

CBS News Poll – February 25-27, 2026

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,264 Adults in the U.S.

Margin of Error ± 2.5 points

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

Approve	41%
Disapprove	59%

2. Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	47%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Approve	Disapprove
The economy	37%	63%
Inflation	34%	66%
Immigration	42%	58%

4. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

Very well	7%
Somewhat well	29%
Somewhat badly	26%
Very badly	38%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Iran?

Approve	43%
Disapprove	57%

6. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	6%
Fairly good	30%
Fairly bad	34%
Very bad	26%
Not sure	4%

7. Do you think Donald Trump's policies are making you...

Financially better off	18%
Financially worse off	52%
Stay about the same	30%

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8. As you see it, the biggest threat to the American way of life today comes from:

Other people in America, and domestic enemies	35%
Foreign countries and military threats overseas	11%
The natural world, like weather, viruses and natural disasters	9%
Economic forces such as money, trade and business	45%

9. So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Too much	Right amount	Not enough
Deporting immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally	54%	32%	14%
Lowering prices of goods and services	3%	22%	75%
Crime and law enforcement	27%	40%	33%
Putting tariffs on goods from other countries	62%	32%	6%
International matters and events overseas	45%	39%	16%

10. As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...

Booming	6%
Growing, but not booming	19%
Holding steady	21%
Slowing, but not in recession	28%
In recession	26%

11. When Donald Trump describes prices and inflation in the U.S., do you think he makes things sound:

Better than they really are	63%
Worse than they really are	13%
About as they really are	23%

14. Would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran to try to prevent them from producing nuclear weapons?

Favor	51%
Oppose	49%

15. So far, do you think the Trump administration has clearly explained the U.S. position with regard to possibly taking military action against Iran, or haven't they done that yet?

Clearly explained	32%
Not done that yet	68%

16. Do you think Donald Trump needs approval from Congress to conduct military action against Iran, or does he not need approval from Congress?

Needs approval from Congress	74%
Does not need approval from Congress	26%

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17. Which comes closest to your view of how the U.S. should approach Iran's current leadership? Should it...

Try to remove them from power, with military force if necessary	18%
Try to pressure them with economic sanctions	22%
Try to negotiate with them through diplomacy	38%
Not get involved at all	22%

18. Does your view of Donald Trump make you more likely to support U.S. military action against Iran, less likely to support military action, or is your view of Donald Trump not a factor?

More likely to support action	21%
Less likely to support action	32%
Not a factor	47%

19. If the U.S. does take military action against Iran, do you think that conflict would probably last...

Days	12%
Weeks	12%
Months	17%
Years	28%
Not sure	31%

20. As you may recall, last year in 2025 the U.S. conducted airstrikes on Iran's nuclear facilities. Looking back now do you think those airstrikes were successful, or not successful, or are you not sure?

Successful	27%
Not successful	33%
Not sure	40%

52. As you may know, Donald Trump delivered a State of the Union speech to Congress this past Tuesday night. Did you...

Watch the entire speech live	15%
Watch some of the speech live	13%
Just see clips and highlights afterward	23%
Read or heard about it, but did not see any of it	26%
Didn't see it or hear about it at all	23%

53. Do you think Donald Trump's state of the union speech described things in the U.S. today in a...

Positive way	36%
Negative way	22%
A mix of both	42%

* Questions held for future release.

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1. Trump Job Approval (2 Categories)

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

	Total	Gender			Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female		Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	41%	46%	36%	39%	37%	44%	44%	7%	33%	86%	
Disapprove	59%	54%	64%	61%	63%	56%	56%	93%	67%	14%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,097)	(1,163)	(466)	(573)	(740)	(481)	(614)	(752)	(662)	

	Total	Party ID				Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	41%	4%	34%	89%	49%	15%	34%	55%	39%	
Disapprove	59%	96%	66%	11%	51%	85%	66%	45%	61%	
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(792)	(651)	(1,425)	(282)	(361)	(884)	(540)	

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2. Trump Job Approval (4 Categories)

