

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 5 - 8, 2026 - 1568 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1568 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 5 - 8, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	11%

2. At various times, there have been turning points in American politics, where things could have gone in a very different direction. At other times, things that seemed important turned out not to be significant. What does this moment feel more like to you?

A significant turning point	64%
Not too significant	15%
Not sure	21%

3. 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
Scott Pelley	24%	15%	14%	10%	7%	9%	61%
Kaitlan Collins	22%	15%	10%	13%	7%	8%	63%
Sean Hannity	26%	36%	10%	16%	10%	26%	38%
Hasan Piker	12%	22%	3%	9%	8%	14%	66%
Ken Paxton	17%	28%	6%	11%	6%	22%	54%
Graham Platner	14%	25%	3%	11%	9%	17%	60%
Susan Collins	17%	31%	4%	14%	17%	15%	52%
Steve Hilton	19%	17%	7%	12%	7%	10%	64%
Joe Rogan	34%	38%	9%	26%	17%	21%	28%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	37%	54%	13%	24%	18%	36%	9%
The Republican Party	36%	55%	12%	24%	14%	42%	8%

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

Approve	35%
Disapprove	60%
Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	51%
Not sure	5%

6. 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
The economy	29%	63%	13%	17%	13%	50%	7%
Inflation	24%	68%	10%	14%	14%	54%	8%
Taxes	31%	58%	14%	17%	11%	46%	11%
Government spending	27%	63%	11%	16%	13%	50%	10%
The situation in Iran	29%	62%	14%	15%	12%	49%	10%

7. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?

A week or less	2%
More than a week but less than a month	6%
More than a month but less than a year	50%
A year or more	42%

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

Very effective	8%
Somewhat effective	24%
Somewhat ineffective	18%
Very ineffective	49%

9. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be increased or decreased?

Increased	10%
Kept the same	22%
Decreased	47%
Not sure	21%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the bill passed by the Senate on Friday that provides \$70 billion in funding for the next three years for the Border Patrol and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

Approve	38%
Disapprove	48%
Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	14%

11. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease what it spends on...?

	Increase a lot	Increase slightly	Keep the same	Decrease slightly	Decrease a lot	Not sure
National defense	17%	18%	26%	11%	18%	10%
Veterans	47%	25%	15%	2%	1%	9%
Education	43%	20%	17%	5%	6%	10%
The environment	34%	20%	19%	9%	10%	10%
Foreign aid	12%	14%	20%	17%	26%	12%

12. 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	37%
The Republican Party candidate	33%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	17%

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

Total Excellent/Good	22%
Total Fair/Poor	74%
Excellent	4%
Good	18%
Fair	30%
Poor	44%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	14%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	9%

15. Overall, how much have prices that you pay for the goods that you buy risen over the last 12 months?

A lot	52%
Some	28%
A little	17%
Not at all	3%

16. In your experience, have prices of the following goods gone up or down in the last 12 months?

	Gone up a lot	Gone up a little	Not changed	Gone down a little	Gone down a lot	Not sure
Gas	76%	14%	4%	3%	1%	3%
Cars	42%	22%	8%	2%	0%	26%
Food	60%	30%	5%	2%	0%	3%
Housing costs (such as rent or mortgage payments)	45%	23%	15%	3%	0%	14%

17. Thinking ahead to 12 months from now, will prices be higher or lower than they are today?

Higher	49%
About the same	20%
Lower	13%
Not sure	17%

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

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	48%
Both equal	41%
Not sure	7%

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

Yes	38%
No	32%
Not sure	30%

20. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next 12 months?

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	14%
Not at all likely	7%
Not sure	19%
Not asked - Already in a recession	38%

21. Is now a good or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

Good time	24%
Bad time	26%
Not sure	50%

22. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	37%
No	63%

23. About how much in total do you have invested in stocks and mutual funds?

No money invested	63%
Under \$50,000	13%
\$50,000 - \$100,000	5%
\$100,000 - \$250,000	4%
\$250,000 - \$500,000	4%
Over \$500,000	6%
Not sure	5%

24. How easy would it be for you to pay an unexpected \$1,000 expense?

Very easy	16%
Somewhat easy	23%
Somewhat difficult	24%
Very difficult	15%
Impossible	22%

25. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	5%

26. 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	36%
Worse off financially	23%
Not sure	15%

27. How happy are you with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	22%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	12%

29. Thinking about the total amount you earn from your job, including bonuses, commissions, and tips, do you expect to earn more or less in the next 12 months than you did in the previous 12 months?

Asked of those currently employed

Much more	5%
Slightly more	35%
About the same	40%
Slightly less	6%
Much less	4%
Not sure	9%

30. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not very worried	70%

31. 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.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	14%

32. How would you describe your social class?

Working class	48%
Middle class	43%
Upper middle class	9%
Wealthy	1%

33. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap in wealth between the richest and poorest Americans?

Should	53%
Should not	21%
Not sure	26%

34. What do you think is the more important factor in determining why some people are richer than others?

How hard they work	19%
Whether they come from a privileged background	38%
Equally important	30%
Not sure	14%

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

Inflation/prices	34%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Health care	9%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	5%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Civil liberties	3%
National Security	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Abortion	2%
Guns	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Total Liberal	27%
Total Conservative	32%
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	11%

37. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

38. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	27%
Other	5%
Not sure	8%

40. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	8%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%

41. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	22%
No	69%
Not sure	10%

42. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

43. Respondent age by category

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

44. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	30%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

46. What is your marital status?

Married	37%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	38%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	15%
No	85%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	19%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	19%
Never	40%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

51. 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	12%
A few times a week	9%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	26%
Don't know	4%

52. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	9%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	13%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 5 - 8, 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	2,053 started the survey after screenouts. 298 were deleted due to breakoffs, 34 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 112 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,603 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 0.051 to 6.563, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.071.
Number of respondents	1568 1438 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	9 questions not reported.