

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 13 - 16, 2026 - 1595 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1595 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted March 13 - 16, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 29% |
| Off on the wrong track | 61% |
| Not sure | 10% |

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

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| Under control | 20% |
| Out of control | 67% |
| Not sure | 13% |

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

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|---------------------|------------|
| Approve | 36% |
| Disapprove | 56% |
| Strongly approve | 19% |
| Somewhat approve | 17% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 10% |
| Strongly disapprove | 46% |
| No opinion | 9% |

4. Is war with Iran justified or not justified ?

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| Justified | 31% |
| Not justified | 48% |
| Not sure | 21% |

5. Do you support or oppose the war with Iran?

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|------------------|------------|
| Support | 33% |
| Oppose | 56% |
| Strongly support | 17% |
| Somewhat support | 16% |
| Somewhat oppose | 13% |
| Strongly oppose | 42% |
| Not sure | 11% |

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

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| Favor | 14% |
| Oppose | 64% |
| Not sure | 21% |

7. 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?

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| End the war as quickly as possible | 61% |
| Keep fighting until all U.S. objectives have been achieved | 24% |
| Not sure | 15% |

8. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?

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|--|-----|
| A week or less | 3% |
| More than a week but less than a month | 16% |
| More than a month but less than a year | 49% |
| A year or more | 33% |

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

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| Improve | 25% |
| Worsen | 45% |
| Neither improve nor worsen | 13% |
| Not sure | 16% |

10. Who should decide who leads Iran?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| The U.S. government | 7% |
| The Iranian people | 75% |
| Other | 2% |
| Not sure | 17% |

11. On February 28, the Shajareh Tayyebah girls' elementary school in southern Iran was destroyed in a missile strike, killing about 165 people. Do you think that the U.S. was responsible for this missile strike?

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| Yes | 46% |
| No | 17% |
| Not sure | 37% |

12. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to overthrow the government of Cuba?

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|------------------------|------------|
| Support | 23% |
| Oppose | 53% |
| Strongly support | 10% |
| Somewhat support | 14% |
| Somewhat oppose | 12% |
| Strongly oppose | 42% |
| Not sure | 23% |

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

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Approve | 37% |
| Disapprove | 56% |
| Strongly approve | 20% |
| Somewhat approve | 17% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7% |
| Strongly disapprove | 48% |
| Not sure | 7% |

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

| | Approve | Disapprove | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | No opinion |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Crime | 43% | 47% | 27% | 16% | 10% | 37% | 10% |
| Immigration | 43% | 52% | 31% | 13% | 9% | 43% | 5% |
| Race relations | 33% | 52% | 19% | 14% | 7% | 45% | 15% |
| The environment | 34% | 53% | 18% | 16% | 8% | 45% | 13% |

15. Would you say Donald Trump is...

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Liberal | 6% |
| Total Conservative | 58% |
| Very liberal | 4% |
| Liberal | 3% |
| Moderate | 12% |
| Conservative | 25% |
| Very conservative | 33% |
| Not sure | 24% |

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

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Like a lot | 14% |
| Like somewhat | 12% |
| Neither like nor dislike | 14% |
| Dislike somewhat | 7% |
| Dislike a lot | 48% |
| Not sure | 4% |

17. Do you think Donald Trump...

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|---|-----|
| Says what he believes | 51% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear | 32% |
| Not sure | 17% |

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

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| A lot | 19% |
| Some | 15% |
| Not much | 12% |
| Doesn't care at all | 47% |
| Not sure | 7% |

19. Do you think that Donald Trump is using the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

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| Yes | 56% |
| No | 23% |
| Not sure | 21% |

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

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Very strong | 28% |
| Somewhat strong | 16% |
| Neither strong nor weak | 15% |
| Somewhat weak | 6% |
| Very weak | 35% |

21. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling the military?

