

# Election Denial and Congress

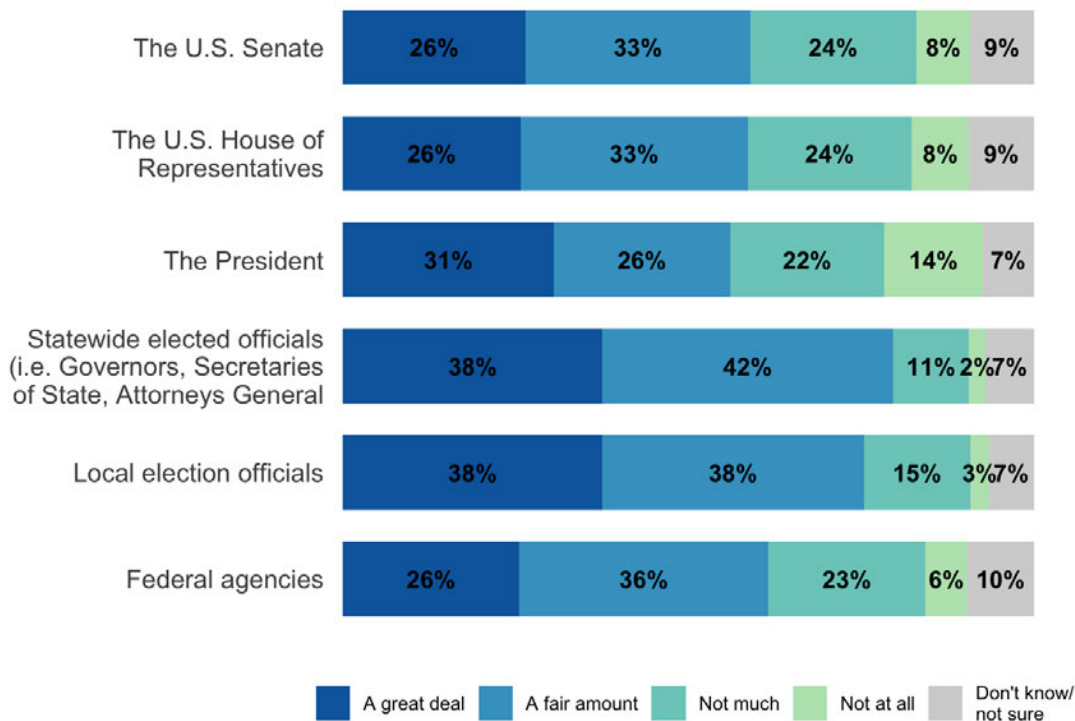
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States United Action, in partnership with YouGov, conducted a survey of over 1,000 registered voters in early December 2023 to better understand what voters think about Congress’s role in running elections.

## Who has influence over how elections are run?

We asked “Based on what you know, how much influence do you think each of the following has when it comes to running elections?”

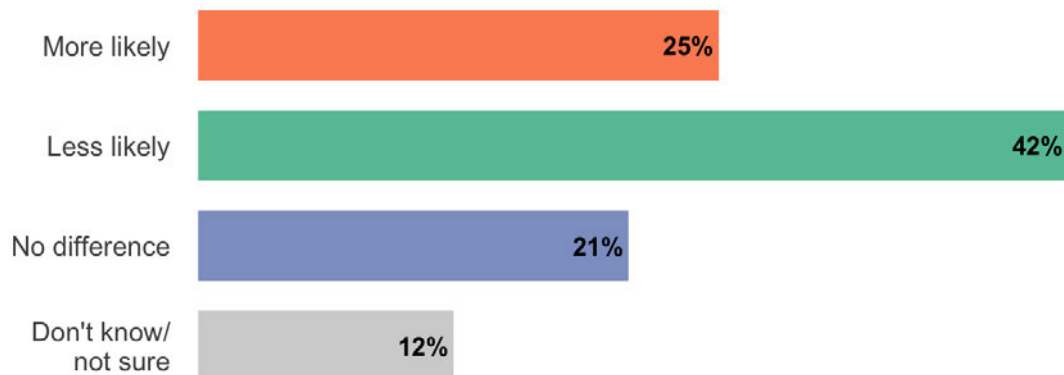
- A majority of voters say that the House and the Senate influence elections a great deal or a large amount (59%).
- People correctly attribute greater influence over running elections to local and state officials than to federal entities (President, House, Senate, federal agencies).
- Overall, people understand that all levels of government play a role in running elections.



