

CBS News Poll – Address to Congress Survey

Speech Watchers / POST-SPEECH



Sample 1,207 Adults who watched the President’s address to Congress
 Conducted March 4, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.4 pts

1. In general, did you approve or disapprove of the president’s speech tonight?

Strongly approve	58%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	16%

2. Did the speech make you feel...? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

Proud	54%
Hopeful	68%
Worried	27%
Angry	16%

3. Whether or not you agreed with him, how much time did Donald Trump spend talking about the issues you care about?

A lot	63%
A little	28%
None at all	9%

4. In his speech tonight, did you think Donald Trump was...

	Yes	No
Presidential	74%	26%
Divisive	46%	54%
Unifying	62%	38%
Inspiring	71%	29%
Entertaining	74%	26%

5. Whether or not you agree with it, do you think Donald Trump has a clear plan to deal with inflation?

Yes	68%
No	32%

6. In his speech, do you think Donald Trump described the crime problem in the U.S. today as...

Not as bad as it really is	10%
Worse than it really is	22%
About as it really is	68%

7. Did you approve or disapprove of the Speaker of the House having a member of Congress removed from the chamber for interrupting Donald Trump’s speech?

Approve	76%
Disapprove	24%

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8. In his speech, did you like or dislike Donald Trump's plans for...

	Liked	Disliked
Tariffs	65%	35%
Immigration and the border	77%	23%
Waste in government spending	77%	23%
The conflict between Ukraine and Russia	73%	27%

9. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	20%
Republican	51%
Independent	27%
Not sure	2%

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

March 4, 2025

This CBS News/YouGov survey is based on 1,207 interviews of adults who watched the President's address to Congress on Tuesday night. An initial survey was conducted between February 28-March 3, 2025 using a nationally representative sample of 11,406 U.S. adults, including 4,131 respondents who planned to watch the address. Respondents who planned to watch the speech were asked if they were willing to be reinterviewed. Only those who watched the speech were included in the analysis.

The initial sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, and 2024 Presidential vote. The final sample of post-speech re-interviews was weighted to be representative of those who said they would watch the President's address according to gender, age, race, education, geographic region, 2024 Presidential vote, and pre-speech partisan identification. The weights range from 0.2 to 5.5, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.7.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately 3.4%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.