

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 18 - 21, 2025 - 1729 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1729 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted July 18 - 21, 2025  
 Margin of Error  $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	34%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	11%

## 2. Do you think that government funding for public broadcasting, such as PBS and NPR, should be...?

Increased	28%
Kept the same	33%
Decreased	9%
Eliminated entirely	18%
Not sure	12%

## 3. How often do you watch or listen to programming from...?

	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not sure
Public Broadcasting Service (PBS)	15%	29%	23%	30%	3%
National Public Radio (NPR)	11%	21%	22%	42%	4%

## 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
Donald Trump	25%	17%	<b>41%</b>	11%	45%	<b>56%</b>	3%

## 5. 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
Jerome Powell	9%	18%	<b>27%</b>	13%	12%	<b>25%</b>	48%
Melania Trump	26%	17%	<b>43%</b>	15%	29%	<b>44%</b>	13%
Vladimir Putin	2%	5%	<b>7%</b>	13%	67%	<b>80%</b>	13%
Volodymyr Zelensky	23%	24%	<b>46%</b>	15%	14%	<b>29%</b>	25%
Benjamin Netanyahu	9%	15%	<b>24%</b>	11%	32%	<b>44%</b>	32%
Stephen Colbert	23%	16%	<b>39%</b>	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>	28%
Rupert Murdoch	2%	11%	<b>13%</b>	17%	26%	<b>43%</b>	44%

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

Inflation/prices .....	21%
Jobs and the economy .....	14%
Health care .....	10%
Civil rights .....	9%
Immigration .....	9%
Taxes and government spending .....	7%
Climate change and the environment .....	7%
National Security .....	6%
Civil liberties .....	5%
Abortion .....	4%
Education .....	3%
Crime .....	2%
Criminal justice reform .....	1%
Guns .....	1%
Foreign policy .....	1%

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

Strongly approve .....	23%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
<b>Approve .....</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	44%
<b>Disapprove .....</b>	<b>55%</b>
Not sure .....	4%

8. 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	20%	20%	<b>40%</b>	15%	37%	<b>52%</b>	8%
Inflation/prices	15%	16%	<b>31%</b>	17%	44%	<b>61%</b>	8%
Immigration	32%	13%	<b>45%</b>	10%	41%	<b>50%</b>	5%
Foreign policy	21%	18%	<b>39%</b>	13%	37%	<b>50%</b>	11%
National Security	28%	16%	<b>44%</b>	11%	35%	<b>46%</b>	10%
Foreign trade	21%	17%	<b>38%</b>	11%	41%	<b>52%</b>	10%

9. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age are having on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job .....	33%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job .....	27%
Have no effect at all .....	29%
Not sure .....	12%

**10. Which comes closest to your view?**

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. ....	34%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated. ....	48%
Not sure .....	18%

**11. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:**

Under control .....	20%
Out of control .....	65%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Excellent .....	4%
Good .....	26%
Fair .....	37%
Poor .....	31%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Getting better .....	24%
About the same .....	20%
Getting worse .....	49%
Not sure .....	7%

**14. 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 .....	34%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Better off financially .....	29%
Just about the same as now .....	30%
Worse off financially .....	28%
Not sure .....	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	1%	6%	28%	50%	14%
Ukraine	28%	37%	10%	5%	20%
China	2%	11%	37%	34%	17%
Israel	34%	23%	11%	11%	21%
Syria	2%	8%	32%	20%	38%

17. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia .....	4%
Ukraine .....	65%
Neither .....	22%
Not sure .....	9%

18. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia .....	27%
Ukraine .....	17%
Equally likely .....	13%
Not sure .....	43%

19. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory do you think Russia will control?

All of it .....	4%
Most of it .....	12%
Half of it .....	6%
Some of it .....	35%
None of it .....	11%
Not sure .....	32%

20. When the Russia-Ukraine war ends, how much of Ukraine's territory would you prefer Russia control?

All of it .....	2%
Most of it .....	2%
Half of it .....	1%
Some of it .....	5%
None of it .....	68%
Not sure .....	21%

21. Do you think the U.S. would be better off if Russia or Ukraine won the war between them?

Russia .....	5%
Ukraine .....	48%
No difference .....	23%
Not sure .....	24%

22. Do you favor the U.S. ... ?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine .....	33%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine .....	23%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine .....	10%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine .....	16%
Not sure .....	18%

