

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 22 - 25, 2025 - 1600 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1600 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted March 22 - 25, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
Off on the wrong track	49%
Not sure	14%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	30%	18%	48%	7%	42%	49%	3%
JD Vance	24%	18%	43%	8%	38%	46%	12%
Mike Johnson	11%	19%	30%	11%	26%	37%	33%
John Thune	6%	12%	18%	11%	15%	26%	55%
Chuck Schumer	5%	18%	24%	19%	31%	50%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	10%	18%	28%	10%	23%	34%	38%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of...?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	26%	29%	55%	12%	9%	22%	23%
United Nations (UN)	26%	28%	54%	12%	15%	28%	18%
European Union (EU)	21%	28%	49%	14%	10%	24%	27%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Elon Musk	25%	19%	44%	9%	42%	51%	5%
John Roberts	5%	23%	28%	17%	15%	32%	39%
Marco Rubio	18%	18%	36%	12%	27%	39%	25%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	77%	20%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	52%	34%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	43%	28%	71%	16%	12%	29%
Foreign policy	50%	40%	90%	8%	3%	10%
National Security	71%	23%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Education	67%	27%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Health care	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	65%	30%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Abortion	46%	27%	74%	17%	10%	26%
Civil rights	62%	27%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Civil liberties	58%	32%	90%	8%	2%	10%
Guns	49%	30%	79%	14%	6%	21%
Crime	61%	31%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Criminal justice reform	45%	41%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Inflation/prices	79%	18%	97%	3%	0%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	26%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	10%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	7%
National Security	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Civil liberties	4%
Education	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	3%
Crime	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	48%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	6%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	25%	18%	43%	10%	37%	47%	10%
Immigration	37%	14%	51%	9%	35%	44%	5%
Climate change and the environment	21%	16%	36%	8%	37%	44%	19%
Taxes and government spending	31%	15%	46%	10%	36%	46%	7%
Abortion	22%	17%	39%	7%	36%	43%	18%
Civil rights	23%	18%	41%	7%	38%	45%	15%
Civil liberties	22%	19%	41%	6%	38%	44%	15%
Guns	23%	17%	40%	8%	30%	38%	22%
Crime	28%	20%	47%	6%	31%	38%	15%
Inflation/prices	23%	19%	42%	11%	40%	50%	8%

9. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	24%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	10%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	32%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	17%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	14%	22%	36%	20%	36%	55%	8%
The Republican Party	19%	24%	44%	10%	38%	48%	8%

12. When it comes to resisting actions by Donald Trump that they disagree with, do you think that Democrats in Congress are doing...?

Among Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic

Too much	1%
About the right amount	17%
Not enough	75%
Not sure	7%

13. Would you say the Democratic Party has a clear leader?

Yes, it is ___ [open response]	7%
No	66%
Not sure	27%

14. Do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Agree	Disagree	Not sure
The U.S. government has a robust system of checks and balances	42%	32%	26%
The U.S. is in a constitutional crisis	53%	27%	20%

15. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	59%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	41%

16. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	36%
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.	50%
Not sure	14%

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

Under control	22%
Out of control	61%
Not sure	18%

18. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	38%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	9%
Very weak	32%

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

Like a lot	23%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	13%
Dislike somewhat	6%
Dislike a lot	37%
Not sure	3%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	34%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	36%
Just about the same as now	26%
Worse off financially	25%
Not sure	14%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	39%	22%	11%	4%	25%
United Nations (UN)	32%	26%	14%	6%	22%
European Union	33%	25%	12%	4%	26%
Russia	2%	8%	26%	44%	19%
Ukraine	28%	32%	12%	4%	24%
Mexico	21%	33%	22%	5%	18%
Canada	40%	31%	12%	2%	15%
Venezuela	3%	14%	30%	15%	38%
El Salvador	7%	23%	18%	8%	45%

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

Russia	3%
Ukraine	60%
Neither	25%
Not sure	12%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	24%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	13%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine	16%
Not sure	20%

26. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	41%
Does not make much difference	19%
Worse off	26%
Not sure	14%

