

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 17 - 20, 2026 - 1707 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1707 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted April 17 - 20, 2026
Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	11%

2. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	34%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	52%
Not sure	14%

3. Do you think the United States should take an active part in world affairs or stay out of world affairs?

Active part	45%
Stay out	30%
Not sure	24%

4. Do you think the U.S. should increase or decrease trade with foreign countries?

Increase	37%
Decrease	13%
Keep it the same	31%
Not sure	20%

5. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be...?

Increased	14%
Kept the same	24%
Decreased	46%
Not sure	16%

6. In general, do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to actively promote democracy around the world, or is that not the responsibility of the U.S.?

Has responsibility	38%
Does not have responsibility	38%
Not sure	24%

7. Among the world's countries, would you say that the U.S. military is...?

The strongest	37%
Among the strongest	33%
Stronger than average	11%
About average	8%
Weaker than average	1%
Among the weakest	1%
The weakest	1%
Not sure	9%

8. Do you think the U.S. generally makes the rest of the world better or worse off?

Much better off	22%
Somewhat better off	23%
Neither better off nor worse off	19%
Somewhat worse off	13%
Much worse off	10%
Not sure	13%

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

Approve	38%
Disapprove	54%
Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	8%

10. Do you think President Trump is focused too much or too little on foreign policy?

Too much	39%
About the right amount	32%
Too little	8%
Not sure	21%

11. 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
Foreign policy	36%	54%	19%	16%	11%	43%	11%
Tariffs	34%	57%	19%	15%	12%	45%	9%
National security	43%	48%	28%	15%	9%	39%	9%

12. Do you think America’s standing in the world has improved or worsened since Donald Trump became president again in 2025?

Improved	29%
Stayed about the same	10%
Worsened	52%
Not sure	9%

13. President Trump has proposed to build a 250 feet tall United States Triumphal Arch in Washington, D.C., shown below. Do you favor or oppose building this arch?

Respondents were shown an image of the proposed arch

Favor	26%
Oppose	54%
Not sure	20%

14. What is your reaction to seeing this image?

Respondents were shown the image posted to Truth Social

I like it	11%
I dislike it, but I don’t think it’s important	23%
I hate it	48%
Other	18%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Iran	1%	2%	23%	57%	17%
Israel	38%	20%	8%	11%	23%
Palestine	3%	11%	27%	22%	36%
Russia	1%	7%	28%	45%	19%
Ukraine	22%	40%	12%	5%	22%
Italy	24%	41%	7%	1%	27%
China	2%	11%	36%	30%	21%
Hungary	10%	29%	12%	3%	47%
Lebanon	2%	14%	27%	14%	42%

16. 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
Donald Trump	40%	56%	24%	16%	7%	48%	5%
JD Vance	37%	51%	22%	15%	9%	42%	12%
Marco Rubio	32%	42%	18%	14%	12%	30%	26%
Giorgia Meloni	18%	16%	5%	12%	10%	6%	67%
Pope Leo XIV	55%	24%	31%	24%	13%	10%	21%
Viktor Orban	10%	33%	4%	6%	7%	25%	58%
Péter Magyar	14%	11%	3%	11%	6%	5%	75%
Xi Jinping	10%	51%	2%	8%	20%	32%	39%
Benjamin Netanyahu	26%	45%	9%	17%	10%	35%	29%

17. Do you support or oppose the war with Iran?

Support	31%
Oppose	58%
Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	44%
Not sure	11%

18. Compared to before the war began, do you think Iran's current leadership is better or worse?

Better	7%
About the same	39%
Worse	21%
Not sure	33%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation in Iran?

Approve	34%
Disapprove	55%
Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	46%
No opinion	11%

20. Last Sunday, the U.S. announced a blockade of all ships entering and exiting Iranian ports. Do you support or oppose the blockade?

