

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 30 - June 2, 2025 - 1610 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1610 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted May 30 - June 2, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	39%
Off on the wrong track	50%
Not sure	11%

2. Do you plan on traveling anywhere this summer?

Yes	44%
No	38%
Not sure	18%

3. Do you plan to travel this summer within the U.S., or outside the U.S.?

Within the U.S.	50%
Outside the U.S.	5%
Both	5%
Neither	40%

4. How much will the following affect your summer travel plans?

	A lot	A little	Not at all
Gas prices	24%	36%	40%
Airline ticket prices	29%	24%	47%

5. Do you think that this summer, tourism to the U.S. from other countries will be higher or lower than it has been in previous summers?

Much higher	5%
Somewhat higher	13%
About the same	22%
Somewhat lower	24%
Much lower	25%
Not sure	11%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	58%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	24%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	11%

7. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have	53%
No, I have not	25%
Not sure	16%
The climate is not changing	6%

8. Do you think this summer in your local area will be...?

Much cooler than usual	2%
Somewhat cooler than usual	6%
About the same as usual	32%
Somewhat hotter than usual	32%
Much hotter than usual	19%
Not sure	10%

9. Do you think an unusually warm summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Among those who think this summer will be hotter locally than usual

Result of climate change	72%
Just happen from time to time	16%
Not sure	8%
The climate is not changing	3%

10. Do you think an unusually cold summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Among those who think this summer will be colder locally than usual

Result of climate change	42%
Just happen from time to time	43%
Not sure	11%
The climate is not changing	4%

11. 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	28%	17%	44%	8%	43%	51%	4%
Hakeem Jeffries	10%	17%	27%	9%	22%	31%	42%

12. 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
Joe Biden	16%	23%	39%	18%	39%	57%	4%
Cory Booker	14%	16%	30%	11%	22%	33%	37%
Pete Buttigieg	20%	14%	33%	10%	23%	34%	33%
Kamala Harris	22%	20%	42%	12%	38%	51%	7%
Gavin Newsom	11%	17%	28%	12%	29%	42%	30%
Barack Obama	35%	21%	56%	14%	27%	41%	3%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	19%	15%	34%	11%	30%	40%	26%
Bernie Sanders	24%	24%	48%	13%	26%	38%	13%
Chuck Schumer	6%	20%	27%	16%	31%	48%	25%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	18%	37%	11%	29%	39%	24%
Gretchen Whitmer	12%	15%	27%	10%	20%	31%	43%
Tim Walz	18%	19%	36%	9%	30%	39%	25%
Elon Musk	21%	20%	42%	12%	39%	51%	7%

13. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	21%	95%	3%	2%	5%
Immigration	51%	31%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Climate change and the environment	43%	28%	70%	18%	12%	30%
Foreign policy	45%	39%	84%	12%	3%	16%
National Security	64%	27%	91%	5%	4%	9%
Education	58%	30%	88%	8%	3%	12%
Health care	74%	20%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Abortion	40%	31%	70%	17%	12%	30%
Civil rights	55%	28%	83%	11%	5%	17%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Guns	47%	32%	79%	14%	7%	21%
Crime	60%	31%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Criminal justice reform	41%	40%	81%	14%	4%	19%
Inflation/prices	79%	17%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	11%
Immigration	8%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil liberties	6%
National Security	5%
Education	4%
Abortion	3%
Crime	2%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	0%

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

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	6%

16. 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	23%	18%	42%	11%	38%	50%	9%
Inflation/prices	20%	19%	39%	13%	41%	54%	7%
Immigration	35%	16%	50%	9%	34%	43%	7%

17. Who would you prefer to be the leader of the Democratic Party?

Among Democrats

Joe Biden	2%
Cory Booker	5%
Pete Buttigieg	10%
Kamala Harris	21%
Hakeem Jeffries	5%
Gavin Newsom	3%
Barack Obama	21%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	9%
Bernie Sanders	4%
Chuck Schumer	2%
Elizabeth Warren	4%
Gretchen Whitmer	1%
Tim Walz	3%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	10%

18. 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	36%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	13%

19. Which party do you think will do better in the 2026 midterm elections?

The Democratic Party	36%
The Republican Party	32%
About the same	10%
Not sure	21%

20. Which would you say is more the party of...?

	The Democratic Party	The Republican Party	No difference	Not sure
The working class	38%	32%	16%	15%
The middle class	31%	33%	19%	17%
The wealthy	19%	56%	14%	11%
White Americans	9%	55%	23%	14%
Black Americans	53%	15%	16%	16%
Hispanic Americans	37%	21%	20%	22%
Union members	43%	20%	16%	21%
Veterans	25%	42%	16%	18%

21. From what you know about it, do you support or oppose President Trump's proposed budget?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	20%
Support	37%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	36%
Oppose	45%
No opinion	18%

22. From what you know about it now, do you think the federal budget deficit will increase or decrease under the Trump administration's proposed budget?

