# The Economist/YouGov Poll 

## Weekly Tracking

For immediate release

## The Economist/YouGov Poll <br> October 4-6, 2020

YouGov

## 1. Presidential Job Approval - Historical

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

|  | Total Approve | Total Disapprove | Strongly <br> Approve | Somewhat Approve | Somewhat Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove | Not Sure |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| October 3, 2020 | 42\% | 56\% | 29\% | 13\% | 7\% | 49\% | 2\% |
| September 26, 2020 | 44\% | 55\% | 25\% | 18\% | 8\% | 47\% | 2\% |
| September 19, 2020 | 43\% | 55\% | 27\% | 16\% | 9\% | 46\% | 2\% |
| September 12, 2020 | 45\% | 53\% | 26\% | 19\% | 8\% | 45\% | 2\% |
| September 5, 2020 | 42\% | 56\% | 28\% | 15\% | 12\% | 44\% | 2\% |
| August 29, 2020 | 44\% | 55\% | 27\% | 16\% | 8\% | 47\% | 1\% |
| August 22, 2020 | 45\% | 54\% | 27\% | 18\% | 10\% | 43\% | 1\% |
| August 15, 2020 | 43\% | 55\% | 26\% | 17\% | 9\% | 45\% | 2\% |
| August 8, 2020 | 44\% | 54\% | 26\% | 18\% | 10\% | 44\% | 2\% |
| October 5, 2019 | 46\% | 52\% | 28\% | 18\% | 8\% | 44\% | 2\% |

Presidential Job Approval
"Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?"


Figure 1: Trump Approval - Registered Voters

## Presidential Job Approval

"Do you approve or disapprove of the way [President Name] is handling his job as President?"


Figure 2: Presidential Approval since 2009 - Registered Voters

## 2. President Trump Job Approval - This Week - Registered Voters

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

|  | Total | Age |  |  |  | Race |  |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 30 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Strongly approve | 29\% | 10\% | 17\% | 34\% | 39\% | 34\% | 3\% | 24\% | 32\% | 21\% | 27\% | 35\% | 27\% |
| Somewhat approve | 13\% | 14\% | 12\% | 15\% | 11\% | 14\% | 6\% | 10\% | 20\% | 18\% | 19\% | 9\% | 11\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7\% | 8\% | 13\% | 5\% | 6\% | 7\% | 6\% | 9\% | 4\% | 4\% | 6\% | 7\% | 10\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 49\% | 66\% | 56\% | 44\% | 43\% | 43\% | 83\% | 53\% | 45\% | 57\% | 45\% | 46\% | 52\% |
| Not sure | 2\% | 3\% | 2\% | 2\% | 1\% | 1\% | 2\% | 5\% | 0\% | 1\% | 2\% | 3\% | 1\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (1500) | (98) | (206) | (747) | (449) | (1249) | (93) | (62) | (96) | (239) | (331) | (546) | (384) |


|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | Ideology |  |  | Gender |  | Family Income |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Mod | Con | Male | Female | Under \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K or more |
| Strongly approve | 29\% | 1\% | 28\% | 70\% | 2\% | 15\% | 68\% | 33\% | 25\% | 26\% | 32\% | 28\% |
| Somewhat approve | 13\% | 2\% | 18\% | 23\% | 2\% | 15\% | 21\% | 12\% | 14\% | 13\% | 15\% | 14\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7\% | 6\% | 11\% | 3\% | 4\% | 13\% | 3\% | 5\% | 9\% | 9\% | 5\% | 5\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 49\% | 91\% | 39\% | 3\% | 93\% | 53\% | 7\% | 48\% | 50\% | 51\% | 48\% | 53\% |
| Not sure | 2\% | 0\% | 4\% | 1\% | 0\% | 5\% | 0\% | 2\% | 1\% | 2\% | 0\% | 0\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (1500) | (562) | (528) | (410) | (496) | (485) | (519) | (660) | (840) | (473) | (504) | (358) |

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## 3. Approval of U.S. Congress - Historical

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

|  | Registered Voters |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total <br> Approve | Total <br> Disapprove | Strongly <br> Approve | Somewhat <br> Approve | Neutral | Somewhat <br> Disapprove | Strongly <br> Disapprove | Not <br> Sure |
| October 3, 2020 | $15 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $9 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $37 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| September 26, 2020 | $15 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| September 19, 2020 | $16 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $13 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| September 12, 2020 | $12 \%$ | $60 \%$ | $2 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $35 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| September 5, 2020 | $17 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $21 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $7 \%$ |
| August 29, 2020 | $15 \%$ | $59 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $12 \%$ | $17 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| August 22, 2020 | $20 \%$ | $55 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $24 \%$ | $31 \%$ | $10 \%$ |
| August 15, 2020 | $20 \%$ | $57 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $25 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| August 8, 2020 | $20 \%$ | $56 \%$ | $6 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $30 \%$ | $6 \%$ |
| October 5, 2019 | $16 \%$ | $61 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $11 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $39 \%$ | $8 \%$ |

