

Differences in Issue Prioritization Between Highly Educated Democrats and Less Well-Educated Democrats

Highly educated Democrats care more about political division, student debt, and climate change; working-class Democrats care more about gas prices, crime, and unemployment

Positive numbers indicate issues that highly educated Democrats prioritize more; negative numbers indicate issues that working-class Democrats prioritize more.

Difference in prioritization,
Democrats with a college degree
or more vs. Democrats with a
high school degree or less

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	or more vs. Democrats with
Issue	high school degree or less

Political Division	+12%
Education	+9%
Student Debt	+8%
Civil Liberties and Privacy	+7%
Voting Rights	+5%
Climate Change	+5%
National Security and Foreign Policy	+3%
Health Care	+3%
Immigration	-3%
Poverty	-3%
Border Security	-4%
Medicare	-4%
Drug Abuse and Addiction	-6%
Unemployment	-6%
Terrorism	-6%
Crime	-7%
Gas Prices	-8%

Table limited to issues with a 3% or more gap in prioritization. Democrats defined as those who voted for Kamala Harris in 2024.

Source: Deciding to Win polling, May 18-June 18, 2025. 13,418 unique respondents, 44,286 unique responses.

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