

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 26 - 29, 2026 - 1606 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1606 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 26 - 29, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	11%

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

Approve	38%
Disapprove	58%
Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Not sure	5%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following things?

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The environment	35%	53%	17%	18%	10%	43%	12%
Education	37%	52%	19%	18%	10%	41%	11%
Abortion	35%	51%	21%	14%	9%	42%	14%
Health care	34%	57%	14%	19%	13%	44%	9%

4. Do you think Donald Trump has had the right priorities or hasn't paid enough attention to the country's most important problems?

Has had the right priorities	29%
Hasn't paid attention to the most important problems	60%
Not sure	11%

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

Approve	31%
Disapprove	49%
Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	20%

6. 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	27%
No	43%
Not sure	31%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of removing Donald Trump's name from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts?

Approve	54%
Disapprove	24%
Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	23%

8. Here are some words that people might use to describe themselves. Which of the following words, if any, would you use to describe yourself? Check all that apply.

Libertarian	5%
Socialist	8%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	34%
Radical	3%
Progressive	17%
Feminist	13%
Independent	33%
None of these	11%

9. If you had to choose, would you rather have a smaller government providing fewer services, or a bigger government providing more services?

Smaller government, fewer services	35%
Bigger government, more services	39%
Not sure	25%

10. Do you support or oppose a national health plan in which all Americans get their health insurance from the federal government and private health insurance companies are eliminated?

Support	52%
Oppose	30%
Support strongly	28%
Support somewhat	24%
Oppose somewhat	10%
Oppose strongly	19%
Not sure	19%

11. Do you favor or oppose having the government cover the cost of college tuition for all students?

Favor	55%
Oppose	34%
Strongly favor	32%
Somewhat favor	23%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	11%

12. Do you think the government should build public housing?

Yes	57%
No	24%
Not sure	19%

13. Which is the better economic system?

Capitalism	44%
Socialism	19%
Not sure	37%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of socialism?

Favorable	32%
Unfavorable	39%
Very favorable	9%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	27%
Not sure	29%

15. Would you ever vote for a candidate who identified as a "Democratic Socialist?"

Yes	29%
No	45%
Not sure	26%

16. Do you think the Democratic Party is socialist?

Yes	31%
No	36%
Not sure	33%

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

Liberal	26%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	34%
Not sure	8%

18. How would you describe the Democratic Party?

Total Liberal	64%
Total Conservative	5%
Very liberal	37%
Liberal	27%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	14%

19. How would you describe the Republican Party?

Total Liberal	5%
Total Conservative	70%
Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	38%
Not sure	15%

20. Do you think the Democratic Party is too extreme?

Yes	42%
No	42%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you think the Republican Party is too extreme?

Yes	47%
No	37%
Not sure	16%

22. Have you ever voted for a third party candidate (someone who was not a Democrat or Republican)?

Yes	26%
No	63%
Not sure	11%

23. Would you ever vote for a candidate for president who was not a Democrat or Republican?

Yes	39%
No	30%
Not sure	31%

24. 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
Bernie Sanders	46%	40%	24%	22%	11%	29%	13%
Zohran Mamdani	33%	36%	18%	15%	7%	30%	30%
Graham Platner	14%	26%	4%	10%	7%	18%	60%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	33%	39%	18%	15%	8%	31%	28%
Rand Paul	25%	35%	6%	19%	18%	17%	39%
Ted Cruz	32%	49%	12%	19%	14%	34%	19%

25. 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
Social Security	41%	27%	20%	2%	2%	8%
SNAP (food stamps)	28%	19%	25%	9%	11%	9%
Medicare	40%	25%	22%	3%	3%	8%
Medicaid	33%	21%	23%	6%	6%	10%
Military assistance to Israel	7%	6%	25%	16%	35%	12%
Housing assistance	33%	22%	18%	7%	10%	10%

26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	35%	52%	11%	23%	19%	34%	13%
Republicans in Congress	35%	53%	11%	24%	16%	38%	12%

27. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who compromises to get things done, or sticks to their principles, no matter what?

Compromises to get things done64%
 Sticks to their principles, no matter what 36%

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

Total approve	13%
Total disapprove	60%
Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	8%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Approve	28%
Disapprove	40%
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	31%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Thune is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Approve	18%
Disapprove	41%
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	42%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Approve	21%
Disapprove	50%
Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	29%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Approve	25%
Disapprove	42%
Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	34%

33. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
Small business	15%	35%	40%	10%
The church or organized religion	10%	17%	32%	41%
The medical system	8%	20%	43%	30%
Banks	6%	20%	47%	27%
Organized labor	7%	19%	46%	28%
Newspapers	5%	11%	42%	42%
Television news	4%	13%	34%	49%
Big business	5%	12%	38%	46%

34. 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	37%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	16%

35. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	58%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	22%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	13%

36. In order to make up for past discrimination, do you support or oppose special programs which make special efforts to help minorities get ahead?

Support	48%
Oppose	37%
Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	15%

37. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	26%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	32%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	32%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	9%

38. Do you think that same-sex marriage should or should not be legal?

Should be legal	54%
Should not be legal	33%
Not sure	13%

39. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe	37%
Somewhat safe	34%
Not very safe	13%
Not at all safe	7%
Not sure	9%

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

Expanded	38%
Kept the same	19%
Repealed	28%
Not sure	16%

41. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	42%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	16%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	27%
Not sure	15%

42. Do you support or oppose allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the sex they were assigned at birth?

Support	19%
Oppose	64%
Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	53%
Not sure	17%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	4%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Health care	9%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	3%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	5%
Guns	2%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Inflation/prices	30%

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

Total Excellent/Good	25%
Total Fair/Poor	71%
Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Fair	32%
Poor	39%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	6%

46. Are gas prices where you live...?

Going up a lot	23%
Going up a little	17%
Not changing	13%
Going down a little	36%
Going down a lot	5%
Not sure	6%

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

Total Liberal	26%
Total Conservative	34%
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	8%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

49. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

51. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%

52. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	24%
No	65%
Not sure	11%

53. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

54. Respondent age by category

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

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

57. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	7%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	23%
South	39%
West	22%

60. 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	12%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	19%
Never	37%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

63. 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	15%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	12%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 26 - 29, 2026
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	2,075 started the survey after screenouts. 216 were deleted due to breakoffs, 28 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 8 were removed for attention check failures, and 122 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,701 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 6.547, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.859.
Number of respondents	1606 1428 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.