

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 7 - 10, 2026 - 1589 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1589 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted August 7 - 10, 2026  
 Margin of Error  $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 24%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 65%  
 Not sure ..... 12%

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

Under control ..... 15%  
 Out of control ..... 69%  
 Not sure ..... 15%

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

**Approve** ..... **33%**  
**Disapprove** ..... **62%**  
 Strongly approve ..... 17%  
 Somewhat approve ..... 16%  
 Somewhat disapprove ..... 12%  
 Strongly disapprove ..... 50%  
 Not sure ..... 5%

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

|                | Approve    | Disapprove | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | No opinion |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Crime          | <b>40%</b> | <b>50%</b> | 23%              | 17%              | 12%                 | 38%                 | 10%        |
| Immigration    | <b>40%</b> | <b>53%</b> | 27%              | 13%              | 9%                  | 44%                 | 7%         |
| Race relations | <b>30%</b> | <b>55%</b> | 18%              | 12%              | 11%                 | 44%                 | 15%        |

## 5. How would you describe Donald Trump's political views?

**Total Liberal** ..... **8%**  
**Total Conservative** ..... **61%**  
 Very liberal ..... 3%  
 Liberal ..... 5%  
 Moderate ..... 11%  
 Conservative ..... 23%  
 Very conservative ..... 37%  
 Not sure ..... 20%

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

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Honest and trustworthy .....     | 26% |
| Not honest and trustworthy ..... | 60% |
| Not sure .....                   | 14% |

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

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| A lot .....               | 19% |
| Some .....                | 13% |
| Not much .....            | 13% |
| Doesn't care at all ..... | 51% |
| Not sure .....            | 4%  |

**8. Is Trump too old to be President?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 53% |
| No .....       | 36% |
| Not sure ..... | 11% |

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

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Very strong .....             | 26% |
| Somewhat strong .....         | 15% |
| Neither strong nor weak ..... | 14% |
| Somewhat weak .....           | 8%  |
| Very weak .....               | 37% |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 34% |
| No .....       | 55% |
| Not sure ..... | 11% |

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

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Confident ..... | 30% |
| Uneasy .....    | 61% |
| Not sure .....  | 9%  |

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

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Like a lot .....               | 15% |
| Like somewhat .....            | 14% |
| Neither like nor dislike ..... | 13% |
| Dislike somewhat .....         | 10% |
| Dislike a lot .....            | 45% |
| Not sure .....                 | 3%  |

13. Do you think Donald Trump...

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Says what he believes .....                   | 50% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear ..... | 36% |
| Not sure .....                                | 14% |

14. Please check all that apply.

|              | Positive | Negative | No Opinion |
|--------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Honest       | 20%      | 46%      | 34%        |
| Intelligent  | 30%      | 38%      | 32%        |
| Inspiring    | 15%      | 44%      | 41%        |
| Bold         | 40%      | 16%      | 43%        |
| Effective    | 28%      | 35%      | 37%        |
| Steady       | 17%      | 35%      | 48%        |
| Racist       | 45%      | 23%      | 32%        |
| Dangerous    | 51%      | 19%      | 30%        |
| Corrupt      | 52%      | 20%      | 28%        |
| Divisive     | 40%      | 14%      | 46%        |
| Cruel        | 41%      | 22%      | 37%        |
| Strong       | 34%      | 31%      | 35%        |
| Out-of-touch | 48%      | 17%      | 35%        |

15. How often do you think Donald Trump tells lies?

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Often .....     | 52% |
| Sometimes ..... | 20% |
| Rarely .....    | 12% |
| Never .....     | 6%  |
| Not sure .....  | 11% |

16. Do you think President Trump is using his office for personal gain?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 61% |
| No .....       | 28% |
| Not sure ..... | 11% |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 55% |
| No .....       | 25% |
| Not sure ..... | 20% |

18. Do you support or oppose tearing down the East Wing of the White House to build a new ballroom that will seat 1,000 people?

Support ..... 21%  
 Oppose ..... 57%  
 Not sure ..... 22%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's renovation of the reflecting pool at the Lincoln Memorial?

