

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 23–26, 2026 - 1440 U.S. Registered Voters



Sample 1440 U.S. Registered Voters  
Conducted October 23–26, 2026  
Margin of Error  $\pm 3\%$

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

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Generally headed in the right direction | 29% |
| Off on the wrong track                  | 63% |
| Not sure                                | 8%  |

## 2. What do you think is the most important problem facing the U.S. today?

*Categorized open-ended responses into a single-choice question*

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Inflation                     | 24% |
| The economy                   | 13% |
| Presidential leadership       | 11% |
| Political polarization        | 9%  |
| Immigration                   | 8%  |
| Corruption and waste          | 8%  |
| Foreign policy                | 5%  |
| Democracy and the rule of law | 5%  |
| Crime                         | 3%  |
| Inequality                    | 2%  |
| Civil rights                  | 2%  |
| Healthcare                    | 2%  |
| Social values                 | 2%  |
| Taxes and government spending | 2%  |
| The environment               | 1%  |
| Education                     | 1%  |
| Media                         | 0%  |
| Other                         | 3%  |

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

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Satisfied</b>    | <b>33%</b> |
| <b>Total Dissatisfied</b> | <b>60%</b> |
| Completely satisfied      | 7%         |
| Somewhat satisfied        | 26%        |
| Somewhat dissatisfied     | 28%        |
| Completely dissatisfied   | 32%        |
| Not sure                  | 7%         |

**4. What do you think is the biggest threat to democracy in the United States today?**

*Categorized open-ended responses into a single-choice question*

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| Donald Trump and the MAGA movement .....    | 27% |
| The political left .....                    | 15% |
| Immigration and foreign threats .....       | 9%  |
| Government corruption .....                 | 8%  |
| Authoritarianism and abuse of power .....   | 7%  |
| Political polarization .....                | 6%  |
| Threats to election integrity .....         | 5%  |
| Uninformed electorate .....                 | 3%  |
| Economic pressure .....                     | 3%  |
| Money and elite influence in politics ..... | 3%  |
| Misinformation .....                        | 2%  |
| Other .....                                 | 12% |

**5. Which is the better economic system?**

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Capitalism ..... | 51% |
| Socialism .....  | 20% |
| Not sure .....   | 29% |

**6. How likely are you to vote in the election in November?**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Definitely will vote .....     | 56% |
| Probably will vote .....       | 10% |
| Maybe will vote .....          | 4%  |
| Probably will not vote .....   | 2%  |
| Definitely will not vote ..... | 3%  |
| Don't know .....               | 2%  |
| I have already voted .....     | 23% |

**7. In the 2026 congressional elections, how will you cast your vote?**

*Asked of those who said they 'Definitely will vote', 'Probably will vote', or 'Already voted'*

|                                                                                                                  |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| In person early, before Election Day .....                                                                       | 30% |
| In person on Election Day .....                                                                                  | 38% |
| By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office .....                                         | 18% |
| By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site ..... | 12% |
| Not sure .....                                                                                                   | 1%  |

**8. Compared to voting in previous congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| More enthusiastic ..... | 43% |
| Less enthusiastic ..... | 14% |
| About the same .....    | 39% |
| Not sure .....          | 4%  |

**9. In the election for U.S. Senator from [state], who will you vote for?**

*In states with a Senate election, respondents were asked which of the candidates running in their state of residence they would vote for, then if they said they were undecided the first time, asked who they would vote for if they had to choose*

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic candidate ..... | 44% |
| The Republican candidate ..... | 42% |
| Other .....                    | 4%  |
| Not sure .....                 | 5%  |
| I will not vote .....          | 6%  |

**10. In the election for U.S. Senator from [state], would you consider voting for a different candidate, or is your mind made up?**

*Asked of those in states with a Senate election*

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| My mind is made up .....                              | 82% |
| Would consider voting for a different candidate ..... | 8%  |
| Undecided .....                                       | 5%  |
| Nonvoter .....                                        | 6%  |