Support	36%
Oppose	44%
Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	34%
Not sure	20%

21. Do you think we should make a deal to end the war in Iran as quickly as possible?

Yes	70%
No	10%
Not sure	20%

22. Would you favor making a deal with Iran now, even if it does not require Iran to give up its enriched uranium?

Yes	35%
No	24%
Not sure	30%
Not asked - we should not make a deal with Iran to end the war as quickly as possible ...	10%

23. What do you think are the chances that the U.S. will reach an agreement with Iran to end the war during the next two weeks?

Almost certain	3%
Very likely	9%
About 50–50	41%
Unlikely	26%
Very unlikely	22%

24. In hindsight, do you think the decision to go to war in Iran was the right decision or the wrong decision?

Right decision	30%
Wrong decision	51%
Not sure	19%

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

The Israelis	29%
About equal	21%
The Palestinians	24%
Not sure	27%

26. Do you favor the U.S. increasing or decreasing military aid to Israel?

Increasing military aid to Israel	11%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	27%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	17%
Stopping all military aid to Israel	24%
Not sure	21%

27. Do you favor the U.S. increasing or decreasing food aid, medical assistance, and other humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	32%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	7%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	10%
Not sure	25%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Approve	31%
Disapprove	47%
Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	22%

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

Russia	2%
Ukraine	62%
Neither	22%
Not sure	14%

30. Do you favor the U.S. increasing or decreasing military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	28%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	11%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	11%
Not sure	23%

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

Approve	28%
Disapprove	49%
Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	23%

32. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	28%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	18%
Never	38%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

35. 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	12%
A few times a week	9%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	24%
Don't know	3%

36. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	21%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	16%

37. Would you say that Pope Leo is ...?

Total Liberal	31%
Total Conservative	10%
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	30%

38. Do you think Pope Leo has gotten too involved in politics?

Yes	31%
No	44%
Not sure	25%

39. Last Sunday, Pope Leo made the following remarks. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
"Stability and peace are not built with mutual threats, nor with weapons, which sow destruction, pain, and death, but only through a reasonable, authentic, and responsible dialogue."	64%	16%	20%
"Faced with the possibility of a tragedy of enormous proportions, I address to the parties involved a heartfelt appeal to assume the moral responsibility to stop the spiral of violence before it becomes an irreparable abyss!"	65%	14%	21%
"May diplomacy recover its role and may the good of peoples be promoted, peoples who long for peaceful coexistence founded on justice. And let us continue to pray for peace."	73%	8%	20%

40. In general, do you approve or disapprove of what Pope Leo has been saying about the war in Iran?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	24%
Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	27%

41. President Trump and Vice-President Vance have criticized Pope Leo for comments he has made about the war in Iran. Who do you agree with more about the war in Iran?

President Trump and Vice President Vance	28%
Pope Leo	48%
Not sure	24%

42. 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	33%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	14%

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

Total Excellent/Good	29%
Total Fair/Poor	68%
Excellent	7%
Good	23%
Fair	31%
Poor	36%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	6%

45. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	6%

46. 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	32%
Worse off financially	25%
Not sure	14%

47. Are gas prices where you live...?	
Going up a lot	47%
Going up a little	25%
Not changing	7%
Going down a little	11%
Going down a lot	1%
Not sure	8%

48. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?	
Definitely	42%
Probably	35%
Probably not	9%
Definitely not	7%
Not sure	7%

49. Which of these is the most important issue for you?	
Jobs and the economy	16%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	6%
Education	2%
Health care	12%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	2%
Civil rights	5%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	1%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	0%
Inflation/prices	28%

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

Total Liberal	28%
Total Conservative	32%
Very liberal	13%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

52. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	29%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

54. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	8%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	5%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	2%

55. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	25%
No	64%
Not sure	12%

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

57. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

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

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

60. What is your marital status?	
Married	38%
Separated	1%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	7%
Never married	38%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

61. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	17%
No	83%

62. In what region of the country do you reside?	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	15%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	9%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 17 - 20, 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	2,110 started the survey after screenouts. 245 were deleted due to breakoffs, 15 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 14 were removed for attention check failures, and 40 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,796 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 6.613, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.982.
Number of respondents	1707 1553 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	5 questions not reported.