

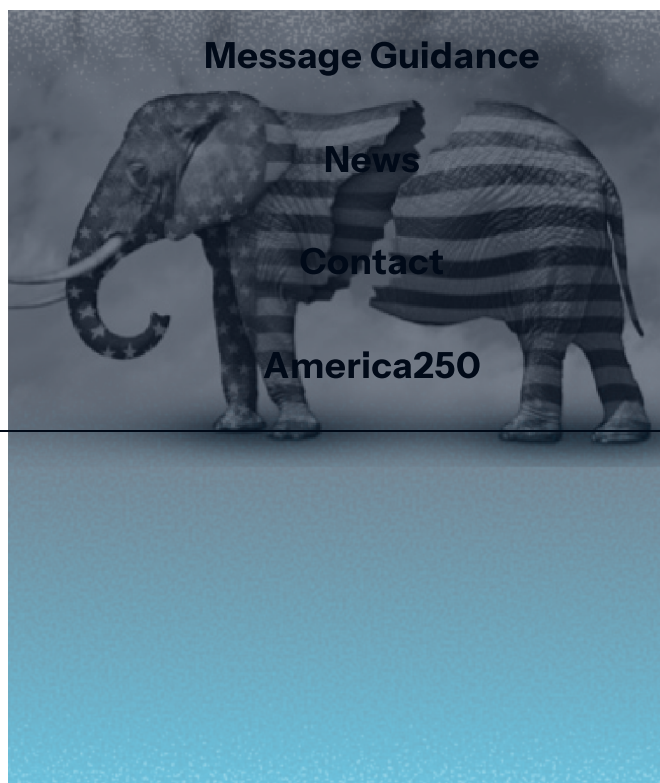
The Government and the Epstein Files

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Polling report on what Americans are hearing when it comes to the Trump administration and the Epstein files.

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Poll: The Epstein Files

This Navigator Research report covers what Americans are hearing when it comes to the Trump administration and the Epstein files.

Among those who say they have seen, read, or heard negative news about President Trump over the last few days, the Epstein files clearly dominate.



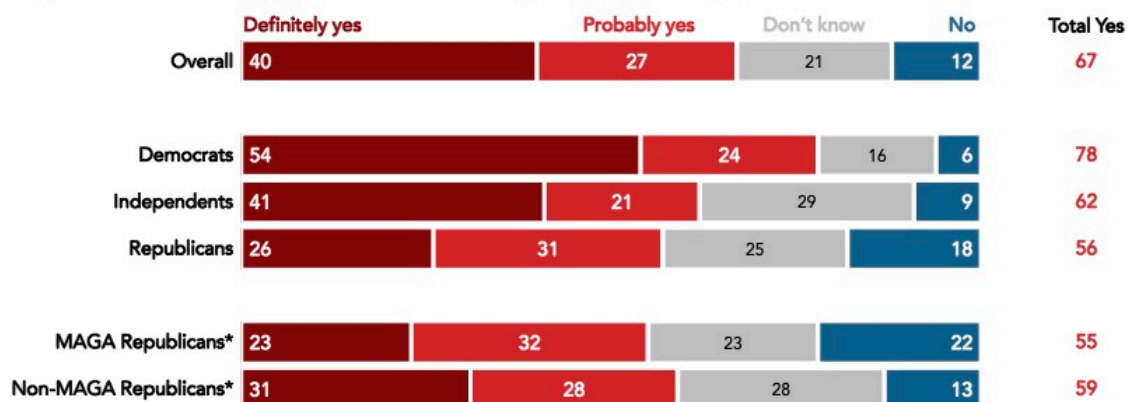
A Cover-up

Two in Three Say There Is an Epstein "Client List" the Government Is Hiding

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Majorities of Democrats (78%), independents (62%), non-MAGA Republicans* (59%), and even MAGA Republicans* (55%) say the government is covering up an Epstein "client list."

Do you think there is a Jeffrey Epstein "client list" that the government is covering up?



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Majorities say the government is covering up the Epstein "client list." When the question does not mention President Trump, majorities of Democrats, independents, and Republicans believe there is a government cover-up.

When Trump is included in the question, however, we observe a 16-point drop (from 58 percent to 42 percent) in Republicans who believe there is a government cover-up of the Epstein client list.