**11. Which party do you think will have a majority in the U.S. Senate after the elections in November?**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Democratic Party ..... | 39% |
| Republican Party ..... | 36% |
| Not sure .....         | 25% |

**12. In the elections for U.S. Congress in November, who will you vote for in the district where you live?**

*Respondents were asked which of the candidates running in their district of residence they would vote for, then if they said they were undecided the first time, asked who they would vote for if they had to choose*

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic candidate ..... | 46% |
| The Republican candidate ..... | 40% |
| Other .....                    | 2%  |
| Not sure .....                 | 6%  |
| I will not vote .....          | 6%  |

**13. Would you consider voting for a different candidate, or is your mind made up?**

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| My mind is made up .....                              | 81% |
| Would consider voting for a different candidate ..... | 7%  |
| Undecided .....                                       | 6%  |
| Nonvoter .....                                        | 5%  |

**14. What worries, if any, do you have about the elections being held in November?**

*Categorized open-ended responses into a multiple-choice question*

|                                                      |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Unwanted election outcome .....                      | 18% |
| Election fraud and cheating .....                    | 14% |
| Trump interfering .....                              | 14% |
| Refusal to accept election results .....             | 9%  |
| Voter suppression and intimidation .....             | 7%  |
| Rigged and unfair elections .....                    | 6%  |
| Integrity of vote counting and voting machines ..... | 5%  |
| Political violence and unrest .....                  | 4%  |
| Ineligible voting .....                              | 4%  |
| Outside influence .....                              | 4%  |
| Other .....                                          | 6%  |
| No worries .....                                     | 24% |

**15. How satisfied are you with the candidates running for U.S. House of Representatives in the district where you live?**

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Completely satisfied .....    | 20% |
| Somewhat satisfied .....      | 41% |
| Somewhat dissatisfied .....   | 13% |
| Completely dissatisfied ..... | 9%  |
| Not sure .....                | 18% |

**16. Which party do you think will have a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives after the elections in November?**

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Democratic Party ..... | 44% |
| Republican Party ..... | 31% |
| Not sure .....         | 25% |

**17. What Should Next Congress Do Differently**

*Categorized open-ended responses into a multiple-choice question*

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Check and oppose the Trump administration .....    | 24% |
| Do their job effectively .....                     | 23% |
| Lower cost of living .....                         | 15% |
| Represent the people over party and donors .....   | 14% |
| Work across party lines .....                      | 8%  |
| Advance Republican or conservative goals .....     | 7%  |
| Reform healthcare and social programs .....        | 6%  |
| End foreign wars and military involvement .....    | 6%  |
| Reduce corruption and political self-dealing ..... | 6%  |
| Reform immigration and border enforcement .....    | 5%  |
| Cut government spending .....                      | 4%  |
| Other .....                                        | 16% |

**18. Who would you vote for if these were the candidates?**

An Independent who is pro-union, favors stricter border enforcement, and co-sponsors bills with Republicans ..... 74%  
 A MAGA Republican who supports mass deportations and always votes with Trump ..... 26%

**19. Who would you vote for if these were the candidates?**

A Democratic Socialist who is in favor of raising taxes on billionaires, Medicare-for-all, and abolishing ICE. .... 48%  
 A moderate Republican who is in favor of cutting spending and reducing the budget deficit. 52%

**20. Would you ever vote for a candidate who is a Democratic Socialist?**

Yes ..... 50%  
 No ..... 41%  
 Not sure ..... 9%

**21. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following person?**

|                                                                    | Total<br>Favorable | Total<br>Unfavorable | Very<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>unfavorable | Very<br>unfavorable | No<br>opinion |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Senator 1                                                          | <b>39%</b>         | <b>43%</b>           | 19%               | 20%                   | 12%                     | 31%                 | 18%           |
| Senator 2                                                          | <b>42%</b>         | <b>38%</b>           | 18%               | 24%                   | 12%                     | 26%                 | 20%           |
| [Incumbent Candidate in<br>Respondent's<br>Congressional District] | <b>45%</b>         | <b>34%</b>           | 21%               | 24%                   | 11%                     | 23%                 | 21%           |

