

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 16 - 19, 2026 - 1722 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1722 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted January 16 - 19, 2026
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	8%

2. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in the U.S?

Satisfied	32%
Dissatisfied	58%
Completely satisfied	8%
Somewhat satisfied	24%
Somewhat dissatisfied	25%
Completely dissatisfied	33%
Not sure	10%

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

Under control	18%
Out of control	71%
Not sure	11%

4. Do you support or oppose sending federal troops to Minneapolis?

Support	37%
Oppose	52%
Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	10%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	44%
Not sure	11%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of recent protests against ICE actions?

Approve	47%
Disapprove	44%
Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	9%

6. Have the protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minneapolis been mostly peaceful or violent?

Violent	40%
Peaceful	43%
All or almost all have been violent	16%
Most have been violent	24%
Most have been peaceful	22%
All or almost all have been peaceful	20%
Not sure	17%

7. Should peaceful protests against ICE be allowed in Minneapolis?

Yes	77%
No	12%
Not sure	11%

8. Have you seen any videos of an ICE agent shooting a woman, Renee Good, in Minneapolis?

Yes, saw video	73%
No, did not see video but have heard about it	21%
No, have not seen or heard anything about it	6%

9. Did the driver of the car, Renee Good, threaten any of the ICE agents?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	29%
No	52%
Not sure	19%

10. Did Renee Good obey orders given to her by ICE agents?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	15%
No	57%
Not sure	28%

11. Did Renee Good's car make contact with an ICE agent?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	37%
No	39%
Not sure	24%

12. Was Renee Good trying to run over an ICE agent with her car?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	25%
No	52%
Not sure	23%

13. Were any ICE agents injured during the incident?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	26%
No	45%
Not sure	29%

14. Did the ICE agents behave professionally during the incident?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	32%
No	53%
Not sure	15%

15. Based on what you know, was the shooting of Renee Good in Minneapolis justified or not justified?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Was justified	29%
Was not justified	56%
Not sure	15%

16. Do you think the ICE agent in this incident should be investigated?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	66%
No	23%
Not sure	11%

17. Do you think the wife of Renee Good should be investigated?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Yes	36%
No	46%
Not sure	19%

18. Would you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

A randomly selected half of respondents were asked if they consented to see videos of the shooting, and 90% did. Those who consented were shown two videos before being asked this question.

Support	45%
Oppose	45%
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	11%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	34%
Not sure	10%

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

Trust	33%
Distrust	56%
Completely trust	5%
Somewhat trust	29%
Somewhat distrust	27%
Completely distrust	29%
Don't know	10%

20. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions?

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
Federal Reserve Board	10%	14%	38%	39%
Office of Management and Budget	3%	10%	37%	50%
Congressional Budget Office	4%	10%	38%	48%
Department of the Treasury	5%	12%	40%	42%

21. What is monetary policy?

Setting interest rates and controlling how much money is available	46%
Determining the amount of money the federal government collects in taxes and spends	18%
Minting coins and printing paper money	3%
Don't know	33%

22. What are the responsibilities of the Federal Reserve Board? Select all that apply.

Setting interest rates	55%
Supervising and regulating banks	41%
Preventing financial crises	39%
Keeping prices stable	33%
Printing currency	17%
Enforcing consumer protection laws	13%
Maintaining full employment	12%
None of the above	1%
Don't know	28%

23. Do you think the Federal Reserve should...

Lower interest rates	48%
Raise interest rates	3%
Not change interest rates	18%
Not sure	31%

24. If you had to choose, who would you trust more to set interest rates?

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell	44%
President Donald Trump	18%
Both equally	12%
Not sure	26%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice opening a criminal investigation into Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell over the renovation of a central bank office building?

Approve	32%
Disapprove	38%
Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	30%

26. How serious a threat do you think Iran poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	15%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	32%
A minor threat to the U.S.	29%
Not a threat to the U.S.	12%
Not sure	12%

27. Would you support or oppose the U.S. taking military action in Iran?

Support	33%
Oppose	49%
Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	31%
Not sure	18%

28. Would you support or oppose the U.S. bombing Iran in response to its treatment of protesters?

Support	28%
Oppose	53%
Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	37%
Not sure	19%

29. Do you think the protests in Iran will or won't succeed in overthrowing the Iranian government?

Will succeed	16%
Will not succeed	34%
Not sure	49%

30. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to overthrow Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei?

Support	32%
Oppose	42%
Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	26%

31. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will take military action in Iran in the next month?

Likely	53%
Not likely	20%
Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	40%
Not very likely	17%
Not likely at all	3%
Not sure	27%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling Iran?

Approve	34%
Disapprove	48%
Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
No opinion	18%

33. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to invade Venezuela?

