

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 20 - 22, 2025 - 1592 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1592 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted December 20 - 22, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 33% |
| Off on the wrong track | 56% |
| Not sure | 10% |

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

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| Under control | 23% |
| Out of control | 62% |
| Not sure | 15% |

3. Will you be celebrating a winter holiday (such as Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa) this year?

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| Yes | 83% |
| No | 14% |
| Not sure | 4% |

4. This holiday season, will you spend more or less on holiday expenses than you have in previous years?

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| More | 14% |
| About the same | 46% |
| Less | 34% |
| Not sure | 5% |

5. Has there ever been an argument about politics at a holiday celebration you have attended?

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| Yes | 24% |
| No | 73% |
| Prefer not to say | 3% |

6. Do you plan on celebrating New Year's with others this year?

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| Yes | 44% |
| No | 36% |
| Not sure | 20% |

7. Do you plan to make any New Year's resolutions for 2026?

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| Yes | 28% |
| No | 56% |
| Not sure | 15% |

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

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| Strongly approve | 22% |
| Somewhat approve | 16% |
| Approve | 39% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 11% |
| Strongly disapprove | 46% |
| Disapprove | 57% |
| Not sure | 4% |

9. 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 | 20% | 18% | 38% | 13% | 42% | 55% | 6% |
| The military | 26% | 17% | 43% | 10% | 39% | 49% | 9% |
| Immigration | 31% | 13% | 44% | 9% | 41% | 50% | 6% |
| Tariffs | 20% | 17% | 36% | 11% | 44% | 56% | 8% |
| Foreign policy | 22% | 16% | 39% | 11% | 41% | 52% | 9% |

10. Do you approve or disapprove of renaming The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. to the Trump-Kennedy Center?

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 9% |
| Somewhat approve | 10% |
| Approve | 18% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 14% |
| Strongly disapprove | 52% |
| Disapprove | 66% |
| Not sure | 16% |

11. Should the U.S. government release all of its files from the investigation of Jeffrey Epstein?

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| Yes | 81% |
| No | 4% |
| Not sure | 15% |

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

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| Yes | 46% |
| No | 30% |
| Not sure | 24% |

13. Do you think Donald Trump is trying to cover up Jeffrey Epstein's crimes?

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| Yes | 47% |
| No | 31% |
| Not sure | 21% |

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

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| Strongly approve | 12% |
| Somewhat approve | 14% |
| Approve | 26% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 11% |
| Strongly disapprove | 44% |
| Disapprove | 55% |
| Not sure | 19% |

15. Among the world's countries, would you say that the United States is...?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| The greatest | 22% |
| Among the greatest | 21% |
| Better than average | 14% |
| About average | 13% |
| Worse than average | 10% |
| Among the worst | 8% |
| The worst | 5% |
| Not sure | 7% |

16. Do you think America's standing in the world has improved or worsened since Donald Trump became president again in 2025?

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| Improved | 30% |
| Stayed about the same | 11% |
| Worsened | 51% |
| Not sure | 8% |

17. Do you think the United States should take an active part in world affairs or stay out of world affairs?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Active part | 45% |
| Stay out | 32% |
| Not sure | 24% |

18. In general, do you think the U.S. has a responsibility to actively promote democracy around the world, or is that not the responsibility of the U.S.?

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| Has responsibility | 54% |
| Does not have responsibility | 46% |

19. How often do you think the U.S. should use military force to advance its policy goals?

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| Often | 5% |
| Sometimes | 26% |
| Rarely | 33% |
| Never | 22% |
| Not sure | 15% |

20. Do you think that U.S. foreign military interventions more often improve or worsen situations in the countries where they occur?

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| Improve | 18% |
| Worsen | 38% |
| Neither improve nor worsen | 21% |
| Not sure | 23% |

21. Do you generally think the U.S. should... ?

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| Seek to expand its territory, even if it means using force | 5% |
| Seek to expand its territory, but not by force | 22% |
| Not seek to expand its territory | 57% |
| Not sure | 16% |

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

| | Ally | Friendly | Unfriendly | Enemy | Not sure |
|-----------|------|----------|------------|-------|----------|
| Venezuela | 2% | 11% | 30% | 28% | 29% |
| Russia | 2% | 7% | 28% | 49% | 15% |
| Ukraine | 27% | 37% | 10% | 5% | 20% |
| Israel | 36% | 21% | 11% | 11% | 22% |
| Palestine | 4% | 13% | 25% | 26% | 32% |

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. military blockading sanctioned oil tankers going in and out of Venezuelan ports?

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 18% |
| Somewhat approve | 16% |
| Approve | 35% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove | 27% |
| Disapprove | 40% |
| Not sure | 25% |

24. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to invade Venezuela?

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|------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 7% |
| Somewhat support | 12% |
| Support | 19% |
| Somewhat oppose | 17% |
| Strongly oppose | 43% |
| Oppose | 60% |
| Not sure | 20% |

25. If President Trump wants to use military force in Venezuela, should he first seek authorization from the U.S. Congress?

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| Yes | 74% |
| No | 11% |
| Not sure | 14% |

26. Do you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to overthrow Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro?