**22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?**

|                 | Total<br>Favorable | Total<br>Unfavorable | Very<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>unfavorable | Very<br>unfavorable | Don't<br>know |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Bernie Sanders  | <b>49%</b>         | <b>44%</b>           | 26%               | 23%                   | 11%                     | 33%                 | 7%            |
| Kamala Harris   | <b>43%</b>         | <b>54%</b>           | 23%               | 20%                   | 13%                     | 40%                 | 4%            |
| JD Vance        | <b>41%</b>         | <b>53%</b>           | 25%               | 17%                   | 10%                     | 43%                 | 6%            |
| Vivek Ramaswamy | <b>28%</b>         | <b>40%</b>           | 13%               | 15%                   | 8%                      | 32%                 | 32%           |
| Jon Ossoff      | <b>28%</b>         | <b>22%</b>           | 18%               | 11%                   | 10%                     | 12%                 | 50%           |
| Ken Paxton      | <b>21%</b>         | <b>37%</b>           | 9%                | 12%                   | 8%                      | 29%                 | 42%           |

**23. Should a photo ID be required to vote in-person, or should voters be able to cast a ballot without showing a photo ID?**

Photo ID should be required to vote in-person ..... 76%  
 Voters should be able to vote without showing a photo ID ..... 24%

**24. Overall, do you think we make it too hard or too easy for people to vote in the U.S.?**

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Too hard .....    | 18% |
| About right ..... | 46% |
| Too easy .....    | 30% |
| Not sure .....    | 7%  |

**25. How serious a problem do you think voting by non-citizens is in U.S. elections?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very serious .....         | 31% |
| Somewhat serious .....     | 20% |
| Not very serious .....     | 19% |
| Not a problem at all ..... | 25% |
| Not sure .....             | 6%  |

**26. Do you think mail-in voting should be allowed?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 63% |
| No .....       | 27% |
| Not sure ..... | 10% |

**27. How serious a problem do you think fraud in mail-in voting is in U.S. elections?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very serious .....         | 28% |
| Somewhat serious .....     | 22% |
| Not very serious .....     | 21% |
| Not a problem at all ..... | 23% |
| Not sure .....             | 7%  |

**28. Do you think the amount of voter fraud in the election will be enough to change who wins control of Congress?**

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Enough to change who wins .....     | 41% |
| Not enough to change who wins ..... | 59% |

**29. How serious a problem do you think is the drawing of legislative and congressional districts by states that intentionally favor one political party?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very serious .....         | 41% |
| Somewhat serious .....     | 32% |
| Not very serious .....     | 8%  |
| Not a problem at all ..... | 2%  |
| Not sure .....             | 17% |

**30. How serious a problem do you think foreign interference in U.S. elections is?**

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very serious .....         | 36% |
| Somewhat serious .....     | 35% |
| Not very serious .....     | 16% |
| Not a problem at all ..... | 5%  |
| Not sure .....             | 9%  |

31. Do you think votes in the 2026 midterm elections in the U.S. will be counted accurately?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 46% |
| No .....       | 18% |
| Not sure ..... | 35% |

32. How likely is it that the federal government will deploy federal agents or troops at polling places in Democratic areas?

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very likely .....       | 18% |
| Somewhat likely .....   | 30% |
| Not very likely .....   | 22% |
| Not likely at all ..... | 10% |
| Not sure .....          | 20% |

33. If Democrats win a majority in the U.S. Senate, do you expect that Republicans will challenge the results and refuse to seat some Democratic senators?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 51% |
| No .....       | 21% |
| Not sure ..... | 27% |

34. Do you think a single person should be allowed to donate hundreds of millions of dollars to support a political campaign?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 21% |
| No .....       | 59% |
| Not sure ..... | 20% |