Do you strongly [approve/disapprove] or somewhat [approve/disapprove]?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	23%	27%	19%	16%	16%	27%	30%	4%	12%	57%
Somewhat approve	18%	20%	17%	22%	20%	17%	13%	3%	21%	29%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	12%	12%	18%	16%	9%	7%	5%	18%	6%
Strongly disapprove	47%	41%	52%	44%	47%	47%	50%	88%	49%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,097)	(1,163)	(466)	(573)	(740)	(481)	(614)	(752)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	23%	2%	13%	59%	29%	6%	17%	32%	22%
Somewhat approve	18%	1%	21%	29%	20%	9%	17%	23%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%	9%	14%	7%	9%	20%	14%	9%	10%
Strongly disapprove	47%	88%	52%	5%	42%	65%	52%	36%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(792)	(651)	(1,425)	(282)	(361)	(884)	(540)

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3A. Trump Issue Approval — The economy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	37%	42%	33%	31%	32%	42%	41%	6%	28%	81%
Disapprove	63%	58%	67%	69%	68%	58%	59%	94%	72%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,096)	(1,164)	(465)	(574)	(740)	(481)	(614)	(750)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	37%	5%	28%	84%	45%	14%	29%	50%	38%
Disapprove	63%	95%	72%	16%	55%	86%	71%	50%	62%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(793)	(651)	(1,426)	(282)	(360)	(885)	(541)

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3B. Trump Issue Approval — Inflation

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	34%	39%	29%	29%	29%	36%	40%	8%	24%	76%
Disapprove	66%	61%	71%	71%	71%	64%	60%	92%	76%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(1,099)	(1,162)	(466)	(573)	(740)	(482)	(613)	(752)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	34%	4%	26%	77%	41%	11%	26%	46%	34%
Disapprove	66%	96%	74%	23%	59%	89%	74%	54%	66%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(644)	(793)	(652)	(1,427)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(542)

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3C. Trump Issue Approval — Immigration

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	42%	47%	36%	34%	34%	49%	47%	8%	35%	85%
Disapprove	58%	53%	64%	66%	66%	51%	53%	92%	65%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(1,099)	(1,164)	(466)	(574)	(742)	(481)	(614)	(752)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	42%	6%	36%	87%	51%	15%	32%	57%	40%
Disapprove	58%	94%	64%	13%	49%	85%	68%	43%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(644)	(793)	(652)	(1,428)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(543)

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4. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

		Gender		Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	7%	9%	5%	5%	6%	6%	10%	3%	2%	17%
Somewhat well	29%	32%	25%	29%	25%	31%	29%	6%	26%	57%
Somewhat badly	26%	26%	26%	31%	30%	23%	22%	21%	33%	18%
Very badly	38%	32%	44%	35%	39%	40%	39%	70%	39%	8%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(1,098)	(1,163)	(466)	(574)	(741)	(481)	(613)	(753)	(661)

		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	7%	1%	3%	18%	8%	2%	7%	8%	8%
Somewhat well	29%	4%	26%	59%	33%	15%	24%	36%	28%
Somewhat badly	26%	28%	26%	19%	25%	33%	26%	24%	27%
Very badly	38%	67%	45%	4%	34%	50%	43%	32%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,261)	(644)	(793)	(651)	(1,426)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(541)

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5. Trump Issue Approval - Iran

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the situation with Iran?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	43%	50%	36%	38%	37%	46%	48%	9%	38%	86%
Disapprove	57%	50%	64%	62%	63%	54%	52%	91%	62%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,250)	(1,097)	(1,153)	(462)	(573)	(739)	(477)	(608)	(749)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	43%	6%	37%	89%	50%	18%	36%	56%	42%
Disapprove	57%	94%	63%	11%	50%	82%	64%	44%	58%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,250)	(639)	(791)	(648)	(1,422)	(281)	(357)	(879)	(542)

