

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 10 - 13, 2025 - 1622 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1622 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 10 - 13, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 31%
 Off on the wrong track 58%
 Not sure 11%

2. How much is the government shutdown affecting you personally?

A great deal 7%
 Somewhat 14%
 A little 25%
 Not at all 54%

3. How much longer do you think the government shutdown will last?

Less than a week 3%
 One to two weeks 21%
 Three to four weeks 21%
 More than four weeks 16%
 Not sure 39%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following are handling the current shutdown of the federal government?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Donald Trump	35%	53%	12%
Democrats in Congress	25%	52%	22%
Republicans in Congress	28%	53%	19%

5. Who do you blame the most for the shutdown of the federal government?

Democrats in Congress 33%
 Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress 39%
 Both equally 20%
 Not sure 8%

6. 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 64%
 Lawmakers should fight for the priorities that they believe in, even if it means risking a government shutdown 36%

7. Who do you think is more likely to compromise to reach an agreement on the federal budget?

Democrats in Congress	31%
Republicans in Congress	20%
Both equally	16%
Not sure	32%

8. Do you think that federal government workers who are not being paid during the shutdown should receive back pay when the shutdown ends?

Yes	71%
No	13%
Not sure	16%

9. Do you support or oppose permanently laying off some federal workers during the government shutdown?

Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	29%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	41%
Oppose	54%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	5%

11. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	2%
Total Liberal	5%
Moderate	12%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	38%
Total Conservative	65%
Not sure	19%

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

Honest and trustworthy	33%
Not honest and trustworthy	54%
Not sure	13%

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

Very strong	33%
Somewhat strong	15%
Neither strong nor weak	15%
Somewhat weak	8%
Very weak	30%

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

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	13%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	43%
Not sure	4%

15. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	41%
No	51%
Not sure	8%

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

Confident	40%
Uneasy	51%
Not sure	9%

17. Do you think Donald Trump is too old to be the President?

Yes	45%
No	45%
Not sure	10%

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

	Would use to describe Donald Trump	Would definitely not use to describe Donald Trump	Neither
Honest	22%	40%	38%
Intelligent	34%	32%	34%
Religious	13%	29%	58%
Inspiring	18%	32%	50%
Patriotic	36%	24%	40%
Bold	44%	10%	46%
Experienced	28%	19%	52%
Sincere	20%	35%	44%
Effective	34%	27%	39%
Exciting	16%	20%	64%
Steady	20%	26%	55%
Hypocritical	-	-	-
Arrogant	-	-	-
Racist	-	-	-
Nationalist	-	-	-
Dangerous	48%	24%	29%
Corrupt	45%	24%	31%
Populist	17%	9%	74%
Divisive	40%	11%	49%
Cruel	43%	24%	33%

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

Yes 54%
No 23%
Not sure 23%

20. Do you think that Donald Trump would or would not be justified in directing the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Would be justified 24%
Would not be justified 56%
Not sure 21%

21. The Justice Department has indicted former FBI Director James Comey and New York Attorney General Leticia James. Do you approve or disapprove of these indictments?

Approve strongly	25%
Approve somewhat	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Disapprove somewhat	6%
Disapprove strongly	30%
Don't know	20%

22. How much have you heard about a White House official accepting a bag with \$50,000 in cash in an undercover FBI investigation?

A lot	14%
A little	22%
Nothing at all	63%

23. Do you favor or oppose sending the military into large cities such as New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles?

Favor strongly	21%
Favor somewhat	17%
Favor	38%
Oppose somewhat	9%
Oppose strongly	41%
Oppose	50%
Not sure	12%

24. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Favorable	42%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable	46%
Unfavorable	53%
Don't know	4%

25. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of JD Vance?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	15%
Favorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%
Very unfavorable	39%
Unfavorable	47%
Don't know	13%

26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of JB Pritzker?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	7%
Very unfavorable	20%
Unfavorable	27%
Don't know	49%

27. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Kamala Harris?

Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Favorable	40%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	41%
Unfavorable	53%
Don't know	6%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Pam Bondi?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Favorable	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	8%
Very unfavorable	31%
Unfavorable	39%
Don't know	35%

29. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Marjorie Taylor Greene?

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Favorable	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	26%
Unfavorable	44%
Don't know	34%

30. Do you think the number of immigrants who are allowed to come to the U.S. should be increased or decreased?

Increased	14%
Kept the same	34%
Decreased	38%
Not sure	13%

31. What do you think should be done about immigrants who have entered the U.S. illegally, but have committed no crimes while here?

Should be allowed to stay	41%
Should be deported	40%
Not sure	19%

32. Overall, how much confidence do you have in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

A great deal	26%
Some	18%
Only a little	11%
None at all	38%
Not sure	7%

33. What proportion of the people who are being deported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are criminals?

All or nearly all	12%
Most	12%
About half	10%
Less than half	40%
Not sure	27%

34. Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should be required to wear uniforms when making arrests?

Yes	67%
No	18%
Not sure	15%

35. Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should be allowed to wear masks that hide their identities when making arrests?

Yes	35%
No	52%
Not sure	12%

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

All or almost all have been violent	15%
Most have been violent	23%
Most have been peaceful	22%
All or almost all have been peaceful	19%
Not sure	21%

37. Do you think the use of force by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been excessive or not?

ICE has used too much force	51%
The use of force by ICE has been necessary and justified	34%
Not sure	16%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	11%
Civil rights	8%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil liberties	7%
National Security	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Crime	4%
Guns	4%
Abortion	3%
Education	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

39. Do you approve or disapprove of the recent peace deal between Israel and Hamas?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	53%
Somewhat disapprove	4%
Strongly disapprove	3%
Disapprove	7%
Not sure	40%

40. 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	21%	17%	38%	12%	41%	53%	8%
Inflation/prices	16%	17%	33%	13%	47%	60%	7%
Immigration	32%	12%	45%	10%	41%	51%	5%
Civil rights	24%	13%	37%	9%	42%	51%	12%
Crime	31%	15%	45%	9%	38%	47%	8%
Guns	23%	15%	38%	9%	37%	46%	15%

41. Do you think that someone who is homosexual can change their sexual orientation if they choose to do so?

Yes	27%
No	50%
Not sure	23%

42. Can gay conversion therapy change a person's sexual orientation from gay to straight?

Yes	11%
No	58%
Not sure	32%

43. Do you think gays and lesbians should or should not attend programs to try to change their sexuality?

Should attend	17%
Should not attend	49%
Not sure	34%

44. Do you favor or oppose having a law which bans conversion therapy for minors (under 18 years old)?

Favor	59%
Oppose	20%
Not sure	22%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	26%
Just about the same as now	32%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	14%

48. 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	12%
I would not vote	14%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	30%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	8%

50. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

51. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	28%
Other	5%
Not sure	5%

53. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

54. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	49%
No	38%
Not sure	13%

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	23%
Postgrad	13%

59. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	39%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	9%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	1%

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	25%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	0%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 10 - 13, 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	1,889 started the survey after screenouts. 142 were deleted due to breakoffs, 76 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 12 were removed for attention check failures, and 37 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,622 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 6.624, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.028.
Number of respondents	1622 1467 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.