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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 1-17, 2026, with a random sample of –1,000— adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact galluphelp@gallup.com.

14. In general, how much trust and confidence do you have in the mass media -- such as newspapers, T.V. and radio -- when it comes to reporting the news fully, accurately, and fairly -- a great deal, a fair amount, not very much, or none at all?

	<u>Great deal</u>	<u>Fair amount</u>	<u>Not very much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<i>Great deal/Fair amount</i>
2026 Sep 1-17	6	27	33	33	1	33
2025 Sep 2-16	8	20	36	34	1	28
2024 Sep 3-15	8	23	33	36	*	31
2023 Sep 1-23	7	25	29	39	*	32
2022 Sep 1-16	7	27	28	38	*	34
2021 Sep 1-17	7	29	29	34	*	36
2020 Aug 31-Sep 13	9	31	27	33	*	40
2019 Sep 3-15	13	28	30	28	*	41
2018 Sep 4-12	14	31	30	24	*	45
2017 Sep 6-10	13	28	29	29	1	41
2016 Sep 7-11	8	24	41	27	*	32
2015 Sep 9-13	7	33	36	24	*	40
2014 Sep 4-7	10	30	36	24	*	40
2013 Sep 5-8	11	33	33	22	1	44
2012 Sep 6-9	8	32	39	21	1	40
2011 Sep 8-11	11	33	36	19	1	44
2010 Sep 13-16	12	31	36	21	*	43
2009 Aug 31-Sep 2	10	35	37	18	1	45
2008 Sep 8-11	9	34	35	21	1	43
2007 Sep 14-16	9	38	35	17	*	47
2005 Sep 12-15	13	37	37	12	1	50
2004 Sep 13-15	9	35	39	16	1	44
2003 Sep 8-10	14	40	35	11	*	54
2002 Sep 5-8	10	44	35	11	*	54
2001 Sep 7-10	12	41	33	14	*	53
2000 Jul 6-9	12	39	37	12	*	51
1999 Feb 4-8	11	44	34	11	*	55
1998 Dec 28-29	11	44	35	9	1	55
1997 May 30-Jun 1	10	43	31	15	1	53
1976 Jun ^	18	54	22	4	2	72
1974 Apr ^	21	48	21	8	2	69
1972 May ^	18	50	24	6	2	68

^ Asked of a half sample

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Public Release Data

QN14: Trust -- News media BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Great deal	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	6%	3%	8%	6%	4%	9%	2%	8%	8%	7%	6%	5%
Fair amount	27%	22%	32%	26%	30%	28%	24%	30%	29%	22%	30%	20%	23%	42%	31%	23%	27%
Not very much	33%	34%	31%	31%	35%	34%	33%	31%	36%	35%	27%	36%	31%	34%	35%	30%	34%
None at all	33%	37%	29%	36%	26%	32%	38%	30%	27%	38%	34%	42%	37%	14%	27%	40%	32%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

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