

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 13 - 15, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted November 13 - 15, 2022  
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	19%
<b>Excellent / Good</b>	<b>26%</b>
Fair	27%
Poor	42%
<b>Fair / Poor</b>	<b>69%</b>
Don't know	5%

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

Unemployment	8%
Inflation	56%
Both equal	28%
Not sure	8%

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

Growing	21%
Shrinking	44%
Staying about the same	23%
Not sure	13%

## 5. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	54%
No	26%
Not sure	20%

## 6. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	11%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	10%
Not asked - Already in a recession	54%

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

Higher gas prices .....	50%
The same gas prices .....	21%
Lower gas prices .....	13%
Not sure .....	16%

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

A higher rate of inflation .....	44%
The same rate of inflation .....	25%
A lower rate of inflation .....	16%
Not sure .....	15%

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

A lot .....	52%
A little .....	40%
Not at all .....	8%

10. Do you personally know anyone who has been laid off from their job in the last 12 months? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	10%
Yes, a family member .....	12%
Yes, a close friend .....	16%
No .....	64%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

11. 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%	6%	27%	53%	11%
China	4%	14%	32%	37%	14%
Ukraine	29%	42%	8%	5%	15%
Qatar	5%	22%	19%	7%	47%

12. Do you think the United States' human rights record is better or worse than most countries'?

Much better than most .....	21%
Somewhat better than most .....	34%
Neither better nor worse .....	30%
Somewhat worse than most .....	10%
Much worse than most .....	5%

**13. How interested are you in the 2022 World Cup?**

Very interested	11%
Somewhat interested	15%
Not very interested	12%
Not at all interested	58%
Not sure	5%

**14. How much of the 2022 World Cup do you expect you will watch?**

I will watch World Cup matches every day they're on	6%
I will watch World Cup matches when I can	12%
I will watch a few World Cup matches	13%
I will not watch any matches	60%
Not sure	8%

**15. How do you think the U.S. men's national soccer team will do in the 2022 World Cup?**

Will not win any matches	6%
Will win a match, but will not reach the knockout stage	6%
Will reach the round of 16	8%
Will reach the quarterfinals	5%
Will reach the semifinals	6%
Will reach the final	6%
Will win the World Cup	5%
Not sure	58%

**16. How much should a country's records on human rights and democracy be considered when deciding whether to hold major international sporting events there?**

It should be the most important factor	12%
It should be a major factor	34%
It should be a moderate factor	21%
It should be a minor factor	8%
It should not be considered at all	6%
Not sure	19%

**17. Do you think countries with poor democratic and human rights records should be allowed to compete in international sporting events?**

Should be allowed to compete	32%
Should not be allowed to compete	35%
Not sure	34%

**18. If an international sporting event is being held in a country with a poor record on democracy or human rights, do you think sports players and teams from the U.S. should boycott that event?**

Yes	38%
No	28%
Not sure	34%

19. FIFA's decision to hold the World Cup in Qatar this year has been heavily criticized due to Qatar's human rights record and stance on LGBTQ+ rights. Do you think it is right or wrong to hold the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?

Right .....	23%
Wrong .....	36%
Not sure .....	41%

20. Should the U.S. men's national team boycott the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	35%
Not sure .....	36%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of Russia's national team being banned from participating in the 2022 World Cup?

Strongly approve .....	36%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	8%
Not sure .....	23%

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

Russia .....	14%
Ukraine .....	35%
Neither .....	33%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Russia .....	21%
Ukraine .....	33%
Equally likely .....	17%
Not sure .....	29%

24. Do you think American democracy is currently under threat?

Yes .....	60%
No .....	23%
Not sure .....	17%

25. How much attention have you been paying to the 2022 congressional elections?

A lot .....	47%
A little .....	36%
None at all .....	17%

26. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats .....	48%
Senate controlled by Republicans .....	16%
Senate evenly divided between both parties .....	14%
Not sure .....	23%

27. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

House controlled by Democrats .....	22%
House controlled by Republicans .....	40%
House evenly divided between both parties .....	11%
Not sure .....	26%

28. Based on what you know now about the outcome of the elections, did Democrats win more or fewer seats in Congress than you expected them to?

Won more than I expected .....	45%
Won about as many as I expected .....	22%
Won fewer than I expected .....	9%
Not sure .....	24%

29. Based on what you know now about the outcome of the elections, did Republicans win more or fewer seats in Congress than you expected them to?

