

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 21 - 24, 2025 - 1677 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1677 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 21 - 24, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 31%
 Off on the wrong track 57%
 Not sure 12%

2. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in the U.S.?

Completely satisfied 8%
 Somewhat satisfied 24%
 Somewhat dissatisfied 30%
 Completely dissatisfied 28%
 Not sure 10%

3. How much confidence do you have in each of the following institutions in American society?

Respondents were asked about 10 of the 15 institutions

	A great deal	Quite a lot	Some	Very little
The military	27%	27%	34%	12%
Small business	13%	37%	40%	9%
The police	12%	26%	38%	24%
The church or organized religion	10%	18%	39%	33%
The medical system	10%	25%	45%	20%
The presidency	14%	16%	23%	47%
The U.S. Supreme Court	7%	17%	39%	36%
Public schools	7%	25%	40%	28%
Banks	8%	24%	45%	23%
Organized labor	6%	20%	49%	25%
Newspapers	5%	18%	39%	38%
The criminal justice system	5%	16%	43%	36%
Television news	5%	12%	35%	48%
Big business	4%	10%	36%	50%
Congress	3%	7%	36%	54%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Democratic Party?

Very favorable 10%
 Somewhat favorable 21%
 Neither favorable nor unfavorable 16%
 Somewhat unfavorable 15%
 Very unfavorable 34%
 Not sure 4%

5. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Neither favorable nor unfavorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	38%
Not sure	4%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

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

Derived from the previous ideology question

Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

8. Would you say the Democratic Party is...?

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	24%
Total Liberal	64%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Total Conservative	6%
Not sure	12%

9. Would you say the Republican Party is...?

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Total Liberal	5%
Moderate	12%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	38%
Total Conservative	70%
Not sure	14%

10. Have you ever voted for a Democrat?

Yes 61%
No 39%

11. Have you ever voted for a Republican?

Yes 58%
No 42%

12. In the past, how often have you voted for a Democrat?

Usually 34%
Occasionally 15%
Rarely 12%
Never 39%

13. In the past, how often have you voted for a Republican?

Usually 31%
Occasionally 16%
Rarely 11%
Never 42%

14. In the future, how often do you think you will vote for a Democrat?

Usually 34%
Occasionally 16%
Rarely 18%
Never 33%

15. In the future, how often do you think you will vote for a Republican?

Usually 31%
Occasionally 15%
Rarely 19%
Never 35%

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

Strongly approve 20%
Somewhat approve 18%
Approve **38%**
Somewhat disapprove 12%
Strongly disapprove 46%
Disapprove **57%**
Not sure 4%

17. Do you think the government has significant information about crimes committed by Jeffrey Epstein that should be made public?

Yes 71%
 No 6%
 Not sure 23%

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

Yes 81%
 No 5%
 Not sure 14%

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

Yes 50%
 No 29%
 Not sure 22%

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

Strongly approve 3%
 Somewhat approve 13%
 Neither approve nor disapprove 19%
 Somewhat disapprove 23%
 Strongly disapprove 34%
 Not sure 7%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	22%	18%	41%	9%	46%	55%	4%
Mike Johnson	11%	17%	28%	9%	34%	43%	29%
John Thune	4%	12%	17%	14%	20%	33%	50%
Chuck Schumer	6%	16%	22%	18%	35%	53%	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	9%	16%	25%	13%	28%	41%	34%

22. 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
Education	37%	23%	18%	7%	8%	7%
Social Security	39%	32%	18%	3%	2%	6%
Medicare	38%	27%	21%	5%	3%	7%
Medicaid	31%	26%	22%	8%	6%	7%
SNAP (food stamps)	25%	22%	24%	11%	11%	6%
The environment	32%	18%	19%	11%	12%	8%
Foreign aid	8%	12%	24%	18%	27%	10%
Veterans	45%	28%	16%	2%	2%	6%
National defense	19%	20%	29%	13%	11%	8%

23. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	27%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	29%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	35%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	9%

24. Do you think that same-sex marriage should or should not be legal?

Should be legal	54%
Should not be legal	33%
Not sure	13%

25. In order to make up for past discrimination, do you support or oppose programs which make special efforts to help minorities get ahead?

Strongly support	25%
Somewhat support	25%
Support	49%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	20%
Oppose	34%
Not sure	17%

26. Do you favor the death penalty for murder?

Yes, always	20%
Yes, sometimes, depending on the circumstances	48%
No, the death penalty is wrong	22%
Don't know	11%

27. Should the death penalty be used more or less often than it currently is?

More often	32%
About as often	19%
Less often	6%
Not asked - oppose death penalty	22%
Not sure	21%

28. In general, do you feel gun control laws should be made more or less strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	53%
No change	22%
Make gun laws less strict	15%
Not sure	10%

29. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	54%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	23%
The world's climate is NOT changing	8%
Not sure	15%

30. Do you think the number of legal immigrants accepted into the U.S. each year should be...?

Increased	23%
Not changed	26%
Decreased	26%
Reduced to zero	9%
Not sure	16%

31. 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	22%	64%	14%
People who have committed violent crimes	88%	4%	8%
People who have committed non-violent crimes	45%	34%	21%

32. Do you think the Affordable Care Act/Obamacare should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	41%
Kept the same	19%
Repealed	27%
Not sure	13%

33. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe	39%
Somewhat safe	31%
Not very safe	13%
Not at all safe	10%
Not sure	7%

34. Do you think the following statement is...?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Vaccines have been shown to cause autism	8%	17%	16%	39%	20%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is handling his job as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	17%

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

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	42%
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	28%
Not sure	14%

37. Do you think transgender people should use the public bathrooms that correspond with their assigned sex at birth or with their current gender identity?

Assigned sex at birth	53%
Current gender identity	28%
Not sure	19%

38. Should transgender women be allowed to play on women's sports teams?

Yes	17%
No	64%
Not sure	18%

39. Do you think the U.S. should do more or less to protect transgender people from discrimination?

More	35%
Less	29%
Doing the right amount right now	21%
Not sure	15%

40. Would you support or oppose banning transgender minors from accessing gender-affirming medical care?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	10%
Support	44%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	25%
Oppose	38%
Not sure	18%

41. Would you support or oppose banning adults from accessing gender-affirming medical care?

Strongly support	21%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	35%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	29%
Oppose	42%
Not sure	22%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	16%
Health care	11%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil liberties	6%
Civil rights	5%
National Security	4%
Education	3%
Crime	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Fair	33%
Poor	38%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	39%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	27%
Just about the same as now	34%
Worse off financially	23%
Not sure	15%

47. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	49%
No	38%
Not sure	12%

48. 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	32%
Other	1%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	14%

49. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

50. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	29%
Republican	31%
Independent	28%
Other	5%
Not sure	7%

52. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

53. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

54. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

57. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	23%
Don't know	4%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 21 - 24, 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	1,915 started the survey after screenouts. 150 were deleted due to breakoffs, 37 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 5 were removed for attention check failures, and 46 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,677 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 7.167, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.993.
Number of respondents	1677 1511 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	7 questions not reported.