

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 12 - 14, 2025 - 1558 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1558 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 12 - 14, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	16%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	27%	18%	45%	10%	41%	51%	4%
JD Vance	20%	18%	38%	10%	34%	44%	17%

3. 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
Elon Musk	18%	25%	43%	12%	34%	47%	10%
Mark Zuckerberg	8%	20%	28%	29%	30%	58%	13%
Karen Bass	4%	10%	14%	9%	18%	27%	59%
Gavin Newsom	11%	19%	29%	9%	31%	41%	30%
Jeff Bezos	7%	21%	29%	28%	24%	51%	20%
Tim Cook	4%	16%	20%	13%	12%	25%	56%
Martin Luther King, Jr.	51%	29%	80%	5%	5%	11%	9%

4. 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	17%	21%	39%	18%	40%	58%	3%
Kamala Harris	23%	19%	42%	12%	42%	54%	4%
John Thune	4%	13%	17%	14%	12%	26%	57%
Mike Johnson	9%	18%	27%	15%	21%	36%	37%
Mitch McConnell	3%	13%	16%	22%	39%	61%	24%
Chuck Schumer	10%	19%	29%	12%	31%	43%	28%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	14%	28%	12%	19%	31%	41%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	22%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	53%	30%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Climate change and the environment	45%	28%	73%	15%	12%	27%
Foreign policy	46%	39%	85%	11%	4%	15%
National Security	67%	25%	92%	5%	3%	8%
Education	64%	28%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Health care	72%	21%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	92%	7%	2%	8%
Abortion	41%	31%	73%	17%	11%	27%
Civil rights	58%	28%	86%	9%	4%	14%
Civil liberties	55%	33%	88%	8%	4%	12%
Guns	50%	30%	80%	14%	5%	20%
Crime	63%	27%	90%	8%	3%	10%
Criminal justice reform	45%	38%	83%	13%	4%	17%
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	13%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Guns	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	6%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	20%	39%	14%	37%	51%	10%
Immigration	9%	21%	30%	14%	45%	59%	11%
Climate change and the environment	15%	25%	40%	15%	30%	45%	15%
Foreign policy	15%	19%	33%	16%	37%	53%	14%
National Security	17%	21%	38%	14%	35%	49%	13%
Education	16%	23%	39%	14%	29%	44%	17%
Health care	18%	23%	41%	15%	31%	46%	13%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	34%	14%	41%	54%	11%
Abortion	16%	20%	36%	15%	28%	43%	20%
Civil rights	17%	23%	39%	14%	29%	43%	18%
Civil liberties	15%	24%	39%	13%	27%	40%	21%
Guns	11%	20%	31%	19%	34%	53%	17%
Crime	12%	21%	33%	15%	36%	52%	15%
Criminal justice reform	11%	20%	31%	18%	32%	50%	19%
Inflation/prices	13%	18%	31%	15%	46%	61%	8%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	16%

11. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	27%
Some	18%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	39%
Not sure	5%

12. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	28%

13. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic	31%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	16%
Dissatisfied but not upset	13%
Upset	31%
Not sure	9%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	47%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	36%
Not sure	17%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	21%

16. Do you a favorable or an unfavorable of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Antony Blinken	9%	15%	24%	8%	19%	27%	48%
Janet Yellen	9%	17%	26%	8%	17%	25%	48%
Lloyd Austin	8%	14%	23%	7%	14%	21%	57%
Merrick Garland	6%	14%	20%	12%	23%	35%	45%
Pete Buttigieg	17%	16%	33%	10%	23%	33%	34%
Alejandro Mayorkas	5%	13%	19%	8%	22%	30%	52%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	25%
Fair	29%
Poor	35%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	38%
Not sure	11%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	35%
Just about the same as now	30%
Worse off financially	20%
Not sure	16%

21. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	51%
Both equal	39%
Not sure	7%

22. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	12%
Equally positive and negative	32%
Mostly negative	37%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	19%

23. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	21%
Staying about the same	29%
Shrinking	30%
Not sure	20%

24. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	37%
No	33%
Not sure	29%

25. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	15%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	19%
Not asked - Already in a recession	37%

26. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	4%
The unemployment rate and job reports	14%
The prices of goods and services you buy	54%
Your personal finances	11%
Don't know	16%

27. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	20%
Somewhat important	38%
Not very important	27%
Unimportant	14%

28. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	22%
Somewhat serious	40%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	6%
Not sure	10%

29. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	18%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	17%
Don't know	36%

30. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	29%
Staying the same	45%
Decreasing	26%

31. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher gas prices	35%
The same gas prices	19%
Lower gas prices	25%
Not sure	21%

32. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	34%
The same rate of inflation	20%
A lower rate of inflation	24%
Not sure	21%

33. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	58%
A little	38%
Not at all	4%

34. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	40%
Probably	34%
Probably not	11%
Definitely not	7%
Not sure	8%

35. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	56%

36. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	43%
Not very hard	18%
Not sure	9%

37. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	23%
Happy	43%
Neither happy nor unhappy	23%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

38. To what extent is Joe Biden responsible for how the economy has done while he has been president?

Entirely responsible	26%
Mostly responsible	33%
Somewhat responsible	36%
Not responsible at all	6%

39. As a President, how do you think Joe Biden will go down in history?

Outstanding	7%
Above Average	14%
Average	22%
Below Average	18%
Poor	32%
Not Sure	7%

40. Do you think the Biden administration...

Was largely free of major scandals	26%
Had a major scandal or two	25%
Had many major scandals	30%
Not sure	19%

41. Since taking office, do you think Joe Biden accomplished...

More than I expected	16%
About what I expected	32%
Less than I expected	42%
Not sure	10%

42. Which, if any, of the following do you consider to be the biggest accomplishment of Joe Biden's presidency?

Clean energy investment	3%
COVID-19 response and recovery	12%
Creation of new jobs	2%
Infrastructure investment	8%
Reduction in prescription drug costs	8%
Semiconductor manufacturing	2%
Strengthening international alliances	3%
Student debt forgiveness	10%
Supreme Court appointment	1%
Withdrawal from Afghanistan	3%
None of the above	30%
Not sure	18%

43. Which, if any, of the following do you consider to be the biggest failure of Joe Biden's presidency?	
Border and immigration handling	23%
Decision to run for a second term	8%
Handling of abortion policy	3%
Handling of investigations into Donald Trump	5%
Handling of the Israel-Hamas conflict	6%
High inflation rate	17%
Increase in national debt	3%
Ineffective messaging	4%
Pardoning Hunter Biden	5%
Withdrawal from Afghanistan	6%
None of the above	6%
Not sure	15%
44. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?	
Biden legitimately won the election	69%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	31%
45. Would you say that Donald Trump legitimately won the 2024 election, or not?	
Trump legitimately won the election	81%
Trump did NOT legitimately win the election	19%
46. How likely do you think it is that there will be a peaceful transition of power?	
Very likely	48%
Somewhat likely	29%
Not very likely	8%
Not likely at all	4%
Not sure	11%
47. How much voter fraud do you think occurred in the 2024 election?	
A lot	13%
A little	38%
None	27%
Not sure	22%

48. Would you support or oppose ...?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The U.S. seeking ownership of the Panama Canal	33%	42%	25%
The U.S. seeking ownership of Greenland	28%	47%	25%
The U.S. seeking ownership of Canada	18%	60%	22%
Puerto Rico becoming a U.S. state	45%	28%	28%
Washington D.C. becoming a U.S. state	39%	33%	28%
Renaming the Gulf of Mexico the Gulf of America	24%	55%	21%

49. If it could not be acquired by other means, would you support or oppose the U.S. using military force to take ownership of...?

Asked of those who support the U.S. owning each of the territories

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
The Panama Canal	36%	48%	15%
Greenland	23%	66%	11%
Canada	29%	55%	16%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	60%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	24%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	9%

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

Yes, I have	52%
No, I have not	31%
Not sure	17%

52. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will	62%
No, I will not	21%
Not sure	18%

53. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about wildfires in Southern California?

A lot	74%
A little	22%
Nothing at all	3%

54. How responsible, if at all, do you think climate change is for the extent of recent wildfires?

Entirely responsible	11%
Mostly responsible	24%
Somewhat responsible	27%
Not at all responsible	28%
Not sure	10%

55. In general, do you think the way that most major social media platforms regulate the content posted to their sites is...?

Too strict	16%
About right	29%
Not strict enough	32%
Not sure	23%

56. Do you think social media companies have a responsibility to...?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Prevent users from harassing others on their site	76%	13%	11%
Prevent users from spreading conspiracy theories or false information on their site	61%	24%	15%
Prevent users from posting hate speech or racist content on their site	70%	18%	12%

57. Do you support or oppose social media companies fact-checking posts on their platforms?

Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	25%
Support	65%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	13%
Oppose	22%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	13%
Total Liberal	25%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

59. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

60. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	31%
Independent	28%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

63. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	42%
Not sure	8%

64. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

65. Respondent age by category

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

66. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

68. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

70. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	14%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	24%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	12%

72. 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	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

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

Several times a day	30%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

75. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 12 - 14, 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	1776 started the survey after screenouts. 134 were deleted due to breakoffs, 23 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 10 were removed for attention check failures, and 51 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,558 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, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.538, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.032.
Number of respondents	1558 1425 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.