

Disapproval of Trump, bipartisanship on Epstein, shift on Russia interference, the EPA, and tariffs: July 25 - 28, 2025 Economist/YouGov Poll

July 29, 2025



This week's Economist/YouGov poll covers...

- Trump's continuing slump in his approval
- How the Jeffrey Epstein investigation unites Democrats and Republicans
- Fewer Democrats believing that Russia interfered in the 2016 election
- Scant support for cutting environmental agencies
- Persistent doubts about Trump's tariffs



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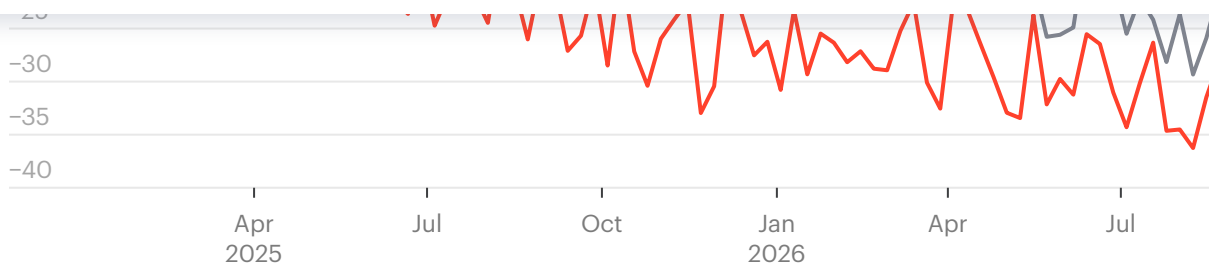
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- Trump's overall net approval of -15 is worse than his net approval of handling jobs and the economy (-11) and immigration (-6), but better than his handling of abortion (-19), climate change and the environment (-20), and inflation/prices (-25)
 - Net approval of his handling of foreign trade (-15) and of education (-15) are similar to his overall net approval



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and sometimes about "jobs and the economy," and sometimes about "inflation," sometimes about "inflation/prices." Overall approval comes from the question, "Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?"

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Investigations into Jeffrey Epstein

- Americans are nearly three times as likely to strongly or somewhat disapprove as they are to approve of Trump's handling of the Epstein investigation (61% vs. 21%)
- Republicans are more likely to approve than disapprove of Trump's handling of the Epstein investigation (49% vs. 28%). Nearly all Democrats (90%) disapprove and only 5% approve



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- The share of Republicans who think the government is covering up information on Epstein has fallen 8 points since the previous week's poll, while the share who think it isn't has risen 12 points
- 46% of Americans think Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Epstein; 32% believe he wasn't

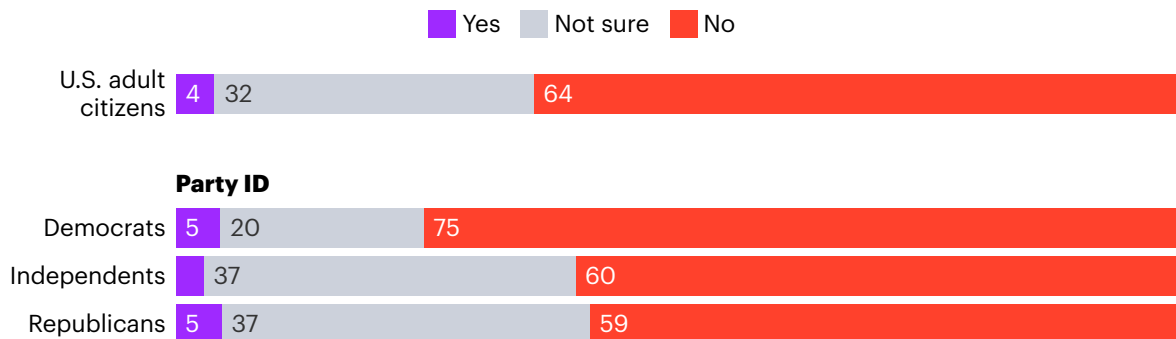
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Ghislaine Maxwell

