

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 16 - 19, 2026 - 1722 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1722 U.S. Adult citizens  
Conducted January 16 - 19, 2026  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	8%

## 2. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in the U.S?

<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Dissatisfied</b>	<b>58%</b>
Completely satisfied	8%
Somewhat satisfied	24%
Somewhat dissatisfied	25%
Completely dissatisfied	33%
Not sure	10%

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

Under control	18%
Out of control	71%
Not sure	11%

## 4. Do you support or oppose sending federal troops to Minneapolis?

<b>Support</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>52%</b>
Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	10%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	44%
Not sure	11%

## 5. Do you approve or disapprove of recent protests against ICE actions?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>47%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>44%</b>
Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	9%

6. Have the protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minneapolis been mostly peaceful or violent?

<b>Violent</b> .....	<b>40%</b>
<b>Peaceful</b> .....	<b>43%</b>
All or almost all have been violent .....	16%
Most have been violent .....	24%
Most have been peaceful .....	22%
All or almost all have been peaceful .....	20%
Not sure .....	17%

7. Should peaceful protests against ICE be allowed in Minneapolis?

Yes .....	77%
No .....	12%
Not sure .....	11%

8. Have you seen any videos of an ICE agent shooting a woman, Renee Good, in Minneapolis?

Yes, saw video .....	73%
No, did not see video but have heard about it .....	21%
No, have not seen or heard anything about it .....	6%

9. Did the driver of the car, Renee Good, threaten any of the ICE agents?

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	29%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	19%

10. Did Renee Good obey orders given to her by ICE agents?

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	15%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	28%

11. Did Renee Good's car make contact with an ICE agent?

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	37%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	24%

**12. Was Renee Good trying to run over an ICE agent with her car?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	25%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	23%

**13. Were any ICE agents injured during the incident?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	26%
No .....	45%
Not sure .....	29%

**14. Did the ICE agents behave professionally during the incident?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	32%
No .....	53%
Not sure .....	15%

**15. Based on what you know, was the shooting of Renee Good in Minneapolis justified or not justified?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Was justified .....	29%
Was not justified .....	56%
Not sure .....	15%

**16. Do you think the ICE agent in this incident should be investigated?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	66%
No .....	23%
Not sure .....	11%

**17. Do you think the wife of Renee Good should be investigated?**

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

Yes .....	36%
No .....	46%
Not sure .....	19%

18. Would you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

*A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.*

<b>Support</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>45%</b>
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	11%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	34%
Not sure	10%

19. How much do you trust the data reported about the economy by the federal government?

<b>Trust</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Distrust</b>	<b>56%</b>
Completely trust	5%
Somewhat trust	29%
Somewhat distrust	27%
Completely distrust	29%
Don't know	10%

20. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions?

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
Federal Reserve Board	10%	14%	38%	39%
Office of Management and Budget	3%	10%	37%	50%
Congressional Budget Office	4%	10%	38%	48%
Department of the Treasury	5%	12%	40%	42%

21. What is monetary policy?

Setting interest rates and controlling how much money is available	46%
Determining the amount of money the federal government collects in taxes and spends	18%
Minting coins and printing paper money	3%
Don't know	33%

22. What are the responsibilities of the Federal Reserve Board? Select all that apply.

Setting interest rates .....	55%
Supervising and regulating banks .....	41%
Preventing financial crises .....	39%
Keeping prices stable .....	33%
Printing currency .....	17%
Enforcing consumer protection laws .....	13%
Maintaining full employment .....	12%
None of the above .....	1%
Don't know .....	28%

23. Do you think the Federal Reserve should...

Lower interest rates .....	48%
Raise interest rates .....	3%
Not change interest rates .....	18%
Not sure .....	31%

24. If you had to choose, who would you trust more to set interest rates?

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell .....	44%
President Donald Trump .....	18%
Both equally .....	12%
Not sure .....	26%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice opening a criminal investigation into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell over the renovation of a central bank office building?

