

YouGov Survey: Acceptability of AI Uses

January 8 - 10, 2026 - 1,133 U.S. adult citizens



1. Do you think that the effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on society will be...?

Very positive	6%
Somewhat positive	20%
Neither positive nor negative	18%
Somewhat negative	22%
Very negative	27%
Not sure	6%

2. Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Should be allowed	Should not be allowed	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Offer advice on investments and finance	40%	35%	23%	2%
Give personalised legal advice	27%	49%	22%	2%
Provide medical information without providing definitive medical diagnoses or treatment plans	27%	54%	18%	2%
Generate realistic images of public figures	18%	63%	17%	1%
Provide definitive medical diagnoses or treatment plans	18%	62%	19%	1%
Recommend how people should vote	11%	73%	13%	3%
Generate "undressed" images of real adults (for example, images in underwear, lingerie or bikinis, but not featuring nudity)	9%	80%	10%	1%
Identify private individuals in images without their consent	8%	78%	12%	1%
Provide instructions for making weapons	7%	81%	10%	2%
Generate hate speech against protected groups	6%	84%	8%	2%
Provide instructions for making illegal drugs	5%	87%	7%	2%
Generate "undressed" images of children (for example, images in underwear, lingerie or bikinis, but not featuring nudity)	4%	90%	4%	1%
Generate sexually explicit content of real adults without their consent	4%	89%	6%	1%
Give instructions for or encourage self-harm	4%	88%	7%	1%
Generate sexually explicit content of children	2%	92%	4%	1%

3. In general, do you think the way that most major social media platforms regulate the content posted to their sites is...?

Too strict	7%
About right	20%
Not strict enough	56%
Not sure	17%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of Elon Musk?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	38%
Don't know	13%

5. Which of the following terms do you think describe Elon Musk? Select all that apply.

Rich	67%
An entrepreneur	46%
Eccentric	37%
Corrupt	36%
Impulsive	34%
An innovator	33%
Right-wing	32%
A visionary	32%
A disruptor	30%
An inventor	30%
A troll	29%
Self-made	28%
Brilliant	27%
Strategic	20%
Decisive	15%
Funny	9%
Left-wing	4%
None of the above	7%

6. How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	28%
A little	43%
None at all	11%
Not sure	18%

7. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	7%
A little	22%
None at all	52%
Not sure	19%

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Interviewing Dates	January 8 - 10, 2026
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.564, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.872.
Number of respondents	1,133
Margin of error	± 3.9 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.

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1. Effect of AI on Society

Do you think that the effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on society will be...?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very positive	6%	9%	4%	8%	11%	3%	3%	6%	7%	9%	*
Somewhat positive	20%	23%	18%	15%	21%	19%	25%	21%	23%	17%	*
Neither positive nor negative	18%	18%	19%	14%	20%	22%	16%	15%	34%	19%	*
Somewhat negative	22%	22%	23%	28%	16%	21%	26%	24%	16%	20%	*
Very negative	27%	23%	30%	28%	29%	26%	24%	30%	15%	27%	*
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	6%	3%	9%	6%	5%	5%	8%	*
Totals	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(529)	(602)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(224)	(729)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very positive	6%	7%	5%	6%	6%	8%	5%	5%	11%	7%	3%	8%	6%
Somewhat positive	20%	22%	12%	27%	23%	26%	14%	25%	30%	30%	16%	18%	22%
Neither positive nor negative	18%	18%	19%	18%	14%	15%	23%	19%	10%	18%	22%	20%	13%
Somewhat negative	22%	20%	25%	22%	22%	26%	20%	26%	20%	14%	24%	24%	24%
Very negative	27%	28%	29%	23%	30%	20%	31%	19%	25%	24%	31%	26%	26%
Not sure	6%	5%	10%	3%	5%	4%	7%	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%	9%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	102%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(356)	(458)	(317)	(429)	(400)	(445)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(430)	(271)

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2A. Allowance of AI Uses — Offer advice on investments and finance

