

# YouGov Survey: Changing Your Mind



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
 Conducted August 3 - 5, 2022  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

## 1. Generally speaking, do you think it's a good thing or a bad thing for people to change their minds on political issues?

Very good thing	18%
Somewhat good thing	26%
Neither good nor bad	50%
Somewhat bad thing	3%
Very bad thing	3%

## 2. Throughout your life, have you ever changed your mind on the issue of...?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Gun control	29%	71%	0%
The death penalty	33%	67%	0%
Abortion	27%	73%	0%
Same-sex marriage	29%	71%	0%
Climate change	27%	73%	0%
Free speech	17%	83%	0%
Immigration	31%	69%	0%
Health care	35%	65%	0%
Drug policy	40%	60%	0%
Racial discrimination	27%	73%	0%
Foreign policy	42%	58%	0%

## 3. On the following issue, would you say that your views have become more liberal or more conservative over time?

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on each of the following issues*

	More liberal	More conservative	Changed in some other way
Gun control	41%	33%	26%
The death penalty	49%	21%	30%
Abortion	50%	34%	17%
Same-sex marriage	68%	13%	19%
Climate change	38%	31%	31%
Free speech	35%	36%	29%
Immigration	33%	47%	20%
Health care	43%	34%	24%
Drug policy	48%	26%	26%
Racial discrimination	45%	26%	29%
Foreign policy	30%	38%	32%

4. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on gun control*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	28%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	20%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	56%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	26%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	40%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	40%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	9%
None of the above	9%

5. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on the death penalty*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	25%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	8%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	35%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	39%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	41%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	50%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	17%
None of the above	8%

6. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on abortion*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	32%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	27%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	34%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	35%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	46%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	56%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	32%
None of the above	5%

7. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on same-sex marriage*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	39%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	29%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	29%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	25%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	31%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	56%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	31%
None of the above	10%

8. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on climate change*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	26%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	22%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	52%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	32%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	53%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	40%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	7%
None of the above	8%

9. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on free speech*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	28%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	27%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	45%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	35%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	34%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	45%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	18%
None of the above	12%

10. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on immigration*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	29%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	19%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	47%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	33%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	45%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	46%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	14%
None of the above	11%

11. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on health care*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	32%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	52%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	33%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	28%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	44%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	41%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	10%
None of the above	9%

12. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on drug policy*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	32%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	33%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	39%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	36%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	50%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	47%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	14%
None of the above	6%

13. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on racial discrimination*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	41%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	40%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	51%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	37%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	41%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	54%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	17%
None of the above	11%

14. Which of the following factors, if any, played a role in why you changed your mind on...? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who say they changed their mind on foreign policy*

Conversations you've had with other people about the issue	28%
Personal experiences you've had related to the issue	11%
Events occurring in the world that have caused you to rethink the issue	64%
Commentary you've consumed (read, heard, or watched) on the issue	38%
New facts or information you've learned about the issue	47%
Insights you've gained about the world as you've matured	47%
Changes in your overarching moral or religious views	9%
None of the above	11%

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	August 3 - 5, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.28 to 3.913, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.401.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	52 questions not reported.