

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 15 - 17, 2025 - 1549 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1549 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted November 15 - 17, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	8%

2. How much did the government shutdown affect you personally?

A great deal	9%
Somewhat	18%
A little	29%
Not at all	44%

3. How much did the government shutdown hurt the country?

A great deal	50%
Somewhat	29%
A little	15%
Not at all	5%

4. In your opinion, who won the shutdown battle?

Democrats	8%
Republicans	35%
Neither	39%
Not sure	18%

5. Do you think Democrats in Congress should have held out for changes to health care funding — such as extending subsidies for Affordable Care Act coverage — before agreeing to end the government shutdown?

Yes, they should have	36%
No, they should not have	39%
Not sure	24%

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 Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	37%
Kept the same	21%
Repealed	28%
Not sure	15%

7. Do you favor or oppose expanding subsidies for the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare?

Favor	48%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	21%

8. 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
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), sometimes called food stamps	23%	22%	24%	12%	13%	6%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	4%

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	19%	38%	13%	44%	56%	6%
The military	27%	15%	42%	10%	38%	48%	11%
Immigration	32%	13%	44%	9%	42%	51%	5%
Foreign trade	23%	15%	38%	12%	42%	53%	9%
Foreign policy	23%	16%	39%	12%	39%	51%	10%

11. Should the U.S. government release all of its files from the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes	80%
No	7%
Not sure	13%

12. Before investigations into Jeffrey Epstein began, how much do you think Donald Trump knew about sex crimes committed by Epstein against underage girls?

A lot	45%
Some	24%
Nothing	8%
Not sure	23%

13. Do you think that Donald Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes	42%
No	34%
Not sure	24%

14. Do you think Donald Trump is trying to cover up Jeffrey Epstein's crimes?

Yes	49%
No	32%
Not sure	19%

15. Do you think the United States should take an active part in world affairs or stay out of world affairs?

Active part	49%
Stay out	29%
Not sure	22%

16. Which of these statements comes closest to your view of the United States?

The U.S. stands above all other countries in the world	27%
The U.S. is one of the greatest countries in the world, along with some others	47%
There are other countries that are better than the U.S.	26%

17. In general, do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to actively promote democracy around the world, or is that not the responsibility of the U.S.?

Has responsibility	52%
Does not have responsibility	48%

18. Do you think America's standing in the world has improved or worsened since Donald Trump became president again in 2025?

Improved	33%
Stayed about the same	10%
Worsened	51%
Not sure	6%

19. Are the chances of a nuclear war higher or lower than they were five years ago?

Higher	41%
About the same	31%
Lower	14%
Don't know	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Mexico	17%	35%	22%	6%	20%
Canada	39%	32%	12%	3%	15%
Venezuela	2%	12%	30%	21%	35%
El Salvador	7%	21%	18%	7%	48%
Brazil	9%	35%	12%	3%	41%
Argentina	9%	31%	12%	4%	43%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Nicolás Maduro	1%	5%	6%	10%	24%	34%	60%
Javier Milei	5%	8%	13%	7%	8%	15%	72%
Nayib Bukele	4%	8%	12%	6%	8%	14%	74%
Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	3%	8%	11%	6%	7%	13%	77%
Mark Carney	7%	12%	20%	7%	7%	14%	66%
Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo	9%	13%	22%	6%	7%	13%	65%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military attacking boats containing suspected drug smugglers in international waters?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	50%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	10%

23. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. using military force to overthrow Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro?

Favor	17%
Oppose	45%
Not sure	38%

24. If President Trump wants to use military force in Venezuela, should he first seek authorization from the U.S. Congress?

Yes	71%
No	13%
Not sure	15%

25. Do you think the situation in Venezuela is a "national emergency" for the U.S.?

Yes	15%
No	50%
Not sure	34%

26. How much do you care about what happens in Israel and Palestine?

A lot	42%
A little	41%
Not at all	18%

27. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	28%
About equal	29%
The Palestinians	22%
Not sure	20%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	14%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	24%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	15%
Stopping all military aid to Israel	27%
Not sure	20%

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

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	32%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	9%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	13%
Not sure	22%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	21%

31. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	22%
Ukraine	11%
Neither	45%
Not sure	23%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	34%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	21%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	11%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	16%
Not sure	18%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	20%

34. Do you think the U.S. should increase or decrease trade with foreign countries?

Increase	42%
Decrease	11%
Keep it the same	27%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you think that foreign trade between the U.S. and other countries makes the average American better off or worse off?

A lot better off	20%
Somewhat better off	35%
No effect	11%
Somewhat worse off	10%
A lot worse off	5%
Not sure	18%

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

Increased	13%
Kept the same	24%
Decreased	47%
Not sure	15%

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

Increased a lot	40%
Increased slightly	33%
No effect	14%
Decreased slightly	2%
Decreased a lot	1%
Not sure	11%

38. Last week, the Supreme Court 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	25%
Probably will allow them to stand	42%
Not sure	33%

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

Strike down Trump's tariffs	49%
Allow them to stand	33%
Not sure	18%

40. Do you think the number of legal immigrants accepted into the U.S. each year should be...?

Increased	19%
Not changed	31%
Decreased	29%
Reduced to zero	8%
Not sure	13%

41. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	45%
Does not make much difference	18%
Worse off	24%
Not sure	13%

42. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.? Should they be...

Allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	42%
Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	6%
Required to leave the U.S.	40%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Fair	32%
Poor	40%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	19%
Getting worse	56%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	28%
Just about the same as now	34%
Worse off financially	25%
Not sure	13%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	17%
Health care	14%
Civil rights	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Immigration	6%
Civil liberties	5%
Crime	5%
Climate change and the environment	5%
National Security	4%
Abortion	3%
Guns	2%
Education	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

48. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	53%
No	37%
Not sure	10%

49. 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	35%
Other	2%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	13%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	8%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

52. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

54. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

55. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

56. Respondent age by category

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

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

59. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	24%
South	38%
West	22%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	9%

63. 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	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	37%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	24%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	0%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 15 - 17, 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	1,853 started the survey after screenouts. 173 were deleted due to breakoffs, 70 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 11 were removed for attention check failures, and 35 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,564 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 0.051 to 6.535, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.971.
Number of respondents	1549 1382 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.