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61% OF VOTERS THINK THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT GIVEN AN HONEST ACCOUNT OF THE FATAL SHOOTING OF ALEX PRETTI, QUINNIPAC UNIVERSITY NATIONAL POLL FINDS; 58% OF VOTERS THINK DHS SECRETARY KRISTI NOEM SHOULD BE REMOVED

More than a week after nurse Alex Petti was shot and killed by federal immigration agents in Minneapolis, 61 percent of voters think the Trump administration has not given an honest account of the incident and 25 percent think the Trump administration has given an honest account of the incident, with 14 percent not offering an opinion, according to a Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pea-ack) University national poll of registered voters released today.

Democrats (93 – 2 percent) and independents (65 – 20 percent) think the Trump administration has not given an honest account of the incident, while Republicans (60 – 19 percent) think the Trump administration has given an honest account of the incident.

An overwhelming majority of voters (80 percent) think there should be an independent investigation into this shooting, while 15 percent don't think so.

“We need more facts and an independent investigation is the way to get them, say voters who cast doubt on the honesty of the account of how Alex Petti ended up dead on a Minneapolis street,” said Quinnipiac University Polling Analyst Tim Malloy.

Seventy-eight percent of voters say they have seen video of the fatal shooting of Petti by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, while 21 percent of voters say they have not seen video of the shooting.

Sixty-two percent of voters think the shooting was not justified, while 22 percent think it was justified, and 16 percent did not offer an opinion.

ICE

Fifty-nine percent of voters think the recent ICE-involved shootings in Minneapolis are a sign of broader problems in the way ICE is operating, while 32 percent think the shootings are isolated incidents.

When it comes to the way ICE is enforcing immigration laws, 34 percent of voters approve, while 63 percent disapprove.

This is a drop in approval from Quinnipiac University's January 13, 2026 poll when 40 percent approved and 57 percent disapproved.

Sixty percent of voters think ICE should withdraw from Minneapolis, while 36 percent think ICE should continue its operations in Minneapolis.

KRISTI NOEM

ICE is an agency within the Department of Homeland Security. Nearly 6 out of 10 voters (58 percent) think Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem should be removed from her job, while 34 percent think she should remain in her job.

“A strong no confidence vote for the beleaguered top cop at Homeland Security whose agency’s job performance is considered dismal enough by voters that she should be let go,” added Malloy.

PRESIDENT TRUMP

Thirty-seven percent of voters approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, while 56 percent disapprove.

This compares to Quinnipiac University’s January 14, 2026 poll when 40 percent approved and 54 percent disapproved.

When it comes to Trump’s handling of the economy, 39 percent of voters approve, while 56 percent disapprove. In Quinnipiac University’s January 14 poll, 42 percent approved and 53 percent disapproved.

When it comes to Trump’s handling of immigration issues, 38 percent of voters approve, while 59 percent disapprove. This is a drop in approval from Quinnipiac University’s December 17, 2025 poll when 44 percent approved and 54 percent disapproved.

When it comes to Trump’s handling of foreign policy, 37 percent of voters approve, while 58 percent disapprove. In Quinnipiac University’s January 14 poll, 41 percent approved and 56 percent disapproved.

TRUMP IMMIGRATION POLICIES

Six in 10 voters (60 percent) think the Trump administration is being too harsh in its treatment of undocumented immigrants in the United States, 30 percent think the Trump administration is handling this about right, and 7 percent think the Trump administration is being too lenient in its treatment of undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Roughly half of voters (51 percent) think the Trump administration’s approach to immigration is making the country less safe, 35 percent think it is making the country more safe, and 12 percent think the Trump administration’s approach to immigration is not affecting it either way.

ICE FUNDING, MASKS, & BODY CAMERAS

Roughly half of voters (51 percent) think the federal government should provide less funding for ICE, 30 percent think the federal government should keep ICE funding at about its current level, and 14 percent think the federal government should provide more funding for ICE.

Ninety-two percent of voters think ICE agents should be required to wear body cameras, while 5 percent think they should not be required to wear body cameras.

Roughly six in 10 voters (61 percent) think ICE agents should not be permitted to wear masks or other face coverings, while 35 percent think ICE agents should be permitted to wear masks or other face coverings.

“Voters to ICE: Show us your faces and we want those body cameras worn,” added Malloy.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Nearly 6 in 10 voters (59 percent) say they would prefer giving most undocumented immigrants in the United States a pathway to legal status, while 34 percent say they would prefer deporting most undocumented immigrants in the United States.

Forty-seven percent of voters say they know someone who is living in fear because of the Trump administration’s deportation policies, while 51 percent say they do not know someone who is living in fear because of the Trump administration’s deportation policies.

“A chilling survey of the ‘American neighborhood’ shows nearly half of us know someone who is afraid of being swept up by ICE,” added Malloy.

1,191 self-identified registered voters nationwide were surveyed from January 29th – February 2nd with a margin of error of +/- 3.6 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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1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	86%	3%	31%	45%	30%
Disapprove	56	10	95	58	46	64
DK/NA	7	4	2	11	8	6

1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
COMBINED WITH: (If approve/disapprove q1) Do you strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve strongly	29%	70%	2%	22%	35%	24%
Approve smwht	8	15	1	8	10	6
Disapprove smwht	4	3	1	7	5	3
Disapprove strongly	52	6	93	51	42	61
DK/NA	7	5	3	11	9	6

2. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in the nation today; are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Very satisfied	14%	32%	2%	12%	19%	10%
Smwht satisfied	20	42	2	20	23	17
Smwht dissatisfied	15	15	12	16	16	14
Very dissatisfied	49	10	83	51	40	57
DK/NA	2	2	1	-	2	1

