

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 28 - December 1, 2025 - 1628 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1628 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 28 - December 1, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 31%
 Off on the wrong track 60%
 Not sure 9%

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

Strongly approve 21%
 Somewhat approve 18%
Approve **39%**
 Somewhat disapprove 12%
 Strongly disapprove 45%
Disapprove **58%**
 Not sure 4%

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

Yes 56%
 No 32%
 Not sure 12%

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

Yes 56%
 No 24%
 Not sure 19%

5. Would you like Trump to serve another term as President after 2028?

Yes 21%
 No 68%
 Not sure 11%

6. 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
Affordability	14%	17%	32%	13%	46%	59%	9%
Civil rights	20%	15%	36%	9%	43%	51%	13%
Gun control	22%	15%	37%	10%	36%	46%	18%

7. Last week, President Trump announced a 28-point plan to end the Russia-Ukraine war. How much do you know about Trump's plan?

A lot	8%
Some	22%
A little	28%
Nothing	43%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	21%

9. In dealing with Russia and Ukraine, do you think President Trump tends to support one side more than the other?

Supports Russia more	42%
Supports Ukraine more	12%
Supports both equally	22%
Not sure	23%

10. How important do you think the Russia-Ukraine war is to U.S. national security?

Very important	29%
Somewhat important	28%
Slightly important	16%
Not important at all	10%
Not sure	17%

11. Last week, six Democratic members of Congress released a video message telling members of the military that they have a legal duty to refuse to carry out unlawful orders. President Trump accused the six Democrats of sedition, which he said is "punishable by death." Do you approve or disapprove of the message put out by the Democratic members of Congress?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	46%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	15%

12. Last week, six Democratic members of Congress released a video message telling members of the military that they have a legal duty to refuse to carry out unlawful orders. President Trump accused the six Democrats of sedition, which he said is 'punishable by death.' Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's response to their message?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	47%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	14%

13. Are prices for most goods higher or lower than they were a year ago?

Much higher	44%
Slightly higher	30%
About the same	16%
Slightly lower	9%
Much lower	1%

14. Do you favor or oppose rent control, where limits are set on the rents that landlords are allowed to charge?

Favor	58%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	21%

15. Should the government provide low-interest mortgages to first-time homebuyers?

Yes	70%
No	14%
Not sure	16%

16. The terms "liberal" and "conservative" are often used to describe political positions. How often do you use these terms when discussing politics?

Frequently	23%
Occasionally	46%
Never	30%

17. Would you say the following statement is liberal or conservative?

Respondents were asked about 7 of the following statements at random

	Liberal	Conservative	Neither	Don't know
Same-sex marriage should be legal.	71%	7%	12%	10%
Taxes should be raised on the wealthy.	66%	10%	10%	14%
The death penalty should be abolished.	60%	10%	14%	17%

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The environment should be protected against pollution.	56%	13%	18%	14%
The government should see to it that everyone has a job and a good standard of living.	53%	14%	17%	15%
The U.S. should provide weapons to Ukraine.	38%	13%	30%	20%
People should be allowed to express unpopular opinions.	33%	25%	27%	15%
The federal budget should be balanced.	17%	41%	23%	18%
Spending should be cut on Social Security.	14%	49%	20%	17%
Military spending should be increased.	11%	59%	13%	17%
Illegal immigrants should be deported.	9%	71%	9%	11%
Tariffs should be raised on products imported from foreign countries.	7%	60%	17%	15%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	21%
Fair	33%
Poor	41%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	34%
Worse off financially	26%
Not sure	15%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	11%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Civil liberties	5%
Crime	4%
National Security	4%
Guns	3%
Abortion	3%
Education	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

23. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	51%
No	38%
Not sure	11%

24. 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	13%
I would not vote	13%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	9%

26. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

27. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	29%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%

29. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

30. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

31. Respondent age by category

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

32. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

34. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	23%
South	39%
West	21%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

40. 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	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	18%
Never	20%
Don't know	2%

41. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	23%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 28 - December 1, 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	2,124 started the survey after screenouts. 172 were deleted due to breakoffs, 271 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 3 were removed for attention check failures, and 50 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,628 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 6.593, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.871.
Number of respondents	1628 1456 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	4 questions not reported.