## Vote to reelect members of Congress who voted against 2020 certification

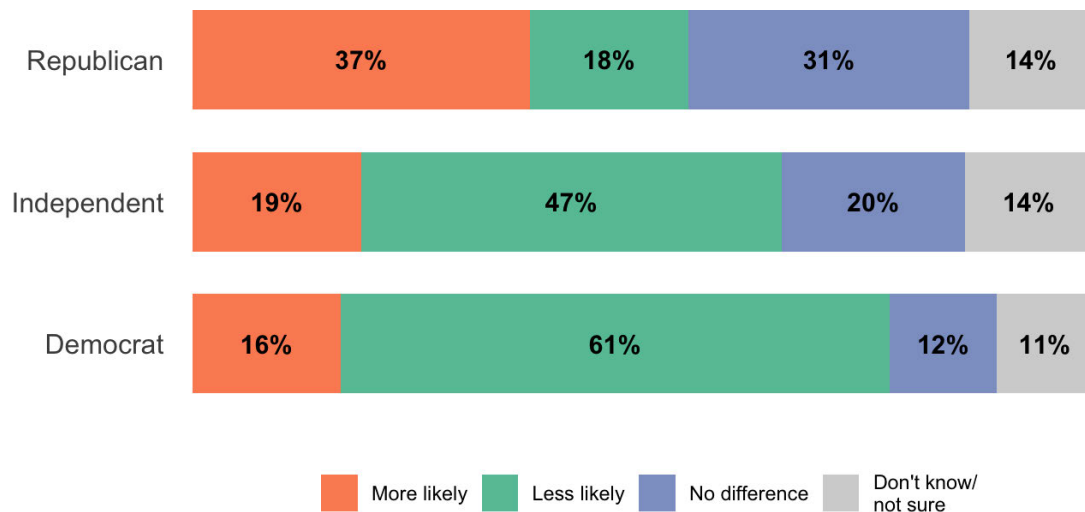
We asked “As you may know, 118 sitting members of the House of Representatives voted against certifying the results of the 2020 presidential election. If you knew your member of Congress voted against certifying the results of the election, would you be more likely to vote to reelect your representative, less likely to vote to reelect your representative, or would it not make a difference in your vote?”

- A plurality (**42%**) of all respondents would be less likely to vote to reelect their member of Congress if they knew their representative voted against certifying the 2020 election results. Only **25%** would be more likely to vote to reelect their representative.
- Overall, **1.7 times** the number of respondents would be less likely to vote to reelect a member of Congress who refused to certify the 2020 election results than those who would be more likely to do so (**42% vs 25%**).
- An additional 1/3 of respondents said it either does not make a difference to their vote or they don't know/aren't sure.



## Vote to reelect members of Congress who voted against 2020 certification, by party

- A majority of Democrats (**61%**) and a near majority of Independents (**47%**) would be less likely to vote to reelect their member of Congress if they knew their member voted against certifying the 2020 election results.
- A near majority of Republicans (**45%**) report that this either wouldn't make a difference to their vote or that they don't know/aren't sure.
- Democrats are **3.8 times** more likely to report *reduced* electoral support for a member of Congress who voted against certifying the 2020 election results than increased electoral support for such a member (**61% vs 16%**).
- Independents are **2.5 times** more likely to report *reduced* electoral support for a member of Congress who voted against certifying the 2020 election results than increased electoral support for such a member (**47% vs. 19%**).
- Republicans are **2 times** more likely to report *increased* electoral support for a member of Congress who voted against certifying the 2020 election results than reduced electoral support for such a member (**37% vs. 18%**).



# Survey Details

This survey is based on 1,029 interviews conducted by YouGov on the internet of registered voters from December 7-8, 2023. 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. Respondents were selected from YouGov to be representative of registered voters. The margin of error is approximately  $\pm 3.3\%$ .