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - the economy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	39%	84%	4%	34%	48%	31%
Disapprove	56	11	94	60	47	65
DK/NA	5	5	2	6	5	4

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - foreign policy?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	37%	83%	3%	31%	45%	30%
Disapprove	58	13	95	63	49	67
DK/NA	5	4	2	6	6	4

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling - immigration issues?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Approve	38%	87%	3%	31%	47%	30%
Disapprove	59	10	96	65	50	67
DK/NA	3	4	1	4	3	3

6. Would you say you are optimistic or pessimistic about freedom of speech being protected in the United States?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Optimistic	47%	78%	22%	46%	56%	39%
Pessimistic	47	15	73	48	37	56
DK/NA	6	7	5	6	7	4

7. Do you think the system of democracy in the United States is working, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Working	41%	72%	17%	40%	49%	34%
No	51	18	79	52	45	57
DK/NA	7	10	4	8	6	9

8. If you had to choose, which would you prefer: giving most undocumented immigrants in the United States a pathway to legal status or deporting most undocumented immigrants in the United States?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Giving pathway	59%	19%	92%	61%	51%	66%
Deporting	34	73	4	33	43	27
DK/NA	7	7	4	6	6	7

9. In its treatment of undocumented immigrants in the United States, do you think the Trump administration is being: too harsh, too lenient, or handling this about right?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Too harsh	60%	14%	95%	68%	52%	68%
Too lenient	7	15	1	5	11	3
About right	30	67	2	26	35	26
DK/NA	3	4	2	2	3	3

10. Do you think the Trump administration's approach to immigration is making the country more safe, less safe, or is not affecting it either way?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
More safe	35%	77%	4%	29%	43%	28%
Less safe	51	9	85	54	42	59
Not affecting	12	12	11	13	13	11
DK/NA	2	2	-	4	2	2

11. 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	34%	77%	2%	28%	43%	25%
Disapprove	63	17	97	68	54	70
DK/NA	4	5	1	4	3	4

12. ICE is one of the agencies run by Kristi Noem, the secretary of Homeland Security. Do you think Noem should remain in her job or should be removed from her job?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Remain	34%	74%	5%	29%	41%	27%
Removed	58	17	91	62	51	64
DK/NA	8	9	4	9	8	8

13. As you may know, ICE agents fatally shot a man in Minneapolis named Alex Pretti in an incident on January 24th that was captured on video. Have you seen video of this incident, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Have seen	78%	74%	82%	79%	84%	73%
No	21	26	17	21	16	26
DK/NA	1	-	1	1	-	1

14. 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	22%	55%	2%	16%	28%	17%
Not justified	62	20	94	66	55	68
DK/NA	16	25	4	18	17	15

15. Do you think the Trump administration has given an honest account of the incident, or don't you think so?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Honest	25%	60%	2%	20%	29%	22%
No	61	19	93	65	54	67
DK/NA	14	21	5	15	17	11

16. Do you think there should be an independent investigation into this shooting, or don't you think so?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Should	80%	56%	96%	85%	78%	82%
No	15	36	3	12	17	14
DK/NA	4	8	1	4	5	4

17. Do you think the recent ICE-involved shootings in Minneapolis: are isolated incidents or are a sign of broader problems in the way ICE is operating?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Isolated incidents	32%	67%	6%	28%	38%	27%
Broader problems	59	17	92	63	52	65
DK/NA	9	17	2	9	10	8

18. Do you think ICE should withdraw from Minneapolis or continue its operations in Minneapolis?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Withdraw	60%	18%	94%	64%	52%	68%
Continue	36	77	4	32	45	28
DK/NA	4	4	2	4	4	4

19. Do you support or oppose recent protests against ICE?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	60%	18%	94%	65%	53%	66%
Oppose	35	76	5	29	40	30
DK/NA	5	6	1	7	6	4

20. Do you think the Trump administration has deployed ICE agents in Minneapolis: more for legitimate law enforcement purposes or more for political reasons?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Law enforcement	37%	80%	6%	31%	46%	29%
Political	56	13	90	61	47	64
DK/NA	7	8	4	8	7	8

21. Thinking about people in your family, community, work or school, would you say you know someone who is living in fear because of the Trump administration's deportation policies, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Know	47%	19%	65%	51%	40%	53%
No	51	81	30	48	59	44
DK/NA	3	-	4	1	2	3

22. Do you think ICE agents should be required to wear body cameras, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Required	92%	83%	99%	94%	89%	95%
No	5	11	-	3	8	2
DK/NA	3	6	1	3	3	3

23. Do you think ICE agents should be permitted to wear masks or other face coverings, or not?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Yes/Permitted	35%	73%	6%	32%	45%	27%
No	61	23	93	65	52	70
DK/NA	3	4	1	3	3	3

24. As you may know, ICE agents are going to be joining the U.S. security team at the Olympics in Italy. Do you think this is a good idea or bad idea?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Good idea	24%	52%	5%	21%	30%	19%
Bad idea	63	26	91	66	55	69
DK/NA	13	22	4	13	15	12

25. Do you think the federal government should provide more funding for ICE, less funding for ICE, or keep ICE funding at about its current level?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
More funding	14%	36%	1%	9%	18%	11%
Less funding	51	10	84	57	43	59
Keep current	30	49	11	30	34	26
DK/NA	5	5	4	4	5	5

26. As you may know, the United States bombed nuclear facilities in Iran last summer. Do you support or oppose additional U.S. military strikes against Iran to try to prevent it from developing nuclear weapons?

	REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom
Support	45%	81%	16%	43%	54%	37%
Oppose	42	10	69	43	35	48
DK/NA	13	9	16	13	12	15