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Centerline Liberties Poll Finds Overwhelming Bipartisan Support for AI Guardrails

New poll reveals 87% of voters support government regulation of AI, bridging party lines despite daily AI adoption crossing the 30% mark.

Washington, D.C. – A new [monthly survey](#) conducted by Republican pollster Alex Lundry on behalf of [Centerline Liberties](#) found nearly 9 in 10 Americans, from both sides of the political aisle, support placing guardrails on artificial intelligence (AI), even as over 30% of respondents report using it daily. The survey also revealed the electorate has adopted AI faster than it has learned to trust it – with a majority of Americans using it weekly, while three-quarters of respondents worry about its misuse.

A polling memo detailing the survey's key findings and methodology can be found [here](#). Alongside AI, this survey focuses on different ways American voters are under strain, and marks the debut of an ongoing survey series by Centerline Liberties exploring the most critical issues facing Americans.

"It won't matter if someone is a Republican, Democrat, or Independent; the upcoming debate over AI regulation will not be divided along party lines but rather will be a battle between believers versus doubters," **said Alex Lundry, Co-Founder of Redbud Consulting**. "In a country that struggles to agree on anything, voters of every party back every single AI guardrail we tested by margins of 40 points or more."

"Americans are adopting AI at an unprecedented rate, but their trust simply hasn't kept pace with their daily usage," **said Centerline Advisor Brad Williamson**. "While they feel equipped to navigate these changes themselves, they are deeply worried about what this technology means for their kids and the next generation's future."

Topline numbers include:

- **Overwhelming Demand for Guardrails:**
 - 87% want government to set rules for AI, while only 13% believe the government should mostly stay out of the way.
 - 68% of voters say the federal government should be able to shut down an AI system it considers a national-security risk - even over the objections of a private company.

- All proposed guardrails surveyed won in a landslide - all netting +42 or better among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents.
 - 88% support labeling AI-generated content.
 - 86% support guaranteed human control of important decisions.
 - 83% support criminal liability for tech executives whose AI causes serious harm.
 - 82% support pre-release to the government for approval of new systems.
 - 73% support banning autonomous weapons.
- **The Usage vs. Trust Gap:**
 - **57% of registered voters now use AI tools weekly.**
 - 31% use them every day or almost every day.
 - Only 17% have never tried them.
 - **Worry about AI beats hope.**
 - With a 13-point differential, 76% of voters are worried AI could be misused or cause harm, while 63% are hopeful it could improve their daily lives.
 - Of the 76% who worry about AI usage, 39% are worried “a great deal.”
 - **Voters are positive about their family’s usage, but fear the effects on future generations.**
 - Voters feel net positive about their family’s AI usage (+14) but fear it will harm the next generation's job prospects (-8). Ultimately, they aren't worried about themselves; they're worried about their kids.
 - **Voters (62%) believe AI will eventually solve technical and factual problems.**
 - However, 20% believe AI will ever show real human empathy, make moral judgments (19%), or truly understand what another person is feeling (22%).
- **Demographic Divides:**
 - Younger and non-white voters are the most bullish and least supportive of AI regulations and are the most open to allowing AI to make decisions. In comparison, older voters and women are the skeptics.

Please see the [memo](#) and [infographic](#) here.

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