The Economist/YouGov Poll
January 30 - February 2, 2026 - 1672 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1672 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   January 30 - February 2, 2026
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	32%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	9%

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

Support	**28%**
Oppose	**48%**
Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	20%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	24%

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

Support	**25%**
Oppose	**52%**
Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	32%
Not sure	23%

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

Will succeed	18%
Will not succeed	31%
Not sure	51%

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

Support	**33%**
Oppose	**42%**
Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	25%

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

Likely	**52%**
Not likely	**18%**
Very likely	15%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	16%
Not likely at all	2%
Not sure	30%

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

Increased	23%
Not changed	32%
Decreased	22%
Reduced to zero	9%
Not sure	14%

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

Better off	46%
Does not make much difference	20%
Worse off	24%
Not sure	11%

9. Do you think Donald Trump's approach to immigration policy is...?

Too harsh	50%
About right	36%
Too soft	8%
Not sure	7%

10. Do you think that in general, the following types of people who are in the United States illegally should or should not be deported?

	Should be deported	Should not be deported	Not sure
People who have committed violent crimes	86%	6%	8%
People who have committed non-violent crimes	43%	36%	20%
People who have young children who are U.S. citizens	26%	58%	16%
People who have lived in the U.S. for many years without committing any crimes	23%	63%	15%
People who came to the U.S. as children	21%	62%	17%
People who are married to a U.S. citizen	16%	68%	16%

11. What proportion of the people who are being deported by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) are criminals?

All or nearly all 13%
Most 13%
About half 12%
Less than half 24%
None or nearly none 20%
Not sure 18%

12. As far as you know, do immigrants who are facing deportation have the right to challenge their deportation in court?

Yes 42%
No 31%
Not sure 27%

13. Do you think immigrants who are facing deportation should have the right to challenge their deportation in court?

Yes 59%
No 29%
Not sure 12%

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

Approve **50%**
Disapprove **40%**
Strongly approve 37%
Somewhat approve 13%
Somewhat disapprove 10%
Strongly disapprove 31%
Not sure 10%

15. Have the protesters against ICE in Minneapolis been mostly peaceful or violent?

All or almost all have been peaceful 25%
Most have been peaceful 25%
Most have been violent 22%
All or almost all have been violent 14%
Not sure 15%

16. When responding to recent protests, have ICE officers in Minneapolis been mostly peaceful or violent?

All or almost all have been peaceful 11%
Most have been peaceful 24%
Most have been violent 24%
All or almost all have been violent 23%
Not sure 18%

17. Do you think the federal government should...?

Send more immigration agents to Minneapolis 21%
Keep the current number of immigration agents in Minneapolis 13%
Reduce the number immigration agents in Minneapolis 15%
Remove all immigration agents from Minneapolis 37%
Not sure 14%

18. Have you seen any video footage of the federal immigration agents shooting Alex Pretti in Minneapolis?

Yes 67%
No 27%
Not sure 6%

19. Do you think the federal immigration agents were justified or not justified in shooting Alex Pretti in Minneapolis?

Justified 22%
Not justified 55%
Not sure 23%

20. Do you think the federal immigration agents who shot Alex Pretti should be investigated?

Yes 72%
No 15%
Not sure 13%

21. Who should be responsible for investigating the shooting of Alex Pretti?

Federal government 20%
Minnesota state government 17%
Both 45%
Neither 7%
Not sure 11%

22. How honest or dishonest do you think the Trump administration's account of Pretti's shooting has been?

Totally honest 13%
Mostly honest 16%
Mostly dishonest 12%
Totally dishonest 40%
Not sure 20%

23. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
Alex Pretti was legally carrying a concealed handgun	55%	12%	33%
Alex Pretti was wrongfully executed by immigration agents	53%	24%	23%
Alex Pretti was interfering with an arrest	36%	38%	26%
Immigration agents did their best to de-escalate the situation before shooting Alex Pretti	28%	49%	22%
Alex Pretti was a domestic terrorist	20%	52%	28%

