

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 25 - 27, 2026 - 1559 U.S. Adult citizens



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Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	9%

2. Would you support or oppose removing all Palestinians from Gaza?

Support	19%
Oppose	41%
Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	31%
Not sure	39%

3. Do you think that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinian civilians?

Yes	43%
No	24%
Not sure	32%

4. Do you think that Israel's prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu is guilty of war crimes in Gaza?

Yes	47%
No	24%
Not sure	29%

5. The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Benjamin Netanyahu. Should the U.S. arrest Netanyahu if he comes here?

Yes	49%
No	27%
Not sure	23%

6. Do you think Benjamin Netanyahu's actions have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	47%
No	24%
Not sure	29%

7. As far as you know, which of the following countries currently possess nuclear weapons? Select all that apply.

China	67%
France	33%

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Germany	22%
India	35%
Iran	28%
Israel	45%
North Korea	60%
Pakistan	34%
Russia	75%
South Korea	18%
Saudi Arabia	13%
The United Kingdom	39%
The United States	77%
Ukraine	11%
None of the above	0%
Not sure	14%

8. Generally speaking, do you think nuclear power plants are safe or not safe?

Safe	41%
Not safe	39%
Not sure	21%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. assisting Saudi Arabia in developing nuclear energy for civilian purposes?

Approve	31%
Disapprove	44%
Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	25%

10. How worried are you about more countries developing nuclear weapons?

Very worried	33%
Somewhat worried	35%
Slightly worried	22%
Not worried at all	11%

11. How concerned are you about each of the following countries possessing nuclear weapons?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure
Iran	63%	19%	6%	5%	7%
Israel	40%	24%	14%	14%	8%
North Korea	68%	17%	5%	3%	6%
Pakistan	41%	31%	13%	5%	10%
Saudi Arabia	33%	36%	15%	6%	10%
Ukraine	25%	26%	25%	15%	10%

12. How likely do you think it is that we will have a nuclear war in the next five years?

Very low probability	16%
Low probability	29%
Moderate probability	39%
High probability	9%
Very high probability	6%

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

Approve	34%
Disapprove	62%
Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	51%
Not sure	4%

14. 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	31%	56%	14%	17%	8%	48%	13%
Education	33%	54%	16%	17%	8%	46%	13%
Abortion	32%	53%	19%	13%	7%	46%	15%
Health care	31%	59%	13%	18%	11%	48%	10%
Foreign policy	32%	60%	18%	14%	12%	48%	8%
Nuclear weapons	32%	55%	17%	15%	10%	45%	13%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump's handling of foreign trade?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	11%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of recent tariffs announced by Donald Trump of 10% or more on 80 countries, including Canada, Mexico, and the European Union, for failing to crack down on "forced labor"?

Approve	31%
Disapprove	55%
Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	13%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of recent tariffs announced by Donald Trump, including a minimum tariff of 10% on all imports as well as higher rates for most countries?

Approve	29%
Disapprove	58%
Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	13%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump imposing 25% tariffs on certain products from China?

Approve	34%
Disapprove	54%
Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	12%

19. 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
Social Security	48%	26%	15%	3%	2%	6%
SNAP (food stamps)	33%	19%	23%	9%	11%	6%
Medicare	42%	25%	19%	3%	3%	7%
Medicaid	37%	24%	19%	7%	6%	8%

20. Do you favor or oppose increasing spending on the Department of Defense from \$891 billion in 2026 to \$1.14 trillion in 2027?

Favor	30%
Oppose	55%
Favor strongly	12%
Favor somewhat	18%
Oppose somewhat	14%
Oppose strongly	40%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of changing the name of the Department of Defense to the Department of War?

Approve	23%
Disapprove	61%
Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	15%

22. Do you think the U.S. is spending too much or too little on the war in Iran?

Too much	60%
About right	19%
Too little	5%
Don't know	15%

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

Total approve	12%
Total disapprove	61%
Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%

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

Approve	26%
Disapprove	46%
Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	28%

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

Approve	15%
Disapprove	48%
Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	37%

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

Approve	18%
Disapprove	54%
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	27%

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

Approve	22%
Disapprove	45%
Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	33%

28. 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	32%	58%	10%	22%	22%	36%	10%
Republicans in Congress	32%	58%	12%	20%	15%	43%	10%

29. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who compromises to get things done, or sticks to their principles, no matter what?