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6. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	6%	8%	4%	6%	5%	6%	7%	2%	3%	15%
Fairly good	30%	34%	26%	27%	27%	31%	34%	9%	27%	58%
Fairly bad	34%	33%	34%	39%	37%	30%	31%	47%	38%	16%
Very bad	26%	21%	31%	22%	27%	29%	25%	39%	29%	7%
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(1,099)	(1,165)	(466)	(574)	(742)	(482)	(614)	(753)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	6%	1%	3%	16%	8%	1%	7%	8%	8%
Fairly good	30%	7%	25%	61%	35%	14%	24%	36%	32%
Fairly bad	34%	45%	38%	16%	33%	32%	35%	30%	39%
Very bad	26%	44%	29%	4%	21%	47%	30%	22%	18%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(644)	(794)	(652)	(1,429)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(543)

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7. Financial Condition with Trump

Do you think Donald Trump's policies are making you...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Financially better off	18%	21%	15%	15%	15%	20%	23%	4%	10%	46%
Financially worse off	52%	47%	57%	56%	53%	50%	50%	83%	56%	14%
Stay about the same	30%	32%	28%	29%	32%	30%	27%	13%	34%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(1,099)	(1,165)	(466)	(574)	(742)	(482)	(614)	(753)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Financially better off	18%	2%	13%	44%	22%	7%	16%	22%	23%
Financially worse off	52%	84%	56%	13%	47%	72%	58%	44%	50%
Stay about the same	30%	14%	31%	43%	31%	21%	26%	34%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,264)	(644)	(794)	(652)	(1,429)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(543)

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8. Biggest Threat to Way of Life

As you see it, the biggest threat to the American way of life today comes from:

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Other people in America, and domestic enemies	35%	37%	34%	21%	28%	45%	45%	34%	26%	54%
Foreign countries and military threats overseas	11%	10%	11%	14%	12%	8%	8%	4%	12%	15%
The natural world, like weather, viruses and natural disasters	9%	8%	11%	14%	10%	7%	8%	11%	7%	6%
Economic forces such as money, trade and business	45%	45%	44%	50%	50%	40%	39%	51%	55%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,255)	(1,095)	(1,160)	(465)	(573)	(737)	(480)	(612)	(750)	(659)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Other people in America, and domestic enemies	35%	30%	34%	48%	42%	21%	22%	40%	44%
Foreign countries and military threats overseas	11%	6%	10%	17%	11%	11%	12%	12%	9%
The natural world, like weather, viruses and natural disasters	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	13%	12%	7%	9%
Economic forces such as money, trade and business	45%	55%	48%	27%	39%	55%	54%	40%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,255)	(642)	(791)	(649)	(1,423)	(282)	(361)	(884)	(539)

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9A. Trump Administration Focus So Far — Deporting immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally

So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	54%	50%	59%	63%	59%	49%	50%	89%	61%	17%
Right amount	32%	33%	31%	29%	28%	35%	34%	8%	28%	56%
Not enough	14%	17%	10%	8%	13%	16%	16%	3%	11%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,259)	(1,096)	(1,162)	(466)	(571)	(741)	(481)	(612)	(753)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	54%	87%	59%	16%	48%	72%	61%	41%	58%
Right amount	32%	8%	27%	60%	36%	18%	30%	41%	28%
Not enough	14%	5%	14%	24%	16%	10%	9%	18%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,259)	(644)	(792)	(650)	(1,424)	(282)	(361)	(883)	(541)

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9B. Trump Administration Focus So Far — Lowering prices of goods and services

So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Right amount	22%	24%	19%	23%	17%	23%	24%	4%	15%	47%
Not enough	75%	73%	78%	72%	80%	74%	74%	92%	82%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,095)	(1,165)	(466)	(570)	(742)	(482)	(611)	(753)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%	2%
Right amount	22%	3%	16%	48%	24%	13%	21%	26%	21%
Not enough	75%	93%	81%	50%	73%	82%	75%	71%	76%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(792)	(650)	(1,425)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(540)

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9C. Trump Administration Focus So Far — Crime and law enforcement

So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	27%	27%	28%	28%	27%	26%	31%	54%	26%	8%
Right amount	40%	42%	37%	37%	38%	42%	41%	15%	34%	70%
Not enough	33%	30%	35%	35%	35%	32%	28%	31%	40%	22%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,095)	(1,164)	(466)	(571)	(742)	(481)	(612)	(753)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	27%	49%	31%	5%	27%	37%	22%	23%	33%
Right amount	40%	14%	35%	71%	44%	20%	37%	47%	40%
Not enough	33%	37%	34%	23%	28%	43%	40%	29%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(792)	(650)	(1,425)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(540)

