

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 16 - 19, 2025 - 1710 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1710 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted May 16 - 19, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	37%
Off on the wrong track	52%
Not sure	11%

2. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	20%
Agree somewhat	32%
Agree	52%
Disagree somewhat	19%
Disagree strongly	15%
Disagree	34%
Not sure	14%

3. How much do you think Donald Trump's business interests and positions are affecting his decision-making while he is serving as president?

A lot	47%
Some	26%
Not much	14%
Not at all	12%

4. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for Donald Trump's business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	12%
Agree somewhat	20%
Agree	31%
Disagree somewhat	13%
Disagree strongly	43%
Disagree	56%
Not sure	13%

5. Whose interests do you think Donald Trump puts first?

The interests of the U.S.	33%
His business interests	47%
Donald Trump's business interests are the same as the interests of the U.S.	10%
Not sure	10%

6. Do you think President Trump is using his office for personal gain?

Yes	52%
No	35%
Not sure	13%

7. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for a U.S. president to accept valuable gifts from foreign governments while in office?

Acceptable	26%
Unacceptable	53%
Not sure	22%

8. The Trump administration is set to accept a gift from Qatar's royal family of a luxury jet to be used as Air Force One. Later, ownership of the jet will transfer to the Trump presidential library foundation. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea for the Trump administration to accept this gift?

Good idea	29%
Bad idea	51%
Not sure	20%

9. 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	31%	14%	44%	9%	43%	53%	3%
JD Vance	25%	14%	39%	9%	39%	49%	12%

10. 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
Jeanine Pirro	14%	13%	28%	8%	20%	29%	44%
Kamala Harris	22%	22%	44%	10%	39%	50%	7%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	16%	26%	42%	12%	34%	46%	13%
James Comey	5%	17%	21%	12%	28%	41%	38%

11. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	79%	19%	98%	2%	0%	2%
Immigration	57%	29%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Climate change and the environment	48%	25%	74%	12%	14%	26%
Foreign policy	51%	40%	92%	6%	2%	8%
National Security	71%	23%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Education	68%	25%	93%	5%	2%	7%

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Health care	78%	19%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	70%	24%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Abortion	46%	30%	75%	16%	9%	25%
Civil rights	64%	26%	90%	6%	4%	10%
Civil liberties	58%	31%	89%	8%	3%	11%
Guns	51%	30%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Crime	63%	29%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Criminal justice reform	48%	37%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Inflation/prices	79%	18%	97%	2%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	13%
Immigration	8%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	7%
Civil rights	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil liberties	4%
Abortion	3%
Crime	2%
Education	2%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	6%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	27%	15%	41%	12%	37%	48%	10%
Immigration	36%	12%	48%	10%	36%	45%	7%
Foreign policy	28%	15%	43%	12%	35%	47%	10%
National Security	32%	16%	47%	8%	32%	41%	12%
Education	26%	16%	42%	9%	38%	47%	11%
Crime	29%	17%	46%	11%	29%	40%	14%
Criminal justice reform	23%	16%	39%	11%	31%	42%	19%
Inflation/prices	23%	16%	39%	12%	41%	53%	8%
Foreign trade	27%	14%	41%	10%	39%	49%	10%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	21%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	18%

17. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	10%
Total Liberal	13%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	15%
Total Conservative	37%
Not sure	20%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	12%	21%	33%	22%	34%	56%	11%
Republicans in Congress	12%	25%	38%	16%	36%	52%	11%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	30%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way John Thune is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	42%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	29%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Disapprove	35%
Not sure	35%

23. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	41%
No	49%
Not sure	10%

24. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	41%
Uneasy	50%
Not sure	9%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	23%
Fair	36%
Poor	32%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	28%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	4%

27. 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	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	30%
Just about the same as now	29%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	14%

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

Strongly support	20%
Somewhat support	17%
Support	36%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	35%
Oppose	43%
No opinion	21%

30. From what you know about it now, do you think the following groups will pay more or less under the new tax plan?

	Pay more	Pay about the same	Pay less	Not sure
The wealthy	28%	18%	42%	12%
The middle class	36%	34%	17%	13%
The poor	33%	24%	29%	14%

31. 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	17%
Increase some	23%
Stay about the same	22%
Decrease some	14%
Decrease a lot	5%
Not sure	19%

32. From what you know about it, if the Trump administration's proposed budget is adopted will you and your immediate family be helped or hurt, or will it not have much impact on you?

