

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 3 - 6, 2026 - 1603 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1603 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 3 - 6, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	11%

2. At various times, there have been turning points in American politics, where things could have gone in a very different direction. At other times, things that seemed important turned out not to be significant. What does this moment feel more like to you?

A significant turning point	62%
Not too significant	17%
Not sure	21%

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

Approve	36%
Disapprove	50%
Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	14%

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

Total Liberal	9%
Total Conservative	44%
Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	20%

5. Do you think recent Supreme Court decisions have given the president too much power, too little power, or about the right amount of power?

Too much power	45%
About the right amount of power	29%
Too little power	9%
Not sure	17%

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

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Brett Kavanaugh	27%	37%	9%	18%	11%	26%	36%
Neil Gorsuch	23%	30%	7%	16%	12%	18%	47%
Elena Kagan	30%	24%	12%	18%	10%	13%	46%
Sonia Sotomayor	37%	26%	17%	19%	11%	15%	37%
Samuel Alito	25%	32%	10%	15%	10%	22%	43%
John Roberts	25%	36%	6%	19%	16%	20%	39%
Amy Coney Barrett	23%	38%	5%	18%	19%	20%	39%
Clarence Thomas	29%	41%	15%	14%	10%	31%	30%
Ketanji Brown Jackson	34%	26%	18%	16%	8%	18%	40%

7. Do you think the president should or should not have the power to fire the heads of independent federal agencies?

Should	30%
Should not	51%
Not sure	18%

8. Do you think the president should or should not have the power to fire members of the Federal Reserve Board during their terms?

Should	29%
Should not	52%
Not sure	19%

9. Should people who are addicted to drugs be allowed to buy firearms?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Yes	7%
No	79%
Not sure	14%

10. Should people who are addicted to drugs be prohibited from buying firearms?

Asked of the other randomly assigned half-sample

Yes	76%
No	9%
Not sure	15%

11. Should someone who is an occasional user of marijuana be allowed to buy firearms?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Yes	51%
No	31%
Not sure	17%

12. E. Jean Carroll has accused Donald Trump of sexually assaulting her in the 1990s. Trump has denied Carroll's accusation. Who do you think is telling the truth?

E. Jean Carroll	49%
Donald Trump	27%
Not sure	24%

13. Do you think Donald Trump should have to pay E. Jean Carroll the \$5 million that was awarded to her by a federal court in 2023?

Yes	53%
No	29%
Not sure	18%

14. Do you think the number of legal immigrants accepted into the U.S. each year should be increased or decreased?

Total decreased / reduced to zero	31%
Increased	23%
Not changed	32%
Decreased	21%
Reduced to zero	10%
Not sure	14%

15. Do you think the number of legal immigrants accepted into the U.S. each year from the following country should be increased or decreased?

	Total decreased / reduced to zero	Increased	Not changed	Decreased	Reduced to zero	Not sure
Mexico	34%	17%	32%	23%	11%	17%
Haiti	36%	15%	29%	21%	15%	21%
Norway	17%	19%	44%	12%	5%	20%
South Africa	35%	12%	34%	22%	12%	20%
Italy	17%	17%	46%	12%	5%	19%
China	38%	13%	32%	22%	15%	17%
Syria	39%	13%	27%	19%	20%	21%

16. Which comes closest to your view about how the citizenship status of a child born in the U.S. should be determined?

All children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens	56%
Children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens only if their parents are citizens	37%
Not sure	7%

17. Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are noncitizens in the following groups?

	Yes, they should	No, they should not	Not sure
Undocumented immigrants	39%	47%	14%
Refugees or asylum seekers in the U.S.	48%	33%	19%
Tourists on short visits to the U.S.	28%	54%	17%
Legal immigrants living in the U.S. without citizenship	61%	25%	14%

18. Do you think immigrants from Haiti and Syria who were granted temporary protective status (TPS) and allowed to come to the U.S. because of unsafe conditions in their countries should be deported?

Should	26%
Should not	51%
Not sure	23%

19. How much do you know about climate change?

A lot	19%
Some	41%
A little	31%
Nothing	9%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	62%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	23%
The world's climate is NOT changing	5%
Not sure	11%

21. If you asked scientists who study the climate, which of the following statements do you think most scientists would agree with?

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	71%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	14%
The world's climate is NOT changing	3%
Not sure	12%

22. Do you expect this summer to be hotter or less hot than usual?

Hotter than usual	61%
About the same as usual	29%
Less hot than usual	2%
Not sure	8%

23. Do you have air conditioning in your home?

Yes 90%
 No 10%

24. How often do you use air conditioning during the summer?

Almost always 42%
 Most of the time 27%
 Some of the time 15%
 Occasionally 5%
 Never 11%

25. Which of the following temperatures would you consider to be "hot"? Check all that apply.

70 degrees 6%
 75 degrees 10%
 80 degrees 34%
 85 degrees 49%
 90 degrees 71%
 None of the above 3%

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

Approve **35%**
Disapprove **61%**
 Strongly approve 20%
 Somewhat approve 15%
 Somewhat disapprove 9%
 Strongly disapprove 51%
 Not sure 4%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following things?