**Approve** ..... **31%**  
**Disapprove** ..... **49%**  
 Strongly approve ..... 16%  
 Somewhat approve ..... 15%  
 Somewhat disapprove ..... 9%  
 Strongly disapprove ..... 40%  
 Not sure ..... 20%

20. President Trump blames vandals for cutting a 350 foot slit in the bottom of the reflecting pool. Do you think vandals were responsible for the problems of the reflecting pool?

Yes ..... 20%  
 No ..... 48%  
 Not sure ..... 32%

21. 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>35%</b> | <b>60%</b>  | 21%            | 14%                | 10%                  | 50%              | 5%         |
| JD Vance     | <b>35%</b> | <b>52%</b>  | 20%            | 15%                | 10%                  | 42%              | 12%        |

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

**Favorable** ..... **32%**  
**Unfavorable** ..... **30%**  
 Very favorable ..... 14%  
 Somewhat favorable ..... 19%  
 Somewhat unfavorable ..... 11%  
 Very unfavorable ..... 19%  
 No opinion ..... 38%

23. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic candidate ..... 40%  
 The Republican candidate ..... 32%  
 Other ..... 2%  
 Not sure ..... 12%  
 I would not vote ..... 15%

24. Are you in favor of or opposed to the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Favor the death penalty .....      | 50% |
| Opposed to the death penalty ..... | 28% |
| Not sure .....                     | 22% |

25. Do you think the use of marijuana should be legal in the U.S.?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 59% |
| No .....       | 27% |
| Not sure ..... | 14% |

26. Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| More strict ..... | 56% |
| No change .....   | 24% |
| Less strict ..... | 12% |
| Not sure .....    | 7%  |

27. Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants allowed into the U.S. each year should be increased or decreased?

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Increased .....       | 21% |
| Kept the same .....   | 36% |
| Decreased .....       | 21% |
| Reduced to zero ..... | 7%  |
| Not sure .....        | 15% |

28. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative-action programs for racial minorities?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Favor .....    | 35% |
| Oppose .....   | 30% |
| Not sure ..... | 34% |

29. Do you support or oppose "Medicare for all"?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Support strongly ..... | 44% |
| Support somewhat ..... | 20% |
| Oppose somewhat .....  | 9%  |
| Oppose strongly .....  | 16% |
| Not sure .....         | 12% |

30. In some countries, the economy is completely controlled by the government. In other countries, the economy operates with almost no government interference. Other countries are in between. How would you describe the U.S. economy?

|                                           |     |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| Mostly controlled by the government ..... | 33% |
| In-between .....                          | 48% |
| Almost no government interference .....   | 9%  |
| Not sure .....                            | 11% |

31. Do you think it's a good or bad idea for the federal government to own shares in major U.S. companies?

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| A good idea ..... | 11% |
| A bad idea .....  | 58% |
| Not sure .....    | 31% |

32. Do you think most Democrats are socialists?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 26% |
| No .....       | 42% |
| Not sure ..... | 32% |

33. What comes closest to your view about immigrants who came to the U.S. illegally?

|                                                                                                                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| All should be deported immediately .....                                                                                                | 24% |
| Most should be deported, with exceptions for those married to Americans or have lived here for many years with no criminal record ..... | 29% |
| Only those who have committed serious crimes should be deported, while others should remain .....                                       | 41% |
| All should be allowed to remain in the United States .....                                                                              | 6%  |

34. Which of the following undocumented immigrants should be provided with a way to become U.S. citizens? Choose all that apply.

|                                                                     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children .....           | 63% |
| Immigrants who are married to U.S. citizens .....                   | 62% |
| Immigrants who have lived in the U.S. for more than ten years ..... | 58% |
| Immigrants who have children who are U.S. citizens .....            | 55% |
| None of the above .....                                             | 20% |

35. Should the number of migrants who are allowed to request asylum as the U.S. border be increased or decreased?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Increased .....     | 24% |
| Kept the same ..... | 45% |
| Decreased .....     | 31% |

