



MEMORANDUM

TO: ONE NATION
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RE: KEY FINDINGS FROM A SURVEY ACROSS SIX KEY STATES
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Methodology

On behalf of One Nation, Public Opinion Strategies conducted a survey of N=1200 likely voters, with N=200 interviews being conducted in each of Georgia, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Ohio. The survey was conducted from October 8-12, 2025 and has a margin of error of $\pm 2.83\%$ in 95 out of 100 cases. Eight-hundred and forty (840) interviews were conducted by live interviewers and 360 interviews were conducted via a mobile link sent by text message.

Introduction

Fresh off Senate Democrats voting to shut down the government for the 8th time, our recent polling conducted in Georgia, Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Ohio show that there is clear support among Republicans and Independents for reopening the federal government, along with four-in-ten Democrats support reopening as well.

Key Findings

1. ***There is clear support for re-opening the government first, and then moving onto negotiations to extend certain health care tax credits.***

Respondents were asked which of two statements came closest to their own opinion.

60% Keeping the federal government open is too important. The **government should be re-opened immediately** and then Congress can move on to negotiating on extending the health care tax credits.

...or...

35% **The federal government should be shutdown** until certain health care tax credits are extended.

Notably, the numbers among Independents (60% re-open immediately/35% should stay shutdown) largely mirror the numbers among the electorate as a whole.

Additionally, even 39% of Democrats say the government should be re-opened, with 58% supporting keeping the government shutdown until health care tax credits can be extended.

2. ***Respondents are very concerned about certain consequences of the current federal government shutdown.***

Across these six states, people are paying a lot of attention to the current shutdown (66% paying a lot of attention and 27% at least some) and they are concerned about the impact the shutdown is having.

Topping the list is military service members missing paychecks, followed by air traffic controllers and Transportation Security Administration officers working without pay. However, all five of the consequences tested are seen as concerning by more than 70% of respondents.

Shutdown Consequence	% Very Concerning	% Total Concerning
Military service members are missing their paychecks, which can impact our national security and military readiness, as well as make it harder for our service members to pay their bills.	72%	90%
Air traffic controllers and Transportation Security Administration officers are working without pay, leading to delayed and cancelled flights, risks to airport security, and dangerous conditions at airports.	65%	87%
Social Security and other important government employees have been furloughed and will miss their next paychecks.	55%	81%
The FDA is unable to monitor the use of ingredients in animal food, which means they cannot ensure that meat, milk, and eggs of livestock are safe for the public to eat.	54%	79%
The CDC is unable to provide long term guidance on things like preventing opioid overdoses, HIV, and diabetes.	44%	71%

3. ***Survey respondents wish Congress would focus on economic issues instead of the government shutdown.***

Economic issues remain at the forefront of respondents' minds and they would much prefer to see Congress focus on issues like the cost of living (17%), government spending (11%) and jobs/the economy (7%).

4. ***Just over one year out from the 2026 midterm elections, Chuck Schumer looms as a major political liability for Democratic Senate candidates.***

Chuck Schumer is remarkably unpopular. The Senate Democratic leader's image sits at 21% favorable/55% unfavorable. Schumer is deeply unpopular with both Republicans (5% favorable/78% unfavorable) and Independents (16% favorable/53% unfavorable).

Perhaps most concerning for the Senator from New York is that even Democrats are at best lukewarm towards him, giving Schumer an image rating of just 42% favorable/31% unfavorable.

The Bottom Line

Respondents in six key states want the federal government shutdown to end. Respondents are deeply concerned about the impact of the shutdown and place far more importance on getting the government re-opened than they do on negotiations around health care tax credits. Democrats in the Senate should vote to re-open immediately, or risk becoming as unpopular as Senate Minority Leader Schumer.