24. Overall, is ICE making Americans more or less safe?

More safe	33%
Less safe	50%
Neither more nor less safe	11%
Not sure	6%

25. Would you want the number of immigration agents that have been sent to Minnesota in your own state?

Would want	32%
Would not want	54%
Not sure	14%

26. 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
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	16%	10%	16%	8%	41%	10%
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	14%	14%	22%	9%	28%	13%

27. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Support	Oppose	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Requiring federal immigration agents to wear body cameras	**84%**	**8%**	66%	18%	5%	2%	9%
Requiring federal immigration agents to have judicial warrants in order to forcibly enter homes of people subject to deportation	**69%**	**19%**	53%	16%	7%	12%	11%

Banning federal immigration agents from entering schools or churches	**66%**	**22%**	51%	15%	11%	11%	12%
Banning federal immigration from stopping people based solely on factors such as their race or ethnicity	**64%**	**23%**	51%	13%	10%	13%	13%
Banning federal immigration agents from wearing face masks	**55%**	**33%**	44%	11%	9%	23%	12%

28. Would you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

Support	**46%**
Oppose	**44%**
Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	11%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	31%
Not sure	10%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the Department of Justice prosecuting Don Lemon for his presence at an anti-ICE protest at a Minnesota church earlier this month?

Approve	**30%**
Disapprove	**43%**
Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	8%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	27%

30. 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
Melania Trump	**41%**	**47%**	26%	15%	12%	35%	12%
Tim Walz	**36%**	**40%**	18%	17%	9%	31%	24%
Don Lemon	**33%**	**34%**	13%	20%	9%	25%	33%
Amy Klobuchar	**28%**	**28%**	14%	14%	10%	18%	43%
Kristi Noem	**26%**	**47%**	13%	13%	9%	38%	28%
Tulsi Gabbard	**25%**	**36%**	13%	12%	10%	26%	39%
Tom Homan	**25%**	**34%**	18%	7%	10%	24%	41%
Stephen Miller	**19%**	**39%**	10%	9%	8%	31%	42%
Gregory Bovino	**15%**	**36%**	6%	9%	8%	28%	49%

31. In general, do you feel gun control laws should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict 51%
No change 28%
Make gun laws less strict 13%
Not sure 8%

32. Do you think people who are licensed to carry a concealed handgun should be allowed to do so at a protest?

Yes 43%
No 39%
Not sure 18%

33. Do you support or oppose allowing people to carry a concealed handgun in public with a license?

Support 60%
Oppose 22%
Not sure 18%

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

Approve **40%**
Disapprove **54%**
Strongly approve 23%
Somewhat approve 17%
Somewhat disapprove 7%
Strongly disapprove 47%
Not sure 5%

35. 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
Jobs and the economy	**39%**	**53%**	20%	18%	10%	43%	8%
Inflation/prices	**35%**	**58%**	17%	17%	11%	47%	8%
Taxes and government spending	**37%**	**54%**	19%	18%	9%	45%	8%
National security	**43%**	**49%**	27%	17%	8%	41%	8%
Immigration	**44%**	**52%**	28%	16%	7%	45%	5%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Immigration	11%
Health care	11%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	7%
Crime	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Abortion	2%
Guns	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

37. Which party do you think does a better job handling...?

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	Both about the same	Not sure
The economy	34%	36%	14%	16%
Immigration	34%	40%	10%	16%
Health Care	42%	25%	16%	17%
Crime	25%	38%	19%	18%
Corruption	27%	31%	23%	19%
Taxes	31%	35%	16%	18%
National defense	26%	39%	17%	18%

38. In the last year, Donald Trump has sued the British Broadcasting Network (BBC), the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) seeking billions of dollars in damages. Do you approve or disapprove of Trump filing these lawsuits while President of the U.S.?

