

# DATA FOR PROGRESS

From March 26 to 31, 2025, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 767 likely Democratic primary voters in New York using SMS and web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely Democratic primary voters by age, gender, education, race, and geography. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is  $\pm 4$  percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. For more information please visit [dataforprogress.org/our-methodology](https://dataforprogress.org/our-methodology).

N=767 unless otherwise specified. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

**[1a]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Bernie Sanders**

Very favorable	57%
Somewhat favorable	26
Somewhat unfavorable	7
Very unfavorable	7
Haven't heard enough to say	3
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	83%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	14
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+69</b>

**[1b]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Kamala Harris**

Very favorable	56%
Somewhat favorable	25
Somewhat unfavorable	9
Very unfavorable	9
Haven't heard enough to say	1
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	81%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	18
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+63</b>

**[1c]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Elizabeth Warren**

Very favorable	50%
Somewhat favorable	25
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	9
Haven't heard enough to say	11
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	75%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	15
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+60</b>

**[1d]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC)**

Very favorable	50%
Somewhat favorable	25
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	10
Haven't heard enough to say	9
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+59</b>

**[1e]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Pete Buttigieg**

Very favorable	51%
Somewhat favorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	9
Very unfavorable	6
Haven't heard enough to say	16
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+55</b>

**[1f]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Hakeem Jeffries**

Very favorable	38%
Somewhat favorable	25
Somewhat unfavorable	12
Very unfavorable	8
Haven't heard enough to say	17
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+43</b>

**[1g]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Kirsten Gillibrand**

Very favorable	29%
Somewhat favorable	35
Somewhat unfavorable	14
Very unfavorable	10
Haven't heard enough to say	12
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+40</b>

**[1h]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Josh Shapiro**

Very favorable	28%
Somewhat favorable	21
Somewhat unfavorable	5
Very unfavorable	6
Haven't heard enough to say	40
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	49%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	11
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+38</b>

**[1i]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Raphael Warnock**

Very favorable	31%
Somewhat favorable	17
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	4
Haven't heard enough to say	42
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	48%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	10
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+38</b>

**[1j]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Gretchen Whitmer**

Very favorable	30%
Somewhat favorable	19
Somewhat unfavorable	6
Very unfavorable	6
Haven't heard enough to say	38
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	49%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	12
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+37</b>

**[1k]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Kathy Hochul**

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	40
Somewhat unfavorable	17
Very unfavorable	12
Haven't heard enough to say	4
FAVORABLE (TOTAL)	65%
UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)	29
FAVORABLE (NET)	<b>+36</b>

**[1i]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Gavin Newsom**

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	29
Somewhat unfavorable	13
Very unfavorable	10
Haven't heard enough to say	27
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>51%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+28</b>

**[1m]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Chuck Schumer**

Very favorable	27%
Somewhat favorable	35
Somewhat unfavorable	18
Very unfavorable	18
Haven't heard enough to say	3
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+26</b>

**[1n]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **J.B. Pritzker**

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	12
Somewhat unfavorable	5
Very unfavorable	4
Haven't heard enough to say	62
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+20</b>

**[1o]** Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people or institutions?

— **Rahm Emanuel**

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	22
Somewhat unfavorable	10
Very unfavorable	10
Haven't heard enough to say	48
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL)</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET)</b>	<b>+12</b>

**[2]** In the voting booth, which of the following issues do you consider **most** when deciding which candidate to vote for?

Threats to democracy . . . . .	<b>25%</b>
Programs like Social Security and Medicare . . . . .	<b>18</b>
Economy, jobs, and inflation . . . . .	<b>17</b>
Health care . . . . .	<b>7</b>
Abortion . . . . .	<b>5</b>
Climate change and the environment . . . . .	<b>4</b>
Race relations and racism . . . . .	<b>4</b>
Taxes and government spending . . . . .	<b>4</b>
Crime and public safety . . . . .	<b>3</b>
Education . . . . .	<b>3</b>
LGBTQ+ issues . . . . .	<b>3</b>
Gun policy . . . . .	<b>2</b>
Immigration . . . . .	<b>2</b>
National security and foreign policy . . . . .	<b>2</b>
None of these . . . . .	<b>2</b>

**[3]** Even though it's a long way off, if the **2028 Democratic Primary** for the **U.S. Senate** in New York was being held tomorrow, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

Chuck Schumer . . . . .	26%
Lean Chuck Schumer . . . . .	10
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez . . . . .	43
Lean Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez . . . . .	12
Not sure . . . . .	9
<b>CHUCK SCHUMER (TOTAL)</b> . . . . .	<b>36%</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (TOTAL)</b> . . . . .	<b>55</b>
<b>UNDECIDED (TOTAL)</b> . . . . .	<b>9</b>

**[4]** Generally speaking, do you think Democrats in Washington are doing too much, not enough, or the right amount when it comes to standing up to Donald Trump and the MAGA movement?

Too much . . . . .	<b>4%</b>
Not enough . . . . .	<b>84</b>
The right amount . . . . .	<b>10</b>
Don't know . . . . .	<b>1</b>

**[5]** Next, you're going to be shown how Chuck Schumer and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are typically described by their supporters. After that, we'll ask how favorable you find each of them.