Helped a lot	6%
Helped some	14%
It will not have much impact on you	21%
Hurt some	21%
Hurt a lot	19%
Not sure	19%

33. 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	37%
Deficit will remain about the same	16%
Deficit will decrease	21%
Not sure	26%

34. Would you support or oppose extending the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act?

Strongly support	19%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	37%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	14%
Oppose	22%
Not sure	41%

35. Do you think that the Trump administration's efforts to reduce the budgets and staff of federal agencies have...?

Gone too far	41%
Been about right	24%
Not gone far enough	17%
Not sure	17%

36. Thinking about the following U.S. program, do you believe...?

	This program should be given more funding	This program should be given the same level of funding	This program should be given less funding	This program should be eliminated entirely	Not sure
Medicaid	47%	30%	10%	2%	12%
Medicare	58%	26%	6%	2%	9%
Social Security	62%	24%	3%	2%	9%
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	39%	31%	13%	4%	13%

37. Do you think that the following should be...?

	Expanded	Kept the same	Reduced	Eliminated	Not sure
Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)	25%	22%	6%	32%	15%

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Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	35%	26%	17%	11%	11%
U.S. Department of Education	42%	25%	10%	15%	9%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	35%	30%	16%	6%	13%
U.S. Department of Defense	35%	36%	17%	1%	12%
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	33%	34%	15%	4%	15%
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	39%	35%	12%	2%	13%
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	23%	25%	14%	18%	20%
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	18%	36%	20%	13%	13%
National Weather Service (NWS)	28%	48%	10%	2%	13%

38. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	10%	26%	45%	16%
Ukraine	26%	36%	13%	5%	20%
China	3%	13%	34%	34%	16%

39. Do you personally know anyone who is living in the United States illegally? Select all that apply.

Yes, a family member	1%
Yes, a friend	3%
Yes, an acquaintance	6%
No	80%
Not sure	8%
Prefer not to say	4%

40. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.? Should they be...

Allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	38%
Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	8%
Required to leave the U.S.	41%
Not sure	13%

41. Which comes closest to your view?

Illegal immigrants take jobs that Americans don't want	53%
Illegal immigrants take jobs that are wanted by Americans	27%
Not sure	21%

42. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to non-citizens	24%	14%	39%	12%	36%	48%	13%
Deporting immigrants without criminal convictions to El Salvador to be imprisoned, without letting them challenge the deportation in court	14%	12%	26%	16%	44%	60%	14%
Offering \$1,000 stipends to undocumented immigrants who self-deport using a Customs and Border Protection app	14%	22%	36%	14%	31%	45%	20%
Offering refugee status to white South African farmers, known as Afrikaners	15%	18%	33%	14%	25%	39%	28%

43. Currently, do you think immigrants being detained near the U.S.-Mexico border are being treated humanely or inhumanely by U.S. officials?

Humanely	34%
Inhumanely	39%
Not sure	27%

44. Do you think members of Congress have a right to enter Department of Homeland Security (DHS) detention facilities to conduct oversight?

Yes	49%
No	22%
Not sure	29%

45. Do you support or oppose the right of habeas corpus, which guarantees a person the right to challenge detention as unlawful in court?

Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	20%
Support	60%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	7%
Oppose	16%
Not sure	24%

46. Do you think that federal district-court judges should be able to issue rulings that apply to the whole country?

Yes	29%
No	39%
Not sure	32%

47. Do you think that federal district-court judges are currently able to issue rulings that apply to the whole country?

Yes	36%
No	27%
Not sure	36%

48. Please try to place yourself on a scale of masculinity / femininity, where 0 is completely masculine and 6 is completely feminine.

0 - Completely masculine	19%
1	13%
2	7%
3	7%
4	9%
5	13%
6 - Completely feminine	26%
Neither masculine nor feminine	6%

49. How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as manly or masculine?

Very important	18%
Somewhat important	17%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	49%

50. How important is it to you, personally, to be seen by others as womanly or feminine?

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	16%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	45%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

52. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

53. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	27%
Other	3%
Not sure	6%

55. 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	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

56. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	39%
Not sure	11%

57. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

58. Respondent age by category

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

59. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

61. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

63. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

67. 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	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

68. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 16 - 19, 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	2243 started the survey after screenouts. 230 were deleted due to breakoffs, 27 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 8 were removed for attention check failures, and 41 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,710 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 6.561, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.926.
Number of respondents	1710 1558 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.