



Minnesota



2026 general election poll: Governor & Attorney General

Likely-voter survey of the November 3, 2026 general election | Statewide

GOVERNOR DFL Amy Klobuchar **R** Lisa Demuth **G** Steven Young

ATTORNEY GEN. DFL Keith Ellison **R** Ronald J. Schutz

At a glance

ELECTION DATE

November 3, 2026

FIELD DATES

October 26-28, 2026

SAMPLE SIZE

806 likely voters

MARGIN OF ERROR

±3.5 points

Methodology

State Navigate surveyed **806** likely voters across Minnesota from **October 26-28, 2026** (919 respondents; fielding closed October 28). Text messages were sent to voters by AllianceForge, which directed them to an online survey hosted on the SurveyMonkey platform. The sample was drawn from a voter file provided by L2, and results were weighted by gender, race, education, age, leaned party identification, region, and whether the respondent had already voted (15% of likely voters) to reflect the likely November 2026 general electorate, with weighting benchmarks derived from L2 voter file data in conjunction with AP VoteCast. The margin of error is **3.5%** at a 95% confidence level. This survey was designed and conducted by the State Navigate Polling Team, and was not sponsored by any candidate or candidate's committee. On the ballot charts, the dashed box around each candidate's bar spans the margin of error.

State DNA | Minnesota

A statewide survey of likely Minnesota voters. In the race for Governor, Democratic-Farmer-Labor nominee U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar faces Republican Lisa Demuth, with Green Party nominee Steven Young also on the ballot. Attorney General Keith Ellison (DFL) faces Republican Ronald J. Schutz.

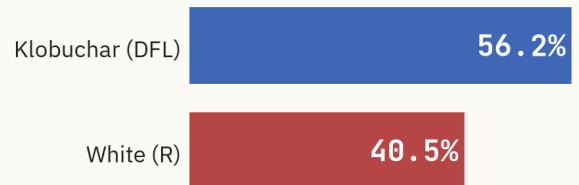


Recent election results in Minnesota

2024 President: Harris +4.2



2024 U.S. Senate: Klobuchar +15.7



2022 Governor: Walz +7.7

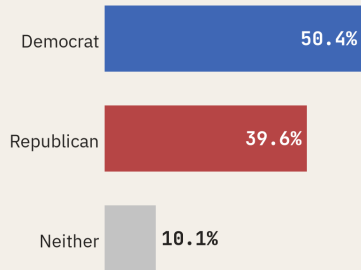


2020 President: Biden +7.1

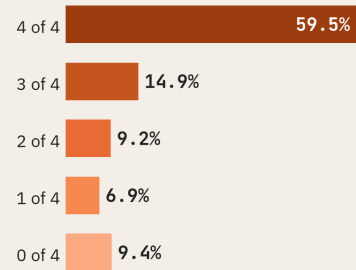


State DNA | Survey demographics

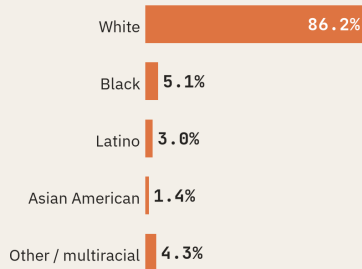
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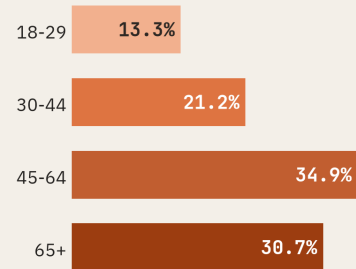
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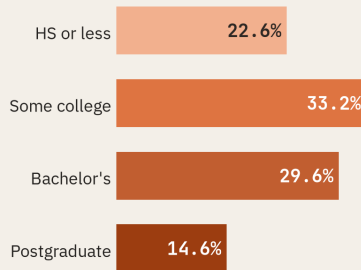
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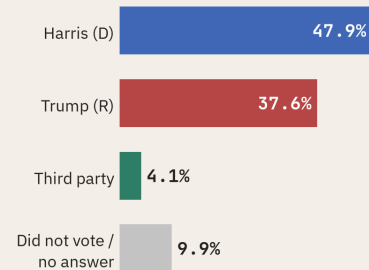
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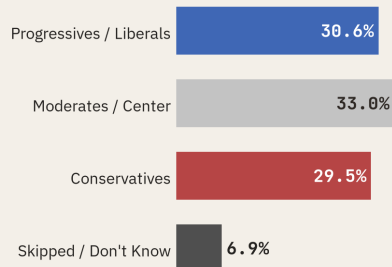
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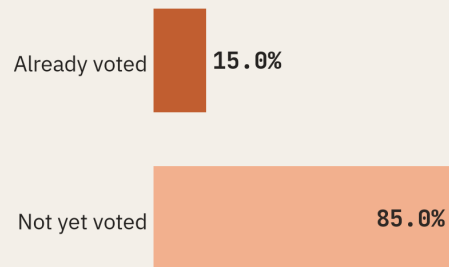
2024 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE (RECALLED)



