The Economist/YouGov Poll
June 6 - 9, 2025 - 1533 U.S. Adult citizens

YouGov

Sample   1533 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   June 6 - 9, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 35%
Off on the wrong track 53%
Not sure 12%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	27%	16%	**43%**	9%	44%	**53%**	4%
Elon Musk	13%	22%	**35%**	18%	39%	**58%**	7%

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

Inflation/prices 24%
Jobs and the economy 14%
Health care 9%
Taxes and government spending 8%
Immigration 8%
Civil rights 7%
National Security 7%
Climate change and the environment 6%
Civil liberties 6%
Education 3%
Crime 3%
Abortion 2%
Guns 2%
Foreign policy 1%
Criminal justice reform 1%

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

Strongly approve 24%
Somewhat approve 19%
Approve **43%**
Somewhat disapprove 9%
Strongly disapprove 43%
Disapprove **52%**
Not sure 5%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	22%	19%	**41%**	12%	39%	**51%**	8%
Inflation/prices	18%	20%	**37%**	11%	45%	**55%**	7%
Immigration	36%	13%	**49%**	9%	36%	**45%**	5%
Taxes and government spending	20%	20%	**40%**	11%	41%	**52%**	8%
Health care	16%	17%	**33%**	11%	42%	**53%**	13%

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

Excellent 3%
Good 25%
Fair 39%
Poor 30%
Don't know 3%

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

Getting better 25%
About the same 21%
Getting worse 48%
Not sure 6%

8. 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 49%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 33%
Not sure 4%

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

Better off financially 30%
Just about the same as now 32%
Worse off financially 27%
Not sure 12%

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

Unemployment 5%
Inflation 49%
Both equal 41%
Not sure 5%

11. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive … 9%
Equally positive and negative … 27%
Mostly negative … 47%
Not heard much news about the economy at all … 16%

12. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing … 23%
Staying about the same … 22%
Shrinking … 38%
Not sure … 16%

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

Yes … 36%
No … 38%
Not sure … 26%

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

Very likely … 9%
Somewhat likely … 18%
Not very likely … 16%
Not at all likely … 7%
Not sure … 14%
Not asked - Already in a recession … 36%

15. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index … 7%
The unemployment rate and job reports … 15%
The prices of goods and services you buy … 54%
Your personal finances … 12%
Don't know … 12%

16. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important … 20%
Somewhat important … 39%
Not very important … 26%
Unimportant … 15%

17. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	23%
Somewhat serious	38%
A minor problem	26%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	9%

18. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	23%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	16%
Don't know	33%

19. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	29%
Staying the same	36%
Decreasing	36%

20. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher gas prices	37%
The same gas prices	19%
Lower gas prices	26%
Not sure	18%

21. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	46%
The same rate of inflation	19%
A lower rate of inflation	22%
Not sure	14%

22. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	49%
A little	45%
Not at all	6%

23. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	45%
Probably	32%
Probably not	11%
Definitely not	7%
Not sure	6%

24. How worried are you about losing your job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very worried 13%
Somewhat worried 24%
Not very worried 63%

25. 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. 28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 40%
Not very hard 22%
Not sure 9%

26. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very happy 25%
Happy 37%
Neither happy nor unhappy 26%
Unhappy 10%
Very unhappy 2%

27. Do you think Donald Trump's approach to immigration policy is...?

Too harsh 47%
About right 40%
Too soft 7%
Not sure 7%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

Very favorable 26%
Somewhat favorable 18%
Favorable **45%**
Somewhat unfavorable 11%
Very unfavorable 32%
Unfavorable **43%**
Not sure 12%

29. Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should be required to wear uniforms when making arrests?

Yes 68%
No 18%
Not sure 15%

30. Do you think Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers should be allowed to wear masks that hide their identities when making arrests?

Yes 39%
No 47%
Not sure 14%

31. Do you support or oppose abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and replacing it with a different agency?

Strongly support 16%
Somewhat support 11%
Support **27%**
Somewhat oppose 15%
Strongly oppose 30%
Oppose **45%**
Not sure 28%

32. Do you think the following types of people who are in the United States illegally should or should not be deported?

	Should be deported	Should not be deported	Not sure
People who have lived in the U.S. for many years without committing any crimes	24%	61%	15%
People who have committed violent crimes	87%	4%	9%
People who have committed non-violent crimes	47%	34%	19%
People who came to the U.S. as children	22%	61%	17%
People who are married to a U.S. citizen	17%	66%	17%
People who have young children who are U.S. citizens	26%	54%	19%

33. Which of the following comes closest to your view about the U.S. government deporting immigrants?

The government should do so as quickly as possible, even if that means it might make more mistakes in who it deports 19%
The government should try its best to ensure that no one is mistakenly deported, even if that means the process will take longer 74%
Not sure 7%

34. Do you think the U.S. government is making mistakes in who it is deporting?

Many mistakes 37%
Some mistakes 20%
Only a few mistakes 25%
No mistakes 9%
Not sure 10%

35. Do you think that the U.S. government should or should not be able to send immigrants to be detained indefinitely in prisons in foreign countries they are not from?

