The Economist/YouGov Poll
February 9 - 11, 2025 - 1595 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1595 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	February 9 - 11, 2025
Margin of Error	±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	52%
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 unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
Donald Trump	31%	14%	**46%**	7%	45%	**52%**	3%
JD Vance	25%	16%	**41%**	8%	39%	**47%**	12%
Mike Johnson	10%	19%	**29%**	11%	28%	**39%**	32%
John Thune	4%	13%	**17%**	12%	15%	**27%**	56%
Chuck Schumer	8%	20%	**28%**	14%	33%	**47%**	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	18%	**31%**	9%	21%	**31%**	39%

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

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	25%	21%	**46%**	9%	21%	**30%**	24%
United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	31%	30%	**61%**	13%	11%	**24%**	16%
United States Postal Service (USPS)	31%	39%	**70%**	17%	6%	**23%**	7%
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)	33%	27%	**60%**	7%	3%	**10%**	29%
Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	18%	32%	**50%**	19%	16%	**35%**	15%
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	23%	26%	**50%**	12%	7%	**19%**	32%

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Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)	25%	17%	**42%**	7%	31%	**38%**	20%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Elon Musk	21%	21%	**42%**	9%	43%	**52%**	6%
Pam Bondi	16%	11%	**26%**	7%	24%	**31%**	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	16%	27%	**43%**	11%	34%	**45%**	13%
Marco Rubio	15%	20%	**35%**	14%	26%	**41%**	24%
Tulsi Gabbard	16%	15%	**31%**	7%	26%	**33%**	36%
Kash Patel	17%	11%	**28%**	7%	26%	**33%**	39%
Benjamin Netanyahu	13%	16%	**28%**	12%	31%	**43%**	29%
Stephen A. Smith	4%	17%	**21%**	11%	13%	**24%**	55%
Kanye West	4%	10%	**14%**	17%	57%	**73%**	12%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	21%	**97%**	2%	1%	**3%**
Immigration	56%	30%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Climate change and the environment	44%	28%	**71%**	17%	12%	**29%**
Foreign policy	49%	39%	**89%**	9%	2%	**11%**
National Security	72%	22%	**94%**	4%	2%	**6%**
Education	69%	24%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Health care	76%	21%	**97%**	3%	1%	**3%**
Taxes and government spending	68%	26%	**94%**	4%	2%	**6%**
Abortion	48%	29%	**77%**	13%	10%	**23%**
Civil rights	63%	26%	**89%**	8%	4%	**11%**
Civil liberties	58%	29%	**88%**	9%	3%	**12%**
Guns	51%	30%	**82%**	13%	6%	**18%**
Crime	65%	27%	**92%**	8%	1%	**8%**
Criminal justice reform	47%	38%	**85%**	11%	4%	**15%**
Inflation/prices	80%	17%	**97%**	2%	1%	**3%**

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	8%
National Security	7%
Civil rights	6%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Abortion	5%
Civil liberties	4%
Education	3%
Guns	3%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	**46%**
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	**48%**
Not sure	6%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	**19%**
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	**51%**
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	**38%**
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	**45%**
Not sure	17%

10. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	5%
Total Liberal	**6%**
Moderate	26%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	24%
Total Conservative	**50%**
Not sure	18%

11. 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	28%	17%	**45%**	7%	37%	**44%**	11%
Climate change and the environment	23%	14%	**37%**	6%	39%	**45%**	19%
Health care	20%	15%	**35%**	7%	39%	**46%**	18%
Taxes and government spending	32%	12%	**44%**	8%	39%	**47%**	9%
Abortion	21%	15%	**36%**	8%	38%	**46%**	18%
Guns	26%	12%	**38%**	7%	34%	**41%**	22%
Crime	29%	16%	**45%**	9%	31%	**41%**	14%
Inflation/prices	23%	18%	**41%**	7%	41%	**48%**	11%

