

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 6 - 9, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 6 - 9, 2023
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	22%
Excellent / Good	30%
Fair	27%
Poor	40%
Fair / Poor	67%
Don't know	3%

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

Unemployment	7%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	33%
Not sure	5%

4. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	13%
Equally positive and negative	31%
Mostly negative	46%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	10%

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

Growing	20%
Staying about the same	29%
Shrinking	40%
Not sure	11%

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

The stock market index	8%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	59%
Your personal finances	11%
Don't know	7%

7. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	24%
Somewhat important	43%
Not very important	21%
Unimportant	12%

8. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	26%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	10%
Not sure	6%

9. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	19%
Stayed the same	32%
Decreased	26%
Don't know	22%

10. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	34%
Staying the same	41%
Decreasing	25%

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

Higher gas prices	54%
The same gas prices	23%
Lower gas prices	10%
Not sure	13%

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

A higher rate of inflation	48%
The same rate of inflation	28%
A lower rate of inflation	13%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	59%
A little	36%
Not at all	5%

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

Higher interest rates	52%
The same interest rates	26%
Lower interest rates	7%
Not sure	15%

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

More jobs	22%
The same amount of jobs	39%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	13%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Eric Adams	9%	16%	12%	12%	50%
Kathy Hochul	9%	16%	10%	16%	49%
Tucker Carlson	22%	23%	8%	28%	19%
Greg Abbott	18%	20%	9%	20%	32%
Ron DeSantis	21%	25%	10%	29%	16%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	8%	25%	55%	8%
Ukraine	29%	43%	9%	7%	12%
China	5%	12%	32%	41%	11%
Sudan	4%	17%	30%	15%	34%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	23%
Neither	37%
Not sure	17%

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

Russia	27%
Ukraine	27%
Equally likely	17%
Not sure	29%

20. Which of the following is more important to you when thinking about your preferred candidate for next year's primary elections?

Their chances of winning the general election	27%
Whether you agree with them on the issues	58%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	30%
No	55%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	34%
No	53%
Not sure	13%

23. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	54%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	46%

24. Which comes closer to your view regarding what took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

People participated in legitimate political discourse	35%
People participated in a violent insurrection	49%
Don't know	16%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump supporters taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 to stop Congressional proceedings?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	11%

26. How much responsibility does Donald Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th, 2021?

A lot	40%
Some	15%
A little	13%
None	23%
Not sure	9%

27. Do you think people who participated in taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 should be... ?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Barred from holding public office	51%	31%	18%
Arrested and tried for their participation in the Capitol attack	58%	27%	15%
Granted full pardons for any crimes they are charged with in relation to the attack	29%	55%	16%

28. Do you think the COVID-19 pandemic... ?

Is currently a national emergency	13%
Was a national emergency, but no longer is	61%
Was never a national emergency	21%
Not sure	5%

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

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	10%

30. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes, me	33%
Yes, a family member	47%
Yes, a close friend	44%
No	17%
Prefer not to say	5%

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

Always	9%
Most of the time	14%
Some of the time	23%
Never	54%

32. In general, do you think immigration has made the United States... ?

Better off	31%
Hasn't made much difference	22%
Worse off	35%
Not sure	12%

33. Currently, do you think immigrants being detained near the U.S.-Mexico border are being treated humanely or inhumanely by U.S. officials?

Humanely	41%
Inhumanely	30%
Not sure	29%

34. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.? Should they be...

Allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	38%
Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	14%
Required to leave the U.S.	37%
Not sure	11%

35. How much have you heard about the expiration Title 42 — a policy enacted during the pandemic that enabled the U.S. to block migrants from entering the country based on public-health concerns?

A lot	28%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	27%

36. Title 42 is set to end on May 11, when the national public health emergency over COVID-19 lapses. When Title 42 ends, do you think the number of people trying to enter the United States illegally will increase, decrease, or stay the same?

Increase a lot	43%
Increase a little	18%
Stay the same	18%
Decrease a little	4%
Decrease a lot	2%
Not sure	14%

37. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law allowing U.S. border agents to deport migrants without court hearings when there is no public health justification?

