The Economist/YouGov Poll
November 4–6, 2026 - 3166 U.S. Registered Voters

YouGov

Sample	3166 U.S. Registered Voters
Conducted	November 4–6, 2026
Margin of Error	±2.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	12%

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

Total Excellent/Good	**21%**
Total Fair/Poor	**76%**
Excellent	3%
Good	18%
Fair	34%
Poor	42%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	12%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	5%

4. Would you say you are more optimistic about life now than ten years ago or are you less optimistic?

More optimistic	17%
About the same	29%
Less optimistic	54%

5. If you could send just one of the following messages to the government, which would it be?

Help me out	51%
Leave me alone	29%
Not sure	20%

6. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States today?

Very well	9%
Somewhat well	35%
Not too well	40%
Not at all well	16%

7. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will no longer be a democracy within the next 10 years?

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	23%
Not very likely	27%
Not at all likely	18%
Not sure	19%

8. Did you vote in the November 2026 general election?

Yes	74%
No	26%

9. Why didn't you vote in this year's election?

Asked of non-voters, and categorized open-ended responses into a multiple-choice question

Couldn't access a ballot	21%
Don't trust the system	18%
No time	15%
Health problems	14%
Disliked the candidates	13%
Not interested	11%
Didn't know enough about the candidates	6%
Forgot to vote	3%
Other	11%

10. In the past, how often have you voted in elections?

Asked of non-voters

Always	10%
Most of the time	37%
Occasionally	42%
Never	11%

11. Do you wish that you had voted in the election, or do you not mind that you didn't vote?

Asked of non-voters

I wish that I had voted	31%
I don't mind that I didn't vote	56%
Not sure	10%
I wasn't eligible to vote	2%

12. In the 2026 general election, how did you cast your vote?

Asked of voters

In person early, before Election Day	29%
In person on Election Day	37%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	18%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	15%
Not sure	0%

13. How long did you wait in line at your polling place to vote?
Asked of people who voted in-person

There was no wait	41%
Less than 5 minutes	22%
5-15 minutes	17%
16-30 minutes	9%
31 minutes to 1 hour	7%
More than 1 hour	2%
Don't remember	1%

14. In the election for U.S. Senator from [state], who did you vote for?
Asked of voters in states with a Senate election

The Democratic candidate	50%
The Republican candidate	44%
Other	5%
Not sure	0%
I did not vote	1%

15. In the election for Governor of [state], who did you vote for?
Asked of voters in states with a gubernatorial election

The Democratic candidate	53%
The Republican candidate	43%
Other	2%
Not sure	0%
I did not vote	2%

16. In the elections for U.S. Congress in November, who did you vote for in the district where you live?
Asked of voters

The Democratic candidate	52%
The Republican candidate	41%
Other	2%
Not sure	0%
I did not vote	5%

17. What was the most important factor for you in deciding how to vote in this year's elections?
Asked of voters, and categorized open-ended responses into a single-choice question

Party loyalty	25%
Opposition to Trump	13%
The economy	12%
Candidate qualities	7%
Opposition to extremist ideology	6%
Social and cultural issues	5%
Desire for change	5%
Government corruption and undermining of democracy	5%
Candidate policy positions	5%
Shared values	4%
Foreign policy and war	2%
Healthcare	1%
Other	9%

18. Was one reason for your vote in this election...?
Asked of voters

To express support for Donald Trump	16%
To express opposition to Donald Trump	46%
Donald Trump was not a factor	38%

19. What words would you use to describe your reaction to the outcome of the elections? Choose all that apply

Happy	33%
Sad	18%
Angry	11%
Hopeful	39%
Disappointed	30%
Indifferent	11%
Shocked	21%
Confused	7%
Thrilled	28%
None of the above	6%

20. Do you think votes in the 2026 midterm elections in the U.S. were counted accurately?

Yes	65%
No	14%
Not sure	21%

21. How much voter fraud do you think occurred in the 2026 midterm elections?

A lot	15%
A little	29%
None	34%
Not sure	22%

22. How serious a problem do you think voting by non-citizens is in U.S. elections?

Very serious	29%
Somewhat serious	18%
Not very serious	19%
Not a problem at all	26%
Not sure	8%

23. How serious a problem do you think fraud in mail-in voting is in U.S. elections?

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	21%
Not very serious	20%
Not a problem at all	25%
Not sure	10%

24. How serious a problem do you think is the drawing of legislative and congressional districts by states that intentionally favor one political party?

