





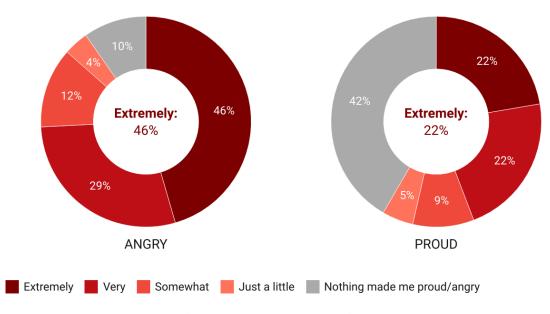
Mood of the Nation: What makes Americans proud and angry?

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Twice as many Americans feel extremely angry as feel extremely proud

Four times as many say they have nothing to be proud of

"You said ____ makes you proud/angry. How proud/angry does that make you feel?"



Note: These questions were asked after asking respondents to identify something in the news or American politics that made them proud or angry.

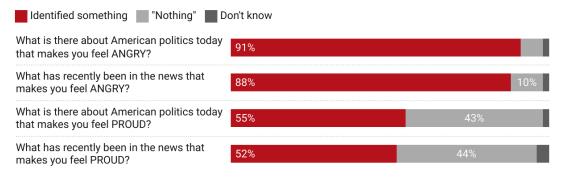
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Summary and key findings

The McCourtney Institute for Democracy's latest Mood of the Nation Poll, conducted with 1,000 American adults from Jan. 11 to 17 2024, included questions aimed at better understanding what in American politics and recent news events is making Americans feel either proud or angry.

Overall, nine in ten respondents could name either a recent news event or something about American politics that made them angry, while only half could identify a recent news event or something about American politics that made them proud.

Far more Americans can identify something in politics or news that makes them angry than can identify something that makes them proud



Note: Half of respondents were asked about news and half were asked about politics. Results derived from written responses to open-ended questions. Source: APM Research Lab analysis of McCourtney Institute's Mood of the Nation Poll, Jan. 11-17, 2024. N=997 U.S. adults age 18 or older (488 were asked about politics and 509 were asked about the news); the overall margin of error is ±3.6 percentage points.

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What is making Americans angry?

- About one in four Americans said they areangry about Joe Biden, Donald Trump or their political coalitions.
 - 14% of the answers overall, including 28% of Democrats, referred to "Trump, Republicans and the right" with 10% of all respondents specifically mentioning former President Trump.
 - 10% mentioned something having to do with "Biden, Democrats and the left," including 22% of Republicans, with 7% of all respondents specifically mentioning President Biden.
- One in five mentioned a domestic issue or policy, including immigration or border control (mentioned by 5% of respondents), the economy (3%) and crime (2%).
- An additional 12% of respondents mentioned a violation of democratic principles, including partisan division (6%), corruption (3%) and dishonesty (2%).

What is making Americans proud?

- Nearly half of Americans told us that either "nothing" made them proud, or they did not know how to answer (44% and 3%, respectively).
- Among Republicans, 14% effectively expressed pride in their team, by giving an answer related to "Trump, Republicans and the right."
- Similarly, 11% of Democrats expressed pride in "Biden, Democrats and the left."

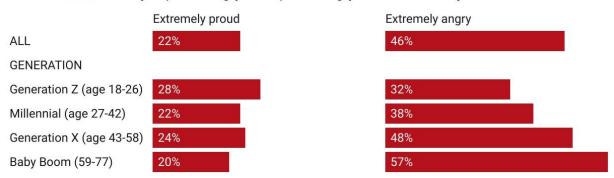
After asking what makes them angry and proud, the poll asked respondents how angry or proud that made them feel. The results show that the overall mood of the nation is strongly negative.

Overall, twice as many Americans feel extremely angry (46%) as feel extremely proud (22%).

- Similar proportions of Republicans and Democrats feel extremely angry (50% and 45%) and virtually identical proportions feel extremely proud (24% and 25%).
- Younger generations are somewhat prouder than older generations, and older generations are angrier than younger ones.

Members of Generation Z are most proud and least angry, while Baby Boomers are least proud and most angry

"You said ____ makes you proud/angry. How proud/angry does that make you feel?"



Note: Questions asked after asking respondents to identify something in the news or American politics that made them proud, and something that made them angry. Also note that the survey did not include enough members of the Silent Generation (age 78+) to safely represent that group.

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Most Americans can identify something in politics or the news that makes them angry...

Half of respondents were asked, "What is there about American politics today that makes you feel angry?" and the other half were asked, "What has recently been in the news that makes you feel angry?" Responses to the two questions were similar and, in both cases, wide ranging.

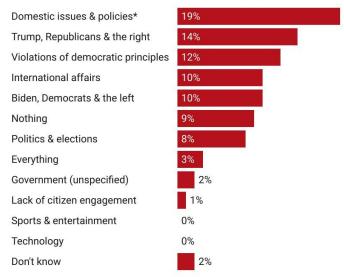
Taken all together the most common set of responses were those mentioning one of several "domestic issues and policies," including immigration or border control (mentioned by 5% of respondents), the economy (3%) and crime (2%).

