

The Economist/YouGov Poll
April 3 - 6, 2026 - 1750 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1750 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 3 - 6, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	12%

2. At various times, there have been turning points in American politics, where things could have gone in a very different direction. At other times, things that seemed important turned out not to be significant. What does this moment feel more like to you?

A significant turning point	63%
Not too significant	15%
Not sure	22%

3. Do you support or oppose the war with Iran?

Support	34%
Oppose	53%
Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	41%
Not sure	13%

4. Did you listen to President Trump's speech on Iran on Wednesday evening?

Yes	30%
No	70%

5. How would you rate President's Trump speech on Wednesday?

Excellent	7%
Good	6%
Fair	3%
Poor	13%
Not sure	0%
Not asked - didn't hear it	70%

6. How well do you understand what Trump's objectives are in Iran?

Very well	17%
Somewhat well	26%
Not very well	23%
Not at all	34%

7. We would like to know what you personally think should be U.S. objectives in Iran. Which of the following things must the U.S. have accomplished before ending the war? Please select all that apply.

Prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon	54%
Eliminate Iran's ability launch missiles and drones	40%
Replace the current leaders of Iran with ones friendlier to the U.S.	23%
Help the Iranian people overthrow their government	26%
Reopen the Strait of Hormuz	45%
Protect Israel from attacks by Iran	29%
None of the above	28%

8. How long should the U.S. be willing to continue fighting in Iran to achieve its objectives?

The war should be ended immediately	43%
Continue fighting for another month	9%
Continue fighting for several more months	5%
Continue fighting for up to a year	2%
Continue fighting as long as it takes	19%
Not sure	23%

9. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?

A week or less	4%
More than a week but less than a month	16%
More than a month but less than a year	53%
A year or more	27%

10. Do you favor or oppose sending U.S. ground troops into Iran?

Favor	15%
Oppose	62%
Not sure	24%

11. Do you think NATO countries have an obligation to assist the U.S. in Iran?

Yes	36%
No	40%
Not sure	24%

12. Do you think the U.S. should withdraw from NATO or remain a member?

Withdraw from NATO	21%
Remain in NATO	47%
Not sure	32%

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

Approve	38%
Disapprove	55%
Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	7%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	37%	56%	18%	19%	11%	45%	7%
Inflation/prices	29%	64%	12%	17%	12%	52%	7%
Taxes and government spending	34%	58%	17%	17%	12%	46%	8%

15. 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
Kristi Noem	21%	52%	5%	15%	10%	43%	27%
Howard Lutnick	14%	32%	5%	9%	6%	26%	54%
Pam Bondi	21%	53%	5%	16%	10%	43%	26%
Pete Hegseth	29%	44%	16%	13%	6%	38%	27%
Stephen Miller	19%	37%	9%	10%	5%	32%	44%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	38%	49%	17%	22%	10%	39%	12%
Scott Bessent	19%	32%	10%	9%	7%	25%	49%
Tulsi Gabbard	25%	38%	10%	15%	9%	29%	37%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Pam Bondi has done as Attorney General?

Approve	22%
Disapprove	51%
Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	27%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's decision to fire Pam Bondi as Attorney General?

Approve	51%
Disapprove	14%
Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Not sure	35%

18. 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	36%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	14%

19. The Trump administration has proposed raising spending on the military from about \$1.01 trillion in 2026 to \$1.45 trillion in 2027. Do you think this amount is too much or too little?

Too much	47%
About right	32%
Too little	4%
Not sure	17%

20. The Trump administration has proposed cutting non-military discretionary spending from about \$733 billion in 2026 to \$660 billion in 2027. Do you think the proposed 2027 spending level is too much or too little?

