

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 24 - 27, 2025 - 1623 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1623 U.S. Adult citizens

Conducted October 24 - 27, 2025

Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	8%

2. How do you feel about the end of Daylight Saving Time coming up?

I'm looking forward to it	23%
I'm not looking forward to it	34%
I don't really care	36%
Not sure	6%

3. Would you like to see the changing of the clocks eliminated, so people no longer change their clocks twice per year?

Yes, I would	65%
No, I would not	13%
Not sure	21%

4. You indicated that you would like to eliminate Daylight Saving Time. Which time would you like to make permanent?

Asked of those who want to eliminate Daylight Saving Time

Permanent Daylight Saving Time (stay "sprung forward" an hour for later sunset)	46%
Permanent Standard Time (stay "fallen back" for earlier sunrise)	29%
No preference	22%
Not sure	3%

5. How much have you heard about the No Kings protests held nationwide on October 18?

A lot	47%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	13%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the No Kings protests held nationwide on October 18?

Strongly approve	37%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	49%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	18%

7. As far as you know, were people who participated in the No Kings protest. . . ?

Mostly peaceful	67%
Mostly violent	6%
Not sure	27%

8. Did you participate in the No Kings protest on October 18?

Yes	8%
No	92%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	4%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump commuting the sentence of former Representative George Santos, who was convicted of identity theft and wire fraud?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	9%
Approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	60%
Not sure	24%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump pardoning the founder of the crypto exchange Binance, Changpeng Zhao, who was convicted of money laundering?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	7%
Approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Disapprove	64%
Not sure	25%

12. Do you think President Donald Trump should pardon Sean "Diddy" Combs, who was convicted of transportation to engage in prostitution?

Yes	4%
No	86%
Not sure	10%

13. Do you think President Donald Trump should pardon Ghislaine Maxwell, who was convicted of child sex trafficking?

Yes	2%
No	90%
Not sure	8%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the sanctions the Trump administration imposed on Russian oil companies to pressure the Russian government into peace talks with Ukraine?

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	61%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	6%
Disapprove	13%
Not sure	27%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to recently cancel trade negotiations with Canada?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	21%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of President Donald Trump's demolition of the East Wing of the White House to construct a new \$300 million ballroom?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Disapprove	61%
Not sure	14%

17. Donald Trump submitted complaints to the Justice Department, reportedly requesting \$230 million, as compensation for its previous investigations into him. Should the federal government pay Donald Trump \$230 million in compensation?

Yes	19%
No	63%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	12%

19. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	35%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	25%

22. 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	10%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	31%

23. 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	39%	23%	16%	6%	8%	9%
Social Security	40%	29%	18%	2%	2%	8%
Medicare	39%	25%	22%	3%	3%	8%
Medicaid	33%	22%	22%	8%	6%	8%
SNAP (food stamps)	25%	21%	26%	9%	9%	9%
The environment	32%	21%	19%	8%	12%	8%
Foreign aid	9%	12%	24%	18%	26%	11%
Veterans	43%	28%	18%	2%	1%	8%
National defense	18%	21%	26%	13%	12%	10%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	21%

25. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

Respondents were asked about 10 of the 15 institutions

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
Small business	17%	35%	39%	10%
The police	14%	27%	38%	21%
The church or organized religion	9%	17%	35%	39%
The medical system	7%	21%	45%	26%
The presidency	14%	15%	24%	48%
The U.S. Supreme Court	6%	15%	39%	40%

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The public schools	9%	20%	41%	29%
Banks	6%	18%	50%	27%
Organized labor	6%	16%	46%	32%
Newspapers	4%	11%	43%	43%
The criminal justice system	4%	12%	43%	41%
Television news	4%	14%	30%	52%
Big business	4%	10%	38%	49%
Congress	2%	6%	34%	58%
The military	26%	27%	33%	14%

26. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	63%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	19%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	12%

27. In order to make up for past discrimination, do you support or oppose programs which make special efforts to help minorities get ahead?

Strongly support	24%
Somewhat support	25%
Support	49%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	23%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	14%

28. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	27%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	30%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	34%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	9%

29. Do you think that same-sex marriage...?

Should be legal	54%
Should not be legal	33%
Not sure	13%

30. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	41%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	15%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	30%
Not sure	14%

31. 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?

Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	10%
Support	19%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	51%
Oppose	64%
Not sure	17%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	11%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil liberties	5%
National Security	4%
Crime	3%
Guns	3%
Abortion	3%
Education	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

33. 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	19%	16%	35%	12%	45%	57%	8%
Inflation/prices	16%	15%	31%	12%	49%	61%	8%
Immigration	30%	12%	42%	10%	42%	52%	6%
Climate change and the environment	16%	13%	29%	9%	42%	50%	21%
Education	18%	14%	33%	8%	44%	52%	16%
Abortion	18%	14%	32%	8%	41%	49%	19%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	18%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	7%

35. 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	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	34%
Worse off financially	29%
Not sure	13%

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

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Favorable	38%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	47%
Unfavorable	57%
Don't know	5%

38. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	24%
No	63%
Not sure	12%

39. 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	39%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	1%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	12%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	19%
Total Liberal	30%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	11%

41. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

42. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

44. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	13%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

45. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

46. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

47. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

49. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	4%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	20%
South	42%
West	22%

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

Under \$50K	38%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	3%

56. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	8%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 24 - 27, 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	1,887 started the survey after screenouts. 138 were deleted due to breakoffs, 66 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 9 were removed for attention check failures, and 51 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,623 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 6.583, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.992.
Number of respondents	1623 1476 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.