Support	51%
Oppose	27%
Not sure	22%

38. Which of these have you used as a source for news in the last week? Check all that apply.

Broadcast TV news or their websites	38%
Cable TV news or their websites	35%
Social media	42%
National newspapers or their websites	23%
International newspapers or their websites	17%
Other national news websites	19%
Local newspapers or websites	31%
YouTube	27%
Podcasts or talk radio	19%
Conservative news websites	17%
Liberal or progressive news websites	14%
Other news sources	4%
None of the above	9%

39. Which cable news network do you watch the most?

CNN	25%
Fox News	24%
MSNBC	9%
Other cable news network	7%
I don't watch any cable news	36%

40. How often, if ever, do you watch Fox News?

Almost every day	15%
A few times a week	16%
A few times a month	13%
About once a month	7%
A few times a year or less	11%
Never	38%

41. How often, if ever, did you watch Tucker Carlson's program on Fox News before he left the network?

Almost every day	11%
A few times a week	14%
A few times a month	12%
About once a month	5%
A few times a year or less	10%
Never	47%

42. Would you say Tucker Carlson is... ?

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	29%
Not sure	26%

43. How trustworthy do you consider Tucker Carlson?

Very trustworthy	14%
Trustworthy	21%
Neither trustworthy nor untrustworthy	16%
Untrustworthy	5%
Very untrustworthy	24%
Don't know	20%

44. As you may know, Fox News fired Tucker Carlson last month. Do you approve or disapprove of Fox News firing Tucker Carlson?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	28%

45. Compared to before Tucker Carlson was fired, would you say that you watch Fox News... ?

More often	14%
Less often	26%
The same amount	60%

46. How much have you heard about content from Tucker Carlson's private text messages that recently became public?

A lot	19%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	39%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	4%	2%
Immigration	52%	32%	11%	4%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	15%	16%
Foreign policy	45%	39%	12%	3%

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National Security	67%	24%	6%	3%
Education	61%	28%	8%	3%
Health care	66%	26%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	30%	7%	2%
Abortion	48%	26%	16%	10%
Civil rights	55%	29%	11%	5%
Civil liberties	54%	31%	11%	4%
Guns	58%	25%	11%	6%
Crime	65%	26%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	51%	32%	12%	6%
Inflation/prices	75%	19%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Health care	10%
Guns	9%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	5%
Education	6%
Abortion	5%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

49. 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	25%	23%	48%	10%	37%	47%	5%
Kamala Harris	18%	26%	44%	11%	38%	48%	8%
Kevin McCarthy	12%	27%	39%	13%	26%	39%	22%
Mitch McConnell	8%	22%	30%	19%	34%	54%	16%
Chuck Schumer	13%	26%	39%	13%	29%	42%	19%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	19%	33%	11%	18%	29%	38%
Donald Trump	24%	21%	45%	10%	40%	50%	5%

50. 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	23%	23%	46%	14%	33%	47%	7%
The Republican Party	17%	26%	43%	18%	31%	49%	8%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	48%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	6%

52. 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	21%	26%	47%	13%	31%	45%	9%
Immigration	13%	24%	38%	16%	36%	53%	10%
National Security	23%	25%	48%	12%	30%	42%	10%
Health care	22%	26%	48%	15%	27%	41%	10%
Taxes and government spending	18%	24%	42%	14%	35%	49%	10%
Inflation/prices	15%	22%	36%	17%	39%	56%	8%

53. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	5%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	22%
Like somewhat	21%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	25%
Not sure	6%

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

Honest and trustworthy	42%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	14%

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

Honest and trustworthy	33%
Not honest and trustworthy	50%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	8%

58. 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	20%	24%	44%	15%	32%	47%	9%
Republicans in Congress	13%	28%	41%	18%	31%	49%	9%

59. 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	15%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	20%

62. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	34%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	19%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	29%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	5%

67. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	28%
Happy	45%
Neither happy nor unhappy	20%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	1%

68. 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	43%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	5%

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

Democrats	34%
Independents	35%
Republicans	31%

70. 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%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

72. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	85%
Not registered	15%

73. 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%

74. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	5%
Don't know	0%

75. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

76. Respondent age by category

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

77. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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

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

79. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

83. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	18%

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

More than once a week	13%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	18%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	36%
No	64%

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

Several times a day	30%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	12%
Never	16%
Don't know	4%

87. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	25%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 6 - 9, 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 0.118 to 3.894, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.443.
Number of respondents	1500 1324 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	43 questions not reported.