



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
of 1,000 Registered Voters  
Conducted October 8-9, 2025

*1\* When it comes to U.S. Senators and Representatives, is it more important to compromise in order to get things done or to stick to their principles even if that causes gridlock?*

58%    Compromise in order to get things done  
34%    Stick to their principles  
9%    Not sure

*2\* Thinking about your own Senators and Representative in Congress, are they more likely to compromise in order to get things done or stick to their principles even if that causes gridlock?*

42%    Compromise in order to get things done  
45%    Stick to their principles even if that causes gridlock  
13%    Not sure

*3\* In the current government shutdown, is it more important to pass a budget quickly or to make sure the budget meets particular policy goals?*

21%    Pass a budget quickly  
74%    Make sure the budget meets particular policy goals  
5%    Not sure

*4\* Suppose you had a choice between two candidates for Congress. One pledged to work across the aisle and compromise to pass a budget without a government shutdown. The other pledged to stick to principles you agree are important even if that means a temporary shutdown. For whom would you vote?*

46%    The one who pledged to compromise to pass a budget  
41%    The one who pledged to stick to principles  
13%    Not sure

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**Methodology**

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on October 8-9, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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