The Economist/YouGov Poll
January 5 - 8, 2025 - 1704 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample 1704 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted January 5 - 8, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 24%
Off on the wrong track 59%
Not sure 17%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	20%	**49%**	7%	41%	**47%**	3%
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3. 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	18%	25%	**43%**	13%	33%	**46%**	11%
Jimmy Carter	35%	30%	**65%**	12%	8%	**20%**	15%
Vivek Ramaswamy	13%	18%	**30%**	9%	24%	**33%**	37%

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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
Joe Biden	16%	24%	**39%**	16%	42%	**57%**	3%
Kamala Harris	22%	21%	**43%**	10%	43%	**52%**	5%
Mike Johnson	7%	20%	**27%**	15%	23%	**38%**	35%

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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	74%	24%	**98%**	2%	1%	**2%**
Immigration	53%	30%	**83%**	13%	4%	**17%**

Climate change and the environment	42%	29%	**71%**	17%	12%	**29%**
Foreign policy	46%	44%	**90%**	8%	2%	**10%**
National Security	69%	26%	**95%**	4%	1%	**5%**
Education	63%	29%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Health care	74%	21%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	**93%**	6%	1%	**7%**
Abortion	44%	30%	**74%**	16%	10%	**26%**
Civil rights	58%	28%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Civil liberties	54%	34%	**88%**	9%	3%	**12%**
Guns	50%	33%	**83%**	12%	5%	**17%**
Crime	61%	30%	**91%**	8%	1%	**9%**
Criminal justice reform	44%	40%	**84%**	12%	4%	**16%**
Inflation/prices	78%	18%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**

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

Inflation/prices	27%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Health care	12%
Immigration	10%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Abortion	4%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	3%
Education	3%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	**37%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	**57%**
Not sure	6%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden 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	19%	20%	**38%**	16%	37%	**53%**	8%
Immigration	10%	19%	**30%**	16%	45%	**61%**	10%
Education	15%	27%	**42%**	15%	30%	**46%**	12%
Health care	19%	23%	**41%**	17%	30%	**47%**	11%
Civil rights	18%	24%	**41%**	16%	29%	**45%**	14%
Civil liberties	17%	23%	**40%**	16%	28%	**44%**	16%
Crime	12%	23%	**35%**	16%	39%	**54%**	11%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	**32%**	16%	45%	**60%**	8%

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

Strongly approve ……………………………………………………………………………3%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………………… 12%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………………… **15%**
Neither approve nor disapprove ………………………………………………………… 22%
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 25%
Strongly disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 30%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………………… **55%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 8%

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

Strongly approve ………………………………………………………………………… 10%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………………… 28%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………………… **38%**
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 18%
Strongly disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 30%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………………… **48%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 14%

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

Strongly approve ……………………………………………………………………………7%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………………… 25%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………………… **32%**
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 16%
Strongly disapprove ……………………………………………………………………… 19%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………………… **35%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 34%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	**30%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	**30%**
Not sure	40%

13. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Total Liberal	**8%**
Moderate	13%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	28%
Total Conservative	**60%**
Not sure	19%

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

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	47%
Not sure	15%

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

Enthusiastic	34%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	16%
Dissatisfied but not upset	15%
Upset	29%
Not sure	6%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	**49%**
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	**37%**
Not sure	14%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve 19%
Somewhat approve 26%
Approve **45%**
Somewhat disapprove 15%
Strongly disapprove 23%
Disapprove **38%**
Not sure 18%

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

Excellent 5%
Good 24%
Fair 32%
Poor 35%
Don't know 4%

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

Getting better 19%
About the same 36%
Getting worse 37%
Not sure 9%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago 14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago 45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 37%
Not sure 4%

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

Better off financially 37%
Just about the same as now 30%
Worse off financially 19%
Not sure 14%

22. How do you feel about flying in an airplane?

Afraid of it 13%
Bothers me slightly 31%
Not at all afraid 50%
Don't know 6%

23. Whatever your personal feelings about flying, how would you rate the overall safety record of commercial airline travel?

Excellent	27%
Good	52%
Only fair	17%
Poor	4%

24. If you were going to take a long trip somewhere, do you think it would be safer to drive or safer to fly to the destination?

Safer to drive	17%
About the same	33%
Safer to fly	43%
Don't know	7%

25. Do you think the U.S. government...

Should be doing more to fight terrorism	53%
Is doing enough to fight terrorism	25%
Is doing too much to fight terrorism	6%
Not sure	17%

26. Do you believe that terrorism poses a threat to the U.S.?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	40%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	37%
A minor threat to the U.S.	14%
No threat to the U.S.	1%
Not sure	8%

27. Do you think the policies of the Trump Administration will make the United States more or less safe from terrorism?

More safe	41%
No difference	13%
Less safe	28%
Not sure	18%

28. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	31%
Does not make much difference	21%
Worse off	34%
Not sure	14%

29. Do you think the number of legal immigrants accepted into the U.S. each year should be...?

Increased 17%
Not changed 28%
Decreased 31%
Reduced to zero 10%
Not sure 14%

30. H-1B visas allow U.S. employers to temporarily hire foreign workers in occupations requiring specialized skills and a college degree. Do you think the number of H-1B visas issued each year should be...?

Increased 17%
Not changed 34%
Decreased 20%
Reduced to zero 7%
Not sure 22%

31. Do you believe TikTok poses a national security threat to the U.S.?

Yes 34%
No 36%
Not sure 30%

32. Do you support or oppose a law requiring the Chinese owners of TikTok to sell their stakes to a U.S.-approved owner, or else TikTok will be banned in the U.S.?

Support 44%
Oppose 22%
Not sure 34%

33. As far as you know, does Donald Trump support or oppose banning TikTok if its Chinese owners do not sell their stakes in it?

Support 25%
Oppose 20%
Not sure 55%

34. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following?

	Trust a lot	Trust some-what	Trust	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust some-what	Distrust a lot	Distrust	Not sure
Your doctor	45%	35%	**80%**	10%	4%	3%	**7%**	3%
Pharmaceutical companies	6%	22%	**28%**	21%	22%	26%	**47%**	3%
Medical researchers	25%	35%	**60%**	22%	10%	5%	**15%**	3%
Public health officials	19%	32%	**51%**	18%	14%	13%	**27%**	4%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	26%	30%	**55%**	15%	12%	14%	**26%**	4%

35. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following?

	Trust a lot	Trust some-what	Trust	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust some-what	Distrust a lot	Distrust	Not sure
Joe Biden	12%	16%	**27%**	18%	12%	37%	**50%**	5%
Xavier Becerra	3%	6%	**8%**	19%	4%	10%	**14%**	58%
Anthony Fauci	20%	13%	**33%**	17%	6%	28%	**34%**	15%
Donald Trump	14%	14%	**28%**	19%	8%	39%	**47%**	7%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	8%	19%	**27%**	20%	10%	30%	**40%**	13%
Mehmet Oz	5%	14%	**18%**	22%	10%	25%	**35%**	25%

36. Does your likelihood of following guidance from public health agencies depend on whether the president is a Democrat or a Republican — or does the president's party not make a difference?

More likely with a Democratic president	20%
More likely with a Republican president	16%
No difference	53%
Not sure	12%

37. Would you be more or less likely to follow guidance from public health agencies if Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. becomes the Secretary of Health and Human Services — or would his appointment not make a difference in your likelihood of following public health guidance?

More likely	21%
Less likely	29%
No difference	33%
Not sure	17%

38. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe ……………………………………………………………………………… 38%
Somewhat safe ……………………………………………………………………… 36%
Not very safe ………………………………………………………………………… 12%
Not at all safe ………………………………………………………………………… 7%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 8%

39. As far as you know, how safe does Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. think vaccines generally are?

Very safe ……………………………………………………………………………… 5%
Somewhat safe ……………………………………………………………………… 14%
Not very safe ………………………………………………………………………… 23%
Not at all safe ……………………………………………………………………… 25%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 33%

40. Have you ever been vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………… 72%
No …………………………………………………………………………………… 25%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 3%

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

Very liberal …………………………………………………………………………… 10%
Liberal ………………………………………………………………………………… 16%
Total Liberal …………………………………………………………………… **26%**
Moderate ……………………………………………………………………………… 33%
Conservative ………………………………………………………………………… 21%
Very conservative …………………………………………………………………… 10%
Total Conservative ……………………………………………………………… **31%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 10%

42. Are you registered to vote?

Registered …………………………………………………………………………… 73%
Not registered ……………………………………………………………………… 27%

43. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat 31%
Republican 32%
Independent 26%
Other 4%
Not sure 8%

45. 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 10%
Lean Democrat 9%
Independent 16%
Lean Republican 9%
Not very strong Republican 12%
Strong Republican 20%
Not sure 3%
Don't know 0%

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

Yes 49%
No 39%
Not sure 12%

47. Are you. . . ?

Male 49%
Female 51%

48. Respondent age by category

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

49. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

51. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under $50K	42%
$50-100K	27%
$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

55. 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	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

57. 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	14%
A few times a week	14%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

58. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 5 - 8, 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	1944 started the survey after screenouts. 103 were deleted due to breakoffs, 91 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 10 were removed for attention check failures, and 36 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,704 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, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.502, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.871.
Number of respondents	1704 1522 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.