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	40%	46%	34%	38%	44%	41%	35%	37%	45%	47%	*
Should not be allowed	35%	31%	39%	41%	30%	33%	39%	40%	24%	30%	*
Don't know	23%	21%	25%	16%	25%	26%	25%	23%	28%	21%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(530)	(602)	(292)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(144)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	40%	42%	35%	44%	43%	46%	33%	43%	59%	41%	35%	42%	40%
Should not be allowed	35%	36%	34%	36%	36%	32%	38%	31%	25%	33%	42%	34%	33%
Don't know	23%	21%	28%	20%	20%	22%	26%	25%	16%	24%	23%	22%	26%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	3%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(356)	(459)	(317)	(429)	(400)	(447)	(317)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(430)	(272)

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2B. Allowance of AI Uses — Give personalised legal advice

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	27%	35%	18%	26%	32%	26%	21%	25%	33%	31%	*
Should not be allowed	49%	43%	56%	48%	42%	50%	58%	53%	43%	43%	*
Don't know	22%	20%	24%	21%	22%	24%	20%	21%	21%	24%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	27%	26%	24%	30%	28%	33%	22%	26%	40%	30%	27%	25%	26%
Should not be allowed	49%	52%	47%	49%	51%	45%	52%	47%	40%	41%	56%	51%	47%
Don't know	22%	21%	26%	18%	21%	20%	22%	25%	19%	25%	17%	21%	27%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%	4%	0%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2C. Allowance of AI Uses — Provide medical information without providing definitive medical diagnoses or treatment plans

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	27%	32%	21%	28%	27%	27%	23%	27%	20%	23%	*
Should not be allowed	54%	45%	61%	54%	47%	52%	62%	54%	57%	56%	*
Don't know	18%	21%	16%	13%	24%	20%	15%	18%	20%	20%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	*
Totals	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(529)	(601)	(293)	(299)	(313)	(225)	(728)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	27%	24%	25%	30%	28%	33%	22%	29%	37%	30%	28%	24%	27%
Should not be allowed	54%	59%	49%	53%	58%	50%	53%	56%	47%	45%	59%	59%	45%
Don't know	18%	16%	23%	16%	14%	15%	22%	14%	16%	23%	12%	15%	27%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	1%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(356)	(459)	(315)	(429)	(398)	(446)	(316)	(255)	(197)	(231)	(430)	(272)

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2D. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate realistic images of public figures

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	18%	27%	10%	23%	25%	14%	12%	18%	16%	19%	*
Should not be allowed	63%	56%	70%	57%	57%	66%	71%	66%	64%	58%	*
Don't know	17%	16%	18%	16%	16%	21%	16%	16%	17%	22%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	*
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	18%	16%	20%	18%	15%	24%	15%	21%	25%	22%	21%	14%	19%
Should not be allowed	63%	65%	58%	67%	67%	60%	65%	59%	61%	58%	64%	66%	60%
Don't know	17%	19%	19%	14%	17%	15%	18%	19%	13%	19%	14%	17%	21%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%	0%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2E. Allowance of AI Uses — Provide definitive medical diagnoses or treatment plans

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	18%	23%	14%	13%	23%	18%	17%	17%	19%	18%	*
Should not be allowed	62%	57%	67%	67%	54%	62%	66%	65%	56%	54%	*
Don't know	19%	19%	18%	17%	21%	20%	16%	17%	22%	26%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(528)	(603)	(293)	(299)	(313)	(226)	(731)	(144)	(177)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	18%	15%	17%	22%	17%	22%	18%	17%	22%	21%	21%	16%	17%
Should not be allowed	62%	69%	59%	58%	67%	58%	59%	65%	60%	61%	64%	62%	60%
Don't know	19%	15%	21%	19%	15%	19%	21%	17%	18%	16%	14%	20%	23%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(355)	(458)	(318)	(428)	(400)	(447)	(318)	(253)	(198)	(232)	(430)	(271)

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2F. Allowance of AI Uses — Recommend how people should vote

