

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 2 - 5, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted December 2 - 5, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	12%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Henry Kissinger	12%	26%	38%	16%	16%	32%	30%
Madeleine Albright	14%	24%	38%	12%	12%	24%	38%
Colin Powell	19%	32%	52%	15%	9%	24%	24%
Condoleezza Rice	19%	29%	47%	15%	12%	27%	26%
Antony Blinken	9%	17%	26%	13%	18%	31%	44%

3. 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
Donald Trump	24%	19%	43%	8%	44%	52%	5%
George Santos	4%	9%	12%	15%	47%	62%	26%
Elon Musk	15%	26%	41%	18%	28%	46%	13%
Gavin Newsom	9%	17%	26%	11%	31%	42%	32%
Sandra Day O'Connor	19%	27%	46%	11%	7%	18%	35%

4. 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
Ron DeSantis	14%	22%	36%	11%	34%	45%	19%
Nikki Haley	11%	22%	33%	17%	21%	37%	30%

5. How would you rate the president listed below?

	Outstand- ing	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	Not Sure
Jimmy Carter	13%	21%	26%	12%	14%	13%
Bill Clinton	10%	24%	31%	15%	14%	6%
George W. Bush	7%	18%	36%	20%	14%	6%
Barack Obama	21%	21%	19%	13%	23%	3%
Donald Trump	23%	16%	13%	7%	38%	4%

6. Now that they have left the office of president, would you say you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the presidents listed below?

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
Jimmy Carter	27%	33%	60%	12%	13%	25%	15%
Bill Clinton	16%	32%	48%	23%	21%	44%	8%
George W. Bush	11%	39%	51%	24%	17%	42%	8%
Barack Obama	33%	21%	53%	13%	28%	42%	5%

7. Congressman George Santos of New York has been charged in a federal court in New York with 23 financial criminal charges, including defrauding his donors, using their money for his personal benefit, and wrongfully claiming unemployment benefits. On Friday, the U.S. House of Representatives voted to expel Santos. Do you think Santos should or should not have been expelled from Congress?

Should have been expelled from Congress	73%
Should not have been expelled from Congress	9%
Not sure	18%

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

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
Joe Biden	19%	22%	40%	13%	42%	55%	4%
Kamala Harris	13%	23%	37%	12%	42%	54%	9%

9. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimpor- tant
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	3%	1%

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Immigration	50%	34%	12%	4%
Climate change and the environment	41%	27%	16%	16%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	14%	4%
National Security	63%	28%	7%	2%
Education	62%	30%	5%	3%
Health care	69%	25%	4%	2%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	6%	2%
Abortion	45%	27%	17%	11%
Civil rights	52%	32%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	49%	36%	11%	4%
Guns	53%	28%	12%	7%
Crime	62%	29%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	42%	38%	15%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	20%	5%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Health care	13%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	8%
Immigration	8%
National Security	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	5%
Guns	5%
Education	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	0%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	6%

12. 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	18%	19%	37%	15%	39%	53%	10%
Immigration	8%	21%	30%	15%	43%	59%	12%
Education	13%	24%	37%	15%	34%	49%	14%
Health care	15%	23%	38%	17%	32%	49%	13%
Civil rights	13%	24%	37%	15%	31%	46%	17%
Civil liberties	12%	23%	35%	14%	32%	47%	18%
Crime	10%	23%	32%	14%	39%	53%	15%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	33%	14%	45%	59%	9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	16%

15. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	40%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	4%

16. 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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	2%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	3%

17. 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	13%	23%	36%	19%	34%	53%	10%
Republicans in Congress	9%	24%	33%	22%	35%	56%	10%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	38%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	40%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	25%

21. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	39%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	11%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	21%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	22%

23. 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	42%
Donald Trump	41%
Other	7%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	5%

24. Who would you vote for?

Asked of those who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	23%
Cornel West	12%
Jill Stein	6%
Someone else	21%
Not sure	39%

25. 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	35%
Donald Trump	44%
Not sure	21%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	35%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	5%
Other	2%

29. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	5%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	91%

30. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	4%
Part-time job	32%
No job outside of school	65%

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

The Israelis	37%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	13%
Not sure	24%

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

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	9%
Not at all important	9%
Not sure	21%

33. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

Give Israel more military support	29%
Give Israel less military support	23%
Maintain the same military support for Israel	48%

34. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

Give the Palestinians more humanitarian support	31%
Give the Palestinians less humanitarian support	22%
Maintain the same humanitarian support for the Palestinians	46%

35. How many of Israel's attacks in Gaza do you think have been aimed at military rather than civilian targets?

All of them	19%
Most of them	17%
About half of them	11%
Some of them	15%
None of them	7%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	24%

37. Israel and Hamas agreed to a ceasefire on November 24 that lasted a week and allowed for the exchange of hostages. Do you think this ceasefire agreement was a good thing or a bad thing?