The next most common category of things making people mad about either American politics or recent news items was "Trump, Republicans and the right," including 100 mentions of former President Trump (10%). The third most common category "violations of democratic principles" included mentions of partisan division (6%), as well as corruption (3%) and dishonesty (2%).

About one in ten respondents mentioned something falling into one of four categories:

- International affairs (led by mentions of the Israel-Hamas war),
- "Biden, Democrats and the left" (7% specifically mentioned President Biden),
- Politics and elections (including unnamed "politicians"), and
- Nothing.

One in five Americans is angry about domestic issues



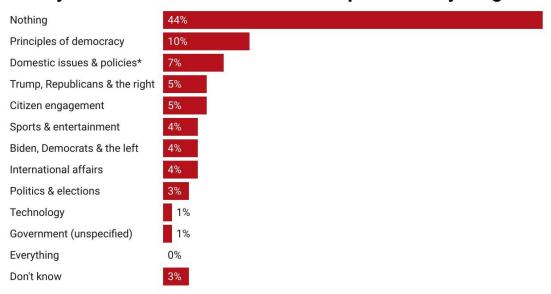
Question: Half were asked, "What has recently been in the news that makes you feel angry?" The other half, "What is there about American politics today that makes you feel proud?"

Note: Categories derived from written responses to open-ended questions. Graph does not include the 10% of answers not fitting in the major categories. (*) The most common domestic issue mentioned was immigration or border control. Source: APM Research Lab analysis of McCourtney Institute's Mood of the Nation Poll, Jan. 11-17, 2024. N=997 U.S. adults age 18 or older; the overall margin of error is ±3.6 percentage points.

...but half cannot name something that makes them proud

Half of respondents were asked, "What is there about American politics today that makes you feel proud?" and the other half were asked, "What has recently been in the news that makes you feel proud?" Responses to the two questions were similar. Taken together, nearly half came up empty: 44% indicated "nothing" made them proud, and another 3% indicated "don't know."

Nearly half of American adults are not proud of anything



Question: Half were asked, "What has recently been in the news that makes you feel proud?" The other half, "What is there about American politics today that makes you feel proud?"

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The segment of respondents who could identify something in the news to be proud of—just over half of all respondents--named a wide variety of topics. The most common category of things that people mentioned was "principles of democracy," including mentions of democracy itself (6% of all responses) as well as freedom (3%) and, much less often, unity.

Next most common were mentions of domestic issues and policies, led by mentions of the economy (2%). Then, several categories were mentioned by four to five percent of respondents, including:

"Trump, Republicans and the right,"

- Citizen engagement (voting participation, protests, etc.),
- Sports and entertainment (led by football),
- "Biden, Democrats and the left," and
- International affairs (the wars in both Israel and Ukraine as well as the U.S. bombing of the Houthis that happened the week of the survey)

Partisan differences

Since many of the things that Americans mentioned as making them either proud or angry were partisan in nature, we compared results according to political affiliation. As shown in the table below, about two in five Democrats and Republicans, each, indicated that nothing made them proud; three in five Independents were proud of nothing.

Another similarity between Democrats and Republicans: Eleven percent of both groups mentioned that some sort of democratic principle made them proud, including the 6% of each that specifically mentioned democracy itself.

There were more differences than similarities between the answers of Democrats and Republicans, however. For example, Democrats were half as likely to mention something relating to "Biden, Democrats and the left" making them proud (7%) as Republicans were to mention something in their equivalent category of "Trump, Republicans and the right" (14%).

More specifically, only two percent of Democrats spontaneously mentioned President Biden as a source of pride, whereas former President Trump was mentioned as a source of pride by ten percent of Republicans.

On the flip side, Democrats were more likely to mention something falling in the category of "Trump, Republicans and the right" as making them angry (28%), than were Republicans to mention as a point of anger something related to the category of "Biden, Democrats and the left." A similar proportion of Democrats specifically mentioned former President Trump (19%) as Republicans who specifically mentioned President Biden (17%).

Domestic issues and policies were a top point of anger mentioned by Democrats, Independents and Republicans alike, although a much higher proportion of Republicans specifically mentioned either immigration or border control issues than was the case among either Independents or Democrats.

Similar proportions of Democrats and Republicans mentioned something relating to partisan division as a point of anger.

Top mentions of things making Americans proud and angry, by political affiliation

	Proud	Angry
Democrat	37% Nothing 11% Democratic principles (with 6% noting "democracy") 11% Domestic issues & policies (including 4% noting the economy) 7% Biden, Democrats & the left (with 2% specifically mentioning Biden)	28% Trump, Republicans & the right (with 19% specifically mentioning Trump) 16% Domestic issues & policies (with 3% noting the economy) 11% International affairs (with 6% noting the war in Israel) 10% Violation of democratic principles (with 6% noting "partisan division")
Independent	60% Nothing 5% Sports 5% Domestic issues & policies	19% Domestic issues & policies (with 4% noting immigration or border control and another 4% noting gun-related issues) 17% Violation of democratic principles (with 6% noting dishonesty and another 6% noting corruption) 14% Nothing 13% International affairs (with 6% noting the war in Israel)
Republican	43% Nothing 14% Trump, Republicans & the right (with 10% specifically mentioning Trump) 11% Democratic principles (with 6% noting "democracy") 5% International affairs (with 2% noting the war in Israel)	22% Biden, Democrats & the left (with 17% specifically mentioning Biden) 22% Domestic issues & policies (with 11% noting immigration or border control) 14% Violation of democratic principles (with 7% noting partisan division and 4% noting corruption) 9% International affairs (with 4% noting the war in Israel)

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How angry are Americans?

