The Economist/YouGov Poll
October 14 - 17, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	October 14 - 17, 2023
Margin of Error	±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	13%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Ron DeSantis	13%	22%	14%	34%	17%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	9%	46%	4%
Steve Scalise	8%	20%	16%	20%	37%
Jim Jordan	16%	15%	8%	25%	37%
Nancy Mace	5%	12%	13%	14%	56%
Matt Gaetz	8%	15%	12%	29%	37%
Benjamin Netanyahu	13%	19%	14%	19%	35%

3. 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	19%	23%	10%	42%	5%
Kamala Harris	14%	23%	12%	40%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	21%	21%	27%	25%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	20%	41%	21%
Chuck Schumer	10%	21%	11%	32%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	10%	20%	42%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	3%	1%
Immigration	55%	31%	9%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	14%	16%
Foreign policy	45%	42%	9%	4%
National Security	67%	26%	4%	3%
Education	60%	31%	6%	3%

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Health care	68%	24%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	30%	7%	3%
Abortion	47%	28%	15%	10%
Civil rights	58%	28%	9%	5%
Civil liberties	54%	33%	9%	4%
Guns	55%	26%	12%	7%
Crime	62%	31%	5%	3%
Criminal justice reform	43%	38%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	21%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices …………………………………………………………………………20%
Jobs and the economy ……………………………………………………………………11%
Health care ………………………………………………………………………………11%
Climate change and the environment ……………………………………………………10%
National Security …………………………………………………………………………8%
Immigration ………………………………………………………………………………7%
Taxes and government spending …………………………………………………………6%
Civil rights ………………………………………………………………………………5%
Abortion …………………………………………………………………………………5%
Crime ……………………………………………………………………………………4%
Education ………………………………………………………………………………4%
Guns ……………………………………………………………………………………4%
Civil liberties ……………………………………………………………………………3%
Criminal justice reform …………………………………………………………………1%
Foreign policy …………………………………………………………………………1%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………………17%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………………24%
Approve ………………………………………………………………………………**41%**
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………………11%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………………42%
Disapprove ……………………………………………………………………………**53%**
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………6%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	23%	**42%**	11%	37%	**48%**	9%
Climate change and the environment	16%	24%	**40%**	12%	32%	**44%**	16%
Foreign policy	17%	22%	**38%**	14%	36%	**50%**	12%
Health care	17%	26%	**43%**	15%	29%	**44%**	13%
Taxes and government spending	14%	22%	**36%**	14%	40%	**54%**	10%
Abortion	15%	22%	**37%**	14%	32%	**46%**	17%
Guns	10%	22%	**32%**	17%	36%	**54%**	14%
Crime	11%	22%	**33%**	15%	38%	**53%**	14%
Inflation/prices	13%	21%	**34%**	12%	45%	**56%**	9%

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

Strongly approve ……………………………………………………………………4%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………12%
Neither approve nor disapprove ……………………………………………………15%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………23%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………38%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………8%

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

Strongly approve ……………………………………………………………………11%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………27%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………18%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………29%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………15%

10. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?
Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate ……………………………………………………41%
The Republican Party candidate ……………………………………………………40%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………16%
I would not vote ………………………………………………………………………2%

11. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?
Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	1%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	2%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	25%	**42%**	13%	35%	**48%**	10%
Republicans in Congress	9%	23%	**32%**	18%	39%	**57%**	11%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	21%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	27%
No	57%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	33%
No	55%
Not sure	11%

16. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Joe Biden	38%
Donald Trump	38%
Other	7%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	10%

17. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden	39%
Donald Trump	39%
Not sure	23%

18. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	15%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	41%

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

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	17%

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

Confident	35%
Uneasy	53%
Not sure	12%

22. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	25%
Not sure	22%

23. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	34%
Somewhat strong	22%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	32%

24. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	30%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	18%

25. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	46%
Uneasy	54%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	6%

27. 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	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	6%

28. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	33%
Part-time	15%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	4%
Student	4%
Other	3%

29. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	6%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	90%

30. Do you have a job outside of school?
Asked of students

Full-time job 5%
Part-time job 18%
No job outside of school 78%

31. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index 4%
The unemployment rate and job reports 15%
The prices of goods and services you buy 56%
Your personal finances 11%
Don't know 14%

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

Unemployment 3%
Inflation 52%
Both equal 40%
Not sure 5%

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

A higher rate of inflation 44%
The same rate of inflation 23%
A lower rate of inflation 14%
Not sure 20%

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

A lot 59%
A little 37%
Not at all 5%

35. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce inflation?

