

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 21 - 24, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 21 - 24, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	15%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	17%
Excellent / Good	22%
Fair	34%
Poor	40%
Fair / Poor	74%
Don't know	4%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	35%
Not sure	6%

4. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	16%
Staying about the same	26%
Shrinking	43%
Not sure	15%

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

Higher gas prices	52%
The same gas prices	24%
Lower gas prices	12%
Not sure	13%

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

A higher rate of inflation	45%
The same rate of inflation	25%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	13%

7. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	50%
A little	44%
Not at all	6%

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

Higher interest rates	51%
The same interest rates	24%
Lower interest rates	7%
Not sure	18%

9. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	52%
The government numbers are accurate	22%
Fewer unemployed people	7%
Don't know	19%

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

More jobs	17%
The same amount of jobs	36%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	18%

11. Do you think you will have a job next month?

Yes	42%
No	4%
Not sure	8%
Not asked - Not employed	46%

12. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	44%
Probably	30%
Probably not	11%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	7%

13. Do you consider the following country to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	4%	28%	52%	13%
Ukraine	28%	43%	6%	6%	17%

14. How important is the conflict in Ukraine to you?

Very Important	22%
Somewhat Important	42%
Not very Important	26%
Unimportant	9%

15. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	3%
Ukraine	69%
Neither	19%
Not sure	9%

16. In your response to the last question, you said that you sympathize more with Ukraine in its conflict with Russia. Would you say that is more because you support Ukraine, or because you oppose Russia?
Asked of those who sympathize more with Ukraine

Support Ukraine	41%
Oppose Russia	21%
Both equally	33%
Not sure	5%

17. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	17%
Ukraine	24%
Neither	33%
Not sure	26%

18. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	20%
Ukraine	28%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	39%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. government's economic sanctions on Russia?

Strongly approve	39%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	6%
Not sure	21%

20. Would you approve or disapprove of the U.S. government imposing additional sanctions on Russia?

Approve	57%
Disapprove	13%
Not sure	31%

21. Is it unpatriotic for Americans to express support for Russia?

Yes	40%
No	31%
Not sure	28%

22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	57%
Don't know	15%

23. A year from now, do you think Vladimir Putin will still be the president of Russia?

Yes	35%
No	26%
Not sure	39%

24. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Volodymyr Zelensky?

Very favorable	27%
Somewhat favorable	26%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	9%
Don't know	27%

25. A year from now, do you think Volodymyr Zelensky will still be the president of Ukraine?

Yes	49%
No	12%
Not sure	39%

26. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	24%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	30%
Not sure	19%

27. How likely do you think it is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine will lead to a wider war in Europe?

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	5%
Not sure	23%

28. How likely do you think it is that Russian forces will use nuclear weapons in Ukraine?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	28%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	10%
Not sure	25%

29. How likely do you think it is that Russian forces will use nuclear weapons outside of Ukraine?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	20%
Not very likely	27%
Not likely at all	19%
Not sure	28%

30. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...

	Greater	Lesser	About the same	Don't know
A new Cold War	51%	10%	23%	16%
A nuclear war	42%	10%	31%	17%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	18%

32. Do you identify as a feminist?

Yes	25%
No	61%
Not sure	14%

33. Would you say that in the United States women currently have equal rights with men or not?

Yes	45%
No	42%
Not sure	13%

34. In general, do you think Joe Biden does or does not care about the needs and problems of women in America?

He does	40%
He does not	35%
Not sure	25%

35. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	24%
Legal in most cases	33%
Illegal in most cases	32%
Illegal in all cases	11%

36. Would you call yourself "pro-life" or "pro-choice"?

Pro-life	26%
Pro-choice	36%
Both pro-life and pro-choice	20%
Neither	11%
Not sure	8%

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade and end a woman's right to abortion?

Approve	32%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	10%

38. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that establishes a national right to abortion?

Asked of those who think abortion should be legal in all or most cases

Support	71%
Oppose	11%
Not sure	18%

39. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that bans abortion nationally?

Asked of those who think abortion should be illegal in all or most cases

Support	48%
Oppose	27%
Not sure	25%

40. Should abortion laws be decided nationally or left to the states?

Decided nationally	42%
Left to the states	38%
Not sure	20%

41. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	21%
No	58%
Not sure	21%

42. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	27%
No	57%
Not sure	16%

43. Would you support or oppose Congress doing the following... ?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Reduce funding for IRS	29%	16%	15%	20%	21%
Reduce spending on Social Security and Medicare	7%	10%	15%	55%	13%
Investigate charges of weaponization of the FBI and Justice Department	33%	21%	8%	14%	24%
Restrict access to abortion	18%	15%	12%	41%	15%
Investigate Hunter Biden	36%	15%	11%	21%	17%
Increase border security	45%	21%	12%	10%	13%
Begin impeachment proceedings against President Biden	25%	14%	10%	33%	17%
Investigate the origins of COVID-19 and the government's response	33%	28%	12%	12%	15%

44. How much have you heard in the news recently about the debt ceiling?

A lot	31%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	26%

45. How much attention have you been paying to debates around the debt ceiling?

A lot	18%
A little	45%
Not at all	37%

46. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?

