

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 16 - 18, 2025 - 1618 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1618 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted March 16 - 18, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	39%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	32%	14%	46%	9%	42%	51%	3%
JD Vance	28%	13%	41%	10%	39%	49%	9%
Mike Johnson	13%	19%	32%	14%	25%	38%	30%
John Thune	6%	15%	21%	12%	13%	26%	53%
Chuck Schumer	6%	16%	22%	22%	33%	55%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	10%	17%	27%	13%	23%	36%	37%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Gavin Newsom	10%	20%	30%	13%	32%	45%	25%
Mahmoud Khalil	6%	14%	20%	9%	19%	28%	52%
Pete Buttigieg	17%	16%	34%	11%	26%	37%	29%
Elon Musk	24%	17%	41%	11%	42%	53%	5%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Vladimir Putin	3%	9%	12%	14%	63%	77%	11%
Volodymyr Zelensky	25%	22%	47%	19%	16%	35%	18%
Benjamin Netanyahu	16%	19%	35%	12%	24%	37%	28%
Mark Carney	7%	14%	21%	8%	6%	13%	66%
Justin Trudeau	18%	23%	40%	14%	21%	35%	25%
Doug Ford	6%	13%	19%	9%	6%	15%	66%
Pierre Poilievre	6%	14%	19%	8%	5%	14%	67%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	22%	98%	2%	0%	2%
Immigration	56%	28%	84%	13%	2%	16%
Climate change and the environment	43%	31%	73%	14%	13%	27%
Foreign policy	51%	39%	90%	7%	3%	10%
National Security	71%	23%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Education	68%	24%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Health care	77%	18%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Taxes and government spending	66%	29%	95%	5%	1%	5%
Abortion	46%	28%	74%	15%	11%	26%
Civil rights	60%	29%	89%	8%	4%	11%
Civil liberties	57%	32%	90%	7%	4%	10%
Guns	50%	31%	81%	14%	4%	19%
Crime	64%	29%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Criminal justice reform	47%	41%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Inflation/prices	80%	18%	97%	3%	0%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Immigration	7%
National Security	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	4%
Abortion	4%
Education	3%
Crime	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	30%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	5%

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	27%	18%	45%	10%	38%	49%	7%
Immigration	38%	13%	50%	9%	36%	45%	5%
Foreign policy	28%	16%	44%	10%	39%	49%	8%
National Security	33%	18%	51%	8%	33%	42%	7%
Education	27%	17%	44%	10%	37%	47%	9%
Crime	29%	19%	48%	9%	29%	39%	13%
Criminal justice reform	23%	20%	43%	9%	32%	41%	15%
Inflation/prices	24%	18%	42%	11%	40%	52%	6%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	25%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	9%

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	30%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	15%

11. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	19%
Total Conservative	46%
Not sure	16%

12. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	10%	22%	32%	24%	34%	58%	10%
Republicans in Congress	17%	22%	39%	14%	37%	51%	10%

13. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	40%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	24%

16. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	31%

17. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	44%
No	47%
Not sure	8%

18. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	43%
Uneasy	49%
Not sure	8%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	21%
Fair	38%
Poor	35%
Don't know	1%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	19%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	35%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	36%
Just about the same as now	23%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	13%

23. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	14%
The prices of goods and services you buy	54%
Your personal finances	13%
Don't know	11%

24. Since January 2025, has the stock market ... ?

Gone up	9%
Stayed the same	10%
Gone down	55%
Not sure	26%

25. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the U.S. economy?

Joe Biden	32%
Donald Trump	48%
Neither	8%
Not sure	12%

26. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	64%
A little	32%
Not at all	4%

27. How much have you felt the impact of increasing grocery prices in your own life?

A lot	70%
A little	26%
Not at all	3%

28. How much have you felt the impact of declines in the stock market in your own life?

A lot	21%
A little	43%
Not at all	36%

29. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	8%	28%	46%	15%
Ukraine	26%	33%	16%	4%	21%
China	3%	10%	35%	35%	17%
Australia	43%	35%	4%	0%	18%
Canada	43%	29%	13%	2%	12%
Mexico	23%	35%	21%	6%	16%
Israel	38%	24%	10%	5%	22%
United Kingdom	50%	28%	7%	1%	14%
European Union	34%	29%	14%	3%	20%

30. Do you think the United States should be able to deport immigrants who are...

	Yes, for any reason	Yes, but only if they commit a crime	No	Not sure
Lawful permanent residents (green card holders)	10%	38%	45%	7%
Visa holders	14%	49%	28%	9%
Undocumented immigrants	48%	35%	9%	8%
Naturalized citizens	6%	23%	62%	10%
Birthright citizens	10%	20%	59%	11%

31. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	3%
Ukraine	61%
Neither	27%
Not sure	9%

32. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory do you think Russia will control?