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9D. Trump Administration Focus So Far — Putting tariffs on goods from other countries

So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	62%	60%	64%	63%	64%	61%	59%	90%	70%	27%
Right amount	32%	34%	29%	29%	27%	34%	37%	5%	24%	66%
Not enough	6%	6%	7%	8%	9%	5%	3%	4%	6%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(1,098)	(1,162)	(466)	(573)	(740)	(481)	(613)	(753)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	62%	91%	69%	24%	56%	77%	66%	49%	67%
Right amount	32%	3%	25%	69%	38%	14%	26%	43%	29%
Not enough	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,260)	(644)	(793)	(650)	(1,425)	(282)	(361)	(884)	(540)

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9E. Trump Administration Focus So Far — International matters and events overseas

So far, do you think the Trump administration is focusing too much, about the right amount, or not enough, on these items?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Too much	45%	42%	47%	49%	48%	43%	40%	63%	52%	19%
Right amount	39%	42%	36%	32%	34%	44%	43%	11%	33%	75%
Not enough	16%	16%	17%	19%	18%	13%	17%	26%	15%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(1,094)	(1,160)	(465)	(569)	(740)	(480)	(609)	(752)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Too much	45%	64%	52%	19%	39%	64%	43%	35%	46%
Right amount	39%	10%	33%	75%	45%	20%	34%	48%	40%
Not enough	16%	26%	15%	6%	16%	16%	23%	17%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(641)	(791)	(649)	(1,420)	(281)	(361)	(882)	(538)

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10. Expectations for U.S. Economy

As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Booming	6%	7%	4%	6%	5%	5%	6%	2%	3%	12%
Growing, but not booming	19%	22%	16%	14%	17%	20%	23%	3%	15%	41%
Holding steady	21%	23%	20%	30%	18%	21%	17%	12%	24%	28%
Slowing, but not in recession	28%	26%	30%	28%	30%	26%	29%	35%	34%	12%
In recession	26%	22%	30%	22%	30%	28%	24%	48%	24%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(1,099)	(1,163)	(466)	(574)	(740)	(482)	(613)	(753)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Booming	6%	1%	3%	13%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%
Growing, but not booming	19%	3%	17%	39%	22%	10%	13%	23%	21%
Holding steady	21%	11%	22%	30%	22%	15%	27%	23%	19%
Slowing, but not in recession	28%	41%	29%	12%	26%	34%	26%	25%	28%
In recession	26%	44%	29%	5%	24%	36%	28%	23%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(643)	(794)	(652)	(1,427)	(282)	(361)	(885)	(542)

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11. How Trumps Describes Prices and Inflation

When Donald Trump describes prices and inflation in the U.S., do you think he makes things sound:

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better than they really are	63%	61%	65%	58%	64%	64%	66%	82%	67%	44%
Worse than they really are	13%	14%	13%	20%	20%	9%	6%	14%	17%	6%
About as they really are	23%	25%	22%	22%	16%	27%	28%	4%	16%	50%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(1,099)	(1,164)	(466)	(574)	(741)	(481)	(613)	(753)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better than they really are	63%	77%	69%	45%	65%	58%	61%	62%	70%
Worse than they really are	13%	19%	13%	5%	8%	32%	20%	8%	8%
About as they really are	23%	4%	18%	49%	27%	10%	19%	30%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(644)	(794)	(651)	(1,427)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(541)

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14. Favor or Oppose U.S. Military Action to Prevent Iran From Producing Nuclear Weapons

Would you favor or oppose the United States taking military action against Iran to try to prevent them from producing nuclear weapons?