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

Too harsh	46%
About right	41%
Too soft	5%
Not sure	8%

28. How much trust and confidence do you have in ...?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	None at all
The Executive Branch - The President and the federal agencies	16%	33%	25%	27%
The Supreme Court of the United States	11%	38%	36%	15%
Federal courts	9%	42%	37%	13%

29. As far as you know, do immigrants who are facing deportation have the right to challenge their deportation in court?

Yes	41%
No	29%
Not sure	30%

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

Yes	52%
No	33%
Not sure	15%

31. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

The government should try to solve problems as quickly as possible, even if that means they might make mistakes	24%
The government should try to solve problems carefully, making as few mistakes as possible, even if that means they might solve the problem more slowly	76%

32. Do you think the U.S. government is making mistakes in who they are deporting?

Many mistakes	31%
Some mistakes	22%
Only a few mistakes	20%
No mistakes	14%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	39%
No	30%
Not sure	31%

34. Do you think the Trump administration will disobey any court orders regarding the deportation of immigrants in the future?

Yes	51%
No	23%
Not sure	26%

35. Do you think the Trump administration should obey court orders when deporting immigrants?

Yes	64%
No	18%
Not sure	18%

36. How much have you heard about the recent deportation of Venezuelan immigrants in the U.S. to a prison in El Salvador?

A lot	32%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	24%

37. The U.S. government recently invoked a wartime authority to deport around 250 immigrants, mostly from Venezuela, to a prison in El Salvador, alleging they were gang members without offering proof. What share of these deportees do you think are actually gang members?

All of them	15%
Most of them	21%
About half of them	10%
A few of them	22%
None of them	6%
Not sure	26%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the government's decision to send Venezuelan immigrants to a prison in El Salvador without hearings?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	18%

39. Would you support or oppose eliminating the U.S. Department of Education?

Strongly support	20%
Somewhat support	10%
Support	31%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	44%
Oppose	58%
Not sure	12%

40. As far as you know, does the president have the authority to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education without the approval of Congress?

Yes	17%
No	52%
Not sure	31%

41. Should the president be allowed to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education by issuing an executive order?

Yes	24%
No	57%
Not sure	19%

42. Would eliminating the U.S. Department of Education help or hurt public schools in your community?

Help a lot	16%
Help a little	7%
Have no effect	9%
Hurt a little	10%
Hurt a lot	43%
Not sure	15%

43. People have different opinions about who should ultimately be responsible for making decisions about the curriculum taught in K-12 public schools. In your opinion, at what level should these decisions primarily be made?

The federal government	13%
The state government	30%
The local government	7%
The school district	20%
The school administration	8%
The teacher	4%
Not sure	19%

44. How much of a role should the federal government have in K-12 education?

A big role	22%
A small role	39%
No role at all	23%
Not sure	16%

45. How much of a role should the federal government have in higher education?

A big role	21%
A small role	41%
No role at all	22%
Not sure	16%

46. Do you generally approve or disapprove of how universities have responded to Donald Trump's executive orders relating to higher education?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	35%
Not sure	41%

47. Do you personally know someone who is transgender? Select all that apply.

Yes, someone I know well	16%
Yes, an acquaintance	21%
No	65%

48. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	40%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	16%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	30%
Not sure	14%

49. Compared to other issues, do you think that lawmakers are focusing too much or too little on legislation relating to transgender issues?

Focusing too much	52%
Focusing about the right amount	18%
Focusing too little	13%
Not sure	17%

50. Do you support or oppose allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the sex they were assigned at birth?

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	11%
Support	20%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	51%
Oppose	64%
Not sure	16%

51. Do you support or oppose the federal government defunding universities that allow transgender women to play on women's sports teams?

Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	12%
Support	50%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	26%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	10%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

54. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

57. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	40%
Not sure	9%

58. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

59. Respondent age by category

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

60. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

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

62. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

64. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	10%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

68. 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	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	9%
Seldom	13%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

69. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 22 - 25, 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	1,819 started the survey after screenouts. 130 were deleted due to breakoffs, 27 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 10 were removed for attention check failures, and 52 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,600 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 6.541, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.947.
Number of respondents	1600 1440 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.