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804 Interviews in Rhode Island, June 16-22, 2025, MOE $\pm 3.6\%$.

Q1. How did you vote in the 2024 election for President, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

55% Kamala Harris, the Democrat
42 Donald Trump, the Republican
3 A minor third-party candidate
0 Not registered/Too young/Ineligible
0 Did not vote

Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the following individuals? (Sorted descending by "Total Approve")

	<u>Approve</u>		<u>Disapprove</u>		Not Sure	<u>Total Approve</u>	<u>Total Disapprove</u>
	Strongly	Smwt	Smwt	Strongly			
Senator Jack Reed	32	18	11	28	11	50	39
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse	27	18	8	36	10	46	44
[If RI-01] Representative Gabe Amo	23	21	10	23	23	44	33
President Donald Trump	29	11	4	54	1	41	58
[If RI-02] Representative Seth Magaziner	20	20	12	34	14	40	46
Vice President JD Vance	27	12	4	51	5	39	56
Attorney General Peter Neronha	15	23	13	24	25	38	37
General Treasurer James DiOSSa	7	22	12	16	43	29	29
Secretary of State Gregg Amore	10	19	11	19	41	29	30
Governor Dan McKee	5	20	16	48	10	25	64
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos	5	17	12	34	31	23	46

Polling was conducted online from June 16-22, 2025. Using Dynamic Online Sampling to attain a representative sample, Embold Research polled 804 general election 2024 voters in Rhode Island. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, region, and 2024 presidential vote. You can see a full methodology statement [here](#), which complies with the requirements of AAPOR's Transparency Initiative. Members of the Transparency Initiative disclose all relevant details about our research, with the principle that the public should be able to evaluate and understand research-based findings, in order to instill and restore public confidence in survey results.

Q3. For each of the following, indicate whether you support or oppose the proposed Rhode Island state policy? (Sorted descending by “Total Support”)

	<u>Support</u>		<u>Oppose</u>		Not sure	<i>Total Support</i>	<i>Total Oppos e</i>
	Strongly	Smwt	Smwt	Strongly			
Increased Medicaid reimbursements to primary care doctors, at the same level as Medicare reimbursements	52	25	6	5	14	76	9
A gradual minimum wage increase for tipped workers through 2031	46	29	10	6	8	76	16
A one-time minimum wage increase for tipped workers to \$6.75	46	26	10	6	12	72	16
A millionaire’s tax which includes a 3% income tax surcharge on highest earners	55	16	11	15	4	70	26
A state bottle refund program which includes a 10-cent deposit on recyclable beverage containers	38	21	12	22	7	59	34
A statewide assault weapons ban that blocks the purchase, sale, and possession of certain weapons, like semi-automatic shotguns	45	9	10	34	2	54	44

Q4. Rhode Island state officials estimate that the Washington Bridge will be rebuilt by November 2028 and cost \$427 million to rebuild. In your opinion, how likely do you think the project will be completed within this timeframe and budget?

2%	Very likely
11	Somewhat likely
25	Not that likely
59	Not likely at all
3	Not sure
14	Total likely
84	Total unlikely

Q5. Do you think Donald Trump’s policies have helped you personally, hurt you personally, or have not made much of a difference either way?

26%	They have helped me personally
49	They have hurt me personally
26	They have not made much of a difference in my life

Q6. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration’s decision to nationally deploy U.S. military troops in response to protests over the federal government’s immigration enforcement?

36%	Strongly approve
5	Somewhat approve
4	Neither approve nor disapprove
4	Somewhat disapprove
50	Strongly disapprove
42	Total approve
54	Total disapprove

Q7. For each of the following, would you like to see federal spending increase, decrease, or stay about the same? (Sorted descending by “*Increase*”)

	Increase	Decrease	Stay the same	Not sure
Social security	75	4	18	4
Medicare	64	6	25	4
Education	64	14	19	4
Medicaid	57	10	28	5
Border/immigration enforcement	44	27	26	3
Defense	35	28	33	4
Foreign aid	18	51	25	6

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Sorted descending by “*Total Agree*”)

	<u>Agree</u>		<u>Disagree</u>		Not sure	<i>Total Agree</i>	<i>Total Disagree</i>
	Strongly	Smwt	Smwt	Strongly			
The US is in a constitutional crisis	49	15	7	26	2	65	33
The US economy is in a recession	18	32	20	20	9	51	40
The US is a democracy	27	22	20	24	7	49	44
The US government has a strong system of checks and balances	12	29	28	27	4	41	55
The US is a dictatorship	12	25	9	49	4	37	59
The US economy is thriving	7	28	26	35	4	35	61

Q9. How important are the following aspects to your identity? (Sorted descending by “*Extremely important*”)

	Extremely important	Very important	Moderately important	Slightly important	Not important at all
Being an American	54	21	12	6	8
Being a Rhode Islander	20	21	25	14	21

Q10a. [If Republican] And how important is being a Republican to your identity?

32% Extremely important
 26 Very important
 21 Moderately important
 6 Slightly important
 15 Not important at all

Q10b. [If Democrat] And how important is being a Democrat to your identity?

