



Argentina Bailout Research

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Key Takeaways

Survey data for this research includes 9,966 responses from surveys collected nationally via online web panels October 16-19 and October 25-27.

- The Argentina bailout presents a messaging opportunity, but awareness of the Argentina bailout is currently low compared to other recent issues.
 - Only 51% of voters have heard at least a little about the \$40 billion Argentina bailout, compared to 76% who have heard at least a little about the East Wing demolition.
- Voters overwhelmingly oppose the bailout and believe the Trump administration should prioritize domestic issues instead.
 - Baseline opposition to the bailout stands at 62%, vs. only 15% support. And notably, only 27% of Trump voters support the bailout.
 - Large majorities (80%+ of voters) believe the Trump administration should prioritize domestic issues, like preventing healthcare premium increases, over the bailout.
- Even with partisan framing, voters agree significantly more with Democrats against the Argentina bailout.
 - When presented with a Democratic argument about prioritizing domestic issues, voters side with Democrats by a 54-31 margin.
 - When presented with a Democratic argument about supporting American farmers, voters side with Democrats by a 51-33 margin.
- Messages that contrast the Argentina bailout with Trump's refusal to prevent healthcare premium increases are very effective.
 - A message discussing how Trump is "helping millionaires get richer while you can't afford healthcare" tested in the 93rd percentile among 800+ messages tested this year.

Only 51% of voters have heard at least a little about the Argentina bailout compared to 76% who have heard about the East Wing demolition

51% of voters, including 51% of swing voters, have heard at least a little about the Argentina bailout. 42% of voters, including 43% of swing voters, have not heard much or at all about the bailout.

Comparatively, 76% of voters, including 74% of swing voters, have heard at least a little about the new White House ballroom.

How much have you heard about the Trump administration providing a \$40 billion bailout to Argentina?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
A lot	18%	29%	13%	8%	12%
A little	33%	35%	38%	31%	26%
Not much	21%	15%	22%	27%	25%
Not at all	21%	15%	21%	27%	27%
Not sure	6%	5%	5%	7%	10%

How much have you heard about President Trump demolishing the entire East Wing of the White House to construct a new ballroom, costing an estimated \$300 million?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
A lot	38%	53%	31%	25%	22%
A little	38%	32%	43%	44%	30%
Not much	9%	5%	12%	13%	13%
Not at all	11%	9%	10%	13%	28%
Not sure	4%	2%	3%	5%	8%

A large majority of voters believe the federal government should be prioritizing domestic issues over the Argentina bailout

80% of voters, including 82% of swing voters, believe the Trump administration should prioritize domestic issues over the Argentina bailout.

85% of voters, including 86% of swing voters, believe the Trump administration should prioritize preventing healthcare premium increases over the Argentina bailout.

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
The Trump administration's \$40 billion bailout to Argentina is a good use of taxpayer dollars	5%	2%	4%	9%	6%
The Trump administration should spend the \$40 billion on domestic issues	80%	91%	82%	69%	73%
Not sure	15%	7%	14%	23%	21%

What do you think should be a higher priority for the federal government right now?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Providing a \$40 billion bailout to Argentina	4%	2%	4%	7%	5%
Preventing healthcare premium increases for 24 million Americans	85%	94%	86%	76%	78%
Not sure	11%	4%	11%	17%	17%

At a baseline, voters oppose the bailout by a wide 47 point margin

62% of voters, including 65% of swing voters and 41% of Trump voters, oppose the \$40 billion bailout to Argentina.

Only 15% of voters, including 13% of swing voters and notably only 27% of Trump voters, support the bailout.

Nearly 1 in 4 voters are unsure.

Based on what you know, do you support or oppose the Trump administration providing a \$40 billion bailout to Argentina?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Strongly support	3%	1%	2%	6%	3%
Somewhat support	12%	3%	11%	21%	10%
Somewhat oppose	20%	16%	22%	24%	23%
Strongly oppose	42%	68%	42%	17%	37%
Not sure	23%	13%	22%	32%	26%
Support	15%	4%	13%	27%	13%
Oppose	62%	83%	65%	41%	60%
Net	47%	80%	52%	14%	47%

With a partisan framing and argumentation about impact on American farmers, voters still oppose the bailout by a 51-33 margin

The Trump administration is sending a \$40 billion bailout to Argentina to stabilize its economy.

Democrats oppose this because it hurts American farmers. Trump's trade war already cost farmers their biggest customer when China stopped buying American soybeans. Now Trump is helping Argentina, which also sells farm products, compete against American farmers who are already losing money and going out of business.

Republicans support this because helping Argentina prevents economic instability in South America. If Argentina's economy fails completely, it could create bigger problems that hurt U.S. interests across South America and possibly affect markets everywhere.

51% of voters, including 48% of swing voters, agree more with Democrats that the Argentina bailout will hurt American farmers.

33% of voters, including 27% of swing voters, agree more with Republicans that the bailout will help prevent economic instability in Argentina.

