

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 5 - 8, 2026 - 1568 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1568 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted June 5 - 8, 2026  
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	11%

## 2. At various times, there have been turning points in American politics, where things could have gone in a very different direction. At other times, things that seemed important turned out not to be significant. What does this moment feel more like to you?

A significant turning point	64%
Not too significant	15%
Not sure	21%

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

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Scott Pelley	24%	15%	14%	10%	7%	9%	61%
Kaitlan Collins	22%	15%	10%	13%	7%	8%	63%
Sean Hannity	26%	36%	10%	16%	10%	26%	38%
Hasan Piker	12%	22%	3%	9%	8%	14%	66%
Ken Paxton	17%	28%	6%	11%	6%	22%	54%
Graham Platner	14%	25%	3%	11%	9%	17%	60%
Susan Collins	17%	31%	4%	14%	17%	15%	52%
Steve Hilton	19%	17%	7%	12%	7%	10%	64%
Joe Rogan	34%	38%	9%	26%	17%	21%	28%

## 4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Favorable	Unfavorable	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	37%	54%	13%	24%	18%	36%	9%
The Republican Party	36%	55%	12%	24%	14%	42%	8%

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

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>35%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>60%</b>
Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	51%
Not sure .....	5%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the following things?

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	<b>29%</b>	<b>63%</b>	13%	17%	13%	50%	7%
Inflation	<b>24%</b>	<b>68%</b>	10%	14%	14%	54%	8%
Taxes	<b>31%</b>	<b>58%</b>	14%	17%	11%	46%	11%
Government spending	<b>27%</b>	<b>63%</b>	11%	16%	13%	50%	10%
The situation in Iran	<b>29%</b>	<b>62%</b>	14%	15%	12%	49%	10%

7. How much more time do you think the war in Iran will last?

A week or less .....	2%
More than a week but less than a month .....	6%
More than a month but less than a year .....	50%
A year or more .....	42%

8. How effective has Donald Trump been in negotiating with Iran?

Very effective .....	8%
Somewhat effective .....	24%
Somewhat ineffective .....	18%
Very ineffective .....	49%

9. Do you think that tariffs on foreign goods imported into the U.S. should be increased or decreased?

Increased .....	10%
Kept the same .....	22%
Decreased .....	47%
Not sure .....	21%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the bill passed by the Senate on Friday that provides \$70 billion in funding for the next three years for the Border Patrol and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)?

<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>38%</b>
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>48%</b>
Strongly approve .....	24%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	35%
Not sure .....	14%

11. 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
National defense	17%	18%	26%	11%	18%	10%
Veterans	47%	25%	15%	2%	1%	9%
Education	43%	20%	17%	5%	6%	10%
The environment	34%	20%	19%	9%	10%	10%
Foreign aid	12%	14%	20%	17%	26%	12%

12. 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 .....	37%
The Republican Party candidate .....	33%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	17%

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

<b>Total Excellent/Good</b> .....	<b>22%</b>
<b>Total Fair/Poor</b> .....	<b>74%</b>
Excellent .....	4%
Good .....	18%
Fair .....	30%
Poor .....	44%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Getting better .....	14%
About the same .....	21%
Getting worse .....	57%
Not sure .....	9%

15. Overall, how much have prices that you pay for the goods that you buy risen over the last 12 months?

A lot .....	52%
Some .....	28%
A little .....	17%
Not at all .....	3%

16. In your experience, have prices of the following goods gone up or down in the last 12 months?

	Gone up a lot	Gone up a little	Not changed	Gone down a little	Gone down a lot	Not sure
Gas	76%	14%	4%	3%	1%	3%
Cars	42%	22%	8%	2%	0%	26%
Food	60%	30%	5%	2%	0%	3%
Housing costs (such as rent or mortgage payments)	45%	23%	15%	3%	0%	14%

17. Thinking ahead to 12 months from now, will prices be higher or lower than they are today?

Higher .....	49%
About the same .....	20%
Lower .....	13%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Unemployment .....	4%
Inflation .....	48%
Both equal .....	41%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Yes .....	38%
No .....	32%
Not sure .....	30%

20. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next 12 months?

Very likely .....	5%
Somewhat likely .....	17%
Not very likely .....	14%
Not at all likely .....	7%
Not sure .....	19%
Not asked - Already in a recession .....	38%

**21. Is now a good or a bad time to invest in the stock market?**

Good time .....	24%
Bad time .....	26%
Not sure .....	50%

**22. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?**

Yes .....	37%
No .....	63%

**23. About how much in total do you have invested in stocks and mutual funds?**

No money invested .....	63%
Under \$50,000 .....	13%
\$50,000 - \$100,000 .....	5%
\$100,000 - \$250,000 .....	4%
\$250,000 - \$500,000 .....	4%
Over \$500,000 .....	6%
Not sure .....	5%

**24. How easy would it be for you to pay an unexpected \$1,000 expense?**

Very easy .....	16%
Somewhat easy .....	23%
Somewhat difficult .....	24%
Very difficult .....	15%
Impossible .....	22%

**25. 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 .....	36%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Better off financially .....	26%
Just about the same as now .....	36%
Worse off financially .....	23%
Not sure .....	15%

**27. How happy are you with your current job?**

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very happy	22%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	12%

**29. Thinking about the total amount you earn from your job, including bonuses, commissions, and tips, do you expect to earn more or less in the next 12 months than you did in the previous 12 months?**

*Asked of those currently employed*

Much more	5%
Slightly more	35%
About the same	40%
Slightly less	6%
Much less	4%
Not sure	9%

**30. How worried are you about losing your job?**

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not very worried	70%

**31. 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.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	14%

**32. How would you describe your social class?**

Working class	48%
Middle class	43%
Upper middle class	9%
Wealthy	1%

33. Do you think the federal government should or should not pursue policies that try to reduce the gap in wealth between the richest and poorest Americans?

Should .....	53%
Should not .....	21%
Not sure .....	26%

34. What do you think is the more important factor in determining why some people are richer than others?

How hard they work .....	19%
Whether they come from a privileged background .....	38%
Equally important .....	30%
Not sure .....	14%

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

<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>27%</b>
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>32%</b>
Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	11%

36. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

37. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat .....	29%
Republican .....	31%
Independent .....	27%
Other .....	5%
Not sure .....	8%

**39. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	8%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	22%
Lean Republican .....	6%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	19%
Not sure .....	3%

**40. Are you a MAGA supporter?**

Yes .....	22%
No .....	69%
Not sure .....	10%

**41. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**42. Respondent age by category**

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

**43. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

HS or less .....	35%
Some college .....	30%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	13%

45. What is your marital status?

Married .....	37%
Separated .....	1%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	38%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	4%

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

Yes .....	15%
No .....	85%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	19%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	5%
A few times a year .....	9%
Seldom .....	19%
Never .....	40%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	26%
No .....	74%

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

Several times a day .....	27%
Once a day .....	12%
A few times a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	26%
Don't know .....	4%

51. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	26%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	9%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	21%
Something else .....	13%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	June 5 - 8, 2026
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Sample composition</b>	2,053 started the survey after screenouts. 298 were deleted due to breakoffs, 34 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 6 were removed for attention check failures, and 112 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,603 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.051 to 6.563, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.071.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1568 1438 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	10 questions not reported.