

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 2 - 5, 2025 - 1850 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1850 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 2 - 5, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	10%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The United States Military Academy at West Point	30%	32%	62%	5%	3%	8%	30%
Harvard University	33%	24%	57%	9%	15%	24%	18%
Stanford University	25%	30%	55%	9%	7%	16%	29%
Columbia University	19%	25%	44%	10%	13%	24%	33%
University of California, Berkeley	22%	26%	48%	7%	14%	22%	31%
University of Texas at Austin	16%	28%	44%	8%	5%	13%	43%
Ohio State University	15%	33%	48%	9%	5%	14%	38%
Respondent's Flagship State University	35%	35%	70%	7%	4%	11%	19%

3. How would you describe the ideology of the following colleges and universities?

	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	Not sure
The United States Military Academy at West Point	2%	4%	21%	25%	11%	38%
Harvard University	25%	17%	17%	4%	4%	33%
Stanford University	13%	20%	19%	6%	1%	40%
Columbia University	17%	17%	17%	5%	1%	43%
University of California, Berkeley	28%	18%	13%	3%	2%	36%
University of Texas at Austin	5%	10%	21%	11%	4%	48%
Ohio State University	4%	10%	27%	7%	2%	49%
Respondent's Flagship State University	8%	17%	29%	10%	2%	34%

4. Do you think that U.S. government funding for universities should be increased or decreased?

Increased	33%
Kept the same	30%
Decreased	25%
Not sure	12%

5. Does everyone in the U.S., regardless of their race, have an equal opportunity for education?

Yes	50%
No	41%
Not sure	9%

6. In order to further student body diversity in higher education, should colleges and universities ever consider an applicant's race along with other factors?

Yes	24%
No	63%
Not sure	13%

7. Have colleges and universities done too much or too little, or the right amount to ensure student body diversity?

Done too much	25%
Done too little	26%
Have done the right amount	24%
Not sure	26%

8. Do you think most American universities foster the open exchange of ideas?

Yes	40%
No	31%
Not sure	28%

9. Have you ever felt penalized for expressing your political views while on campus of any educational institution you attended?

Yes	15%
No	69%
Not sure	16%

10. Have you ever felt penalized for your religious background or beliefs while on campus of any educational institution you attended?

Yes	12%
No	75%
Not sure	13%

11. How serious a problem is anti-semitism in the United States?

Very serious problem	25%
Somewhat serious problem	33%
A minor problem	16%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	19%

12. How serious a problem is anti-semitism on American college campuses?

A very serious problem	23%
A somewhat serious problem	25%
A minor problem	18%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	25%

13. Do you think U.S. universities should focus more or less than they currently do on the following?

	Focus more	Focus about the same amount	Focus less	Not sure
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)	60%	26%	2%	12%
Humanities and social sciences	36%	35%	17%	13%

14. Do you think it is or is not anti-semitic to...?

	Anti-semitic	Not anti-semitic	Not sure
Oppose Israeli treatment of Palestinian people	21%	44%	36%
Boycott Israeli products in protest of Israeli government policy	31%	36%	33%
Cut off academic ties of American universities with Israeli universities in protest of Israeli government policy	36%	27%	37%
Deny that the Holocaust happened	67%	10%	23%
Believe American Jews are more loyal to Israel than they are to the U.S.	34%	23%	43%
Assert that the Jews killed Jesus	38%	24%	38%

15. When it comes to anti-semitism, do you think that Donald Trump is generally more focused on...?

Solving the problem	30%
Using the problem for political gain	49%
Not sure	21%

16. Would you support or oppose the U.S. government removing Harvard University's tax-exempt status?

Strongly support	23%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	41%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	24%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	23%

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

The Israelis	27%
About equal	31%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	25%

18. 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
Donald Trump	27%	15%	42%	10%	43%	53%	5%
JD Vance	21%	18%	39%	10%	39%	49%	12%

19. 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
Elon Musk	22%	19%	41%	12%	41%	52%	7%
Mark Carney	8%	15%	23%	9%	10%	19%	58%
John Fetterman	5%	25%	30%	18%	12%	30%	40%

20. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	78%	20%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	51%	33%	84%	13%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	45%	28%	73%	14%	13%	27%
Foreign policy	46%	42%	88%	10%	2%	12%
National Security	66%	29%	95%	4%	2%	5%

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Education	67%	25%	93%	6%	2%	7%
Health care	77%	19%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	66%	28%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Abortion	46%	28%	74%	16%	10%	26%
Civil rights	63%	26%	89%	8%	3%	11%
Civil liberties	58%	30%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Guns	53%	30%	83%	12%	6%	17%
Crime	66%	27%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Criminal justice reform	50%	37%	87%	10%	3%	13%
Inflation/prices	81%	16%	98%	2%	1%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	26%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	9%
Civil rights	8%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Immigration	6%
National Security	5%
Education	4%
Civil liberties	4%
Crime	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	5%