IDEOLOGICAL SELF-ID (0-10)



ALREADY VOTED?

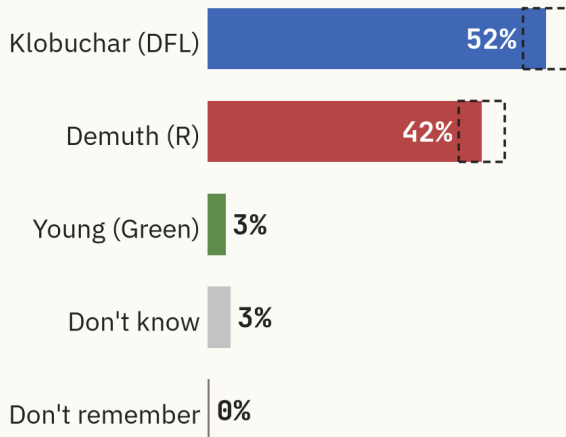


Governor Race & Trump Approval

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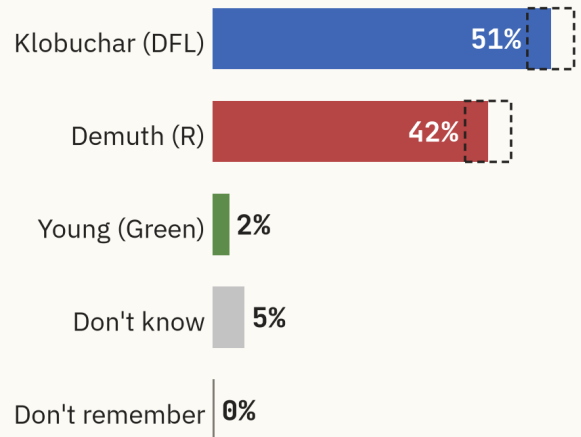
Governor with leaners

If the election for Minnesota Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (includes voters who already cast a ballot)



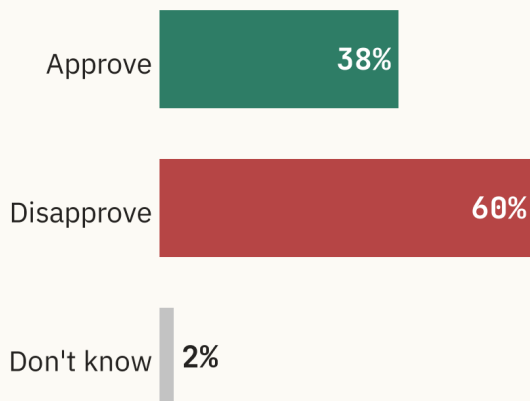
Governor before undecided push

If the election for Minnesota Governor were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (initial ballot, before leaner follow-up)



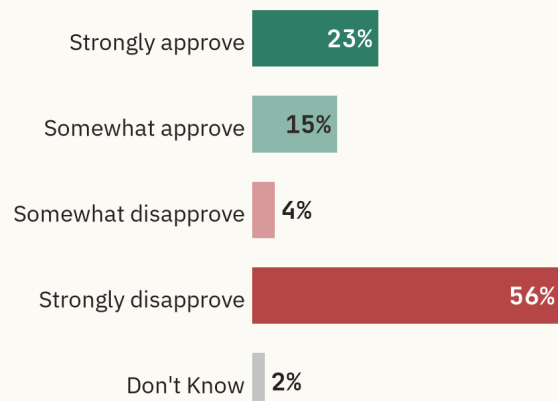
Trump job approval

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?



