

National Tracking Poll

Project: 2605066

N Size: 750 Republican Voters

Margin of Error: $\pm 4\%$

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
ARI1	<i>How concerned are you that advanced AI systems could be exploited by foreign adversaries, terrorists, criminals, or hostile governments to cause serious harm to Americans?</i>		
	Very concerned	323	43%
	Somewhat concerned	300	40%
	Not very concerned	79	10%
	Not at all concerned	32	4%
	Not sure	16	2%
ARI2	<i>White House officials have announced President Trump is considering a plan that would allow the federal government to test advanced AI systems for national security risks before they are publicly released. Do you support or oppose this proposal?</i>		
	Strongly support	350	47%
	Somewhat support	222	30%
	Somewhat oppose	56	8%
	Strongly oppose	36	5%
	Not sure	85	11%
ARI3	<i>In a recent interview on Fox News, President Trump said there should be some safeguards on advanced AI systems to prevent uncontrolled AI agents from undermining the financial system or the economy. Do you agree or disagree?</i>		
	Strongly agree	472	63%
	Somewhat agree	193	26%
	Somewhat disagree	21	3%
	Strongly disagree	20	3%
	Not sure	44	6%
ARI4	<i>When it comes to oversight of Big Tech companies launching highly advanced AI models, White House officials have offered competing views of how and if the government should oversee AI companies. Which view aligns closer with your beliefs?</i>		
	"We've got to let the private sector cook" - David Sacks, former White House AI Czar	91	12%
	"We're going to make sure that things stay safe." - Scott Bessent, Secretary of the Treasury	534	71%
	Not sure	125	17%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
ARI5	<i>Which approach would you prefer for oversight of advanced AI systems?</i>		
	AI companies should voluntarily test their own systems for risks.	129	17%
	Independent security testing should be required by law for the most advanced AI systems.	534	71%
	AI systems should be released without any mandatory or voluntary safety or security testing standards.	87	12%
ARI6	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? "Big Tech companies developing powerful AI systems should not be allowed to police themselves."</i>		
	Strongly agree	387	52%
	Somewhat agree	226	30%
	Somewhat disagree	51	7%
	Strongly disagree	33	4%
	Not sure	53	7%
ARI7	<i>Which statement best describes how you think the federal government should approach risky AI systems?</i>		
	The government should require AI models to go through a safety review process like how the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) evaluates new medications for risks.	372	50%
	The government must approve AI systems as safe and secure before they're released to the public.	309	41%
	Neither	69	9%
ARI8	<i>Would you support or oppose requiring advanced AI companies to undergo independent third-party audits to verify their systems are secure and do not pose major national security risks?</i>		
	Strongly support	375	50%
	Somewhat support	259	35%
	Somewhat oppose	39	5%
	Strongly oppose	17	2%
	Unsure	60	8%
ARI9	<i>As President, Donald Trump could sit across the table from China and force them to agree to American rules on artificial intelligence — including making sure terrorists can't use AI to launch cyberattacks or build biological weapons, that AI never controls nuclear weapons, and that America, not China, sets the global standard. Would you support President Trump negotiating this kind of agreement with China, or oppose it?</i>		
	Strongly support	351	47%
	Somewhat support	227	30%
	Somewhat oppose	43	6%
	Strongly oppose	23	3%
	Not sure	106	14%

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ARI10	<i>If national security experts determined that a newly developed AI system posed a serious cybersecurity or biological threat, should the federal government have the authority to delay public release until those risks are addressed?</i>	Yes	609	81%
		No	63	8%
		Not sure	78	10%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for respondents with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	750	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	387	52%
	Gender: Female	363	48%
	N	750	
age	Age: 18-34	116	15%
	Age: 35-44	113	15%
	Age: 45-64	250	33%
	Age: 65+	271	36%
	N	750	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	53	7%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	193	26%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	197	26%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	282	38%
	N	725	
xpid3	PID: Rep (no lean)	750	100%
xeduc3	Educ: < College	422	56%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	198	26%
	Educ: Post-grad	130	17%
	N	750	
xdemInc3_us	Income: Under 50k	253	34%
	Income: 50k-100k	278	37%
	Income: 100k+	219	29%
	N	750	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	670	89%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	70	9%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	37	5%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	43	6%
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	194	26%
	Community: Suburban	373	50%
	Community: Rural	184	24%
	N	750	

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Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	123	16%
	Military HH: No	627	84%
	<i>N</i>	750	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	117	16%
	4-Region: Midwest	165	22%
	4-Region: South	308	41%
	4-Region: West	159	21%
	<i>N</i>	750	

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