

AMERICANS FIRST: POLLING THE PEOPLE

Trump Voters Want to be Tougher on China and Russia

Between August 18-21, 2025, The Vandenberg Coalition and GOP polling firm [TargetPoint](#) surveyed 1,244 Trump voters' attitudes on the pressing foreign policy challenges of our time, ranging from next steps for forging peace in Ukraine, confronting the China challenge at home and abroad, and addressing humanitarian concerns in the Middle East. This is the third installment of our monthly polling project, [Americans First: Polling the People](#), which seeks to gain insights on how President Trump's base is thinking about the issues defining his presidency.

As was the case in [June](#) and [July](#), Trump voters not only continue to endorse "Peace Through Strength," they want to see more of it. Respondents emphatically support thwarting the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) malign influence campaigns against American citizens, increasing pressure against Russia to take peace negotiations seriously, and buttressing American allies like Israel, Taiwan, and Ukraine. Additional detail is available upon request and on our [website](#).

Trump voters continue to endorse the president taking a strong and unapologetic approach towards U.S. foreign policy.

- 91 percent of Trump voters overall and 93 percent of self-identified MAGA voters say it is important that the United States remains the strongest country in the world, as opposed to China, Iran, or Russia. These numbers have not fallen below 90 percent after three months of polling, revealing a steadfast desire for American leadership over our adversaries.
- 90 percent of Trump voters believe the world is safer with strong, principled American leadership, and 91 percent believe the United States is safer and stronger when America leads. MAGA voters continue to agree, with 92 percent asserting that strong U.S. leadership makes America and the world safer.
- Satisfaction with President Trump's foreign policy increased among Trump voters from our [July poll](#) to 86 percent, demonstrating that his base continues to support "Peace Through Strength."
- Young Trump voters continue to reject isolationism; 87 percent of Trump voters under 30 years old emphasize the need for America to be stronger than China, Iran, and Russia, and only six percent claim that the United States is being dragged into too many foreign conflicts.

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**OF MAGA VOTERS UNDER 30 AGREE.
THE U.S. SHOULD BE STRONGER THAN
CHINA, IRAN AND RUSSIA.**



Trump voters demand that America maintains and asserts supremacy over China worldwide.

- An overwhelming 90 percent of Trump voters—and 92 percent of MAGA conservatives surveyed—ranked China as a threat to U.S. security, with 76 percent saying China is either a "high" or "extremely high" threat. This is consistent with our last two surveys (75 percent in [July 2025](#), 72 percent in [June 2025](#)).

- Trump voters understand that acting against the China threat pays dividends against other adversaries: 95 percent of Trump voters are concerned about increased cooperation between China, Iran, Russia, and North Korea, with 66 percent being “extremely concerned” or “very concerned.”
- 91 percent of respondents believe it is important that the United States maintain superiority over China in science and technology, an increase of six percent from our [June 2025](#) poll.
- Over three-quarters (78 percent) of Trump voters believe it is in the vital national security interest of the United States to prevent China from controlling Taiwan. An overwhelming 89 percent would support Taiwan’s defense through a combination of increasing allied military readiness, selling weapons to Taiwan, bolstering U.S. military assets in the Indo-Pacific, and providing Taiwan with economic, cyber, and energy support. Only a meager 11 percent of those surveyed indicated that America should do nothing to support Taiwan.
- While Trump voters are generally supportive of President Trump’s foreign policy, 60 percent think the United States actually should be doing more to be tougher against China.

Despite support overall for Trump’s policies, a majority of Trump voters also urge tougher action to combat the Chinese Communist Party threat to the U.S. homeland.