36. Do you favor or oppose increasing federal funding for border security?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Favor .....    | 47% |
| Oppose .....   | 27% |
| Not sure ..... | 26% |

37. Would you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>47%</b> |
| <b>Oppose</b>    | <b>41%</b> |
| Strongly support | 34%        |
| Somewhat support | 13%        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 10%        |
| Strongly oppose  | 31%        |
| Not sure         | 12%        |

38. During the COVID pandemic, what should we have been more concerned about?

|                                                                            |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Protecting Americans from the health effects of the coronavirus outbreak   | 56% |
| Protecting Americans from the economic effects of the coronavirus outbreak | 30% |
| Not sure                                                                   | 14% |

39. If there is a pandemic, would you support or oppose a policy that made it mandatory to wear masks in public places?

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| <b>Support</b>   | <b>62%</b> |
| <b>Oppose</b>    | <b>28%</b> |
| Strongly support | 43%        |
| Somewhat support | 20%        |
| Somewhat oppose  | 9%         |
| Strongly oppose  | 19%        |
| Not sure         | 10%        |

40. Do you think that the COVID pandemic was a national emergency?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 70% |
| No       | 23% |
| Not sure | 8%  |

41. Do you think a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus responsible for COVID-19?

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Definitely true  | 26% |
| Probably true    | 28% |
| Probably false   | 11% |
| Definitely false | 6%  |
| Not sure         | 29% |

42. Do you think the U.S. handled the COVID-19 epidemic better than or worse than other countries?

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Better than most other countries      | 16% |
| About as well as most other countries | 35% |
| Worse than other countries            | 34% |
| Not sure                              | 15% |

**43. Is the United States doing enough to prepare for future pandemics?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Should do more .....               | 61% |
| Doing about the right amount ..... | 34% |
| Should do less .....               | 5%  |

**44. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Very safe .....       | 38% |
| Somewhat safe .....   | 41% |
| Not very safe .....   | 13% |
| Not at all safe ..... | 8%  |

**45. Should students in K-12 schools be required to have vaccinations?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 65% |
| No .....       | 18% |
| Not sure ..... | 17% |

**46. Which party do you trust more to handle vaccines and public health?**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Democrats .....     | 40% |
| Republicans .....   | 26% |
| No difference ..... | 34% |

**47. Should a country take care of its own citizens first or everyone equally, regardless of when they were born?**

|                                                            |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Its own citizens first .....                               | 54% |
| Everyone equally, regardless of where they were born ..... | 39% |
| Not sure .....                                             | 7%  |

**48. Is society stronger when its culture evolves over time or stays true to its traditions?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Evolves over time .....            | 49% |
| Stays true to its traditions ..... | 31% |
| Not sure .....                     | 20% |

**49. Is society better off when different racial and ethnic groups...?**

|                                                      |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Maintain their distinct customs and traditions ..... | 27% |
| Adapt and blend into the larger society .....        | 51% |
| Not sure .....                                       | 22% |

50. How important do you think each of the following is for being truly American?

|                                                     | Total<br>important | Total not<br>important | Very<br>important | Somewhat<br>important | Not very<br>important | Not at all<br>important |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| To respect American political institutions and laws | <b>90%</b>         | <b>10%</b>             | 67%               | 23%                   | 6%                    | 4%                      |
| To have American citizenship                        | <b>90%</b>         | <b>10%</b>             | 63%               | 27%                   | 6%                    | 4%                      |
| To speak English                                    | <b>80%</b>         | <b>20%</b>             | 54%               | 26%                   | 12%                   | 8%                      |
| To have been born in the U.S.                       | <b>60%</b>         | <b>40%</b>             | 31%               | 29%                   | 21%                   | 20%                     |
| To be a Christian                                   | <b>36%</b>         | <b>64%</b>             | 21%               | 16%                   | 19%                   | 44%                     |

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

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Excellent/Good</b> | <b>22%</b> |
| <b>Total Fair/Poor</b>      | <b>75%</b> |
| Excellent                   | 5%         |
| Good                        | 18%        |
| Fair                        | 33%        |
| Poor                        | 42%        |
| Don't know                  | 3%         |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Getting better | 14% |
| About the same | 24% |
| Getting worse  | 56% |
| Not sure       | 6%  |

