

Sample Online sample of 1,007 voters fielded from October 22 to October 24, 2025.

Margin of Error

1. [Split A: Vera Action Message] Recently, lawmakers have proposed a new set of "tough-on-crime" bills in Congress. Which comes closest to your view, even if not exactly right?

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Opponents say this bill isn't about safety—this is a power grab to give Trump more control. They say the best way to prevent crime is to support police to focus on serious cases rather than asking them to solve every social problem. We also need good schools, jobs, and affordable housing, more treatment for mental health and drug addiction, and to get illegal guns off the street. Instead of measures that sound "tough" but don't make us safer, we need real solutions 

2. [Split B: Current Dem Message] Recently, lawmakers have proposed a new set of "tough-on-crime" bills in Congress. Which comes closest to your view, even if not exactly right?

Asked only of those in split B

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Opponents say this crime bill is an authoritarian power grab that will only give more power to Donald Trump, a convicted felon who has already shown he can't be trusted to uphold the law. Instead of standing by law enforcement, Trump pardoned the January 6th insurrectionists. Instead of investing in local public safety, he cut millions in DOJ grants to community policing and violence intervention programs. We should focus on protecting the healthcare of the American people rather than this fake crime bill. ......53%

Totals	 100%
Ν	 490



3. Recently, at Trump's direction, members of Congress have introduced a new slate of bills about crime. When it comes to the subject of crime, how much do you [agree or disagree] with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Trump's actions have revealed he doesn't really care about public safety or reducing crime, instead he is amassing power for himself while exploiting people's valid fears about crime. That doesn't make anyone safer. It is time to invest in real solutions that work to prevent crime, respond to crisis, and stop violence. Americans deserve real solutions for safe and thriving communities—not				
empty scare tactics.  Trump is targeting cities run by Democrats to go after his political opponents, not to fight crime.  Crime in red states is much worse than crime in blue states, as Democrats have worked with police to keep our streets safe and bring crime rates down. While Democrats put January 6 rioters behind bars, Trump pardoned them all. If Trump was serious about reducing crime, he'd send the National Guard and federal troops to red states	43%	14%	12%	31%
that have higher crime rates.  In 1994, Congress passed a crime bill that gave billions to states to build more prisons and pass tougher sentences. Instead of making communities safer, the 1994 crime bill broke families apart and took away programs that provide rehabilitation and second chances. Thirty years later, Trump and Republicans in Congress want to repeat the same mistake. Congress should invest in real solutions to prevent crime and break	37%	19%	14%	30%
its cycle—not the failed policies of the past.  Trump is only in it for himself and his billionaire friends and family—not the American people. His national crime bill is yet another power grab that will endanger our young people, families, and neighborhoods. Everything Trump has done so far is undermining safety. He has sent the military to take over cities for political theater, ordered mass ICE raids, and adopted policies to make it easier for police officers to abuse their power and break the law. That's a power grab—not about making	38%	24%	16%	21%
communities safer.	44%	10%	12%	34%



Everyone has the right to safety and justice. We can invest in real solutions to prevent crime and break its cycle while protecting fairness, due process, and the presumption of innocence. If we don't stand up for those basic values, we end up with a two-tiered criminal justice system that privileges the powerful few and punishes everyone else. Trump claiming to get "tough" with a draconian national crime bill is just exploiting fear about crime. Don't fall for it. We deserve real solutions, not empty scare tactics. 15% 21% 46% 18% Trump is only in it for himself and his billionaire friends and family—not the American people. His national crime bill is a giveaway to his corporate cronies who profit from an expansion of private prisons and more immigration detention while actively cutting the real community-based solutions that prevent crime in the first place and break its cycle. Don't be fooled that this crime bill is about public safety. It's a money grab at the expense of American taxpayers and the safety of our communities. 43% 11% 14% 32% Trump and Republicans in Congress are championing the toughest crime bill in history to make good on their promise to the American people to crack down on the criminals who threaten the safety of law-abiding Americans. Unlike the Democrats, who have surrendered our cities and citizens to disorder and fear. Republicans will crack down on violent crime, drug trafficking, vagrancy, and blight. We will enact the toughest penalties and unleash America's law enforcement to pursue criminals and protect innocent citizens. America first and safety first. 33% 19% 12% 36% Crime is out of control because of woke Democrats and left-wing activists who want to defund law enforcement, create sanctuary cities for illegal aliens, and coddle criminals. America's once great cities have descended into chaos and crime as a result of Democrat policies. Enough is enough. Making America Safe Again is a key campaign promise from the President that the American people elected him to fulfill. It's why President Trump and Republicans in Congress are championing the most comprehensive crime bill our country has ever seen. 35% 16% 9% 40%



This survey is based on 1,007 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and U.S. Census region based on voter registration lists, the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and approximate 2024 Presidential vote based on available results. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.22 to 4.98 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.49.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the subsetted sample is approximately 3.4%. It is calculated using the formula:

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 imes \sqrt{rac{1 + \mathrm{CV}^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.