The Economist/YouGov Poll
August 1 - 4, 2025 - 1702 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1702 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   August 1 - 4, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 36%
Off on the wrong track 55%
Not sure 9%

2. Which of the following team names do you prefer?

The Washington Commanders 35%
The Washington Redskins 45%
Not sure 20%

3. Which of the following team names do you prefer?

The Cleveland Guardians 35%
The Cleveland Indians 47%
Not sure 18%

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
Donald Trump	23%	19%	**42%**	7%	48%	**56%**	2%

5. 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
Benjamin Netanyahu	9%	15%	**24%**	11%	33%	**44%**	32%
Keir Starmer	2%	11%	**13%**	9%	10%	**19%**	68%

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

Inflation/prices 21%
Jobs and the economy 14%
Health care 11%
Civil rights 8%
Immigration 8%
Taxes and government spending 7%
Civil liberties 5%
Climate change and the environment 5%
National Security 5%
Abortion 4%
Crime 4%
Education 3%
Guns 2%
Foreign policy 1%
Criminal justice reform 1%

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

Strongly approve 22%
Somewhat approve 19%
Approve **41%**
Somewhat disapprove 9%
Strongly disapprove 46%
Disapprove **55%**
Not sure 4%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	20%	19%	**40%**	11%	42%	**53%**	7%
Inflation/prices	16%	18%	**34%**	12%	47%	**59%**	6%
Immigration	31%	13%	**45%**	8%	43%	**51%**	4%
Taxes and government spending	20%	18%	**38%**	11%	45%	**57%**	5%
Health care	15%	18%	**33%**	12%	45%	**57%**	10%

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

Excellent 4%
Good 22%
Fair 40%
Poor 32%
Don't know 2%

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

Getting better 25%
About the same 19%
Getting worse 50%
Not sure 5%

11. 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 45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 36%
Not sure 4%

12. 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 31%
Worse off financially 29%
Not sure 12%

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

Unemployment 6%
Inflation 42%
Both equal 45%
Not sure 7%

14. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive 10%
Equally positive and negative 25%
Mostly negative 48%
Not heard much news about the economy at all 17%

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

Yes 34%
No 39%
Not sure 28%

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

Very likely 7%
Somewhat likely 20%
Not very likely 17%
Not at all likely 8%
Not sure 14%
Not asked - Already in a recession 34%

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

Very serious 23%
Somewhat serious 39%
A minor problem 23%
Not a problem 6%
Not sure 9%

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

Increased 37%
Stayed the same 22%
Decreased 12%
Don't know 29%

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

Completely trust 6%
Somewhat trust 36%
Somewhat distrust 29%
Completely distrust 17%
Don't know 12%

20. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people 44%
The government numbers are accurate 21%
Fewer unemployed people 8%
Don't know 28%

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

Higher gas prices 43%
The same gas prices 22%
Lower gas prices 20%
Not sure 15%

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

A higher rate of inflation 46%
The same rate of inflation 22%
A lower rate of inflation 19%
Not sure 13%

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

Definitely 43%

Probably 33%

Probably not 11%

Definitely not 7%

Not sure 5%

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

Very worried 10%

Somewhat worried 26%

Not very worried 64%

25. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?
Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. 28%

Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 41%

Not very hard 24%

Not sure 8%

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

Very happy 29%

Happy 37%

Neither happy nor unhappy 22%

Unhappy 8%

Very unhappy 5%

27. Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance when people in other countries need help?

Yes 49%

No 34%

Not sure 17%

28. Do you think that the following should be. . . ?

	Expanded	Kept the same	Reduced	Eliminated	Not sure
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	21%	26%	16%	17%	20%

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

The Israelis …………………………………………………………………………29%
About equal …………………………………………………………………………24%
The Palestinians ……………………………………………………………………26%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………20%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel ……………………………………………………13%
Decreasing military aid to Israel ……………………………………………………42%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel ………………………………26%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………20%

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

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians ……………………………………38%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians ……………………………………18%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians ………………24%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………20%

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

Too supportive of Israel ……………………………………………………………36%
About right …………………………………………………………………………32%
Not supportive enough of Israel ……………………………………………………7%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………25%

33. Which comes closer to your view?

Israel is justified in its attacks on Gaza as a response to threats from Hamas …………32%
Israel's attacks on Gaza are unjustified and harm too many innocent Palestinians ……41%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………27%

34. Is there currently a hunger crisis in Gaza?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………71%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………5%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………24%

35. Do you think that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinian civilians?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………………43%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………28%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………29%

36. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support	61%
Somewhat support	17%
Support	**78%**
Somewhat oppose	3%
Strongly oppose	2%
Oppose	**4%**
Not sure	17%

37. Do you think Palestinians should or should not have their own state?

Should	49%
Should not	17%
Don't know	34%

38. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	55%
No change	24%
Make gun laws less strict	14%
Not sure	7%

39. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor strongly	Favor some-what	Favor	Oppose some-what	Oppose strongly	Oppose	Not sure
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	67%	16%	**83%**	5%	5%	**10%**	7%
Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themself or others	56%	17%	**73%**	8%	9%	**18%**	9%
Banning assault rifles	45%	15%	**60%**	11%	20%	**31%**	9%

40. Do you think the government is covering up evidence it has about Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes	68%
No	9%
Not sure	22%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………………8%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………………12%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………**20%**
Somewhat disapprove …………………………………………………………………13%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………47%
Disapprove …………………………………………………………………………**60%**
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………20%

42. Do you think that Donald Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………47%
No …………………………………………………………………………29%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………25%

43. Do you believe that Jeffrey Epstein...?

Committed suicide …………………………………………………………………16%
Was murdered …………………………………………………………………50%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………34%

44. Before investigations into Jeffrey Epstein began, how much do you think Donald Trump knew about sex crimes committed by Epstein against underage girls?

A lot …………………………………………………………………………44%
Some …………………………………………………………………………24%
Nothing …………………………………………………………………………9%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………22%

45. Do you think Ghislaine Maxwell should testify before Congress about allegations against Jeffrey Epstein and his associates?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………64%
No …………………………………………………………………………9%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………27%

46. If Ghislaine Maxwell testifies before Congress about allegations against Jeffrey Epstein and his associates, do you think her prison sentence should be reduced?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………21%
No …………………………………………………………………………52%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………27%

47. If Ghislaine Maxwell testifies before Congress in exchange for a reduction in her prison sentence, would you trust her testimony?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………17%
No …………………………………………………………………………44%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………39%

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

	Trust a lot	Trust somewhat	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust somewhat	Distrust a lot	Not sure
Your doctor	46%	35%	9%	4%	3%	3%
Pharmaceutical companies	5%	22%	23%	23%	24%	4%
Medical researchers	28%	38%	18%	8%	5%	3%
Public health officials	15%	34%	21%	14%	12%	4%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	25%	29%	17%	12%	12%	4%

49. Do you normally keep up to date in receiving recommended vaccines, or do you ever delay or skip some vaccines?

Normally keep up to date 54%
Have delayed or skipped some vaccines 29%
I do not get any vaccines 17%

50. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe 40%
Somewhat safe 38%
Not very safe 9%
Not at all safe 6%
Not sure 7%

51. Which comes closest to your view on vaccines?

The benefits outweigh the risks 67%
The risks outweigh the benefits 18%
Not sure 15%

52. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is handling his job as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services?

Strongly approve 17%
Somewhat approve 20%
Approve **37%**
Somewhat disapprove 10%
Strongly disapprove 34%
Disapprove **44%**
Not sure 18%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	**30%**
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	**33%**
Not sure	8%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

55. 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	40%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	12%

56. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	3%

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

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	11%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

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

Yes	46%
No	38%
Not sure	16%

60. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

61. Respondent age by category

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

62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	12%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

64. What is your marital status?

Married 40%
Separated 2%
Divorced 11%
Widowed 7%
Never married 35%
Domestic / civil partnership 4%

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

Yes 22%
No 78%

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

Northeast 18%
Midwest 22%
South 38%
West 22%

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

Under $50K 37%
$50-100K 28%
$100K or more 23%
Prefer not to say 11%

68. 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 5%
A few times a year 12%
Seldom 23%
Never 34%
Don't know 1%

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

Yes 28%
No 72%

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

Several times a day 28%
Once a day 13%
A few times a week 11%
Once a week 2%
A few times a month 6%
Seldom 15%
Never 22%
Don't know 3%

71. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 30%
Roman Catholic 21%
Mormon 1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 2%
Muslim 1%
Buddhist 1%
Hindu 0%
Atheist 6%
Agnostic 7%
Nothing in particular 21%
Something else 8%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 1 - 4, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Sample composition	1,920 started the survey after screenouts. 123 were deleted due to breakoffs, 48 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 9 were removed for attention check failures, and 38 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,702 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.606, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.98.
Number of respondents	1702 1528 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	8 questions not reported.