

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 27 - 30, 2026 - 1679 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1679 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted March 27 - 30, 2026  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	10%

## 2. Do you support or oppose the war with Iran?

<b>Support</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>59%</b>
Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	45%
Not sure	13%

## 3. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. ground troops into Iran?

Favor	14%
Oppose	62%
Not sure	24%

## 4. Do you think U.S. military intervention will improve or worsen the situation for the Iranian people?

Improve	21%
Worsen	45%
Neither improve nor worsen	17%
Not sure	17%

## 5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation in Iran?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>60%</b>
Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	49%
No opinion	10%

## 6. Do you think the Trump administration has been giving the public accurate information about how the war has been going?

Yes	25%
No	55%
Not sure	21%

7. Has the news media in the U.S. been fair in its reporting of how the war has been going?

Very fair .....	11%
Somewhat fair .....	27%
Not fair .....	33%
Don't know .....	29%

8. On Wednesday, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said there are "no negotiations underway. In recent days, the American side has sent various messages through friendly countries. The fact that messages are sent and we respond with warnings or state our positions does not constitute negotiation or dialogue." On Thursday, President Trump said that Iran is "begging to make a deal." Do you think there are negotiations going on between the U.S. and Iran to end the war or not?

Yes, there are .....	20%
No, there are not .....	46%
Not sure .....	34%

9. How likely are the U.S. and Iran to reach a negotiated settlement to end the war in the next month?

Very likely .....	5%
Somewhat likely .....	17%
Somewhat unlikely .....	25%
Very unlikely .....	34%
Don't know .....	19%

10. Which party do you think would do a better job of handling the situation in Iran?

Democrats .....	37%
Republicans .....	31%
About the same .....	32%

11. Do you think Donald Trump will back out of the war in Iran before the U.S. can accomplish its objectives?

Yes .....	19%
No .....	46%
Not sure .....	35%

12. About how many times a year do you travel in an airplane?

Once a year or less .....	73%
2-3 times a year .....	17%
4-6 times a year .....	7%
7-10 times a year .....	1%
More than 10 times a year .....	1%

**13. When was the last time you traveled in an airplane?**

In the last year	38%
1-2 years ago	11%
3-5 years ago	9%
More than 5 years ago	27%
Never	14%

**14. How afraid are you personally of flying?**

Very afraid	13%
Bothers me slightly	38%
Not afraid at all	49%

**15. How would you rate the overall safety record of airline travel in the U.S.?**

Excellent	25%
Good	52%
Only fair	18%
Poor	5%

**16. When you fly on a domestic flight, about how long before your flight is scheduled to leave do you typically arrive at the airport?**

Less than one hour before	7%
Between 1 and 2 hours before	49%
Between 2 and 3 hours before	39%
More than 3 hours before	5%

**17. Who do you blame the most for the partial shutdown of the federal government?**

Democrats	29%
Republicans	36%
Both equally	24%
Not sure	11%

**18. Should Congress approve funding the government with or without funding for ICE?**

With funding for ICE	32%
Without funding for ICE	47%
Not sure	21%

**19. Should Congress approve funding with or without agreeing to the SAVE act?**

With agreeing to the SAVE act	27%
Without agreeing to the SAVE act	34%
Not sure	40%

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

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>35%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>58%</b>
Strongly approve .....	21%
Somewhat approve .....	14%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	48%
Not sure .....	7%

21. 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
The environment	<b>32%</b>	<b>53%</b>	17%	15%	10%	44%	15%
Education	<b>35%</b>	<b>50%</b>	19%	16%	8%	41%	15%
Abortion	<b>32%</b>	<b>50%</b>	19%	13%	8%	41%	18%
Health care	<b>33%</b>	<b>57%</b>	17%	16%	11%	46%	11%
Renovating the White House	<b>28%</b>	<b>56%</b>	17%	11%	7%	49%	15%

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

<b>Total approve</b> .....	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total disapprove</b> .....	<b>63%</b>
Strongly approve .....	2%
Somewhat approve .....	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	22%
Strongly disapprove .....	41%
Not sure .....	12%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>25%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>47%</b>
Strongly approve .....	10%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	29%

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

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>18%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>45%</b>
Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	14%
Somewhat disapprove .....	19%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	37%

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

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>20%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>52%</b>
Strongly approve .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	28%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>24%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>43%</b>
Strongly approve .....	9%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%
Not sure .....	33%

27. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	<b>34%</b>	<b>55%</b>	10%	24%	20%	36%	10%
Republicans in Congress	<b>32%</b>	<b>58%</b>	12%	20%	14%	44%	10%