In this poll, the question asking Americans to identify what in the news or about American politics made them either proud or angry was followed by another asking, "how proud (or angry) does that make you feel?" By any measure, Americans are angry. Only 10% answered "nothing made me angry." Nearly half, 46%, indicated they were "extremely angry."

A plurality of nearly every group of Americans that we examined indicated that they are "extremely angry." A majority of all groups in our analysis were either "extremely" or "very angry."

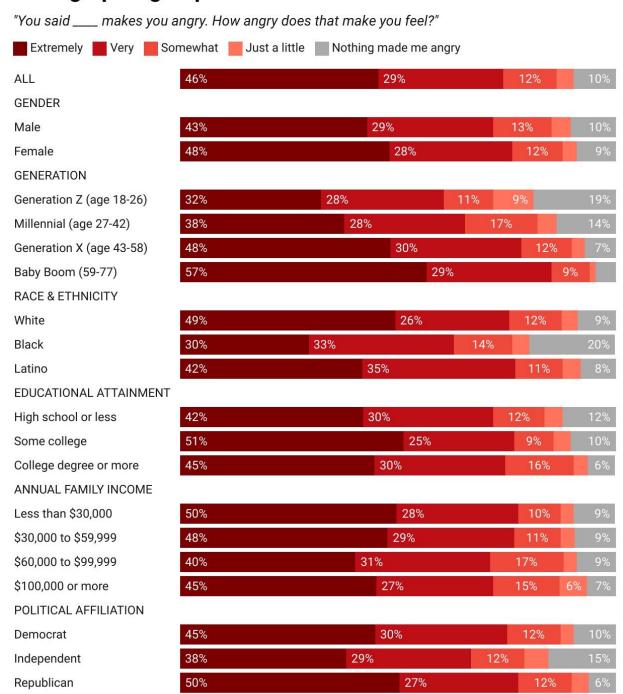
The most striking difference in levels of anger among the demographic groups that we analyzed is generational, with 57% of Baby Boomers saying they are "extremely angry," compared to 48% of Generation X, 38% of Millennials, and only 32% of Generation Z.

There are also notable differences along racial and ethnic lines, with a larger proportion of white Americans expressing extreme anger than was the case among either Hispanic or Latino, or Black Americans (49% compared to 42% and 30%, respectively).

There were smaller gaps with respect to gender (women slightly angrier than men), partisanship (Republicans slightly angrier than Democrats), and education (those with some college angrier than all others). But anger is prevalent in all demographic groups.

Political affiliation is not as strongly related to level of anger as it is to source of anger. About half of both Republicans and Democrats report feeling "extremely angry." A smaller proportion of Independents, 38%, indicated that their anger was extreme.

Feelings of anger about recent news events across major demographic groups



Note: Questions asked after asking respondents to identify something in the news or American politics that made them angry.

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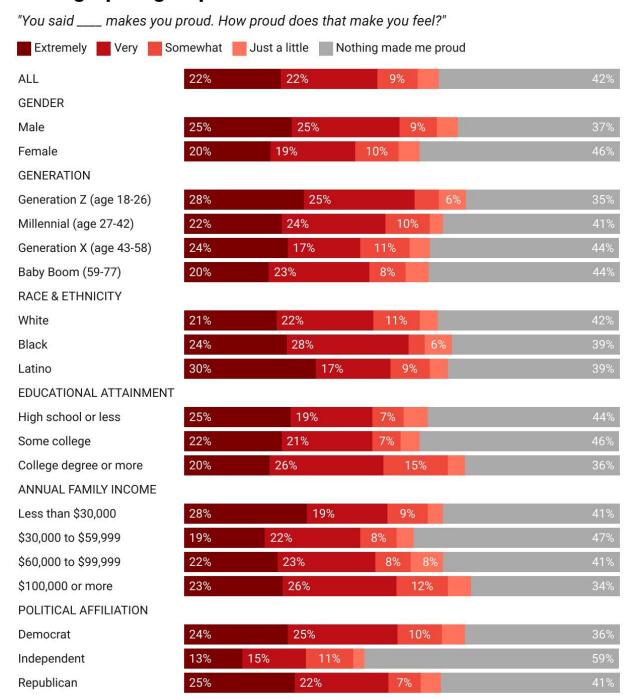
How proud are Americans?

Overall, only 22% of those polled indicated that whatever they had named as inspiring pride in American politics or recent news made them "extremely proud." The most common answer for every demographic was "nothing made me proud."

The proportion expressing extreme pride did not exceed 30% among any group in our analysis. It was, however, somewhat higher among men than women, Generation Z than Baby Boomers, Hispanic or Latino Americans than either white or Black Americans, and those with family incomes below \$30,000 than among those with incomes of \$30,000 to \$59,0000.

Unlike the majority of polling results in recent years, this is a rare case where members of the two major political parties poll identically: 25% of Democrats and 24% Republicans had named something or someone that made them extremely proud. Of course, as noted earlier, the kinds of things that make each partisan group proud are quite different.

