

The Economist/YouGov Poll

September 19 - 22, 2025 - 1551 U.S. Adult citizens



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Conducted September 19 - 22, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	9%

2. How often do you watch late-night comedy shows?

Daily	5%
A few times a week	15%
Once a week	6%
Once a month	6%
Less often	18%
Never	47%
Not sure	3%

3. How often do you watch Jimmy Kimmel Live?

Daily	2%
A few times a week	9%
Once a week	5%
Once a month	6%
Less often	17%
Never	58%
Not sure	2%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Jimmy Kimmel?

Very favorable	23%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Favorable	43%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	25%
Unfavorable	37%
Don't know	20%

5. How much have you heard about ABC taking Jimmy Kimmel Live off the air?

A lot	58%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	10%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of ABC's decision to take Jimmy Kimmel Live off the air?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	16%

7. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for the government to pressure broadcasters to remove shows that include speech it disagrees with?

Acceptable	13%
Unacceptable	68%
Not sure	19%

8. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Charlie Kirk?

Very favorable	26%
Somewhat favorable	9%
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	6%
Very unfavorable	28%
Don't know	10%

9. Do you think that the person who killed Charlie Kirk was mostly motivated by...?

Left-wing beliefs	31%
Right-wing beliefs	15%
Something other than political beliefs	22%
Not sure	32%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Donald Trump?

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	16%
Favorable	39%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	47%
Unfavorable	56%
Don't know	5%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	5%

12. 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	21%	15%	36%	13%	42%	55%	8%
Inflation/prices	16%	16%	32%	14%	47%	61%	7%
Immigration	33%	11%	44%	9%	42%	51%	5%
Foreign policy	22%	15%	37%	12%	41%	52%	11%
National Security	28%	14%	42%	10%	38%	48%	10%
Foreign trade	22%	15%	37%	12%	43%	54%	8%
The conflict between Israel and Palestine	17%	16%	33%	11%	38%	50%	17%
Free speech	22%	13%	35%	8%	46%	55%	10%

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

Inflation/prices	20%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Civil rights	10%
Immigration	8%
Health care	8%
Civil liberties	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	5%
Crime	4%
Abortion	3%
Education	3%
Guns	3%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

14. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. 32%

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. 54%

Not sure 14%

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

Under control 18%

Out of control 67%

Not sure 15%

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

Excellent 4%

Good 24%

Fair 32%

Poor 35%

Don't know 5%

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

Getting better 22%

About the same 19%

Getting worse 54%

Not sure 6%

18. 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 44%

Worse off financially than you were a year ago 36%

Not sure 4%

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

Better off financially 26%

Just about the same as now 34%

Worse off financially 27%

Not sure 13%

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

Increased 12%

Kept the same 25%

Decreased 43%

Not sure 20%

21. Do you think tariffs imposed by Donald Trump will increase, decrease, or have no effect on the prices you pay for things that you buy?

Increase a lot	44%
Increase slightly	27%
No effect	10%
Decrease slightly	3%
Decrease a lot	2%
Not sure	13%

22. Which comes closest to your understanding of who has authority to set tariffs on goods imported into the U.S.?

Only Congress has the authority to set tariffs	18%
Congress has the authority, but has delegated some authority to the president	31%
Only the president has the authority to set tariffs	15%
Not sure	35%

23. The Supreme Court recently agreed to hear arguments over President Donald Trump's global tariffs. Do you think the Supreme Court will rule that the tariffs are...?

Legal	42%
Illegal	17%
Not sure	41%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	6%	28%	50%	14%
Ukraine	28%	39%	9%	5%	19%
China	3%	10%	38%	33%	17%
Israel	34%	21%	13%	8%	23%
Palestine	4%	11%	27%	22%	36%
Venezuela	2%	13%	28%	20%	36%
United Kingdom	53%	27%	5%	1%	14%

25. How would you describe your stance on the United States' involvement in foreign affairs?

Interventionist - prefer extensive involvement	10%
Isolationist - prefer minimal involvement	21%
Somewhere in between	51%
Not sure	18%

26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Nicolás Maduro?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%
Favorable	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	11%
Very unfavorable	24%
Unfavorable	35%
Don't know	59%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military using deadly force to destroy boats suspected of smuggling drugs from Venezuela to the U.S.?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	44%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	18%

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

The Israelis	28%
About equal	22%
The Palestinians	25%
Not sure	24%

29. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	11%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Favorable	25%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	29%
Unfavorable	41%
Don't know	34%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	13%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	24%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	14%
Stopping all military aid to Israel	26%
Not sure	23%

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

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	34%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	21%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	9%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	11%
Not sure	26%

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

Too supportive of Israel	35%
About right	28%
Not supportive enough of Israel	8%
Not sure	30%

33. Would you support or oppose Israel taking military control of all of Gaza?

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	13%
Support	27%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	32%
Oppose	41%
Not sure	32%

34. Do you think that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinian civilians?

Yes	42%
No	29%
Not sure	29%

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

Russia	3%
Ukraine	65%
Neither	20%
Not sure	12%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	23%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	33%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	10%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	12%
Not sure	21%

38. Do you think the United States does or does not have a special relationship with the United Kingdom?

Does have a special relationship	61%
Does not have a special relationship	13%
Not sure	26%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Nigel Farage	6%	12%	18%	8%	9%	17%	66%
Keir Starmer	5%	13%	18%	8%	10%	18%	64%
King Charles III	12%	31%	43%	18%	13%	31%	26%
Camilla (nee Parker Bowles), the Queen Consort	5%	20%	25%	20%	16%	36%	39%
Prince William, Prince of Wales	24%	34%	58%	11%	6%	17%	26%
Catherine (nee Middleton), Princess of Wales	26%	29%	55%	7%	4%	11%	34%
Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex	18%	30%	49%	12%	13%	25%	27%
Meghan (nee Markle), Duchess of Sussex	14%	26%	41%	13%	19%	32%	27%

40. How do you think King Charles III's record as Britain's monarch will go down in history?

Outstanding	3%
Above average	9%
Average	37%
Below average	15%
Poor	9%
Not sure	27%

41. Do you think it would be a good or a bad thing for the United States to have a monarchy?

Good thing	4%
Bad thing	69%
Neither a good nor a bad thing	11%
Not sure	16%

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	35%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	15%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	9%

44. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

45. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%

47. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

48. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	37%
Not sure	13%

49. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

50. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

51. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

53. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	18%
No	82%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	39%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	10%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	13%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	38%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

59. 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	11%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	17%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

60. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	0%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 19 - 22, 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	1,941 started the survey after screenouts. 162 were deleted due to breakoffs, 181 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 16 were removed for attention check failures, and 31 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,551 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 6.607, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.936.
Number of respondents	1551 1392 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.