Compromises to get things done	62%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what	38%

30. How would you describe the political views of the Democratic Party?

Total Liberal	56%
Total Conservative	6%
Very liberal	36%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	15%

31. How would you describe the political views of the Republican Party?

Total Liberal	6%
Total Conservative	67%
Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	39%
Not sure	16%

32. Do you think the Democratic Party is too extreme?

Yes	42%
No	43%
Not sure	15%

33. Do you think the Republican Party is too extreme?

Yes	51%
No	34%
Not sure	15%

34. 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
Benjamin Netanyahu	23%	54%	8%	15%	13%	41%	23%
Mark Carney	18%	19%	7%	12%	8%	10%	63%
LeBron James	47%	30%	16%	31%	13%	17%	23%
Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman	12%	35%	2%	9%	13%	22%	53%

35. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following people running for Congress in the district where you live?

Favorable	33%
Unfavorable	30%
Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	19%
No opinion	37%

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

The Democratic candidate	40%
The Republican candidate	34%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	15%

37. Do you think AI is advancing too quickly or too slowly?

Too quickly	63%
About the right pace	24%
Too slowly	2%
Don't know	12%

38. Do you think AI will make people...?

Safer	11%
Less safe	42%
Neither	25%
Not sure	22%

39. Do you trust AI to make ethical decisions?

Yes	11%
No	73%
Not sure	16%

40. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

	A great deal / Quite a lot	Some / Very little	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
Small business	54%	46%	16%	38%	38%	8%
The medical system	38%	62%	10%	28%	40%	22%
Colleges and universities	37%	63%	11%	26%	36%	26%
K-12 public schools	33%	67%	8%	24%	41%	26%
Organized labor	29%	71%	8%	21%	46%	25%
The church or organized religion	30%	70%	11%	19%	35%	35%
Banks	29%	71%	7%	22%	46%	25%
Newspapers	20%	80%	5%	14%	41%	40%
Television news	18%	82%	5%	14%	35%	47%
Big business	15%	85%	4%	11%	38%	47%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	61%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	22%
The world's climate is NOT changing	5%
Not sure	12%

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

Support	51%
Oppose	34%
Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	15%

43. 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).	30%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	32%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	11%

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

Should be legal	54%
Should not be legal	32%
Not sure	13%

45. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe	40%
Somewhat safe	34%
Not very safe	10%
Not at all safe	8%
Not sure	8%

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

Expanded	42%
Kept the same	16%
Repealed	26%
Not sure	16%

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

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	42%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	14%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	31%
Not sure	12%

48. 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?

Support	21%
Oppose	63%
Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	51%
Not sure	16%

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

Inflation/prices	27%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	9%
Immigration	7%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	4%
Crime	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Total Excellent/Good	24%
Total Fair/Poor	73%
Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Fair	31%
Poor	42%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	14%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	60%
Not sure	6%

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

Going up a lot	45%
Going up a little	33%
Not changing	9%
Going down a little	7%
Going down a lot	0%
Not sure	6%

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

Total Liberal	29%
Total Conservative	32%
Very liberal	13%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	11%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

55. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%

57. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	5%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	23%
Not sure	3%

58. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	23%
No	67%
Not sure	11%

59. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

60. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

61. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

63. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	7%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	14%
Midwest	23%
South	39%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	24%
\$100K or more	26%
Prefer not to say	10%

67. 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	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

69. 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	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	20%
Don't know	5%

70. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	24%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	13%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 25 - 27, 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	2,086 started the survey after screenouts. 255 were deleted due to breakoffs, 18 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 9 were removed for attention check failures, and 151 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,653 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 6.091, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.895.
Number of respondents	1559 1407 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	9 questions not reported.