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|---------------------|------------|
| Approve | 38% |
| Disapprove | 52% |
| Strongly approve | 24% |
| Somewhat approve | 14% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 8% |
| Strongly disapprove | 45% |
| Not sure | 10% |

22. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

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| Yes | 37% |
| No | 54% |
| Not sure | 10% |

23. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

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| Confident | 32% |
| Uneasy | 56% |
| Not sure | 11% |

24. Please check all that apply.

| | Describes Donald Trump | Does NOT describe Donald Trump | No Opinion |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Honest | 20% | 43% | 37% |
| Intelligent | 30% | 37% | 33% |
| Inspiring | 14% | 38% | 47% |
| Bold | 43% | 14% | 43% |
| Effective | 32% | 32% | 36% |
| Steady | 18% | 33% | 49% |
| Racist | 46% | 22% | 32% |
| Dangerous | 51% | 17% | 32% |
| Corrupt | 50% | 21% | 29% |
| Divisive | 40% | 13% | 47% |
| Cruel | 45% | 22% | 34% |
| Strong | 37% | 29% | 34% |
| Out-of-touch | 43% | 21% | 36% |

25. Is Trump too old to be President?

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| Yes | 47% |
| No | 40% |
| Not sure | 12% |

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way JD Vance is handling his job as Vice-President?

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| Approve | 37% |
| Disapprove | 48% |
| Strongly approve | 22% |
| Somewhat approve | 15% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 9% |
| Strongly disapprove | 38% |
| Not sure | 16% |

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

| | Favorable | Unfavorable | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Donald Trump | 39% | 57% | 24% | 15% | 8% | 50% | 3% |
| JD Vance | 35% | 52% | 22% | 13% | 9% | 43% | 13% |
| Marco Rubio | 30% | 46% | 17% | 13% | 15% | 31% | 24% |
| Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. | 37% | 50% | 15% | 22% | 11% | 39% | 13% |
| Scott Bessent | 16% | 33% | 7% | 8% | 9% | 24% | 51% |

28. How much do you know about the SAVE act?

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| A lot | 18% |
| A little | 29% |
| Have heard of it, but don't know what it is | 20% |
| Never heard of it | 33% |

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

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| Very serious | 29% |
| Somewhat serious | 16% |
| Not very serious | 16% |
| Not a problem at all | 27% |
| Not sure | 12% |

30. Do you support or oppose requiring everyone to provide documentary proof of citizenship to register or re-register to vote?

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|------------------------|------------|
| Support | 59% |
| Oppose | 29% |
| Strongly support | 43% |
| Somewhat support | 16% |
| Somewhat oppose | 12% |
| Strongly oppose | 18% |
| Not sure | 12% |

31. Which of the following things should count as proof of citizenship? Check all that apply.]

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| State-issued driver's license | 60% |
| Birth certificate | 78% |
| Passport | 65% |
| Social Security Card | 58% |
| Certificate of Naturalization | 50% |
| Certificate of Citizenship | 63% |
| U.S. military ID | 49% |
| Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) | 39% |
| Other | 4% |

32. Should mail-in ballots be prohibited except for illness, disability, military or travel?

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 41% |
| No | 44% |
| Not sure | 15% |

33. Overall, do you think we make it too hard or too easy for people to vote in the U.S.?

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| Too hard | 22% |
| About right | 36% |
| Too easy | 30% |
| Not sure | 12% |

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Approve | 24% |
| Disapprove | 59% |
| Strongly approve | 10% |
| Somewhat approve | 14% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 11% |
| Strongly disapprove | 48% |
| Not sure | 17% |

35. Do you think Donald Trump is trying to cover up Jeffrey Epstein's crimes?

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| Yes | 53% |
| No | 27% |
| Not sure | 20% |

36. Do you think that Donald Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein?

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| Yes | 51% |
| No | 29% |
| Not sure | 19% |

37. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

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|--------------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party candidate | 39% |
| The Republican Party candidate | 35% |
| Other | 1% |
| Not sure | 11% |
| I would not vote | 13% |

38. Are you in favor or opposed to the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| Favor the death penalty | 48% |
| Opposed to the death penalty | 29% |
| Not sure | 23% |

39. Do you think the use of marijuana should be legal in the U.S.?

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| Yes | 56% |
| No | 29% |
| Not sure | 15% |

40. Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| More strict | 58% |
| No change | 22% |
| Less strict | 13% |
| Not sure | 7% |

41. Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants allowed into the U.S. each year should be increased or decreased?