	Total	Gender		Under 30	Age			Ideology		
		Male	Female		30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	51%	56%	47%	51%	46%	54%	53%	23%	48%	84%
Oppose	49%	44%	53%	49%	54%	46%	47%	77%	52%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,253)	(1,098)	(1,155)	(465)	(571)	(739)	(478)	(611)	(749)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			White	Race		White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep		Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	51%	26%	47%	84%	55%	37%	53%	61%	45%
Oppose	49%	74%	53%	16%	45%	63%	47%	39%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,253)	(643)	(791)	(646)	(1,419)	(281)	(361)	(877)	(543)

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15. Possible Use of Military Action Against Iran Clearly Explained or Not

So far, do you think the Trump administration has clearly explained the U.S. position with regard to possibly taking military action against Iran, or haven't they done that yet?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Clearly explained	32%	38%	26%	31%	29%	34%	32%	10%	28%	62%
Not done that yet	68%	62%	74%	69%	71%	66%	68%	90%	72%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,252)	(1,096)	(1,156)	(462)	(573)	(738)	(480)	(607)	(752)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Clearly explained	32%	10%	28%	62%	36%	19%	27%	41%	27%
Not done that yet	68%	90%	72%	38%	64%	81%	73%	59%	73%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,252)	(637)	(792)	(650)	(1,422)	(282)	(355)	(881)	(542)

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16. Does Trump Need Congressional Approval for Military Action Against Iran

Do you think Donald Trump needs approval from Congress to conduct military action against Iran, or does he not need approval from Congress?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Needs approval from Congress	74%	70%	77%	85%	78%	67%	67%	95%	81%	44%
Does not need approval from Congress	26%	30%	23%	15%	22%	33%	33%	5%	19%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(1,095)	(1,159)	(466)	(571)	(740)	(478)	(613)	(753)	(657)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Needs approval from Congress	74%	95%	79%	43%	68%	91%	77%	64%	75%
Does not need approval from Congress	26%	5%	21%	57%	32%	9%	23%	36%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,254)	(644)	(793)	(647)	(1,424)	(282)	(358)	(883)	(541)

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17. U.S. Approach to Iran's Current Leadership

Which comes closest to your view of how the U.S. should approach Iran's current leadership? Should it...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Try to remove them from power, with military force if necessary	18%	24%	13%	15%	17%	20%	21%	7%	14%	36%
Try to pressure them with economic sanctions	22%	26%	18%	21%	19%	21%	25%	17%	25%	28%
Try to negotiate with them through diplomacy	38%	34%	41%	36%	36%	38%	40%	51%	39%	28%
Not get involved at all	22%	16%	28%	27%	28%	21%	14%	25%	22%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,258)	(1,098)	(1,160)	(466)	(574)	(739)	(479)	(613)	(753)	(657)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Try to remove them from power, with military force if necessary	18%	7%	15%	36%	20%	10%	15%	23%	15%
Try to pressure them with economic sanctions	22%	17%	24%	27%	24%	16%	18%	21%	29%
Try to negotiate with them through diplomacy	38%	50%	36%	28%	38%	38%	40%	35%	43%
Not get involved at all	22%	25%	25%	9%	17%	36%	27%	20%	13%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,258)	(643)	(794)	(647)	(1,424)	(282)	(361)	(883)	(542)

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18. View of Trump Affect Support for Military Action against Iran

Does your view of Donald Trump make you more likely to support U.S. military action against Iran, less likely to support military action, or is your view of Donald Trump not a factor?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
More likely to support action	21%	24%	18%	20%	16%	21%	27%	7%	15%	44%
Less likely to support action	32%	31%	33%	29%	31%	30%	39%	59%	34%	9%
Not a factor	47%	45%	49%	51%	53%	49%	34%	34%	50%	47%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,259)	(1,097)	(1,162)	(466)	(574)	(738)	(481)	(614)	(753)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
More likely to support action	21%	5%	15%	45%	24%	13%	19%	26%	20%
Less likely to support action	32%	60%	32%	8%	27%	44%	37%	21%	37%
Not a factor	47%	35%	53%	47%	49%	43%	44%	53%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,259)	(643)	(794)	(650)	(1,426)	(282)	(360)	(885)	(541)

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19. Duration of Military Action Against Iran