Response	Who do you agree with more?				
	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Democrats a lot more	38%	73%	25%	3%	31%
Democrats a little more	13%	17%	24%	9%	15%
Republicans a little more	19%	3%	22%	36%	15%
Republicans a lot more	14%	0%	5%	27%	10%
Not sure	16%	7%	25%	23%	29%
Democrats more	51%	90%	48%	13%	46%
Republicans more	33%	3%	27%	64%	25%
Net	18%	87%	21%	-51%	22%

A Democratic argument that the money could be better spent on domestic priorities garners slightly more agreement

54% of voters, including 54% of swing voters, agree more with Democrats that the \$40 billion could be better spent on domestic priorities like healthcare costs.

31% of voters, including 20% of swing voters, agree more with Republicans that the bailout will help prevent economic instability in Argentina.

The Trump administration is sending a \$40 billion bailout to Argentina to stabilize its economy.

Democrats oppose this because the \$40 billion could be better spent on domestic priorities. Americans are facing rising healthcare costs, crumbling infrastructure, and underfunded schools. Democrats say we should invest taxpayer dollars in helping American families, not bailing out foreign countries when we have urgent needs at home.

Republicans support this because helping Argentina prevents economic instability in South America. If Argentina's economy fails completely, it could create bigger problems that hurt U.S. interests across South America and possibly affect markets everywhere.

Who do you agree with more?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Democrats a lot more	42%	78%	36%	7%	37%
Democrats a little more	13%	13%	19%	12%	16%
Republicans a little more	13%	1%	12%	26%	11%
Republicans a lot more	17%	1%	9%	34%	10%
Not sure	15%	7%	25%	22%	25%
Democrats more	54%	91%	54%	18%	53%
Republicans more	31%	1%	20%	60%	21%
Net	24%	90%	34%	-42%	32%

Messages that contrast the Argentina bailout with Trump's refusal to prevent healthcare premium increases are very effective

Message	Democrats say you should oppose Donald Trump because...	Trump Disapproval	Percentile
Argentina - Millionaires vs Your Medicine	...he's helping millionaires get richer while you can't afford healthcare . Trump gave \$40 billion to Argentina, directly benefiting hedge fund billionaires who bet on that country. Meanwhile, 24 million Americans are losing affordable health insurance and families are going bankrupt from medical bills. Trump's priorities are clear: help out his billionaire friends in Argentina, and ignore struggling American families who need help.	2.2%	93%
Argentina - Healthcare Crisis	...he's making your healthcare unaffordable in order to bail out Argentina . Trump gave \$40 billion to Argentina while 24 million Americans face skyrocketing health insurance costs. Families are choosing between paying health insurance premiums and paying rent, but Trump is prioritizing helping a foreign country over protecting Americans' access to doctors and medicine. He's spending your tax dollars on Argentina instead of your healthcare.	2.2%	92%
Argentina - Backwards Priorities Healthcare	...he won't help Americans, but he'll bail out foreign countries. Trump refuses to stop massive healthcare premium increases for 24 million Americans, but he gave Argentina \$40 billion . Millions of Americans are losing affordable health insurance during the government shutdown, while Trump sends taxpayer dollars overseas to help out his billionaire allies instead of protecting your healthcare.	2.1%	87%
Argentina - Healthcare vs Foreign Aid	...he chose Argentina - a foreign country - over Americans. Trump sent \$40 billion to bail out a foreign country, but is refusing to help 24 million Americans keep their health insurance . Seniors are rationing medications and families are delaying doctor visits because they can't afford care, while Trump sends billions overseas.	1.8%	77%
Argentina - Corruption	...he's using your tax dollars to enrich his billionaire friends. Trump gave Argentina a \$40 billion bailout that directly benefits a hedge fund billionaire who invested heavily in Argentina and personally lobbied Trump for the rescue. And to make matters worse, the billionaire bought more Argentinian bonds right before the bailout was announced, making him even more money. Trump is happy to use your taxpayer dollars to make his billionaire friends richer, rather than help everyday Americans.	1.6%	62%
Argentina - Backwards Priorities Farmers	...he abandoned American farmers to bail out Argentina. Trump's trade war with China destroyed the soybean market for U.S. farmers, costing them billions. Now Trump gave Argentina \$40 billion so Argentinian farmers can sell soybeans to China instead. American farmers are struggling and losing their farms, while Trump helps a foreign country take their customers and profits.	1.5%	55%
Argentina - Billionaire Payoff	...he's paying back his billionaire donors with your money. A hedge fund billionaire who's friends with Trump's Treasury Secretary lobbied for the Argentina bailout and made millions when it was announced. Trump is using \$40 billion in taxpayer money to make his wealthy friends richer while working families struggle with rising costs. It's corruption, plain and simple.	1.4%	49%
Argentina - Beef	Democrats say you should oppose Trump because he's putting his friends in Argentina and selling out American ranchers. Trump gave \$40 billion to Argentina, and now plans to import inferior beef from Argentina. This would not only financially harm American cattle ranchers but it would provide families with lower quality beef - a betrayal of his America first promises, leaving American farmers behind.	1.4%	49%
Shutdown + Argentina	...he shut down our government but gave \$40 billion to bail out Argentina. Federal workers aren't getting paid and essential services are closed, while Trump sends taxpayer dollars to another country. Trump promised "America First" but he's putting a foreign country ahead of Americans who need help.	1.4%	47%