35. Which comes closer to your view?

|                                                                                                        |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Paying for political ads allows rich donors to buy elections, and should be banned .....               | 56% |
| Paying for political ads is constitutionally protected free speech, and should not be restricted ..... | 44% |

36. Have you been to any rallies or other events for a candidate running for office in your state this year?

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 12% |
| No .....  | 88% |

37. Do you think Donald Trump's campaign rallies are helping or hurting the Republican candidates he campaigns for?

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Helping a lot .....        | 17% |
| Helping a little .....     | 15% |
| Making no difference ..... | 18% |
| Hurting a little .....     | 14% |
| Hurting a lot .....        | 19% |
| Not sure .....             | 18% |

38. Is it OK for a political candidate to say the following about their opponent in a political ad? Check all that you think are OK.

|                                                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Criticize their family members .....              | 16% |
| Call them a socialist .....                       | 38% |
| Say they are unfaithful to their spouse .....     | 20% |
| Mention their religion .....                      | 21% |
| Accuse them of sympathizing with terrorists ..... | 34% |
| None of the above .....                           | 50% |

39. How much have you heard about a campaign ad by the Vivek Ramaswamy campaign that features the mother of his opponent, Ohio gubernatorial candidate Amy Acton?

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| A lot .....    | 22% |
| Some .....     | 22% |
| A little ..... | 16% |
| Nothing .....  | 40% |

40. The ad features Amy Acton's mother criticizing her for being dishonest and unfit to be Governor of Ohio. Do you approve or disapprove of Ramaswamy's ad with Amy Acton's mother?

*Asked of a randomly assigned half of the sample*

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b> .....    | <b>22%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> ..... | <b>55%</b> |
| Strongly approve .....        | 10%        |
| Somewhat approve .....        | 11%        |
| Somewhat disapprove .....     | 12%        |
| Strongly disapprove .....     | 43%        |
| Not sure .....                | 23%        |

41. The ad features Amy Acton's mother criticizing her for being dishonest and unfit to be Governor of Ohio. Acton says she has had no contact with her mother since she was removed from her mother's custody at age 12 because of sexual abuse by her stepfather. Do you approve or disapprove of Ramaswamy's ad with Amy Acton's mother?

*Asked of the other randomly assigned half of the sample*

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b> .....    | <b>13%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> ..... | <b>64%</b> |
| Strongly approve .....        | 5%         |
| Somewhat approve .....        | 8%         |
| Somewhat disapprove .....     | 11%        |
| Strongly disapprove .....     | 53%        |
| Not sure .....                | 23%        |

42. Do you feel like you made the right choice in the 2024 presidential election, or do you regret your vote?

*Among people who voted for president in 2024*

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Made the right choice ..... | 89% |
| Regret my vote .....        | 4%  |
| Not sure .....              | 7%  |

43. 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    | 45%            | 24%               | 18%           | 2%                | 3%             | 7%       |
| SNAP (food stamps) | 30%            | 19%               | 22%           | 9%                | 12%            | 8%       |
| Medicare           | 41%            | 25%               | 21%           | 3%                | 4%             | 7%       |
| Medicaid           | 34%            | 23%               | 21%           | 6%                | 8%             | 8%       |

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>    | <b>39%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> | <b>58%</b> |
| Strongly approve        | 22%        |
| Somewhat approve        | 17%        |
| Somewhat disapprove     | 8%         |
| Strongly disapprove     | 50%        |
| Not sure                | 2%         |

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

|                                  | A great deal | Quite a lot | Some | Very little |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------|-------------|
| Small business                   | 18%          | 37%         | 38%  | 7%          |
| The church or organized religion | 13%          | 20%         | 33%  | 33%         |
| The medical system               | 8%           | 25%         | 41%  | 26%         |
| Organized labor                  | 8%           | 23%         | 44%  | 25%         |
| Banks                            | 7%           | 24%         | 46%  | 23%         |
| Newspapers                       | 5%           | 17%         | 41%  | 37%         |
| Big business                     | 5%           | 12%         | 40%  | 43%         |
| Television news                  | 4%           | 15%         | 38%  | 42%         |