Very serious	40%
Somewhat serious	32%
Not very serious	9%
Not a problem at all	4%
Not sure	16%

25. How serious a problem do you think foreign interference in U.S. elections is?

Very serious	28%
Somewhat serious	34%
Not very serious	18%
Not a problem at all	7%
Not sure	13%

26. Do you think Donald Trump's campaign rallies helped or hurt the Republican candidates he campaigned for?

Helped a lot	5%
Helped a little	7%
Made no difference	25%
Hurt a little	17%
Hurt a lot	32%
Not sure	13%

27. Did the outcome of the election surprise you?

A great deal	23%
Some	24%
A little	25%
Not at all	24%
Not sure	5%

28. Which party will control the U.S. Senate in January?

The Democratic Party	86%
The Republican Party	5%
Not sure	9%

29. Which party will control the U.S. House of Representatives in January?

The Democratic Party	85%
The Republican Party	5%
Not sure	10%

30. What do you think the priorities of the next Congress should be?
Categorized open-ended responses into a multiple-choice question

Cost of living	27%
Holding Trump accountable	19%
Economy	18%
Stopping corruption	14%
Healthcare	13%
Serving the American people	12%
Foreign policy	11%
Immigration	11%
Social and cultural issues	11%
Taxes and government spending	11%
Ending the Iran war	9%
Protecting American democracy	7%
Bipartisan cooperation	5%
Supporting Trump's agenda	4%
Other	12%

31. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who compromises to get things done, or sticks to their principles, no matter what?

Compromises to get things done	63%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what	37%

32. Do you think Congress should impeach Donald Trump?

Yes	41%
No	46%
Not sure	13%

33. Do you think Congress should impeach Pete Hegseth?

Yes	42%
No	35%
Not sure	23%

34. How likely do you think it is that the new Congress will impeach Donald Trump?

Very likely	22%
Somewhat likely	30%
Not very likely	25%
Not at all likely	10%
Not sure	14%

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

Total Liberal	**30%**
Total Conservative	**38%**
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	4%

36. How would you describe the political views of [Senate Candidate 1]?

Asked of those with a Senate election in their state. Respondents were shown a candidate for Senate in their state - the Democratic candidate, if one was on the ballot.

Total Liberal	**57%**
Total Conservative	**6%**
Very liberal	30%
Liberal	27%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	19%

37. How would you describe the political views of [Senate Candidate 2]?

Asked of those with a Senate election in their state. Respondents were shown a candidate for Senate in their state - the Republican candidate, if one was on the ballot.

Total Liberal	**5%**
Total Conservative	**59%**
Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	33%
Very conservative	26%
Not sure	26%

38. How would you describe the political views of [House Candidate 1]?

Respondents were shown a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in their congressional district - the Democratic candidate, if one was on the ballot.

Total Liberal	**44%**
Total Conservative	**5%**
Very liberal	16%
Liberal	28%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	34%

39. How would you describe the political views of [House Candidate 2]?

Respondents were shown a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in their congressional district - the Republican candidate, if one was on the ballot.

Total Liberal	**5%**
Total Conservative	**47%**
Very liberal	1%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	17%
Not sure	39%

40. How would you describe Donald Trump's political views?

Total Liberal	**6%**
Total Conservative	**66%**
Very liberal	4%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	39%
Not sure	17%

41. Would you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

Support	**47%**
Oppose	**45%**
Strongly support	34%
Somewhat support	13%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	33%
Not sure	7%

42. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative-action programs for racial minorities?

Favor	37%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	27%

43. Do you support or oppose allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the sex they were assigned at birth?

Support	**21%**
Oppose	**66%**
Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	10%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	54%
Not sure	13%

44. Would you support or oppose a ban on the construction of new data centers?

Support	**44%**
Oppose	**39%**
Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	17%

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

Right decision	23%
Wrong decision	60%
Not sure	17%

46. Do you think the U.S. should try to end the war in Iran as quickly as possible, even if it means some of its objectives have not been achieved, or should it keep fighting until all of its objectives have been achieved?

End the war as quickly as possible	64%
Keep fighting until all U.S. objectives have been achieved	23%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	43%
No	37%
Not sure	20%

48. Do you think the U.S. should send military aid to Israel?

Yes	26%
No	56%
Not sure	18%

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

The Israelis	28%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	24%
Not sure	20%

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

Increased	10%
Kept the same	23%
Decreased	54%
Not sure	13%

51. Do you support or oppose increasing taxes on families earning over $250,000 annually?

Support	**55%**
Oppose	**31%**
Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	25%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	14%

52. Do you think the amount that billionaires are currently taxed in the U.S. is too high or too low?

Much too high	3%
Somewhat too high	4%
About right	20%
Somewhat too low	12%
Much too low	48%
Not sure	13%

53. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease what it spends on...?

