

Subj: New Polling on Minneapolis

From January 9-10, we collected 11,021 survey responses via online web panel, weighted to 2026 likely voters. Key takeaways from this research:

- **The shooting of Renee Good by ICE in Minnesota has broken through with voters.** 61% say they have heard "a lot" about the shooting, with 86% saying at least "a little. 76% of voters say that they have seen video footage.
- **Voters' approval of Trump's handling of this situation is deeply underwater** – with a net approval of -19 percentage points overall and -23pp among swing voters.
 - This is a more squarely negative reaction that voters have had to similar moments earlier in the term – approval for deploying the National Guard in Los Angeles was just net -6.
- **The circumstances of the shooting are shaping voters' reactions.** When forced to choose, 50% say the agent used excessive force vs. 35% who say he acted appropriately – a 15-point gap against the administration's account.
 - In a three-way split: 38% call the shooting unjustified, 26% want further investigation, and just 25% back the administration's self-defense claim. Three-quarters of voters won't defend the shooting outright.
- **When putting this event through an explicitly partisan lens, voters look deeply divided.** In questions pitting Democratic statements against Republican statements about the event, voters are split anywhere from -1pp in favor of GOP statements to +2pp in favor of Democratic statements.
- **There is tension in the data in that voters break against Trump on this specific incident, but remain with him (and against Democrats) on the broader issue of immigration.**
- **Trump's job approval on immigration remains the highest of all issues** in our ongoing monitoring of approval across various issues, although it has declined 1pp in recent days. Approval on this issue sits just below water today at net -2pp.
 - In contrast, his approval on the cost of living – voters' top issue priority – is at net -16pp.
- **Further, voters still have substantially more trust of the GOP than Democrats on immigration.** When asking a basic question of which party voters trust to enforce immigration laws, 38% trust Dems vs. 47% who trust the GOP.
 - Even when framed around this particular event, the GOP maintains a trust advantage (42/44).
- **Abolishing ICE has wider support than it has in the past, but is still a minority view.** Voters say that "we should keep ICE as it is... to keep dangerous criminals out of our communities" by 2pp overall (44/42) over "abolish ICE... and replace it with an immigration system that focuses on real security threats while treating people humanely." Swing voters pick "keep ICE" by 10pp.
- **Some Democratic proposals have much more support** when presented without counterarguments:
 - Requiring warrants for arrest at +29pp
 - Prohibiting masks on agents at +16pp
 - Keeping border patrol at the border at +8pp
- **That said, when putting those policies in context of Democratic and Republican arguments, the advantage shrinks** – although remains above water at +3pp (46/43), with support +3pp among swing voters and +9pp among non-2024 voters.

- Taken together, the data shows the President and his party on the wrong side of public opinion around the Minneapolis shooting. However, the trust deficit Democrats face on immigration constrains our ability to move voters, even in this specific incident where public opinion is largely on our side.

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How much have you heard about the recent shooting in Minneapolis involving an ICE agent and a woman in a vehicle?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
A lot	61%	69%	56%	54%	41%
A little	25%	22%	28%	29%	31%
Not much	7%	5%	8%	9%	12%
Nothing at all	4%	3%	5%	5%	12%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	3%	5%

Have you seen any video of the recent shooting in Minneapolis involving an ICE agent and a woman in a vehicle?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Yes, a lot	48%	54%	45%	42%	36%
Yes, a little	28%	26%	31%	30%	27%
No	22%	19%	23%	26%	33%
Not sure	2%	1%	2%	2%	5%

Do you approve or disapprove of Trump's handling of the recent shooting in Minneapolis involving an ICE agent and a woman in a vehicle?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Strongly approve	18%	1%	10%	34%	9%
Somewhat approve	12%	2%	15%	23%	13%
Somewhat disapprove	7%	7%	13%	8%	10%
Strongly disapprove	42%	80%	34%	5%	35%
Not sure	21%	11%	28%	31%	32%
Approve	30%	2%	25%	57%	22%
Disapprove	49%	87%	48%	12%	45%
Net	-19%	-85%	-23%	45%	-23%

Do you approve or disapprove of Trump's handling of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deployments in cities across the country?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Strongly approve	28%	1%	17%	55%	19%
Somewhat approve	15%	3%	22%	26%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	8%	8%	16%	8%	13%
Strongly disapprove	44%	85%	38%	4%	38%
Not sure	5%	3%	8%	7%	11%
Approve	42%	4%	39%	80%	38%
Disapprove	52%	93%	54%	12%	51%
Net	-10%	-90%	-15%	68%	-13%

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Based on what you have seen and heard, which of the following comes closer to your view?

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The agent likely acted appropriately in self-defense against a weaponized vehicle	35%	4%	29%	66%	23%
The agent likely used excessive force in a situation that did not require lethal action	50%	86%	50%	14%	53%
Not sure	15%	9%	21%	20%	24%

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Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
The shooting was justified, and the agent acted responsibly	34%	5%	32%	64%	22%
The shooting was not justified, and the agent should be held accountable	46%	83%	43%	11%	44%
Not sure	19%	13%	26%	25%	33%

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The shooting was justified, and the agent acted responsibly because he had reason to believe his life was in danger	25%	2%	21%	48%	16%
It is hard to say whether the shooting was justified or not from the evidence that has surfaced, and state and federal authorities should thoroughly investigate it	26%	22%	33%	31%	29%
The shooting was not justified and was an assassination of an innocent civilian who was exercising her right to free speech by protesting ICE	38%	67%	34%	9%	38%
Not sure	11%	9%	11%	12%	17%

Some Democrats are calling to abolish ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Democrats say ICE agents are conducting aggressive enforcement operations across the country, ripping families apart and now killing peaceful protestors. We need to dismantle ICE and build something better.

Republicans say ICE agents risk their lives to keep Americans safe. These dedicated law enforcement officers arrest human traffickers, stop drug smuggling, and remove people who've broken our laws. Abolishing ICE is an insult to the brave men and women who protect us.

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	30%	61%	14%	1%	24%
Democrats a little more	13%	23%	19%	3%	18%
Republicans a little more	11%	3%	20%	19%	14%
Republicans a lot more	32%	1%	24%	63%	24%
Not sure	13%	12%	24%	13%	20%
Democrats	43%	84%	33%	5%	41%
Republicans	44%	4%	44%	82%	38%
Net	-1%	80%	-11%	-78%	3%

Some Democrats are calling to abolish ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement).

Democrats say ICE raids terrorize communities, including legal residents and U.S. citizens. People are afraid to send their kids to school or go to work. This isn't keeping us safe; it's tearing apart the fabric of our neighborhoods and economy.

Republicans say ICE agents risk their lives to keep Americans safe. These dedicated law enforcement officers arrest human traffickers, stop drug smuggling, and remove people who've broken our laws. Abolishing ICE is an insult to the brave men and women who protect us.

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Democrats a lot more	33%	65%	22%	2%	28%
Democrats a little more	13%	22%	20%	3%	15%
Republicans a little more	12%	3%	22%	20%	18%
Republicans a lot more	32%	1%	21%	63%	18%
Not sure	10%	9%	15%	12%	21%
Democrats	46%	87%	42%	6%	43%
Republicans	44%	5%	43%	83%	36%
Net	2%	82%	-2%	-77%	7%

Which of the following 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
We should abolish Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), because ICE has become a cruel agency that separates families and terrorizes immigrant communities. We should replace it with an immigration system that focuses on real security threats while treating people humanely.	42%	78%	36%	7%	41%
We should keep Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) as it is, because ICE is essential for protecting Americans and enforcing our immigration laws. We need ICE to keep dangerous criminals out of our communities and maintain control of our borders.	44%	7%	46%	81%	37%
Not sure	14%	15%	19%	12%	22%

Which party do you trust more to enforce immigration laws?

Response	Overall	2024 Vote Choice: Harris	Swing 2020 x 2024: Swing	2024 Vote Choice: Trump	2024 Vote Choice: Did not vote
Democratic Party a lot more	24%	48%	11%	1%	16%
Democratic Party a little more	14%	26%	14%	2%	14%
Republican Party a little more	10%	6%	19%	14%	16%
Republican Party a lot more	37%	2%	29%	73%	24%
Not sure	15%	19%	27%	10%	30%

After the recent shooting in Minneapolis involving an ICE agent and a woman in a vehicle, Democrats have criticized the federal response, disputed the official self-defense narrative, and urged limits on ICE enforcement. Republicans have defended the ICE agent's actions as justified self-defense and blamed liberal rhetoric for undermining law enforcement.

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Democratic Party a little more	14%	24%	17%	3%	14%
Republican Party a little more	11%	3%	16%	17%	13%
Republican Party a lot more	33%	2%	23%	65%	21%
Not sure	14%	14%	30%	13%	27%

Some Democrats in Congress are proposing to require Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to obtain a warrant from a judge before making arrests inside the United States.

Which of the following 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
We should require warrants for these arrests to protect due process and prevent mistakes	57%	84%	59%	30%	62%
We should not require warrants because it slows down law enforcement and makes it harder to catch criminals	28%	4%	23%	51%	20%
Not sure	15%	11%	18%	19%	19%

Some Democrats in Congress are proposing to require Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials to wear visible identification and not wear masks during enforcement operations.

Which of the following 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
Officials should generally be unmasked and identifiable to ensure accountability and trust	52%	83%	54%	20%	52%
Officials should generally be allowed to wear masks to protect their identities and ensure officer safety	36%	8%	32%	64%	29%
Not sure	12%	9%	14%	15%	19%

Some Democrats in Congress are proposing to require the U.S. Border Patrol to operate only at the physical border, rather than conducting operations inside the country.

Which of the following 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
Border Patrol should stay at the border and leave enforcement inside the U.S. to other agencies	48%	79%	46%	17%	45%
Border Patrol needs the authority to operate anywhere in the country to track down illegal crossings	40%	8%	39%	72%	33%
Not sure	12%	13%	15%	12%	21%

Some Democrats in Congress are proposing changes to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including limiting their use of firearms, requiring ICE agents to wear identification and remain unmasked during enforcement operations, and requiring DHS to obtain warrants before they make any arrests.

Democrats support this because they say these reforms prevent the government from taking advantage of Americans and protects peaceful protestors from aggressive ICE actions – like the recent protestor’s death in Minneapolis.

Republicans oppose this because they say these restrictions endanger officer safety, hamper effective immigration enforcement, and create operational burdens that criminals could exploit to evade arrest.

Who do you agree with more – Democrats or Republicans?

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Democrats a lot more	32%	64%	21%	2%	26%
Democrats a little more	13%	21%	20%	5%	16%
Republicans a little more	12%	3%	18%	20%	15%
Republicans a lot more	31%	1%	20%	61%	19%
Not sure	12%	10%	21%	12%	24%
Democrats	46%	86%	41%	7%	42%
Republicans	43%	4%	38%	81%	34%
Net	3%	81%	3%	-73%	%