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

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>           | <b>18%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b>        | <b>59%</b> |
| Strongly approve               | 4%         |
| Somewhat approve               | 13%        |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15%        |
| Somewhat disapprove            | 18%        |
| Strongly disapprove            | 40%        |
| Not sure                       | 9%         |

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>    | <b>32%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> | <b>45%</b> |
| Strongly approve        | 12%        |
| Somewhat approve        | 19%        |
| Somewhat disapprove     | 9%         |
| Strongly disapprove     | 36%        |
| Not sure                | 23%        |

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>    | <b>21%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> | <b>46%</b> |
| Strongly approve        | 6%         |
| Somewhat approve        | 15%        |
| Somewhat disapprove     | 15%        |
| Strongly disapprove     | 31%        |
| Not sure                | 33%        |

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>    | <b>24%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> | <b>54%</b> |
| Strongly approve        | 6%         |
| Somewhat approve        | 18%        |
| Somewhat disapprove     | 16%        |
| Strongly disapprove     | 38%        |
| Not sure                | 23%        |

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

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Approve</b>    | <b>26%</b> |
| <b>Total Disapprove</b> | <b>47%</b> |
| Strongly approve        | 9%         |
| Somewhat approve        | 17%        |
| Somewhat disapprove     | 12%        |
| Strongly disapprove     | 35%        |
| Not sure                | 27%        |

51. 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 done             | 60% |
| Sticks to their principles, no matter what | 40% |

52. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following political parties?

|                      | Total<br>Favorable | Total<br>Unfavorable | Very<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>favorable | Somewhat<br>unfavorable | Very<br>unfavorable | Don't<br>know |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| The Democratic Party | <b>43%</b>         | <b>54%</b>           | 16%               | 26%                   | 18%                     | 36%                 | 4%            |
| The Republican Party | <b>45%</b>         | <b>52%</b>           | 21%               | 24%                   | 11%                     | 41%                 | 3%            |

53. How would you describe the political views of the Democratic Party?

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Liberal</b>      | <b>68%</b> |
| <b>Total Conservative</b> | <b>6%</b>  |
| Very liberal              | 39%        |
| Liberal                   | 29%        |
| Moderate                  | 18%        |
| Conservative              | 4%         |
| Very conservative         | 2%         |
| Not sure                  | 8%         |

54. How would you describe the political views of the Republican Party?

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Liberal</b>      | <b>4%</b>  |
| <b>Total Conservative</b> | <b>77%</b> |
| Very liberal              | 1%         |
| Liberal                   | 3%         |
| Moderate                  | 10%        |
| Conservative              | 36%        |
| Very conservative         | 41%        |
| Not sure                  | 9%         |

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

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 46% |
| No       | 45% |
| Not sure | 10% |

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

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 49% |
| No       | 41% |
| Not sure | 9%  |

57. Which party do you think would do a better job handling inflation?

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Democrats     | 41% |
| Republicans   | 36% |
| No difference | 15% |
| Not sure      | 8%  |

58. Which party do you think would do a better job handling immigration?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Democrats .....     | 38% |
| Republicans .....   | 47% |
| No difference ..... | 8%  |
| Not sure .....      | 7%  |

59. Which party do you think would do a better job handling civil rights?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Democrats .....     | 48% |
| Republicans .....   | 33% |
| No difference ..... | 12% |
| Not sure .....      | 7%  |

60. Which party do you think would do a better job handling health care?

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Democrats .....     | 48% |
| Republicans .....   | 32% |
| No difference ..... | 14% |
| Not sure .....      | 6%  |

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

|                                                                         |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity .....     | 60% |
| The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity ..... | 25% |
| The world's climate is NOT changing .....                               | 6%  |
| Not sure .....                                                          | 9%  |

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

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Support</b> .....   | <b>51%</b> |
| <b>Oppose</b> .....    | <b>36%</b> |
| Strongly support ..... | 23%        |
| Somewhat support ..... | 29%        |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 12%        |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 24%        |
| Not sure .....         | 12%        |