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Survey questions used in this report

Penn State's nonpartisan McCourtney Institute for Democracy regularly conducts the nationally representative Mood of the Nation Poll to gauge how Americans are feeling about various aspects of American politics and society.¹

To assess what makes American adults feel either pride or anger, the January poll included the following questions:

- What has recently been in the news that makes you feel proud? OR
 What is there about American politics today that makes you feel proud?
 (half of respondents asked each question. Respondents typed in a response to the online survey)
- 2. You said (fill in the blank with answer from question above) makes you proud. How proud does it make you feel?
 - a. Extremely proud
 - b. Very proud
 - c. Somewhat proud
 - d. Just a little proud
 - e. Nothing made me proud
- 3. What has recently been in the news that makes you feel angry? OR What is there about American politics today that makes you feel angry? (half of respondents asked each question. Respondents typed in a response to the online survey)
- 4. You said (fill in the blank with answer from question above) makes you angry. How angry does it make you feel?
 - a. Extremely angry
 - b. Very angry
 - c. Somewhat angry
 - d. Just a little angry
 - e. Nothing made me angry

Responses to the open-ended comments were grouped into similar categories. For this analysis, we typically went with the first answer of respondents who mentioned several topics, unless they mentioned either President Biden or former President Trump.

¹ For additional information about the Mood of the Nation Poll see the appendix to this brief. For additional details about this survey's methodology, please see https://www.apmresearchlab.org/mood-of-the-nation-poll-motn



To see whether Americans' opinions on these topics vary according to demographic, social and economic characteristics, we analyzed the results of each question by gender (women, men), generation (four groups), race and ethnicity (four groups are available in this survey: White, non-Hispanic; Black, non-Hispanic; Hispanic; Other), educational attainment (three categories), family income (four categories), and political affiliation (self-identified Republican, Independent, Democrat, as derived from self-placement on a seven-category scale ranging from "Strong Democrat" to "Strong Republican").²

The numbers of respondents in each group are detailed in the methodology report that accompanies this brief.

About the survey

Data collection for this Mood of the Nation Poll was conducted online by YouGov (https://today.yougov.com/). The YouGov panel includes over 1.8 million individuals who agree to complete occasional surveys. The 1,000 individuals who completed the January 2024 Mood of the Nation Poll were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The frame was constructed by stratified sampling from the full 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year sample with selection within strata by weighted sampling with replacements (using the person weights on the public use file).

For additional details about the sample and survey methodology, as well as transparency disclosures relevant to the American Association of Public Opinion, please see: https://www.apmresearchlab.org/mood-of-the-nation-poll-motn.

² As a nationally representative sample with no oversamples this survey is unable to adequately represent the experiences and opinions of smaller groups such as those identifying as LGBTQ, Indigenous Americans, or those affiliating with smaller political parties. The opinions of people from these and other small groups are represented in the findings, but we generally do not separate out the responses from groups with fewer than 100 respondents since the margin of error associated with small samples is so large as to render the associated findings (point estimates) potentially misleading.

Appendix: New York Times' lead headlines during time of the survey

This is a small sample of headlines, those leading page one of the New York Times, to provide context for the news cycle at the time of the survey.³

January 11: At World Court, Israel to Confront Accusations of Genocide

January 12: U.S. Missiles Strike Targets in Yemen Linked to the Houthi Militia

January 13, 2024: U.S. Strikes Against Houthis in Yemen for Second Day, as Conflict Escalates

January 14: On the Ballot in Iowa: Fear. Anxiety. Hopelessness.

January 15: How College-Educated Republicans Learned to Love Trump Again

January 16: Voters Look Past Legal Problems to Give Trump a Big Victory

January 17: After Iowa, Trump is Back to Command the National Psyche. He Never Actually Left.

³ See, for example: https://www.nytimes.com/issue/todaysheadlines/2024/01/11/todays-headlines.

Appendix: Responses to open-ended questions

Responses of "nothing" and "don't know" were excluded, otherwise responses were chosen at random and only edited for obvious spelling mistakes.

"What has recently been in the news that makes you feel proud?"

	How Proud?	Age	Race/ ethnicity	Gender	State	Political affiliation
Trump being charged for crimes.	Very	57	White	Male	Iowa	Democrat
Hunter Biden unexpectedly showing up in court.	Somewhat	74	White	Female	California	Democrat
The first lady interview on CNN last night.	Very	61	White	Male	North Dakota	Independent
President Joe Biden.	Extremely	50	White	Male	Louisiana	Democrat
Trump.	Extremely	60	White	Female	Minnesota	Republican
About Donald Trump leading in the Republican poll.	Extremely	29	Asian	Male	Florida	Republican
The Presidential Primaries and Trump wining Iowa.	Very	36	Black	Male	Oregon	Republican
Donald Trump vindication.	Extremely	70	White	Female	Pennsylvania	Other
Donald Trump still on the ballot in OR and CO! Flacco in the NFL Playoffs.	Extremely	58	White	Male	Delaware	Independent
Iowa caucusing in below freezing weather.	Very	71	White	Female	Washington	Independent
2024 election.	Very	62	Black	Male	South Dakota	Democrat
The U.S. and British army targeted the Houthi terrorist organization.	Extremely	26	White	Male	New York	Republican
American heroes. People standing up for Israel, Jews and Christians.	Extremely	52	White	Female	Ohio	Republican
Decades after a woman was driven off her land by a racist mob, she owns it again.	Very	33	Black	Male	Georgia	Democrat

