

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 29 - June 1, 2026 - 1604 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1604 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 29 - June 1, 2026
 Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 26%
 Off on the wrong track 65%
 Not sure 9%

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

Approve **35%**
Disapprove **61%**
 Strongly approve 20%
 Somewhat approve 16%
 Somewhat disapprove 11%
 Strongly disapprove 50%
 Not sure 3%

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

	Approve	Disapprove	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Inflation	24%	72%	10%	14%	17%	55%	5%
The situation in Iran	29%	64%	16%	13%	12%	51%	7%

4. Do you support or oppose the war with Iran?

Support **28%**
Oppose **60%**
 Strongly support 15%
 Somewhat support 13%
 Somewhat oppose 12%
 Strongly oppose 49%
 Not sure 12%

5. Do you think we should make a deal to end the war in Iran as quickly as possible?

Yes 68%
 No 11%
 Not sure 21%

6. Would you favor making a deal with Iran now, even if it does not require Iran to give up its enriched uranium?

Yes	34%
No	26%
Not sure	29%
Not asked - we should not make a deal with Iran to end the war as quickly as possible ...	11%

7. What do you think are the chances that the U.S. will reach an agreement with Iran to end the war during the next two weeks?

Almost certain	1%
Very likely	7%
About 50–50	34%
Unlikely	33%
Very unlikely	25%

8. In hindsight, do you think the decision to go to war in Iran was the right decision or the wrong decision?

Right decision	26%
Wrong decision	55%
Not sure	18%

9. Do you favor or oppose having the U.S. Treasury print \$250 bills with President Trump's image on them (as shown below)?

Favor	16%
Oppose	70%
Not sure	15%

10. Do you think that Donald Trump is using the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Yes	56%
No	25%
Not sure	19%

11. E. Jean Carroll has accused Donald Trump of sexually assaulting her in the 1990s. Trump has denied Carroll's accusation. Who do you think is telling the truth?

E. Jean Carroll	46%
Donald Trump	27%
Not sure	27%

12. E. Jean Carroll sued Donald Trump for sexual assault and defamation. Juries in New York awarded Carroll \$88.3 million in damages. Do you approve or disapprove of these decisions?

Approve	48%
Disapprove	30%
Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	22%

13. Would you approve or disapprove of having the Department of Justice investigate Carroll for perjury?

Approve	39%
Disapprove	41%
Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	20%

14. 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
Pope Leo XIV	55%	23%	31%	25%	13%	10%	21%
Donald Trump	37%	59%	23%	14%	9%	50%	4%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	33%	41%	20%	14%	10%	31%	26%
Josh Shapiro	25%	29%	9%	16%	15%	14%	46%
Gavin Newsom	33%	42%	14%	19%	10%	32%	24%
Kamala Harris	42%	50%	20%	22%	13%	37%	7%
Pete Buttigieg	33%	35%	19%	14%	12%	23%	32%
J.B. Pritzker	19%	28%	10%	9%	8%	20%	53%
Jon Ossoff	20%	18%	10%	9%	7%	11%	62%
James Tallarico	27%	21%	14%	13%	7%	14%	52%
Mark Kelly	30%	25%	18%	13%	10%	15%	45%
Ro Khanna	20%	18%	9%	10%	7%	11%	62%
Jon Stewart	38%	27%	22%	15%	13%	14%	35%
JD Vance	38%	53%	21%	17%	12%	41%	9%
Marco Rubio	32%	46%	18%	15%	14%	32%	22%
Ron DeSantis	31%	44%	18%	13%	12%	32%	25%
Donald Trump Jr.	29%	60%	14%	15%	10%	49%	12%
Ivanka Trump	37%	47%	16%	21%	16%	31%	16%
Tucker Carlson	18%	52%	5%	14%	17%	34%	30%
Thomas Massie	21%	24%	5%	16%	13%	11%	55%

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Tulsi Gabbard	26%	34%	13%	13%	11%	23%	41%
Glenn Youngkin	19%	16%	8%	12%	7%	9%	65%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	36%	50%	17%	19%	11%	38%	14%

