

# Reagan National Economic Forum 2025 Survey

May 5-8 2025

N=2000 MoE +/- 3.45%

		%
Q1	<b>If you had to choose, would you rather preserve Social Security as it exists today by....</b>	
	Raising taxes	63%
	Reducing benefits to people who retire after the year 2035	37%
	Total	100%
Q2	<b>Which do you agree with more:</b>	
	America needs more regulation to protect the public and ensure fairness	53%
	America has too much regulation which hurts our economic prosperity, jobs, and global competitiveness	47%
	Total	100%
Q3	<b>Which best describes your feelings about what artificial intelligence (AI) means for you and your family?</b>	
	Optimistic, because I believe that AI will lead to economic growth and innovation.	24%
	Concerned, because I believe that AI could displace workers in existing industries.	51%
	I have no strong feelings about AI either way.	25%
	Total	100%
Q4	<b>Which do you agree with more?</b>	
	The U.S. should strive for “energy abundance” by producing more energy than we do today	50%
	The U.S. should strive for “energy sufficiency” by producing just enough energy to meet current needs to keep greenhouse emissions low.	50%
	Total	100%
Q5	<b>If you had to choose, would you rather the U.S. government prioritize policies that...</b>	
	Increase funding for advanced manufacturing, infrastructure, and energy innovation	82%
	Increase funding for innovation in software, digital platforms, and AI	18%
	Total	100%

**Q6 Would you support or oppose a free trade agreement with countries in Asia including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam, in order to counter China's economic power?**

<i>SUM-Support</i>	86%
<i>SUM-Oppose</i>	14%
Strongly support	31%
Somewhat support	55%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	3%
Total	100%

**Q7 Would you rather the U.S. government prioritize...**

Encouraging innovation to remain the world leader, even if it means tolerating some risk and economic disruption	55%
Ensuring economic stability, even if it slows down innovation, and other countries overtake the U.S.'s lead	45%
Total	100%

**Q8 Would you favor or oppose changing local zoning laws in your community to allow for more housing construction, if it made housing more affordable and increased the number of people living in your community?**

<i>SUM-Favor</i>	64%
<i>SUM-Oppose</i>	36%
Strongly favor	23%
Somewhat favor	41%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	14%
Total	100%

**Q9 Over the past few years, would you say the quality of government services provided by your local government has...**

Improved	14%
Gotten worse	45%
Stayed the same	42%
Total	100%

**Q10 In his first inaugural address, President Ronald Reagan said: “Government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem.” Do you believe this statement still applies to the challenges facing America today?**

<i>SUM-Agree</i>	76%
<i>SUM-Disagree</i>	24%
Strongly agree	43%
Somewhat agree	33%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	9%
Total	100%

**D1 Gender**

Male	49%
Female	51%
Total	100%

**D2 Age**

18-29	19%
30-44	24%
45-54	15%
55-64	19%
65+	23%
Total	100%

**D3 Race**

White	65%
Black	12%
Latino	12%
Asian	3%
Other	7%
Total	100%

**D4 Education**

High School or Less	38%
Some College	29%
College Degree	21%
Post-Grad	12%
Total	100%

**D5 Income**

<\$20K	14%
\$20K-\$39K	16%

\$40K-\$59K	12%
\$60K-\$99K	22%
\$100K-\$199K	20%
\$200K+	6%
DK/Refused	9%
Total	100%

**D6 Marital Status**

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%
Total	100%

**D7 Employment Status**

Full-time	36%
Part-time	16%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	20%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	4%
Other	2%
Total	100%

**D8 Party Identification**

Democrat	31%
Republican	29%
Independent	28%
Other	4%
Not sure	9%
Total	100%

**D9 Party Identification (Partisan Leaners Sorted)**

Democrat/Independent Lean Democrat	38%
Independent/Not Sure	24%
Republican/Independent Lean Republican	38%
Total	100%

<b>D10</b>	<b>Ideology</b>	
	Liberal	25%
	Moderate	34%
	Conservative	30%
	Not Sure	10%
	Total	100%
<b>D11</b>	<b>Political Interest</b>	
	Most of the time	45%
	Some of the time	29%
	Only now and then	15%
	Hardly at all	9%
	Don't know	3%
	Total	100%
<b>D12</b>	<b>Residence</b>	
	Big city	23%
	Smaller city	16%
	Suburban area	36%
	Small town	10%
	Rural area	14%
	Total	100%

Note: Answers choices were rotated whenever possible

#### Methodology

The Reagan National Economic Forum National Survey is a nationally representative survey that was conducted May 5-8, 2025 by YouGov who interviewed 1,125 respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1,000 to produce the final dataset. The margin of error for the data is +/- 3.45%. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 and 2024 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.