

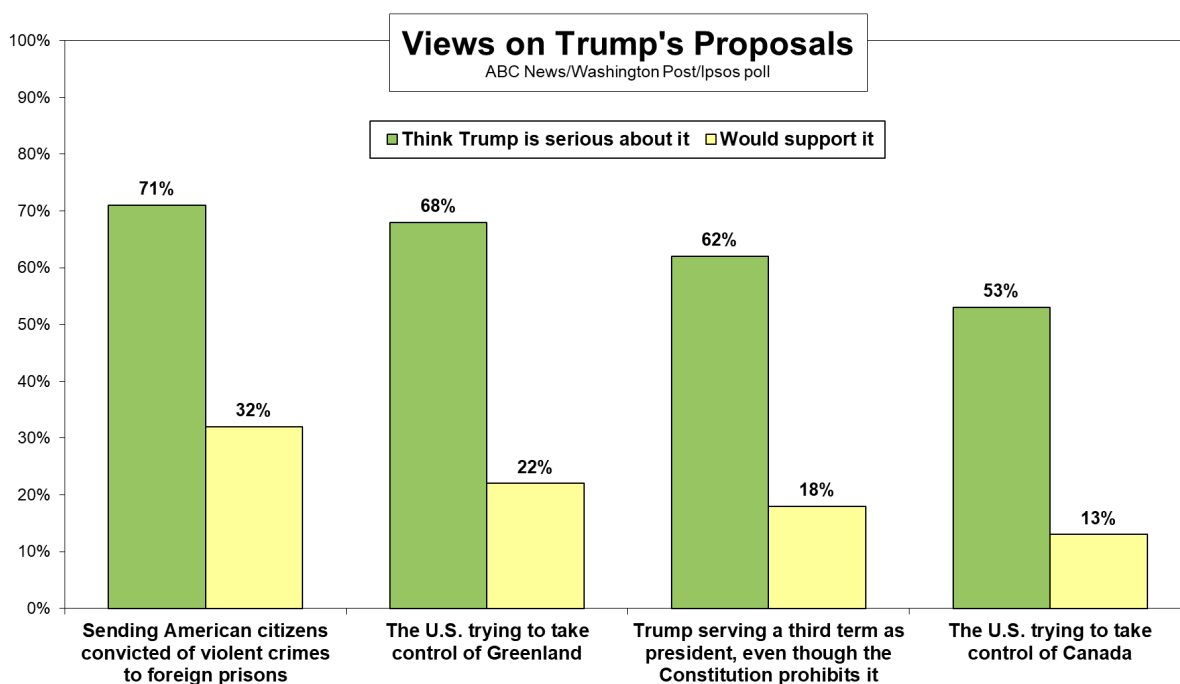
Canada, Greenland, Third Term: Big Majorities Say No Thanks

Most Americans take Donald Trump at his word when he talks about sending American citizens to foreign prisons, serving a third term as president and trying to take control of Greenland and Canada – even as sweeping majorities oppose each of these potential actions.

About seven in 10 adults in this ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll think Trump is serious when he talks about sending American citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to prisons in other countries (71 percent) and the United States trying to take control of Greenland (68 percent).

Fewer, but still a broad 62 percent, say the same about his serving a third term, even though the Constitution prohibits him from running again. A slim majority, 53 percent, think Trump is serious when he talks about the United States trying to take control of Canada.

That doesn't mean most people think these are good ideas: The survey, produced for ABC by [Langer Research Associates](#) with fieldwork by [Ipsos](#), finds that Americans by wide margins oppose these proposals. At the high end, a vast 86 percent oppose the United States trying to take control of Canada. Eighty percent oppose Trump serving a third term, 76 percent oppose trying to take control of Greenland and 66 percent oppose sending U.S. citizens to foreign prisons.



For his part, Trump insisted in an interview last week that he wasn't trolling about trying to take control of Canada and Greenland. He also has said he is not joking about running for a third term; [upping the ante](#), Trump 2028 merchandise appeared for sale on the Trump Organization's website last Thursday.

Unsurprisingly, these proposals are especially well received by the 39 percent of Americans who approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president. One, indeed, reaches majority support – sending U.S. citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to foreign prisons, backed by 59 percent of Trump approvers.

Half of those in his base, 49 percent, support the United States trying to take control of Greenland. Forty-three percent in this group like the third-term idea; taking control of Canada lags, even among Trump approvers, at 29 percent.

