

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 20 - 23, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
Conducted November 20 - 23, 2021  
Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	13%

## 2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	4%
Good	19%
Fair	32%
Poor	41%
Don't know	5%

## 3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	12%
Inflation	40%
Both equal	41%
Not sure	7%

## 4. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?

Very closely	27%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	21%
Not following at all	10%

## 5. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19 at any time during the pandemic]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	13%
Yes, a family member	43%
Yes, a close friend	41%
No	31%
Prefer not to say	2%

## 6. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	19%
No	66%
Prefer not to say	3%

7. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried .....	16%
Somewhat worried .....	31%
Not too worried .....	31%
Not worried at all .....	22%

8. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always .....	33%
Most of the time .....	21%
Some of the time .....	22%
Never .....	24%

9. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...

Increasing .....	37%
Not changing .....	20%
Decreasing .....	27%
Not sure .....	16%

10. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the community where you live is...

Increasing .....	26%
Not changing .....	22%
Decreasing .....	31%
Not sure .....	21%

11. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse .....	23%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic .....	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us .....	43%
Not sure .....	24%

12. How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 .....	65%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot .....	5%
I plan to get vaccinated .....	4%
I will not get vaccinated .....	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated .....	8%

13. Which vaccine did you receive? Select all that apply.

*Among people who have been vaccinated*

Pfizer-BioNtech .....	48%
Moderna .....	45%
Oxford-AstraZeneca .....	2%
Johnson & Johnson .....	8%

14. To combat variants, some countries — including the U.S. — are now offering boosters to adults. Would you get a booster shot if it were available to you?

*Asked of those who have been vaccinated for COVID-19*

Yes .....	41%
No .....	11%
Not sure .....	16%
I have already received a booster .....	33%

15. Are you currently eligible to receive a booster shot?

*Asked of those willing to get a booster*

Yes, I am eligible .....	36%
No, I am not eligible .....	13%
I'm not sure .....	14%
Already gotten a booster .....	37%

16. If an effective treatment for COVID-19 were to be found, how would that affect your vaccination decision?

Existence of an effective treatment would make me more likely to get COVID-19 vaccinations in the future .....	19%
Existence of an effective treatment would make me less likely to get COVID-19 vaccinations in the future .....	12%
Existence of an effective treatment would not change my likelihood to get COVID-19 vaccinations in the future .....	46%
Not sure .....	24%

17. Which one are you most concerned about?

Protecting Americans from the health effects of the coronavirus outbreak .....	54%
Protecting Americans from the economic effects of the coronavirus outbreak .....	46%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	36%
Not sure .....	10%

19. In your opinion, when do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will finally end?

The pandemic has already ended .....	10%
Before the end of 2021 .....	3%
In 2022 .....	23%
After 2022 .....	37%
Never .....	27%

20. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. ....	29%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or third-trimester abortions). ....	29%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the woman is in danger. ....	26%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. ....	16%

21. As you may know, the 1973 Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade established a woman's constitutional right to have an abortion. Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, or not?

Yes, would like to see Roe v. Wade overturned .....	28%
No, would not like to see Roe v. Wade overturned (maintain abortion rights in all 50 states) .....	52%
Not sure .....	20%

22. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. Supreme Court will overturn Roe v. Wade, the case that made abortion legal across the United States?

Definitely will happen .....	3%
Very likely .....	14%
50% chance .....	47%
Unlikely .....	30%
Definitely will not happen .....	6%

23. Do you believe Roe v. Wade will be overturned within the next year?

*Asked of those who believe Roe v. Wade has at least a 50% chance of being overturned*

Yes .....	19%
No .....	20%
Not sure .....	61%

24. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a new abortion laws in Texas?

A lot .....	35%
A little .....	45%
Nothing at all .....	20%

25. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a new abortion laws in Mississippi?

A lot .....	12%
A little .....	31%
Nothing at all .....	56%

26. Earlier the Texas State Legislature passed a law banning abortions after 6 weeks of pregnancy, and allowing people to sue healthcare providers for facilitating abortions. Do you approve or disapprove of this law?

Strongly approve .....	21%
Somewhat approve .....	14%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	39%
Not sure .....	14%

27. Earlier the Mississippi State Legislature passed a law banning abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Do you approve or disapprove of this law?