Recent death penalty sought for Buffalo grocery store mass shooter.	Just a little	46	White	Female	Minnesota	Democrat
The opening days of state legislature 2024.	Very	29	Black	Female	Wisconsin	Democrat
Economy will be better.	Very	31	White	Male	New York	Democrat
Trying to stop government issues in the economic problems.	Just a little	26	Hispanic	Female	New Jersey	Democrat
The shelters for the immigrants.	Very	28	Black	Female	Illinois	Democrat
News about Gen-Z engaging in advocacy, especially around the genocide in Gaza.	Extremely	25	White	Female	Minnesota	Independent
The commitment and courage displayed by healthcare professionals amid the ongoing pandemic.	Extremely	34	Hispanic	Male	New Mexico	Democrat
On January 15 large group of people gathered together to make up food boxes for people in need.	Very	69	White	Female	Florida	Republican
Sport news.	Very	25	White	Male	Montana	Independent
The level of the American Soccer League has improved and the inclusion of important players such as Lionel Messi, Luis Suarez and others around the world.	Very	32	White	Male	California	Democrat
Real Madrid won the Spanish club.	Extremely	28	White	Male	New Jersey	Democrat
The Super Bowl.	Just a little	43	Black	Male	Michigan	Not sure
Cowboys winning games.	Somewhat	48	Hispanic	Male	Texas	Democrat
Quinta Brunson winning Emmy for Best Actress in a Comedy	Very	27	White	Male	Pennsylvania	Democrat
Barbie winning golden globes	Extremely	27	Asian	Female	California	Democrat
FDA approved cell therapy for sickle cell anemia.	Somewhat	48	White	Female	Georgia	Democrat

I'm really happy to see what Elon musk has done with electric vehicles	Very	34	White	Male	Kansas	Republican
I don't look to the news for pride. My actions and behavior does that.	Very	58	White	Male	Arizona	Independent
A recent study that found that blue light does not keep you awake.	Somewhat	61	White	Female	California	Independent
I am American.	Extremely	23	White	Male	New Jersey	Democrat
Musk's crazy plan.	Just a little	29	White	Female	New York	Democrat
Family member winning an award.	Extremely	21	Multi	Male	Texas	Not sure

"What is there about American politics today that makes you feel proud?"

	How Proud?	Age	Race/ ethnicity	Gender	State	Political affiliation
Some of the checks and balances are working, especially with the lower courts.	Very	65	White	Female	Arizona	Independent
A strong commitment to democracy and the rule of law.	Very	34	Native American	Male	New York	Democrat
We continue to defend democracy against relentless attacks.	Extremely	70	White	Male	Pennsylvania	Democrat
We are still a democracy (for now).	Somewhat	36	White	Male	North Carolina	Democrat
That you can choose who you want to vote for and exercise that right.	Very	46	Black	Female	Illinois	Not sure
Our ability to vote.	Extremely	49	White	Female	Mississippi	Other
Gives citizens hope that they have a voice.	Just a little	74	White	Male	Missouri	Independent
Freedom as so important.	Very	37	Black	Male	New York	Republican
The people who care and speak out.	Somewhat	90	White	Female	Virginia	Democrat
Free for the truth.	Extremely	62	White	Male	Pennsylvania	Independent
The integrity of the United States the value	Very	61	Hispanic	Female	Florida	Independent

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Demokratiks.	Extremely	21	Hispanic	Male	New York	Independent
There's a female vice president.	Somewhat	38	White	Female	Illinois	Democrat
That there are still some guardrails holding up against treason and insurrection perps like Trump and Republicans.	Extremely	70	Black	Female	Illinois	Democrat
Biden.	Very	70	White	Female	California	Democrat
The way the president is run the country.	Somewhat	53	White	Female	North Carolina	Not sure
Joe Biden as president.	Extremely	52	Hispanic	Female	Michigan	Democrat
Our Nation is fighting to take back our country from the Democrats who are destroying our freedom for their personal gain.	Extremely	73	White	Female	Pennsylvania	Republican
Not much, but possibly the Republican's willingness to fight.	Very	40	White	Male	Illinois	Republican
Being a Republican.	Very	26	Black	Female	California	Republican
Trump is going to win again.	Extremely	23	White	Female	Arizona	Republican
That Donald trump is among the contestants in 2024 presidency.	Extremely	25	White	Male	California	Democrat
Donald Trump running for President!	Extremely	76	White	Female	Maryland	Independent
2024 election.	Very	20	Hispanic	Male	New York	Democrat
Political influence in the world.	Extremely	31	White	Female	Colorado	Republican
Aid to Ukraine.	Extremely	24	White	Male	California	Democrat
Diversity.	Very	42	Asian	Male	Illinois	Independent
Diversity of voices in politics.	Extremely	26	White	Male	New Jersey	Republican
The increase in support for rights for everyone, regardless of privilege.	Very	23	White	Female	Louisiana	Democrat