Won more than I expected .....	12%
Won about as many as I expected .....	22%
Won fewer than I expected .....	41%
Not sure .....	25%

30. How do you feel about the results of the 2022 congressional elections?

Happy .....	14%
Satisfied, but not happy .....	25%
Disappointed, but not angry .....	27%
Angry .....	12%
None of the above .....	21%

31. How do you feel about your own voting experience in the 2022 congressional elections?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Happy .....	44%
Satisfied, but not happy .....	29%
Disappointed, but not angry .....	14%
Angry .....	5%
None of the above .....	9%

32. How likely do you think it is that the following things happened in the 2022 congressional elections?

	Definitely happened	Probably happened	Probably didn't happen	Definitely didn't happen	Not sure
A significant amount of fraudulent postal voting	12%	25%	19%	27%	17%
Interference by foreign countries	10%	26%	25%	18%	21%
People who were eligible to vote were prevented from voting	12%	28%	25%	18%	17%
There was violence at polling places	5%	19%	29%	25%	21%
People voted who weren't legally allowed to vote	15%	27%	23%	19%	16%

33. Do you think there have been or will be candidates who don't accept the outcomes of the 2022 elections?

Yes	58%
No	15%
Not sure	27%

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

Yes	24%
No	55%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	27%
No	57%
Not sure	16%

36. Do you think being older might make it more difficult to do the work the presidency requires, or do you think age helps presidents to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job?

Age hurts presidents by making it more difficult to do the work the presidency requires	38%
Age helps presidents to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job	17%
Age has no impact on how well a president does their job	28%
Not sure	18%

37. This week, Joe Biden will turn 80 years old. Do you think Joe Biden's age might make it too difficult to do the work the presidency requires, or do you think his age helps Joe Biden to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job?

Biden's age makes it more difficult to do the work the presidency requires	54%
Biden's age gives him the experience and wisdom to do a good job	13%
Biden's age has no impact on his performance as president	18%
Not sure	15%

**38. Did you vote in the November 2022 general election?**

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	88%
No .....	12%

**39. In the 2022 general election, how did you cast your vote?**

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

In person early, before election day .....	24%
In person on election day .....	40%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office .....	25%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site .....	10%

**40. In the 2022 elections for U.S. House of Representatives, who did you vote for in the district where you live?**

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Democratic candidate .....	48%
Republican candidate .....	47%
Independent candidate .....	3%
Other candidate .....	1%
Did not vote for U.S. House .....	1%

**41. How important were the following issues to you when deciding how to vote in the November 2022 congressional elections?**

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	66%	27%	6%	1%
Immigration	51%	29%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	40%	22%	14%	24%
Foreign policy	45%	40%	12%	2%
National Security	60%	28%	10%	2%
Education	51%	36%	10%	3%
Health care	53%	31%	11%	4%
Taxes and government spending	58%	28%	11%	3%
Abortion	51%	21%	15%	14%
Civil rights	47%	28%	16%	9%
Civil liberties	50%	31%	13%	6%
Guns	51%	26%	15%	8%
Crime	57%	27%	12%	4%
Criminal justice reform	40%	35%	16%	8%
Inflation/prices	70%	20%	8%	2%

42. Which ONE of these issues mattered most in deciding how you voted in the November 2022 Congressional midterm elections? (Please check only one.)

Inflation/prices .....	26%
Abortion .....	17%
Jobs and the economy .....	10%
Climate change and the environment .....	8%
Immigration .....	7%
Civil rights .....	6%
Taxes and government spending .....	6%
Health care .....	5%
National security .....	5%
Guns .....	3%
Civil liberties .....	2%
Education .....	2%
Crime .....	2%
Foreign policy .....	2%
Criminal justice reform .....	1%

43. 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
Ron DeSantis	26%	14%	<b>41%</b>	11%	26%	<b>37%</b>	22%
Ted Cruz	17%	21%	<b>39%</b>	11%	32%	<b>43%</b>	19%
Donald Trump Jr.	17%	20%	<b>37%</b>	11%	41%	<b>52%</b>	11%
Nikki Haley	14%	18%	<b>32%</b>	13%	18%	<b>30%</b>	38%
Marco Rubio	16%	20%	<b>36%</b>	14%	24%	<b>38%</b>	26%
Mike Pence	11%	26%	<b>37%</b>	20%	26%	<b>47%</b>	16%
Herschel Walker	16%	20%	<b>36%</b>	11%	27%	<b>39%</b>	26%
Raphael Warnock	16%	15%	<b>31%</b>	10%	22%	<b>32%</b>	37%

44. If you had to choose, who would you rather see as the Republican nominee for President in 2024?

Donald Trump .....	26%
Ron DeSantis .....	39%
Not sure .....	35%

45. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Elon Musk?

Very favorable .....	13%
Somewhat favorable .....	29%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	18%
Very unfavorable .....	23%
Don't know .....	18%



46. How much have you heard about Elon Musk buying Twitter?

A lot .....	48%
A little .....	39%
Nothing at all .....	13%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of Elon Musk buying Twitter?