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	11%	14%	9%	13%	17%	8%	9%	11%	12%	11%	*
Should not be allowed	73%	69%	76%	64%	64%	79%	81%	77%	63%	65%	*
Don't know	13%	15%	12%	17%	18%	11%	10%	11%	20%	22%	*
Prefer not to say	3%	2%	3%	7%	1%	2%	0%	1%	6%	2%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	11%	12%	10%	13%	10%	15%	11%	12%	16%	16%	14%	10%	8%
Should not be allowed	73%	74%	67%	78%	80%	75%	72%	71%	74%	70%	77%	71%	72%
Don't know	13%	11%	19%	9%	9%	9%	14%	13%	9%	11%	8%	15%	18%
Prefer not to say	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	0%	3%	1%	4%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2G. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate "undressed" images of real adults (for example, images in underwear, lingerie or bikinis, but not featuring nudity)

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	9%	14%	5%	6%	12%	9%	10%	9%	7%	11%	*
Should not be allowed	80%	73%	86%	80%	77%	79%	83%	82%	79%	71%	*
Don't know	10%	12%	7%	10%	9%	12%	7%	8%	13%	16%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,129)	(530)	(599)	(293)	(300)	(311)	(225)	(730)	(143)	(178)	(78)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	9%	9%	8%	11%	9%	15%	7%	11%	14%	12%	11%	8%	8%
Should not be allowed	80%	83%	77%	80%	85%	73%	79%	81%	76%	74%	82%	81%	78%
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	9%	6%	11%	11%	8%	9%	14%	6%	8%	13%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,129)	(353)	(458)	(318)	(426)	(400)	(445)	(316)	(255)	(197)	(230)	(430)	(272)

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2H. Allowance of AI Uses — Identify private individuals in images without their consent

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	8%	13%	4%	10%	8%	10%	3%	8%	6%	6%	*
Should not be allowed	78%	71%	84%	72%	73%	78%	88%	80%	77%	77%	*
Don't know	12%	15%	10%	13%	17%	12%	8%	12%	14%	15%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	5%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(527)	(603)	(292)	(299)	(313)	(226)	(729)	(145)	(177)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	8%	6%	9%	10%	7%	11%	7%	11%	10%	9%	12%	6%	8%
Should not be allowed	78%	84%	71%	80%	83%	78%	76%	75%	80%	74%	77%	81%	76%
Don't know	12%	9%	17%	10%	9%	11%	14%	14%	10%	15%	9%	11%	16%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(355)	(458)	(317)	(429)	(400)	(447)	(317)	(255)	(198)	(231)	(430)	(271)

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2I. Allowance of AI Uses — Provide instructions for making weapons

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	7%	11%	3%	5%	12%	7%	3%	7%	7%	8%	*
Should not be allowed	81%	76%	86%	78%	74%	83%	89%	82%	79%	80%	*
Don't know	10%	12%	9%	11%	13%	10%	7%	10%	12%	11%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	2%	2%	6%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(529)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(225)	(730)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	7%	5%	7%	8%	5%	11%	7%	7%	9%	10%	7%	6%	6%
Should not be allowed	81%	89%	76%	80%	87%	76%	79%	84%	78%	78%	79%	84%	81%
Don't know	10%	5%	13%	11%	8%	11%	12%	7%	12%	10%	13%	8%	12%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(356)	(459)	(317)	(429)	(400)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(197)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2J. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate hate speech against protected groups

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	6%	9%	3%	8%	8%	5%	2%	6%	3%	8%	*
Should not be allowed	84%	79%	89%	82%	78%	83%	95%	86%	86%	78%	*
Don't know	8%	10%	6%	5%	10%	12%	2%	7%	8%	13%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	3%	1%	5%	4%	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	*
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	6%	4%	7%	7%	2%	10%	5%	6%	10%	8%	6%	6%	5%
Should not be allowed	84%	92%	78%	84%	94%	80%	84%	83%	83%	76%	88%	86%	82%
Don't know	8%	3%	12%	7%	4%	8%	9%	8%	6%	11%	5%	5%	12%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	0%	6%	1%	3%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2K. Allowance of AI Uses — Provide instructions for making illegal drugs