Support	31%
Oppose	54%
Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	41%
Not sure	15%

34. Do you think recent U.S. intervention in Venezuela was justified or unjustified?

Justified	35%
Not justified	44%
Not sure	21%

35. Should the U.S. run Venezuela for the next few years?

Yes	17%
No	62%
Not sure	22%

36. Should the U.S. take Venezuela's oil?

Yes	25%
No	56%
Not sure	19%

37. As far as you know, what is the population of Greenland?

Under 100,000 people	40%
At least 100,000 but fewer than 200,000 people	7%
At least 200,000 but fewer than 500,000 people	7%
At least 500,000 but fewer than 1 million people	7%
More than 1 million people	3%
Not sure	36%

38. As far as you know, does the U.S. currently have a military base in Greenland?

Yes	50%
No	13%
Not sure	37%

39. As far as you know, which country does Greenland belong to politically?

Denmark	72%
Canada	2%
Iceland	4%
United States	2%
Not sure	21%

40. Do you think most people in Greenland want Greenland to remain part of Denmark or for Greenland to join the U.S.?

Remain part of Denmark	65%
Join the U.S.	11%
Not sure	24%

41. Do you support or oppose the U.S. purchasing Greenland?

Support	29%
Oppose	51%
Not sure	20%

42. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. will take control of Greenland?

Likely	33%
Not likely	41%
Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	27%
Not likely at all	15%
Not sure	25%

43. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of Greenland?

Support	9%
Oppose	72%
Not sure	19%

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

Approve	37%
Disapprove	57%
Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	6%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Crime	42%	49%	26%	16%	9%	40%	9%
Immigration	43%	53%	31%	12%	6%	47%	5%
Race relations	33%	53%	19%	13%	5%	48%	14%
Inflation/prices	34%	61%	17%	17%	10%	50%	6%

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

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	57%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	20%
Some	16%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	49%
Not sure	5%

48. Is Trump too old to be President?

Yes	50%
No	41%
Not sure	9%

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

Strong	46%
Weak	41%
Very strong	32%
Somewhat strong	14%
Neither strong nor weak	13%
Somewhat weak	7%
Very weak	34%

50. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	56%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	33%
Not sure	11%

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

Like	30%
Dislike	55%
Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	12%
Neither like nor dislike	12%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	47%
Not sure	4%

52. Which of these words would you [use / not use] to describe Donald Trump? Select all that apply.

	Describes Donald Trump	Does not describe Donald Trump	No Opinion
Dangerous	53%	18%	29%
Corrupt	49%	23%	29%
Bold	48%	15%	37%
Racist	48%	24%	28%
Cruel	46%	23%	31%
Out-of-touch	44%	20%	36%
Divisive	40%	13%	47%
Strong	40%	29%	31%
Effective	35%	30%	35%
Intelligent	35%	39%	27%
Honest	24%	44%	32%
Steady	19%	31%	50%
Inspiring	17%	42%	41%

53. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Total Liberal	5%
Total Conservative	64%
Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	35%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	54%
No	24%
Not sure	23%

55. 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	41%	56%	26%	15%	6%	50%	3%
Zohran Mamdani	35%	37%	18%	17%	8%	28%	29%
Scott Bessent	17%	24%	8%	9%	7%	17%	59%
Jerome Powell	35%	28%	15%	20%	14%	14%	37%
Bill Clinton	37%	54%	10%	27%	23%	31%	9%
Kevin Warsh	8%	13%	2%	6%	6%	7%	79%
Kevin Hassett	10%	19%	3%	7%	7%	12%	70%

56. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be...?

Increased	11%
Kept the same	26%
Decreased	48%
Not sure	15%

57. Do you think tariffs imposed by Donald Trump have increased, decreased, or had no effect on the prices you paid for things that you bought?

Increased a lot	43%
Increased slightly	25%
No effect	14%
Decreased slightly	4%
Decreased a lot	2%
Not sure	11%

58. The Supreme Court recently heard a challenge to President Trump's authority to impose tariffs. Do you think the Supreme Court probably will strike down Trump's tariffs or allow them to stand?

Probably will strike down Trump's tariffs	18%
Probably will allow them to stand	50%
Not sure	32%

59. What do you think the Supreme Court should do?

Strike down Trump's tariffs	50%
Allow them to stand	31%
Not sure	19%

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

Total Excellent/Good	26%
Total Fair/Poor	70%
Excellent	6%
Good	20%
Fair	29%
Poor	41%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	39%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	36%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	11%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	12%
Immigration	12%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	5%
Civil liberties	5%
Crime	4%
Climate change and the environment	4%
Guns	2%
Education	2%
Abortion	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

65. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	23%
No	67%
Not sure	10%

66. 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	39%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	2%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	13%

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

Total Liberal	30%
Total Conservative	33%
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	8%

68. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

69. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	5%
Not sure	7%

71. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%

72. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

73. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

74. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

76. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	23%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	9%

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

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	38%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	25%
Don't know	3%

83. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 16 - 19, 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	1,982 started the survey after screenouts. 172 were deleted due to breakoffs, 39 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 43 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,722 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 0.052 to 6.58, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.929.
Number of respondents	1722 1549 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	5 questions not reported.