28. 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%	22%	20%	6%	6%	8%
Social Security	43%	28%	17%	3%	2%	7%
Medicare	42%	24%	20%	5%	2%	7%
Medicaid	37%	22%	23%	6%	4%	7%
SNAP (food stamps)	30%	20%	23%	11%	10%	7%
The environment	33%	21%	24%	7%	7%	8%
Foreign aid	9%	13%	25%	20%	23%	10%
Veterans	47%	27%	16%	2%	1%	7%
National defense	18%	21%	28%	11%	14%	9%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	13%	12%	21%	9%	37%	9%
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)	19%	30%	32%	4%	4%	11%

29. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden	37%
Donald Trump	35%
Jo Jorgensen	0%
Howie Hawkins	1%
Other	0%
Did not vote for President	26%

30. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2024?

Kamala Harris	36%
Donald Trump	36%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	0%
Jill Stein	0%
Cornel West	0%
Chase Oliver	0%
Other	0%
Did not vote for President	26%

31. Have you ever voted for a Republican?

*Asked of those who have not reported voting for a Republican in any of the races we have asked about*

Yes	29%
No	63%
Not sure	8%

**32. Have you ever voted for a Democrat?**

*Asked of those who have not reported voting for a Democrat in any of the races we have asked about*

Yes .....	36%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	9%

**33. 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 .....	33%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	15%

**34. 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
The military	28%	30%	27%	15%
Small business	17%	39%	35%	9%
The church or organized religion	11%	18%	33%	38%
The medical system	8%	24%	41%	27%
Banks	6%	24%	46%	24%
Organized labor	8%	23%	42%	26%
Newspapers	4%	14%	42%	40%
Television news	4%	13%	38%	45%
Big business	4%	13%	38%	46%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	12%	17%	21%	50%
Transportation Security Administration (TSA)	9%	29%	42%	19%

**35. On the subject of climate change do you think:**

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity .....	59%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity .....	22%
The world's climate is NOT changing .....	5%
Not sure .....	14%

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

<b>Support</b> .....	<b>52%</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>32%</b>
Strongly support .....	26%
Somewhat support .....	26%
Somewhat oppose .....	13%
Strongly oppose .....	19%
Not sure .....	16%

37. 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). .....	31%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. ....	31%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. ....	11%

38. Do you think that same-sex marriage should or should not be legal?

Should be legal .....	55%
Should not be legal .....	33%
Not sure .....	13%

39. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe .....	43%
Somewhat safe .....	30%
Not very safe .....	11%
Not at all safe .....	8%
Not sure .....	8%

40. Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded .....	41%
Kept the same .....	16%
Repealed .....	26%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender .....	39%
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 .....	29%
Not sure .....	16%

42. 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?

<b>Support</b> .....	<b>22%</b>
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>61%</b>
Strongly support .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	11%
Somewhat oppose .....	10%
Strongly oppose .....	51%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Jobs and the economy .....	15%
Immigration .....	8%
Climate change and the environment .....	6%
Foreign policy .....	1%
National Security .....	5%
Education .....	3%
Health care .....	11%
Taxes and government spending .....	7%
Abortion .....	3%
Civil rights .....	6%
Civil liberties .....	5%
Guns .....	2%
Crime .....	3%
Criminal justice reform .....	2%
Inflation/prices .....	23%

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

<b>Total Excellent/Good</b> .....	<b>24%</b>
<b>Total Fair/Poor</b> .....	<b>72%</b>
Excellent .....	4%
Good .....	20%
Fair .....	34%
Poor .....	38%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Getting better .....	14%
About the same .....	22%
Getting worse .....	58%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	37%
Not sure .....	6%

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

Better off financially .....	22%
Just about the same as now .....	37%
Worse off financially .....	27%
Not sure .....	14%

48. Are gas prices where you live...?

Going up a lot .....	61%
Going up a little .....	24%
Not changing .....	5%
Going down a little .....	3%
Going down a lot .....	1%
Not sure .....	7%

49. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes .....	22%
No .....	64%
Not sure .....	14%

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

<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>29%</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>29%</b>
Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	17%
Moderate .....	32%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	10%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	74%
Not registered .....	26%

**52. 2024 Presidential Vote**

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

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

Democrat .....	31%
Republican .....	32%
Independent .....	26%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	7%

**54. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	20%
Lean Republican .....	6%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%

**55. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**56. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
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	13%

59. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	1%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	38%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	18%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Several times a day .....	26%
Once a day .....	12%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	4%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	21%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	March 27 - 30, 2026
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Sample composition</b>	2,123 started the survey after screenouts. 232 were deleted due to breakoffs, 23 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 7 were removed for attention check failures, and 139 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,722 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 6.113, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.899.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1679 1505 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	3 questions not reported.