

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 25 - 28, 2025 - 1785 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1785 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 25 - 28, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	53%
Not sure	13%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	25%	18%	43%	11%	43%	54%	3%
JD Vance	21%	18%	38%	12%	37%	49%	12%
Mike Johnson	9%	18%	27%	14%	27%	41%	32%
John Thune	4%	13%	18%	16%	15%	31%	51%
Chuck Schumer	7%	19%	27%	17%	32%	49%	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	12%	17%	29%	13%	21%	33%	37%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Chris Van Hollen	8%	12%	19%	8%	16%	24%	57%
Pete Hegseth	13%	13%	25%	11%	31%	42%	33%
Elon Musk	20%	22%	42%	12%	42%	54%	4%
Stephen Miller	9%	11%	19%	8%	23%	31%	50%
Pam Bondi	14%	11%	25%	11%	26%	37%	38%
Joe Biden	17%	23%	40%	17%	39%	56%	4%
Xi Jinping	2%	6%	8%	18%	34%	52%	40%
George Santos	2%	8%	10%	14%	43%	58%	32%
Kash Patel	13%	15%	28%	11%	24%	35%	36%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Tesla	15%	24%	38%	16%	34%	50%	12%
Electric vehicles	22%	36%	58%	17%	16%	33%	9%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	53%	29%	82%	14%	3%	18%
Climate change and the environment	46%	27%	73%	15%	11%	27%
Foreign policy	48%	40%	88%	9%	3%	12%
National Security	70%	24%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Education	66%	27%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Health care	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	64%	27%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Abortion	45%	27%	72%	19%	9%	28%
Civil rights	63%	27%	90%	6%	4%	10%
Civil liberties	60%	30%	90%	8%	3%	10%
Guns	50%	33%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Crime	62%	30%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	47%	38%	84%	11%	4%	16%
Inflation/prices	79%	17%	96%	4%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	11%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Civil liberties	6%
National Security	6%
Abortion	4%
Crime	3%
Education	3%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	7%

8. 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%	20%	41%	13%	38%	51%	9%
Immigration	32%	15%	46%	10%	37%	47%	6%
Climate change and the environment	18%	17%	35%	9%	37%	47%	18%
Taxes and government spending	25%	17%	42%	11%	39%	49%	8%
Abortion	19%	16%	35%	12%	36%	47%	18%
Civil rights	20%	17%	37%	10%	37%	47%	16%
Inflation/prices	17%	19%	36%	15%	42%	57%	7%
Foreign trade	22%	15%	37%	12%	43%	55%	8%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	22%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	31%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	19%

11. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	13%	24%	36%	19%	36%	55%	9%
The Republican Party	17%	23%	40%	14%	37%	51%	9%

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

Very strong	35%
Somewhat strong	22%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	32%

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

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	16%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	38%
Not sure	3%

14. How religious do you think Donald Trump is?

Very religious	7%
Somewhat religious	26%
Not too religious	16%
Not at all religious	35%
Not sure	16%

15. How much respect do you think Donald Trump has for this country's democratic institutions and traditions?

A great deal	21%
A fair amount	19%
Not too much	17%
None at all	35%
Don't know	8%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	49%
Not sure	7%

17. 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	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	30%
Just about the same as now	28%
Worse off financially	29%
Not sure	13%

19. Since the start of 2024, have you personally, or jointly with a spouse, had any money invested in the stock market — including in an individual stock or in a mutual fund, IRAs and 401-K plans, or through a pension or company stock plan, or other group retirement plan?

Yes, I currently do	41%
Yes, but not currently	5%
No	51%
Not sure	4%

20. Have you taken any money out of the stock market or mutual funds as a result of tariffs imposed this year?

Yes	7%
No	40%
Not sure	2%
Not asked - did not have any investments	51%

21. When did you most recently take any money out of the stock market or mutual funds as a result of tariffs imposed this year?

April	2%
March	3%
February	1%
January	1%
Last year	0%
Not sure	0%
Not asked - no investments/did not take money out as result of tariffs	93%

22. Around what percentage of your total portfolio did you take out of the stock market or mutual funds as a result of tariffs imposed this year?

Less than 5%	1%
5 - 10%	1%
11 - 20%	1%
21 - 30%	1%
31 - 40%	1%
41 - 50%	0%
51 - 60%	0%
61 - 70%	0%
71 - 80%	0%
81 - 90%	0%
91 - 100%	0%
Not sure	1%
Not asked - no investments/did not take money out as result of tariffs	93%

23. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	62%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	38%

24. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	35%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	50%
Not sure	15%

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

Under control	21%
Out of control	61%
Not sure	17%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	9%	29%	47%	13%
Ukraine	29%	35%	14%	4%	18%
China	3%	11%	38%	33%	14%

27. Do you think the United States should seek a closer or more distant relationship with China?

Closer	36%
More distant	21%
No change	19%
Not sure	24%

28. Which country's economy do you think is currently doing better?

The United States	31%
China	34%
No difference	11%
Not sure	24%

29. How serious of an economic threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	27%
A somewhat serious threat	41%
A minor threat	15%
Not a threat	5%
Not sure	13%

30. How serious of a military threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	17%
A somewhat serious threat	42%
A minor threat	18%
Not a threat	7%
Not sure	15%

31. How serious of a technological threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	33%
A somewhat serious threat	42%
A minor threat	11%
Not a threat	3%
Not sure	11%

32. Do you think that trade with China is more of an opportunity or more of a threat?

More of an opportunity	39%
More of a threat	22%
Neither an opportunity nor a threat	19%
Not sure	19%

33. Do you think China has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with the United States?

Fair trade policy	20%
Unfair trade policy	42%
Not sure	38%

34. Do you think the United States has a fair trade policy or an unfair trade policy with China?

Fair trade policy	29%
Unfair trade policy	33%
Not sure	38%

35. Which country do you think would be hurt more by a trade war?

The United States	49%
China	27%
Not sure	25%

36. Do you think the U.S. and China are currently engaged in a trade war?

Yes	64%
No	13%
Not sure	23%

37. Do you think that the Trump administration's tariffs on China have...?

Gone too far	50%
Been about right	24%
Not gone far enough	8%
Not sure	18%

38. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in the United States today?