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	5%	7%	3%	7%	9%	3%	2%	5%	4%	6%	*
Should not be allowed	87%	84%	90%	82%	78%	90%	96%	89%	81%	85%	*
Don't know	7%	8%	5%	7%	10%	7%	2%	6%	12%	8%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(527)	(603)	(293)	(298)	(313)	(226)	(729)	(144)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	5%	4%	7%	3%	5%	6%	5%	5%	7%	5%	8%	3%	4%
Should not be allowed	87%	89%	81%	91%	88%	88%	84%	89%	88%	85%	87%	88%	85%
Don't know	7%	6%	9%	5%	6%	6%	9%	5%	5%	8%	3%	6%	10%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,130)	(355)	(458)	(317)	(428)	(399)	(446)	(318)	(253)	(198)	(231)	(430)	(271)

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2L. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate "undressed" images of children (for example, images in underwear, lingerie or bikinis, but not featuring nudity)

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	4%	7%	2%	7%	8%	2%	2%	5%	3%	3%	*
Should not be allowed	90%	87%	94%	87%	85%	93%	95%	91%	88%	90%	*
Don't know	4%	5%	3%	3%	7%	4%	2%	4%	7%	6%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	0%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	4%	3%	6%	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%	4%	10%	4%	2%	5%
Should not be allowed	90%	94%	85%	92%	94%	91%	88%	89%	94%	83%	94%	92%	89%
Don't know	4%	3%	7%	2%	3%	3%	6%	4%	3%	7%	1%	4%	6%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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2M. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate sexually explicit content of real adults without their consent

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	4%	6%	3%	4%	7%	4%	1%	3%	7%	5%	*
Should not be allowed	89%	85%	93%	87%	83%	89%	97%	91%	83%	87%	*
Don't know	6%	8%	4%	6%	9%	7%	2%	5%	10%	7%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	*
Totals	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(530)	(602)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(225)	(730)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%	6%	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	2%
Should not be allowed	89%	93%	84%	91%	95%	88%	87%	89%	91%	82%	90%	90%	90%
Don't know	6%	3%	9%	5%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%	10%	4%	4%	8%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(355)	(459)	(318)	(428)	(401)	(446)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(271)

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2N. Allowance of AI Uses — Give instructions for or encourage self-harm

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	4%	5%	3%	4%	8%	3%	0%	3%	5%	6%	*
Should not be allowed	88%	84%	92%	85%	83%	89%	95%	91%	79%	84%	*
Don't know	7%	9%	4%	7%	8%	7%	4%	5%	15%	9%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Should not be allowed	88%	89%	84%	91%	92%	89%	84%	89%	92%	87%	89%	89%	86%
Don't know	7%	6%	9%	5%	4%	5%	10%	5%	3%	9%	5%	5%	10%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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20. Allowance of AI Uses — Generate sexually explicit content of children

Do you think publicly available AI tools should or should not be allowed to do the following?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Should be allowed	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	0%	2%	4%	3%	*
Should not be allowed	92%	91%	93%	88%	89%	92%	99%	94%	88%	89%	*
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	0%	3%	7%	7%	*
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(530)	(602)	(293)	(300)	(313)	(226)	(730)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Should be allowed	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	3%	4%	1%	4%	4%	2%	2%
Should not be allowed	92%	95%	88%	94%	96%	92%	89%	93%	97%	87%	93%	94%	92%
Don't know	4%	2%	7%	3%	2%	3%	6%	3%	2%	8%	2%	3%	5%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(355)	(459)	(318)	(428)	(401)	(446)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(231)	(431)	(272)

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3. Content Regulation Too Strict or Not Enough

