The Economist/YouGov Poll
March 9 - 11, 2025 - 1699 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample — 1699 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted — March 9 - 11, 2025
Margin of Error — ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 36%
Off on the wrong track 52%
Not sure 12%

2. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	17%	**47%**	7%	44%	**50%**	3%
JD Vance	26%	15%	**40%**	8%	40%	**48%**	12%
Mike Johnson	12%	18%	**30%**	10%	28%	**38%**	32%
John Thune	5%	13%	**18%**	11%	14%	**25%**	58%
Chuck Schumer	7%	18%	**25%**	14%	32%	**46%**	29%
Hakeem Jeffries	8%	18%	**26%**	10%	23%	**33%**	40%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Elon Musk	23%	18%	**41%**	10%	43%	**53%**	6%
Linda McMahon	7%	14%	**21%**	9%	22%	**31%**	48%
Gavin Newsom	10%	17%	**27%**	11%	33%	**44%**	30%
Andrew Cuomo	3%	14%	**17%**	18%	32%	**50%**	33%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Volodymyr Zelensky	25%	17%	**43%**	15%	21%	**36%**	22%
Justin Trudeau	19%	20%	**39%**	12%	25%	**37%**	24%
Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo	11%	13%	**23%**	9%	9%	**18%**	59%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	21%	**98%**	2%	0%	**2%**
Immigration	51%	32%	**83%**	13%	4%	**17%**
Climate change and the environment	43%	27%	**70%**	15%	15%	**30%**
Foreign policy	50%	36%	**87%**	11%	2%	**13%**
National Security	69%	25%	**94%**	5%	1%	**6%**
Education	67%	27%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Health care	76%	20%	**97%**	2%	1%	**3%**
Taxes and government spending	66%	27%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Abortion	46%	26%	**72%**	18%	10%	**28%**
Civil rights	61%	29%	**89%**	8%	3%	**11%**
Civil liberties	57%	31%	**87%**	9%	3%	**13%**
Guns	49%	29%	**78%**	16%	6%	**22%**
Crime	61%	30%	**91%**	7%	2%	**9%**
Criminal justice reform	44%	39%	**83%**	13%	4%	**17%**
Inflation/prices	80%	18%	**97%**	2%	0%	**3%**

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

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

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

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	**47%**
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	**47%**
Not sure	6%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	24%	19%	**43%**	8%	39%	**47%**	10%
Climate change and the environment	20%	15%	**35%**	7%	39%	**46%**	19%
Health care	17%	17%	**35%**	9%	40%	**48%**	17%
Taxes and government spending	29%	15%	**44%**	8%	40%	**47%**	8%
Abortion	21%	15%	**36%**	7%	39%	**46%**	18%
Guns	22%	16%	**38%**	7%	31%	**39%**	23%
Crime	26%	19%	**45%**	9%	31%	**40%**	16%
Inflation/prices	20%	19%	**38%**	10%	42%	**52%**	10%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	**21%**
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	**49%**
Not sure	12%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	**35%**
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	**46%**
Not sure	19%

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

A lot	25%
Some	17%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	6%

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

Very strong	39%
Somewhat strong	19%
Somewhat weak	10%
Very weak	33%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	48%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	35%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially	33%
Just about the same as now	25%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	15%

16. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	23%
Staying about the same	23%
Shrinking	37%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	37%
No	32%
Not sure	31%

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

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	15%
Not very likely	15%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	17%
Not asked - Already in a recession	37%

19. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	38%
A minor problem	22%
Not a problem	6%
Not sure	9%

20. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	36%
Stayed the same	22%
Decreased	9%
Don't know	33%

21. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	25%
Staying the same	36%
Decreasing	39%

22. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher gas prices	47%
The same gas prices	13%
Lower gas prices	25%
Not sure	15%

23. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	47%
The same rate of inflation	15%
A lower rate of inflation	24%
Not sure	14%

24. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	55%
A little	42%
Not at all	3%

25. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely 42%
Probably 32%
Probably not 11%
Definitely not 8%
Not sure 6%

26. How worried are you about losing your job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very worried 13%
Somewhat worried 29%
Not very worried 58%

27. 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. 26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 40%
Not very hard 24%
Not sure 11%

28. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very happy 25%
Happy 39%
Neither happy nor unhappy 28%
Unhappy 5%
Very unhappy 3%

29. Since January 2025, has the inflation rate . . . ?

Gone up 48%
Stayed the same 27%
Gone down 6%
Not sure 19%

30. Since January 2025, has the stock market . . . ?

Gone up 11%
Stayed the same 14%
Gone down 48%
Not sure 27%

31. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the U.S. economy?