Strongly approve .....	25%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	15%

28. Do you personally know anyone who has had an abortion? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	6%
Yes, a family member .....	20%
Yes, a close friend .....	20%
Yes, an acquaintance .....	22%
No .....	43%
Prefer not to say .....	9%

29. Do you think race relations in the United States are generally...

Good .....	36%
Bad .....	64%

30. Since Joe Biden has been president, do you think race relations in the United States have...

Gotten better .....	10%
Stayed about the same .....	50%
Gotten worse .....	40%

31. In many cities around the country over the past several years, citizens started non-violent protests in response to the deaths of black citizens such as George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Jacob Blake. Do you approve or disapprove of these non-violent protests?

Strongly approve .....	34%
Somewhat approve .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	12%
Strongly disapprove .....	21%
Not sure .....	13%

32. Do you believe the protesters were...?

Mostly peaceful .....	44%
Mostly violent .....	37%
Not sure .....	19%

33. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement?

Very favorable .....	24%
Somewhat favorable .....	21%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	11%
Very unfavorable .....	33%
Don't know .....	11%

34. Has your opinion of the Black Lives Matter movement changed over the past year?

Become more favorable .....	18%
Become less favorable .....	30%
No change .....	52%

35. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the trial of Kyle Rittenhouse, who allegedly fatally shot two people at a protest in Kenosha, Wisconsin?

A lot .....	57%
A little .....	29%
Nothing at all .....	14%

36. Do you believe Kyle Rittenhouse should have been found guilty of homicide?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	38%
Not sure .....	21%

37. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the trial of Gregory McMichael, Travis McMichael, and William Bryan, three men allegedly involved in the fatal shooting of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia?

A lot .....	29%
A little .....	38%
Nothing at all .....	32%

38. Do you believe Gregory McMichael, Travis McMichael, and William Bryan will be found guilty of murder?

Yes .....	35%
No .....	12%
Not sure .....	53%

39. Do you believe Gregory McMichael, Travis McMichael, and William Bryan should be found guilty of murder?

Yes .....	52%
No .....	7%
Not sure .....	41%

40. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	72%	24%	3%	1%
Immigration	49%	32%	13%	6%
Climate change and the environment	47%	21%	14%	18%
Foreign policy	38%	45%	12%	5%
National Security	60%	30%	7%	3%
Education	63%	28%	7%	3%
Health care	68%	24%	5%	3%
Taxes and government spending	61%	31%	5%	2%
Abortion	42%	31%	18%	8%
Civil rights	58%	27%	10%	6%
Civil liberties	56%	31%	9%	5%
Guns	53%	25%	14%	8%
Crime	61%	30%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	50%	32%	12%	6%

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

Jobs and the economy .....	18%
Immigration .....	8%
Climate change and the environment .....	14%
Foreign policy .....	1%
National Security .....	5%
Education .....	5%
Health care .....	17%
Taxes and government spending .....	8%
Abortion .....	5%
Civil rights .....	7%
Civil liberties .....	4%
Guns .....	3%
Crime .....	2%
Criminal justice reform .....	3%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	23%	21%	9%	41%	6%
Kamala Harris	19%	20%	11%	39%	11%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	19%	10%	41%	13%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	16%	14%	30%	32%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	19%	41%	21%
Chuck Schumer	12%	17%	12%	35%	24%
Donald Trump	25%	16%	9%	45%	5%
Barack Obama	36%	17%	10%	31%	6%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	18%	21%	13%	38%	10%
The Republican Party	10%	24%	20%	37%	10%

44. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	15%
About the same	28%
Less than usual	35%
Not sure	22%

45. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Democrats in Congress	49%
Republicans in Congress	16%
Both equally	30%
Neither	1%
Not sure	4%

46. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%



47. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	20%	22%	11%	36%	12%
Civil rights	14%	25%	12%	33%	15%
Civil liberties	13%	26%	11%	34%	17%
Crime	10%	25%	12%	36%	17%
Criminal justice reform	9%	21%	15%	34%	21%

48. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	18%

49. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	23%
Some	18%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	8%

50. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	24%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	26%
Not sure	9%

51. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	13%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	41%

52. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	45%
Not sure	17%

53. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident .....	34%
Uneasy .....	50%
Not sure .....	16%

54. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	46%
Not sure .....	17%

55. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?