If the U.S. does take military action against Iran, do you think that conflict would probably last...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Days	12%	17%	6%	8%	8%	13%	16%	4%	8%	25%
Weeks	12%	15%	8%	10%	11%	13%	11%	7%	9%	20%
Months	17%	17%	18%	24%	17%	15%	16%	15%	22%	16%
Years	28%	25%	31%	25%	33%	28%	26%	42%	29%	13%
Not sure	31%	26%	36%	33%	31%	31%	30%	31%	31%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(1,099)	(1,163)	(466)	(574)	(740)	(482)	(614)	(753)	(661)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Days	12%	4%	9%	23%	14%	3%	10%	13%	14%
Weeks	12%	6%	11%	20%	13%	5%	10%	13%	14%
Months	17%	18%	18%	18%	17%	22%	18%	18%	15%
Years	28%	39%	34%	11%	27%	35%	30%	24%	31%
Not sure	31%	33%	28%	28%	29%	35%	32%	31%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(644)	(794)	(651)	(1,429)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(543)

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20. 2025 Iran Airstrikes Successful or Not

As you may recall, last year in 2025 the U.S. conducted airstrikes on Iran's nuclear facilities. Looking back now do you think those airstrikes were successful, or not successful, or are you not sure?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Successful	27%	35%	19%	27%	23%	28%	29%	9%	21%	57%
Not successful	33%	31%	35%	29%	31%	33%	37%	58%	36%	10%
Not sure	40%	34%	46%	44%	46%	39%	33%	33%	43%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(1,099)	(1,163)	(466)	(573)	(741)	(481)	(614)	(752)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Successful	27%	9%	22%	55%	29%	18%	25%	31%	27%
Not successful	33%	55%	36%	10%	32%	39%	30%	28%	39%
Not sure	40%	36%	42%	34%	38%	43%	45%	41%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,262)	(643)	(793)	(652)	(1,428)	(281)	(361)	(886)	(542)

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52. Watch SOTU

As you may know, Donald Trump delivered a State of the Union speech to Congress this past Tuesday night. Did you...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Watch the entire speech live	15%	18%	12%	10%	12%	18%	21%	8%	11%	30%
Watch some of the speech live	13%	15%	12%	13%	13%	13%	15%	11%	16%	15%
Just see clips and highlights afterward	23%	25%	21%	24%	23%	22%	22%	24%	26%	22%
Read or heard about it, but did not see any of it	26%	24%	28%	19%	24%	28%	32%	43%	25%	15%
Didn't see it or hear about it at all	23%	18%	27%	34%	28%	19%	10%	14%	21%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(1,099)	(1,164)	(466)	(574)	(742)	(481)	(613)	(753)	(663)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Watch the entire speech live	15%	9%	12%	30%	18%	7%	15%	19%	17%
Watch some of the speech live	13%	13%	13%	17%	15%	11%	12%	14%	15%
Just see clips and highlights afterward	23%	23%	25%	23%	21%	29%	22%	20%	24%
Read or heard about it, but did not see any of it	26%	36%	28%	15%	27%	25%	16%	23%	34%
Didn't see it or hear about it at all	23%	19%	22%	15%	18%	27%	35%	23%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,263)	(644)	(794)	(652)	(1,428)	(282)	(361)	(886)	(542)

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53. SOTU Speech Describe Things in the U.S.

Do you think Donald Trump's state of the union speech described things in the U.S. today in a...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Positive way	36%	38%	34%	30%	32%	38%	43%	28%	30%	56%
Negative way	22%	20%	24%	21%	22%	23%	22%	36%	24%	6%
A mix of both	42%	42%	42%	49%	46%	39%	35%	36%	46%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,231)	(1,090)	(1,141)	(459)	(569)	(730)	(473)	(603)	(743)	(656)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Positive way	36%	23%	33%	57%	41%	20%	32%	42%	39%
Negative way	22%	44%	20%	3%	17%	43%	26%	15%	21%
A mix of both	42%	33%	47%	39%	42%	37%	42%	43%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,231)	(632)	(780)	(645)	(1,411)	(280)	(355)	(872)	(539)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,264 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 25-27, 2026.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, and 2024 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 4.5, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.7.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.5 points. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.