

The Economist/YouGov Poll

February 23 - 25, 2025 - 1604 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1604 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 23 - 25, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	38%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	12%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	32%	15%	47%	8%	41%	50%	3%
JD Vance	25%	16%	41%	10%	37%	47%	13%
Mike Johnson	7%	19%	26%	11%	25%	37%	37%
John Thune	3%	12%	15%	13%	14%	27%	58%
Chuck Schumer	9%	20%	29%	13%	28%	41%	29%
Hakeem Jeffries	12%	17%	29%	9%	20%	30%	42%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Elon Musk	21%	22%	43%	9%	41%	50%	7%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	17%	26%	43%	11%	32%	43%	14%
Eric Adams	3%	11%	15%	16%	23%	39%	46%
Kathy Hochul	8%	15%	23%	8%	19%	27%	50%
Andrew Tate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	19%	16%	34%	10%	28%	38%	28%
Adam Schiff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Karoline Leavitt	14%	7%	21%	6%	14%	20%	59%
Mitch McConnell	2%	13%	15%	19%	39%	58%	27%
Jasmine Crockett	14%	11%	25%	7%	13%	20%	55%
JB Pritzker	10%	10%	20%	7%	13%	19%	61%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Vladimir Putin	3%	8%	11%	16%	62%	78%	11%
Volodymyr Zelensky	21%	19%	40%	16%	18%	34%	26%
Jair Bolsonaro	2%	6%	8%	8%	17%	25%	67%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	23%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	52%	29%	81%	14%	4%	19%
Climate change and the environment	45%	25%	71%	17%	13%	29%
Foreign policy	49%	38%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	69%	25%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Education	68%	24%	92%	7%	2%	8%
Health care	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Abortion	46%	29%	76%	16%	8%	24%
Civil rights	59%	28%	88%	8%	4%	12%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Guns	55%	26%	81%	14%	5%	19%
Crime	63%	28%	91%	7%	1%	9%
Criminal justice reform	46%	38%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Inflation/prices	78%	20%	98%	2%	0%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Health care	11%
Immigration	9%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
National Security	6%
Civil liberties	4%
Education	4%
Abortion	3%
Guns	3%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	48%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	7%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	27%	18%	45%	9%	34%	43%	12%
Climate change and the environment	20%	16%	36%	7%	36%	43%	20%
Taxes and government spending	31%	17%	48%	7%	36%	43%	8%
Abortion	18%	15%	34%	9%	35%	45%	22%
Civil rights	22%	16%	38%	9%	35%	44%	18%
Civil liberties	20%	18%	39%	9%	35%	44%	17%
Guns	22%	17%	39%	8%	30%	38%	23%
Crime	27%	20%	47%	8%	30%	37%	16%
Inflation/prices	22%	18%	40%	11%	38%	49%	11%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	23%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	12%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	20%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	14%	22%	36%	19%	34%	53%	11%
The Republican Party	20%	20%	40%	13%	37%	50%	10%

12. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in the United States today?

Completely satisfied	10%
Somewhat satisfied	28%
Somewhat dissatisfied	24%
Completely dissatisfied	27%
Not sure	12%

13. How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions?

A great deal	26%
A fair amount	18%
Not too much	12%
None at all	36%
Don't know	8%

14. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	41%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	9%
Very weak	29%

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

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	14%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	38%
Not sure	4%

16. Would you prefer to see and hear more or less of Donald Trump in the news?

More	19%
Less	40%
About the same	31%
Not sure	11%

17. Do you think that Donald Trump wants to be the king of the United States?

Yes	49%
No	37%
Not sure	13%

18. Do you think that Donald Trump should be the king of the United States?

Yes	7%
No	84%
Not sure	9%

19. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	58%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	42%

20. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	40%
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.	43%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	23%
Out of control	59%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	43%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially	35%
Just about the same as now	25%
Worse off financially	26%
Not sure	14%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	7%	27%	45%	19%
Ukraine	29%	32%	12%	5%	22%
The European Union	34%	26%	11%	2%	26%

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

Russia	3%
Ukraine	58%
Neither	27%
Not sure	12%

27. Who do you think started the war between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	63%
Ukraine	4%
Both equally	16%
Not sure	17%

28. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think Donald Trump sympathizes with more?