	Increase a lot	Increase slightly	Keep the same	Decrease slightly	Decrease a lot	Not sure
Education	43%	22%	19%	5%	7%	4%
The environment	33%	23%	19%	9%	11%	5%
The military	18%	18%	29%	12%	18%	5%
Health care	51%	19%	14%	5%	6%	5%

54. Do you support or oppose "Medicare for all"?

Support	**60%**
Oppose	**30%**
Support strongly	41%
Support somewhat	19%
Oppose somewhat	8%
Oppose strongly	21%
Not sure	10%

55. How worried are you about inflation?

Very worried	48%
Moderately worried	40%
Not very worried	10%
Not worried at all	2%

56. Are grocery prices where you live going up or going down?

Going up a lot	49%
Going up a little	32%
Not changing	11%
Going down a little	3%
Going down a lot	0%
Not sure	3%

57. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party?

Total Favorable	**44%**
Total Unfavorable	**51%**
Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	36%
Don’t know	5%

58. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party?

Total Favorable	**38%**
Total Unfavorable	**58%**
Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	43%
Don’t know	5%

59. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of socialism?

Total Favorable	**32%**
Total Unfavorable	**47%**
Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	36%
Don't know	22%

60. Which party do you think would do a better job handling inflation?

Democrats	42%
Republicans	30%
No difference	18%
Not sure	10%

61. Which party do you think would do a better job handling immigration?

Democrats	38%
Republicans	43%
No difference	10%
Not sure	8%

62. Which party do you think would do a better job handling health care?

Democrats	49%
Republicans	26%
No difference	16%
Not sure	9%

63. Which party do you think would do a better job handling the war in Iran?

Democrats	40%
Republicans	32%
No difference	16%
Not sure	13%

64. Which party do you think would do a better job handling tariffs?

Democrats	43%
Republicans	29%
No difference	15%
Not sure	12%

65. Which party do you think would do a better job handling crime?

Democrats	29%
Republicans	43%
No difference	17%
Not sure	10%

66. How would you describe the political views of the Democratic Party?

Total Liberal	**69%**
Total Conservative	**4%**
Very liberal	40%
Liberal	29%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	8%

67. How would you describe the political views of the Republican Party?

Total Liberal	**5%**
Total Conservative	**76%**
Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	35%
Very conservative	41%
Not sure	9%

68. Do you think the Democratic Party is too extreme?

Yes	43%
No	47%
Not sure	10%

69. Do you think the Republican Party is too extreme?

Yes	50%
No	40%
Not sure	10%

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

Total Approve	**36%**
Total Disapprove	**62%**
Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Not sure	2%

71. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	46%
Not sure	2%

72. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	54%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	32%
Not sure	13%

73. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	18%
Some	17%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	50%
Not sure	3%

74. Do you think President Trump is using his office for personal gain?

Yes	59%
No	31%
Not sure	10%

75. Is Trump too old to be President?

Yes	51%
No	40%
Not sure	10%

76. Do you think Donald Trump is doing a better or worse job in his second administration than in his first?

Better in his second administration than his first	19%
Worse in his second administration than his first	58%
About the same	19%
Not sure	4%

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

	Total Favorable	Total Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	**38%**	**59%**	21%	17%	10%	50%	2%
JD Vance	**39%**	**53%**	22%	18%	10%	43%	7%
John Thune	**15%**	**34%**	4%	11%	14%	20%	51%
Chuck Schumer	**23%**	**54%**	6%	17%	17%	37%	23%
Mike Johnson	**28%**	**42%**	11%	17%	10%	32%	30%
Hakeem Jeffries	**27%**	**45%**	9%	17%	15%	30%	29%
Elon Musk	**39%**	**54%**	20%	19%	11%	43%	7%

78. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	100%
Not registered	0%

79. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	42%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	2%
Did not vote for President	14%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	38%
Independent	22%
Other	3%
Not sure	3%

81. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	25%
Not very strong Democrat	8%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	12%
Lean Republican	5%
Not very strong Republican	14%
Strong Republican	24%
Not sure	1%
Don't know	0%

82. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	24%
No	67%
Not sure	9%

83. Are you. . . ?

Male	47%
Female	53%

84. Respondent age by category

Under 30	17%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	27%

85. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	69%
Black	11%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	30%
Some college	31%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	15%

87. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Under $50K	36%
$50-100K	30%
$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	10%

90. 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	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

92. 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	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

93. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	11%

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 4–6, 2026
Target population	Registered voters for the November 3, 2026, U.S. election
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens, and screened for voter registration.
Sample composition	4,256 started the survey after screenouts. 572 were deleted due to breakoffs, 32 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 25 were removed for attention check failures, and 461 were removed for data quality control. 3,166 of the 3,166 respondents in the cleaned sample reported that they were currently registered to vote.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region of residence, 2024 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 0.089 to 5.509, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.74.
Number of respondents	3166
Margin of error	$\pm$ 2.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.