63. When do you think abortion should be legal?

|                                                                                                                |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. ....                             | 28% |
| Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions). ....         | 28% |
| Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. .... | 35% |
| Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. ....                                                   | 9%  |

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

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Should be legal .....     | 56% |
| Should not be legal ..... | 33% |
| Not sure .....            | 12% |

65. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Very safe .....       | 44% |
| Somewhat safe .....   | 35% |
| Not very safe .....   | 9%  |
| Not at all safe ..... | 7%  |
| Not sure .....        | 6%  |

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

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Expanded .....      | 44% |
| Kept the same ..... | 16% |
| Repealed .....      | 25% |
| Not sure .....      | 15% |

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

|                                                                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender .....                   | 44% |
| Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender ..... | 15% |
| Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender .....            | 30% |
| Not sure .....                                                                               | 11% |

68. 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?

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| <b>Support</b> .....   | <b>22%</b> |
| <b>Oppose</b> .....    | <b>67%</b> |
| Strongly support ..... | 11%        |
| Somewhat support ..... | 10%        |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 13%        |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 55%        |
| Not sure .....         | 11%        |

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

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Inflation/prices .....                   | 32% |
| Jobs and the economy .....               | 13% |
| Health care .....                        | 8%  |
| Immigration .....                        | 9%  |
| Taxes and government spending .....      | 8%  |
| National Security .....                  | 6%  |
| Civil rights .....                       | 5%  |
| Climate change and the environment ..... | 4%  |
| Civil liberties .....                    | 3%  |
| Crime .....                              | 3%  |
| Abortion .....                           | 2%  |
| Education .....                          | 2%  |
| Foreign policy .....                     | 2%  |
| Guns .....                               | 2%  |
| Criminal justice reform .....            | 1%  |

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

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Excellent/Good .....</b> | <b>22%</b> |
| <b>Total Fair/Poor .....</b>      | <b>75%</b> |
| Excellent .....                   | 4%         |
| Good .....                        | 18%        |
| Fair .....                        | 30%        |
| Poor .....                        | 45%        |
| Don't know .....                  | 2%         |

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

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Getting better ..... | 16% |
| About the same ..... | 20% |
| Getting worse .....  | 59% |
| Not sure .....       | 5%  |

72. Do you own or rent the place you currently live?

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Own .....   | 55% |
| Rent .....  | 37% |
| Other ..... | 8%  |

73. If the government where you live needed to raise taxes, which tax would you most prefer they raise?

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Income tax .....   | 31% |
| Sales tax .....    | 48% |
| Property tax ..... | 21% |

74. If they were cutting taxes, which would you most prefer they cut?

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Income tax .....   | 31% |
| Sales tax .....    | 25% |
| Property tax ..... | 43% |

75. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

|                                                                                                                                                       | Total<br>Agree | Total<br>Disagree | Strongly<br>agree | Somewhat<br>agree | Somewhat<br>disagree | Strongly<br>disagree | Not sure |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Year after year, you're just having to write a check just for the privilege of being able to maintain ownership of something that is supposedly yours | <b>62%</b>     | <b>23%</b>        | 36%               | 26%               | 13%                  | 10%                  | 15%      |
| Eliminating property taxes would immediately destabilize local budgets and force deep cuts to essential services                                      | <b>47%</b>     | <b>31%</b>        | 20%               | 27%               | 17%                  | 14%                  | 22%      |

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

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Liberal</b> .....      | <b>31%</b> |
| <b>Total Conservative</b> ..... | <b>37%</b> |
| Very liberal .....              | 13%        |
| Liberal .....                   | 18%        |
| Moderate .....                  | 27%        |
| Conservative .....              | 23%        |
| Very conservative .....         | 14%        |
| Not sure .....                  | 5%         |

77. Are you registered to vote?

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Registered .....     | 100% |
| Not registered ..... | 0%   |

