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Poll: GOP split on immigration tactics

Shooting death of activist sparks nationwide protests

Jason Lange
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – Republicans are divided over whether federal immigration officers should try harder to avoid hurting people after a community activist was shot dead during an immigration

raid and as violent arrests continued, according to a Reuters/Ipsos survey.

While 95% of Republicans continue to approve of President Donald Trump’s performance, the poll conducted on Jan. 12 and 13 suggests a significant slice of Trump’s backers are wary of his administration’s aggressive approach to immigration enforcement.

The poll found American approval of Trump’s approach to immigration at its lowest point since he returned to office a year ago.

The poll concluded before a federal

immigration agent shot and wounded a Venezuelan man on Jan. 14 while trying to arrest him.

Poll respondents were asked to pick whether immigration officers should prioritize reducing harm to people even if this limits the number of arrests, or if they should be willing to use force even if there is a risk of serious injury or death.

Some 59% of Republicans favored a policy prioritizing arrests even if people get hurt, while 39% said officers should focus on reducing harm to people even if it means fewer arrests. Democrats were

unified, with 96% focused on avoiding injuries and 4% saying immigration officers should focus on arrests. A handful of respondents did not answer the question.

Americans are following the matter closely. Trump’s campaign to deport unauthorized immigrants has become the signature issue of his administration. Masked immigration officers, often in tactical military-style gear, have become a common sight across the country.

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Mark Hartburg, left, and Rod Flauhaus show off some of the items their businesses sell with Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Ryann Cline in Ravenna on Jan. 3. PHOTOS BY LISA SCALFARO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Franklin Square Deli starts 2026 under new ownership

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KENT – Recent visitors to Franklin Square Deli on South Water Street might have noticed the sandwich shop, which has been around for more than 40 years, is under new management.

The new owner, though, is a familiar face. Jaimie Reamer, who worked for several years for Franklin Square Deli in different capacities, now owns the restaurant.

“I will be able to hand over the reins to someone who ‘gets it,’ someone who understands what Franklin Square has meant for the community of Kent, someone that has a special flair for our type of food, and someone that has proven to be spectacular with [our] customers, making everyone feel welcome,” longtime former owner Carl Picelle stated in a New Year’s Day post on the restaurant’s Facebook page.

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Expanding a ‘man cave’

Record store takes turn in Ravenna chamber’s business ‘launchpad’

Diane Smith
Ravenna Record-Courier | USA TODAY NETWORK

RAVENNA – A second business is ready to open at Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce’s office.

Ryann Cline, executive director of the chamber, said the agency’s Business Launchpad is about helping small businesses get their start in Ravenna.

Cline said she and Matt Ferrell, president of the chamber’s Board of Directors, have long wanted to set up a business incubator program in Ravenna, and eventually settled on a small version in the chamber office.

The first business, E.T.C. Sports, opened in the office, with Mark Hartburg operating one evening a week for about four months. Hartburg spent those months building up his customer base, and moved the company in November to a storefront next to the chamber office.

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Hartburg, owner of E.T.C. Sports in Ravenna, was the first participant in Ravenna Area Chamber of Commerce’s business launchpad, which helps new businesses share space at the chamber’s office.



At the start of 2026, Jaimie Reamer took over ownership of Franklin Square Deli in Kent. Reamer was a longtime employee of the restaurant, working his way through college and meeting his future wife there.

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