Trump job approval (detailed)

Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as President?

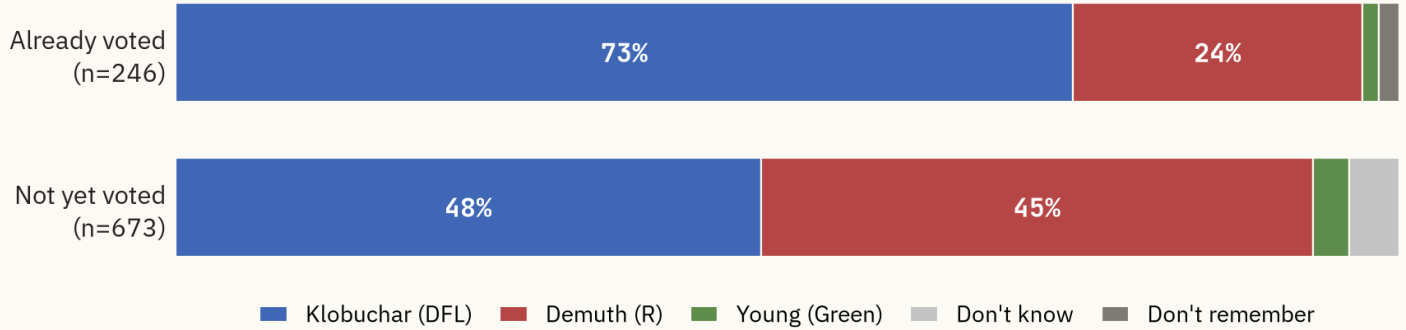


Amy Klobuchar (DFL) leads Lisa Demuth (R) 52-42 with leaners, with Steven Young (Green) at 3%, 3% who don't know and 0% who already voted but don't remember or would not say. **President Trump is underwater in Minnesota (38% approve / 60% disapprove).**

Down the ballot

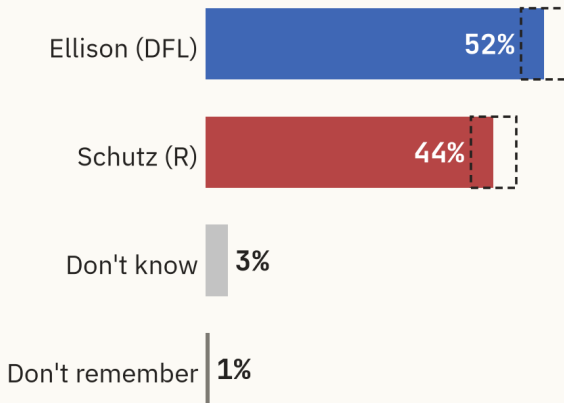
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Governor vote by whether they have already voted



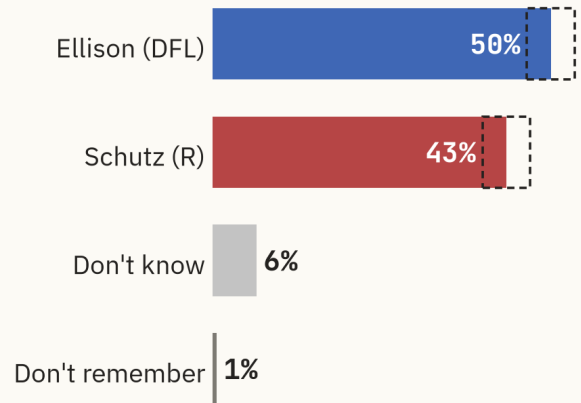
Attorney General with leaners

If the election for Minnesota Attorney General were held today, which candidate would you vote for?