In general, do you think the way that most major social media platforms regulate the content posted to their sites is...?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too strict	7%	10%	3%	6%	11%	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	*
About right	20%	23%	17%	20%	28%	19%	14%	20%	29%	20%	*
Not strict enough	56%	49%	63%	58%	47%	55%	64%	56%	57%	52%	*
Not sure	17%	18%	17%	16%	14%	19%	18%	17%	10%	21%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(528)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(224)	(729)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too strict	7%	2%	9%	9%	2%	12%	7%	8%	6%	12%	10%	5%	4%
About right	20%	17%	16%	27%	15%	25%	18%	21%	25%	27%	17%	20%	18%
Not strict enough	56%	70%	52%	47%	70%	44%	55%	54%	60%	45%	61%	56%	58%
Not sure	17%	11%	23%	17%	12%	19%	20%	16%	8%	17%	12%	20%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(356)	(458)	(317)	(429)	(399)	(446)	(317)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(430)	(271)

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4. Elon Musk Favorability

Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of Elon Musk?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very favorable	13%	17%	8%	6%	11%	13%	20%	16%	2%	9%	*
Somewhat favorable	21%	24%	18%	14%	21%	27%	18%	23%	13%	20%	*
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	19%	15%	24%	14%	16%	12%	15%	19%	17%	*
Very unfavorable	38%	30%	44%	42%	37%	31%	44%	35%	52%	35%	*
Don't know	13%	10%	15%	14%	17%	13%	6%	11%	15%	20%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(530)	(602)	(293)	(300)	(313)	(226)	(730)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very favorable	13%	2%	7%	30%	2%	31%	10%	14%	15%	18%	12%	11%	12%
Somewhat favorable	21%	6%	19%	37%	5%	39%	20%	22%	24%	20%	19%	22%	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%	15%	21%	12%	14%	11%	16%	21%	11%	18%	19%	20%	8%
Very unfavorable	38%	72%	34%	9%	75%	8%	35%	33%	46%	29%	40%	34%	47%
Don't know	13%	5%	19%	12%	3%	12%	18%	10%	4%	16%	11%	13%	12%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,132)	(356)	(459)	(317)	(429)	(400)	(446)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(231)	(431)	(272)

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5. Descriptions of Elon Musk

Which of the following terms do you think describe Elon Musk? Select all that apply.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Rich	67%	68%	65%	61%	59%	68%	77%	73%	55%	50%	*
An entrepreneur	46%	52%	40%	37%	35%	51%	59%	50%	32%	36%	*
Eccentric	37%	39%	34%	24%	33%	42%	43%	40%	23%	26%	*
Corrupt	36%	30%	41%	52%	36%	26%	35%	35%	46%	36%	*
Impulsive	34%	29%	38%	34%	32%	32%	39%	34%	31%	31%	*
An innovator	33%	41%	26%	21%	32%	36%	41%	37%	21%	28%	*
Right-wing	32%	33%	31%	43%	26%	28%	34%	33%	27%	29%	*
A visionary	32%	40%	24%	20%	25%	40%	38%	35%	20%	24%	*
A disruptor	30%	29%	31%	27%	24%	28%	42%	29%	35%	28%	*
An inventor	30%	34%	25%	24%	21%	32%	40%	33%	25%	19%	*
A troll	29%	28%	29%	41%	33%	25%	18%	26%	33%	28%	*
Self-made	28%	34%	21%	17%	21%	33%	38%	28%	21%	29%	*
Brilliant	27%	32%	23%	18%	20%	31%	38%	31%	13%	23%	*
Strategic	20%	24%	17%	14%	20%	23%	22%	22%	15%	18%	*
Decisive	15%	17%	13%	13%	12%	16%	18%	16%	10%	13%	*
Funny	9%	14%	5%	11%	10%	9%	8%	12%	5%	4%	*
Left-wing	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	2%	2%	13%	8%	*
None of the above	7%	7%	8%	7%	11%	8%	3%	5%	11%	10%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Rich	67%	66%	61%	74%	70%	76%	61%	69%	73%	64%	76%	63%	66%
An entrepreneur	46%	26%	43%	67%	32%	70%	41%	50%	52%	43%	49%	45%	46%

