

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 10 - 13, 2026 - 1616 U.S. Adult citizens



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Conducted July 10 - 13, 2026

Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	9%

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

The Democratic candidate	39%
The Republican candidate	35%
Other	2%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	16%

3. After the election in November, which party would you prefer to control the U.S. House of Representatives?

Democratic Party	44%
Republican Party	37%
Not sure	19%

4. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	32%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	53%
Not sure	14%

5. Do you think the United States should take an active part in world affairs or stay out of world affairs?

Active part	47%
Stay out	34%
Not sure	19%

6. Do you think the U.S. should increase or decrease trade with foreign countries?

Increase	36%
Decrease	15%
Keep it the same	30%
Not sure	19%

7. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be increased or decreased?

Increased	14%
Kept the same	23%
Decreased	46%
Not sure	16%

8. In general, do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to actively promote democracy around the world?

Has responsibility	43%
Does not have responsibility	35%
Not sure	23%

9. Among the world's countries, would you say that the United States is...?

The greatest	30%
Among the greatest	20%
Better than average	11%
About average	13%
Worse than average	10%
Among the worst	8%
The worst	2%
Not sure	6%

10. Do you think America's standing in the world has improved or worsened since Donald Trump became president again in 2025?

Improved	27%
Stayed about the same	10%
Worsened	54%
Not sure	8%

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

Approve	37%
Disapprove	59%
Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	51%
Not sure	4%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following things?

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Foreign policy	34%	57%	19%	15%	10%	47%	9%
Tariffs	34%	57%	18%	16%	11%	46%	10%
The military	38%	52%	26%	12%	9%	43%	10%
Iran	31%	59%	18%	13%	10%	49%	10%

13. In hindsight, do you think the decision to go to war in Iran was the right decision or the wrong decision?

Right decision	27%
Wrong decision	57%
Not sure	16%

14. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?

A week or less	2%
More than a week but less than a month	6%
More than a month but less than a year	46%
A year or more	46%

15. Which of the following do you think is most likely to happen next in Iran?

Resumption of a full-scale war between Iran and the U.S.	26%
Occasional attacks between the U.S. and Iran	36%
A negotiated agreement between the U.S. and Iran	21%
The war will end without any agreement	16%

16. Do you think the U.S. should continue attacks on Iran?

Yes	27%
No	55%
Not sure	18%

17. How long should the U.S. be willing to continue fighting in Iran to achieve its objectives?

The war should be ended immediately	48%
Continue fighting for another month	4%
Continue fighting for several more months	3%
Continue fighting for up to a year	3%
Continue fighting for as long as it takes	20%
Not sure	22%

18. Do you think we should make a deal to end the war in Iran as quickly as possible?

Yes	65%
No	15%
Not sure	20%

19. Would you favor making a deal with Iran now, even if it does not require Iran to give up its enriched uranium?

Yes	36%
No	24%
Not sure	26%
Not asked - we should not make a deal with Iran to end the war as quickly as possible ...	15%

20. How effective has Donald Trump been in negotiating with Iran?

Very effective	11%
Somewhat effective	18%
Somewhat ineffective	12%
Very ineffective	47%
Not sure	12%

21. How effective have President Trump's special envoys, Steven Witkoff and Jared Kushner, been in negotiating with Iran and Russia?

Very effective	7%
Somewhat effective	16%
Somewhat ineffective	13%
Very ineffective	42%
Not sure	22%

22. What do you think should happen if a candidate for electoral office is accused of sexual assault by several women?

The candidate should drop out of the race unless he or she can disprove the allegations.	61%
The candidate should stay in the race unless the allegations are proven.	25%
Not sure	14%

23. How often do you think political candidates are unfairly accused of sexual assault?

Often	15%
Sometimes	46%
Rarely	34%
Never	5%

24. How good a job does the Democratic Party do in handling allegations of sexual assault against their candidates?

Excellent	6%
Good	16%
Fair	23%
Poor	33%
Not sure	22%

25. How good a job does the Republican Party do in handling allegations of sexual assault against their candidates?

Excellent	7%
Good	13%
Fair	15%
Poor	45%
Not sure	21%

26. How much of the 2026 FIFA World Cup have you been watching?

I have watched matches nearly every day	9%
I have watched matches when I can	13%
I have seen a few matches	19%
I have not seen any matches	55%
Not sure	3%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump calling the president of FIFA to ask that the one-game suspension of U.S. player Folarin Balogun be overturned?