Joe Biden 34%
Donald Trump 44%
Neither 9%
Not sure 14%

32. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico	17%	17%	**34%**	11%	40%	**51%**	15%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Canada	15%	16%	**31%**	13%	41%	**54%**	15%

33. Do you think consumer prices will go up or down if tariffs are increased?

Up 70%
Stay the same 12%
Down 4%
Not sure 15%

34. Would raising tariffs help or hurt the company that you or others in your household work for?

Help 7%
Hurt 39%
No effect 25%
Not sure 30%

35. Would raising tariffs increase or decrease the prices you pay for things that you buy?

Increase a lot 42%
Increase slightly 32%
No effect 7%
Decrease slightly 3%
Decrease a lot 1%
Not sure 15%

36. Would raising tariffs help or hurt the average American?

Help 13%
Hurt 60%
No effect 6%
Not sure 21%

37. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of...?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The Panama Canal	23%	56%	21%
Greenland	11%	69%	20%
Canada	9%	76%	14%

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

Russia 3%
Ukraine 57%
Neither 30%
Not sure 10%

39. Do you favor the U.S. . . . ?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine 24%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine 22%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine 15%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine 21%
Not sure 18%

40. How much have you heard about a recent Oval Office meeting that included Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelensky?

A lot 56%
A little 30%
Nothing at all 13%

41. In their recent meeting, do you think Volodymyr Zelensky was disrespectful toward Donald Trump?

Yes 32%
No 46%
Not sure 21%

42. In their recent meeting, do you think Donald Trump was disrespectful toward Volodymyr Zelensky?

Yes 51%
No 29%
Not sure 20%

43. President Donald Trump gave his address to a joint session of Congress last week. Did you watch the speech?

I watched the entire speech 22%
I watched part of it 15%
I watched clips or highlights of the speech 20%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the speech 18%
I haven't heard anything about it 25%

44. What was your overall reaction to President Donald Trump's address to a joint session of Congress?

Very positive	24%
Somewhat positive	12%
Somewhat negative	6%
Very negative	27%
Not sure	6%
Not asked - has not heard anything about the speech	25%

45. Compared to previous addresses by other presidents, do you think President Donald Trump's address this year was...?

One of the best	18%
Above average	11%
About average	8%
Below average	7%
One of the worst	24%
Not sure	6%
Not asked - has not heard anything about the speech	25%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

47. Are you the parent or guardian of one or more children in grades K-12?

Yes	16%
No	5%
Not asked - not a parent of a child under 18	79%

48. Children's School Type

Public school	12%
Private non-religious school	2%
Private religious school	1%
Home school	2%
Other	0%
Not asked - not a parent of a child in grades K-12	84%

49. How would you rate the quality of public schools in the United States?

Excellent	5%
Good	26%
Fair	34%
Poor	31%
Not sure	4%

50. How would you rate the quality of public schools in your community?

Excellent … 10%
Good … 32%
Fair … 32%
Poor … 20%
Not sure … 6%

51. Do you think federal government spending on the following should be…?

	Increased	Kept the same	Decreased	Stopped entirely	Not sure
College financial support	38%	27%	14%	10%	11%
Low-income schools	57%	24%	5%	4%	11%
Special education	52%	32%	4%	3%	9%
Vocational and career training	57%	26%	4%	3%	11%
School safety	60%	27%	3%	3%	8%
Teacher training	56%	25%	5%	4%	10%
Early childhood education	52%	30%	5%	4%	9%

52. Would you support or oppose eliminating the U.S. Department of Education?

Strongly support … 17%
Somewhat support … 12%
Support … **29%**
Somewhat oppose … 12%
Strongly oppose … 45%
Oppose … **57%**
Not sure … 14%

53. Would eliminating the U.S. Department of Education help or hurt public schools in your community?

Help a lot … 11%
Help a little … 7%
Have no effect … 9%
Hurt a little … 11%
Hurt a lot … 43%
Not sure … 19%

54. Have you ever owned cryptocurrency?

Yes, I currently own cryptocurrency … 13%
Yes, I have owned cryptocurrency in the past but do not currently … 9%
No, I have never owned cryptocurrency … 77%

55. Cryptocurrency is a digital currency that can be used to buy goods and services, but uses an online ledger to secure and track online transactions. When it comes to government regulation, do you think cryptocurrency should be. . . ?

More regulated	40%
No change in regulation	17%
Less regulated	8%
Not sure	36%

56. Do you think that most cryptocurrency companies are legitimate businesses or scams?

Almost all are legitimate	2%
Most are legitimate	12%
Half are legitimate, half are scams	23%
Most are scams	20%
Almost all are scams	12%
Not sure	30%

57. Would you support or oppose the federal government using taxpayer money to invest in cryptocurrency?

Strongly support	3%
Somewhat support	10%
Support	**13%**
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	51%
Oppose	**64%**
Not sure	24%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	**27%**
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	**32%**
Not sure	9%

59. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

60. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

62. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

63. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	56%
No	36%
Not sure	8%

64. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

65. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

66. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

68. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

69. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	23%

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

Under $50K	40%
$50-100K	28%
$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	13%

71. 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	5%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

73. 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	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	25%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 9 - 11, 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	1,921 started the survey after screenouts. 125 were deleted due to breakoffs, 30 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 25 were removed for attention check failures, and 42 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,699 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 6.558, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.908.
Number of respondents	1699 1532 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.