Approve	**33%**
Disapprove	**53%**
Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	14%

39. Thinking about the Winter Olympics in Italy this year, how much of the Games do you expect you will watch?

I will watch events every day	6%
I will watch lots of events when I can	15%
I will watch a few events	35%
I will not watch any of them	34%
Not sure	10%

40. Which are your favorite sports at the Winter Olympics? Please choose up to five.

Figure skating	38%
Ski jumping	21%
Snowboard	20%
Bobsled	20%
Ice hockey	20%
Speed skating	17%
Luge	13%
Alpine skiing	12%
Curling	11%
Freestyle skiing	11%
Short track speed skating	8%
Cross-country skiing	5%
Skeleton	4%
Biathlon	3%
Ski mountaineering	3%
Nordic combined	3%
None of the above	26%
Don't know	9%

41. Which country do you think will win the most total medals at this year's Winter Olympics in Italy?

United States 39%
Norway 4%
China 3%
Canada 3%
Germany 2%
Italy 2%
Sweden 1%
Finland 1%
Austria 1%
Netherlands 1%
France 0%
Japan 0%
Some other country 1%
Not sure 42%

42. Compared to previous Winter Olympics, do you think the U.S. Olympic team will perform...?

Better than it usually does 19%
About the same level as it usually does 43%
Worse than it usually does 5%
Not sure 32%

43. Will you watch the Super Bowl this year?

Definitely watch 28%
Probably watch 23%
Probably not watch 14%
Definitely not watch 28%
Not sure 7%

44. Which team do you think is most likely to win the Super Bowl this year?

New England Patriots 23%
Seattle Seahawks 34%
Don't know 43%

45. Which team do you want to win the Super Bowl this year?

New England Patriots 18%
Seattle Seahawks 31%
Don't care 51%

46. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bad Bunny?

Favorable ……………………………………………………………………**35%**
Unfavorable ……………………………………………………………………**32%**
Very favorable ……………………………………………………………………15%
Somewhat favorable ……………………………………………………………20%
Somewhat unfavorable ……………………………………………………………9%
Very unfavorable ……………………………………………………………………23%
Don't know ……………………………………………………………………33%

47. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Bad Bunny performing at halftime of this year's Super Bowl?

Very satisfied ……………………………………………………………………16%
Somewhat satisfied ……………………………………………………………12%
Somewhat dissatisfied ……………………………………………………………6%
Very dissatisfied ……………………………………………………………………21%
Don't care ……………………………………………………………………34%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………11%

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

Total Excellent/Good ……………………………………………………………**28%**
Total Fair/Poor ……………………………………………………………………**68%**
Excellent ……………………………………………………………………4%
Good ……………………………………………………………………24%
Fair ……………………………………………………………………27%
Poor ……………………………………………………………………41%
Don't know ……………………………………………………………………4%

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

Getting better ……………………………………………………………………24%
About the same ……………………………………………………………………20%
Getting worse ……………………………………………………………………50%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago ……………………………………16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago ……………………………………43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago ……………………………………35%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………5%

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

Better off financially ……………………………………………………………………28%
Just about the same as now ……………………………………………………………34%
Worse off financially ……………………………………………………………………24%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………14%

52. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes 23%
No 65%
Not sure 12%

53. 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 36%
The Republican Party candidate 34%
Other 2%
Not sure 13%
I would not vote 15%

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

Total Liberal **27%**
Total Conservative **34%**
Very liberal 11%
Liberal 16%
Moderate 31%
Conservative 22%
Very conservative 12%
Not sure 8%

55. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 73%
Not registered 27%

56. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat 28%
Republican 31%
Independent 28%
Other 5%
Not sure 8%

58. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	11%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%

59. Are you. . . ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

60. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

61. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

63. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	39%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes 19%
No 81%

65. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast 16%
Midwest 24%
South 38%
West 22%

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

Under $50K 40%
$50-100K 28%
$100K or more 22%
Prefer not to say 9%

67. 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 8%
A few times a year 11%
Seldom 19%
Never 34%
Don't know 3%

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

Yes 29%
No 71%

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

Several times a day 24%
Once a day 14%
A few times a week 12%
Once a week 3%
A few times a month 7%
Seldom 15%
Never 21%
Don't know 3%

70. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 31%
Roman Catholic 19%
Mormon 0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 2%
Muslim 1%
Buddhist 1%
Hindu 0%
Atheist 6%
Agnostic 6%
Nothing in particular 24%
Something else 9%

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 30 - February 2, 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	1,896 started the survey after screenouts. 154 were deleted due to breakoffs, 16 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 12 were removed for attention check failures, and 42 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,672 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, U.S. region of residence, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.559, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.904.
Number of respondents	1672 1504 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.