

CBS News Poll – May 13-15, 2026

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,064 Adults in the U.S.
Margin of Error $\pm 2.7\%$

29. Do you think that AI (Artificial Intelligence) will increase, decrease, or not have any impact on the number of jobs available in the U.S.?

Increase	18%
Decrease	65%
Have no effect	17%

30. In general, do you think U.S. government policy will, or will not, make sure that AI is used in appropriate ways?

Certainly will	6%
Probably will	26%
Probably will not	47%
Certainly will not	20%

31. Do you think AI companies and developers are trying to encourage AI's use to...?

	Yes	No
Make tasks easier for people to do	68%	32%
Replace human workers with AI	78%	22%
Give themselves more power	78%	22%
Make scientific and medical advancements	71%	29%

* Questions held for future release.

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29. Impact of AI on Number of Jobs Available in the U.S.

Do you think that AI (Artificial Intelligence) will increase, decrease, or not have any impact on the number of jobs available in the U.S.?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increase	18%	18%	17%	21%	14%	16%	20%	10%	18%	24%
Decrease	65%	65%	65%	57%	65%	70%	66%	78%	65%	56%
Have no effect	17%	17%	18%	22%	21%	14%	14%	11%	17%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,058)	(991)	(1,067)	(415)	(526)	(675)	(442)	(557)	(642)	(640)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increase	18%	13%	14%	25%	17%	22%	17%	19%	14%
Decrease	65%	74%	68%	56%	69%	54%	60%	66%	73%
Have no effect	17%	13%	18%	19%	14%	23%	23%	15%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,058)	(602)	(708)	(611)	(1,304)	(254)	(320)	(808)	(496)

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30. Will U.S. Government Policy Make Sure AI Used in Appropriate Way

In general, do you think U.S. government policy will, or will not, make sure that AI is used in appropriate ways?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Certainly will	6%	6%	6%	13%	5%	3%	4%	4%	5%	10%
Probably will	26%	29%	24%	26%	25%	24%	32%	11%	27%	39%
Probably will not	47%	45%	50%	38%	45%	52%	52%	51%	50%	40%
Certainly will not	20%	20%	20%	23%	24%	21%	12%	34%	18%	11%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,054)	(988)	(1,066)	(414)	(522)	(679)	(439)	(555)	(636)	(642)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Certainly will	6%	3%	3%	12%	5%	8%	9%	5%	4%
Probably will	26%	17%	21%	40%	26%	27%	32%	27%	24%
Probably will not	47%	51%	53%	38%	50%	44%	37%	49%	51%
Certainly will not	20%	29%	23%	9%	19%	21%	22%	18%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,054)	(598)	(705)	(612)	(1,302)	(252)	(321)	(807)	(495)

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31A. Reasons AI Companies Are Encouraging AI Use — Make tasks easier for people to do

Do you think AI companies and developers are trying to encourage AI's use to...?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Liberal	Ideology	
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+		Moderate	Conservative
Yes	68%	69%	67%	68%	66%	68%	68%	63%	70%	72%
No	32%	31%	33%	32%	34%	32%	32%	37%	30%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,059)	(992)	(1,067)	(414)	(525)	(680)	(441)	(556)	(641)	(643)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	68%	65%	62%	76%	68%	65%	71%	64%	75%
No	32%	35%	38%	24%	32%	35%	29%	36%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,059)	(601)	(707)	(612)	(1,305)	(252)	(322)	(808)	(497)

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31B. Reasons AI Companies Are Encouraging AI Use — Replace human workers with AI

Do you think AI companies and developers are trying to encourage AI's use to...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	78%	77%	79%	72%	76%	81%	80%	86%	74%	74%
No	22%	23%	21%	28%	24%	19%	20%	14%	26%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,061)	(993)	(1,068)	(415)	(526)	(678)	(441)	(557)	(641)	(642)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	78%	83%	79%	71%	78%	75%	76%	77%	80%
No	22%	17%	21%	29%	22%	25%	24%	23%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,061)	(602)	(707)	(613)	(1,304)	(254)	(322)	(807)	(497)

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31C. Reasons AI Companies Are Encouraging AI Use — Give themselves more power

Do you think AI companies and developers are trying to encourage AI's use to...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	78%	77%	78%	71%	78%	81%	79%	86%	77%	75%
No	22%	23%	22%	29%	22%	19%	21%	14%	23%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,055)	(990)	(1,065)	(414)	(525)	(676)	(439)	(553)	(640)	(642)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	78%	83%	77%	75%	80%	71%	73%	79%	82%
No	22%	17%	23%	25%	20%	29%	27%	21%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,055)	(598)	(707)	(611)	(1,302)	(251)	(322)	(809)	(493)

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31D. Reasons AI Companies Are Encouraging AI Use — Make scientific and medical advancements

Do you think AI companies and developers are trying to encourage AI's use to...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	71%	73%	70%	65%	69%	73%	79%	68%	73%	78%
No	29%	27%	30%	35%	31%	27%	21%	32%	27%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,060)	(992)	(1,068)	(415)	(526)	(679)	(439)	(556)	(640)	(643)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
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Yes	71%	70%	68%	79%	73%	70%	70%	72%	76%
No	29%	30%	32%	21%	27%	30%	30%	28%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,060)	(602)	(706)	(614)	(1,303)	(254)	(322)	(807)	(496)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,064 adults in the U.S. was conducted between May 13-15, 2026.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, and 2024 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.0, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.8.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.7 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.