



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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Attitudes Toward Iran's Nuclear Program and Campus Protests

Survey Methodology

This study was conducted by SSRS on its Opinion Panel Omnibus platform. The SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus is a national, twice-per-month, probability-based survey. Data collection was conducted from May 2 – May 5, 2025 among a sample of 1,008 respondents. The survey was conducted via web (n=978) and telephone (n=30) and administered in English. The margin of error for total respondents is +/-3.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus data are weighted to represent the target population of U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Note: Percentages may not always add to one hundred due to rounding.

Q1. As you may know, the Trump administration has been taking measures toward universities and students over protests against Israel’s actions in Gaza. How do these measures make you feel about the protesters and their critics?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
More sympathetic with protesters	8%	56%	29%	30%
More sympathetic with critics of protesters	40%	8%	13%	20%
They don’t affect my feelings	44%	23%	37%	35%
I don’t know	9%	12%	21%	15%

Q2. Which one of the following is closer to your views about the university campus protests against Israel’s actions in Gaza that have taken place in the past year and a half?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
They are more reflective of antisemitic attitudes	47%	13%	18%	25%
They are more reflective of anger with Israeli actions	21%	55%	42%	38%
I don’t know	32%	32%	40%	37%

Q3. Do you ever feel uncomfortable discussing the war in Gaza outside your home?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
Yes	10%	20%	16%	16%
No	48%	34%	35%	38%
Does not come up	42%	46%	49%	47%

Q5. American policy aims to limit the likelihood of Iran developing nuclear weapons. Which path do you prefer the administration pursue to achieve that end?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
Military action in attempt to destroy Iran's nuclear program	24%	5%	13%	14%
A negotiated agreement limiting Iran's nuclear program to peaceful ends, with stringent monitoring	64%	78%	67%	69%
I don't know	12%	17%	20%	18%

Q6. In your opinion, which of the following would be the least dangerous for stability in the Middle East?

	Republicans	Democrats	Independents	All Respondents
Only Israel having nuclear weapons	21%	5%	7%	10%
Only Iran having nuclear weapons	3%	0%	1%	1%
Neither having nuclear weapons	63%	75%	70%	69%
Both having nuclear weapons	7%	6%	6%	6%
I don't know	7%	14%	16%	14%