The Economist/YouGov Poll
September 26 - 29, 2025 - 1656 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1656 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   September 26 - 29, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.4%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction …………………………………………………34%
Off on the wrong track …………………………………………………………………59%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………7%

2. Are you planning on getting a flu vaccine this year?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………………37%
No …………………………………………………………………………………………38%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………15%
I already received it …………………………………………………………………10%

3. Are you planning on getting a COVID-19 vaccine this year?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………………23%
No …………………………………………………………………………………………54%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………14%
I already received it …………………………………………………………………10%

4. How safe do you think COVID-19 vaccines generally are?

Very safe …………………………………………………………………………………36%
Somewhat safe …………………………………………………………………………23%
Not very safe ……………………………………………………………………………13%
Not at all safe …………………………………………………………………………18%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………11%

5. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has a routine childhood immunization schedule for vaccinations against chickenpox, polio, mumps, measles and other diseases. In the past, do you think the CDC has recommended too many or too few vaccinations for children?

Too many …………………………………………………………………………………19%
About the right number ………………………………………………………………63%
Too few ……………………………………………………………………………………5%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………13%

6. Which comes closest to your view?

Except for medical reasons, vaccinations should be required for all children attending school
…………………………………………………………………………………………………66%
Unvaccinated children should be allowed to attend school if their parents are opposed to vaccinations, for any reason ……………………………………………………………20%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………14%

7. Do you think taking Tylenol during pregnancy is a cause of autism?

Yes 11%
No 54%
Not sure 36%

8. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following?

	Trust a lot	Trust somewhat	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust somewhat	Distrust a lot	Not sure
Your doctor	51%	30%	11%	3%	2%	3%
Dr. Anthony Fauci	24%	13%	16%	7%	29%	11%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	24%	30%	16%	14%	11%	5%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	9%	17%	18%	9%	39%	7%

9. How satisfied are you with how the Trump administration has been handling vaccinations?

Very satisfied 13%
Somewhat satisfied 16%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 18%
Somewhat dissatisfied 6%
Very dissatisfied 39%
Not sure 8%

10. Do you think that Donald Trump is directing the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Yes 55%
No 25%
Not sure 20%

11. Recently, former FBI Director James Comey was indicted for obstruction of justice for allegedly making false statements to Congress five years ago. These statements were related to how the FBI investigated ties between Donald Trump's campaign for president and Russia in 2016. Do you think James Comey committed the crimes he was indicted for?

Yes 36%
No 32%
Not sure 32%

12. Do you think the Department of Justice is prosecuting Comey because he has been a political opponent of Trump?

Yes 47%
No 31%
Not sure 21%

13. What are the chances that Comey will be convicted of the crimes he has been charged with?

Almost certain to be convicted 7%
Probably will be convicted 17%
Even chance 23%
Probably will not be convicted 21%
Almost certain not to be convicted 10%
Not sure 22%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice prosecuting James Comey for his statements to Congress in 2020?

Strongly approve 23%
Somewhat approve 12%
Approve **35%**
Somewhat disapprove 10%
Strongly disapprove 29%
Disapprove **39%**
Not sure 26%

15. Do you think the Trump administration is trying to limit free speech?

Yes 54%
No 36%
Not sure 10%

16. Based on what you know, did Jimmy Kimmel say things that would justify having his show cancelled?

Yes 30%
No 55%
Not sure 16%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Jimmy Kimmel?

Very favorable 21%
Somewhat favorable 23%
Favorable **44%**
Somewhat unfavorable 13%
Very unfavorable 27%
Unfavorable **41%**
Don't know 15%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Very favorable …………………………………………………………………… 23%
Somewhat favorable …………………………………………………………… 18%
Favorable ………………………………………………………………………… **41%**
Somewhat unfavorable ………………………………………………………… 10%
Very unfavorable ………………………………………………………………… 44%
Unfavorable …………………………………………………………………… **54%**
Don't know ………………………………………………………………………… 5%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve ………………………………………………………………… 23%
Somewhat approve ……………………………………………………………… 17%
Approve ………………………………………………………………………… **40%**
Somewhat disapprove …………………………………………………………… 10%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………… 44%
Disapprove …………………………………………………………………… **54%**
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 5%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	21%	17%	**38%**	12%	41%	**53%**	9%
Inflation/prices	14%	18%	**32%**	14%	47%	**60%**	8%
Immigration	33%	11%	**44%**	9%	41%	**51%**	6%
Health care	16%	20%	**35%**	9%	44%	**53%**	12%
Climate change and the environment	20%	14%	**34%**	7%	42%	**49%**	17%
Education	23%	16%	**39%**	9%	40%	**49%**	12%
Abortion	21%	14%	**35%**	8%	43%	**50%**	15%
Free speech	21%	15%	**36%**	10%	45%	**54%**	9%

21. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Inflation/prices …………………………………………………………………22%
Jobs and the economy …………………………………………………………14%
Health care ……………………………………………………………………9%
Immigration ……………………………………………………………………8%
Civil rights ……………………………………………………………………8%
Taxes and government spending ………………………………………………6%
Crime …………………………………………………………………………6%
Civil liberties …………………………………………………………………6%
Climate change and the environment …………………………………………5%
National Security ………………………………………………………………5%
Guns ……………………………………………………………………………4%
Abortion ………………………………………………………………………3%
Education ………………………………………………………………………2%
Foreign policy …………………………………………………………………1%
Criminal justice reform ………………………………………………………1%

22. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve ………………………………………………………………3%
Somewhat approve ……………………………………………………………16%
Neither approve nor disapprove ………………………………………………19%
Somewhat disapprove …………………………………………………………17%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………34%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………11%

23. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	11%	20%	**32%**	22%	36%	**58%**	11%
Republicans in Congress	14%	22%	**36%**	14%	40%	**55%**	9%

24. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Mike Johnson	11%	16%	**28%**	8%	29%	**37%**	36%
John Thune	5%	13%	**19%**	13%	18%	**31%**	50%
Chuck Schumer	8%	17%	**24%**	13%	33%	**47%**	29%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	17%	**28%**	11%	26%	**36%**	36%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	**32%**
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	**39%**
Not sure	29%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Thune is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	**24%**
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	**36%**
Not sure	40%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	**26%**
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	**46%**
Not sure	28%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	**29%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	**38%**
Not sure	33%

29. What are the chances of a government shutdown happening this year?

Very likely 27%
Somewhat likely 35%
Not very likely 15%
Not likely at all 5%
Not sure 17%

30. If you had to choose, which approach would you prefer that members of Congress take when negotiating a federal budget agreement?

Lawmakers should compromise to reach a budget agreement, even if it means sacrificing some priorities that they believe in 63%
Lawmakers should fight for the priorities that they believe in, even if it means risking a government shutdown 37%

31. How much would it affect you personally if the government were to shut down?

A great deal 15%
Somewhat 29%
A little 28%
Not at all 27%

32. If the government shuts down, which of the following things do you think will happen? Select all that apply.

Non-essential government workers will be furloughed 71%
National parks will be closed 60%
Military, air-traffic control and other essential functions will continue, but the workers will not be paid 44%
Social Security payments will stop 33%
The U.S. Postal Service will stop mail delivery 31%
None of the above 16%

33. If a government shutdown does happen in the next few weeks, who do you think will be most responsible?

Democrats 27%
Republicans 33%
Both equally 31%
Not sure 9%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve 10%
Somewhat approve 26%
Approve **36%**
Somewhat disapprove 20%
Strongly disapprove 26%
Disapprove **45%**
Not sure 19%

35. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better … 19%
About the same … 24%
Getting worse … 53%
Not sure … 4%

36. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago … 14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago … 45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago … 36%
Not sure … 5%

37. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially … 27%
Just about the same as now … 34%
Worse off financially … 27%
Not sure … 12%

38. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate … 41%
The Republican Party candidate … 35%
Other … 1%
Not sure … 10%
I would not vote … 12%

39. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal … 10%
Liberal … 17%
Total Liberal … **28%**
Moderate … 30%
Conservative … 22%
Very conservative … 11%
Total Conservative … **33%**
Not sure … 9%

40. Are you registered to vote?

Registered … 74%
Not registered … 26%

41. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

42. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	28%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%

43. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

44. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	48%
No	40%
Not sure	12%

45. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

46. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

47. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	6%

48. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

49. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

50. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	19%
No	81%

51. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	21%

52. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under $50K	40%
$50-100K	30%
$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

53. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week 7%
Once a week 18%
Once or twice a month 7%
A few times a year 9%
Seldom 22%
Never 35%
Don't know 2%

54. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes 29%
No 71%

55. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day 27%
Once a day 12%
A few times a week 11%
Once a week 3%
A few times a month 7%
Seldom 15%
Never 21%
Don't know 3%

56. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 28%
Roman Catholic 21%
Mormon 1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 2%
Muslim 1%
Buddhist 1%
Hindu 0%
Atheist 6%
Agnostic 7%
Nothing in particular 24%
Something else 10%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 26 - 29, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Sample composition	1,956 started the survey after screenouts. 164 were deleted due to breakoffs, 111 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 0 were removed for attention check failures, and 25 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,656 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 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, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.636, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.986.
Number of respondents	1656 1518 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.