

CBS News Poll – June 23-26, 2026

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,150 Adults in the U.S.
 Margin of Error ±2.7 points

4. As you see it, the best thing about the American way of life today comes from...

The people in America	44%
America's land, natural resources and climate	20%
America's economic system, trade and business	17%
Its system of government	10%
America's standing in the world	9%

5. As you may know, the U.S. will soon mark 250 years since its founding. Are you personally excited, or not excited, for upcoming "America 250" celebrations?

Very excited	23%
Somewhat excited	29%
Not too excited	26%
Not excited at all	21%

13. Will you fly the American flag from your home on the Fourth of July this year, or don't you think you will?

Yes	48%
No	52%

19. What do you think is America's greatest invention? Please include just one answer. (Open-end)

Democracy/freedom/rights/equality	16%
Electricity/lighting/lightbulb	14%
Internet/World wide web	10%
Automobile	6%
Telephone	5%
Airplane	4%
Technology (other)	3%
Manufacturing products/systems	2%
Medical advances	2%
Food and drink items	2%
Capitalism	2%
Household appliances (other)	1%
Air conditioning	1%
Weapons and military	1%
Microchip/computers	1%
Transportation (other)	1%
Sports, Music, Entertainment	1%
Artificial Intelligence	1%
Space exploration	1%
Public services	1%

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Smartphone/Cellphone	1%
Other mentions	3%
Don't know / Nothing / No specific answer	19%

20. Which of these do you think America is the best in the world at? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

Movies & television	58%
Technology & innovation	56%
Music	41%
Sports	38%
Food	31%

21. Which one of the following foods do you think most represents America?

Hamburgers	33%
Barbecue	25%
Apple pie	19%
Hot dogs	14%
Pizza	6%
Turkey	2%
Tacos	1%

* Questions held for future release.

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4. Best Thing about American Way of Life

As you see it, the best thing about the American way of life today comes from...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
The people in America	44%	44%	44%	44%	40%	47%	42%	50%	46%	35%
America's land, natural resources and climate	20%	16%	24%	18%	21%	21%	21%	25%	19%	17%
America's economic system, trade and business	17%	21%	14%	19%	20%	15%	17%	12%	17%	26%
Its system of government	10%	10%	9%	10%	8%	9%	13%	8%	9%	13%
America's standing in the world	9%	9%	8%	9%	11%	8%	7%	5%	9%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,136)	(1,030)	(1,106)	(434)	(545)	(700)	(457)	(577)	(696)	(641)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
The people in America	44%	52%	44%	35%	44%	46%	45%	43%	45%
America's land, natural resources and climate	20%	19%	23%	17%	23%	13%	17%	24%	21%
America's economic system, trade and business	17%	13%	15%	25%	16%	19%	20%	16%	16%
Its system of government	10%	9%	8%	13%	10%	9%	8%	9%	12%
America's standing in the world	9%	7%	9%	10%	7%	13%	9%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,136)	(607)	(749)	(642)	(1,354)	(262)	(344)	(840)	(514)

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5. Excited about America 250 Celebration, or Not

As you may know, the U.S. will soon mark 250 years since its founding. Are you personally excited, or not excited, for upcoming "America 250" celebrations?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very excited	23%	26%	21%	27%	20%	23%	23%	7%	19%	46%
Somewhat excited	29%	30%	29%	31%	29%	28%	30%	19%	35%	33%
Not too excited	26%	24%	28%	24%	27%	26%	27%	35%	26%	15%
Not excited at all	21%	20%	22%	18%	23%	23%	20%	38%	20%	6%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(1,037)	(1,111)	(441)	(544)	(705)	(457)	(580)	(699)	(641)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very excited	23%	8%	15%	49%	24%	15%	29%	24%	24%
Somewhat excited	29%	25%	27%	35%	31%	30%	25%	32%	29%
Not too excited	26%	36%	30%	13%	25%	29%	24%	25%	25%
Not excited at all	21%	31%	28%	3%	20%	26%	22%	19%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(616)	(750)	(642)	(1,357)	(264)	(345)	(843)	(515)

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13. Fly the Flag

Will you fly the American flag from your home on the Fourth of July this year, or don't you think you will?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	48%	52%	44%	43%	43%	48%	58%	25%	47%	74%
No	52%	48%	56%	57%	57%	52%	42%	75%	53%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,133)	(1,024)	(1,110)	(430)	(543)	(705)	(455)	(578)	(688)	(639)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	48%	27%	40%	77%	52%	33%	48%	55%	48%
No	52%	73%	60%	23%	48%	67%	52%	45%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,133)	(614)	(737)	(643)	(1,343)	(264)	(344)	(828)	(515)