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

A lot	27%
Some	16%
Not much	9%
Doesn't care at all	44%
Not sure	5%

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

Very strong	37%
Somewhat strong	18%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	33%

14. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic 33%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic 14%
Dissatisfied but not upset 9%
Upset 37%
Not sure 7%

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

Excellent 4%
Good 20%
Fair 42%
Poor 30%
Don't know 4%

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

Getting better 23%
About the same 27%
Getting worse 41%
Not sure 9%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago 11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago 52%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 32%
Not sure 4%

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

Better off financially 36%
Just about the same as now 25%
Worse off financially 25%
Not sure 14%

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

Unemployment 3%
Inflation 52%
Both equal 40%
Not sure 5%

20. 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 9%
Equally positive and negative 28%
Mostly negative 43%
Not heard much news about the economy at all 20%

21. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing 21%
Staying about the same 29%
Shrinking 28%
Not sure 22%

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

Yes 30%
No 35%
Not sure 35%

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

Very likely 10%
Somewhat likely 18%
Not very likely 17%
Not at all likely 5%
Not sure 20%
Not asked - Already in a recession 30%

24. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index 5%
The unemployment rate and job reports 14%
The prices of goods and services you buy 57%
Your personal finances 10%
Don't know 15%

25. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important 21%
Somewhat important 41%
Not very important 23%
Unimportant 15%

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

Very serious	20%
Somewhat serious	39%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	9%

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

Increased	18%
Stayed the same	29%
Decreased	12%
Don't know	41%

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

Increasing	25%
Staying the same	48%
Decreasing	27%

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

Higher gas prices	44%
The same gas prices	11%
Lower gas prices	28%
Not sure	17%

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

Higher egg prices	41%
The same egg prices	16%
Lower egg prices	25%
Not sure	18%

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

A higher rate of inflation	44%
The same rate of inflation	15%
A lower rate of inflation	26%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	59%
A little	39%
Not at all	3%

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

Definitely	41%
Probably	33%
Probably not	12%
Definitely not	7%
Not sure	7%

34. How worried are you about losing your job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	63%

35. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	10%

36. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	3%

37. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	31%
About equal	23%
The Palestinians	21%
Not sure	25%

38. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?

Increasing military aid to Israel	15%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	35%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	27%
Not sure	24%

39. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians 27%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians 24%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians 22%
Not sure 27%

40. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel 28%
About right 35%
Not supportive enough of Israel 4%
Not sure 32%

41. Would you support or oppose removing all Palestinians from Gaza?

Strongly support 10%
Somewhat support 11%
Support **21%**
Somewhat oppose 10%
Strongly oppose 35%
Oppose **44%**
Not sure 35%

42. Would you support or oppose the U.S. taking ownership of Gaza?

Strongly support 6%
Somewhat support 13%
Support **19%**
Somewhat oppose 10%
Strongly oppose 44%
Oppose **54%**
Not sure 27%

43. Do you agree or disagree that moving all Palestinians out of Gaza constitutes genocide?

Strongly agree 21%
Somewhat agree 14%
Somewhat disagree 10%
Strongly disagree 23%
Not sure 33%

44. How much discrimination do the following people face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Women	17%	40%	32%	11%
Men	10%	18%	40%	32%
Lesbian, gay, or bisexual people	31%	35%	24%	10%
Transgender people	42%	29%	19%	10%
Christians	13%	24%	34%	28%
Jewish people	23%	43%	27%	7%
Muslim people	27%	45%	22%	7%
White people	10%	19%	38%	34%
Black people	32%	37%	24%	7%

45. Do K-12 public schools today teach too much or too little about the history of Black Americans?

Too much 13%
About the right amount 25%
Too little 37%
Not sure 26%

46. When you were in K-12 school, did you learn too much or too little about the history of Black Americans?

Too much 6%
About the right amount 38%
Too little 40%
Not sure 13%
I did not attend school in the U.S. 4%

47. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs?