23. Should the U.S. government be involved in negotiating peace between Russia and Ukraine?

Yes, very involved .....	19%
Yes, somewhat involved .....	41%
No .....	24%
Not sure .....	16%

24. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	29%
Somewhat strong .....	38%
Somewhat weak .....	19%
Very weak .....	15%

25. Would you say Volodymyr Zelensky is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	34%
Somewhat strong .....	35%
Somewhat weak .....	21%
Very weak .....	11%

26. A year from now, do you think Vladimir Putin will still be the president of Russia?

Yes .....	56%
No .....	9%
Not sure .....	35%

27. A year from now, do you think Volodymyr Zelensky will still be the president of Ukraine?

Yes .....	44%
No .....	14%
Not sure .....	42%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve .....	12%
Somewhat approve .....	25%
<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>37%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>46%</b>
Not sure .....	17%

**29. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?**

Too supportive of Ukraine .....	7%
About right .....	29%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine .....	41%
Not sure .....	24%

**30. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?**

The Israelis .....	31%
About equal .....	20%
The Palestinians .....	23%
Not sure .....	25%

**31. Do you favor the U.S. ...?**

Increasing military aid to Israel .....	15%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel .....	25%
Decreasing military aid to Israel .....	14%
Stopping all military aid to Israel .....	26%
Not sure .....	20%

**32. Do you favor the U.S. ...?**

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	32%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	22%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	7%
Stopping all humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	13%
Not sure .....	26%

**33. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?**

Too supportive of Israel .....	34%
About right .....	30%
Not supportive enough of Israel .....	8%
Not sure .....	29%

**34. Should the government release all the documents that it has about the Jeffrey Epstein case?**

Yes .....	81%
No .....	5%
Not sure .....	14%

**35. Do you think the government is covering up evidence it has about Epstein?**

Yes .....	69%
No .....	9%
Not sure .....	23%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

Strongly approve .....	8%
Somewhat approve .....	14%
<b>Approve .....</b>	<b>22%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	44%
<b>Disapprove .....</b>	<b>56%</b>
Not sure .....	22%

37. How much have you heard about a news report claiming that Donald Trump sent Jeffrey Epstein a birthday message in 2003?

A lot .....	29%
A little .....	37%
Nothing at all .....	35%

38. How often do you watch late-night comedy shows?

Daily .....	6%
A few times a week .....	14%
Once a week .....	6%
Once a month .....	6%
Less often .....	23%
Never .....	44%
Not sure .....	2%

39. How often do you watch The Late Show With Stephen Colbert?

Daily .....	4%
A few times a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	5%
Once a month .....	5%
Less often .....	15%
Never .....	60%
Not sure .....	2%

40. How much have you heard about CBS cancelling The Late Show With Stephen Colbert effective May 2026?

A lot .....	36%
A little .....	36%
Nothing at all .....	28%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of CBS cancelling The Late Show With Stephen Colbert effective May 2026?

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	7%
<b>Approve .....</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	10%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
<b>Disapprove .....</b>	<b>36%</b>
Not sure .....	35%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	18%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>29%</b>
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	11%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>33%</b>
Not sure .....	9%

43. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	74%
Not registered .....	26%

44. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris .....	31%
Donald Trump .....	32%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	35%

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

Democrat .....	30%
Republican .....	32%
Independent .....	29%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	6%



**46. Political Party Identification**

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

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	11%
Independent .....	17%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%
Don't know .....	0%

**47. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?**

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	47%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	17%

**48. Are you...?**

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

**49. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

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

**52. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	36%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	39%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	4%

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

Yes .....	19%
No .....	81%

**54. In what region of the country do you reside?**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	15%
Midwest .....	21%
South .....	40%
West .....	23%

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

Under \$50K .....	39%
\$50-100K .....	28%
\$100K or more .....	21%
Prefer not to say .....	12%

**56. 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 .....	7%
A few times a year .....	13%
Seldom .....	21%
Never .....	34%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

58. 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 .....	15%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	20%
Don't know .....	3%

59. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	31%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 18 - 21, 2025
<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>	2,116 started the survey after screenouts. 229 were deleted due to breakoffs, 97 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 15 were removed for attention check failures, and 46 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,729 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 6.59, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.031.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1729 1551 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	2 questions not reported.