Congress should raise the debt ceiling	38%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	34%
Not sure	28%

47. How well do you understand what the effects would be if Congress is not able to come to an agreement over raising the debt ceiling?

Very well	18%
Somewhat well	34%
Not very well	21%
Not at all	10%
Not sure	16%

48. Would you support or oppose shutting down the government if a deal cannot be reached on the debt ceiling?

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	17%
Strongly oppose	30%
Not sure	21%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following is handling the federal deficit and debt ceiling?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Joe Biden	16%	18%	9%	36%	21%
Democrats in Congress	14%	19%	12%	32%	22%
Republicans in Congress	10%	22%	15%	30%	23%

50. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...

A crisis	31%
A major problem but not a crisis	38%
A minor problem	10%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	17%

51. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Janet Yellen	10%	17%	27%	10%	16%	26%	47%
Jerome Powell	5%	14%	20%	12%	9%	21%	59%
Kathy Hochul	6%	12%	18%	8%	17%	25%	57%
Eric Adams	4%	12%	16%	10%	12%	22%	62%
Steve Scalise	11%	13%	24%	11%	13%	24%	52%
Tom Emmer	4%	8%	12%	6%	5%	12%	76%
George Santos	5%	9%	14%	15%	37%	52%	34%

52. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	27%	4%	2%
Immigration	48%	33%	13%	6%
Climate change and the environment	41%	26%	16%	17%
Foreign policy	35%	46%	14%	4%
National Security	61%	29%	7%	3%
Education	57%	30%	9%	4%
Health care	63%	28%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	59%	34%	6%	2%
Abortion	44%	30%	20%	6%
Civil rights	47%	33%	15%	5%
Civil liberties	47%	37%	10%	5%
Guns	49%	30%	14%	7%
Crime	60%	31%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	44%	35%	15%	6%
Inflation/prices	72%	22%	5%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Immigration	7%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	5%
Guns	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	18%	26%	44%	11%	39%	50%	6%
Kamala Harris	14%	22%	37%	12%	40%	53%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	21%	29%	14%	28%	42%	28%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	22%	21%	37%	57%	21%
Chuck Schumer	10%	20%	29%	11%	33%	44%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	14%	27%	8%	17%	25%	48%
Donald Trump	21%	18%	39%	13%	43%	55%	6%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	16%	23%	40%	14%	35%	49%	11%
The Republican Party	13%	25%	38%	20%	32%	51%	11%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	8%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	15%	23%	38%	15%	35%	50%	12%
Foreign policy	16%	25%	41%	14%	30%	44%	15%
National Security	15%	25%	40%	13%	31%	45%	15%
Abortion	15%	20%	34%	16%	32%	48%	17%
Civil rights	16%	24%	40%	13%	28%	41%	19%
Civil liberties	14%	25%	39%	12%	26%	39%	22%
Crime	10%	23%	33%	16%	33%	49%	18%
Criminal justice reform	10%	21%	31%	18%	30%	48%	21%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	32%	15%	40%	55%	13%

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

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	46%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	12%

60. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	15%	23%	38%	16%	34%	50%	11%
Republicans in Congress	9%	27%	37%	20%	31%	51%	12%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	26%

64. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	47%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	20%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	22%

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

Getting better	12%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	10%

68. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?	
Higher	18%
About the same	24%
Lower	29%
Not sure	30%
69. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	7%
70. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	22%
Not very worried	71%
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?	
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	30%
Not very hard	31%
Not sure	13%
72. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	22%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%
73. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...	
Most of the time	40%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	12%
Don't know	6%
74. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?	
Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

75. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	37%
No	49%
Not sure	14%

76. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

77. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

78. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	32%

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

Democrats	34%
Independents	36%
Republicans	31%

80. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	6%
Don't know	0%

81. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

82. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

85. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	1%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

86. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	21%
No	79%

87. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

88. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	12%

89. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	20%

90. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	20%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	20%
Never	31%
Don't know	5%

91. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	32%
No	68%

92. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	15%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	18%
Don't know	5%

93. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 21 - 24, 2023
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to June 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (34% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.057 to 6.532, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.786.
Number of respondents	1500 1330 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	59 questions not reported.