Approve	21%
Disapprove	51%
Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	29%

28. Should Russian athletes be banned from competing in international sporting events (such as the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup)?

Yes	20%
No	47%
Not sure	33%

29. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of Greenland?

Support	10%
Oppose	71%
Not sure	19%

30. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of Canada?

Support	6%
Oppose	80%
Not sure	14%

31. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of Cuba?

Support	18%
Oppose	61%
Not sure	21%

32. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	9%	29%	44%	17%
Ukraine	29%	37%	9%	4%	21%
Iran	2%	3%	21%	59%	15%
Argentina	15%	38%	8%	2%	36%
England	48%	29%	5%	1%	17%
Norway	30%	40%	3%	1%	26%
Belgium	28%	38%	3%	1%	30%
Switzerland	28%	45%	3%	1%	24%
Spain	26%	35%	13%	2%	24%
France	36%	35%	8%	2%	20%
Morocco	10%	34%	8%	2%	47%

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

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	39%	58%	24%	15%	7%	51%	3%
Volodymyr Zelensky	45%	30%	21%	25%	14%	16%	25%
Vladimir Putin	8%	80%	2%	6%	15%	66%	11%
Benjamin Netanyahu	24%	49%	10%	14%	12%	36%	27%
Mojtaba Khamenei	5%	47%	1%	4%	9%	38%	48%

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

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
United Nations (UN)	55%	26%	24%	31%	11%	16%	19%
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	54%	22%	26%	28%	13%	9%	25%
World Trade Organization (WTO)	45%	25%	14%	31%	13%	12%	30%
World Health Organization (WHO)	54%	28%	29%	25%	12%	16%	18%
European Union (EU)	46%	24%	17%	28%	13%	11%	30%
International Criminal Court (ICC)	38%	23%	14%	23%	12%	11%	39%
The World Bank Group	28%	28%	8%	20%	13%	15%	44%
Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)	35%	27%	12%	23%	16%	11%	38%

35. An attack on one NATO member is considered to be an attack on all NATO members. If a NATO member is attacked, do you think the U.S. should defend that member?

Should defend it	65%
Should not defend it	7%
Not sure	27%

36. Do you think the U.S. should withdraw from NATO or remain a member?

Withdraw from NATO	17%
Remain in NATO	56%
Not sure	27%

37. Should the U.S. cut off all trade with Spain in response to Spain refusing to meet NATO military spending commitments?

Yes	20%
No	44%
Not sure	37%

38. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	27%
About equal	24%
The Palestinians	25%
Not sure	24%

39. Should the U.S. provide military aid to Israel?

Yes	33%
No	44%
Not sure	23%

40. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	4%
Ukraine	62%
Neither	22%
Not sure	12%

41. Do you think the U.S. should send military aid to Ukraine?

Yes	51%
No	28%
Not sure	21%

42. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	17%
Ukraine	19%
Neither	36%
Not sure	28%

43. Should the U.S. increase or decrease spending on the development of unmanned drones?

Increase a lot	23%
Increase a little	17%
Keep the same	20%
Decrease a little	5%
Decrease a lot	10%
Not sure	25%

44. Do you think drones make warfare safer or more dangerous?

Safer	31%
More dangerous	38%
Not sure	31%

45. Does the U.S. have the best drone technology in the world?

U.S. leads all other countries in drone technology	10%
U.S. drone technology is among the best, along with some others	30%
U.S. drone technology is behind some other countries	17%
Not sure	43%

46. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Total Excellent/Good	24%
Total Fair/Poor	71%
Excellent	4%
Good	19%
Fair	30%
Poor	42%
Don't know	5%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	8%

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

Inflation/prices	30%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	8%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	5%
Climate change and the environment	4%
Civil liberties	4%
National Security	5%
Crime	2%
Education	2%
Abortion	2%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	3%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Total Liberal	30%
Total Conservative	32%
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	10%

50. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

51. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	36%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	32%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

53. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	24%
Not sure	2%

54. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	25%
No	64%
Not sure	11%

55. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

56. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

59. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

61. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	10%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	19%
Never	38%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	24%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	25%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	14%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 10 - 13, 2026
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	2,098 started the survey after screenouts. 243 were deleted due to breakoffs, 31 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 15 were removed for attention check failures, and 128 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,681 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region of residence, 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 6.581, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.883.
Number of respondents	1616 1450 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.