Too much	20%
About right	30%
Too little	24%
Not sure	27%

21. 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
Education	39%	21%	17%	5%	9%	8%

22. Do you think the amount of tax you pay is fair?

Yes, it is fair	39%
No, it is not fair	61%

23. Do you think the amount of tax you pay is ...?

Too high	58%
About right	32%
Too low	1%
Not sure	8%

24. Would you support or oppose the following tax policy changes?

	Support	Oppose	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
No federal income tax on the first \$75,000 of earnings	67%	16%	42%	25%	10%	6%	18%
Increasing the child tax credit to \$3,600 per child age 6 to 17 and \$4,320 per child under 6	62%	15%	36%	27%	8%	7%	22%
An additional tax on income over \$1 million	67%	18%	48%	19%	9%	10%	15%
Exempting homeowners 65 and older from property taxes	73%	13%	50%	23%	8%	5%	14%

25. Who handles your taxes in your family?

I handle them myself	63%
Another member of my family handles taxes for us	25%
Other	12%

26. Do you pay an accountant or other person to prepare your tax returns?

Yes	31%
No	62%
Don't know	6%

27. Have you filed your 2026 tax return?

Yes, I have already filed it	57%
No, but expect to file it by April 15	33%
I will get an extension and file my taxes later	10%

28. Are you expecting to receive a refund or have to pay additional taxes when you file this year?

I am expecting a refund	42%
I am expecting to pay additional taxes	15%
I am NOT expecting to pay any additional taxes nor receive a refund	25%
Not sure	19%

29. When thinking about the total amount of federal income tax you will pay this year, factoring in any potential refund you will receive or additional taxes you will pay after you file, do you think the total amount of federal income tax you pay this year will be higher or lower than it was last year?

Much higher than last year	11%
Slightly higher than last year	16%
About the same as last year	32%
Slightly lower than last year	9%
Much lower than last year	6%
Not sure	25%

30. Did you use any computer software or apps to prepare your tax returns?

Yes	40%
No	50%
Not sure	10%

31. Last year, President Trump passed a bill that made several changes to the U.S. tax system. From what you know about it, do you support or oppose this bill?

Support	31%
Oppose	29%
Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	19%
No opinion	40%

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

Total Excellent/Good	24%
Total Fair/Poor	72%
Excellent	4%
Good	19%
Fair	32%
Poor	40%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	6%

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

Higher	58%
About the same	18%
Lower	12%
Not sure	12%

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

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	41%
Both equal	46%
Not sure	9%

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

Going up a lot	62%
Going up a little	24%
Not changing	4%
Going down a little	2%
Going down a lot	0%
Not sure	8%

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

Yes	37%
No	34%
Not sure	29%

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

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	14%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	20%
Not asked - Already in a recession	37%

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

Good time	20%
Bad time	31%
Not sure	49%

40. How would you describe your social class?

Working class	46%
Middle class	44%
Upper middle class	9%
Wealthy	1%

41. 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	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially	21%
Just about the same as now	37%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	15%

43. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	32%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	13%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	6%
Homemaker	5%
Student	6%
Other	2%

44. How happy are you with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	20%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

45. 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	28%
About the same	43%
Slightly less	6%
Much less	5%
Not sure	11%

46. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	65%

47. 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.	40%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	14%

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

Very easy	17%
Somewhat easy	20%
Somewhat difficult	25%
Very difficult	19%
Impossible	19%

49. 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	56%
Should not	20%
Not sure	24%

50. 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	3%
About right	17%
Somewhat too low	13%
Much too low	47%
Not sure	18%

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

Better off	12%
About the same	17%
Worse off	49%
Not sure	22%

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

How hard they work	17%
Whether they come from a privileged background	36%
Equally important	33%
Not sure	14%

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

Jobs and the economy	11%
Immigration	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Foreign policy	2%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Health care	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	2%
Civil rights	5%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	1%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Inflation/prices	34%

54. How much confidence do you have that the 2026 congressional elections will be held fairly?

A great deal	11%
Quite a bit	14%
A moderate amount	26%
Only a little	18%
None at all	15%
Not sure	16%

55. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	23%
No	64%
Not sure	13%

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

Total Liberal	27%
Total Conservative	33%
Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

58. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	26%
Other	5%
Not sure	5%

60. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	2%

61. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

62. Respondent age by category

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

63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

65. What is your marital status?

Married	37%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Never married	38%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	23%

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

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

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	15%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 3 - 6, 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	2,157 started the survey after screenouts. 227 were deleted due to breakoffs, 37 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 18 were removed for attention check failures, and 123 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,752 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 6.121, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.899.
Number of respondents	1750 1560 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	5 questions not reported.