

DATA FOR **PROGRESS**

From September 19 to 20, 2022, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,219 likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and voting history. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error is ± 3 percentage points.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,219 unless otherwise specified.

[1] The following are some possible reasons someone in jail or prison might be placed in solitary confinement.

For each statement you see, say whether you think it's a good or bad reason to place someone in solitary confinement.

— The person is having a mental health crisis

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Good reason	33	32	29	37	28	38	28	35	35	29	37	32	35
Bad reason	56	59	59	51	60	51	61	54	54	61	50	57	54
Don't know	11	9	12	12	11	11	11	11	11	11	13	10	11
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[2] The following are some possible reasons someone in jail or prison might be placed in solitary confinement.

For each statement you see, say whether you think it's a good or bad reason to place someone in solitary confinement.

— The person talked back to a correctional officer

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Good reason	17	14	16	22	15	20	16	18	19	15	14	18	20
Bad reason	73	78	73	69	76	70	76	72	73	74	76	73	72
Don't know	9	8	12	9	9	10	8	10	8	11	9	9	9
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[3] The following are some possible reasons someone in jail or prison might be placed in solitary confinement.

For each statement you see, say whether you think it's a good or bad reason to place someone in solitary confinement.

— The person used swear words

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Good reason	5	4	5	5	3	6	7	3	5	4	8	4	7
Bad reason	91	90	89	92	92	89	87	92	91	90	82	92	88
Don't know	5	6	6	3	5	5	5	5	4	6	10	4	6
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[4] The following are some possible reasons someone in jail or prison might be placed in solitary confinement.

For each statement you see, say whether you think it's a good or bad reason to place someone in solitary confinement.

— The person raised concerns about corruption and abuse while in jail or prison

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Good reason	27	27	25	28	26	28	27	27	29	23	42	24	40
Bad reason	64	64	66	62	65	62	63	64	62	68	47	67	54
Don't know	9	9	9	10	9	10	10	9	9	9	11	9	7
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[5] The following are some possible reasons someone in jail or prison might be placed in solitary confinement.

For each statement you see, say whether you think it's a good or bad reason to place someone in solitary confinement.

— The person tested positive for the use of marijuana or other drugs

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Good reason	27	23	27	32	26	29	22	30	29	24	18	27	42
Bad reason	63	71	62	56	63	63	67	61	62	65	71	63	52
Don't know	10	6	11	12	11	8	11	9	9	11	11	10	6
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[6] Below is a list of policies that have been proposed or implemented to limit solitary confinement. For each policy, say whether you support or oppose it.

— Capping the length of solitary confinement at 15 days

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	41	56	34	31	48	33	44	39	39	44	36	40	49
Somewhat support	30	22	38	33	29	32	32	29	31	30	26	33	20
Somewhat oppose	13	11	11	18	9	18	8	16	14	12	17	12	15
Strongly oppose	7	4	7	11	6	9	6	8	8	6	9	7	8
Don't know	8	8	10	7	8	8	9	8	9	7	12	8	8
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	71	78	72	64	77	65	76	68	70	74	62	73	69
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	20	15	18	29	15	27	14	24	22	18	26	19	23
SUPPORT (NET)	+51	+63	+54	+35	+62	+38	+62	+44	+48	+56	+36	+54	+46
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[7] Below is a list of policies that have been proposed or implemented to limit solitary confinement. For each policy, say whether you support or oppose it.

— Making it so that no person with a mental disability can be held in solitary confinement

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	35	49	30	25	39	30	37	34	36	33	34	35	33
Somewhat support	30	27	32	32	28	33	31	30	28	34	29	31	36
Somewhat oppose	18	13	17	22	16	19	16	19	18	16	13	19	12
Strongly oppose	7	5	5	9	5	8	7	6	7	5	9	6	8
Don't know	10	6	15	11	11	10	9	11	10	11	15	8	12
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	65	76	62	57	67	63	68	64	64	67	63	66	69
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	25	18	22	31	21	27	23	25	25	21	22	25	20
SUPPORT (NET)	+40	+58	+40	+26	+46	+36	+45	+39	+39	+46	+41	+41	+49
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[8] Below is a list of policies that have been proposed or implemented to limit solitary confinement. For each policy, say whether you support or oppose it.

— Making it so that no person with a physical disability can be held in solitary confinement

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	33	47	27	24	37	29	35	32	32	34	43	32	29
Somewhat support	29	26	30	31	29	28	29	29	29	28	29	30	20
Somewhat oppose	20	14	24	23	18	23	19	21	20	20	14	20	25
Strongly oppose	9	8	8	12	7	12	9	9	10	7	8	9	16
Don't know	9	6	11	10	9	8	8	9	8	11	6	8	10
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	62	73	57	55	66	57	64	61	61	62	72	62	49
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	29	22	32	35	25	35	28	30	30	27	22	29	41
SUPPORT (NET)	+33	+51	+25	+20	+41	+22	+36	+31	+31	+35	+50	+33	+8
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[9] Below is a list of policies that have been proposed or implemented to limit solitary confinement. For each policy, say whether you support or oppose it.

