

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 19 - 21, 2025 - 1609 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1609 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 19 - 21, 2025
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	15%

2. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of...?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	20%	49%	8%	40%	48%	3%
JD Vance	22%	17%	39%	10%	35%	45%	16%

3. 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
Melania Trump	24%	21%	45%	16%	23%	40%	15%
Ivanka Trump	16%	23%	40%	15%	25%	40%	20%
Donald Trump, Jr.	17%	23%	40%	10%	36%	46%	14%
Eric Trump	14%	20%	34%	12%	31%	43%	23%
Jared Kushner	6%	17%	23%	13%	28%	42%	35%
Gavin Newsom	11%	19%	30%	10%	31%	41%	28%
Jill Biden	19%	22%	41%	15%	30%	45%	14%
John Roberts	4%	20%	24%	16%	16%	32%	44%
Benjamin Netanyahu	12%	18%	30%	13%	26%	39%	31%
Elon Musk	21%	25%	46%	13%	34%	46%	8%
Mark Zuckerberg	6%	22%	29%	26%	33%	59%	12%

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
Joe Biden	17%	22%	39%	17%	41%	58%	3%
Kamala Harris	24%	20%	44%	13%	40%	52%	4%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	54%	30%	84%	13%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	43%	28%	71%	16%	13%	29%
Foreign policy	48%	39%	87%	11%	3%	13%
National Security	67%	25%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Education	60%	30%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Health care	73%	21%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Taxes and government spending	64%	30%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Abortion	44%	31%	75%	16%	9%	25%
Civil rights	57%	28%	85%	12%	3%	15%
Civil liberties	53%	35%	88%	9%	2%	12%
Guns	49%	32%	80%	13%	6%	20%
Crime	60%	31%	92%	7%	2%	8%
Criminal justice reform	45%	37%	82%	15%	3%	18%
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	95%	4%	1%	5%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	11%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	4%
Abortion	4%
Guns	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	3%
Education	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	6%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	23%	42%	15%	35%	50%	8%
Immigration	10%	24%	34%	14%	42%	56%	10%
Foreign policy	15%	21%	36%	15%	37%	52%	11%
National Security	18%	23%	41%	13%	34%	47%	12%
Education	18%	25%	43%	12%	30%	42%	15%
Crime	12%	24%	36%	15%	36%	51%	13%
Criminal justice reform	11%	23%	34%	16%	34%	50%	16%
Inflation/prices	13%	21%	34%	16%	42%	58%	8%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	30%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	22%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	19%

12. 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	13%	24%	36%	21%	32%	53%	10%
Republicans in Congress	11%	28%	39%	17%	33%	50%	10%

13. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Disapprove	26%
Not sure	49%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	29%

16. 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	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	37%

17. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States today?

Very well	12%
Somewhat well	41%
Not too well	32%
Not at all well	15%

18. As far as you know, who won the 2024 presidential election?

Kamala Harris, by a large margin	3%
Kamala Harris, by a small margin	2%
Donald Trump, by a small margin	32%
Donald Trump, by a large margin	57%
Not sure	6%

19. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic	35%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	15%
Dissatisfied but not upset	15%
Upset	29%
Not sure	7%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	52%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	36%
Not sure	13%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	30%
Approve	50%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	36%
Not sure	15%

22. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?

Outstanding	22%
Above Average	19%
Average	10%
Below Average	9%
Poor	28%
Not Sure	10%

23. Do you think the Trump administration...

Will be largely free of major scandals	20%
Will have a major scandal or two	21%
Will have many major scandals	37%
Not sure	22%

24. How concerned are you about the potential for conflicts of interest for Donald Trump?

Very concerned	35%
Somewhat concerned	18%
Not very concerned	17%
Not concerned at all	18%
Not sure	12%

25. About how many of Donald Trump's campaign promises do you think he will be able to keep?

All of them	8%
Most of them	27%
Some of them	25%
Hardly any of them	29%
Not sure	11%

26. About how many of Donald Trump's campaign promises do you think he will try to keep?

All of them	22%
Most of them	22%
Some of them	26%
Hardly any of them	21%
Not sure	9%

27. How likely is Donald Trump to do the following things as President?

	Definitely will happen	Probably will happen	Unlikely to happen	Will not happen
Run an open and transparent administration	19%	31%	20%	30%
Improve the way government works	23%	28%	22%	27%
Set a high moral standard	19%	28%	19%	34%
Use the office to enrich family and friends	34%	28%	25%	13%
Improve America's standing abroad	29%	26%	18%	27%
Improve the quality of life of the average American	24%	30%	21%	25%

28. Once Donald Trump is president, should Democrats in Congress work with him on policies they personally agree with, or oppose all of his policies?

Among Democrats

Work with him on policies they agree with	70%
Oppose all of his policies	19%
Not sure	12%

29. Once Donald Trump is president, should Republicans in Congress oppose his policies that they personally don't agree with, or support all of his policies?