Do you think President Donald Trump should pardon Ghislaine Maxwell? (%)



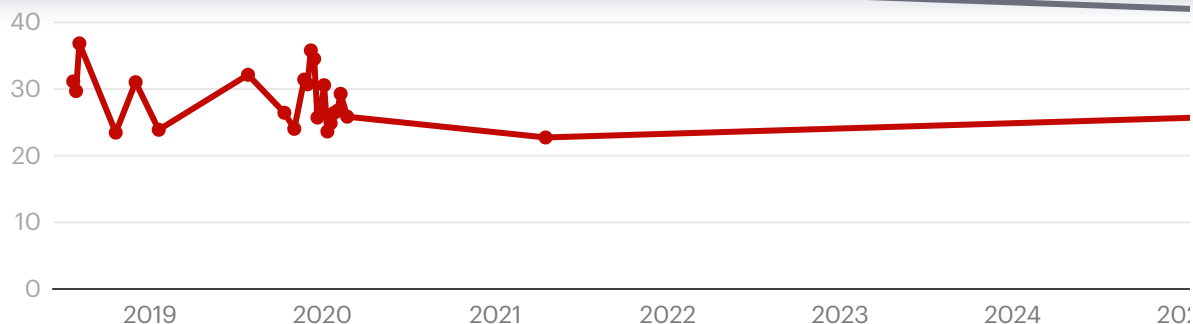
2016 Russian interference

- Trump and members of his administration have recently scrutinized and called into question the findings of previous investigations which established that Russia attempted to interfere in the 2016 election

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- Among those who believe Russia interfered in 2016, 59% — including 65% of Democrats and 46% of Republicans — think its interference affected the outcome of the election; 24% of Americans overall think so. In 2018, when the question was first asked, slightly more of those who believed in interference (68%) — and more Americans overall (34%) — thought the election's outcome was affected



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- Americans are also more likely to prefer expanding rather than reducing or eliminating various U.S. government agencies that are related to the environment. This includes the Federal Emergency Management Agency (41% want it expanded vs. 17% who want it reduced or eliminated), the EPA (39% vs. 23%), the National Park Service (35% vs. 10%), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (32% vs. 15%)



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- Twice as many Americans would prefer for tariffs on foreign goods to be decreased as want them to be increased (41% vs. 18%); 23% want them to be kept the same
- Most Americans (54%) say that American consumers are hurt most by tariffs on U.S. imports; far fewer say foreign manufacturers (22%), foreign consumers (4%), and American manufacturers (3%) are hurt most; 3% say none of those four groups are hurt most
- 32% say none of American and foreign consumers and manufacturers benefit most from tariffs on U.S. imports. 28% say American manufacturers are the main beneficiaries, while 11% say American consumers are, 6% say foreign manufacturers are, and 1% say foreign consumers are



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- 33% believe that few or none of Trump's tariffs have gone into effect, while 15% think about half of them have and 21% say all or most have
- Both Democrats and Republicans are somewhat more likely to say that few or none of the tariffs have been enacted than to say that all or most have

— *Carl Bialik contributed to this article*

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Methodology: *The poll was conducted among 1,777 U.S. adult citizens. Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of U.S. adult citizens. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education,*

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A record 38% of Republicans say Canada is unfriendly or an enemy of the U.S.

Few swing voters say a Trump endorsement would make them more likely to vote for a congressional candidate

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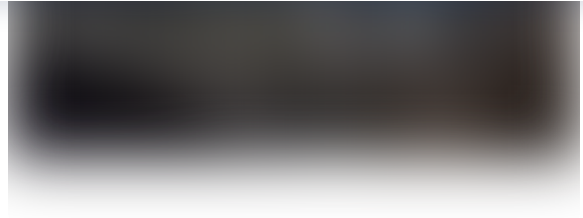
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**More Americans say they are
neither 'woke' nor 'anti-woke'
than say they are either one**