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	32%	63%	16%	16%	13%	50%	6%
Inflation	27%	67%	12%	15%	13%	54%	6%
Taxes	32%	59%	16%	15%	13%	47%	9%
Government spending	29%	63%	14%	15%	11%	52%	8%

28. Do you think President Trump is using his office for personal gain?

Yes 60%
 No 27%
 Not sure 13%

29. Which version of Air Force One do you prefer?

Respondents were shown a photo of the old Air Force One and new Air Force One published here: <https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-new-air-force-one-differences-cost-photos-2026-7>

New Air Force One	36%
Old Air Force One	25%
Both equally	39%

30. Do you support or oppose transferring the new Air Force One to the Trump presidential library in 2029?

Support	18%
Oppose	51%
Strongly support	8%
Somewhat support	10%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	39%
Not sure	31%

31. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease what it spends on...?

	Total increase	Total decrease	Increase a lot	Increase slightly	Keep the same	Decrease slightly	Decrease a lot	Not sure
National defense	39%	28%	18%	21%	25%	14%	14%	8%
Veterans	75%	3%	48%	27%	15%	2%	1%	7%
Education	65%	10%	45%	20%	18%	4%	6%	7%
The environment	57%	17%	37%	20%	18%	7%	10%	7%
Foreign aid	26%	43%	13%	13%	21%	16%	27%	9%

32. 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	39%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	15%

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

Total Excellent/Good	25%
Total Fair/Poor	73%
Excellent	4%
Good	21%
Fair	29%
Poor	44%
Don't know	2%

34. Have you heard \$wording_mostly_pos_neg news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	6%
Equally positive and negative	25%
Mostly negative	55%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	14%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	58%
Not sure	6%

36. Overall, how much have prices that you pay for the goods that you buy risen over the last 12 months?

A lot	51%
Some	29%
A little	17%
Not at all	3%

37. Do you think that the day-to-day economic situation for Americans is better or worse than you would expect based on economic indicators such as unemployment?

Better	8%
About the same	23%
Worse	58%
Not sure	11%

38. In your experience, have prices of the following goods gone up or down in the last 12 months?

	Gone up a lot	Gone up a little	Not changed	Gone down a little	Gone down a lot	Not sure
Gas	68%	19%	3%	5%	1%	4%
Cars	45%	23%	10%	1%	1%	20%
Food	58%	30%	5%	3%	1%	2%
Housing costs (such as rent or mortgage payments)	49%	28%	10%	3%	1%	8%

39. Thinking ahead to 12 months from now, will prices be higher or lower than they are today?

Higher	51%
About the same	21%
Lower	12%
Not sure	16%

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

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	44%
Both equal	46%
Not sure	6%

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

Yes	41%
No	32%
Not sure	27%

42. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next 12 months?

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	15%
Not very likely	13%
Not at all likely	7%
Not sure	19%
Not asked - Already in a recession	41%

43. Is now a good or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

Good time	25%
Bad time	25%
Not sure	50%

44. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	39%
No	61%

45. About how much in total do you have invested in stocks and mutual funds?

No money invested	62%
Under \$50,000	15%
\$50,000 - \$100,000	4%
\$100,000 - \$250,000	6%
\$250,000 - \$500,000	3%
Over \$500,000	5%
Not sure	5%

46. How easy would it be for you to pay an unexpected \$1,000 expense?

Very easy	15%
Somewhat easy	22%
Somewhat difficult	26%
Very difficult	17%
Impossible	19%

47. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	5%
Not sure (1)	0%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	36%
Worse off financially	25%
Not sure	14%

49. How happy are you with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	18%
Happy	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

50. Thinking about the total amount you earn from your job, including bonuses, commissions, and tips, do you expect to earn more or less in the next 12 months than you did in the previous 12 months?

Asked of those currently employed

Much more	9%
Slightly more	30%
About the same	42%
Slightly less	8%
Much less	4%
Not sure	8%

51. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	63%

52. 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.	24%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	41%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	11%

53. How would you describe your social class?

Working class	44%
Middle class	45%
Upper middle class	10%
Wealthy	1%

54. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap in wealth between the richest and poorest Americans?

Should	57%
Should not	21%
Not sure	21%

55. What do you think is the more important factor in determining why some people are richer than others?

How hard they work	18%
Whether they come from a privileged background	37%
Equally important	33%
Not sure	12%

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

Inflation/prices	29%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil rights	4%
Civil liberties	4%
National Security	4%
Crime	4%
Education	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Total Liberal	29%
Total Conservative	31%
Very liberal	14%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	10%

58. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

59. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	26%
Other	5%
Not sure	7%

61. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	7%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%

62. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	22%
No	69%
Not sure	9%

63. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%

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

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

66. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	30%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

67. What is your marital status?	
Married	37%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	38%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

69. In what region of the country do you reside?	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	16%
Midwest	23%
South	38%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	8%

71. 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	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	18%
Never	38%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	11%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	27%
Don't know	4%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	23%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	12%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 3 - 6, 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	2,172 started the survey after screenouts. 337 were deleted due to breakoffs, 13 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 12 were removed for attention check failures, and 127 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,683 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 0.052 to 6.629, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.912.
Number of respondents	1603 1443 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	12 questions not reported.