All of it	5%
Most of it	11%
Half of it	8%
Some of it	40%
None of it	9%
Not sure	28%

33. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory would you prefer Russia control?

All of it	2%
Most of it	2%
Half of it	3%
Some of it	8%
None of it	66%
Not sure	20%

34. Do you think the U.S. would be better off if Russia or Ukraine won the war between them?

Russia	4%
Ukraine	43%
No difference	30%
Not sure	23%

35. Do you favor the U.S. ... ?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	26%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	22%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	14%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	19%
Not sure	18%

36. Do you think the European Union is capable of protecting itself against Russian aggression?

Yes	33%
No	30%
Not sure	37%

37. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think Donald Trump sympathizes with more?

Russia	43%
Ukraine	14%
Neither	26%
Not sure	18%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	13%

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

The Israelis	34%
About equal	22%
The Palestinians	21%
Not sure	23%

40. Do you favor the U.S. ... ?

Increasing military aid to Israel	15%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	28%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	14%
Stopping all military aid to Israel	21%
Not sure	21%

41. Do you favor the U.S. ... ?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	10%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	15%
Not sure	25%

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

Too supportive of Israel	27%
About right	36%
Not supportive enough of Israel	8%
Not sure	29%

43. Do you support or oppose the ability of Americans to protest against what they see as unjust?

Strongly support	56%
Somewhat support	24%
Support	80%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	2%
Oppose	7%
Not sure	13%

44. Have you ever attended a political rally, protest, or demonstration?

Yes	29%
No	67%
Not sure	4%

45. How many people in America who protest against Israeli actions in Gaza do you think support Hamas?

All of them	6%
Most of them	16%
About half of them	10%
A few of them	25%
None of them	7%
Not sure	35%

46. Do you think it should be legal or illegal in the U.S. to protest against Israeli actions in Gaza?

Legal	57%
Illegal	12%
Not sure	31%

47. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about activist Mahmoud Khalil being arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement?

A lot	23%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	37%

48. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico	17%	19%	36%	11%	41%	52%	12%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Canada	16%	16%	32%	14%	42%	56%	12%

49. Would raising tariffs help or hurt the company that you or others in your household work for?

Help	7%
Hurt	32%
No effect	17%
Not sure	16%
No one in my household works for a company	28%

50. Would raising tariffs increase or decrease the prices you pay for things that you buy?

Increase a lot	44%
Increase slightly	32%
No effect	7%
Decrease slightly	3%
Decrease a lot	1%
Not sure	13%

51. Would raising tariffs help or hurt the average American?

Help	14%
Hurt	61%
No effect	7%
Not sure	18%

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

	Expanded	Kept the same	Reduced	Eliminated	Not sure
Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)	25%	21%	9%	34%	11%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	39%	32%	15%	8%	7%
U.S. Department of Education	39%	27%	13%	17%	6%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	32%	35%	17%	7%	9%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	40%	32%	17%	5%	6%
U.S. Department of Defense	34%	40%	15%	1%	9%
The National Park Service (NPS)	30%	49%	10%	1%	9%
U.S. Postal Service (USPS)	26%	51%	10%	4%	9%

53. Do you think that the Trump administration's efforts to reduce the budgets and staff of federal agencies have...?

Gone too far	46%
Been about right	25%
Not gone far enough	17%
Not sure	12%

54. Do you support or oppose the recent layoffs of federal workers by DOGE?

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	16%
Support	38%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	39%
Oppose	50%
Not sure	12%

55. Have recent cuts in government agencies and programs affected you or people you know personally? Select all that apply.

Yes, they've affected me directly	7%
Yes, they've affected a family member	10%
Yes, they've affected someone else I know	19%
No	56%
Not sure	15%

56. How much influence do you think Elon Musk has within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	65%
A little	25%
None at all	2%
Not sure	9%

57. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	15%
A little	27%
None at all	47%
Not sure	10%

58. How likely do you think it is that there will be a government shutdown this year?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	24%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	15%
Not sure	19%

59. If you had to choose, which approach would you prefer that members of Congress take when negotiating a federal budget agreement?

Lawmakers should compromise to reach a budget agreement, even if it means sacrificing some priorities that they believe in	62%
Lawmakers should fight for the priorities that they believe in, even if it means risking a government shutdown	38%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	35%
Not sure	9%

61. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

62. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	33%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	8%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	24%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

65. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	61%
No	30%
Not sure	9%

66. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%

67. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

68. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

69. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

70. What is your marital status?	
Married	41%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

71. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	22%
No	78%

72. Census Region	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	18%
Midwest	23%
South	36%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	16%
Seldom	18%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

76. 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	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	18%
Don't know	2%

77. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	1%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 16 - 18, 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	1,842 started the survey after screenouts. 143 were deleted due to breakoffs, 18 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 17 were removed for attention check failures, and 46 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,618 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 6.586, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.972.
Number of respondents	1618 1458 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.