

The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 29 - September 2, 2025 - 1691 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1691 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted August 29 - September 2, 2025
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction 35%
 Off on the wrong track 56%
 Not sure 8%

2. Do you support or oppose Donald Trump sending federal troops into cities to combat crime?

Strongly support 26%
 Somewhat support 16%
Support **42%**
 Somewhat oppose 8%
 Strongly oppose 41%
Oppose **49%**
 Not sure 9%

3. Do you support or oppose sending federal troops into...?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Washington, D.C.	31%	14%	45%	7%	38%	45%	10%
Cities with Democratic mayors	26%	13%	39%	8%	40%	48%	13%
Cities with Republican mayors	23%	15%	37%	9%	38%	47%	15%
Cities in states with governors who oppose federal troops being sent	27%	13%	41%	8%	39%	47%	12%
Cities that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement	29%	13%	42%	7%	40%	46%	11%

4. Compared to other major U.S. cities, do you think the cities that Donald Trump has proposed sending federal troops to generally have...?

Much higher crime rates 30%
 Somewhat higher crime rates 11%
 About average crime rates 22%
 Somewhat lower crime rates 10%
 Much lower crime rates 6%
 Not sure 21%

5. Would you support or oppose Donald Trump sending federal troops into your area to combat crime?

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	13%
Support	39%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	44%
Oppose	52%
Not sure	9%

6. Which of the following U.S. cities do you think had the highest rate of murders per capita in 2024?

Chicago, Illinois	20%
Memphis, Tennessee	10%
St. Louis, Missouri	10%
Detroit, Michigan	7%
New York City, New York	7%
Baltimore, Maryland	5%
Washington, D.C.	5%
Birmingham, Alabama	5%
Los Angeles, California	4%
Dallas, Texas	2%
San Francisco, California	0%
Not sure	25%

7. Which of the following major U.S. cities do you think had the lowest rate of murders per capita in 2024?

New York City, New York	9%
Dallas, Texas	8%
Birmingham, Alabama	7%
Memphis, Tennessee	5%
Los Angeles, California	5%
St. Louis, Missouri	4%
Washington, D.C.	4%
San Francisco, California	4%
Baltimore, Maryland	3%
Detroit, Michigan	2%
Chicago, Illinois	1%
Not sure	47%

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

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	4%

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

Yes	50%
No	29%
Not sure	21%

10. Do you think that Donald Trump would or would not be justified in directing the Justice Department to go after his political enemies?

Would be justified	20%
Would not be justified	61%
Not sure	19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	25%	17%	41%	9%	48%	56%	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Jerome Powell	9%	15%	24%	13%	11%	25%	51%
Gavin Newsom	16%	17%	33%	9%	34%	43%	24%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	12%	25%	37%	10%	39%	50%	13%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	9%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
National Security	5%
Civil liberties	5%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Crime	5%
Abortion	3%
Guns	3%
Education	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	18%	20%	38%	12%	41%	53%	9%
Inflation/prices	14%	18%	32%	13%	49%	62%	6%
Immigration	33%	14%	47%	8%	40%	48%	5%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	5%

16. 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	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	4%

17. 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	31%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	13%

18. How familiar are you with the Federal Reserve?

Very familiar	10%
Somewhat familiar	47%
Not very familiar	27%
Not at all familiar	16%

19. As far as you know, which of the following best describes the role of the Federal Reserve?

Determines U.S. monetary policy	60%
Sets the federal government's annual budget	15%
Manages national parks	1%
Directs part-time U.S. military personnel	2%
Not sure	21%

20. Who do you trust more to handle the U.S. economy?

The president	26%
The Federal Reserve Board	45%
Not sure	29%

21. Generally, how much do you trust the U.S. Federal Reserve to...?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Bring down inflation	17%	35%	28%	20%
Set interest rates	28%	31%	20%	21%
Keep the U.S. out of an economic recession	19%	33%	26%	21%
Boost U.S. economic markets	17%	36%	24%	23%
Be a politically independent government body	25%	26%	27%	21%

22. Do you think the Federal Reserve should...?

Lower interest rates	48%
Raise interest rates	3%
Not change interest rates	19%
Not sure	30%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of how Jerome Powell is handling his job as the chair of the Federal Reserve?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Disapprove	23%
Not sure	44%

24. Do you think the Federal Reserve should or should not be independent of presidential administrations?

Should be independent	59%
Should not be independent	12%
Not sure	29%

25. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following?

	Trust a lot	Trust somewhat	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust somewhat	Distrust a lot	Not sure
Your doctor	46%	33%	12%	3%	3%	3%
Pharmaceutical companies	5%	22%	20%	21%	28%	5%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	26%	25%	15%	13%	17%	5%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	8%	18%	17%	8%	40%	9%

26. How safe do you think COVID-19 vaccines generally are?

Very safe	35%
Somewhat safe	25%
Not very safe	13%
Not at all safe	20%
Not sure	6%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is handling his job as United States Secretary of Health and Human Services?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	17%

28. When it comes to vaccines, does Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., follow the science or reject the science?

Follow the science	22%
Reject the science	49%
Not sure	29%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the Food and Drug Administration restricting its approval of updated COVID-19 vaccines to people who are 65 and older or have at least one underlying condition that puts them at higher risk?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	27%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump firing Susan Monarez as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after she refused to resign amid pressure to change vaccine policy?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	23%

31. Would you want to receive an updated version of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes, and I am eligible to receive it	28%
Yes, but I am not eligible to receive it	13%
No	46%
Not sure	14%

32. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Requiring nutrition education in public K-12 schools	51%	33%	85%	4%	2%	6%	10%
Banning certain food additives, including synthetic food dyes	46%	34%	80%	6%	2%	8%	12%
Increasing restrictions on the use of pesticides in agriculture	39%	31%	70%	8%	4%	13%	17%
Banning student cellphone use in K-12 schools	38%	26%	64%	14%	10%	24%	12%

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Funding research into alternative and holistic approaches to health	27%	34%	61%	13%	9%	22%	18%
Banning participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides food to low-income people, from buying candy and soda	30%	18%	48%	15%	25%	40%	12%
Increasing the ability of parents to exempt their children from receiving vaccines on religious or personal grounds	24%	14%	38%	17%	30%	47%	14%
Removing fluoride from public water supplies	23%	14%	37%	14%	25%	39%	24%
Lifting restrictions on the sale of raw milk	13%	16%	29%	16%	25%	41%	30%
Reducing funding for research on infectious disease	8%	8%	16%	20%	52%	72%	12%

33. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Make America Healthy Again movement?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Favorable	46%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	22%
Unfavorable	31%
Don't know	23%

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

The Israelis	28%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	22%
Not sure	24%

35. 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	38%
The Republican Party candidate	34%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	15%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	33%
Not sure	9%

37. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

38. 2024 Presidential Vote

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

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	33%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

40. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

41. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	41%
Not sure	9%

42. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

43. Respondent age by category

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

44. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

46. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	1%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	12%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	20%
Never	40%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	23%
Don't know	4%

53. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	25%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	0%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	12%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 29 - September 2, 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	2,005 started the survey after screenouts. 200 were deleted due to breakoffs, 90 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 8 were removed for attention check failures, and 16 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,691 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 0.052 to 6.604, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.039.
Number of respondents	1691 1549 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.