- Trump’s supporters remain concerned about China’s control over TikTok, even despite the White House’s recent embrace of the app. 85 percent of Trump voters are at least moderately concerned about the CCP accessing U.S. data on TikTok, with 72 percent of MAGA conservatives saying they were “very” or “extremely” concerned. This number was even higher among younger Trump voters, where 9 out of 10 respondents under the age of 30—the group most likely to use the app—expressed concern.
- Trump voters are pushing to take our pharmaceuticals out of China’s hands: 89 percent of respondents approve of President Trump encouraging more companies to manufacture pharmaceuticals in the United States to decrease our reliance on China, and 68 percent of MAGA conservatives strongly support his proposal to increase tariffs on medicine coming from countries like China.
- 81 percent of Trump voters support efforts to end the investment of U.S. state and federal employee retirement accounts into Chinese companies, including 92 percent of Trump voters over the age of 65.
- Trump’s base wants the CCP out of our classrooms: 91 percent of respondents are concerned about CCP-sponsored Chinese Students and Scholars Associations—which are accused of funding campus encampments and disruptions—on college campuses, including 91 percent of younger MAGA voters (ages 18–44) and 89 percent of all Trump voters surveyed under the age of 30.



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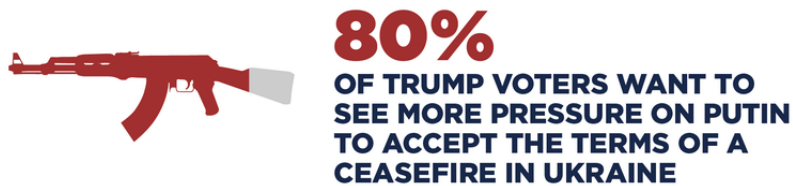
**OF TRUMP’S BASE WANTS
CCP-SPONSORED STUDENT GROUPS
OUT OF AMERICAN COLLEGES
AND UNIVERSITIES**

- An overwhelming 95 percent of Trump voters expressed concern at China’s ability to exploit CCP-created vulnerabilities in U.S. critical infrastructure, such as Chinese solar inverters on U.S. electrical grids with self-destruct features and Chinese telecommunications companies exposing customer data. Over two-thirds (67 percent) reported that they were “very” or “extremely” concerned.
- 86 percent of Trump voters support initiatives which seek to block China from acquiring U.S. land, including near U.S. military bases and critical infrastructure.



Trump voters remain intent on increasing pressure against Vladimir Putin’s Russia and bolstering support for Ukraine, especially after the latest round of peace talks.

- 86 percent of Trump voters articulate that Russia is a threat to U.S. security, a figure that has remained consistent dating back to [June 2025](#).
- The appetite amongst Trump voters to hold Russia accountable grew following the Alaska Summit between President Trump and Vladimir Putin; 79 percent of Trump voters support strengthening sanctions on Russian oil due to Putin’s refusal to pursue peace negotiations in good faith, and 80 percent of Trump voters want to see more pressure on Putin for refusing President Trump’s calls for ceasefire and firing drones into Ukraine on the evening of the Alaska summit.



- Further, the majority of Trump voters (55 percent) continue to say Putin is most responsible for the lack of a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine.
- 80 percent of Trump voters support President Trump’s willingness to provide U.S. security guarantees to Ukraine and European allies as part of securing a long-term peace agreement. Only 15 percent of Trump voters believe the United States should not support Ukraine.

Trump voters continue to back Israel’s right to self-defense and squarely blame Hamas and Iran for instability in the Middle East.

- 81 percent of Trump voters continue to be supportive of Israel’s right to self-defense against attacks from hostile neighbors and believe the United States should continue its support for Israel. Support for Israel has not waned below 80 percent since June 2025.
- A majority (56 percent) of Trump voters—including 62 percent of MAGA voters—blame Hamas for any near-term hunger and malnutrition in Gaza as a result of Hamas’ attacks on Israel, theft of international aid, and use of human shields in Gaza. And 9 out of 10 Trump voters overall, and 9 out of 10 young MAGA voters specifically, blame a nation or organization other than Israel—whether that’s Hamas, the United Nations, other Arab nations, or even the United States.

**ON HUMANITARIAN SUFFERING IN GAZA:
9 OUT OF 10 TRUMP VOTERS BLAME
AN ENTITY OTHER THAN ISRAEL**



- Trump voters remember the importance of staying vigilant against Iran, with 84 percent of respondents identifying Iran as a threat to U.S. national security. A striking 92 percent of President Trump’s base maintains that Iran should not obtain a nuclear weapon, identical to the level of opposition to Iranian nuclear proliferation immediately following Operation Midnight Hammer.