KIDDING ME? – Notably, too, Republicans, conservatives and Trump approvers are most likely to say he's not serious about any of these proposals. On the other side of the political spectrum, Democrats, liberals and Trump disapprovers are far more apt to think he means it.

Just 35 percent of Republicans think Trump is serious about taking over Canada, compared with 75 percent of Democrats. Thirty-eight percent of Republicans think he's serious about a third term, compared with 88 percent of Democrats. And while more Republicans, just shy of six in 10, think he's serious about taking control of Greenland and sending U.S. prisoners abroad, again these go much higher among Democrats.

Think Trump is Serious About... <i>ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll</i>				
	All	Reps.	Inds.	Dems.
Trying to take control of Canada	53%	35%	48%	75%
Trying to take control of Greenland	68	58	66	81
Trump serving a third term	62	38	61	88
Sending American citizens convicted of violent crimes to foreign prisons	71	58	72	88

On each item:

THIRD TERM – Opposition to a third term is substantial even among some of the key support groups that elected Trump last fall, including white men without four-year college degrees (74 percent of whom oppose another Trump term), white evangelical Protestants (70 percent), conservatives (67 percent) and Republicans (60 percent).

Wishful thinking may be a factor for some: Among Republicans who think Trump is serious about a third term, support for the idea rises to 60 percent. That compares with 24 percent among Republicans who don't think he's serious. On the other hand, a vast majority of Democrats (88 percent) think he's serious about a third term; nearly none of them (3 percent) supports it.

CANADA/GREENLAND – When it comes to Canada and Greenland, perceptions of Trump's intentions are associated with broader approval of his handling of U.S. relations with other

countries – which has a strong partisan flavor. Among people who approve of his handling of international relations, 51 and 30 percent, respectively, support trying to take control of Greenland and Canada. Among those who disapprove of Trump’s work on international relations, support for these actions drops to 4 percent in the case of Greenland and 3 percent for Canada.

Notably, in partisan terms, 45 percent of Republicans support trying to take control of Greenland. That drops to 27 percent who support trying to take control of Canada.

% Support for Trump Proposals <i>ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll</i>				
	All	Reps.	Inds.	Dems.
Trying to take control of Canada	13%	27%	9%	4%
Trying to take control of Greenland	22	45	20	3
Trump serving a third term	18	38	16	3
Sending American citizens convicted of violent crimes to foreign prisons	32	57	30	12

DEPORTING AMERICANS – As reported [Friday](#), 47 percent of Americans support sending undocumented immigrants who are suspected members of a criminal group to El Salvador prisons without a court hearing. Fifty-seven percent in this group also support shipping out U.S. citizens convicted of violent crimes, while 41 percent oppose it.

At 32 percent overall, support for sending convicted Americans to foreign prisons peaks in especially Trump-friendly groups, including 59 percent of those who approve of his work in office, 58 percent of people who call themselves very conservative and 57 percent of Republicans. Support drops to 30 percent of independents and 12 percent of Democrats.

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post/Ipsos poll was conducted online via the probability-based Ipsos KnowledgePanel® April 18-22, 2025, in English and Spanish, among a random national sample of 2,464 adults. Partisan divisions are 30-30-29 percent, Democrats-Republicans-independents.

Results have a margin of [sampling error](#) of 2 percentage points, including the design effect. Error margins are larger for subgroups. Sampling error is not the only source of differences in polls.

The survey was produced for ABC News by [Langer Research Associates](#), with sampling and data collection by Ipsos. See details on ABC News survey methodology [here](#).

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Full results follow.

Q1, 3-23, 26-37 previously released. Q2 held for release.

24. When Trump talks about the following things, do you think he's serious about it, or not serious?

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	Serious	Not serious	Skip
a. The U.S. trying to take control of Canada	53	46	2
b. The U.S. trying to take control of Greenland	68	30	2
c. Trump serving a third term as president, even though the Constitution prohibits him from running for president again	62	36	2
d. Sending American citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to prisons in other countries	71	27	2
(Items a-d were randomized)			

25. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

4/22/25 - Summary table

	Support	Oppose	Skip
a. The U.S. trying to take control of Canada	13	86	1
b. The U.S. trying to take control of Greenland	22	76	2
c. Trump serving a third term as president, even though the Constitution prohibits him from running for president again	18	80	1
d. Sending American citizens who are convicted of violent crimes to prisons in other countries	32	66	2
(Shown in same order as in Q24)			

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