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>32%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>38%</b>
Strongly approve .....	14%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	7%
Strongly disapprove .....	30%
Not sure .....	30%

26. How serious a threat do you think Iran poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S. ....	15%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S. ....	32%
A minor threat to the U.S. ....	29%
Not a threat to the U.S. ....	12%
Not sure .....	12%

27. Would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action in Iran?

<b>Support</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>49%</b>
Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	31%
Not sure	18%

28. Would you support or oppose the U.S. bombing Iran in response to its treatment of protesters?

<b>Support</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>53%</b>
Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	37%
Not sure	19%

29. Do you think the protests in Iran will or won't succeed in overthrowing the Iranian government?

Will succeed	16%
Will not succeed	34%
Not sure	49%

30. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to overthrow Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?

<b>Support</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>42%</b>
Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	26%

31. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will take military action in Iran in the next month?

<b>Likely</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>20%</b>
Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	40%
Not very likely	17%
Not likely at all	3%
Not sure	27%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Iran?

<b>Approve</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>48%</b>
Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
No opinion	18%

33. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to invade Venezuela?

<b>Support</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>54%</b>
Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	41%
Not sure	15%

34. Do you think recent U.S. intervention in Venezuela was justified or unjustified?

Justified	35%
Not justified	44%
Not sure	21%

35. Should the U.S. run Venezuela for the next few years?

Yes	17%
No	62%
Not sure	22%

36. Should the U.S. take Venezuela's oil?

Yes	25%
No	56%
Not sure	19%

37. Below is a map of the world. Please click on the section of the map that represents Greenland. If you aren't sure, select 'not sure' below the map.

*A randomly selected half of respondents were shown a world map (Mercator projection) with no countries labeled*

Correct	56%
Incorrect	13%
Not sure	31%

38. Below is a map of the world. Please click on the section of the map that represents Greenland. If you aren't sure, select 'not sure' below the map.

*The other randomly selected half of respondents were shown a world map (Gall-Peters projection) with no countries labeled*

Correct .....	62%
Incorrect .....	9%
Not sure .....	29%

39. As far as you know, what is the population of Greenland?

Under 100,000 people .....	40%
At least 100,000 but fewer than 200,000 people .....	7%
At least 200,000 but fewer than 500,000 people .....	7%
At least 500,000 but fewer than 1 million people .....	7%
More than 1 million people .....	3%
Not sure .....	36%

40. As far as you know, does the U.S. currently have a military base in Greenland?

Yes .....	50%
No .....	13%
Not sure .....	37%

41. As far as you know, which country does Greenland belong to politically?

Denmark .....	72%
Canada .....	2%
Iceland .....	4%
United States .....	2%
Not sure .....	21%

42. Do you think most people in Greenland want Greenland to remain part of Denmark or for Greenland to join the U.S.?

Remain part of Denmark .....	65%
Join the U.S. ....	11%
Not sure .....	24%

43. Do you support or oppose the U.S. purchasing Greenland?

Support .....	29%
Oppose .....	51%
Not sure .....	20%



44. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will take control of Greenland?

<b>Likely</b>	<b>33%</b>
<b>Not likely</b>	<b>41%</b>
Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	27%
Not likely at all	15%
Not sure	25%

45. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of Greenland?

Support	9%
Oppose	72%
Not sure	19%

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

<b>Approve</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>57%</b>
Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	6%

47. 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
Crime	<b>42%</b>	<b>49%</b>	26%	16%	9%	40%	9%
Immigration	<b>43%</b>	<b>53%</b>	31%	12%	6%	47%	5%
Race relations	<b>33%</b>	<b>53%</b>	19%	13%	5%	48%	14%
Inflation/prices	<b>34%</b>	<b>61%</b>	17%	17%	10%	50%	6%

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

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	57%
Not sure	12%

49. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot .....	20%
Some .....	16%
Not much .....	10%
Doesn't care at all .....	49%
Not sure .....	5%

50. Is Trump too old to be President?

Yes .....	50%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	9%

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

<b>Strong</b> .....	<b>46%</b>
<b>Weak</b> .....	<b>41%</b>
Very strong .....	32%
Somewhat strong .....	14%
Neither strong nor weak .....	13%
Somewhat weak .....	7%
Very weak .....	34%

52. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes .....	56%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	33%
Not sure .....	11%

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

<b>Like</b> .....	<b>30%</b>
<b>Dislike</b> .....	<b>55%</b>
Like a lot .....	17%
Like somewhat .....	12%
Neither like nor dislike .....	12%
Dislike somewhat .....	8%
Dislike a lot .....	47%
Not sure .....	4%

54. Which of these words would you [use / not use] to describe Donald Trump? Select all that apply.

	Describes Donald Trump	Does not describe Donald Trump	No Opinion
Dangerous	53%	18%	29%
Corrupt	49%	23%	29%
Bold	48%	15%	37%
Racist	48%	24%	28%
Cruel	46%	23%	31%
Out-of-touch	44%	20%	36%
Divisive	40%	13%	47%
Strong	40%	29%	31%
Effective	35%	30%	35%
Intelligent	35%	39%	27%
Honest	24%	44%	32%
Steady	19%	31%	50%
Inspiring	17%	42%	41%

55. Would you say Donald Trump is...

<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>64%</b>
Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	35%
Not sure	21%

56. Do you think that Donald Trump is directing the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Yes	54%
No	24%
Not sure	23%

57. 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
Donald Trump	<b>41%</b>	<b>56%</b>	26%	15%	6%	50%	3%
Zohran Mamdani	<b>35%</b>	<b>37%</b>	18%	17%	8%	28%	29%
Scott Bessent	<b>17%</b>	<b>24%</b>	8%	9%	7%	17%	59%
Jerome Powell	<b>35%</b>	<b>28%</b>	15%	20%	14%	14%	37%
Bill Clinton	<b>37%</b>	<b>54%</b>	10%	27%	23%	31%	9%
Kevin Warsh	<b>8%</b>	<b>13%</b>	2%	6%	6%	7%	79%
Kevin Hassett	<b>10%</b>	<b>19%</b>	3%	7%	7%	12%	70%

58. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be...?

Increased .....	11%
Kept the same .....	26%
Decreased .....	48%
Not sure .....	15%

59. Do you think tariffs imposed by Donald Trump have increased, decreased, or had no effect on the prices you paid for things that you bought?

Increased a lot .....	43%
Increased slightly .....	25%
No effect .....	14%
Decreased slightly .....	4%
Decreased a lot .....	2%
Not sure .....	11%

60. The Supreme Court recently heard a challenge to President Trump's authority to impose tariffs. Do you think the Supreme Court probably will strike down Trump's tariffs or allow them to stand?

Probably will strike down Trump's tariffs .....	18%
Probably will allow them to stand .....	50%
Not sure .....	32%

61. What do you think the Supreme Court should do?

Strike down Trump's tariffs .....	50%
Allow them to stand .....	31%
Not sure .....	19%

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

<b>Total Excellent/Good</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Total Fair/Poor</b>	<b>70%</b>
Excellent	6%
Good	20%
Fair	29%
Poor	41%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	39%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	36%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	11%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	12%
Immigration	12%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	5%
Civil liberties	5%
Crime	4%
Climate change and the environment	4%
Guns	2%
Education	2%
Abortion	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

67. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes .....	23%
No .....	67%
Not sure .....	10%

68. 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 .....	39%
The Republican Party candidate .....	34%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%
I would not vote .....	13%

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

<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>30%</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>33%</b>
Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	21%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	8%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	74%
Not registered .....	26%

71. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat .....	30%
Republican .....	32%
Independent .....	27%
Other .....	5%
Not sure .....	7%

**73. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	20%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%

**74. Are you...?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**75. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%

**76. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

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

**78. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	38%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	37%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	19%
No .....	81%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	40%
\$50-100K .....	27%
\$100K or more .....	24%
Prefer not to say .....	9%

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

More than once a week .....	6%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	5%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	20%
Never .....	38%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

84. 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 .....	5%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	25%
Don't know .....	3%



85. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	January 16 - 19, 2026
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Sample composition</b>	1,982 started the survey after screenouts. 172 were deleted due to breakoffs, 39 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 43 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,722 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 6.58, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.929.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1722 1549 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	3 questions not reported.