

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 13 - 15, 2026 - 1549 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1549 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted June 13 - 15, 2026
Margin of Error ±3.5%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...	
Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	10%
2. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:	
Under control	19%
Out of control	66%
Not sure	16%
3. Among the world's countries, would you say that the United States is...?	
The greatest	21%
Among the greatest	20%
Better than average	13%
About average	12%
Worse than average	14%
Among the worst	9%
The worst	3%
Not sure	7%
4. Overall, has America been a force for good in the world?	
Yes	25%
Mostly yes	36%
Mostly no	10%
No	7%
It's complicated	22%
5. How proud are you to be an American?	
Very proud	42%
Somewhat proud	18%
Neither proud nor ashamed	20%
Somewhat ashamed	12%
Very ashamed	8%
6. Overall, has the United States moved closer to or further from its founding ideals over the last 250 years?	
Much closer	6%
Somewhat closer	14%
Neither closer nor further	23%
Somewhat further	28%
Much further	30%

7. What is America's greatest achievement in its first 250 years?

Freedom and liberty	30%
Scientific and technological innovation	19%
Constitutional democracy	15%
Global power	11%
Civil rights	10%
Independence and founding a new nation	7%
Immigration and tolerance	2%
Other	6%

8. What is America's greatest failure in its first 250 years?

Slavery and racial injustice	30%
Political polarization	23%
Economic inequality	15%
Treatment of Native Americans	9%
Military interventions abroad	6%
Environmental damage	6%
Other	10%

9. In which century were the country's best days?

1700s	2%
1800s	3%
1900s	47%
2000s	14%
Best days are yet to come	34%

10. In the last 100 years, what would you say were the best days for our country?

Before 1940	7%
1941-1960	14%
1961-1980	22%
1981-2000	39%
2001-present	18%

11. Looking ahead to the 300th anniversary of the U.S. in 2076, do you expect the country will be stronger or weaker than it is today?

Stronger	36%
About the same	34%
Weaker	30%

12. What do you think are the chances that the United States government will last another 250 years?

Almost certainly will last	17%
Probably will last	25%
Equally likely to last and not last	35%
Probably will not last	16%
Almost certainly will not last	8%

13. Would you favor or oppose making the following amendments to the U.S. Constitution?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Choose the president using popular vote, not the Electoral College	56%	23%	21%
Repeal the Second Amendment (right to bear arms)	21%	55%	24%
Require the federal budget to be balanced each year	72%	7%	21%
Allow presidents to be elected more than two times	16%	70%	14%
Do not grant citizenship to everyone born in the U.S.	29%	53%	18%

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

Favor the death penalty	52%
Opposed to the death penalty	27%
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	59%
No	28%
Not sure	13%

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

More strict	59%
No change	23%
Less strict	14%
Not sure	4%

17. Should the number of LEGAL immigrants allowed into the U.S. each year be increased or decreased?

Increased	23%
Kept the same	30%
Decreased	25%
Reduced to zero	8%
Not sure	15%

18. 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	6%
Be deported from the U.S.	39%
Not sure	11%

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

Favor	36%
Oppose	32%
Not sure	32%

20. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	31%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	30%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	31%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	9%

21. What is the position of the Democratic Party on abortion?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	47%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	25%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	5%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	4%
Not sure	19%

22. What is the position of the Republican Party on abortion?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	3%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	5%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	29%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	46%
Not sure	17%

23. Do most Democratic elected officials agree or disagree with the party's position on abortion?

Almost all agree	35%
Most agree, but a few disagree	35%
Many disagree	4%
Not sure	26%

24. Do most Republican elected officials agree or disagree with the party's position on abortion?

Almost all agree	28%
Most agree, but a few disagree	39%
Many disagree	7%
Not sure	26%

25. Do you think artificial intelligence (AI) needs to be regulated by the government?

Yes	68%
No	13%
Not sure	19%

26. Do you favor or oppose taxing the use of AI?

Favor	40%
Oppose	28%
Strongly favor	23%
Somewhat favor	17%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	17%
Not sure	32%