Good thing	67%
Bad thing	10%
Not sure	23%

38. The ceasefire agreement ended on Friday, and Israel resumed military operations in Gaza. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire in the future?

Strongly support	43%
Somewhat support	21%
Support	64%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	7%
Oppose	14%
Not sure	22%

39. How much discrimination do the following people face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Christians	19%	26%	32%	23%
Jewish people	30%	42%	20%	7%
Muslim people	30%	43%	21%	5%
White people	16%	22%	34%	28%
Black people	34%	38%	22%	6%
Arab people	27%	43%	23%	7%

40. Thinking about the nation as a whole, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	33%
Somewhat higher	30%
About the same	18%
Somewhat lower	5%
Much lower	2%
Not sure	11%

41. How serious of a problem are hate crimes in the United States against...

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	A minor problem	Not a problem	Not sure
Christians	18%	19%	22%	31%	9%
Jewish people	36%	29%	16%	9%	9%
Muslim people	30%	29%	22%	9%	10%
White people	16%	16%	25%	34%	9%
Black people	34%	29%	20%	10%	7%
Arab people	27%	28%	23%	12%	11%

42. How serious a problem is anti-semitism in the United States?

Very serious problem	32%
Somewhat serious problem	31%
A minor problem	15%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	18%

43. How serious a problem is discrimination against Muslim people in the United States?

Very serious problem	25%
Somewhat serious problem	31%
A minor problem	22%
Not a problem	9%
Not sure	13%

44. Do you think it is or is not anti-semitic to...?

	Anti-semitic	Not anti-semitic	Not sure
Oppose Israeli treatment of Palestinian people	21%	40%	40%
Boycott Israeli products in protest of Israeli government policy	33%	30%	37%
Deny that the Holocaust happened	67%	9%	24%
Believe American Jews are more loyal to Israel than they are to the U.S.	34%	24%	43%
Cut off academic ties between American universities and Israeli universities in protest of Israeli government policy	37%	25%	38%

45. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Unfavorable
The Holocaust is a myth	2%	5%	7%	16%	8%	69%	77%

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The Holocaust has been exaggerated	3%	5%	9%	18%	12%	62%	74%
Jews have too much power in America	6%	10%	16%	33%	21%	31%	51%
People should boycott Israeli goods and products	6%	9%	16%	36%	13%	34%	48%
Israel exploits Holocaust victimhood for its own purposes	7%	13%	20%	38%	15%	27%	42%
Israel has too much control over global affairs	7%	12%	19%	40%	18%	23%	41%
The interests of Israelis are at odds with the interests of the rest of the world	7%	12%	18%	44%	17%	20%	38%
Israel is an apartheid state	9%	10%	19%	49%	11%	21%	32%
Israel is deliberately trying to wipe out the Palestinian population	11%	15%	27%	34%	13%	26%	39%
American Jews make a positive contribution to American society	37%	32%	68%	25%	4%	4%	7%
The State of Israel has the right to exist	46%	23%	69%	23%	3%	5%	8%
People should boycott Israeli goods and products from the occupied West Bank	8%	11%	19%	40%	13%	28%	41%

46. When do you think abortion should be legal?

- Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. 27%
- Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).
 28%
- Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. 34%
- Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 10%

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

Yes, me	6%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a close friend	23%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%
No	39%
Prefer not to say	10%

48. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's ruling that there is no constitutional right to an abortion?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	34%
Not sure	11%

50. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

51. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

53. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

54. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

55. Respondent age by category

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

56. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

58. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	31%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	9%

62. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

66. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	8%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 2 - 5, 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 0.098 to 5.015, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.689.
Number of respondents	1500 1291 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.