Deficit will increase	44%
Deficit will remain about the same	15%
Deficit will decrease	19%
Not sure	22%

23. From what you know about it, if the Trump administration's proposed budget is adopted, will the average American be...?

Helped a lot	12%
Helped some	15%
It will not have much impact on you	11%
Hurt some	16%
Hurt a lot	31%
Not sure	16%

24. From what you know about it, if the Trump administration's proposed budget is adopted, will you and your immediate family be...?

Helped a lot	9%
Helped some	16%
It will not have much impact on you	17%
Hurt some	22%
Hurt a lot	19%
Not sure	17%

25. From what you know about it, if the Trump administration's proposed budget is adopted do you think your taxes will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

Increase a lot	15%
Increase some	23%
Stay about the same	23%
Decrease some	16%
Decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	19%

26. Which of the following groups will benefit most from President Trump's proposed budget?

The wealthy	51%
The middle class	21%
The poor	6%
Not sure	23%

27. Which of the following groups will be hurt most by President Trump's proposed budget?

The wealthy	12%
The middle class	14%
The poor	40%
Not sure	34%

28. How much influence do you think Elon Musk will have within Donald Trump's administration in the future?

A lot	26%
A little	42%
None at all	10%
Not sure	22%

29. How much influence do you want Elon Musk to have within Donald Trump's administration?

A lot	16%
A little	23%
None at all	47%
Not sure	14%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	19%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	5%

32. 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	27%
Worse off financially	28%
Not sure	13%

33. Do you think that universities in the U.S. are...?

The best in the world	14%
Better than in most countries	37%
About average	25%
Worse than in most countries	10%
The worst in the world	3%
Not sure	11%

34. Do you think federal funding for scientific research done by American universities should be increased or decreased?

Increased	40%
Stay the same	28%
Decreased	17%
Not sure	15%

35. Do you think having international students at American universities is good or bad for the country?

Very good	32%
Somewhat good	24%
Neither good nor bad	20%
Somewhat bad	10%
Very bad	4%
Not sure	9%

36. Thinking about the balance between national security and individuals' privacy, do you think U.S. policy currently:

Places too much importance on security	27%
Places too much importance on privacy	9%
Gets the balance about right	31%
Not sure	33%

37. Do you think the U.S. government should or should not be allowed to monitor the social media accounts of Americans who are not being investigated for crimes?

Should	17%
Should not	68%
Not sure	15%

38. Do you think the U.S. government should or should not be allowed to monitor the social media accounts of people applying to immigrate to the U.S.?

Should	53%
Should not	27%
Not sure	19%

39. How much do you trust the U.S. government to determine whether content on a person's social media account should disqualify them from immigrating to the U.S.?

A great deal	12%
A fair amount	27%
Not very much	23%
Not at all	23%
Not sure	15%

40. What do you think is the main goal of the U.S. government's decision to screen the social media accounts of certain immigrants applying for visas?

To improve national security	32%
To suppress political dissent	23%
Both equally	27%
Neither	5%
Not sure	12%

41. Do you believe immigrants in the U.S. should have the same right to express political views online as U.S. citizens?

Yes	53%
No	30%
Not sure	18%

42. Do you generally feel you are free to speak your mind and voice your opinions in public without fear?

Yes	51%
No	36%
Not sure	13%

43. In the past five years, do you think race relations in the United States have...

Gotten better	15%
Stayed about the same	38%
Gotten worse	48%

44. Do you think relations between minorities in America and the police are generally...

Good	39%
Bad	61%

45. In 2020, George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis after police officer Derek Chauvin restrained Floyd during his arrest. Do you think the police were justified or not justified in the amount of force they used while arresting George Floyd?

Justified	25%
Not justified	60%
Not sure	16%

46. In many cities around the country over the past several years, citizens started non-violent protests in response to the deaths of black citizens such as George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Jacob Blake. Do you approve or disapprove of these non-violent protests?

Strongly approve	38%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	62%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Disapprove	25%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	10%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

49. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

51. 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	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	14%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

52. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	49%
No	39%
Not sure	12%

53. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

54. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

57. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	7%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

59. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	41%
West	22%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	12%

61. 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	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	33%
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	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	2%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 30 - June 2, 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	2121 started the survey after screenouts. 141 were deleted due to breakoffs, 59 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 7 were removed for attention check failures, and 67 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,660 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 6.053, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.864.
Number of respondents	1610 1436 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.