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

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Inflation/prices                   | 31% |
| Jobs and the economy               | 14% |
| Health care                        | 10% |
| Taxes and government spending      | 7%  |
| Climate change and the environment | 5%  |
| Civil rights                       | 6%  |
| Immigration                        | 6%  |
| National Security                  | 5%  |
| Crime                              | 3%  |
| Civil liberties                    | 3%  |
| Education                          | 2%  |
| Abortion                           | 3%  |
| Guns                               | 3%  |
| Foreign policy                     | 1%  |
| Criminal justice reform            | 1%  |

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

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Liberal</b>      | <b>29%</b> |
| <b>Total Conservative</b> | <b>31%</b> |
| Very liberal              | 12%        |
| Liberal                   | 17%        |
| Moderate                  | 30%        |
| Conservative              | 19%        |
| Very conservative         | 12%        |
| Not sure                  | 10%        |

55. Are you registered to vote?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Registered     | 73% |
| Not registered | 27% |

56. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Democrat    | 30% |
| Republican  | 32% |
| Independent | 25% |
| Other       | 4%  |
| Not sure    | 9%  |

58. Political Party Identification

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

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat            | 21% |
| Not very strong Democrat   | 8%  |
| Lean Democrat              | 11% |
| Independent                | 19% |
| Lean Republican            | 6%  |
| Not very strong Republican | 10% |
| Strong Republican          | 22% |
| Not sure                   | 3%  |

59. Are you a MAGA supporter?

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 22% |
| No       | 68% |
| Not sure | 10% |

**60. Are you... ?**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 49% |
| Female ..... | 51% |

**61. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| HS or less .....   | 36% |
| Some college ..... | 29% |
| College grad ..... | 22% |
| Postgrad .....     | 12% |

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

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married .....                      | 39% |
| Separated .....                    | 2%  |
| Divorced .....                     | 12% |
| Widowed .....                      | 6%  |
| Never married .....                | 36% |
| Domestic / civil partnership ..... | 5%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 21% |
| No .....  | 79% |

**66. In what region of the country do you reside?**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast ..... | 15% |
| Midwest .....   | 23% |
| South .....     | 40% |
| West .....      | 23% |

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

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K .....       | 41% |
| \$50-100K .....         | 27% |
| \$100K or more .....    | 22% |
| Prefer not to say ..... | 9%  |

68. 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 ..... | 5%  |
| A few times a year .....    | 13% |
| Seldom .....                | 18% |
| Never .....                 | 37% |
| Don't know .....            | 2%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 31% |
| No .....  | 69% |

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

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day ..... | 27% |
| Once a day .....          | 13% |
| A few times a week .....  | 9%  |
| Once a week .....         | 3%  |
| A few times a month ..... | 7%  |
| Seldom .....              | 14% |
| Never .....               | 22% |
| Don't know .....          | 5%  |

71. What is your present religion, if any?

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant .....                | 27% |
| Roman Catholic .....            | 17% |
| Mormon .....                    | 1%  |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox ..... | 0%  |
| Jewish .....                    | 2%  |
| Muslim .....                    | 1%  |
| Buddhist .....                  | 0%  |
| Hindu .....                     | 0%  |
| Atheist .....                   | 5%  |
| Agnostic .....                  | 7%  |
| Nothing in particular .....     | 27% |
| Something else .....            | 11% |

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| <b>Sponsorship</b>            | <i>The Economist</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Fieldwork</b>              | YouGov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Interviewing Dates</b>     | August 7 - 10, 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>     | 2,090 started the survey after screenouts. 221 were deleted due to breakoffs, 24 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 147 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,692 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 0.051 to 6.541, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.856. |
| <b>Number of respondents</b>  | 1589<br>1420 (Registered voters)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Margin of error</b>        | ± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting)<br>± 3.2% (Registered voters)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Survey mode</b>            | Web-based interviews                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Questions not reported</b> | 9 questions not reported.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |