

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 31 - November 3, 2025 - 1656 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1656 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted October 31 - November 3, 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. Overall, would you say things are going better or worse in [state of residence] than in the rest of the country?

Better	20%
About the same	55%
Worse	25%

3. Have you ever bet money on a sporting event?

Yes	29%
No	70%
Not sure	2%

4. Do you think legalized gambling is having a positive or a negative impact on sports?

Positive	7%
Neither positive nor negative	30%
Negative	47%
Not sure	16%

5. How often do you think current professional athletes alter the way they play to help sports gamblers win bets?

Frequently	13%
Sometimes	36%
Rarely	20%
Never	5%
Not sure	26%

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

A great deal	16%
Somewhat	21%
A little	24%
Not at all	40%

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

Less than a week	4%
One to two weeks	19%
Three to four weeks	17%
More than four weeks	18%
Not sure	42%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Democrats in Congress	28%	53%	19%
Donald Trump	31%	58%	10%
Republicans in Congress	30%	57%	14%

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

Democrats in Congress	32%
Republicans in Congress	35%
Both equally	27%
Not sure	6%

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 Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	38%
Kept the same	22%
Repealed	24%
Not sure	15%

11. 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	40%
No, they should not	38%
Not sure	22%

12. Do you or does anyone in your family currently receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), sometimes called food stamps?

Yes	28%
No	66%
Not sure	6%

13. Should SNAP benefits be paid during the government shutdown?

Yes	74%
No	14%
Not sure	12%

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

Very favorable	23%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Favorable	39%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	46%
Unfavorable	57%
Don't know	3%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	3%

16. 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	21%	17%	38%	12%	44%	56%	5%
Inflation/prices	16%	16%	31%	16%	48%	64%	5%
Immigration	34%	11%	45%	9%	41%	51%	4%
Taxes and government spending	22%	15%	37%	12%	45%	57%	5%
Health care	15%	17%	33%	11%	46%	58%	10%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	12%
Immigration	8%
Civil liberties	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil rights	6%
National Security	4%
Crime	4%
Climate change and the environment	3%
Abortion	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Education	2%
Guns	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

18. Which party do you think does a better job handling...?

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both about the same	Not sure
Crime	26%	42%	19%	13%
Foreign policy	35%	36%	16%	13%
Health Care	44%	27%	15%	14%
Immigration	34%	42%	13%	12%
Taxes	34%	34%	17%	14%
The economy	36%	36%	17%	12%
Tariffs and trade	38%	36%	11%	15%
Democracy	44%	31%	13%	12%

19. Do you think the amount that billionaires are currently taxed in the U.S. is too high or too low?

Much too high	2%
Somewhat too high	5%
About right	18%
Somewhat too low	18%
Much too low	46%
Not sure	11%

20. Do you support or oppose raising the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour?

Support	69%
Oppose	18%
Not sure	12%

21. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe	46%
Somewhat safe	28%
Not very safe	10%
Not at all safe	7%
Not sure	9%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	21%
Fair	34%
Poor	39%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	5%

24. Thinking ahead to 12 months from now, will prices be higher or lower than they are today?

Higher	57%
About the same	20%
Lower	12%
Not sure	11%

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

Unemployment	7%
Inflation	36%
Both equal	52%
Not sure	5%

26. Do you think taxes should be raised on billionaires?

Yes	72%
No	15%
Not sure	12%

27. Do you think the rich have too much political power in the U.S.?

Yes	84%
No	7%
Not sure	9%

28. How big a problem is the gap between the rich and the poor in the U.S. today?

Very big problem	54%
Somewhat big problem	27%
Minor problem	13%
Not a problem	5%

29. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap in wealth between the richest and poorest Americans?

Should	57%
Should not	19%
Not sure	24%

30. When children today in the U.S. grow up, do you think they will be better or worse off financially than their parents?

Better off	13%
About the same	20%
Worse off	52%
Not sure	15%

31. What do you think is the more important factor in determining why some people are richer than others?

How hard they work	20%
Whether they come from a privileged background	39%
Equally important	35%
Not sure	6%

32. Which is the better economic system?

Capitalism	46%
Socialism	18%
Not sure	36%

33. Is now a good or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

Good time	29%
Bad time	26%
Not sure	45%

34. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	43%
No	57%

35. About how much in total do you have invested in stocks and mutual funds?

No money invested	57%
Under \$50,000	15%
\$50,000 - \$100,000	5%
\$100,000 - \$250,000	6%
\$250,000 - \$500,000	5%
Over \$500,000	5%
Not sure	6%

36. How would you describe your social class?

Working class	46%
Middle class	41%
Upper middle class	12%
Wealthy	1%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	3%

38. How happy are you with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	21%
Happy	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	10%
Very unhappy	4%

39. Thinking about the total amount you earn from your job, including bonuses, commissions, and tips, do you expect to earn more or less in the next 12 months than you did in the previous 12 months?

Asked of those currently employed

Much more	6%
Slightly more	30%
About the same	42%
Slightly less	8%
Much less	7%
Not sure	7%

40. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	63%

41. 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.	45%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	9%

42. How easy would it be for you to pay an unexpected \$1,000 expense?

Very easy	17%
Somewhat easy	21%
Somewhat difficult	23%
Very difficult	20%
Impossible	20%

43. Do you own or rent the place you currently live?

Own	53%
Rent	36%
Other	11%

44. Has [your rent / the value of your home] increased or decreased over the past year?

Asked of those who own or rent their home

Increased a lot	16%
Increased a little	39%
No change	29%
Decreased a little	6%
Decreased a lot	2%
Not sure	8%

45. Does the U.S. having nuclear weapons make you feel safer or less safe?

Safer	37%
Less safe	21%
Neither	35%
Don't know	7%

46. Would you support or oppose the U.S. military resuming its testing of nuclear weapons?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	21%
Support	33%
Somewhat oppose	19%
Strongly oppose	29%
Oppose	48%
Not sure	18%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling nuclear weapons?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	23%

48. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	24%
No	66%
Not sure	10%

49. 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	38%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	14%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	8%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

52. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

54. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

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	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

59. What is your marital status?

Married	37%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	9%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	37%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	23%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	22%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 31 - November 3, 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	1,951 started the survey after screenouts. 161 were deleted due to breakoffs, 65 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 13 were removed for attention check failures, and 41 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,671 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 6.605, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.001.
Number of respondents	1656 1475 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	8 questions not reported.