

The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 9 - 11, 2025 - 1635 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1635 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted August 9 - 11, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.5\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	36%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	10%

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

Completely satisfied	8%
Somewhat satisfied	24%
Somewhat dissatisfied	27%
Completely dissatisfied	31%
Not sure	10%

3. Should states be allowed to draw congressional districts in a way that intentionally favors one party over the other?

Yes	9%
No	69%
Not sure	22%

4. As far as you know, are states allowed to draw congressional districts in a way that intentionally favors one party over the other?

Yes	39%
No	25%
Not sure	36%

5. If one state redraws its congressional districts to give one party a lopsided advantage, should other states retaliate by redrawing their districts to favor the other party?

Yes	35%
No	30%
Not sure	36%

6. Do you think congressional districts are drawn fairly or unfairly in your state?

Fairly	24%
Unfairly	34%
Not sure	42%

7. Do you think congressional districts are drawn fairly or unfairly in most parts of the country?

Fairly	16%
Unfairly	46%
Not sure	37%

8. Who do you think should draw congressional districts in your state?

The state legislature	17%
An independent commission	52%
Not sure	31%

9. Do you think the congressional districts in your state have been drawn to...?

Give an advantage to Democrats	21%
Give an advantage to Republicans	22%
Not give an advantage to either party	28%
Not sure	30%

10. Would you prefer for the congressional districts in your state to be drawn to...?

Give an advantage to Democrats	8%
Give an advantage to Republicans	12%
Not give an advantage to either party	66%
Not sure	13%

11. How much have you heard about Texas Democratic lawmakers leaving the state to prevent a vote on a congressional redistricting plan?

A lot	35%
A little	35%
Nothing at all	30%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the FBI helping to track down Democratic lawmakers from Texas who left the state to prevent a vote on a congressional redistricting plan?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	22%

13. 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	24%	21%	44%	8%	44%	52%	4%
JD Vance	20%	19%	39%	8%	39%	48%	13%
Mike Johnson	10%	17%	27%	8%	29%	37%	36%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	10%
Immigration	8%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	7%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Education	3%
Abortion	3%
Crime	2%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	5%

16. 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	21%	20%	41%	14%	38%	52%	7%
Inflation/prices	15%	20%	35%	15%	43%	58%	7%
Immigration	34%	12%	47%	11%	38%	48%	5%
Civil rights	21%	15%	36%	10%	39%	49%	15%
Crime	25%	21%	45%	13%	30%	43%	11%
Guns	20%	15%	36%	11%	33%	43%	21%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way JD Vance is handling his job as Vice-President?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	19%

18. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	2%
Total Liberal	4%
Moderate	12%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	30%
Total Conservative	60%
Not sure	23%

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

Honest and trustworthy	31%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	16%

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

Very strong	34%
Somewhat strong	22%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	33%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	39%
Not sure	4%

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

Yes	42%
No	49%
Not sure	9%

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

Confident	38%
Uneasy	51%
Not sure	11%

24. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age are having on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	29%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	31%
Have no effect at all	30%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	21%
Fair	36%
Poor	36%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	48%
Not sure	5%

27. 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%

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

Better off financially	27%
Just about the same as now	31%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	14%

29. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	42%
Both equal	47%
Not sure	6%

30. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	10%
Equally positive and negative	26%
Mostly negative	47%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	18%

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

Yes	32%
No	40%
Not sure	28%

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

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	20%
Not at all likely	7%
Not sure	15%
Not asked - Already in a recession	32%

33. How important to you is the state of the stock market?

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	41%
Not very important	24%
Unimportant	14%

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

Very serious	27%
Somewhat serious	38%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	32%
Stayed the same	22%
Decreased	14%
Don't know	33%

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

Increasing	25%
Staying the same	33%
Decreasing	42%

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

Higher gas prices	44%
The same gas prices	21%
Lower gas prices	17%
Not sure	18%

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

A higher rate of inflation	48%
The same rate of inflation	20%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	49%
A little	45%
Not at all	6%

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

Definitely	43%
Probably	30%
Probably not	12%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	7%

41. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	62%

42. 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.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	42%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	10%

43. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

44. How much do you trust the data reported about the economy by the federal government?

Completely trust	7%
Somewhat trust	34%
Somewhat distrust	27%
Completely distrust	15%
Don't know	16%

45. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	39%
The government numbers are accurate	22%
Fewer unemployed people	7%
Don't know	32%

46. Last week President Trump fired the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Trump said he did it because recent "jobs numbers were rigged in order to make the Republicans, and me, look bad." Do you think Trump was justified or not justified in firing the commissioner of the BLS?

Justified	18%
Not justified	36%
Not sure	46%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	20%

48. 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	44%
Some	27%
Nothing	8%
Not sure	22%

49. Do you think Ghislaine Maxwell should or should not have been moved to a minimum-security federal prison?

Should have been moved	14%
Should not have been moved	47%
Not sure	38%

50. Do you think President Donald Trump ordered Ghislaine Maxwell's move to a minimum-security federal prison?

Yes	36%
No	16%
Not sure	48%

51. Do you think the advertisement displayed above is more...?

Above this question, respondents were shown an image of a recent American Eagle ad with the tagline 'Sydney Sweeney Has Great Jeans.'

Clever	39%
Offensive	12%
Neither	40%
Not sure	8%

52. How often do you listen to podcasts or audiobooks?

Several times a day	8%
Once a day	6%
A few times a week	16%
Once a week	6%
A few times a month	9%
Seldom	19%
Never	36%

53. In an average week, how much time do you spend listening to podcasts or audiobooks?

None	43%
Less than 30 minutes	15%
30 minutes to 1 hour	8%
1 to 2 hours	12%
3 to 5 hours	11%
6 to 10 hours	5%
More than 10 hours	5%
Not sure	2%

54. Do you ever listen to podcasts or audiobooks at a faster than normal speed (e.g., 1.5x)?

Yes, often	6%
Yes, sometimes	10%
No, but I might be interested in trying	13%
No, and I would not be interested in trying	32%
Not sure	3%
Not asked - never listens to podcasts or audiobooks	36%

55. 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	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	14%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	10%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

58. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	6%

60. 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	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	14%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

61. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	43%
Not sure	8%

62. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

63. Respondent age by category

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

64. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

66. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	7%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	39%
West	22%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	12%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	36%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

72. 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	9%
Seldom	13%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

73. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 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	2,455 started the survey after screenouts. 694 were deleted due to breakoffs, 84 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 4 were removed for attention check failures, and 38 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,635 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 0.061 to 6.593, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.014.
Number of respondents	1635 1474 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.