78. 2024 Presidential Vote

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Kamala Harris .....              | 42% |
| Donald Trump .....               | 43% |
| Other .....                      | 2%  |
| Did not vote for President ..... | 14% |

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

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat .....    | 33% |
| Republican .....  | 38% |
| Independent ..... | 24% |
| Other .....       | 2%  |
| Not sure .....    | 3%  |

**80. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat .....            | 25% |
| Not very strong Democrat .....   | 8%  |
| Lean Democrat .....              | 9%  |
| Independent .....                | 12% |
| Lean Republican .....            | 7%  |
| Not very strong Republican ..... | 11% |
| Strong Republican .....          | 27% |
| Not sure .....                   | 1%  |

**81. Are you a MAGA supporter?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 26% |
| No .....       | 66% |
| Not sure ..... | 8%  |

**82. Are you... ?**

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 47% |
| Female ..... | 53% |

**83. Respondent age by category**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Under 30 ..... | 17% |
| 30-44 .....    | 24% |
| 45-64 .....    | 32% |
| 65+ .....      | 27% |

**84. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| White .....    | 69% |
| Black .....    | 11% |
| Hispanic ..... | 12% |
| Other .....    | 8%  |

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

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| HS or less .....   | 30% |
| Some college ..... | 31% |
| College grad ..... | 23% |
| Postgrad .....     | 15% |

**86. What is your marital status?**

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married .....                      | 42% |
| Separated .....                    | 1%  |
| Divorced .....                     | 13% |
| Widowed .....                      | 6%  |
| Never married .....                | 32% |
| Domestic / civil partnership ..... | 5%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 20% |
| No .....  | 80% |

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

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K .....       | 38% |
| \$50-100K .....         | 27% |
| \$100K or more .....    | 26% |
| Prefer not to say ..... | 8%  |

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

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week ..... | 8%  |
| Once a week .....           | 18% |
| Once or twice a month ..... | 6%  |
| A few times a year .....    | 12% |
| Seldom .....                | 21% |
| Never .....                 | 33% |
| Don't know .....            | 2%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 32% |
| No .....  | 68% |

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

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day ..... | 29% |
| Once a day .....          | 14% |
| A few times a week .....  | 10% |
| Once a week .....         | 3%  |
| A few times a month ..... | 6%  |
| Seldom .....              | 14% |
| Never .....               | 21% |
| Don't know .....          | 3%  |

92. What is your present religion, if any?

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant .....                | 29% |
| Roman Catholic .....            | 22% |
| Mormon .....                    | 1%  |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox ..... | 0%  |
| Jewish .....                    | 3%  |
| Muslim .....                    | 1%  |
| Buddhist .....                  | 1%  |
| Hindu .....                     | 0%  |
| Atheist .....                   | 7%  |
| Agnostic .....                  | 6%  |
| Nothing in particular .....     | 20% |
| Something else .....            | 10% |

***The Economist/YouGov Poll***  
**October 23–26, 2026 - 1440 U.S. Registered Voters**



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| <b>Sponsorship</b>            | <i>The Economist</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Fieldwork</b>              | YouGov                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Interviewing Dates</b>     | October 23–26, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Target population</b>      | Registered voters for November 3, 2026, U.S. election                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Sampling method</b>        | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens, and screened for voter registration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Sample composition</b>     | 2,308 started the survey after screenouts. 424 were deleted due to breakoffs, 18 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 20 were removed for attention check failures, and 256 were removed for data quality control. 1,440 of the 1,590 respondents in the cleaned sample reported that they were currently registered to vote.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Weighting</b>              | 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 6.505, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.621. |
| <b>Number of respondents</b>  | 1440                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Margin of error</b>        | ± 3% (adjusted for weighting)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Likely Voter Screen</b>    | "Strict" indicates a respondent who indicated that they "Definitely will vote" or "Already voted". "Loose" indicates a respondent who indicated that they either "Definitely will vote", "Probably will vote", or "Already voted".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Survey mode</b>            | Web-based interviews                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Questions not reported</b> | 0 questions not reported.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |