

The Economist/YouGov Poll

February 16 - 18, 2025 - 1603 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1603 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 16 - 18, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	39%
Off on the wrong track	48%
Not sure	13%

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
Elon Musk	22%	21%	43%	12%	37%	49%	8%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	17%	28%	45%	12%	30%	42%	13%
Kash Patel	15%	13%	28%	7%	23%	30%	42%
Pete Hegseth	16%	13%	29%	9%	24%	33%	38%
Tulsi Gabbard	15%	15%	31%	9%	21%	31%	39%
Karoline Leavitt	15%	10%	25%	7%	15%	21%	54%
Eric Adams	3%	12%	15%	18%	20%	39%	46%
Kathy Hochul	7%	14%	20%	11%	20%	31%	49%
Pam Bondi	16%	12%	27%	7%	19%	26%	46%

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
Vladimir Putin	4%	8%	12%	16%	59%	75%	13%
Volodymyr Zelensky	21%	26%	47%	14%	14%	28%	25%
Benjamin Netanyahu	14%	15%	30%	13%	24%	37%	33%

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	31%	17%	47%	8%	41%	49%	4%
JD Vance	25%	17%	42%	10%	37%	47%	11%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	23%	98%	2%	0%	2%
Immigration	53%	32%	84%	12%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	43%	27%	70%	16%	14%	30%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	87%	11%	2%	13%
National Security	69%	23%	92%	5%	2%	8%
Education	64%	29%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Health care	75%	21%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Taxes and government spending	65%	28%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Abortion	44%	30%	74%	17%	9%	26%
Civil rights	57%	29%	86%	9%	4%	14%
Civil liberties	54%	32%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Guns	47%	32%	79%	16%	5%	21%
Crime	61%	30%	91%	8%	2%	9%
Criminal justice reform	44%	40%	83%	14%	3%	17%
Inflation/prices	78%	19%	98%	2%	1%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Health care	12%
Immigration	10%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Civil liberties	5%
National Security	4%
Abortion	4%
Education	3%
Crime	3%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	50%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	5%

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	26%	20%	46%	9%	33%	42%	12%
Immigration	35%	15%	51%	8%	35%	43%	7%
Foreign policy	27%	18%	46%	9%	34%	43%	11%
National Security	32%	16%	48%	8%	32%	40%	12%
Education	25%	19%	44%	7%	35%	41%	14%
Crime	28%	20%	48%	8%	29%	37%	15%
Criminal justice reform	22%	20%	42%	7%	30%	37%	21%
Inflation/prices	23%	20%	43%	11%	36%	46%	11%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	25%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	30%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	18%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	19%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	24%

12. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	32%
Not sure	33%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Disapprove	27%
Not sure	44%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	29%

15. 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	21%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	38%

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following when it comes to the United States? He who saves his country does not violate any law

Strongly agree	16%
Somewhat agree	23%
Agree	40%
Somewhat disagree	16%
Strongly disagree	21%
Disagree	38%
Not sure	23%

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

Confident	43%
Uneasy	46%
Not sure	10%

18. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age are having on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	27%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	25%
Have no effect at all	35%
Not sure	12%

19. How concerned are you about the potential for conflicts of interest for Donald Trump?

Very concerned	37%
Somewhat concerned	15%
Not very concerned	16%
Not concerned at all	23%
Not sure	10%

20. How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	59%
A little	26%
None at all	3%
Not sure	12%

21. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	16%
A little	25%
None at all	43%
Not sure	15%

22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Favorable	39%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	28%
Unfavorable	36%
Don't know	25%

23. How concerned are you, if at all, about Elon Musk using the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to benefit his companies and personal interests?

Very concerned	39%
Somewhat concerned	13%
Not too concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	18%
Fair	39%
Poor	32%
Don't know	6%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	41%
Not sure	9%

26. 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	34%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially	35%
Just about the same as now	27%
Worse off financially	24%
Not sure	14%

28. 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	35%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	14%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of how Republicans in Congress have responded to recent executive orders issued by Donald Trump?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	41%
Approve	73%
Somewhat disapprove	5%
Strongly disapprove	2%
Disapprove	7%
Not sure	20%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of how Democrats in Congress have responded to recent executive orders issued by Donald Trump?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	30%
Approve	46%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	20%

31. When it comes to resisting actions by Donald Trump that they disagree with, do you think that Democrats in Congress are doing...?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Too much	3%
About the right amount	22%
Not enough	65%
Not sure	11%

32. Should Democrats in Congress work with Donald Trump on policies they personally agree with, or oppose all of his policies?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Work with him on policies they agree with	58%
Oppose all of his policies	29%
Not sure	13%

33. Should Republicans in Congress oppose Donald Trump's policies that they personally don't agree with, or support all of his policies?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Support all of his policies	50%
Oppose his policies they don't agree with	30%
Not sure	20%

34. How likely do you think it is that there will be a government shutdown this year?

Very likely	19%
Somewhat likely	24%
Not very likely	23%
Not likely at all	12%
Not sure	23%

35. If you had to choose, which approach would you prefer that members of Congress take when negotiating a federal budget agreement?