What Do Americans Think the Government Is Covering Up the "Client List," With or Without the Trump Admin Being Linked to the Coverup

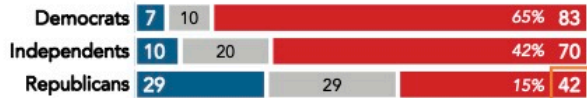
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For Republicans, mention of Trump makes a difference (42% say Trump is covering it up, 58% say the government is).

[Split Sample – Trump] Regardless of how closely you've been following the situation... As you may know, **Trump had promised in his campaign** to release what he has called the "Epstein files" related to convicted child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. This included a "client list" of people who were allegedly involved with Epstein's criminal activity. **Trump's administration has now said no such "client list" exists.**

Knowing this... Do you think the **Trump administration** is telling the truth or the **Trump administration** is covering up the "client list"?



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[Split Sample – No Trump] Regardless of how closely you've been following the situation... As you may know, some believe there are "Epstein files" related to convicted child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. This includes a "client list" of people who were allegedly involved with Epstein's criminal activity. **The government has now said no such "client list" exists.**

Knowing this... Do you think the **government** is telling the truth or the **government** is covering up the "client list"?



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Among those who believe the government is not telling the truth, the top reasons are:

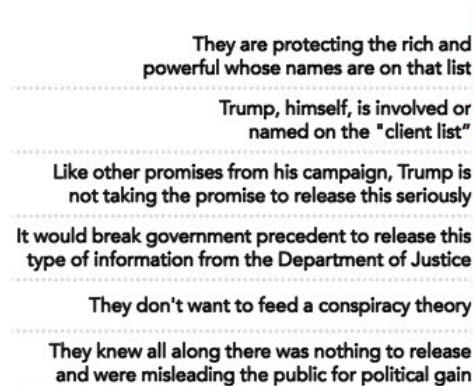
1. Protecting the rich and powerful names on the list
2. Trump is named or at least implicated.

Independents and Republicans are more likely to say the government is covering it up to protect the rich and powerful. Half (47 percent) of non-MAGA Republicans believe the government is not telling the truth in order to protect those with means and influence.

By contrast, Democrats are most likely to believe it's because Trump is either involved or named on the list. It is notable that 17 percent of Republicans overall, 25 percent of non-MAGA Republicans, and 41 percent of independents believe that Trump is implicated on the Epstein client list.

Nonetheless, protecting the rich and powerful is a stronger frame than one that suggests Trump himself is implicated. This frame has more reach than one that speaks primarily just to Democrats.

[If indicated Trump/government not definitely telling the truth] You indicated you don't think the truth is definitely being told about the Epstein "client list." Which do you think best describes why the Trump administration would not release the Epstein "client list" and potentially cover it up?



	Dem	Ind	Rep	MAGA Reps.*	Non-MAGA Reps.*
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Not Just Another Conspiracy Theory

Just 13 percent say this is just a conspiracy theory and the government shouldn't waste its time on it. Instead, two-thirds of Americans say the Epstein client list comes with serious accusations, and the government should take it seriously. This includes majorities of Democrats, independents, and Republicans.

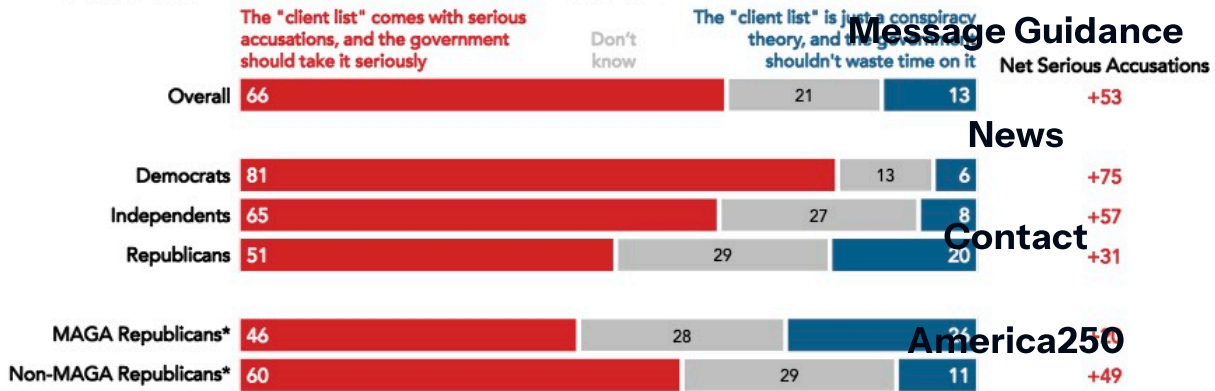
While there is majority agreement across parties, there is a 30-point gap between the 81 percent of Democrats who believe it's serious and the 51 percent of Republicans who say the same.