15. Do you think AI is currently able to think and reason better or worse than humans?

Better	17%
About the same	21%
Worse	43%
Don't know	19%

16. Do you think AI is advancing too quickly or too slowly?

Too quickly	65%
About the right pace	22%
Too slowly	1%
Don't know	12%

17. Thinking about your own life, how much impact do you expect AI to have?

A great deal	19%
Some impact	33%
A little	26%
None	12%
Not sure	9%

18. Do you expect the impact of AI on you personally to be positive or negative?

Very positive	9%
Somewhat positive	28%
Somewhat negative	19%
Very negative	16%
Not sure	22%
Not asked - expect no impact from AI on life	6%

19. Do you think that the effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on the U.S. economy will be...?

Entirely positive	3%
More positive than negative	14%
Equally positive and negative	22%
More negative than positive	29%
Entirely negative	12%
Not sure	20%

20. Do you trust AI to make ethical decisions?

Yes	7%
No	75%
Not sure	17%

21. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

	Agree	Disagree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
"Artificial intelligence does not feel joy or pain and does not know from within what love, work, friendship or responsibility mean."	83%	7%	59%	23%	5%	2%	10%
"We can embrace AI for alleviating suffering and unlocking new possibilities so long as we do not abandon the very essence of our humanity, which is our capacity for relationship and love."	61%	22%	24%	37%	10%	12%	17%
"AI will change jobs like new technological tools have throughout most of history, allowing people to do more and achieve things in new ways."	54%	30%	17%	37%	17%	14%	15%
"AI will open up new ways of doing things that we cannot even imagine today."	65%	21%	20%	45%	10%	10%	15%
"If anybody builds an artificial superintelligence, then everyone on earth will die."	22%	50%	7%	14%	22%	28%	28%

22. Overall, do you think that the construction of new data centers — which are large facilities that house computer servers for storing and transmitting data — are good or bad for the country?

Very good	5%
Somewhat good	17%
Neither good nor bad	17%
Somewhat bad	18%
Very bad	30%
Don't know	14%

23. Would you support or oppose a new data center being built in your community?

Support	24%
Oppose	60%
Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	43%
Not sure	16%

24. How likely do you think it is that the Ebola outbreak in East Africa could spread to the United States?

Very likely	11%
Somewhat likely	33%
Somewhat unlikely	24%
Very unlikely	15%
Not sure	16%

25. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing the Ebola virus?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	20%
Not too worried	38%
Not worried at all	32%

26. Do you think there should or should not be compulsory scanning (such as temperature checks) of people arriving in the United States from countries in Africa affected by Ebola?

Should	82%
Should not	5%
Not sure	12%

27. With the World Cup coming up in the United States, what precautions do you think should be required for World Cup soccer players from African countries affected by the Ebola outbreak to be allowed to enter the U.S. to play? Select all that apply.

They should be allowed to enter the U.S. to play no matter what	4%
Testing for Ebola before arriving	68%
Quarantining for up to three weeks before arriving	35%
Contact-tracing everyone they interact with	22%
Wearing masks at all times except while playing	16%
They should not be allowed to enter the U.S. to play under any circumstances	9%
Not sure	14%

28. 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	41%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	2%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	14%

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

Jobs and the economy	15%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Health care	10%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	3%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	1%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Inflation/prices	32%

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

Total Excellent/Good	20%
Total Fair/Poor	76%
Excellent	3%
Good	17%
Fair	34%
Poor	42%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	15%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	59%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	6%

33. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...	
Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	33%
Worse off financially	26%
Not sure	16%

34. Are gas prices where you live...?	
Going up a lot	49%
Going up a little	23%
Not changing	9%
Going down a little	14%
Going down a lot	1%
Not sure	4%

35. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Total Liberal	26%
Total Conservative	33%
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	11%

36. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

37. 2024 Presidential Vote	
Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

38. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

39. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	22%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	2%

40. Are you a MAGA supporter?

Yes	24%
No	65%
Not sure	12%

41. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

42. Respondent age by category

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

43. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	23%
Postgrad	13%

45. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	39%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	22%
South	41%
West	21%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	10%

49. 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	10%
Seldom	19%
Never	37%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

51. 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	14%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	24%
Don't know	5%

52. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	8%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 29 - June 1, 2026
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	2,026 started the survey after screenouts. 198 were deleted due to breakoffs, 27 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 10 were removed for attention check failures, and 129 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,662 respondents.
Weighting	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 0.052 to 6.623, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.993.
Number of respondents	1604 1453 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.