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RE: New Research: Voters Alarmed by Trump and Congressional Allies' Attacks on
the Rule of Law, Concerned About Potential Loyalist Judges
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New polling shows battleground voters are overwhelmingly concerned by Trump's attacks on the rule of law and the courts. Further, voters are almost equally concerned with actions taken by allies of the president—such as Congressional Republicans—that also violate legal principles. Voters view these actions taken by Trump and his allies as an abuse of power that threatens personal freedoms and rights.

Global Strategy Group conducted an online survey of 1,000 likely voters in 2026 Senate battleground states between May 28 and June 1st, 2025.

As expected, the Senate battleground is narrowly divided across partisan metrics, including party self-id (44% Democrat, 44% Republican, 12% independent). And yet, even among this closely divided group, voters largely disapprove of Trump's handling of the courts (-14). Many are also deeply concerned by Trump's attempts to refuse to obey court orders—especially from the Supreme Court—as well as by his and his allies' calls for the impeachment of judges who rule against him.

Looking forward, many are concerned that Trump's judicial nominees will be chosen for their loyalty to him, and will uphold his personal interests rather than the Constitution.

TOPLINES

Views regarding Trump and allies' attacks on courts & the rule of law

- A 53% majority of Senate battleground voters disapprove of Trump's handling of the courts, including **89%** of Democrats, **55%** of Independents, and **39%** of self-identified non-MAGA Republicans.
- **Over two-thirds** of voters, 72%, are concerned about Trump's attempts to **refuse to obey court orders**, with a near-majority (47%) rating this as extremely concerning.
 - A majority (52%) of voters see Trump's failure to obey court orders as an **abuse of power**.
- **Trump's allies**, such as Congressional Republicans, cause nearly as much concern as his own actions; two-thirds (68%) of voters express concern that **Trump's allies are helping him violate legal norms** without facing consequences, with 44% rating this as extremely concerning.

- Elected officials who fail to stop Trump’s legal violations are seen as setting the stage for **even more extreme abuses of power** (42%), and fundamentally **betraying their duty to protect the constitution** (37%).
- When asked to characterize their concerns about Trump’s actions, voters focus most on the **consequences for people**.
 - Voters’ top concerns when it comes to Trump refusing to obey court orders include how his actions could “allow government to violate people’s rights with no consequences”, “lead to people being punished without a fair trial”, and “leave people powerless to defend themselves.”

Views regarding Trump’s judicial nominees

- When it comes to Trump’s judicial nominees, voters’ top concern is that they would be **chosen for their loyalty to Trump**.
 - While nominees’ apparent extreme views or lack of qualification were also of concern, their loyalty to Trump generated more intense concerns overall – and is seen as undermining the principle that judges serve the constitution, not any one person.

CONCLUSION

New polling makes it very clear that voters overwhelmingly do not support Trump’s attacks on the rule of law and the courts. All of us who care about the rule of law, the Constitution and our democracy must push back against these attacks.

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