The American economy has been a powerhouse for much of its history, offering diverse opportunities for prosperity and entrepreneurship. Many people take pride in the country's ability to foster innovation, create jobs,	Extremely	32	White	Male	Pennsylvania	Republican
and drive economic						
growth. Crime.	Just a little	54	Hispanic	Male	Texas	Republican
	Somewhat	30	White	Female	Louisiana	Other
Queerphobia and anti- abortion seem to be losing gambits at the ballot, generally speaking.	Somewhat	30	wille	remale	Louisiana	Other
Historic climate investments, student debt cancellation, increasingly progressive Democratic party,	Very	19	Hispanic	Male	Massachusetts	Democrat
That there are a lot of people standing up for what is right no matter what. It shows that we have strong generations ahead.	Extremely	26	Hispanic	Female	Colorado	Democrat
That we try to help people.	Very	57	White	Female	Florida	Democrat
It is indispensable.	Extremely	39	Hispanic	Male	Kansas	Democrat
Strong policy.	Extremely	29	White	Male	Texas	Democrat
Politics is very confusing some things are good and some things I'm just not proud about.	Somewhat	60	Black	Female	Arkansas	Democrat
Maybe that they are trying to get things in the right path.	Somewhat	22	White	Female	New York	Independent
It doesn't make you feel like the most powerful nation in the world.	Extremely	31	White	Male	California	Republican
That people are getting around the mainstream media and getting news	Somewhat	48	White	Female	Virginia	Independent

out that they want kept quiet.						
Yes, proud to be with Jesus.	Very	73	White	Male	Texas	Democrat
Military force.	Very	30	White	Female	New Jersey	Independent
Provide a universal health care plan to ensure citizens have access to quality health care.	Very	34	White	Male	California	Democrat
I think things are gradually improving and society is overall becoming more progressive.	Somewhat	26	Hispanic	Female	Massachusetts	Democrat
The ability to be patriotic during crisis.	Somewhat	61	Black	Male	South Carolina	Republican

"What has recently been in the news that makes you feel angry?"

	How angry	Age	Race/ ethnicity	gender	State	Political affiliation
The political divide. It seems there is no middle ground.	Very	70	White	Female	Ohio	Republican
Hunter Biden.	Extremely	81	White	Female	South Dakota	Republican
Biden and worst Jill Biden covering for a dementia patient in the White House.	Extremely	58	White	Male	Delaware	Independent
Everything about Biden's foreign policy towards Israel. Biden has been supporting a genocide, and shoveling billions of taxpayer dollars to fund wars that have no benefit for the American populus. You're kidding yourself if you think Ukraine or Israels GDPs have any significance to the American way of life.	Extremely	24	White	Male	Oregon	Democrat
Biden.	Extremely	60	White	Female	Indiana	Republican
Biden.	Extremely	45	White	Female	Texas	Republican

How the Bidens get away with so much stuff.	Very	71	White	Male	Nebraska	Republican
Everything that Biden and the Democrats do!	Extremely	75	White	Male	Texas	Republican
The continued lies and everything else coming out of the White House.	Very	74	White	Male	South Dakota	Independent
Biden.	Extremely	44	White	Female	California	Republican
Dementia Biden and his stupidity and corruption	Extremely	70	White	Female	Pennsylvania	Other
Republicans holding up aid to Ukraine to get their way on border.	Very	71	White	Male	Wisconsin	Democrat
Republicans' activities	Very	23	White	Male	California	Democrat
GOP using military aid as a bargaining tool.	Somewhat	74	Multi	Male	Tennessee	Republican
The Republicans - all of them.	Extremely	95	Black	Female	Washington DC	Democrat
That Trump can continue to vie for the Republican nomination when he's a criminal and it's illegal according to the constitution.	Extremely	44	White	Female	Virginia	Democrat
Trump trial delays.	Extremely	66	White	Male	Nevada	Democrat
what Trump's own officials have to say about him.	Somewhat	28	Other	Female	Texas	Not sure
Trump and his supporters lying.	Extremely	69	Hispanic	Female	Texas	Democrat
Trump.	Extremely	51	Hispanic	Male	Texas	Democrat
Drumpf running for president as a mob boss.	Extremely	83	White	Male	New York	Democrat
Trump might win the nomination even if he is convicted of a crime.	Extremely	78	White	Male	Washington	Democrat
Absolutely any coverage of Donald J. Trump.	Extremely	82	White	Female	Michigan	Independent
Donald Trump given attention and being Republican winner at lowa caucus. He is amoral and incompetent. He needs to go away.	Somewhat	79	White	Female	Ohio	Democrat