— Making it so that no person who is pregnant, recovering from childbirth, or caring for a young child can be held in solitary confinement

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	49	59	43	42	53	44	51	47	46	52	54	49	40
Somewhat support	27	22	30	31	26	29	27	28	28	26	24	28	25
Somewhat oppose	11	11	11	11	9	13	10	11	11	10	11	10	18
Strongly oppose	7	5	5	10	7	7	7	7	8	5	5	7	7
Don't know	7	3	11	7	6	7	6	7	7	7	6	6	10
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	76	81	73	73	79	73	78	75	74	78	78	77	65
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	18	16	16	21	16	20	17	18	19	15	16	17	25
SUPPORT (NET)	+58	+65	+57	+52	+63	+53	+61	+57	+55	+63	+62	+60	+40
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[10] Some members of Congress are proposing legislation that would limit solitary confinement to a maximum of 4 hours per day, beyond the time all persons in the institution are in their cells, such as at night.

This legislation would also ensure that anyone in solitary confinement receives regular support from medical and mental health staff, and that solitary confinement is only used for emergency situations involving serious physical injury.

Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	28	39	26	17	33	22	35	24	28	27	28	27	32
Somewhat support	36	39	35	34	38	33	36	36	35	37	39	35	35
Somewhat oppose	21	15	21	28	17	25	19	22	21	20	17	22	28
Strongly oppose	11	4	10	19	7	15	5	14	11	11	7	13	3
Don't know	4	3	8	3	4	4	5	4	4	5	9	4	2
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	64	78	61	51	71	55	71	60	63	64	67	62	67
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	32	19	31	47	24	40	24	36	32	31	24	35	31
SUPPORT (NET)	+32	+59	+30	+4	+47	+15	+47	+24	+31	+33	+43	+27	+36
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[11] Do you support or oppose the U.S. Department of Justice creating a new office to investigate corruption and mismanagement in U.S. prisons, including allegations of abuse during solitary confinement?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
Strongly support	57	74	57	40	64	50	64	54	58	56	67	56	64
Somewhat support	29	20	27	38	26	32	23	32	29	29	19	31	28
Somewhat oppose	7	4	7	9	5	8	8	6	6	7	8	6	6
Strongly oppose	4	0	4	8	2	6	1	6	3	5	1	4	0
Don't know	3	1	5	3	3	3	4	2	3	3	5	3	2
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	86	94	84	78	90	82	87	86	87	85	86	87	92
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	11	4	11	17	7	14	9	12	9	12	9	10	6
SUPPORT (NET)	+75	+90	+73	+61	+83	+68	+78	+74	+78	+73	+77	+77	+86
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152

[12] Mentally ill individuals are often placed in solitary confinement as a "protective measure."

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=601)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
We should stop placing mentally ill individuals in solitary confinement. Instead, we should place them in designated units where they will be safer and can receive any specialized programming or treatment they need.	78	82	78	73	83	71	79	77	75	82	80	79	66
We should continue placing mentally ill individuals in solitary confinement. Keeping them in a room alone will protect them from the violence that they would be exposed to in a traditional jail or prison cell.	19	17	16	24	14	25	18	20	21	15	15	18	30
Don't know	3	1	7	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	5	3	5
Weighted N	601	225	164	212	331	270	212	389	382	219	69	461	73

[13] LGBTQ individuals are often placed in solitary confinement as a "protective measure."

Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right? (N=618)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	White	Latino/a
We should stop placing LGBTQ individuals in solitary confinement. Instead, we should focus on keeping them safe, while providing them access to the same services and recreation as any other person would have.	74	80	73	70	83	65	78	72	73	76	76	76
We should continue placing LGBTQ individuals in solitary confinement. Keeping them in a room alone will protect them from violence that they would be exposed to in a traditional jail or prison cell.	19	16	18	23	11	28	15	21	19	19	18	22
Don't know	7	4	9	7	6	7	7	6	8	5	6	2
Weighted N	618	214	185	219	317	300	204	414	390	227	489	79

[14] Which of the following comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino/a
When someone in jail or prison misbehaves, it is best to provide them with counseling and programming. These forms of rehabilitation and treatment are the best strategy because they directly address the core issue the person is dealing with.	65	79	64	51	72	56	71	61	60	72	65	64	65
When someone in jail or prison misbehaves, it is best to punish them with solitary confinement. Placing people in small prison or jail cells by themselves for up to 22 to 24 hours per day is the best strategy because it punishes them for their actions.	30	17	28	44	24	37	23	33	34	23	26	31	30
Don't know	5	3	8	5	4	7	5	5	6	5	9	5	6
Weighted N	1,219	439	349	431	648	570	416	803	772	447	116	950	152