Lawmakers should compromise to reach a budget agreement, even if it means sacrificing some priorities that they believe in	62%
Lawmakers should fight for the priorities that they believe in, even if it means risking a government shutdown	38%

36. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The U.S. government has a robust system of checks and balances	42%	31%	27%
The U.S. is in a constitutional crisis	51%	30%	20%

37. Do you think that the following should be...?

	Expanded	Kept the same	Reduced	Eliminated	Not sure
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	22%	34%	10%	7%	27%
Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)	23%	24%	9%	25%	19%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	28%	33%	17%	8%	15%
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	28%	32%	13%	11%	16%
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	14%	31%	14%	21%	19%
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	16%	34%	21%	13%	15%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	39%	29%	15%	5%	12%
National Weather Service (NWS)	20%	55%	9%	2%	14%
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	18%	46%	16%	4%	15%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	32%	34%	15%	7%	12%
U.S. Department of Defense	31%	39%	15%	1%	14%
U.S. Department of Education	32%	27%	12%	17%	12%

38. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Allowing arrests of undocumented immigrants in places of worship	18%	18%	36%	15%	34%	50%	15%
Donald Trump becoming chair of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts	12%	13%	25%	8%	38%	46%	29%
Dropping federal corruption charges against New York City Mayor Eric Adams	5%	14%	18%	14%	35%	50%	32%
Eliminating the penny from U.S. currency	15%	24%	40%	15%	21%	36%	24%

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Imposing a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminum imports to the U.S.	14%	18%	33%	14%	31%	45%	22%
Banning the use of paper straws in federal facilities	15%	17%	32%	14%	26%	40%	28%
Offering refugee status to white South African farmers, known as Afrikaners	7%	15%	23%	12%	25%	37%	41%
Suspending refugee resettlement to the U.S.	23%	19%	41%	16%	21%	37%	21%
Taxing employer-provided benefits, such as health insurance	6%	8%	14%	16%	53%	68%	18%
Firing hundreds of thousands of U.S. federal workers	17%	17%	34%	12%	38%	51%	15%
Renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America	16%	14%	30%	11%	40%	52%	19%
Ending federal funding for schools and universities that require COVID-19 vaccination	23%	13%	37%	11%	37%	48%	15%

39. Would you support or oppose the U.S. seeking ownership of...?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The Panama Canal	34%	44%	22%
Greenland	26%	50%	24%
Canada	20%	59%	21%
Gaza	16%	59%	25%

40. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	8%	29%	44%	17%
Ukraine	27%	37%	10%	6%	20%
Israel	38%	24%	10%	6%	23%
China	4%	10%	35%	36%	16%

41. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	4%
Ukraine	62%
Neither	24%
Not sure	11%

42. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	29%
Ukraine	13%
Equally likely	19%
Not sure	39%

43. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	21%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	30%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	29%
Not sure	21%

44. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory do you think Russia will control?

All of it	4%
Most of it	10%
Half of it	7%
Some of it	38%
None of it	10%
Not sure	32%

45. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory would you prefer Russia control?

All of it	2%
Most of it	2%
Half of it	3%
Some of it	7%
None of it	61%
Not sure	24%

46. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump's sympathies are more with...?

Russia	35%
About equal	20%
Ukraine	14%
Not sure	30%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	25%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	12%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

49. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	36%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

51. 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	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

52. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	55%
No	36%
Not sure	9%

53. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%

54. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

56. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

57. What is your marital status?	
Married	40%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

58. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	22%
No	78%

59. Census Region	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	41%
West	21%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	19%
Never	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

63. 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	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	18%
Don't know	3%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 16 - 18, 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	1,819 started the survey after screenouts. 147 were deleted due to breakoffs, 32 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 11 were removed for attention check failures, and 26 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,603 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 0.051 to 5.553, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.927.
Number of respondents	1603 1451 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.