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|------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 9% |
| Somewhat support | 13% |
| Support | 22% |
| Somewhat oppose | 16% |
| Strongly oppose | 36% |
| Oppose | 52% |
| Not sure | 26% |

27. Do you consider the Venezuelan government to be a foreign terrorist organization?

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| Yes | 28% |
| No | 38% |
| Not sure | 34% |

28. Do you think the situation in Venezuela is a "national emergency" for the U.S.?

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| Yes | 18% |
| No | 53% |
| Not sure | 29% |

29. Do you approve or disapprove of how Donald Trump is handling Venezuela?

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 14% |
| Somewhat approve | 16% |
| Approve | 31% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12% |
| Strongly disapprove | 38% |
| Disapprove | 49% |
| Not sure | 20% |

30. How much do you care about what happens in Israel and Palestine?

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| A lot | 38% |
| A little | 42% |
| Not at all | 20% |

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

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| The Israelis | 29% |
| About equal | 28% |
| The Palestinians | 22% |
| Not sure | 22% |

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

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| Increasing military aid to Israel | 13% |
| Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel | 23% |
| Decreasing military aid to Israel | 13% |
| Stopping all military aid to Israel | 26% |
| Not sure | 25% |

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

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| Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians | 30% |
| Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians | 21% |
| Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians | 8% |
| Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians | 15% |
| Not sure | 26% |

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

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| Strongly approve | 14% |
| Somewhat approve | 19% |
| Approve | 33% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 10% |
| Strongly disapprove | 33% |
| Disapprove | 43% |
| Not sure | 24% |

35. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

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| Russia | 26% |
| Ukraine | 9% |
| Neither | 43% |
| Not sure | 22% |

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

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| Increasing military aid to Ukraine | 33% |
| Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine | 20% |
| Decreasing military aid to Ukraine | 12% |
| Stopping all military aid to Ukraine | 15% |
| Not sure | 21% |

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

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| Strongly approve | 12% |
| Somewhat approve | 19% |
| Approve | 31% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 13% |
| Strongly disapprove | 36% |
| Disapprove | 49% |
| Not sure | 20% |

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

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| Inflation/prices | 24% |
| Jobs and the economy | 16% |
| Health care | 11% |
| Immigration | 8% |
| Civil rights | 7% |
| Taxes and government spending | 6% |
| Civil liberties | 5% |
| National Security | 5% |
| Climate change and the environment | 4% |
| Abortion | 3% |
| Crime | 3% |
| Guns | 3% |
| Education | 2% |
| Criminal justice reform | 1% |
| Foreign policy | 1% |

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

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| Excellent | 4% |
| Good | 24% |
| Fair | 35% |
| Poor | 34% |
| Don't know | 3% |

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

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|----------------------|-----|
| Getting better | 23% |
| About the same | 20% |
| Getting worse | 51% |
| Not sure | 7% |

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

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| Better off financially than you were a year ago | 16% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago | 45% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 35% |
| Not sure | 5% |

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

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| Better off financially | 29% |
| Just about the same as now | 34% |
| Worse off financially | 24% |
| Not sure | 14% |

43. Are you a MAGA supporter?

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| Yes | 25% |
| No | 64% |
| Not sure | 11% |

44. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

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| The Democratic Party candidate | 38% |
| The Republican Party candidate | 34% |
| Other | 1% |
| Not sure | 13% |
| I would not vote | 15% |

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

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|---------------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 12% |
| Liberal | 17% |
| Total Liberal | 28% |
| Moderate | 31% |
| Conservative | 21% |
| Very conservative | 11% |
| Total Conservative | 32% |
| Not sure | 8% |

46. Are you registered to vote?

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| Registered | 74% |
| Not registered | 26% |

47. 2024 Presidential Vote

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| Kamala Harris | 31% |
| Donald Trump | 33% |
| Other | 1% |
| Did not vote for President | 35% |

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

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

49. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

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| Strong Democrat | 20% |
| Not very strong Democrat | 9% |
| Lean Democrat | 10% |
| Independent | 21% |
| Lean Republican | 7% |
| Not very strong Republican | 11% |
| Strong Republican | 21% |
| Not sure | 2% |
| Don't know | 0% |

50. Are you...?

| | |
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| Male | 48% |
| Female | 52% |

51. Respondent age by category

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

52. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

| | |
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| White | 68% |
| Black | 13% |
| Hispanic | 13% |
| Other | 6% |

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

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

54. What is your marital status?

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|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married | 39% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 13% |
| Widowed | 4% |
| Never married | 35% |
| Domestic / civil partnership | 7% |

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

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| Yes | 21% |
| No | 79% |

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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| Northeast | 17% |
| Midwest | 22% |
| South | 39% |
| West | 23% |

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

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K | 39% |
| \$50-100K | 29% |
| \$100K or more | 22% |
| Prefer not to say | 10% |

58. 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 | 7% |
| A few times a year | 11% |
| Seldom | 22% |
| Never | 34% |
| Don't know | 2% |

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

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| Yes | 33% |
| No | 67% |

60. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day | 28% |
| Once a day | 11% |
| A few times a week | 10% |
| Once a week | 4% |
| A few times a month | 6% |
| Seldom | 15% |
| Never | 24% |
| Don't know | 3% |

61. What is your present religion, if any?

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant | 28% |
| Roman Catholic | 20% |
| Mormon | 1% |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox | 0% |
| Jewish | 2% |
| Muslim | 1% |
| Buddhist | 0% |
| Hindu | 0% |
| Atheist | 7% |
| Agnostic | 5% |
| Nothing in particular | 24% |
| Something else | 11% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | December 20 - 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 | 1,979 started the survey after screenouts. 169 were deleted due to breakoffs, 184 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 0 were removed for attention check failures, and 34 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,592 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 6.628, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.979. |
| Number of respondents | 1592 1425 (Registered voters) |
| Margin of error | ± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 2 questions not reported. |