# Registered Voter Omnibus
## RV Omni 2025 December B - ACLU Toplines

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Sample      Online sample of 1,016 voters fielded from December 17 to December 19, 2025.

Margin of Error      ±3.7%

1. How much, if anything, have you heard about each of the following things in the news lately?

|  | A great deal | Somewhat | A little | None |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The U.S. military buildup in the Caribbean Sea, near Venezuela | 37% | 28% | 18% | 17% |
| The U.S. military's lethal strikes on civilian boats in international waters | 43% | 23% | 18% | 17% |
| The U.S. military seizing control of a Venezuelan oil tanker in the Caribbean Sea | 36% | 30% | 18% | 15% |
| The incident where a boat was struck twice with missiles, and survivors of the first strike were killed by the second | 47% | 19% | 15% | 20% |

2. Since September, the U.S. has ordered more than 20 lethal strikes on civilian boats in international waters near Venezuela, killing nearly 90 people. The government claims the boats were involved in drug smuggling but has not provided any evidence to the public. Do you [approve or disapprove] of these strikes?

| | |
|---|---|
| Strongly approve | 21% |
| Somewhat approve | 16% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 10% |
| Strongly disapprove | 42% |
| Don't know | 12% |
| Totals | 101% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

3. And in your opinion, has the Trump administration clearly shown evidence to the public justifying strikes on boats it suspects has drugs on them, or have they not done that yet?

| | |
|---|---|
| Clearly shown that evidence | 31% |
| Not done that yet | 69% |
| Totals | 100% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

4. Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have noted that if the individuals on these boats were captured by the Coast Guard and tried and convicted in a U.S. court of law for criminal activities such as drug smuggling, they would face imprisonment, not the death penalty.Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

I support having the Coast Guard follow its regular procedure and seize and arrest people on boats suspected of activities such as drug smuggling and put them on trial. .............. 67%

I support having the U.S. military conduct missile strikes on boats the government suspects are engaged in criminal activities such as drug smuggling. .................................33%

Totals ........................................................................................ 100%

**N** ........................................................................................**1,016**

5. In the previous question you said: '[previous answer]' Do you feel that way [strongly, or not too strongly]?

Strongly ...................................................................................... 74%

Not too strongly .............................................................................26%

Totals ........................................................................................ 100%

**N** ........................................................................................**1,016**

6. Both Republicans and Democrats in Congress have noted that if the individuals on these boats were captured by the Coast Guard and tried and convicted in a U.S. court of law for criminal activities such as drug smuggling, they would face imprisonment, not the death penalty.Which comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

*Recoded from original ask and followup*

Conduct missile strikes on boats - Strongly .............................................23%

Conduct missile strikes on boats - Not too strongly ...................................... 10%

Seize and Arrest people on boats - Not too strongly ..................................... 16%

Seize and Arrest people on boats - Strongly ............................................51%

Totals ........................................................................................ 100%

**N** ........................................................................................**1,016**

7. How strongly would you [support or oppose] Congress holding a public hearing with top government officials responsible for the boat strikes, such as Secretary of War Pete Hegseth?

Strongly support ..............................................................................43%

Somewhat support ............................................................................ 15%

Neither support nor oppose ...................................................................23%

Somewhat oppose ............................................................................ 6%

Strongly oppose .............................................................................. 13%

Totals ........................................................................................ 100%

**N** ........................................................................................**1,016**

8. How strongly would you [support or oppose] the U.S. government releasing the unedited videos of the strikes, including the one that allegedly killed shipwrecked survivors?

| | |
|---|---|
| Strongly support | 45% |
| Somewhat support | 18% |
| Neither support nor oppose | 26% |
| Somewhat oppose | 7% |
| Strongly oppose | 5% |
| Totals | 101% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

9. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

| | |
|---|---|
| Americans have a right to know more about their government. The government should release the full, unedited videos of the strikes | 84% |
| The government should keep these videos secret and block access for the American people | 16% |
| Totals | 100% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

10. In the previous question you said: '[previous answer]' Do you feel that way [strongly, or not too strongly]?

| | |
|---|---|
| Strongly | 74% |
| Not too strongly | 26% |
| Totals | 100% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

11. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

*Recoded from original ask and followup*

| | |
|---|---|
| Keep these videos secret and block access for the American people - Strongly | 9% |
| Keep these videos secret and block access for the American people - Not too strongly | 8% |
| Release the full, unedited videos of the strikes - Not too strongly | 19% |
| Release the full, unedited videos of the strikes - Strongly | 65% |
| Totals | 101% |
| **N** | **1,016** |

12. And in your opinion, should the Trump administration publicly release its legal justification for these strikes on civilian boats?

| | |
|---|---|
| Definitely should | 58% |
| Probably should | 25% |

Probably should not ......................................................................5%

Definitely should not .....................................................................4%

Don't know ...............................................................................8%

Totals ...................................................................................100%

**N** .....................................................................................**1,016**

13. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Americans have a right to know more about their government. The government should disclose the legal justification to the American people ...........................................89%

The government should keep this legal justification secret and block access for the American people .................................................................................11%

Totals ...................................................................................100%

**N** .....................................................................................**1,016**

14. In the previous question you said: '[previous answer]' Do you feel that way [strongly, or not too strongly]?

Strongly .................................................................................79%

Not too strongly .........................................................................21%

Totals ...................................................................................100%

**N** .....................................................................................**1,016**

15. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?
*Recoded from original ask and followup*

Disclose legal justification - Strongly ...................................................71%

Disclose legal justification - Not too strongly ..........................................18%

Keep legal justification secret - Not too strongly .......................................3%

Keep legal justification secret - Strongly ...............................................7%

Totals ...................................................................................99%

**N** .....................................................................................**1,016**

16. Please read the following statements about these strikes on civilian boats. How strongly do you [agree or disagree] with each of the following?

| | Strongly agree | Somewhat agree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat disagree | Strongly disagree |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Using missile strikes to fire upon small boats off the coast of Venezuela that might be carrying drugs is murder | 35% | 16% | 21% | 9% | 20% |
| Using a second missile strike to fire upon defenseless survivors of a strike is murder | 42% | 14% | 20% | 8% | 17% |
| I am concerned that the top government officials who planned and ordered the deadly strikes on boats will escape responsibility while enlisted sailors and soldiers will be blamed or punished | 33% | 20% | 23% | 9% | 15% |
| The people on these boats are a threat to Americans that could not be stopped any way other than lethal military action | 19% | 17% | 19% | 11% | 34% |

This survey is based on 1,016 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters. The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race/ethnicity, education, and U.S. Census region based on voter registration lists, the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and approximate 2024 Presidential vote based on available results, and party identification estimates based on Pew Research Center's National Public Opinion Reference Survey. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The weights range from 0.13 to 6.03 with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.68.

The margin of error (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage $p$ based upon the subsetted sample is approximately 3.7%. It is calculated using the formula:

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

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.