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19. America's Greatest Invention

What do you think is America's greatest invention? Please include just one answer. (Open-end)

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Democracy/freedom/rights/equality	16%	19%	14%	12%	13%	21%	19%	18%	16%	19%
Electricity/lighting/lightbulb	14%	13%	14%	7%	15%	14%	17%	9%	13%	17%
Internet/World wide web	10%	10%	10%	20%	12%	6%	4%	12%	11%	9%
Automobile	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	8%
Telephone	5%	3%	6%	5%	2%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%
Airplane	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%
Technology (other)	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%
Manufacturing products/systems	2%	3%	1%	0%	3%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%
Medical advances	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%
Food and drink items	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%
Capitalism	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%
Household appliances (other)	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Air conditioning	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Weapons and military	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%
Microchip/computers	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%
Transportation (other)	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sports, Music, Entertainment	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Artificial Intelligence	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Space exploration	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Public services	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%
Smartphone/Cellphone	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Other mentions	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Don't know / Nothing / No specific answer	19%	16%	22%	21%	21%	20%	15%	20%	18%	13%
Totals	98%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	97%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,039)	(1,111)	(441)	(545)	(706)	(458)	(581)	(699)	(641)

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Internet/World wide web	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	12%	11%	8%	12%
Automobile	6%	7%	5%	7%	7%	4%	3%	7%	8%
Telephone	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%	6%	4%
Airplane	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%
Technology (other)	3%	5%	2%	4%	3%	8%	5%	2%	3%
Manufacturing products/systems	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%
Medical advances	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%
Food and drink items	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%
Capitalism	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Household appliances (other)	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	1%	1%
Air conditioning	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%
Weapons and military	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Microchip/computers	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Transportation (other)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%
Sports, Music, Entertainment	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	3%	1%	1%
Artificial Intelligence	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	3%	0%	0%
Space exploration	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Public services	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Smartphone/Cellphone	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Other mentions	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	2%
Don't know / Nothing / No specific answer	19%	21%	20%	12%	17%	24%	22%	19%	14%
Totals	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(617)	(751)	(643)	(1,359)	(265)	(345)	(843)	(515)

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20. America Best in the World at

Which of these do you think America is the best in the world at? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Movies & television	58%	57%	58%	53%	67%	59%	48%	62%	57%	55%
Technology & innovation	56%	62%	51%	61%	55%	52%	61%	42%	59%	73%
Music	41%	42%	40%	39%	41%	47%	35%	38%	40%	46%
Sports	38%	42%	34%	27%	41%	43%	36%	33%	37%	46%
Food	31%	31%	31%	29%	29%	34%	30%	23%	29%	40%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,039)	(1,111)	(441)	(545)	(706)	(458)	(581)	(699)	(641)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Movies & television	58%	63%	56%	55%	58%	56%	56%	56%	60%
Technology & innovation	56%	48%	51%	73%	55%	55%	64%	54%	58%
Music	41%	40%	38%	47%	41%	48%	38%	43%	37%
Sports	38%	36%	35%	44%	37%	53%	32%	37%	37%
Food	31%	30%	24%	40%	29%	33%	33%	34%	22%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(617)	(751)	(643)	(1,359)	(265)	(345)	(843)	(515)

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21. Food That Best Represents America

Which one of the following foods do you think most represents America?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Hamburgers	33%	33%	33%	43%	33%	31%	24%	38%	32%	28%
Barbecue	25%	27%	23%	21%	27%	27%	24%	22%	24%	28%
Apple pie	19%	18%	20%	8%	14%	23%	29%	16%	19%	23%
Hot dogs	14%	13%	15%	12%	16%	13%	16%	15%	12%	13%
Pizza	6%	7%	6%	13%	7%	4%	3%	4%	10%	6%
Turkey	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%
Tacos	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,144)	(1,034)	(1,109)	(441)	(545)	(702)	(455)	(578)	(696)	(641)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Hamburgers	33%	37%	33%	26%	30%	28%	41%	29%	33%
Barbecue	25%	20%	27%	28%	26%	24%	23%	29%	22%
Apple pie	19%	18%	17%	23%	21%	15%	15%	22%	21%
Hot dogs	14%	17%	11%	14%	13%	18%	12%	11%	17%
Pizza	6%	4%	9%	6%	6%	10%	7%	8%	3%
Turkey	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Tacos	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,144)	(615)	(747)	(643)	(1,354)	(264)	(345)	(840)	(514)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,150 adults in the U.S. was conducted between June 23-26, 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 ± 2.4 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.