



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted January 19-20, 2026

1 How much federal spending is waste and fraud?*

- 17% Most
- 43% A lot
- 26% Some
- 7% Not very much
- 7% Not sure

2 Is it possible to balance the federal budget simply by eliminating government waste and fraud?*

- 42% Yes
- 34% No
- 24% Not sure

Totals			
	Yes	No	Net
January 14-15, 2026	42%	34%	+8
March 29-30, 2022	44%	26%	+18

Source: Napolitan News Service

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3 If states accept federal money for programs like medicaid, food stamps, road building, and education, should they be required to provide information to the federal government that could help to uncover fraud?*

70%	Yes
17%	No
13%	Not sure

4 Generally speaking, which is the bigger problem, too much fraudulent spending or too many people not getting the help that they need?*

45%	Too much fraudulent spending
46%	Too many people not getting the help that they need
8%	Not sure

5 Is it more important for the government to stop fraudulent spending or to make sure that people get the help that they need?*

41%	Stop fraudulent spending
51%	Make sure people get the help they need
8%	Not sure



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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on January 19-20, 2026. 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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