%

14. Would you support or oppose revoking a homeless service provider's license to operate if they are repeatedly found guilty of allowing drug trafficking or drug use at their facilities?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	73%	76%	78%	75%
<i>Oppose</i>	18%	8%	14%	13%
<i>Unsure</i>	9%	16%	8%	11%

15. Would you support or oppose auditing taxpayer-funded homeless service providers for how they spend their funding?

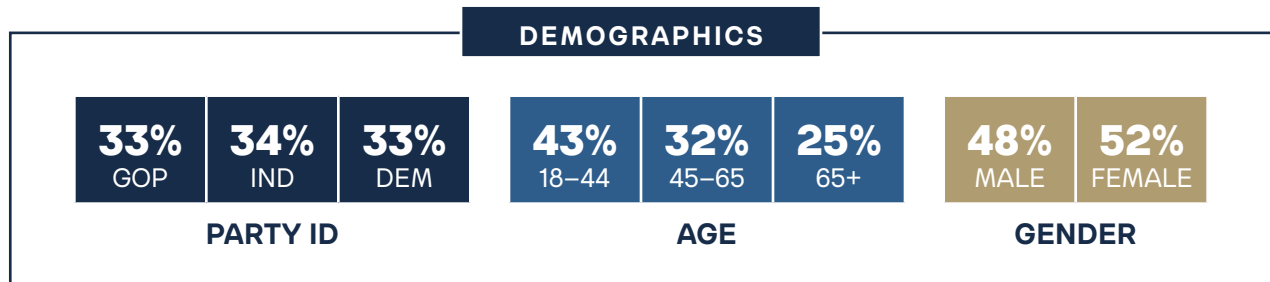
	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Support</i>	66%	69%	64%	66%
<i>Oppose</i>	14%	7%	11%	10%
<i>Unsure</i>	20%	25%	25%	23%

16. How often do you or your family avoid areas where there are individuals sleeping on sidewalks or park benches?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Always</i>	34%	28%	26%	30%
<i>Usually</i>	27%	22%	19%	23%
<i>Sometimes</i>	20%	26%	36%	27%
<i>Never</i>	18%	24%	19%	21%

17. How often do you or your family avoid places like convenience stores or gas stations where there are aggressive panhandlers?

	GOP	IND	DEM	ALL VOTERS
<i>Always</i>	42%	30%	30%	34%
<i>Usually</i>	21%	25%	23%	23%
<i>Sometimes</i>	19%	24%	32%	25%
<i>Never</i>	18%	21%	15%	18%



Results for this poll were collected using a sampling frame that gathered responses from 1,117 likely national voters during live calls, online panels, and automated telephone interviews conducted by Cor Strategies, Inc.

The survey was conducted October 7–11, 2024. The margin of sampling error is ±2.94 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher or lower for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities.

Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights.

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