27. Should the U.S. military allow AI to control weapons without human oversight?

Yes	5%
No	82%
Not sure	13%

28. Should the U.S. government own part of AI companies?

Yes	19%
No	51%
Not sure	30%

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

Total Liberal	30%
Total Conservative	31%
Very liberal	11%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

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

Liberal	30%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	31%
Not sure	9%

31. How would you describe the political views of Donald Trump?

Total Liberal	5%
Total Conservative	65%
Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	38%
Not sure	19%

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

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	12%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	46%
Not sure	3%

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

Honest and trustworthy	30%
Not honest and trustworthy	56%
Not sure	14%

34. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	51%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	39%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	20%
Some	17%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	48%
Not sure	4%

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

Yes	38%
No	52%
Not sure	10%

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

Approve	39%
Disapprove	56%
Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	5%

38. 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
Crime	44%	45%	29%	15%	8%	38%	11%
Immigration	44%	50%	31%	13%	7%	43%	5%
Race relations	35%	50%	22%	13%	7%	43%	14%
The environment	36%	53%	19%	17%	9%	43%	11%

39. Please check all that apply.

	Describes Donald Trump	Does NOT describe Donald Trump	No Opinion
Honest	22%	45%	33%
Intelligent	33%	37%	31%
Inspiring	14%	40%	46%
Bold	45%	16%	38%
Effective	32%	31%	36%
Steady	18%	33%	49%
Racist	44%	24%	32%
Dangerous	50%	18%	32%
Corrupt	49%	22%	29%
Divisive	41%	13%	46%
Cruel	42%	24%	34%
Strong	35%	29%	36%
Out-of-touch	43%	19%	38%

40. Is Trump too old to be President?	
Yes	49%
No	40%
Not sure	11%
41. Do you approve or disapprove of holding a UFC fight at the White House on Sunday?	
Approve	24%
Disapprove	54%
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	23%
42. Do you think the 2020 presidential election was "rigged"?	
Yes	28%
No	53%
Not sure	19%
43. President Trump has claimed this week that the primary elections in California are being rigged. Which of the following comes closest to your view?	
Trump has concrete evidence to back up his claims of the election being rigged	33%
Trump is just trying to sow doubt in the legitimacy of the election	67%
44. How confident are you that the elections in November will be conducted fairly and the vote counted accurately?	
Very confident	23%
Somewhat confident	46%
Not confident	31%
45. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?	
A week or less	5%
More than a week but less than a month	14%
More than a month but less than a year	49%
A year or more	33%
46. Do you think we should make a deal to end the war in Iran as quickly as possible?	
Yes	65%
No	13%
Not sure	22%

47. How effective has Donald Trump been in negotiating with Iran?

Very effective	13%
Somewhat effective	24%
Somewhat ineffective	19%
Very ineffective	44%

48. Who wants a deal to end the war in Iran more, Donald Trump or the leaders of Iran?

Trump more than Iranians	39%
Iranians more than Trump	15%
Both equally	21%
Not sure	25%

49. 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	36%
Other	1%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	15%

50. 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
Elon Musk	39%	53%	19%	20%	14%	39%	8%
Bill Gates	32%	53%	7%	24%	27%	26%	15%
Susie Wiles	17%	23%	7%	9%	7%	16%	60%
Warren Buffett	43%	24%	15%	28%	14%	10%	33%
Todd Blanche	14%	27%	6%	8%	7%	21%	58%
Kevin Warsh	11%	18%	4%	7%	8%	9%	71%

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

Total Excellent/Good	26%
Total Fair/Poor	71%
Excellent	5%
Good	22%
Fair	28%
Poor	42%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	6%

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

Inflation/prices	31%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	9%
Immigration	8%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	6%
Climate change and the environment	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Education	2%
Abortion	2%
Crime	2%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

55. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

57. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	24%
Not sure	1%

58. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	23%
No	65%
Not sure	11%

59. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

60. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

61. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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

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

63. What is your marital status?

Married	36%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	39%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	13%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	19%
Never	39%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	10%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	26%
Don't know	3%

70. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 13 - 15, 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	2,030 started the survey after screenouts. 223 were deleted due to breakoffs, 16 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 17 were removed for attention check failures, and 161 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,613 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 6.604, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.013.
Number of respondents	1549 1403 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.4% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	6 questions not reported.