The Economist/YouGov Poll
May 23 - 26, 2025 - 1660 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1660 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   May 23 - 26, 2025
Margin of Error   ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 38%
Off on the wrong track 53%
Not sure 9%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	29%	15%	**45%**	9%	44%	**53%**	3%
Mike Johnson	10%	18%	**28%**	11%	28%	**39%**	33%
John Thune	4%	12%	**16%**	13%	15%	**28%**	56%
Chuck Schumer	7%	17%	**25%**	16%	33%	**49%**	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	18%	**29%**	9%	23%	**33%**	39%

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3. Which comes closer to your view?

A president should be required to publicly release all medical information that might affect their ability to serve as president 62%
A president should have the same right as every other citizen to keep their medical records private 28%
Not sure 10%

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4. As president, how transparent do you think Joe Biden was about his physical health?

Very transparent 9%
Somewhat transparent 22%
Not very transparent 23%
Not at all transparent 38%
Not sure 9%

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5. As president, how transparent do you think Donald Trump has been about his physical health?

Very transparent 23%
Somewhat transparent 19%
Not very transparent 14%
Not at all transparent 31%
Not sure 12%

6. How much of an effect do you think Joe Biden's health and age had on his ability to fulfill his duties as president when he was in office?

Severely limited his ability to do the job	58%
Had little effect on his ability to do the job	28%
Had no effect at all	6%
Not sure	8%

7. If Joe Biden had been re-elected in November, how much of an effect do you think his health and age would have had on his ability to fulfill his duties as president in his second term?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	76%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	15%
Have no effect at all	2%
Not sure	7%

8. 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	31%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	30%
Have no effect at all	29%
Not sure	10%

9. Do you think Democrats actively tried to conceal information about Joe Biden's health from the public during his presidency?

Yes	57%
No	22%
Not sure	21%

10. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	20%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**
Immigration	55%	30%	**86%**	11%	4%	**14%**
Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	**70%**	15%	15%	**30%**
Foreign policy	48%	39%	**87%**	11%	2%	**13%**
National Security	67%	26%	**94%**	5%	2%	**6%**
Education	64%	27%	**92%**	7%	2%	**8%**
Health care	76%	20%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**
Taxes and government spending	69%	26%	**94%**	4%	1%	**6%**
Abortion	47%	28%	**75%**	16%	9%	**25%**
Civil rights	61%	27%	**88%**	8%	4%	**12%**
Civil liberties	58%	31%	**89%**	7%	4%	**11%**

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Guns	51%	31%	**82%**	12%	6%	**18%**
Crime	62%	31%	**93%**	6%	1%	**7%**
Criminal justice reform	46%	38%	**84%**	13%	3%	**16%**
Inflation/prices	77%	20%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	11%
Immigration	8%
Civil rights	8%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil liberties	6%
National Security	5%
Education	3%
Abortion	3%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Crime	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	**44%**
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	**52%**
Not sure	4%

13. 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	26%	16%	**42%**	11%	40%	**51%**	8%
Inflation/prices	20%	18%	**38%**	12%	44%	**56%**	6%
Immigration	36%	12%	**48%**	9%	39%	**48%**	4%
Climate change and the environment	20%	15%	**35%**	9%	39%	**48%**	18%
Education	23%	16%	**40%**	10%	41%	**51%**	9%
Abortion	18%	17%	**35%**	11%	38%	**49%**	16%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	11%	21%	**32%**	20%	36%	**57%**	11%
Republicans in Congress	15%	24%	**40%**	12%	38%	**50%**	10%

15. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	**32%**
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	**37%**
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	**24%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	**32%**
Not sure	44%

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

Strongly approve 8%
Somewhat approve 17%
Approve **25%**
Somewhat disapprove 16%
Strongly disapprove 32%
Disapprove **48%**
Not sure 27%

18. 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 11%
Somewhat approve 20%
Approve **31%**
Somewhat disapprove 10%
Strongly disapprove 24%
Disapprove **34%**
Not sure 36%

19. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
The Democratic Party	11%	25%	**36%**	19%	38%	**57%**	7%
The Republican Party	17%	24%	**41%**	14%	37%	**52%**	7%

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

Getting better 26%
About the same 19%
Getting worse 50%
Not sure 5%

21. 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 47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 34%
Not sure 3%

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

Better off financially	34%
Just about the same as now	27%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	12%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	10%	28%	43%	17%
Ukraine	28%	38%	11%	4%	19%

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

Russia	4%
Ukraine	61%
Neither	26%
Not sure	9%

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

Russia	34%
Ukraine	13%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	38%

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

All of it	5%
Most of it	11%
Half of it	8%
Some of it	39%
None of it	7%
Not sure	30%

27. 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	2%
Some of it	7%
None of it	65%
Not sure	22%

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

Russia 4%
Ukraine 42%
No difference 27%
Not sure 27%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine 27%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine 23%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine 12%
Stopping all military aid to Ukraine 19%
Not sure 19%

30. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think Donald Trump sympathizes with more?

Russia 39%
Ukraine 15%
Neither 26%
Not sure 20%

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

Yes, very involved 21%
Yes, somewhat involved 42%
No 23%
Not sure 15%

32. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe 39%
Somewhat safe 37%
Not very safe 10%
Not at all safe 8%
Not sure 5%

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

Very safe 34%
Somewhat safe 23%
Not very safe 15%
Not at all safe 22%
Not sure 6%

34. How effective is the COVID-19 vaccine for treating or preventing the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19?