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Increased | 21% |
| Kept the same | 34% |
| Decreased | 23% |
| Reduced to zero | 7% |
| Not sure | 15% |

42. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

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| They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship | 42% |
| Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens | 5% |
| Be deported from the U.S. | 37% |
| Not sure | 16% |

43. Which types of illegal immigrants should be deported? Select all that apply.

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| All illegal immigrants should be deported | 29% |
| People convicted of serious crimes | 62% |
| People convicted of minor crimes | 18% |
| People who have lived in the U.S. for many years without committing any crime | 3% |
| People who came to the U.S. as children | 3% |
| People who are married to a U.S. citizen | 2% |
| Young children | 2% |
| None of the above | 7% |

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

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| Favor | 34% |
| Oppose | 26% |
| Not sure | 40% |

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

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Total Excellent/Good | 24% |
| Total Fair/Poor | 72% |
| Excellent | 4% |
| Good | 20% |
| Fair | 30% |
| Poor | 42% |
| Don't know | 4% |

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

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|----------------------|-----|
| Getting better | 16% |
| About the same | 19% |
| Getting worse | 59% |
| Not sure | 6% |

47. 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 | 42% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 40% |
| Not sure | 5% |

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

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Better off financially | 23% |
| Just about the same as now | 33% |
| Worse off financially | 30% |
| Not sure | 14% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Going up a lot | 55% |
| Going up a little | 32% |
| Going down a little | 3% |
| Going down a lot | 1% |
| Not sure | 8% |

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

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|--|-----|
| Inflation/prices | 24% |
| Jobs and the economy | 12% |
| Health care | 11% |
| Taxes and government spending | 8% |
| Immigration | 7% |
| Civil rights | 7% |
| National Security | 6% |
| Climate change and the environment | 6% |
| Civil liberties | 5% |
| Abortion | 3% |
| Education | 3% |
| Crime | 3% |
| Guns | 2% |
| Foreign policy | 1% |
| Criminal justice reform | 1% |

51. Are you a MAGA supporter?

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|----------------|-----|
| Yes | 24% |
| No | 64% |
| Not sure | 11% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Total Liberal | 28% |
| Total Conservative | 31% |
| Very liberal | 11% |
| Liberal | 17% |
| Moderate | 32% |
| Conservative | 20% |
| Very conservative | 11% |
| Not sure | 9% |

53. Are you registered to vote?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Registered | 74% |
| Not registered | 26% |

54. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

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|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat | 30% |
| Republican | 31% |
| Independent | 27% |
| Other | 5% |
| Not sure | 7% |

56. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

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| Strong Democrat | 21% |
| Not very strong Democrat | 9% |
| Lean Democrat | 9% |
| Independent | 20% |
| Lean Republican | 7% |
| Not very strong Republican | 9% |
| Strong Republican | 22% |
| Not sure | 3% |

57. Are you...?

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|--------------|-----|
| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |

58. Respondent age by category

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|----------------|-----|
| Under 30 | 20% |
| 30-44 | 24% |
| 45-64 | 33% |
| 65+ | 22% |

59. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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|--------------------|-----|
| HS or less | 37% |
| Some college | 29% |
| College grad | 22% |
| Postgrad | 12% |

61. What is your marital status?

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married | 40% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 13% |
| Widowed | 5% |
| Never married | 35% |
| Domestic / civil partnership | 5% |

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

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| Yes | 18% |
| No | 82% |

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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| Northeast | 15% |
| Midwest | 23% |
| South | 38% |
| West | 24% |

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

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K | 40% |
| \$50-100K | 25% |
| \$100K or more | 22% |
| Prefer not to say | 12% |

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week | 8% |
| Once a week | 15% |
| Once or twice a month | 6% |
| A few times a year | 11% |
| Seldom | 19% |
| Never | 38% |
| Don't know | 3% |

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

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|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 30% |
| No | 70% |

67. 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 | 2% |
| A few times a month | 7% |
| Seldom | 14% |
| Never | 23% |
| Don't know | 4% |

68. What is your present religion, if any?

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant | 28% |
| Roman Catholic | 21% |
| Mormon | 1% |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox | 1% |
| Jewish | 3% |
| Muslim | 0% |
| Buddhist | 1% |
| Hindu | 0% |
| Atheist | 7% |
| Agnostic | 6% |
| Nothing in particular | 24% |
| Something else | 8% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | March 13 - 16, 2026 |
| 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 | 1,921 started the survey after screenouts. 195 were deleted due to breakoffs, 34 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 12 were removed for attention check failures, and 85 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,595 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 6.128, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.891. |
| Number of respondents | 1595 1429 (Registered voters) |
| Margin of error | ± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 5 questions not reported. |