

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 9 - 12, 2025 - 1786 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1786 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted May 9 - 12, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	38%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	11%

2. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for the Pope to try to influence the domestic affairs of the United States?

Appropriate	29%
Inappropriate	41%
Not sure	30%

3. How much influence do you think Pope Leo XIV will have in the domestic affairs of the United States?

A great deal of influence	8%
Some influence	47%
No influence at all	23%
Not sure	22%

4. Do you think Pope Leo XIV's political beliefs are mostly:

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	11%
Total Liberal	16%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	9%
Very conservative	4%
Total Conservative	12%
None of the above	3%
Not sure	43%

5. Do you think Pope Francis's political beliefs were mostly:

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	8%
Very conservative	3%
Total Conservative	11%
None of the above	2%
Not sure	33%

6. 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	27%	18%	45%	9%	44%	53%	3%
JD Vance	21%	16%	38%	10%	39%	49%	13%

7. 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
Pope Leo XIV	19%	28%	47%	8%	4%	12%	41%
Pope Francis	25%	32%	57%	10%	9%	18%	24%
Bill Gates	17%	34%	51%	17%	18%	34%	14%
Warren Buffett	17%	32%	48%	13%	10%	23%	29%
Mark Zuckerberg	7%	23%	29%	29%	28%	56%	14%

8. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	73%	24%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	54%	32%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Climate change and the environment	45%	27%	72%	15%	13%	28%
Foreign policy	46%	41%	87%	8%	5%	13%
National Security	67%	26%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Education	67%	28%	94%	4%	1%	6%
Health care	75%	21%	95%	3%	1%	5%
Taxes and government spending	65%	29%	95%	4%	2%	5%
Abortion	44%	30%	74%	17%	9%	26%
Civil rights	60%	28%	88%	8%	4%	12%
Civil liberties	53%	36%	89%	8%	3%	11%
Guns	53%	28%	81%	13%	6%	19%
Crime	61%	31%	92%	5%	3%	8%
Criminal justice reform	45%	40%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Inflation/prices	79%	20%	98%	1%	0%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	6%
National Security	6%
Civil liberties	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Abortion	2%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	5%

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

	Strongly approve	Some- what approve	Approve	Some- what disap- prove	Strongly disap- prove	Disap- prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	21%	21%	42%	12%	38%	50%	8%
Immigration	34%	16%	50%	10%	36%	46%	5%
Education	21%	20%	40%	11%	37%	49%	11%
Health care	17%	23%	40%	10%	35%	46%	14%
Civil rights	19%	21%	40%	10%	37%	47%	13%
Civil liberties	18%	22%	40%	10%	36%	46%	14%
Crime	25%	23%	49%	10%	30%	40%	11%
Inflation/prices	17%	18%	35%	14%	44%	57%	8%
Foreign trade	21%	17%	38%	10%	43%	53%	9%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	22%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	29%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	18%

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

	Strongly agree	Some-what agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Some-what disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure
Donald Trump is an excellent negotiator	23%	19%	42%	11%	8%	36%	44%	3%
Donald Trump hires the best people	17%	16%	33%	17%	7%	39%	46%	3%
Donald Trump can get people to do what he wants	21%	39%	59%	16%	8%	12%	20%	4%
Donald Trump fires people who need to be fired	22%	15%	37%	15%	10%	33%	43%	5%
Donald Trump understands important issues in detail	22%	17%	39%	12%	8%	38%	47%	3%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	3%

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

Better off financially	32%
Just about the same as now	29%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	11%

18. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to the moon in the future?

Favor	54%
Oppose	15%
Not sure	31%

19. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to Mars?

Favor	48%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	31%

20. How likely do you think it is that NASA will get people onto Mars by its goal of 2040?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	18%
Not at all likely	11%
Not sure	22%

21. How likely do you think it is that in 50 years, at least some people will be living in space permanently — either on another planet such as Mars or on the moon?

Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	26%
Not at all likely	20%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you think that space exploration should primarily be the responsibility of national governments (such as NASA) or private companies?

National governments	23%
Private companies	8%
Both equally	45%
Neither	5%
Not sure	18%

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

Active part	56%
Stay out	24%
Not sure	19%

24. Do you think it is better if the United States compromises with its allies in order to find collective solutions to international problems or do you think it is better if the United States works alone to find solutions to international problems?