More than Majorities Think That the Epstein "Client List" Comes With Serious Accusations and Is Not Just a Conspiracy Theory

Majorities across party lines say that "the 'client list' comes with serious accusations, and the government should take it seriously" (at least 51% across party lines, including Republicans). This includes a plurality of MAGA Republicans* (46%).

- Republicans who say there is definitely a "client list" that should be taken seriously are disproportionately 18-44 years old (53%).

Which do you agree with more when it comes to the Epstein "client list"?



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Concerning, but not the most

Four in ten Americans say they are very concerned about the Trump Justice Department's handling of the Epstein files, and 57 percent are at least somewhat concerned. Concern is driven by Democrats, three-quarters of whom are concerned about this. Among independents (45 percent) and Republicans (43 percent), concern is much lower.

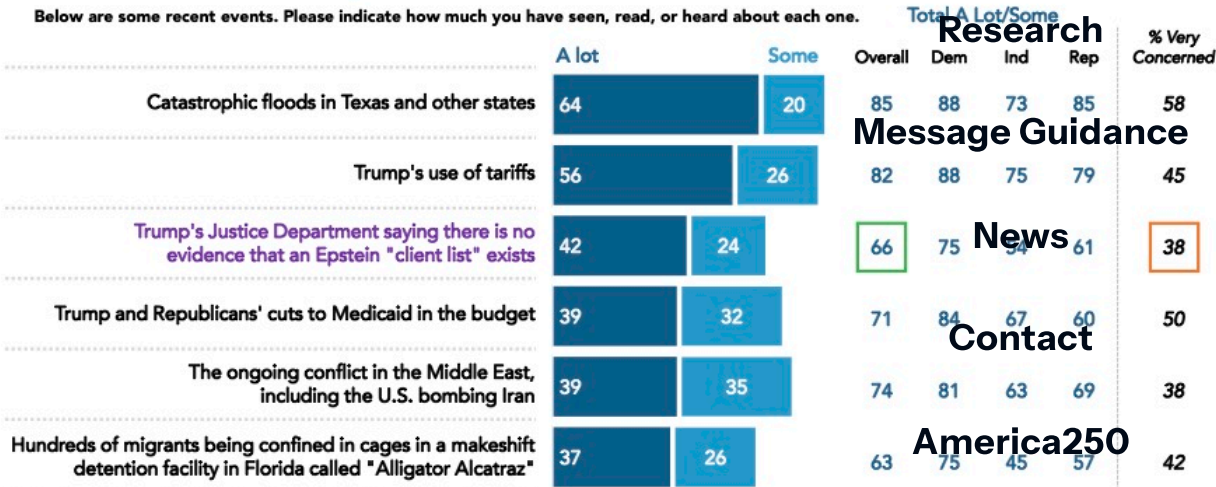
While Americans are concerned about the Justice Department's handling of the Epstein files, the issue is eclipsed by other issues of more immediate and personal concern to Americans: floods in Texas (84 percent), cuts to Medicaid (69 percent), cuts to FEMA (66 percent), and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East (71 percent).

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While the Epstein Files Are a High Awareness Topic, Other Items Like Tariffs, Medicaid Cuts Elicit More Concern



Below are some recent events. Please indicate how much you have seen, read, or heard about each one.



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Global Strategy Group conducted a public opinion survey among a sample of 1,000 registered voters from July 16-July 21, 2025. 100 additional interviews were conducted among Hispanic voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among African American voters. 100 additional interviews were conducted among younger voters between ages 18 and 27. 100 additional interviews were conducted among independent voters. The survey was conducted online, recruiting respondents from an opt-in online panel vendor. Respondents were verified against a voter file and special care was taken to ensure the demographic composition of our sample matched that of the national registered voter population across a variety of demographic variables. The margin of error for the full sample at the 95

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