Among Republicans

Support all of his policies	56%
Oppose his policies they don't agree with	26%
Not sure	18%

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

Confident	47%
Uneasy	43%
Not sure	10%

31. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	37%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	26%

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

Severely limit his ability to do the job	26%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	35%
Have no effect at all	27%
Not sure	12%

33. As you may know, the Senate must approve presidential Cabinet nominees. Do you think:

Senators should approve any nominee who is qualified for the position, regardless of the nominee's political opinions	46%
Senators are justified in voting against a nominee if they disagree with the nominee's political opinions	29%
Not sure	24%

34. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the people Donald Trump has nominated to be a part of his Cabinet?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	40%
Not sure	18%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the following appointments announced by Donald Trump?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense	23%	16%	39%	7%	30%	37%	25%
Marco Rubio as Secretary of State	24%	24%	48%	13%	19%	32%	20%
Tulsi Gabbard as Director of National Intelligence	21%	18%	40%	9%	25%	34%	26%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services	24%	22%	46%	8%	31%	40%	14%

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Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education	18%	20%	38%	8%	26%	34%	28%
Pam Bondi as U.S. Attorney General	24%	16%	40%	10%	23%	32%	28%
Mehmet Oz as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	17%	22%	38%	9%	28%	37%	25%
Elon Musk as co-leader of the Department of Government Efficiency initiative	28%	18%	46%	7%	35%	42%	12%
Vivek Ramaswamy as co-leader of the Department of Government Efficiency initiative	22%	17%	40%	9%	27%	36%	24%

36. 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 undocumented immigrants	25%	15%	40%	14%	35%	49%	12%
Funding a wall that extends along more of the U.S.-Mexico border	34%	16%	50%	10%	29%	39%	11%
Reducing regulation on cryptocurrency	13%	17%	30%	12%	28%	40%	29%
Imposing a 10% tariff on goods imported from other countries	17%	22%	39%	16%	31%	47%	14%
Arresting and deporting millions of illegal immigrants	34%	19%	53%	12%	26%	38%	8%
Pardoning participants in the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol	19%	16%	34%	11%	43%	53%	12%
Prosecuting people who have been critical of Donald Trump	7%	9%	15%	16%	56%	72%	13%

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Removing environmental regulations to promote fossil fuel production	21%	19%	40%	12%	31%	43%	17%
Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs in schools and government	30%	14%	45%	11%	29%	40%	15%
Seeking ownership of Greenland and the Panama Canal	14%	20%	33%	12%	34%	47%	20%

37. Do you think Donald Trump will implement the following?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants	53%	20%	26%
Funding a wall that extends along more of the U.S.-Mexico border	68%	15%	17%
Reducing regulation on cryptocurrency	43%	16%	41%
Imposing a 10% tariff on goods imported from other countries	63%	13%	24%
Arresting and deporting millions of illegal immigrants	72%	10%	18%
Pardoning participants in the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol	63%	14%	23%
Prosecuting people who have been critical of Donald Trump	34%	36%	30%
Removing environmental regulations to promote fossil fuel production	62%	13%	25%
Ending diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs in schools and government	59%	14%	27%
Seeking ownership of Greenland and the Panama Canal	41%	24%	35%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	27%
Fair	33%
Poor	31%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	8%

40. 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	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	37%
Just about the same as now	30%
Worse off financially	21%
Not sure	12%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	6%	29%	47%	14%
Ukraine	31%	38%	9%	4%	18%
China	5%	12%	34%	36%	14%
Israel	41%	25%	9%	5%	19%

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

The Israelis	32%
About equal	28%
The Palestinians	15%
Not sure	24%

44. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?

Increasing military aid to Israel	19%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	31%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	27%
Not sure	23%

45. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	22%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Not sure	26%

46. Israel and Hamas recently agreed to a deal to pause their fighting in Gaza. Do you approve or disapprove of the terms of this deal?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	32%
Approve	52%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	3%
Disapprove	10%
Not sure	38%

47. How much credit do you think Joe Biden deserves for the recent deal between Israel and Hamas for a ceasefire in Gaza?

A great deal	21%
Some	19%
A little	15%
None	28%
Not sure	17%

48. How much credit do you think Donald Trump deserves for the recent deal between Israel and Hamas for a ceasefire in Gaza?

A great deal	26%
Some	15%
A little	11%
None	30%
Not sure	17%

49. How likely do you think it is that the Israelis and Palestinians will reach a permanent peace deal in the next 20 years?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	20%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	24%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia	4%
Ukraine	61%
Neither	21%
Not sure	14%

51. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?	
Increasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	25%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	26%
Not sure	22%
52. Do you believe TikTok poses a national security threat to the U.S.?	
Yes	36%
No	37%
Not sure	26%
53. Do you support or oppose a law requiring the Chinese owners of TikTok to sell their stakes to a U.S.-approved owner, or else TikTok will be banned in the U.S.?	
Support	46%
Oppose	26%
Not sure	28%
54. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	9%
55. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	73%
Not registered	27%
56. 2024 Presidential Vote	
Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	36%
57. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	31%
Republican	32%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	18%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

59. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	53%
No	34%
Not sure	13%

60. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

61. Respondent age by category

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

62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

64. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	1%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

66. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	18%
Never	34%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

70. 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	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	20%
Don't know	4%

71. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 19 - 21, 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	1,817 started the survey after screenouts. 133 were deleted due to breakoffs, 27 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 9 were removed for attention check failures, and 39 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,609 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, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 5.531, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.823.
Number of respondents	1609 1426 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.