Russia	41%
Ukraine	13%
Neither	23%
Not sure	24%

29. Do you think Donald Trump considers the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	17%	23%	19%	19%	22%
Ukraine	8%	25%	25%	16%	26%
Mexico	5%	17%	35%	23%	21%
Canada	16%	26%	25%	11%	21%
China	6%	11%	26%	37%	20%
Israel	43%	22%	6%	5%	23%
United Kingdom	24%	27%	17%	6%	26%
France	15%	28%	21%	7%	29%
Germany	14%	27%	18%	8%	32%
The European Union	13%	22%	26%	10%	29%

30. Should Democrats in Congress work with Donald Trump on policies they personally agree with, or oppose all of his policies?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Work with him on policies they agree with	57%
Oppose all of his policies	28%
Not sure	15%

31. Do you think Democrats need to be more civil or more confrontational in their opposition to President Trump's policies?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

More civil	19%
More confrontational	68%
Not sure	13%

32. Should Republicans in Congress oppose Donald Trump's policies that they personally don't agree with, or support all of his policies?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Support all of his policies	45%
Oppose his policies they don't agree with	37%
Not sure	19%

33. Do you think that the Trump administration's efforts to reduce the budgets and staff of federal agencies have...?

- Gone too far 42%
- Been about right 24%
- Not gone far enough 17%
- Not sure 17%

34. Have recent cuts in government agencies and programs affected you or people you know personally? Select all that apply.

- Yes, they've affected me directly 8%
- Yes, they've affected a family member 10%
- Yes, they've affected someone else I know 19%
- No 53%
- Not sure 19%

35. How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

- A lot 63%
- A little 21%
- None at all 2%
- Not sure 14%

36. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

- A lot 16%
- A little 24%
- None at all 45%
- Not sure 15%

37. How concerned are you, if at all, about Elon Musk using the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to benefit his companies and personal interests?

- Very concerned 42%
- Somewhat concerned 15%
- Not too concerned 13%
- Not concerned at all 17%
- Not sure 13%

38. Do you think that the following should be...?

	Expanded	Kept the same	Reduced	Eliminated	Not sure
Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)	21%	27%	8%	29%	17%
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	29%	32%	15%	4%	19%

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Department of Energy (DOE)	23%	38%	15%	3%	20%
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	25%	44%	14%	3%	14%
National Science Foundation (NSF)	27%	33%	14%	4%	23%
U.S. Postal Service (USPS)	25%	48%	9%	4%	14%
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	38%	30%	14%	2%	16%
Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	46%	34%	5%	1%	14%
The National Park Service (NPS)	28%	47%	10%	1%	14%

39. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Funding a multi-million dollar advertising campaign to discourage children from doing drugs	19%	31%	50%	17%	14%	31%	19%
Allowing SpaceX employees to work within the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	10%	23%	33%	12%	27%	38%	29%
Ending congestion pricing in New York City	24%	16%	40%	8%	11%	19%	41%
Detaining immigrants deported from the U.S. in foreign countries that they don't come from	15%	13%	28%	14%	34%	48%	23%
Sending \$5,000 stimulus checks to every American who pays federal income tax	35%	23%	57%	10%	14%	24%	18%
Requiring all federal agencies to interpret the law only as the president says they should	8%	13%	21%	16%	42%	58%	21%
Limiting the use of prescription medications for weight loss and psychiatric conditions	12%	22%	34%	17%	28%	45%	22%
Making Donald Trump's birthday a federal holiday	4%	6%	10%	10%	69%	79%	11%

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Requiring access to Ukraine's rare-earth minerals in exchange for U.S. military aid	18%	22%	39%	12%	23%	35%	25%
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40. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the president to tell the Department of Justice who they should or should not prosecute for crimes?

Appropriate	14%
Inappropriate	65%
Not sure	22%

41. Do you think that New York City Mayor Eric Adams has ever accepted bribes?

Yes, he has	42%
No, he has not	7%
Not sure	51%

42. How much have you heard about the Department of Justice attempting to drop corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams?

A lot	23%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	32%

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration's decision to drop the corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams so that he can remain in office in order to cooperate with federal immigration enforcement?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	33%

44. Do you think that New York Governor Kathy Hochul should remove New York City Mayor Eric Adams from office?

Yes, he should be removed	34%
No, he should not be removed	20%
Not sure	45%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	10%

46. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

47. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

50. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	36%
Not sure	14%

51. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%

52. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

53. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

54. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

55. What is your marital status?	
Married	38%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

56. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	18%
No	82%

57. Census Region	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	15%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	11%

59. 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	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	36%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	24%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	6%

62. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 23 - 25, 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	1,857 started the survey after screenouts. 161 were deleted due to breakoffs, 42 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 10 were removed for attention check failures, and 40 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,603 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 0.051 to 6.549, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.992.
Number of respondents	1604 1444 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.4% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.