## Congressional Job Approval

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


Figure 3: Congressional Approval - Registered Voters

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4. Approval of U.S. Congress - This Week - Registered Voters

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

|  | Total | Age |  |  |  | Race |  |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Under 30 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Strongly approve | 6\% | 2\% | 9\% | 6\% | 5\% | 4\% | 6\% | 15\% | 9\% | 3\% | 6\% | 5\% | 10\% |
| Somewhat approve | 9\% | 2\% | 8\% | 9\% | 11\% | 8\% | 9\% | 10\% | 12\% | 8\% | 9\% | 9\% | 8\% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 16\% | 13\% | 22\% | 15\% | 16\% | 15\% | 31\% | 16\% | 6\% | 14\% | 19\% | 15\% | 18\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 22\% | 17\% | 17\% | 27\% | 22\% | 24\% | 15\% | 23\% | 21\% | 20\% | 24\% | 24\% | 20\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 37\% | 40\% | 37\% | 34\% | 41\% | 40\% | 30\% | 19\% | 49\% | 42\% | 29\% | 39\% | 37\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 25\% | 8\% | 8\% | 5\% | 9\% | 8\% | 16\% | 3\% | 13\% | 13\% | 7\% | 7\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1498) | (97) | (206) | (746) | (449) | (1248) | (93) | (62) | (95) | (239) | (330) | (546) | (383) |


|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | Ideology |  |  | Gender |  | Family Income |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Mod | Con | Male | Female | Under \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K or more |
| Strongly approve | 6\% | 8\% | 3\% | 7\% | 11\% | 5\% | 3\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 4\% | 8\% |
| Somewhat approve | 9\% | 8\% | 7\% | 13\% | 6\% | 8\% | 12\% | 7\% | 10\% | 7\% | 12\% | 6\% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 16\% | 19\% | 17\% | 12\% | 15\% | 22\% | 11\% | 10\% | 22\% | 20\% | 14\% | 13\% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 22\% | 20\% | 22\% | 26\% | 21\% | 16\% | 31\% | 25\% | 20\% | 19\% | 28\% | 25\% |
| Strongly disapprove | 37\% | 38\% | 38\% | 35\% | 40\% | 34\% | 38\% | 46\% | 29\% | 34\% | 35\% | 45\% |
| Not sure | 9\% | 8\% | 13\% | 7\% | 6\% | 16\% | 5\% | 5\% | 13\% | 15\% | 5\% | 2\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1498) | (562) | (527) | (409) | (495) | (485) | (518) | (660) | (838) | (472) | (504) | (357) |

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5. Direction of Country - Historical

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

|  | Registered Voters |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Right |  |  |
| Direction |  |  |  | | Wrong |
| :---: |
| Track |$\quad$| Not |
| :---: |
| Sure |

## Direction of Country

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


Figure 4: Direction of Country - Registered Voters

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## 6. Direction of Country - This Week - Registered Voters

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

|  |  | Age |  |  |  | Race |  |  |  | Census Region |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Under 30 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | White | Black | Hispanic | Other | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Generally headed in the right direction Off on the | 26\% | 18\% | 14\% | 29\% | 36\% | 31\% | 9\% | 18\% | 23\% | 24\% | 31\% | 25\% | 25\% |
| wrong track | 66\% | 74\% | 79\% | 63\% | 58\% | 62\% | 87\% | 69\% | 66\% | 65\% | 61\% | 68\% | 68\% |
| Not sure | 8\% | 8\% | 7\% | 9\% | 6\% | 7\% | 4\% | 14\% | 11\% | 11\% | 8\% | 7\% | 7\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N) | (1500) | (98) | (206) | (747) | (449) | (1249) | (93) | (62) | (96) | (239) | (331) | (546) | (384) |


|  | Total | Party ID |  |  | Ideology |  |  | Gender |  | Family Income |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dem | Ind | Rep | Lib | Mod | Con | Male | Female | Under \$50K | \$50-100K | \$100K or more |
| Generally headed in the right direction Off on the | 26\% | 4\% | 23\% | 62\% | 6\% | 15\% | 57\% | 29\% | 23\% | 23\% | 32\% | 26\% |
| wrong track | 66\% | 91\% | 67\% | 30\% | 92\% | 76\% | 33\% | 63\% | 70\% | 72\% | 61\% | 66\% |
| Not sure | 8\% | 5\% | 10\% | 8\% | 3\% | 9\% | 10\% | 8\% | 7\% | 5\% | 6\% | 8\% |
| Totals | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% | 100\% |
| (Unweighted N ) | (1500) | (562) | (528) | (410) | (496) | (485) | (519) | (660) | (840) | (473) | (504) | (358) |


| Sponsorship: | The Economist |
| :--- | :--- |
| Target population: | U.S. registered voters, aged 18 and over. <br> October $4-6,2020$ |
| Interviewing Dates: | Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. <br> A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected <br> from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the <br> November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. |
|  | The sample was weighted based on age, gender, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. |
| The weights range from 0.11 to 7.18, with a mean of 1 |  |