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez was born in the Bronx and witnessed firsthand the challenges facing working-class families and immigrant communities. After studying economics in college, she worked as a community organizer and educator before unseating a long-serving incumbent in one of the biggest upsets of the 2018 election. In Congress, Ocasio-Cortez has been a leading progressive voice and is seen as a rare member of Congress willing to rock the boat and speak truth to power. She has advocated for Medicare for All, bold climate action through the Green New Deal, and greater accountability for corporate power. She has also fought to protect reproductive rights and to hold the Trump administration accountable for its abuses of power. Ocasio-Cortez continues to champion policies aimed at creating economic opportunity and uplifting underrepresented voices across New York and the country.

Knowing what you do now, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez?

Very favorable .....	58%
Somewhat favorable .....	24
Somewhat unfavorable .....	4
Very unfavorable .....	9
Haven't heard enough to say .....	5
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....</b>	<b>82%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET) .....</b>	<b>+69</b>

**[6]** Chuck Schumer was born and raised in Brooklyn, where he learned the importance of hard work and public service at an early age. Schumer began his career in the New York State Assembly before moving on to the U.S. House of Representatives and then winning election to the U.S. Senate. As Senate Democratic Leader, Schumer is seen as one of the most powerful officials in Washington and has delivered billions of federal dollars to New York. He has championed efforts to lower healthcare costs, invest in critical infrastructure, and defend reproductive rights. He has been a vocal critic of the Trump administration's attempts to undermine democracy, standing up for voting rights and pushing back against extremism. Schumer remains committed to protecting Social Security, Medicare, and other vital programs that support working families across New York and the nation.

Knowing what you do now, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Chuck Schumer?

Very favorable .....	36%
Somewhat favorable .....	36
Somewhat unfavorable .....	13
Very unfavorable .....	12
Haven't heard enough to say .....	3
<b>FAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....</b>	<b>72%</b>
<b>UNFAVORABLE (TOTAL) .....</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>FAVORABLE (NET) .....</b>	<b>+47</b>

**[7]** Now that you've seen this information, if the **2028 Democratic Primary** for the U.S. Senate in New York was being held tomorrow, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

Chuck Schumer .....	26%
Lean Chuck Schumer .....	10
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez .....	42
Lean Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez .....	14
Not sure .....	9
CHUCK SCHUMER (TOTAL) .....	36%
ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (TOTAL) .....	56
UNDECIDED (TOTAL) .....	<b>9</b>

**[8]** Next, you're going to be shown how Chuck Schumer and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are typically described by their opponents. After that, we'll ask how concerning you find each statement.

Very concerning .....	<b>14%</b>
Somewhat concerning .....	<b>23</b>
A little concerning .....	<b>25</b>
Not at all concerning .....	<b>38</b>

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez may be able to energize more extreme elements in her party, but she has proven to be a polarizing figure who often divides Democrats and alienates moderates. Her confrontational style and social-media presence have overshadowed efforts to build consensus and achieve real legislative progress. Instead of working effectively within the party to advance progressive causes, Ocasio-Cortez has made headlines by clashing with other Democrats and pushing proposals that are seen as too extreme by many Americans. While she touts her grassroots background, critics say her approach is more about personal branding than delivering for her district. New Yorkers deserve a representative who can unite people around shared goals and work productively in Congress, rather than stoking division and controversy.

How concerning or not concerning do you find this information?

**[9]** Chuck Schumer is a career politician who has spent decades in Washington, often prioritizing political calculations over the needs of New Yorkers. Just weeks ago, he joined Trump and MAGA leaders in Congress to vote for their spending bill, earning backlash for aligning with extremists. Schumer has been criticized for cozying up to big corporations and failing to deliver tangible results for working families across the state. At a time when Democrats need to stand firm against Republican threats to healthcare, abortion access, and Social Security, Schumer's willingness to accommodate Trump has called his judgment into question. New Yorkers deserve a senator who is focused on fighting for middle-class families, not clinging onto a leadership title in Washington.

Very concerning .....	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat concerning .....	<b>25</b>
A little concerning .....	<b>22</b>
Not at all concerning .....	<b>20</b>

How concerning or not concerning do you find this information?

**[10]** Finally, now that you've seen this additional information, if the **2028 Democratic Primary** for the U.S. Senate in New York was being held tomorrow, and these were the candidates, who would you vote for?

Chuck Schumer .....	24%
Lean Chuck Schumer .....	11
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez .....	41
Lean Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez .....	14
Not sure .....	10
CHUCK SCHUMER (TOTAL) .....	35%
ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ (TOTAL) .....	55
UNDECIDED (TOTAL) .....	<b>10</b>

**[11]** Please click on all of the sources of news that you have gotten news from about government and politics in the past few weeks. If you're unsure, please DO NOT click it.

Broadcast news like ABC, CBS, or NBC .....	<b>49%</b>
New York Times .....	<b>46</b>
CNN .....	<b>45</b>
MSNBC .....	<b>43</b>
Local television news .....	<b>40</b>
National Public Radio (NPR) .....	<b>29</b>
Local newspapers .....	<b>27</b>
YouTube .....	<b>26</b>
Facebook .....	<b>22</b>
Podcasts .....	<b>21</b>
Instagram .....	<b>19</b>
Fox News .....	<b>14</b>
TikTok .....	<b>13</b>
X (formerly Twitter) .....	<b>12</b>
Bluesky .....	<b>11</b>
Reddit .....	<b>8</b>
Telemundo or Univision .....	<b>3</b>
Discord or Twitch .....	<b>3</b>
Newsmax .....	<b>2</b>
Snapchat .....	<b>0</b>
None of these .....	<b>4</b>