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Democrats are twice as likely as Republicans to say a lack of affordable housing is a major cause of homelessness

Two-thirds of Democrats say race relations have gotten worse since 2016 but Republicans are split

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Since Trump's return to the White House, Republicans see a better country and Democrats a worse one

Democrats' midterms lead, war and the military, Iran, and more: August 14 - 17, 2026 Economist/YouGov Poll

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Republican support for Trump has fallen as Democrats hold a big lead among enthusiastic midterms voters

How Americans describe the Democratic and Republican parties

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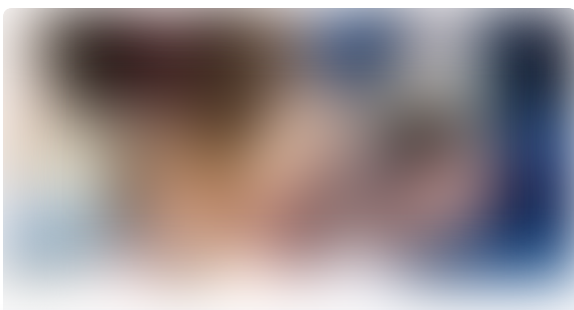
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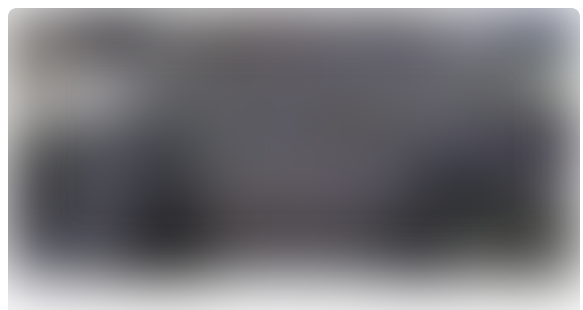
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65% of Americans support vaccine requirements for K-12 schools



Few Americans want to either deport all illegal immigrants or to let them all stay



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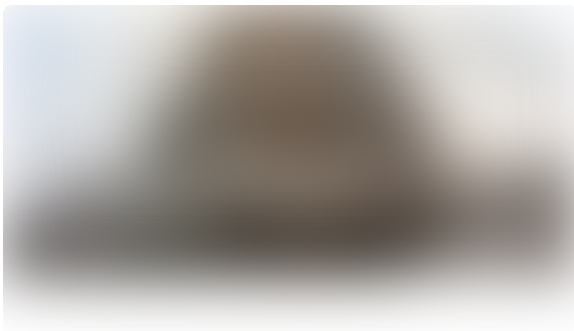
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**Swing district voters,
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**Politics, more than gender,
shapes Americans' views on
feminism and gender roles**





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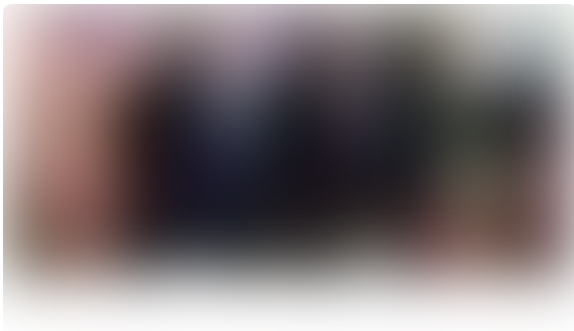
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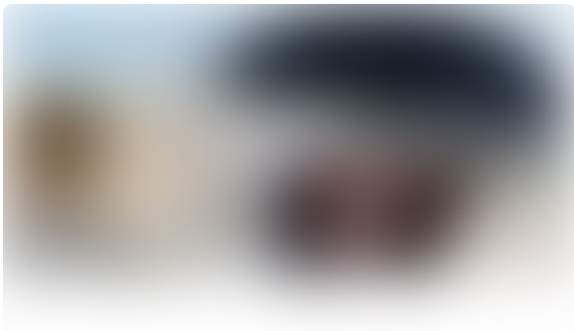


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Gen X, white Americans, and Independents



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