



As the Supreme Court weighs the legality of counting of mail ballots received after Election Day, new polling on behalf of Honest Elections Project shows Americans demand Election Day deadlines, despite Democrats' claims.

Americans Overwhelmingly Support Election Day Ballot Deadlines

- 83% agree—and 57% strongly agree—that **ballots should be received by Election Day**, including:
 - Republicans: 93%
 - Independents: 83%
 - Democrats: 74%
- 60% agree that **mail-in ballots received after polls close on Election Day should not be counted**, including:
 - Republicans: 80%
 - Independents: 59%
 - Democrats: 42%

Late Ballot Laws Endanger Public Trust in Elections

- 78% say that **requiring ballots to be received by election officials by the end of Election Day makes elections more secure**, including:
 - Republicans: 90%
 - Independents: 77%
 - Democrats: 68%
- 60% think that **counting ballots received after polls close on Election Day makes it easier to cheat**, including:
 - Republicans: 79%
 - Independents: 58%
 - Democrats: 44%
- 59% **would not trust the results of an election that counts ballots received after polls close on Election Day**. Democrats are evenly split (45% agree vs 48% disagree), showing deep bipartisan distrust:
 - Republicans: 76%
 - Independents: 56%
 - Democrats: 45%

Methodology

Survey conducted by CRC Research for Honest Elections Project. Online survey among 1,600 likely voters nationwide conducted March 12-17, 2026. Respondents were selected randomly from opt-in panel participants. Sampling controls were used to ensure that a proportional and representative number of respondents were interviewed from such demographic groups as age, gender, race, and geographic region. Gender breakdown: 48% men – 52% women. Party ID breakdown: 33% Republican, 34% Independent, 32% Democrat. ± 2.45% overall margin of error at the 95% confidence interval for overall survey. M.O.E.s for subgroups are larger.