

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 26 - 28, 2025 - 1577 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1577 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 26 - 28, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
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
Melania Trump	27%	20%	46%	16%	25%	41%	13%
Usha Vance	17%	17%	33%	13%	15%	27%	39%
Joe Biden	17%	22%	39%	17%	40%	57%	4%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	17%	17%	34%	10%	29%	39%	27%

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
Pete Hegseth	16%	11%	27%	9%	26%	35%	37%
Marco Rubio	16%	20%	37%	17%	20%	37%	27%
Tulsi Gabbard	14%	15%	29%	10%	18%	29%	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	17%	30%	47%	13%	27%	40%	12%
Linda McMahon	6%	13%	19%	10%	17%	27%	54%
Pam Bondi	14%	12%	26%	7%	17%	24%	50%
Elon Musk	20%	23%	44%	12%	35%	48%	9%
Sam Altman	4%	12%	16%	9%	12%	21%	64%
Pope Francis	20%	28%	48%	14%	15%	29%	23%

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
Donald Trump	33%	17%	50%	6%	42%	48%	2%
JD Vance	28%	17%	45%	9%	34%	43%	12%
Mike Johnson	10%	18%	28%	13%	24%	36%	36%
John Thune	5%	13%	17%	10%	14%	24%	59%
Chuck Schumer	10%	21%	30%	12%	29%	41%	29%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	14%	27%	10%	19%	29%	44%

5. 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%	98%	2%	0%	2%
Immigration	56%	29%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	44%	27%	72%	15%	13%	28%
Foreign policy	50%	41%	91%	8%	1%	9%
National Security	71%	24%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Education	68%	25%	93%	5%	1%	7%
Health care	77%	19%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Taxes and government spending	64%	30%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Abortion	47%	28%	75%	16%	9%	25%
Civil rights	59%	30%	89%	8%	3%	11%
Civil liberties	54%	34%	88%	10%	2%	12%
Guns	53%	30%	83%	13%	4%	17%
Crime	64%	31%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Criminal justice reform	46%	39%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Inflation/prices	80%	18%	97%	3%	0%	3%

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

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

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

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	49%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	8%

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	31%	18%	49%	8%	28%	37%	14%
Climate change and the environment	24%	14%	38%	9%	35%	44%	18%
Taxes and government spending	30%	16%	46%	9%	32%	41%	13%
Abortion	23%	17%	39%	10%	34%	43%	18%
Civil rights	25%	14%	40%	9%	34%	43%	18%
Civil liberties	25%	14%	39%	8%	34%	41%	19%
Guns	25%	16%	42%	7%	28%	35%	23%
Crime	32%	16%	48%	7%	28%	35%	17%
Inflation/prices	28%	17%	45%	7%	32%	39%	16%

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

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	24%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	19%

12. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	18%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	20%

13. 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%	20%	35%	55%	9%
The Republican Party	20%	22%	42%	14%	35%	49%	9%

14. Four years from now do you think the United States will be more respected or less respected in the world than it is today?

More respected than today	40%
About the same as today	13%
Less respected than today	38%
Not sure	10%

15. Four years from now do you think there will be more or fewer illegal immigrants in the United States than there are today?

More illegal immigrants than today	5%
About the same number as today	20%
Fewer illegal immigrants than today	59%
Not sure	15%

16. How much do you think Donald Trump's business interests and positions will affect his decision-making while serving as President?

A lot	46%
Some	23%
Not much	17%
Not at all	13%

17. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Total Liberal	6%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	32%
Total Conservative	61%
Not sure	20%

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

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	47%
Not sure	15%

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

Very strong	43%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	26%

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

Like a lot	23%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	12%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	38%
Not sure	3%

21. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic	36%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	13%
Dissatisfied but not upset	12%
Upset	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Compromises to get things done.	59%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	41%

23. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	37%
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.	49%
Not sure	15%

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

Under control	20%
Out of control	63%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	9%

26. 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	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	35%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	38%
Just about the same as now	29%
Worse off financially	20%
Not sure	13%

28. Did you watch or hear any part of President Trump's inauguration speech?

Yes	52%
No	48%

29. How much of President Trump's inauguration speech have you seen or heard?

All of it	18%
Most of it	12%
Some of it	14%
Only news clips of the speech	8%
None of it	48%

30. How would you rate President Trump's inauguration speech?

Asked of people who watched at least some part of President Trump's inauguration speech

Outstanding	41%
Above average	21%
Average	14%
Below average	6%
Poor	14%
Not Sure	4%

31. Did you think President Trump's inauguration speech was optimistic or pessimistic?

Asked of people who watched at least some part of President Trump's inauguration speech

Optimistic	68%
Pessimistic	19%
Not sure	13%

32. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Arresting and deporting millions of illegal immigrants	36%	14%	15%	25%	9%
Delaying the enforcement of a federal ban on TikTok for at least 75 days	20%	20%	12%	17%	31%
Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in the federal government	30%	12%	11%	33%	14%
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to non-citizens	24%	14%	14%	37%	11%
Establishing an initiative to build AI infrastructure across the U.S.	17%	22%	17%	20%	24%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico and Canada	18%	17%	13%	35%	17%
Pardoning participants in the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol	20%	13%	10%	43%	14%
Requiring all federal workers to work in person rather than remotely	29%	19%	17%	20%	15%
Revoking a goal of having 50% of U.S. vehicle sales be electric by 2030	28%	16%	14%	25%	17%
Seeking ownership of the Panama Canal	19%	15%	10%	33%	22%
Withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accords	23%	10%	11%	33%	22%
Withdrawing from the World Health Organization	23%	10%	13%	40%	15%
Abolishing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and making states responsible for disaster response	17%	15%	12%	39%	17%

33. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	60%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	22%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	11%

34. Which comes closer to your view regarding what took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

People participated in legitimate political discourse	25%
People participated in a violent insurrection	55%
Don't know	21%

35. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?	
Better off	40%
Does not make much difference	19%
Worse off	25%
Not sure	16%
36. Do you think Donald Trump's approach to immigration policy is...?	
Too harsh	44%
About right	44%
Too soft	3%
Not sure	9%
37. Do you personally know anyone who is a federal employee? Select all that apply.	
Yes, me	2%
Yes, a family member	13%
Yes, a close friend	10%
Yes, an acquaintance	18%
No	56%
Not sure	10%
38. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	29%
Not sure	9%
39. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	73%
Not registered	27%
40. 2024 Presidential Vote	
Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	36%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	31%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

42. 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	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

43. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	54%
No	37%
Not sure	9%

44. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

45. Respondent age by category

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

46. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

48. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	7%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

50. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	34%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

54. 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	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	23%
Don't know	2%

55. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
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	January 26 - 28, 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	1,876 started the survey after screenouts. 165 were deleted due to breakoffs, 90 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 8 were removed for attention check failures, and 36 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,577 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, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 5.516, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.799.
Number of respondents	1577 1376 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.