

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 17 - 20, 2025 - 1621 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1621 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 17 - 20, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 31%
 Off on the wrong track 59%
 Not sure 10%

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

Improved 35%
 Stayed about the same 9%
 Worsened 50%
 Not sure 6%

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

Active part 50%
 Stay out 28%
 Not sure 21%

4. In general, do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to actively promote democracy around the world, or is that not the responsibility of the U.S.?

Has responsibility 55%
 Does not have responsibility 45%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
China	3%	10%	37%	32%	19%
Israel	41%	22%	10%	7%	20%
Palestine	3%	13%	31%	19%	34%
Argentina	11%	29%	13%	4%	42%
Venezuela	4%	11%	31%	20%	34%
France	39%	34%	8%	1%	19%

6. 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
Volodymyr Zelensky	28%	25%	53%	14%	11%	26%	21%
Emmanuel Macron	12%	23%	35%	16%	10%	26%	39%
Benjamin Netanyahu	15%	16%	32%	14%	29%	42%	26%
Javier Milei	5%	8%	13%	9%	10%	20%	67%
Xi Jinping	2%	8%	10%	22%	36%	58%	32%
Vladimir Putin	3%	7%	9%	16%	64%	80%	10%

7. How much do you care about what happens in Israel and Palestine?

A lot	45%
A little	39%
Not at all	15%

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

The Israelis	30%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	23%
Not sure	20%

9. Do you favor the U.S. ...?

Increasing military aid to Israel	13%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	24%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	14%
Stopping all military aid to Israel	27%
Not sure	21%

10. Do you favor the U.S. ...?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	35%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	21%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	7%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	12%
Not sure	25%

11. Israel and Hamas recently negotiated a peace deal. How long do you think peace between them will last?

Less than 6 months	41%
6 months to 1 year	11%
1 to 5 years	10%
More than 5 years	3%
Forever	2%
Not sure	34%

12. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	33%
About right	38%
Not supportive enough of Israel	4%
Not sure	25%

13. How much of a role do you think Donald Trump played in the recent peace deal between Israel and Hamas?

A major role	43%
A minor role	26%
No role	13%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	2%
Ukraine	68%
Neither	19%
Not sure	11%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	14%
Neither	38%
Not sure	27%

16. Do you favor the U.S. ... ?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	35%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	22%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	9%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	11%
Not sure	22%

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

Russia	32%
Ukraine	23%
Neither	22%
Not sure	23%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	20%

19. How big of a problem do you consider the smuggling of drugs to the U.S. to be?

Major problem	64%
Minor problem	22%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	10%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military conducting lethal strikes on boats suspected of containing drugs being smuggled from the Caribbean?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	48%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	13%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. government providing \$20-40 billion in financial assistance to help stabilize Argentina's economy?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	24%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration providing \$20-40 billion in financial assistance to help stabilize Argentina's economy?

Asked of the other randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	28%

23. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be...?

Increased	10%
Kept the same	24%
Decreased	49%
Not sure	16%

24. Would you support or oppose a 100% tariff on goods imported from China?

Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	29%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	38%
Oppose	56%
Not sure	15%

25. Which country has greater economic power in the world?

China	29%
United States	35%
About the same	23%
Not sure	13%

26. How much is the government shutdown affecting you personally?

A great deal	11%
Somewhat	17%
A little	24%
Not at all	49%

27. How much longer do you think the government shutdown will last?

Less than a week	4%
One to two weeks	17%
Three to four weeks	20%
More than four weeks	20%
Not sure	39%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following are handling the current shutdown of the federal government?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Donald Trump	34%	56%	11%
Democrats in Congress	28%	53%	19%
Republicans in Congress	29%	54%	17%

29. Who do you blame the most for the shutdown of the federal government?

Democrats in Congress	31%
Republicans in Congress	39%
Both equally	24%
Not sure	7%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"?

Strongly approve	39%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	60%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	11%

31. Do you think Democrats in Congress should hold out for changes to health care funding — such as extending subsidies for Affordable Care Act coverage — before agreeing to end the government shutdown?

Yes, they should	45%
No, they should not	32%
Not sure	22%

32. The U.S. Senate's filibuster rule lets a minority of Senators prevent voting on a bill unless 60 out of 100 Senators vote to end the filibuster. Is this a good or bad rule?

A good rule	27%
A bad rule	24%
Not sure	48%

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

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Favorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	46%
Unfavorable	57%
Don't know	3%

34. 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	11%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	5%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	10%
Immigration	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	5%
National Security	5%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Crime	3%
Abortion	3%
Education	2%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

36. 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%	18%	37%	14%	43%	57%	6%
Inflation/prices	13%	16%	30%	16%	48%	64%	6%
Immigration	34%	11%	45%	11%	41%	51%	4%
Foreign policy	22%	16%	38%	14%	38%	52%	10%
National Security	30%	15%	45%	9%	36%	45%	10%
Foreign trade	20%	16%	36%	13%	42%	55%	8%

37. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	38%
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.	51%
Not sure	11%

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

Under control	19%
Out of control	65%
Not sure	16%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	22%
Fair	37%
Poor	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

41. 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	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	26%
Just about the same as now	33%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	14%

43. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	25%
No	64%
Not sure	11%

44. 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	40%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	13%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	30%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	34%
Not sure	8%

46. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

47. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	5%

49. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	18%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	11%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	23%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

50. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

51. Respondent age by category

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

52. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

54. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	24%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	37%
\$50-100K	31%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	9%

58. 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	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	36%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

60. 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	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	3%

61. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 17 - 20, 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	1,916 started the survey after screenouts. 147 were deleted due to breakoffs, 97 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 13 were removed for attention check failures, and 38 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,621 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 6.633, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.959.
Number of respondents	1621 1448 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.