Attorney General before undecided push

If the election for Minnesota Attorney General were held today, which candidate would you vote for? (initial ballot)

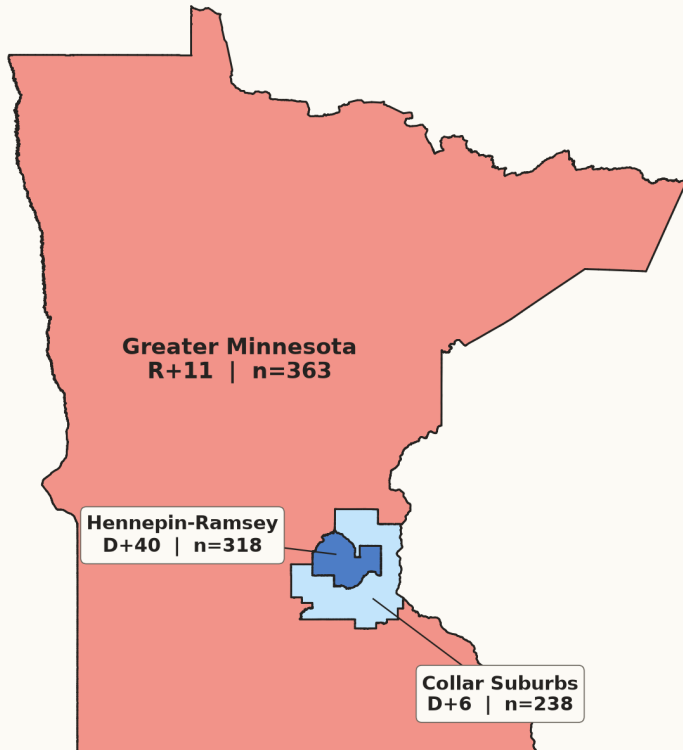


15.0% of likely voters say they have already voted; **they back Klobuchar 73-24**, while those still to vote favor Klobuchar 48-45. **Keith Ellison (DFL) leads Ronald J. Schutz (R) 52-44** for Attorney General.

Key findings: Region

The Twin Cities metro (Hennepin-Ramsey and the Collar Suburbs) and Greater Minnesota (the rest of the state). Left: Klobuchar minus Demuth among each area's likely voters. Right: that margin minus the 2024 presidential margin (Harris minus Trump) in the same area, so blue means the area has moved toward Democrats. n = respondents. The survey is weighted on six regions; Greater Minnesota combines four of them here.

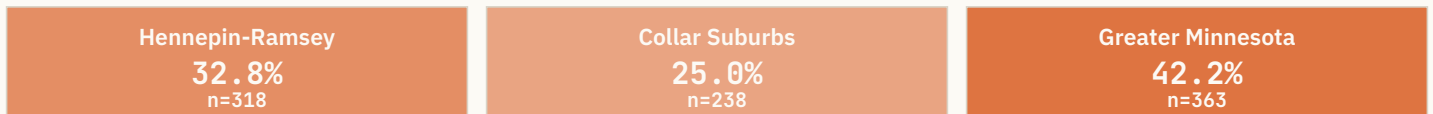
Governor margin (Klobuchar minus Demuth)



Swing from 2024 president (Harris minus Trump)



