

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 17 - 20, 2026 - 1602 U.S. Adult citizens



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Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

1. In general, do you think casting actors of one race to play characters of another race is appropriate or inappropriate?

Appropriate	21%
Inappropriate	48%
Not sure	31%

2. Do you think it's appropriate or inappropriate for Black actress Lupita Nyong'o to portray Helen of Troy in the new movie "The Odyssey"?

Appropriate	35%
Inappropriate	30%
Not sure	35%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	9%

4. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	18%
Out of control	68%
Not sure	14%

5. How much of a threat, if any, do Communists in the United States pose today?

A major threat	18%
A moderate threat	25%
A minor threat	23%
Not a threat	33%

6. Which of the following people are socialists? Check all that apply.

Bernie Sanders	55%
Zohran Mamdani	51%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	45%
Barack Obama	27%
Kamala Harris	27%
Elizabeth Warren	25%
Joe Biden	23%
Gavin Newsom	20%
None of the above	28%

7. 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	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	16%

8. How enthusiastic are you about voting in the elections for Congress in November?

Very enthusiastic	33%
Somewhat enthusiastic	21%
Only a little	17%
Not at all	29%

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

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	No opinion
Todd Blanche	13%	30%	5%	8%	7%	23%	57%
Mitch McConnell	16%	57%	3%	12%	17%	41%	27%
Markwayne Mullin	15%	28%	7%	8%	7%	22%	56%

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

Favorable	34%
Unfavorable	29%
Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	18%
No opinion	38%

11. Did you watch President Trump's recent speech about elections?

Watched speech	14%
Saw parts of it or read about it later	38%
No, did not see or read about it	48%

12. Do you think the 2020 U.S. presidential election was "rigged"?

Yes	26%
No	52%
Not sure	22%

13. How confident are you that votes will be counted accurately in the midterm elections in November?

Very confident	27%
Somewhat confident	42%
Not confident	30%

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

Approve	36%
Disapprove	60%
Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Not sure	4%

15. 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
Crime	41%	49%	23%	18%	10%	39%	10%
Immigration	39%	54%	28%	11%	10%	44%	7%
Race relations	32%	54%	17%	15%	9%	44%	15%

16. How would you describe Donald Trump's political views?

Total Liberal	5%
Total Conservative	60%
Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	36%
Not sure	24%

17. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	28%
Not honest and trustworthy	57%
Not sure	14%

18. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	18%
Some	16%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	51%
Not sure	3%

19. Is Trump too old to be President?

Yes	52%
No	36%
Not sure	11%

20. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	17%
Neither strong nor weak	13%
Somewhat weak	8%
Very weak	37%

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

Yes	35%
No	55%
Not sure	10%

22. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	13%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	46%
Not sure	3%

23. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	53%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	32%
Not sure	16%

24. Please check all that apply.

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Honest	24%	45%	31%
Intelligent	32%	38%	30%
Inspiring	17%	40%	43%
Bold	43%	15%	42%
Effective	30%	33%	37%
Steady	18%	34%	48%
Racist	45%	23%	32%
Dangerous	52%	19%	29%
Corrupt	49%	19%	32%
Divisive	38%	13%	50%
Cruel	44%	20%	36%
Strong	36%	30%	34%
Out-of-touch	45%	18%	38%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump and his family doing business with foreign countries while he is serving as President?

Approve	23%
Disapprove	59%
Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	59%
No	27%
Not sure	14%

27. Do you think that Donald Trump is using the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Yes	56%
No	25%
Not sure	19%

28. Do you think the U.S. Senate should confirm Todd Blanche's confirmation as U.S. Attorney General?

Yes	20%
No	30%
Not sure	50%

29. Overall, how much confidence do you have in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

A great deal	22%
Some	16%
Only a little	11%
None at all	42%
Not sure	9%

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

All or nearly all	13%
Most	12%
About half	12%
Less than half	44%
Not sure	19%

31. Do you think the use of force by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has been excessive or not?

ICE has used too much force	58%
The use of force by ICE has been necessary and justified	30%
Not sure	12%

32. Have you read, seen, or heard anything about immigrants being shot and killed by ICE agents in the last week?

Yes	60%
No	29%
Not sure	10%

33. Do you support or oppose abolishing ICE?

Support	48%
Oppose	40%
Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	30%
Not sure	12%

34. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

	A great deal / Quite a lot	Some / Very little	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
The military	56%	44%	31%	25%	28%	16%
The police	41%	59%	13%	27%	36%	24%
Colleges and universities	35%	65%	10%	25%	35%	30%
Public schools	30%	70%	8%	22%	40%	30%
The presidency	30%	70%	16%	14%	22%	48%
The U.S. Supreme Court	27%	73%	9%	18%	36%	37%
Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	27%	73%	15%	13%	22%	51%
Department of Justice	25%	75%	7%	18%	33%	42%
The criminal justice system	23%	77%	4%	19%	40%	38%
Congress	13%	87%	4%	9%	37%	50%

35. Are you in favor of or opposed to the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Favor the death penalty	49%
Opposed to the death penalty	27%
Not sure	24%

36. Do you think the use of marijuana should be legal in the U.S.?

Yes	57%
No	28%
Not sure	15%

37. Do you think gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

More strict	55%
No change	25%
Less strict	12%
Not sure	8%

38. Do you think the number of LEGAL immigrants allowed into the U.S. each year should be increased or decreased?

Increased	23%
Kept the same	33%
Decreased	23%
Reduced to zero	6%
Not sure	15%

39. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	43%
Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	7%
Be deported from the U.S.	33%
Not sure	17%

40. Which types of illegal immigrants should be deported? Select all that apply.

All illegal immigrants should be deported	26%
People convicted of serious crimes	64%
People convicted of minor crimes	20%
People who have lived in the U.S. for many years without committing any crime	3%
People who came to the U.S. as children	2%
People who are married to a U.S. citizen	1%
Young children	1%
None of the above	7%

41. Do you generally favor or oppose affirmative-action programs for racial minorities?

Favor	34%
Oppose	30%
Not sure	35%

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

Total Excellent/Good	21%
Total Fair/Poor	75%
Excellent	3%
Good	18%
Fair	28%
Poor	47%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	15%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	58%
Not sure	6%

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

Inflation/prices	32%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	10%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	4%
Education	2%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Guns	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

45. In the past week, how would you rate the overall quality of the air in your area?

Great	8%
Good	22%
OK	30%
Bad	19%
Terrible	16%
Not sure	4%

46. Is the air quality in your area currently being affected by wildfires?

Yes	41%
No	52%
Not sure	8%

47. 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	18%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	14%

48. How responsible, if at all, do you think climate change is for the extent of recent wildfires?

Entirely responsible	9%
Mostly responsible	23%
Somewhat responsible	34%
Not at all responsible	11%
Not sure	18%
The climate is not changing	6%

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

Total Liberal	28%
Total Conservative	30%
Very liberal	11%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	11%

50. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

51. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	26%
Other	5%
Not sure	9%

53. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	23%
Lean Republican	5%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%

54. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	22%
No	65%
Not sure	13%

55. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

56. Respondent age by category

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

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

59. What is your marital status?

Married	36%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	7%
Never married	39%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

61. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	23%
South	38%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	25%
Roman Catholic	23%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	26%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 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	2,074 started the survey after screenouts. 233 were deleted due to breakoffs, 31 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 115 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,689 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 6.069, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.9.
Number of respondents	1602 1432 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	8 questions not reported.