



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 999 Registered Voters
Conducted February 23-24, 2026

1 How much federal spending is waste and fraud?*

- 15% Most
- 42% A lot
- 31% Some
- 7% Not very much
- 6% Not sure

Total				
	Most	A lot	Some	Not very much
February 23-24, 2026	15%	42%	31%	7%
January 19-20, 2026	17%	43%	26%	7%

Source: Napolitan News Service

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

- 41% Yes
- 35% No
- 24% Not sure

Totals			
	Yes	No	Net
February 23-24, 2026	41%	35%	+6
January 14-15, 2026	42%	34%	+8
March 29-30, 2022	44%	26%	+18

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3 In just a few words, how would you define what government waste and fraud is?*

28%	Inefficient spending
21%	Misplaced priorities
15%	Corruption
6%	Social program
4%	Excessive cost of government
4%	Lack of transparency
2%	Political
19%	Other

Methodology

This survey of 999 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on February 23-24, 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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