

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 7 - 10, 2025 - 1663 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1663 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted November 7 - 10, 2025
Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	9%

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

Completely satisfied	7%
Somewhat satisfied	25%
Somewhat dissatisfied	29%
Completely dissatisfied	31%
Not sure	9%

3. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	35%
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%

4. How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

Just about always	3%
Most of the time	15%
Only some of the time	56%
Never	26%

5. Is the government mostly run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or is it run for the benefit of all the people?

Mostly by a few big interests	76%
For the benefit of all the people	11%
Not sure	13%

6. How much of the money we pay in taxes is wasted by the government?

Waste a lot	64%
Waste some	23%
Don't waste very much	4%
Not sure	9%

7. How many of the people running the government are corrupt?

All	7%
Most	44%
About half	28%
A few	19%
None	2%

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

Very favorable	10%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Favorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	34%
Unfavorable	44%
Not sure	23%

9. If a socialist candidate were running for president, would you consider voting for him or her?

Would consider voting for a socialist candidate	31%
Would not consider voting for a socialist candidate	42%
Not sure	27%

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure
Having a strong leader is good for the country, even if they bend the rules to get things done.	14%	29%	43%	23%	24%	47%	10%
In a fair society, there would be no billionaires.	23%	20%	44%	22%	26%	48%	8%

11. On Thursday, Tesla shareholders approved a pay package that could give Elon Musk up to \$1 trillion if the company meets certain goals. Do you approve or disapprove of this?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	19%

12. How much is the government shutdown affecting you personally?

A great deal	17%
Somewhat	23%
A little	31%
Not at all	30%

13. How much longer do you think the government shutdown will last?

Less than a week	6%
One to two weeks	20%
Three to four weeks	18%
More than four weeks	18%
Not sure	39%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of how each of the following are handling the current shutdown of the federal government?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Democrats in Congress	30%	50%	19%
Donald Trump	33%	55%	12%
Republicans in Congress	30%	55%	15%

15. Who do you blame the most for the shutdown of the federal government?

Democrats in Congress	34%
Republicans in Congress	36%
Both equally	24%
Not sure	6%

16. Do you think Democrats in Congress should hold out for changes to health care funding — such as extending subsidies for Affordable Care Act coverage — before agreeing to end the government shutdown?

Yes, they should	41%
No, they should not	39%
Not sure	20%

17. Do you favor the death penalty for murder?

Yes, always	18%
Yes, sometimes, depending on the circumstances	54%
No, the death penalty is wrong	21%
Don't know	8%

18. Do you think that the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States or not?

Yes, it should be legal	57%
No, it should not be legal	29%
Not sure	14%

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

Make gun laws more strict	58%
No change	20%
Make gun laws less strict	16%
Not sure	6%

20. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor strongly	Favor somewhat	Favor	Oppose somewhat	Oppose strongly	Oppose	Not sure
Banning assault rifles	46%	15%	61%	12%	20%	32%	7%

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

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	26%
Total Liberal	65%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	1%
Total Conservative	4%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	3%
Total Liberal	5%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	33%
Very conservative	38%
Total Conservative	71%
Not sure	13%

23. Do you think the Democratic Party is too extreme?

Yes	45%
No	42%
Not sure	13%

24. Do you think the Republican Party is too extreme?

Yes	46%
No	41%
Not sure	14%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	5%

26. 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
The economy	17%	19%	36%	12%	47%	59%	5%
Inflation	15%	17%	32%	15%	47%	63%	6%
Crime	28%	18%	46%	9%	38%	47%	7%

27. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	2%
Total Liberal	6%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	36%
Total Conservative	63%
Not sure	19%

28. Do you think Donald Trump...

Says what he believes	55%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	34%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	41%
Not sure	3%

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30. Which of these words would you [use / not use] to describe Donald Trump? Select all that apply.

Respondents were shown a random sample of 10 of the descriptors

	Describes Donald Trump	Does not describe Donald Trump	Neither
Bold	54%	13%	33%
Corrupt	48%	22%	30%
Dangerous	46%	24%	30%
Cruel	43%	27%	30%
Divisive	41%	13%	46%
Strong	42%	25%	33%
Out-of-touch	41%	22%	36%
Racist	41%	28%	31%
Effective	38%	28%	34%
Intelligent	37%	37%	26%
Honest	27%	40%	34%
Steady	24%	30%	46%
Inspiring	21%	38%	41%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
JD Vance	21%	17%	38%	9%	38%	48%	14%
Gavin Newsom	16%	19%	34%	10%	32%	42%	24%
Elon Musk	12%	23%	35%	16%	37%	53%	12%
Zohran Mamdani	16%	18%	35%	5%	33%	38%	27%

32. 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	40%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	1%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	12%

33. Which party do you think is more likely to win a majority of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in the November 2026 midterm election?

The Democratic Party	41%
The Republican Party	28%
Not sure	31%

34. Do you think congressional districts are drawn fairly or unfairly in your state?

Fairly	31%
Unfairly	32%
Not sure	37%

35. Who do you think should draw congressional districts in your state?

The state legislature	19%
An independent commission	50%
Not sure	31%

36. If one state redraws its congressional districts to advantage a political party, are other states justified in retaliating and redrawing their districts to benefit the other party?

Yes, retaliation is justified	41%
No, retaliation is not justified	28%
Not sure	31%

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

Inflation/prices	27%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	11%
Civil rights	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil liberties	6%
Immigration	6%
National Security	5%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Crime	3%
Guns	2%
Abortion	2%
Education	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Fair	32%
Poor	40%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	5%

40. 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	35%
Not sure	5%

41. 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	36%
Worse off financially	25%
Not sure	12%

42. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	25%
No	62%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	35%
Not sure	9%

44. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

45. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	28%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%

47. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	9%
Lean Democrat	13%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	23%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

48. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

49. Respondent age by category

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

50. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

52. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	7%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	23%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

59. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 7 - 10, 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	1,961 started the survey after screenouts. 165 were deleted due to breakoffs, 82 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 7 were removed for attention check failures, and 44 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,663 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 6.58, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.03.
Number of respondents	1663 1500 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	5 questions not reported.