Very favorable 26%
Somewhat favorable 19%
Favorable **45%**
Somewhat unfavorable 9%
Very unfavorable 27%
Unfavorable **36%**
Don't know 19%

48. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in America?

Very satisfied 11%
Somewhat satisfied 28%
Not too satisfied 24%
Not at all satisfied 25%
Not sure 12%

49. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Presidents should govern without too much interference from Congress and the courts.

Strongly agree 8%
Somewhat agree 21%
Agree **28%**
Somewhat disagree 19%
Strongly disagree 36%
Disagree **55%**
Not sure 16%

50. Do you approve or disapprove of how Republicans in Congress have responded to recent executive orders issued by Donald Trump?
Among Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Strongly approve 28%
Somewhat approve 36%
Approve **64%**
Somewhat disapprove 5%
Strongly disapprove 5%
Disapprove **11%**
Not sure 26%

51. Do you approve or disapprove of how Democrats in Congress have responded to recent executive orders issued by Donald Trump?
Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Strongly approve 20%
Somewhat approve 24%
Approve **44%**
Somewhat disapprove 19%
Strongly disapprove 15%
Disapprove **34%**
Not sure 22%

52. When it comes to resisting actions by Donald Trump that they disagree with, do you think that Democrats in Congress are doing...?
Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Too much 2%
About the right amount 17%
Not enough 70%
Not sure 12%

53. Should Democrats in Congress work with Donald Trump on policies they personally agree with, or oppose all of his policies?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Work with him on policies they agree with 62%

Oppose all of his policies 25%

Not sure 14%

54. Should Republicans in Congress oppose Donald Trump's policies that they personally don't agree with, or support all of his policies?

Among Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Support all of his policies 45%

Oppose his policies they don't agree with 34%

Not sure 22%

55. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Abolishing the U.S. Department of Education	18%	10%	**28%**	10%	48%	**58%**	14%
Rolling back energy-efficiency regulations for dishwashers, shower heads, and gas stoves	21%	13%	**34%**	12%	33%	**45%**	22%
Deporting U.S. citizens convicted of crimes to foreign prisons	25%	11%	**36%**	14%	37%	**50%**	14%
Banning transgender athletes from participating in women's sports	53%	11%	**64%**	9%	16%	**26%**	10%
Ending a free online tax filing system run by the IRS	9%	7%	**15%**	13%	50%	**63%**	22%
Abolishing the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)	7%	9%	**16%**	18%	48%	**67%**	17%
Ending U.S. humanitarian aid to foreign countries	15%	20%	**35%**	18%	34%	**52%**	13%

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elon Musk is handling his job as the head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?

Strongly approve 24%
Somewhat approve 14%
Approve **38%**
Somewhat disapprove 6%
Strongly disapprove 41%
Disapprove **47%**
Not sure 15%

57. How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot 63%
A little 26%
None at all 3%
Not sure 9%

58. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot 18%
A little 26%
None at all 45%
Not sure 11%

59. Which comes closer to your view?

Elon Musk is cutting waste and fraud 49%
Elon Musk is cutting useful programs 51%

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

Very liberal 10%
Liberal 16%
Total Liberal **27%**
Moderate 31%
Conservative 20%
Very conservative 13%
Total Conservative **33%**
Not sure 10%

61. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 73%
Not registered 27%

62. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

64. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	14%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

65. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	53%
No	33%
Not sure	14%

66. Are you. . . ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

67. Respondent age by category

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

68. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

70. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	18%
No	82%

72. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	41%
West	22%

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

Under $50K	41%
$50-100K	27%
$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	34%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	11%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

77. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 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	1,794 started the survey after screenouts. 130 were deleted due to breakoffs, 32 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 16 were removed for attention check failures, and 21 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,604 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 0.052 to 5.598, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.934.
Number of respondents	1595 1430 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.