27% Extremely important
 25 Very important
 27 Moderately important
 5 Slightly important
 16 Not important at all

Q10c. [If Independent] And how important is being an Independent to your identity?

41% Extremely important
24 Very important
20 Moderately important
4 Slightly important
12 Not important at all

Q11. In your opinion, how healthy is the U.S. system of democracy?

38% Not at all healthy
25 Slightly healthy
23 Moderately healthy
10 Very healthy
3 Extremely healthy

Q12. In the past year, do you think the country has...

83% Become more politically polarized
10 Stayed the same
3 Become less politically polarized
4 Not sure

Q13. What are the strongest contributors to polarization? Please select your top three.

49% Disinformation and fake news
28 Money in politics
24 Political leaders
24 Democratic officials
24 Partisan media
23 Republican officials
18 Social media platforms
18 Politically motivated violence
15 Political campaign propaganda
15 Racism and sexism
11 Election fraud
10 Income inequality
6 Redistricting or gerrymandering
5 Lack of exposure to diverse perspectives
5 The electoral college
4 Foreign interference in elections
4 Voter suppression
3 Lack of civic engagement
1 Neighborhood segregation
0 The filibuster
7 Other (please specify)

Q14. What do you think are the most important problems facing the country today? Please select your top three.

38%	Trump/Republicans
31	Inflation or cost of living
27	Immigration
25	Polarization/division
22	The state of democracy
21	Healthcare
18	Biden/Democrats
17	Economy
12	Education
12	Domestic terrorism
11	Crime
10	Gun policies
10	Climate change
9	Racism/racial issues
8	Election integrity
8	Reproductive rights (abortion)
4	Israel-Hamas War
4	War in Ukraine
3	International terrorism
3	Relations with China
4	Other (please specify)

Q15. Would you say: (Sorted descending by “*Very*”)

	Very	Somewhat	Not at all
Republicans are ____ close-minded compared to other Americans.	42	24	34
Republicans are ____ dishonest compared to other Americans.	35	28	38
Democrats are ____ close-minded compared to other Americans.	33	30	37
Republicans are ____ immoral compared to other Americans.	31	27	42
Democrats are ____ dishonest compared to other Americans.	29	32	39
Democrats are ____ immoral compared to other Americans.	27	26	47
Republicans are ____ unintelligent compared to other Americans.	23	31	47
Democrats are ____ lazy compared to other Americans.	20	27	53
Democrats are ____ unintelligent compared to other Americans.	19	29	53
Republicans are ____ lazy compared to other Americans.	11	27	62

Q16. How do you get most of your news about national and local politics and issues? Please select all that you watch, read or listen to for at least an hour per week.

40%	Local TV news
36	Network news (CBS, ABC, NBC, PBS)
28	Facebook
25	NPR or local public radio
23	National newspapers (like The Washington Post or New York Times)
22	YouTube
22	Local newspapers (like The Providence Journal or The Newport Daily News)
22	FOX News
19	CNN
18	Instagram
17	MSNBC
17	Local talk or news radio
13	Twitter/X
11	Newsmax
10	TikTok
8	Threads
1	Local Spanish-language radio, newspapers, or television
0	National Spanish-language radio, newspapers or television
20	Somewhere else (please specify)

Q17. Do you find yourself actively trying to avoid news these days?

32%	Yes
44	Sometimes
24	No

Q18. [IF “Yes” or “Sometimes”] You said that you actively try to avoid news these days. Which of the following news topics do you try to avoid? Please select all topics that you try to avoid.

48%	National politics
48	Entertainment/celebrity
35	Social justice news
35	Climate change and the environment
31	Israel-Hamas War
30	War in Ukraine
25	Immigration
23	Crime or gun violence
13	Health news
10	Local news
16	Other (please specify)

D1. Are you:

46%	A man
53	A woman
1	Neither of these

D2. Age

22%	18 to 34
22	35 to 49
27	50 to 64
29	65+

D3. What is your race?

81% White / Caucasian
7 Hispanic or Latino/a
4 Black or African American
3 Asian / Pacific Islander
1 American Indian or Alaska Native
3 Other

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

18% High school diploma or less
27 Some college, but no degree
16 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
21 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
19 Graduate degree

D5. Party Identification

24% Strong Democrats
8 Weak Democrats
15 Independent lean Democrats
20 Pure independents
14 Independent lean Republicans
4 Weak Republicans
14 Strong Republicans

Party Identification

33% Base Democrats
49 Independents + Leaners
19 Base Republicans

Party Identification

48% Democrats
20 Pure independents
32 Republicans

D6. Regardless of what you think of the political parties, which party are you registered to vote with?

36% The Democratic Party
15 The Republican Party
48 Registered to vote, but not with a political party
2 Some other political party

D7. Here is a map of Rhode Island's two congressional districts. In which district do you live?

46% 1
52 2
2 Not sure

D8. RI Regions

13% Bristol/Newport
17 Kent
56 Providence
13 Washington