Democratic Party 28%
Republican Party 31%
Neither party 24%
Not sure 17%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Israel	45%	28%	5%	4%	17%
Palestine	3%	9%	27%	29%	33%
Iran	1%	5%	19%	56%	19%
Qatar	7%	22%	17%	11%	43%
Saudi Arabia	7%	21%	26%	16%	31%

37. How serious of a threat do you think the following pose to the United States?

	An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	A minor threat to the U.S.	Not a threat to the U.S.	Not sure
Hamas	34%	23%	15%	10%	18%
Hezbollah	27%	23%	14%	8%	28%
al Qaeda	36%	28%	14%	5%	17%

38. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	48%
About equal	23%
The Palestinians	10%
Not sure	19%

39. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

Very important	42%
Somewhat important	29%
Not too important	7%
Not at all important	6%
Not sure	16%

40. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	25%

41. Would you support or oppose the U.S. government providing humanitarian aid to the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Israel	47%	23%	6%	8%	16%
Palestine	20%	19%	12%	26%	23%

42. Do you think each of the following courses of action is a good or bad idea for the U.S. to engage in?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Not sure
Imposing economic sanctions on the Palestinian people	26%	37%	37%
Sending financial aid to Israel	49%	21%	31%
Sending weapons to Israel	41%	29%	30%

43. Which comes closer to your view of what Hamas is?

Hamas is the official Palestinian government 33%

Hamas exists outside the official Palestinian government 67%

44. Do you think that the Israeli government's response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

Too harsh 18%

About right 32%

Not harsh enough 22%

Not sure 28%

45. How many Palestinian people do you think support Hamas' attack on Israel?

All of them 5%

Most of them 24%

About half of them 17%

A few of them 17%

None of them 2%

Not sure 34%

46. How likely do you think it is that the war between Israel and Hamas will lead to a wider war involving other countries?

Very likely 22%

Fairly likely 40%

Not very likely 14%

Not at all likely 2%

Not sure 22%

47. When do you think the war between Israel and Hamas will end?

Less than a month from now 5%
A month or two from now 11%
Two to six months from now 10%
Six months to a year from now 9%
More than a year from now 18%
Not sure 47%

48. Do you think the U.S. House of Representatives not having a speaker is currently. . . ?

Helping the U.S. government's ability to function 5%
Not having any effect on the U.S. government's ability to function 21%
Hurting the U.S. government's ability to function 51%
Not sure 23%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives removing Kevin McCarthy as speaker?

Strongly approve 15%
Somewhat approve 21%
Somewhat disapprove 19%
Strongly disapprove 15%
Not sure 30%

50. If you had to choose, would you rather the next Speaker of the House of Representatives be someone who...?

Compromises to get things done 47%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what 33%
Not sure 20%

51. Who would you most like to serve as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives?

Patrick McHenry 2%
Matt Gaetz 1%
Kevin McCarthy 4%
Austin Scott 1%
Jim Jordan 17%
Kevin Hern 1%
Tom Emmer 1%
Donald Trump 8%
Elise Stefanik 1%
Hakeem Jeffries 16%
Someone else 4%
Not sure 44%

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52. How long do you think it will be before the House of Representatives elects a new speaker?

Less than a week	9%
1 - 2 weeks	22%
2 - 3 weeks	13%
3 - 4 weeks	8%
More than a month	14%
Not sure	34%

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53. Which party do you think is currently more united?

Democrats	51%
Republicans	16%
Both equally	12%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	9%

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55. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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56. 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	33%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	30%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

58. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

59. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

60. Respondent age by category

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

61. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

63. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	18%
No	82%

65. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	43%
$50-100K	25%
$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	12%

67. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	32%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

71. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	4%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship   *The Economist*

Fieldwork   YouGov

Interviewing Dates   October 14 - 17, 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 November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.515, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.781.

Number of respondents 1500
           1296 (Registered voters)

Margin of error   ± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting)
           ± 3.2% (Registered voters)

Survey mode   Web-based interviews

Questions not reported 38 questions not reported.