

Breaking News Survey 7/13/26

Online sample of 478 likely voters fielded over web panels from July 13, 2026 to July 13, 2026 and weighted by gender, race, education, 2024 vote for president, birth_year and attention checks. The margin of error is 6.3%.

1. On July 12, preliminary medical findings said Sen. Lindsey Graham died on July 11 from an aortic dissection caused by cardiovascular disease. Also on July 12, Sen. Mitch McConnell said he was recovering from a fall and pneumonia and would not yet return to the Senate floor. These events have led to debate over whether the Senate needs clearer health updates and succession plans for top leaders. Supporters say new Senate rules would help the public know who is making decisions when senior leaders are seriously ill or absent. They say clearer plans would reduce rumors and help the Senate keep working. Opponents say health problems are private matters, and leaders should not be pushed into public disclosures before they are ready. They say party rules and state appointment processes already provide ways to handle vacancies and absences. Do you support or oppose new Senate rules requiring senior leaders to provide more public health updates and clear succession plans after major health events?

	Gender			Party			Race				Education	
	All	Male	Female	D	R	I	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian / Other	College	No College
	n=478	n=170	n=308	n=167	n=150	n=161	n=319	n=32	n=93	n=34	n=139	n=339
Oppose new Senate rules requiring more public health updates and clear succession plans	20%	20%	19%	11%	31%	16%	21%	14%	29%	7%	19%	21%
Support new Senate rules requiring more public health updates and clear succession plans	62%	67%	57%	77%	48%	63%	65%	50%	47%	74%	70%	58%

	Gender			Party			Race				Education	
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Not sure	18%	12%	24%	12%	21%	21%	14%	37%	24%	20%	12%	22%

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	Potus 2024				Age			
	All	Trump	Harris	Dnv/Other	Age 18-34	Age 35-49	Age 50-64	Age 65+
	n=478	n=153	n=179	n=146	n=119	n=120	n=117	n=122
Oppose new Senate rules requiring more public health updates and clear succession plans	20%	27%	14%	13%	21%	15%	19%	24%
Support new Senate rules requiring more public health updates and clear succession plans	62%	51%	78%	31%	58%	62%	63%	64%
Not sure	18%	22%	8%	56%	21%	23%	19%	12%