People defending Trump's right to be on the ballot, saying that he's not an insurrectionist.	Very	20	White	Female	Florida	Democrat
Anything about Trump or Republicans.	Very	66	White	Male	Florida	Independent
The Trump crap.	Very	47	White	Female	Georgia	Republican
Trump walking around free.	Extremely	69	White	Male	New York	Democrat
Politics.	Somewhat	28	Native American	Male	Virginia	Independent
The political landscape of the USA.	Somewhat	44	Hispanic	Male	Washington	Democrat
Efforts to take a political candidate off of the ballot.	Extremely	74	White	Female	Minnesota	Republican
The caucuses is a sense of both angry and proud I wish more of it being over and done with, and angry of the impending results don't expect anything good to come from it either way.	Just a little	84	Black	Male	South Carolina	Democrat
War.	Extremely	24	Black	Female	New York	Democrat
Wars, attacks, explosions.	Very	39	White	Female	California	Independent
The lead up to a possible World War 3.	Extremely	41	White	Female	Michigan	Independent
Wars.	Very	23	White	Male	New Jersey	Democrat
South Africa throwing baseless accusations of genocide.	Just a little	40	White	Male	Indiana	Independent
Israeli-Hamas war made me angry.	Very	52	White	Male	New Jersey	Independent
How people are supporting Hamas.	Extremely	22	Black	Male	Texas	Independent
The war on Palestine.	Very	31	White	Female	Utah	Republican
War in Israel and Gaza.	Extremely	35	Asian	Male	New York	Independent
All of the reports about the Israel invasion of Gaza.	Extremely	72	Hispanic	Male	Idaho	Democrat
There are wars in some places, and the United States is involved again.	Extremely	33	White	Female	New Jersey	Democrat

Israel-Palestine.	Very	27	White	Male	Wisconsin	Independent
Supreme Court took Article 14 Section 3 case.	Extremely	63	White	Male	Washington DC	Democrat
Homeless crisis.	Extremely	37	Black	Male	Illinois	Not sure
Supreme Court choosing not to stay Illinois weapons ban.	Just a little	49	White	Male	Michigan	Independent
Inflation.	Extremely	46	White	Female	Minnesota	Democrat
The way inflation is affecting the country.	Very	24	Black	Male	Massachusetts	Independent
The upcoming election.	Extremely	75	White	Male	Connecticut	Independent
Nothing but the cost living and it don't make me angry.	Very	73	Black	Female	South Carolina	Democrat
The border crisis.	Extremely	54	White	Female	New Jersey	Independent
Illegal border crossing.	Extremely	67	White	Female	Texas	Independent
The migrant crisis.	Just a little	26	Asian	Male	New Jersey	Independent
The out-of-control situation at the border and the money we have to spend on housing, feeding, health care, that could be spent on other needs. Not to mention the illegal activity of those entering the U.S. Secure the damn border. This is untenable.	Extremely	65	White	Female	Kansas	Independent
Migrants moved to Madison high school.	Very	36	White	Female	New York	Republican
All the illegal peoples coming into our country.	Extremely	69	Hispanic	Female	Oregon	Republican
Abortion.	Somewhat	35	Asian	Female	California	Democrat
Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade. Proof that Justice Thomas has been accepting luxury vacations paid by political elites and stating that it has no effect on his rulings.	Extremely	57	White	Female	Oklahoma	Other
Gun violence.	Very	27	Black	Male	California	Independent
People being attacked on the street.	Extremely	69	White	Female	Pennsylvania	Republican

Crime!! The border crises, inflation impossible to get a head now days.	Very	68	White	Female	California	Republican
A closer look at America's pandemic fueled.	Very	29	Black	Female	Wisconsin	Democrat
Pro-Palestinian protests.	Very	24	Hispanic	Male	California	Republican
Pete Carroll let go as head coach of Sea Hawks.	Very	72	White	Male	Washington	Independent
Cyclone.	Very	25	White	Female	Florida	Democrat
Killings.	Very	68	Hispanic	Male	Texas	Democrat
Angry makes me depressed.	Somewhat	26	Hispanic	Female	New Jersey	Democrat
Bad life experience	Extremely	29	Black	Male	Florida	Not sure
Scientists to deliver a warning about nuclear war, doomsday.	Very	33	White	Male	California	Democrat
Injustice	Extremely	25	Hispanic	Female	Florida	Independent
Nothing	Nothing made me	33	Black	Male	Georgia	Republican

"What is there about American politics today that makes you feel angry?"

	How angry	Age	Race/ ethnicity	gender	State	Political affiliation
Not following the constitution.	Very	54	White	Female	Utah	Republican
Lobbyists. How are they legal? Anywhere else in the world is called bribery.	Extremely	50	White	Male	Ohio	Republican
The two-party system	Extremely	52	Multi	Male	Michigan	Independent
Limits on Our freedom of speech.	Somewhat	77	White	Female	Colorado	Republican
The lies	Very	61	White	Male	Maryland	Republican
Corruption, liberal bias.	Extremely	60	Hispanic	Male	New York	Independent
Some corrupt heads.	Just a little	37	Black	Male	New York	Republican
Corruption of government officials	Extremely	45	White	Female	Montana	Independent
Lack of compromise.	Extremely	24	Black	Male	South Carolina	Democrat