Share of weighted sample



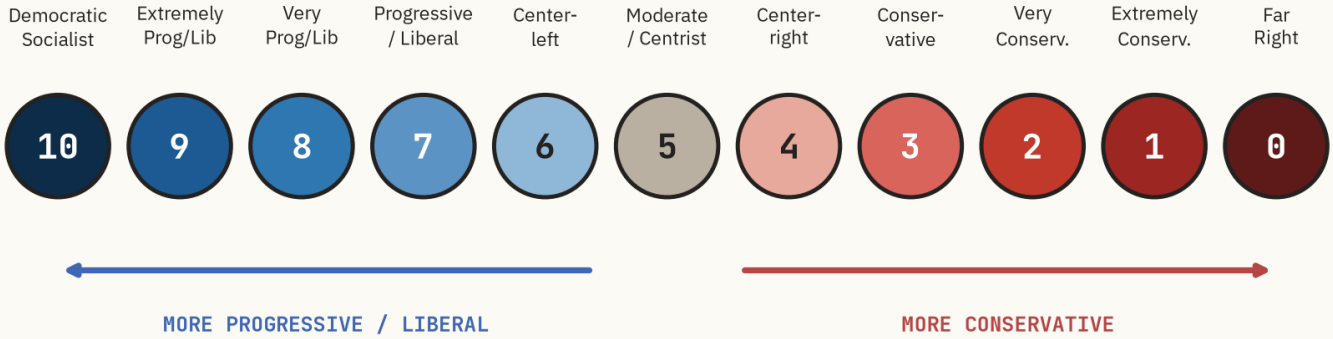
Klobuchar leads the Twin Cities metro 59-34, and Greater Minnesota splits 42-53 (R+11, D+10 against the 2024 presidential result there). Hennepin-Ramsey is D+40 (R+3 against 2024) and the Collar Suburbs D+6 (D+3).

Survey ideology

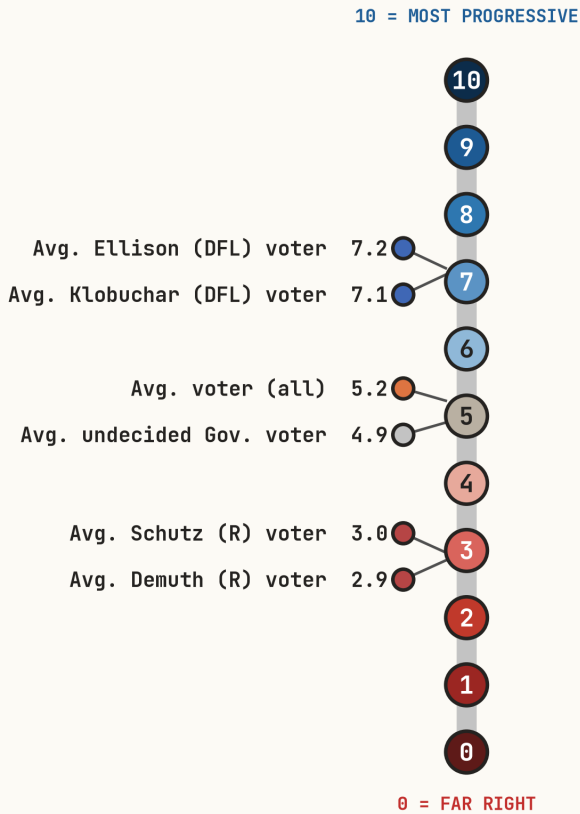
The self-placement scale

IDEOLOGICAL SELF-PLACEMENT SCALE

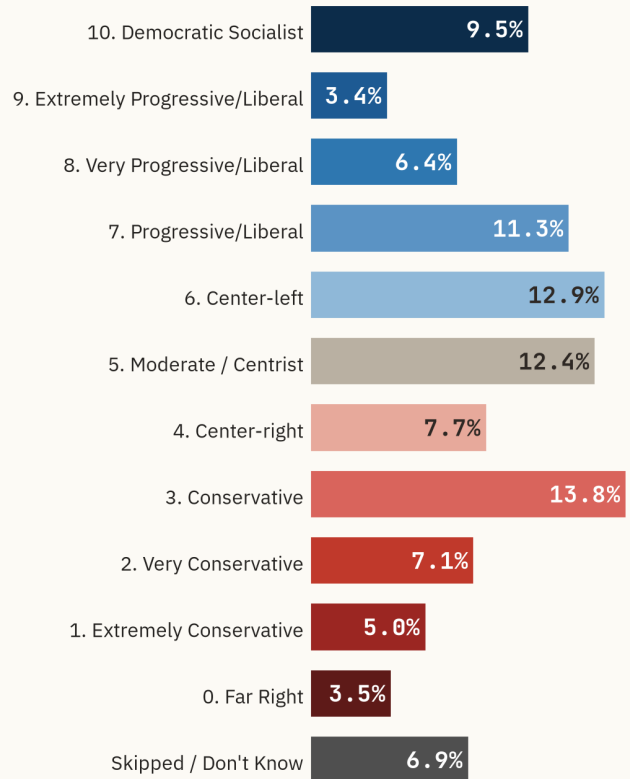
Place yourself — and each candidate — somewhere on the 0–10 scale.