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	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Eccentric	37%	37%	35%	38%	44%	40%	30%	40%	49%	42%	35%	34%	39%
Corrupt	36%	62%	37%	10%	63%	9%	33%	33%	41%	33%	39%	33%	40%
Impulsive	34%	49%	33%	21%	55%	21%	32%	29%	44%	35%	32%	34%	34%
An innovator	33%	12%	33%	53%	16%	56%	26%	41%	42%	37%	38%	29%	33%
Right-wing	32%	51%	29%	17%	55%	15%	30%	32%	35%	34%	34%	28%	35%
A visionary	32%	9%	26%	59%	13%	55%	29%	35%	35%	32%	35%	30%	32%
A disruptor	30%	50%	28%	14%	49%	17%	27%	28%	37%	28%	26%	29%	36%
An inventor	30%	10%	28%	49%	12%	48%	31%	29%	30%	26%	33%	29%	30%
A troll	29%	50%	31%	6%	51%	7%	25%	30%	33%	24%	28%	27%	35%
Self-made	28%	12%	26%	44%	13%	48%	24%	32%	32%	28%	28%	27%	29%
Brilliant	27%	7%	23%	52%	8%	52%	24%	31%	33%	31%	27%	27%	27%
Strategic	20%	7%	20%	33%	8%	37%	19%	21%	25%	18%	19%	21%	23%
Decisive	15%	6%	16%	21%	6%	24%	13%	20%	16%	13%	12%	15%	19%
Funny	9%	2%	11%	14%	2%	18%	7%	12%	12%	15%	7%	8%	11%
Left-wing	4%	8%	3%	1%	4%	2%	5%	3%	3%	5%	1%	6%	3%
None of the above	7%	4%	12%	5%	2%	4%	11%	4%	2%	8%	2%	10%	8%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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6. Musk Influence on Trump Administration

How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot	28%	24%	33%	27%	25%	25%	38%	25%	45%	25%	*
A little	43%	49%	38%	45%	47%	41%	41%	48%	23%	41%	*
None at all	11%	10%	11%	15%	7%	12%	8%	10%	12%	14%	*
Not sure	18%	17%	19%	14%	21%	22%	13%	17%	20%	20%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(530)	(603)	(293)	(300)	(314)	(226)	(731)	(145)	(178)	(79)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	28%	49%	22%	16%	45%	17%	28%	28%	29%	17%	26%	29%	36%
A little	43%	28%	42%	59%	33%	57%	38%	47%	51%	58%	42%	42%	37%
None at all	11%	10%	11%	11%	9%	11%	11%	12%	8%	12%	13%	11%	7%
Not sure	18%	12%	25%	15%	13%	14%	22%	12%	11%	13%	19%	18%	20%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,133)	(356)	(459)	(318)	(429)	(401)	(447)	(318)	(255)	(198)	(232)	(431)	(272)

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7. Desired Musk Influence on Trump Administration

How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot	7%	10%	5%	4%	11%	7%	8%	7%	6%	9%	*
A little	22%	28%	17%	13%	21%	27%	25%	25%	10%	19%	*
None at all	52%	46%	57%	63%	46%	45%	58%	49%	63%	50%	*
Not sure	19%	16%	21%	20%	23%	21%	9%	18%	21%	22%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(529)	(602)	(292)	(300)	(313)	(226)	(730)	(144)	(178)	(79)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	7%	4%	5%	13%	3%	16%	6%	9%	9%	9%	9%	6%	6%
A little	22%	6%	18%	42%	7%	43%	18%	25%	31%	30%	16%	21%	25%
None at all	52%	83%	52%	22%	84%	21%	53%	50%	49%	42%	55%	53%	54%
Not sure	19%	7%	24%	23%	6%	20%	23%	16%	11%	20%	19%	20%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,131)	(356)	(458)	(317)	(428)	(400)	(445)	(318)	(255)	(197)	(232)	(430)	(272)

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Interviewing Dates	January 8 - 10, 2026
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.564, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.872.
Number of respondents	1,133
Margin of error	± 3.9 points (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.