Should be able to	24%
Should not be able to	56%
Not sure	20%

36. Do you think immigrants who are facing deportation should have the right to challenge their deportation in court?

Yes	59%
No	28%
Not sure	13%

37. As far as you know, has the Trump administration disobeyed any court orders when deporting immigrants?

Yes	48%
No	25%
Not sure	27%

38. Do you think private health insurance plans should be allowed to opt out of providing free coverage of preventive services such as cancer screenings, HIV prevention drugs, and birth control?

Should be allowed	16%
Should not be allowed	65%
Not sure	18%

39. Do you think federal district court judges should or should not be allowed to block a presidential policy from taking effect nationwide?

Should be allowed	46%
Should not be allowed	33%
Not sure	21%

40. Do you think parents should or should not be allowed to opt their children out of public school lessons that include discussions about gender identity and sexual orientation if it conflicts with the parents' religious beliefs?

Should be allowed	64%
Should not be allowed	21%
Not sure	15%

41. Do you think that transgender minors should or should not be allowed to access gender-affirming medical treatments, such as puberty blockers or hormone therapy?

Should be allowed	27%
Should not be allowed	53%
Not sure	20%

42. Do you think that states should or should not be allowed to require adults to verify their age by uploading a copy of their government-issued ID in order to access pornography websites?

Should be allowed 47%
Should not be allowed 30%
Not sure 23%

43. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement by Elon Musk about the proposed federal budget: "It will massively increase the already gigantic budget deficit to $2.5 trillion and burden American citizens with crushingly unsustainable debt"
Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly agree 31%
Somewhat agree 26%
Agree **56%**
Somewhat disagree 9%
Strongly disagree 8%
Disagree **17%**
Not sure 27%

44. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement about the proposed federal budget: "It will massively increase the already gigantic budget deficit to $2.5 trillion and burden American citizens with crushingly unsustainable debt"
Asked of the other randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly agree 30%
Somewhat agree 19%
Agree **49%**
Somewhat disagree 12%
Strongly disagree 11%
Disagree **23%**
Not sure 28%

45. From what you know about it, do you support or oppose President Trump's proposed budget?

Strongly support 12%
Somewhat support 18%
Support **30%**
Somewhat oppose 12%
Strongly oppose 38%
Oppose **50%**
No opinion 21%

46. Which of the following things do you think should be done to reduce the federal budget deficit?

Cut spending 46%
Raise taxes 7%
Both cut spending and raise taxes 24%
None of the above 7%
Not sure 16%

47. If you had to choose, who would you side with more between the following?

Donald Trump 34%
Elon Musk 9%
Neither 50%
Not sure 7%

48. Do you think the country would be better off with Donald Trump and Elon Musk. . . ?

Working together 36%
In conflict 15%
No difference 37%
Not sure 12%

49. Do you think that the amount of influence Elon Musk had within Donald Trump's administration was...?

Too much 50%
About the right amount 27%
Not enough 6%
Not sure 17%

50. How much influence do you think Elon Musk will have within Donald Trump's administration in the future?

A lot 11%
A little 32%
None at all 27%
Not sure 30%

51. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot 8%
A little 25%
None at all 48%
Not sure 19%

52. Would you support or oppose the federal government terminating Elon Musk's government subsidies and contracts?

Strongly support 25%
Somewhat support 18%
Support **43%**
Somewhat oppose 13%
Strongly oppose 15%
Oppose **28%**
Not sure 29%

53. Do you think that Donald Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes	42%
No	32%
Not sure	26%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	**25%**
Moderate	31%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	**36%**
Not sure	7%

55. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

56. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	25%
Other	6%
Not sure	5%

58. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

59. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	52%
No	40%
Not sure	8%

60. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

61. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

64. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

66. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast 17%
Midwest 22%
South 40%
West 22%

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

Under $50K 38%
$50-100K 29%
$100K or more 22%
Prefer not to say 10%

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

More than once a week 8%
Once a week 16%
Once or twice a month 6%
A few times a year 11%
Seldom 22%
Never 35%
Don't know 2%

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

Yes 31%
No 69%

70. 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 13%
A few times a week 11%
Once a week 4%
A few times a month 7%
Seldom 14%
Never 23%
Don't know 2%

71. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 31%

Roman Catholic 19%

Mormon 2%

Eastern or Greek Orthodox 0%

Jewish 2%

Muslim 1%

Buddhist 1%

Hindu 0%

Atheist 6%

Agnostic 6%

Nothing in particular 23%

Something else 10%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 6 - 9, 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	1774 started the survey after screenouts. 126 were deleted due to breakoffs, 68 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 7 were removed for attention check failures, and 40 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,533 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 0.051 to 6.55, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.955.
Number of respondents	1533 1397 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.