



CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

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RE: VOTERS WANT UPDATED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN U.S. DATE:

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In a recent survey of registered voters (see methodology statement on last page), Fabrizio, Lee & Associates probed American voters' opinions on the state of the air traffic control (ATC) system. The data shows that American voters are overwhelmingly concerned about the current state of the system and support updating our air traffic control system. American voters want the federal government to take a new approach by partnering with a company unburdened by historical baggage and focused on safety in this new, transformative project.

The Air Traffic Control System is Not Working

When asked what one or two things comes to mind about the current state of America's air traffic control system, respondents indicated concerns over airplane crashes and accidents and antiquated equipment. Secondly, there is strong agreement that America's ATC is falling behind others in terms of modernization (59/18) as compared to other countries' systems. We also found that the American public today is split on if government is doing enough to ensure air traffic at major U.S. Airports is safe (44/44) and whether our current ATC system is safe and reliable (47/43).

<i>Being as specific as possible, what are the ONE or TWO things that come to mind when thinking about the current state of America's Air Traffic Control system?</i>	
Accidents/Plane Crashes/Dangerous	20%
Antiquated/Old Equipment/Outdated/Needs Modernization	19
Understaffed/Need More People/Workers Have Been Fired	17
Lack Of Qualified Controllers/Need More Training	7

<i>Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.</i>			
	Total Agree	Total Disagree	DK/Ref
America's air traffic control system is falling behind other countries in terms of modernization.	59%	18%	23
The federal government is currently doing enough to ensure that air traffic at major US airports is safe.	44	44	12
America's current air traffic control system is safe and reliable.	47	43	10

Americans Support Fixing the System

Americans support President Trump's announcement to modernize the air traffic control system, 71% - 19%. When informed about specific funding details delivered by President Trump's Working Families Tax Cut, American voters support overhauling the approach by an even higher mark, 81% - 14%. Delivering on modernizing the air traffic control system is a priority of the American people.

	Favor	Oppose	DK/Ref
Do you favor or oppose the recent President Trump announcement that the United States is going to modernize the air traffic control system and invest billions to upgrade it?	71%	19%	10
Now I am going to read you about some of the things that were included in the tax and spending bill recently passed by Congress and signed by President Trump. For each one, please tell me if you favor or oppose that specific element of the bill: Spending \$12.5 billion to modernize our air traffic control system to increase safety and reduce travel delays.	81	14	5

Americans Want a Responsible Company to Partner with the Federal Government

Priorities for a federal contractor working on modernizing the air traffic control system reflect a desire for a responsible, American company with a proven but unbiased history. American voters indicated that prioritizing safety (88% important), having a history of training and retaining American workers (86%), being unconflicted (83%), bringing no historical baggage of providing failed technology (81%), and possessing a proven track record with key stakeholders (78%) are the most important characteristics they are looking for in choosing a federal contractor to work on this project.

<i>To upgrade the US Air Traffic Control system, the Trump Administration will have to pick a private company that will do the work to upgrade the system. Please tell me how important each of the following descriptions about the company that they choose are to you. Would you say they are Very Important, Somewhat Important, Not Too Important or Not at All Important?</i>							
	TOTAL MORE IMPORTANT	TOTAL LESS IMPORTANT	Ver y Imp t	Smw t Impt	Not too Impt	Not At All Impt	DK/Re f
The company can modernize the air traffic control system quickly without compromising traveler safety.	88	5	68	20	3	2	7
The company has a strong record of training and retaining highly-skilled American workers.	86	8	65	21	4	4	6
The company does not have any conflicts of interest with its existing contracts with the federal government.	83	9	57	26	5	4	8
The company has no historical baggage of providing technology that has failed to prevent an airline catastrophe.	81	9	54	27	5	4	9
The company has a proven track record working with critical national agencies like the Department of Defense or NASA.	78	15	44	35	9	6	7

Bottom Line: American voters are distressed about the state of the Air Traffic Control system. They also overwhelmingly approve of President Trump’s plan to invest in its modernization. To enact this needed change, the people want a federal contractor that prioritizes safety, hires and trains American workers, is unconflicted, does not bring any baggage, and is experienced. A

private company that fits those descriptions would be a very popular choice among American voters to deliver one of the most popular aspects of President Trump's Working Family Tax Cut.

METHODOLOGY STATEMENT: Fabrizio, Lee & Associates conducted a survey of 1000 National Registered Voters from September 15-17, 2025. The interviews were split 35% live-operator cell phone/25% live-operator landline/40% SMS to web. Geography was matched to registered voter statistics. Gender, age, race/ethnicity, party, and education were matched to demographic profiles of registered voters based on the voter file and census data of registered voters. Respondents were randomly selected from lists of registered voters. The margin of sampling error for 1000 registered voters at the 95% confidence interval is $\pm 3.1\%$.

KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

Party

Republican	36%
Independent	27
Democrat	32
Something else (SPECIFY)	3
DK/Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

Race/Ethnicity

White	69%
Latino/Hispanic	12
African American/Black	12
Asian American	3
Other (SPECIFY)	3
Refused (DO NOT READ)	1

Education

High School or less	21%
Some College	41
4-Year College degree+	38

Age

18-34	26%
35-49	24
50-64	24
65+	25
Refused (DO NOT READ)	2

Gender

Female	52%
Male	48

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Northeast	18%
South	39
Midwest	22
West	22