The vitriol and failure to listen to or hear voices in opposition.	Very	60	White	Female	Wisconsin	Independent
Not working together.	Very	57	White	Male	Indiana	Republican
We are going backwards. Taking away rights and adding censorship	Somewhat	21	White	Female	North Carolina	Democrat
All the hate and revenge slowing down the government!!!	Very	61	White	Male	Ohio	Other
We are divided. We don't listen or respect each other as human beings.	Very	48	Black	Female	New Jersey	Democrat
No unity between Americans.	Somewhat	42	White	Female	Florida	Democrat
Division.	Very	42	Asian	Male	Illinois	Independent
Too much division in American politics	Nothing made me	55	Hispanic	Male	Florida	Not sure
The division and stupidity!	Extremely	67	Other	Female	California	Independent
Leftists are ruining everything that makes the USA great, and the GOP only gives lipservice to resisting it.	Very	56	White	Male	Michigan	Other
Open borders, election cheating by democrats, high taxes, high gas prices, pipelines shut down, foreign war money laundering by the elites.	Extremely	77	White	Male	North Carolina	Independent
The woke agenda.	Extremely	22	Hispanic	Female	California	Independent
Same answer as before.	Extremely	51	White	Male	Florida	Independent
That we don't have a good president.	Somewhat	81	White	Female	Minnesota	Republican
Demoncrats and Joe "Big Guy" Biden.	Extremely	78	White	Male	Georgia	Republican
The Biden administration in general.	Somewhat	77	White	Male	Illinois	Republican
The lack of responsible, trustworthy Republicans who are soooo needed!!	Very	80	Black	Female	Texas	Democrat
I am angry about the divisiveness and the	Extremely	43	White	Female	Florida	Democrat

hypocrisy on the right -						
Republicans	_			-		
The failure of	Extremely	57	Hispanic	Male	New York	Independent
Republicans in government to						
acknowledge the harm						
they and especially						
Trump is causing on our						
country.						
Right wing attacks on	Extremely	72	White	Female	Alabama	Democrat
democracy	•					
The GOP.	Extremely	82	White	Female	Florida	Democrat
Maga Republicans do	Very	63	Black	Female	South Carolina	Democrat
not want a democracy.						
The constant threat to	Extremely	52	Hispanic	Female	Michigan	Democrat
democracy and the						
heartless policies of the						
GOP.	F. dans as also	C1	\	0.4-1-	NA:	Damasanat
How a crooked former president can make	Extremely	61	White	Male	Minnesota	Democrat
people think he is						
innocent of many						
charges and should						
become president again.						
That people like Trump	Extremely	41	White	Female	Illinois	Democrat
cam be and are in office.						
That crooked politicians,	Extremely	53	White	Male	Washington	Democrat
like Trump, who can						
game the system and						
antagonize and threaten						
our Constitution and our						
Democratic Republic.	Fytromoly	76	Hispania	Female	Now Jorsov	Domograf
The Maga party and Trump.	Extremely	76	Hispanic	remaie	New Jersey	Democrat
Electoral rigging and	Extremely	34	Black	Female	California	Republican
political corruption.			210.0.1			Пораживан
It's a cheating business.	Extremely	19	Black	Male	Florida	Democrat
American politics are	Somewhat	60	Black	Female	Arkansas	Other
more about winning,						
instead of trying to really						
make a difference.						
Alot of the politicians	Very	81	White	Female	Massachusetts	Democrat
are jerks and dishonest.						
Corrupt leaders who are	Very	69	White	Female	Georgia	Republican
not doing what is right.	1/2	4.0	11:	F '	California	Dame
They are crooked.	Very	46	Hispanic	Female	California	Democrat

It's not efficient at all, it's corrupt, it's divisive, it's about who gets control versus doing good for the people.	Extremely	43	White	Male	Minnesota	Democrat
Dysfunction, greed, people not paying enough attention, sensationalization by the media.	Very	21	Multi	Male	California	Independent
The wars.	Very	44	White	Male	Florida	Republican
Diplomatic relations.	Somewhat	31	White	Female	Florida	Republican
The taxes.	Somewhat	24	White	Female	Tennessee	Republican
That people in America are struggling and not getting help but they will help people overseas.	Extremely	54	Black	Female	Georgia	Democrat
Inflation, and everything is just very expensive.	Extremely	28	Other	Female	Hawaii	Independent
How they are not investing much in the economy.	Very	31	Black	Male	Texas	Republican
Illegal immigration, handouts to people who won't work, uncontrolled crime.	Extremely	60	White	Female	Wisconsin	Republican
Failure to deal with important issues such as immigration and the budget.	Very	82	White	Male	Missouri	Republican
The pushback against people's personal choices regarding bodily autonomy.	Extremely	23	White	Female	Louisiana	Democrat
Disorganization, crime and corruption.	Extremely	58	White	Male	Illinois	Not sure
The way of handling same sex marriage	Very	26	Black	Male	Florida	Democrat
Issues related to racial inequality, social justice, and systemic discrimination have generated anger and frustration among many Americans. Topics such as police brutality, immigration policies,	Somewhat	32	White	Male	Pennsylvania	Republican

and access to healthcare and education can be sources of heated debate and strong emotions.						
Racism.	Very	21	Hispanic	Male	New York	Independent
That more people of color don't want to vote	Somewhat	25	Hispanic	Male	Wisconsin	Democrat
Anger may feel like it comes out of nowhere, but it's the result of a complex cascade of events in the brain.	Very	34	Black	Male	Texas	Democrat
Bickering.	Very	59	White	Male	Iowa	Independent
Unfairness	Just a little	24	Hispanic	Female	Texas	Democrat
Bully.	Very	30	White	Female	New Jersey	Independent
Everything	Very	35	Hispanic	Male	Georgia	Other
Pretty much everything	Very	48	White	Female	Virginia	Independent
Everything.	Extremely	53	White	Male	Minnesota	Independent
All of it.	Extremely	54	Other	Female	Missouri	Independent

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