AVERAGE BY VOTER GROUP



DETAILED SELF-PLACEMENT (ALL RESPONDENTS)



Ideology is respondents' self-placement on a 0-10 scale (10 = most progressive, 0 = far right). 6.9% skipped the question. Group averages are weighted and computed among those who placed themselves (overall mean 5.2). Undecided Gov. voters have not voted yet.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | KLOBUCHAR AND THE BASELINE

Klobuchar isn't running ahead of the Democratic baseline this time.

Amy Klobuchar has made a career of running well ahead of Minnesota's partisanship. In 2012 she won her Senate race by 35 points while Barack Obama carried the state by 8. In 2018 she won by 24, in a state Hillary Clinton had carried by less than 2 points two years earlier. And in 2024 she won by 16 while Kamala Harris won Minnesota by 4.

In our poll, that overperformance is gone. Our poll's presidential recall margin among likely voters is Harris +10, and Klobuchar leads Lisa Demuth by 10, essentially even with that recall margin. That's a likely sign that she is being dragged down by Minnesota's fraud scandal, and that voters have little appetite for sending a senator to the governor's mansion. We saw the same thing in Colorado this year, where Attorney General Phil Weiser beat Senator Michael Bennet by about 9 points in the Democratic primary for governor.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON TICKET SPLITTING

Ellison runs behind the top of the ticket, but probably not far enough to lose.

Keith Ellison leads Ronald Schutz by 8 points, about 2 points behind Klobuchar. The gap comes from ticket splitters: 4% of Klobuchar voters back Schutz, while only 1% of Demuth voters back Ellison. Much of it is in Greater Minnesota, where Ellison trails by 15 against Klobuchar's 11.

Public polling shows a similar pattern. In the five public polls since the August primary that asked both the Attorney General and U.S. Senate races, Ellison has averaged D+2.2, about a point behind Peggy Flanagan's D+3.2 in the Senate race. Running a point or so behind the ticket in a state Democrats carry is still a likely win. Democrats are quite likely to extend their winning streak in Minnesota statewide races, which now runs 20 years: no Republican has been elected statewide since 2006.

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON NEW AND IRREGULAR VOTERS

New and irregular voters are Klobuchar's base.

Likely voters who did not vote in 2024 make up 9% of our sample, and they back Klobuchar 58-26. The voter file tells the same story: those who voted in none of the last four general elections (9% of likely voters) favor her 63-26, compared with 55-42 among voters who cast a ballot in all four. The exception is the small group who voted third party in 2024 (4%), who lean toward Demuth 61-18, with 16% for Green nominee Steven Young.

Klobuchar's lead depends in part on these less reliable voters turning out. Each of these groups has fewer than 100 respondents, so read the numbers as directional.

Team notes & analysis

CHAZ NUTTYCOMBE | ON THE METRO AND GREATER MINNESOTA

The metro carries Klobuchar while Greater Minnesota holds to its 2024 lines.

The Twin Cities metro makes up 58% of our weighted likely voters, and Klobuchar leads there by 25 points. That includes D+40 in Hennepin and Ramsey counties and D+6 in the Collar Suburbs. Demuth carries Greater Minnesota by 11.

Neither area is far from its presidential recall margin: Trump +12 among our Greater Minnesota likely voters and Harris +27 among our metro likely voters. Trump's approval stands at 50% outside the metro, against 29% inside it. Demuth's path is to run up her margin in Greater Minnesota beyond Trump's. In our poll she is only matching it.

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Our polling team

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Chaz was the Director of CAnalysis.com, the only website dedicated to state legislative election forecasting. He has successfully forecasted thousands of state legislative elections since 2017 during his senior year in high school. Chaz leads the polling team and works with them on survey design, field work, weighting, and written analysis.

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