Very effective	34%
Possibly effective	25%
Ineffective, but not dangerous	8%
Dangerous	23%
Not sure	10%

35. Have you ever been vaccinated against COVID-19?

Yes	70%
No	28%
Not sure	2%

36. Have you received a COVID-19 vaccine in the past year?

Yes	28%
No	70%
Not sure	2%

37. If a new version of the COVID-19 vaccine is approved this fall, do you want to receive it?

Yes	33%
No	51%
Not sure	16%

38. Which, if any, of the following are reasons why you do not want to receive a new COVID-19 vaccine? Select all that apply.
Among people who say they do not want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine if approved this fall

Concerned about side effects	59%
Concerned about safety	49%
Don't trust pharmaceutical companies	40%
Don't trust the government	36%
Already had COVID-19	28%
Don't think vaccines are effective	26%
Don't like being told what to do	22%
Don't think I'm likely to get sick	16%
Vaccine not required for work or school	13%
Have had an adverse reaction in the past	10%
Religious beliefs	7%
Fear of needles	5%
Have a medical condition that disallows it	5%
Cost or lack of insurance coverage	3%
Already received a COVID-19 vaccine recently	3%
Too busy	2%
Don't think I'll be eligible	1%

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Other 8%

None of the above 5%

39. Who do you think should be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines, by age?

People of all ages 54%

Only adults 11%

Only adults 65 and older 6%

No one 13%

Not sure 15%

40. Do you think that the federal government should or should not do the following?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Approve COVID-19 vaccines through a government agency	56%	22%	23%
Fund research and development of COVID-19 vaccines	63%	22%	14%
Make COVID-19 vaccines available for free to everyone	70%	16%	14%
Mandate COVID-19 vaccination for all adults	22%	64%	14%
Take no role in COVID-19 vaccines and leave decisions to individuals	55%	31%	15%
Track and report data on COVID-19 infections and vaccination rates	73%	15%	12%
Allow K-12 schools to require COVID-19 vaccination for their students	34%	49%	17%

41. 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	45%	33%	12%	4%	3%	3%
Pharmaceutical companies	7%	20%	19%	22%	27%	4%
Medical researchers	28%	33%	18%	10%	6%	4%
Public health officials	18%	31%	19%	14%	13%	5%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	26%	28%	15%	12%	14%	4%

42. Does your likelihood of following guidance from public health agencies depend on whether the president is a Democrat or a Republican — or does the president's party not make a difference?

More likely with a Democratic president 22%

More likely with a Republican president 14%

No difference 53%

Not sure 12%

43. 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 … 18%
Somewhat approve … 21%
Approve … **40%**
Somewhat disapprove … 8%
Strongly disapprove … 33%
Disapprove … **40%**
Not sure … 20%

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

Follow the science … 26%
Reject the science … 39%
Not sure … 35%

45. As far as you know, how safe does Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. think vaccines generally are?

Very safe … 5%
Somewhat safe … 21%
Not very safe … 25%
Not at all safe … 25%
Not sure … 24%

46. Regardless of whether or not the virus responsible for COVID-19 was created or naturally mutated, do you believe it is true or false that a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus?

Definitely true … 27%
Probably true … 30%
Probably false … 12%
Definitely false … 5%
Not sure … 25%

47. How much do you trust what the U.S. government says about the origins of COVID-19?

A great deal … 6%
A fair amount … 33%
Not very much … 40%
Not at all … 20%

48. From what you know about it, do you support or oppose President Trump's proposed budget?

Strongly support … 17%
Somewhat support … 19%
Support … **36%**
Somewhat oppose … 11%
Strongly oppose … 37%
Oppose … **47%**
No opinion … 16%

49. From what you know about it now, do you think the federal budget deficit will increase or decrease under the Trump administration's proposed budget?

Deficit will increase 43%
Deficit will remain about the same 15%
Deficit will decrease 18%
Not sure 23%

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

Very liberal 11%
Liberal 16%
Total Liberal **27%**
Moderate 32%
Conservative 21%
Very conservative 12%
Total Conservative **33%**
Not sure 8%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 73%
Not registered 27%

52. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris 31%
Donald Trump 32%
Other 1%
Did not vote for President 36%

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

Democrat 31%
Republican 33%
Independent 25%
Other 4%
Not sure 6%

54. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

55. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	55%
No	35%
Not sure	9%

56. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

57. Respondent age by category

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

58. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

60. What is your marital status?

Married 39%
Separated 3%
Divorced 11%
Widowed 7%
Never married 34%
Domestic / civil partnership 7%

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

Yes 19%
No 81%

62. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast 16%
Midwest 21%
South 42%
West 21%

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

Under $50K 38%
$50-100K 29%
$100K or more 22%
Prefer not to say 10%

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

More than once a week 7%
Once a week 17%
Once or twice a month 7%
A few times a year 12%
Seldom 20%
Never 36%
Don't know 1%

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

Yes 29%
No 71%

66. 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 12%
A few times a week 11%
Once a week 3%
A few times a month 7%
Seldom 17%
Never 21%
Don't know 2%

67. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 29%
Roman Catholic 20%
Mormon 1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 3%
Muslim 1%
Buddhist 0%
Hindu 0%
Atheist 7%
Agnostic 6%
Nothing in particular 22%
Something else 10%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 23 - 26, 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	2105 started the survey after screenouts. 120 were deleted due to breakoffs, 37 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 13 were removed for attention check failures, and 38 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,660 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 0.051 to 6.516, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.858.
Number of respondents	1660 1486 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.