Compromise with allies	72%
Work alone	10%
Not sure	19%

25. Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance when people in other countries need help, or don't you think the U.S. has that responsibility?

U.S. has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	49%
U.S. does not have a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	31%
Not sure	20%

26. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance	46%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance	30%
Not sure	24%

27. How likely do you think it is that conflict between the following will lead to a wider war involving other countries?

	It has already led to a wider war	Very likely	Fairly likely	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Not sure
Russia and Ukraine	17%	18%	26%	18%	3%	18%
Israel and Palestine	19%	16%	26%	17%	4%	19%
India and Pakistan	5%	16%	27%	23%	5%	24%

28. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...?

	Greater	Less	About the same	Don't know
A world war	44%	13%	30%	13%
A nuclear war	36%	14%	34%	17%

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

Improved	30%
Stayed about the same	15%
Worsened	48%
Not sure	7%

30. Do you think the U.S. has gotten more or less safe from a terrorist attack since Donald Trump became president again in 2025?

More safe	29%
Stayed about the same	24%
Less safe	33%
Not sure	14%

31. How effective do you think Donald Trump is at negotiating with foreign leaders?

Very effective	25%
Somewhat effective	22%
Not very effective	15%
Not at all effective	30%
Not sure	7%

32. In general, how much respect do you think Donald Trump has for leaders of other countries around the world?

A great deal of respect	13%
A fair amount of respect	34%
Not much respect	26%
No respect	27%

33. In general, how much respect do you think leaders of other countries around the world have for Donald Trump?

A great deal of respect	17%
A fair amount of respect	30%
Not much respect	28%
No respect	26%

34. How important do you think it is for the leaders of other countries around the world to have respect for Donald Trump?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	33%
Not very important	8%
Not at all important	11%
Not sure	10%

35. In general, how much respect do you think people living in other countries around the world have for Donald Trump?

A great deal of respect	11%
A fair amount of respect	30%
Not much respect	33%
No respect	26%

36. Do you think Donald Trump has a clear plan for U.S. trade policy?

Yes	39%
No	45%
Not sure	16%

37. How many of the tariffs imposed by Donald Trump do you think will remain in place?

All of them	4%
Most of them	18%
About half of them	20%
A few of them	32%
None of them	5%
Not sure	22%

38. Do you think tariffs imposed by Donald Trump will increase or decrease, or have no effect on the prices you pay for things that you buy?

Increase a lot	44%
Increase slightly	30%
No effect	6%
Decrease slightly	5%
Decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	12%

39. Do you think that recent tariffs imposed by Donald Trump will help or hurt the following?

	Help	Hurt	Neither help nor hurt	Not sure
The U.S. economy	30%	53%	7%	10%
The economies of other countries	10%	57%	16%	17%
U.S. manufacturing	38%	37%	12%	13%
Your financial wellbeing	16%	53%	17%	14%
U.S. global standing	23%	50%	12%	14%

40. Who do you think would be hurt more by a trade war?

The U.S.	41%
The rest of the world	32%
Not sure	27%

41. Do you think the United States would win or lose a trade war with the rest of the world?

Win	32%
Lose	40%
Not sure	28%

42. Do you think the trade relationship between the U.S. and each of the following countries is mostly fair or unfair?

	Fair	Unfair	Not sure
China	23%	50%	27%
Mexico	36%	36%	28%
Vietnam	29%	24%	47%
India	29%	26%	45%
Brazil	31%	21%	48%
Canada	37%	36%	27%
Germany	39%	22%	39%
United Kingdom	48%	20%	32%
Russia	28%	29%	44%
Australia	39%	20%	41%

43. Would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take control of...?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The Panama Canal	23%	57%	21%
Greenland	13%	69%	19%
Canada	10%	77%	14%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	8%
Total Conservative	28%
Not sure	10%

45. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

46. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	9%

48. 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	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	14%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

49. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	53%
No	35%
Not sure	12%

50. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

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?

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

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

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

54. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

56. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	21%
South	42%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	10%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	24%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

61. 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	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 9 - 12, 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	2015 started the survey after screenouts. 96 were deleted due to breakoffs, 68 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 11 were removed for attention check failures, and 54 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,786 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 0.052 to 6.564, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.018.
Number of respondents	1786 1610 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.