23. 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	22%	18%	40%	11%	40%	51%	9%
Immigration	31%	14%	45%	9%	38%	47%	8%
Education	22%	21%	43%	9%	38%	47%	10%
Health care	18%	18%	36%	11%	36%	48%	16%
Civil rights	20%	18%	38%	11%	37%	48%	13%
Civil liberties	19%	19%	38%	10%	37%	47%	15%
Crime	26%	18%	45%	10%	32%	42%	13%
Inflation/prices	18%	18%	35%	12%	44%	56%	8%
Foreign trade	24%	12%	36%	11%	42%	53%	10%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	24%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	17%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	12%	21%	33%	23%	31%	54%	13%
Republicans in Congress	14%	22%	36%	14%	36%	50%	14%

27. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	43%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	29%

30. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	36%

31. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	4%
Total Liberal	6%
Moderate	12%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	36%
Total Conservative	63%
Not sure	19%

32. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	51%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	22%
Fair	34%
Poor	37%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	5%

35. 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	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	32%
Just about the same as now	25%
Worse off financially	29%
Not sure	15%

37. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	46%
Both equal	44%
Not sure	4%

38. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	6%
Equally positive and negative	25%
Mostly negative	57%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	11%

39. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	18%
Staying about the same	23%
Shrinking	45%
Not sure	15%

40. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	40%
No	35%
Not sure	25%

41. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	16%
Not at all likely	5%
Not sure	13%
Not asked - Already in a recession	40%

42. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	14%
The prices of goods and services you buy	56%
Your personal finances	11%
Don't know	12%

43. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	23%
Somewhat important	40%
Not very important	25%
Unimportant	13%

44. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	24%
Somewhat serious	43%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	7%

45. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	25%
Stayed the same	29%
Decreased	14%
Don't know	32%

46. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	27%
Staying the same	37%
Decreasing	36%

47. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher gas prices	44%
The same gas prices	16%
Lower gas prices	23%
Not sure	17%

48. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	47%
The same rate of inflation	16%
A lower rate of inflation	22%
Not sure	15%

49. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	48%
A little	47%
Not at all	4%

50. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	43%
Probably	36%
Probably not	9%
Definitely not	6%
Not sure	5%

51. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	15%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	58%

52. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	42%
Not very hard	20%
Not sure	13%

53. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	30%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	2%

54. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the U.S. economy?

Joe Biden	28%
Donald Trump	51%
Neither	7%
Not sure	13%

55. How would you describe the current state of the stock market?

Excellent	3%
Good	19%
Fair	34%
Poor	25%
Don't know	19%

56. Since January 2025, has the stock market...?

Gone up	9%
Stayed the same	12%
Gone down	54%
Not sure	25%

57. Since the start of 2024, have you personally, or jointly with a spouse, had any money invested in the stock market — including in an individual stock or in a mutual fund, IRAs and 401-K plans, or through a pension or company stock plan, or other group retirement plan?

Yes, I currently do	37%
Yes, but not currently	5%
No	50%
Not sure	8%

58. Have you taken any money out of the stock market or mutual funds as a result of tariffs imposed this year?

Yes	7%
No	39%
Not sure	4%
Not asked - did not have any investments	50%

59. How responsible, or not responsible, is Donald Trump for the stock market?

Very responsible	37%
Somewhat responsible	33%
Not very responsible	9%
Not at all responsible	4%
Not sure	17%

60. Which comes closer to your view on tariffs imposed by Donald Trump?

They may cause short-term economic pain, but they lead to long-term economic growth	39%
They are harmful to the economy and consumers, with no real long-term benefits	46%
Not sure	15%

61. Do you think tariffs imposed by Donald Trump will increase or decrease the prices you pay for things that you buy?

Increase a lot	48%
Increase slightly	30%
No effect	8%
Decrease slightly	3%
Decrease a lot	2%
Not sure	10%

62. Should businesses display how much of a purchase price goes toward paying tariffs?

Yes	61%
No	17%
Not sure	22%

63. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Some-what agree	Agree	Some-what disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure
This is Biden's stock market, not Trump's	9%	13%	23%	16%	37%	53%	25%
The golden rule of negotiating and success is "He who has the gold makes the rules"	17%	30%	47%	11%	19%	30%	23%
When tariffs cut in, many people's income taxes will be substantially reduced, maybe even completely eliminated	10%	21%	31%	13%	26%	38%	31%
The businessmen who criticize tariffs are bad at business	9%	15%	24%	18%	34%	52%	24%
The United States is taking in record numbers in tariffs, with the cost of almost all products going down, including gasoline, groceries, and just about everything else	9%	19%	28%	16%	36%	52%	20%
This is a great time to move your company into the United States of America	24%	21%	45%	11%	24%	34%	21%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	9%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	9%

65. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

66. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

69. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	49%
No	42%
Not sure	9%

70. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

71. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

72. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

74. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

76. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	23%
South	37%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

78. 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	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	34%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

80. 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	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	15%
Never	20%
Don't know	4%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	24%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 2 - 5, 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	2095 started the survey after screenouts. 142 were deleted due to breakoffs, 20 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 26 were removed for attention check failures, and 57 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,850 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 0.052 to 6.607, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.082.
Number of respondents	1850 1693 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.