Completely satisfied	7%
Somewhat satisfied	26%
Somewhat dissatisfied	30%
Completely dissatisfied	25%
Not sure	12%

39. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The U.S. government has a robust system of checks and balances	47%	29%	24%
The U.S. is in a constitutional crisis	54%	28%	18%
The U.S. is a dictatorship	19%	60%	20%
The U.S. is a democracy	58%	23%	19%

40. Do you think that the following branch of the U.S. federal government is currently exercising...?

	Too much power	About the right amount of power	Too little power	Not sure
The Executive Branch - The President and the federal agencies	45%	32%	5%	17%
The Legislative Branch - The U.S. Congress	14%	42%	23%	21%
The Judicial Branch - The Supreme Court of the United States and other federal courts	24%	44%	13%	19%

41. Do you support or oppose the ability of Americans to protest against what they see as unjust?

Strongly support	60%
Somewhat support	27%
Support	86%
Somewhat oppose	4%
Strongly oppose	2%
Oppose	6%
Not sure	8%

42. As far as you know, have there been any political rallies or protests in your local area in 2025?

Yes, and I've attended at least one	7%
Yes, but I have not attended any	39%
No	37%
Not sure	17%

43. Do you approve or disapprove of recent protests at Tesla dealerships across the country?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	20%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of people vandalizing other people's Tesla vehicles as a form of protest?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	7%
Approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	70%
Disapprove	80%
Not sure	9%

45. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Favorable	37%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	35%
Unfavorable	45%
Don't know	18%

46. Do you think that the Trump administration's efforts to reduce the budgets and staff of federal agencies have...?

Gone too far	45%
Been about right	26%
Not gone far enough	16%
Not sure	13%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of how Elon Musk has been handling his job as...?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Owner of X	21%	17%	38%	10%	32%	43%	19%
CEO of Tesla	21%	20%	41%	10%	28%	38%	21%
CEO of SpaceX	24%	20%	44%	8%	25%	33%	23%
Senior advisor to President Donald Trump	19%	17%	36%	10%	42%	52%	12%

48. How concerned are you, if at all, about Elon Musk using the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to benefit his companies and personal interests?

Very concerned	42%
Somewhat concerned	17%
Not too concerned	14%
Not concerned at all	18%
Not sure	8%

49. Have recent cuts in government agencies and programs affected you or people you know personally? Select all that apply.

Yes, they've affected me directly	11%
Yes, they've affected a family member	13%
Yes, they've affected someone else I know	25%
No	49%
Not sure	15%

50. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Catholicism?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	32%
Favorable	47%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%
Very unfavorable	12%
Unfavorable	31%
Don't know	22%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Pope Francis	31%	27%	58%	11%	8%	19%	23%
Pope Benedict XVI	14%	26%	40%	13%	9%	22%	37%
Pope John Paul II	23%	27%	50%	8%	7%	15%	35%

52. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the Pope to try to influence world affairs?

Appropriate	41%
Inappropriate	31%
Not sure	28%

53. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the Pope to try to influence the domestic affairs of the United States?

Appropriate	34%
Inappropriate	42%
Not sure	24%

54. Do you think that the Pope has a great deal of influence in the domestic affairs of the United States, some influence, or no influence at all?

A great deal of influence	6%
Some influence	51%
No influence at all	22%
Not sure	22%

55. How do you think Pope Francis will go down in history? Do you think he will be remembered as...?

One of the best Popes	22%
A very good Pope	29%
An average Pope	16%
A poor Pope	5%
One of the worst Popes	4%
Not sure	25%

56. Do you think Pope Francis's political beliefs were mostly:

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	24%
Total Liberal	34%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	2%
Total Conservative	9%
None of the above	3%
Not sure	29%

57. Do you prefer for the next Pope's political beliefs to be mostly:

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	22%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	13%
Very conservative	8%
Total Conservative	20%
None of the above	6%
Not sure	27%

58. Do you support or oppose the Catholic Church permitting...?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Divorce	62%	18%	20%
Women as priests	54%	25%	21%
Priests to marry	62%	16%	22%
Gay marriage	42%	41%	17%
Artificial means of birth control	62%	16%	22%
Abortion in some cases	63%	19%	18%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	25%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	9%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

61. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

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

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	13%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

64. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	51%
No	38%
Not sure	11%

65. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

66. Respondent age by category

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

67. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

69. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	19%
Never	31%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

75. 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	15%
A few times a week	14%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

76. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 25 - 28, 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	2,124 started the survey after screenouts. 178 were deleted due to breakoffs, 55 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 30 were removed for attention check failures, and 76 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,785 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 6.554, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.96.
Number of respondents	1785 1626 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.