Strongly approve .....	21%
Somewhat approve .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	20%
Not sure .....	25%

48. Do you approve or disapprove of how Elon Musk is handling his job as CEO of Twitter?

Strongly approve .....	17%
Somewhat approve .....	20%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	25%
Not sure .....	27%

49. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	60%	30%	7%	3%
Immigration	46%	35%	14%	4%
Climate change and the environment	39%	27%	16%	18%
Foreign policy	38%	44%	13%	5%
National Security	55%	33%	9%	3%
Education	51%	35%	10%	5%
Health care	57%	30%	9%	4%
Taxes and government spending	54%	33%	10%	3%
Abortion	45%	25%	17%	12%
Civil rights	45%	34%	14%	7%
Civil liberties	46%	35%	12%	6%
Guns	48%	29%	15%	8%
Crime	55%	31%	10%	3%
Criminal justice reform	39%	39%	15%	7%
Inflation/prices	69%	22%	7%	2%

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

Inflation/prices .....	27%
Jobs and the economy .....	10%
Climate change and the environment .....	10%
Abortion .....	9%
Health care .....	9%
Immigration .....	6%
Civil rights .....	5%
National Security .....	5%
Taxes and government spending .....	4%
Education .....	4%
Guns .....	4%
Civil liberties .....	3%
Crime .....	2%
Foreign policy .....	1%
Criminal justice reform .....	1%

51. 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
Joe Biden	18%	25%	<b>43%</b>	13%	38%	<b>50%</b>	6%
Kamala Harris	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	13%	38%	<b>51%</b>	9%
Nancy Pelosi	15%	21%	<b>36%</b>	12%	41%	<b>53%</b>	11%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	21%	<b>27%</b>	15%	28%	<b>43%</b>	31%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	<b>22%</b>	21%	39%	<b>59%</b>	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	21%	<b>32%</b>	12%	33%	<b>45%</b>	23%
Donald Trump	19%	22%	<b>41%</b>	10%	43%	<b>52%</b>	7%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	17%	25%	<b>42%</b>	15%	34%	<b>49%</b>	9%
The Republican Party	16%	25%	<b>40%</b>	16%	34%	<b>50%</b>	10%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	26%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>43%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>50%</b>
Not sure	8%

54. 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%	24%	<b>38%</b>	15%	35%	<b>51%</b>	11%
Education	15%	27%	<b>42%</b>	12%	29%	<b>41%</b>	17%
Health care	18%	25%	<b>43%</b>	16%	27%	<b>43%</b>	15%
Abortion	17%	21%	<b>38%</b>	14%	32%	<b>46%</b>	16%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	<b>31%</b>	15%	40%	<b>55%</b>	13%

55. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	14%

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

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	42%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	11%

58. Do you have a favorable or 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	14%	27%	<b>41%</b>	15%	33%	<b>48%</b>	10%
Republicans in Congress	11%	26%	<b>37%</b>	20%	33%	<b>52%</b>	10%

59. 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	17%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	15%

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	12%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	33%
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	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	22%

62. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	30%

63. Do you think Nancy Pelosi should remain as the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives or do you think it should be some other Democrat?

Nancy Pelosi .....	26%
Some other Democrat .....	19%
Not sure .....	28%
Don't care .....	27%

64. Do you think Kevin McCarthy should remain as the leader of the Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives or do you think it should be some other Republican?

Kevin McCarthy .....	20%
Some other Republican .....	13%
Not sure .....	37%
Don't care .....	30%

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

Strongly approve .....	14%
Somewhat approve .....	28%
Somewhat disapprove .....	16%
Strongly disapprove .....	25%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	9%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	22%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Getting better .....	14%
About the same .....	24%
Getting worse .....	52%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Higher .....	19%
About the same .....	24%
Lower .....	28%
Not sure .....	29%

69. 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 .....	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	41%
Not sure .....	9%

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

More jobs .....	16%
The same amount of jobs .....	35%
Fewer jobs .....	28%
Not sure .....	21%

71. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	12%
Somewhat worried .....	30%
Not very worried .....	57%

72. 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. ....	39%
Not very hard .....	23%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Very happy .....	25%
Happy .....	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	2%

74. 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 .....	26%
Only now and then .....	16%
Hardly at all .....	11%
Don't know .....	6%

75. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	42%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	17%

76. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election .....	61%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	39%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	17%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	21%
Very conservative .....	14%
Not sure .....	11%

78. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

79. 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%

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

Democrats .....	34%
Independents .....	35%
Republicans .....	31%

**81. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	6%
Independent .....	15%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	20%
Not sure .....	6%
Don't know .....	0%

**82. Are you... ?**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

**83. Respondent age by category**

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

**84. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

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

**86. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	48%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	28%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	4%



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

Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	43%
\$50-100K .....	23%
\$100K or more .....	23%
Prefer not to say .....	12%

90. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	38%
Somewhat important .....	25%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	22%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	22%
Once or twice a month .....	6%
A few times a year .....	10%
Seldom .....	19%
Never .....	30%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Yes .....	34%
No .....	66%

93. 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 .....	16%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	11%
Never .....	19%
Don't know .....	5%

94. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	31%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	21%
Something else .....	9%

**The Economist/YouGov Poll**  
November 13 - 15, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 13 - 15, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.079 to 6.52, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.723.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1287 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	56 questions not reported.