Yes .....	15%
No .....	60%
Not sure .....	26%

56. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic .....	35%
Pessimistic .....	46%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	11%

58. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve .....	16%
Somewhat approve .....	19%
Somewhat disapprove .....	10%
Strongly disapprove .....	39%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Strongly approve .....	10%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	26%

60. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	19%
Strongly disapprove .....	40%
Not sure .....	23%

61. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve .....	7%
Somewhat approve .....	15%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	31%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve .....	7%
Somewhat approve .....	28%
Somewhat disapprove .....	22%
Strongly disapprove .....	17%
Not sure .....	24%

63. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	8%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	21%
Very conservative .....	14%
Not sure .....	24%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Brett Kavanaugh	10%	17%	12%	23%	38%
Neil Gorsuch	9%	18%	10%	13%	50%
Elena Kagan	12%	13%	10%	13%	52%
Sonia Sotomayor	18%	15%	9%	16%	42%
Samuel Alito	10%	17%	9%	12%	52%
John Roberts	6%	21%	16%	11%	45%
Stephen Breyer	6%	17%	11%	8%	57%
Amy Coney Barrett	12%	17%	12%	20%	40%
Clarence Thomas	19%	15%	10%	20%	37%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	51%
Not sure	8%

66. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	23%
About the same	23%
Lower	25%
Not sure	30%

67. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	41%
No	59%

68. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	8%

69. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	32%
The same amount of jobs	32%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	17%

<b>70. How worried are you about losing your job?</b>	
Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	24%
Not very worried .....	67%
<b>71. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?</b>	
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....	23%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	34%
Not very hard .....	30%
Not sure .....	14%
<b>72. How happy would you say you are with your current job?</b>	
Very happy .....	25%
Happy .....	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	30%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	4%
<b>73. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?</b>	
Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	15%
Not sure .....	12%
<b>74. Are you registered to vote?</b>	
Registered .....	78%
Not registered .....	22%
<b>75. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?</b>	
Joe Biden .....	34%
Donald Trump .....	31%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	33%
<b>76. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?</b>	
The Democratic Party candidate .....	40%
The Republican Party candidate .....	40%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%
I would not vote .....	5%

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

Democrat .....	31%
Republican .....	25%
Independent .....	31%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	21%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	9%
Strong Republican .....	16%
Not sure .....	7%

79. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Democrat?

*Asked of Independents and Republicans*

Yes .....	23%
No .....	61%
Not sure .....	15%

80. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Republican?

*Asked of Independents and Democrats*

Yes .....	19%
No .....	67%
Not sure .....	14%

81. Would you say that the Democratic Party is to the left or right of you?

Much more to the left .....	35%
Slightly more left .....	11%
About the same .....	18%
Slightly more right .....	7%
Much more to the right .....	4%
Don't know .....	24%

82. Would you say that the Republican Party is to the left or right of you?

Much more to the left .....	5%
Slightly more left .....	10%
About the same .....	17%
Slightly more right .....	13%
Much more to the right .....	31%
Don't know .....	25%

83. Overall, would you say that your political views are closer to the views of the Democratic party or Republican party?

Democratic Party .....	51%
Republican Party .....	49%

84. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election .....	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	37%

85. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be re-instated as President before the end of 2021?

Very likely .....	7%
Somewhat likely .....	7%
Not very likely .....	14%
Not likely at all .....	60%
Not sure .....	13%

86. Are you... ?

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

87. Respondent age by category

Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	22%

88. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .....	68%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	7%

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

HS or less .....	37%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%

<b>90. What is your marital status?</b>	
Married .....	43%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	31%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	7%
<b>91. Calculated from respondent's state of residence</b>	
Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%
<b>92. How would you describe the place where you live?</b>	
Urban .....	27%
Suburb .....	36%
Rural/Other .....	37%
<b>93. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?</b>	
Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%
<b>94. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?</b>	
Full-time .....	34%
Part-time .....	8%
Temporarily laid off .....	0%
Unemployed .....	11%
Retired .....	25%
Permanently disabled .....	7%
Homemaker .....	6%
Student .....	9%
Other .....	1%
<b>95. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?</b>	
Under \$50K .....	46%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	17%
Prefer not to say .....	12%



<b>96. How important is religion in your life?</b>	
Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	29%
Not too important .....	13%
Not at all important .....	22%
<b>97. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?</b>	
More than once a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	6%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	33%
Don't know .....	4%
<b>98. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?</b>	
Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%
<b>99. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?</b>	
Several times a day .....	25%
Once a day .....	14%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	19%
Don't know .....	5%
<b>100. What is your present religion, if any?</b>	
Protestant .....	33%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 20 - 23, 2021
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.274 to 6.041, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.588.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1249 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	38 questions not reported.