# YouGov

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### 1. Primary voting - frequency

How often would you say you vote in primary elections – that is, the elections in which a party selects their nominee to run in a general election? Would you say you vote in primary elections:

		Ge	nder		Α	ge	3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Always	36%	39%	34%	19%	31%	44%	52%	40%	26%	51%
Nearly always	17%	15%	19%	10%	15%	19%	25%	18%	14%	20%
Part of the time	8%	9%	6%	11%	9%	5%	7%	10%	6%	7%
Seldom	10%	11%	8%	15%	7%	9%	7%	9%	12%	7%
Never	23%	22%	24%	35%	28%	19%	6%	17%	34%	10%
Unsure	7%	4%	9%	10%	10%	4%	2%	6%	8%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(482)	(515)	(175)	(268)	(381)	(173)	(353)	(404)	(240)

			Race		F	amily Income	1		Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always	36%	39%	37%	22%	26%	47%	56%	29%	41%	37%	37%
Nearly always	17%	17%	16%	18%	17%	17%	18%	14%	17%	19%	15%
Part of the time	8%	7%	10%	10%	9%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	8%
Seldom	10%	11%	7%	2%	9%	10%	11%	15%	10%	8%	7%
Never	23%	21%	16%	37%	31%	18%	7%	28%	20%	17%	31%
Unsure	7%	5%	14%	11%	8%	2%	4%	6%	5%	10%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(997)	(765)	(114)	(118)	(355)	(302)	(184)	(197)	(243)	(371)	(186)



**2. Job parties do selecting candidates** In general, how good of a job do you think your political party does of choosing the best candidates to run for office? *Asked of respondents who identify or lean toward the Democrats or Republicans* 

		Ge	nder		Α	ge	3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Excellent	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	6%	5%	10%	3%	4%
Good	31%	32%	31%	42%	33%	25%	31%	42%	16%	30%
Fair	35%	36%	34%	20%	33%	40%	43%	30%	43%	36%
Poor	17%	21%	13%	13%	12%	21%	19%	9%	22%	23%
Not sure	11%	4%	16%	20%	13%	9%	2%	9%	17%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(779)	(367)	(412)	(128)	(192)	(308)	(151)	(354)	(185)	(240)

		Race			F	amily Income	•	Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	
Excellent	6%	5%	9%	10%	9%	5%	2%	4%	6%	6%	8%	
Good	31%	29%	33%	42%	34%	31%	31%	39%	30%	31%	26%	
Fair	35%	39%	30%	20%	30%	36%	44%	34%	40%	34%	32%	
Poor	17%	19%	11%	11%	13%	23%	19%	10%	19%	18%	20%	
Not sure	11%	8%	17%	18%	15%	6%	4%	13%	4%	12%	12%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Unweighted N)	(779)	(592)	(94)	(93)	(254)	(257)	(160)	(162)	(188)	(294)	(135)	

**3. Ideology - Republicans** Speaking generally, would you say that you're personally: Asked of respondents who identify as or lean toward Republicans

		Ge	nder		Α	ge		3 Point Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
More liberal than most										
Republican politicians	11%	12%	11%	13%	11%	13%	7%	_	11%	11%
Have similar beliefs to										
most Republican										
politicians	46%	44%	48%	65%	54%	37%	42%	—	46%	46%
More conservative than										
most Republican										
politicians	34%	38%	31%	15%	20%	41%	49%	—	30%	36%
Not sure	8%	5%	10%	7%	14%	8%	2%	_	13%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(345)	(174)	(171)	(45)	(68)	(147)	(85)	(-)	(106)	(239)

			Race		F	amily Income			Regi	on	
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More liberal than most Republican politicians	11%	12%	_	6%	2%	14%	15%	12%	18%	9%	6%
Have similar beliefs to most Republican					_/0	2.70	2070		2070	0,0	0,0
politicians More conservative than	46%	44%	86%	73%	50%	47%	45%	50%	43%	50%	39%
most Republican	240/	260/	1 4 0 /	9%	200/	240/	250/	0.20/	250/	270/	410/
politicians	34%	36%	14%		38%	34%	35%	23%	35%	37%	41%
Not sure	8%	8%	—	13%	11%	6%	4%	15%	3%	3%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(345)	(318)	(5)	(22)	(91)	(123)	(79)	(59)	(87)	(139)	(60)



**4. Ideology - Democrats** Speaking generally, would you say that you're personally: *Asked of respondents who identify as or lean toward Democrats* 

		Ge	Gender		A	ge		3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
More liberal than most											
Democratic politicians	26%	30%	23%	27%	24%	27%	23%	24%	31%	_	
Have similar beliefs to											
most Democratic											
politicians	42%	40%	43%	38%	49%	42%	36%	43%	36%	_	
More conservative than											
most Democratic											
politicians	14%	17%	13%	11%	14%	13%	24%	15%	13%	_	
Not sure	18%	14%	22%	24%	13%	18%	16%	18%	20%	_	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	
(Unweighted N)	(432)	(193)	(239)	(81)	(124)	(161)	(66)	(354)	(78)	(-)	

			Race		F	amily Income	9	Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
More liberal than most											
Democratic politicians	26%	26%	12%	37%	24%	33%	25%	36%	23%	14%	36%
Have similar beliefs to											
most Democratic											
politicians	42%	44%	45%	33%	44%	39%	46%	42%	46%	42%	38%
More conservative than											
most Democratic											
politicians	14%	16%	19%	8%	10%	14%	24%	6%	14%	19%	16%
Not sure	18%	14%	25%	22%	22%	14%	5%	16%	17%	25%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(432)	(273)	(87)	(72)	(162)	(133)	(81)	(103)	(101)	(153)	(75)



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### 5. Many candidates or only one

Thinking about primary elections for offices like Senate and governor, do you think it's better for a party to:

		Ge	nder		А	ge		3 Point Party ID			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican	
Have a number of											
different candidates to											
choose from	46%	55%	38%	44%	39%	49%	56%	43%	48%	47%	
Have one strong											
candidate whom the											
party can unite behind	30%	28%	31%	23%	29%	30%	39%	38%	18%	41%	
Not sure	24%	17%	31%	33%	32%	22%	5%	19%	34%	12%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
(Unweighted N)	(995)	(483)	(512)	(176)	(267)	(379)	(173)	(352)	(403)	(240)	

			Race		F	amily Income		Region				
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West	
Have a number of different candidates to choose from Have one strong candidate whom the	46%	50%	39%	34%	45%	48%	48%	44%	48%	46%	47%	
party can unite behind Not sure	30% 24%	30% 20%	29% 32%	26% 40%	25% 30%	32% 20%	44% 9%	30% 26%	30% 22%	30% 25%	29% 24%	
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (995)	100% (761)	100% (114)	100% (120)	100% (355)	100% (299)	100% (184)	100% (196)	100% (242)	100% (370)	100% (187)	