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**MAJORITY OF VOTERS THINK FATAL SHOOTING OF MINNEAPOLIS WOMAN
BY ICE AGENT WAS NOT JUSTIFIED,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS;
57% OF VOTERS DISAPPROVE OF THE WAY ICE
IS ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS**

Days after an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent fatally shot a Minneapolis woman in an incident that was captured on video, voters 82 – 18 percent say they have seen a video of the shooting and a majority (53 percent) think the shooting was not justified, 35 percent think it was justified, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

There are differences based on political party and gender.

Republicans (77 – 10 percent) think the shooting was justified, while Democrats (92 – 4 percent) and independents (59 – 28 percent) think the shooting was not justified.

Men are divided with 42 percent thinking the shooting was justified, while 44 percent of men think the shooting was not justified. Thirty percent of women think the shooting was justified, while 61 percent of women think the shooting was not justified.

“More than eight in ten American voters say they’ve seen the video. But should the shooting have happened? The majority say the shots should not have been fired by the ICE agent, while more than one third believe the shooting was justified,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

ICE

Forty percent of voters approve of the way U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is enforcing immigration laws, while 57 percent disapprove. This is largely unchanged since Quinnipiac University’s July 16, 2025 poll.

In today’s poll, Republicans (84 – 12 percent) approve of the way ICE is enforcing immigration laws, while Democrats (94 – 4 percent) and independents (64 – 33 percent) disapprove.

NOEM JOB APPROVAL

Thirty-six percent of voters approve of the way Kristi Noem is handling her job as Secretary of Homeland Security, while 52 percent disapprove, and 12 percent did not offer an opinion.

In Quinnipiac University's July 16, 2025 poll, 39 percent approved, 50 percent disapproved, and 11 percent did not offer an opinion.

In today's poll, Republicans (77 – 12 percent) approve of the way Noem is handling her job as Secretary of Homeland Security, while Democrats (85 – 4 percent) and independents (57 – 30 percent) disapprove.

1,133 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 8th – 12th with a margin of error of +/- 3.7 percentage points, including the design effect.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Doug Schwartz, Ph.D. since 1994, conducts independent, non-partisan national and state polls on politics and issues. Surveys adhere to industry best practices and are based on probability-based samples using random digit dialing with live interviewers calling landlines and cell phones.

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4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kristi Noem is handling her job as Secretary of Homeland Security?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	36%	77%	4%	30%	43%	31%
Disapprove	52	12	85	57	46	56
DK/NA	12	11	11	13	11	14

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, known as ICE, is enforcing immigration laws?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	40%	84%	4%	33%	48%	34%
Disapprove	57	12	94	64	50	63
DK/NA	3	4	2	3	2	4

32. As you may know, an ICE agent fatally shot a woman in Minneapolis recently in an incident that was caught on video. Have you seen the video of this incident, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Have seen	82%	83%	81%	84%	83%	81%
No	18	16	19	15	17	19
DK/NA	-	-	-	-	-	-

33. As far as you are aware, do you think this shooting was justified, or not justified?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Justified	35%	77%	4%	28%	42%	30%
Not justified	53	10	92	59	44	61
DK/NA	12	13	4	14	14	9