The Economist/YouGov Poll
November 18 - 20, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	November 18 - 20, 2023
Margin of Error	±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	13%

2. 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
Donald Trump	27%	16%	**43%**	12%	41%	**53%**	4%
George Santos	5%	13%	**18%**	13%	43%	**56%**	26%
Elon Musk	17%	30%	**48%**	15%	25%	**40%**	12%
Sam Altman	5%	11%	**16%**	8%	9%	**17%**	67%

3. 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
Rishi Sunak	4%	13%	**17%**	10%	12%	**22%**	61%
David Cameron	4%	16%	**21%**	13%	10%	**23%**	57%
Xi Jinping	4%	9%	**13%**	18%	39%	**57%**	31%
Benjamin Netanyahu	15%	21%	**36%**	12%	19%	**32%**	32%
Vladimir Putin	4%	10%	**13%**	13%	63%	**76%**	10%
Volodymyr Zelensky	20%	26%	**46%**	12%	15%	**27%**	27%

4. 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	22%	22%	**44%**	12%	41%	**53%**	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	24%	**40%**	10%	41%	**51%**	9%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	3%	2%
Immigration	51%	33%	11%	5%
Climate change and the environment	44%	26%	15%	16%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	13%	3%
National Security	65%	27%	6%	2%
Education	62%	28%	7%	3%
Health care	70%	23%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	30%	7%	1%
Abortion	45%	27%	18%	11%
Civil rights	55%	31%	9%	4%
Civil liberties	52%	36%	9%	3%
Guns	53%	28%	13%	6%
Crime	63%	28%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	44%	39%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	72%	23%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	20%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Immigration	7%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Guns	6%
Education	6%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 16%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………… 24%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **40%**
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 14%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………… 40%
Disapprove …………………………………………………………………………… **54%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 5%

8. 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%	22%	**41%**	14%	36%	**50%**	9%
Immigration	11%	22%	**33%**	14%	42%	**56%**	12%
Foreign policy	17%	22%	**39%**	15%	36%	**51%**	10%
National Security	18%	21%	**39%**	13%	35%	**48%**	14%
Education	17%	23%	**40%**	14%	31%	**46%**	14%
Crime	13%	22%	**35%**	14%	36%	**49%**	15%
Criminal justice reform	13%	23%	**37%**	13%	33%	**46%**	17%
Inflation/prices	15%	18%	**33%**	15%	43%	**58%**	9%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 6%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………… 14%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **19%**
Neither approve nor disapprove …………………………………………………… 16%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 25%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………… 30%
Disapprove …………………………………………………………………………… **55%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 9%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 8%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………… 18%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **26%**
Neither approve nor disapprove …………………………………………………… 17%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 21%
Strongly disapprove …………………………………………………………………… 26%
Disapprove …………………………………………………………………………… **48%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 9%

11. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States House of Representatives is handling its job?

Strongly approve 6%
Somewhat approve 15%
Approve **21%**
Neither approve nor disapprove 17%
Somewhat disapprove 22%
Strongly disapprove 30%
Disapprove **52%**
Not sure 10%

12. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual 6%
About the same 31%
Less than usual 46%
Not sure 17%

13. Who is more to blame for Congress accomplishing less than usual?
Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

Democrats in Congress 20%
Republicans in Congress 37%
Both equally 39%
Neither 1%
Not sure 3%

14. Who is more to blame for Congress accomplishing less than usual?
Asked if respondent says Congress accomplished less than usual

The Senate 9%
The House of Representatives 30%
Both equally 54%
Neither 2%
Not sure 5%

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

Strongly approve 13%
Somewhat approve 30%
Approve **43%**
Somewhat disapprove 18%
Strongly disapprove 22%
Disapprove **40%**
Not sure 17%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	42%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	3%

17. 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	42%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

18. 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	16%	24%	**39%**	18%	33%	**51%**	10%
Republicans in Congress	9%	24%	**33%**	23%	33%	**56%**	11%

19. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	**36%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Disapprove	**28%**
Not sure	36%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	**35%**
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	**40%**
Not sure	25%

21. 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 19%
Approve **23%**
Somewhat disapprove 22%
Strongly disapprove 32%
Disapprove **54%**
Not sure 23%

22. 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 14%
Somewhat approve 19%
Approve **33%**
Somewhat disapprove 11%
Strongly disapprove 19%
Disapprove **30%**
Not sure 37%

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

Very liberal 3%
Liberal 9%
Total Liberal **12%**
Moderate 29%
Conservative 21%
Very conservative 20%
Total Conservative **41%**
Not sure 19%

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

Excellent 9%
Good 22%
Fair 22%
Poor 45%
Don't know 3%

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

Getting better 19%
About the same 24%
Getting worse 52%
Not sure 5%

26. 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 5%

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

Full-time 33%
Part-time 13%
Temporarily laid off 1%
Unemployed 9%
Retired 24%
Permanently disabled 7%
Homemaker 5%
Student 6%
Other 1%

28. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student 7%
Part-time student 6%
Not a student 87%

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

Full-time job 4%
Part-time job 24%
No job outside of school 71%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	5%	26%	53%	12%
Ukraine	31%	37%	10%	6%	16%
China	4%	10%	34%	37%	16%
Israel	45%	25%	7%	5%	18%
Palestine	3%	12%	28%	26%	32%
Taiwan	26%	33%	7%	3%	31%
United Kingdom	55%	26%	3%	1%	15%

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

The Israelis	39%
About equal	29%
The Palestinians	11%
Not sure	21%

32. In the war between Israel and Hamas, who do you think is currently winning?

Israel	43%
Hamas	5%
Neither	25%
Not sure	26%

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

All of them	18%
Most of them	22%
About half of them	13%
Some of them	14%
None of them	8%
Not sure	26%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	26%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	24%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	30%
Not sure	20%

35. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	**35%**
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	**44%**
Not sure	21%

37. A year from now, do you think Benjamin Netanyahu will still be the prime minister of Israel?

Yes 30%
No 24%
Not sure 46%

38. Do you support or oppose a tactical pause of Israel's military operations in order to allow humanitarian aid to enter Gaza?

Strongly support 34%
Somewhat support 27%
Support **61%**
Somewhat oppose 9%
Strongly oppose 7%
Oppose **17%**
Not sure 22%

39. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support 43%
Somewhat support 19%
Support **63%**
Somewhat oppose 9%
Strongly oppose 11%
Oppose **20%**
Not sure 17%

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

Russia 4%
Ukraine 64%
Neither 22%
Not sure 9%

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

Russia 17%
Ukraine 20%
Neither 37%
Not sure 26%

42. How many of Russia's attacks in Ukraine do you think have been aimed at military rather than civilian targets?

All of them 5%
Most of them 14%
About half of them 20%
Some of them 28%
None of them 6%
Not sure 28%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine 25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine 28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine 27%
Not sure 20%

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

Strongly approve 16%
Somewhat approve 25%
Approve **41%**
Somewhat disapprove 15%
Strongly disapprove 27%
Disapprove **41%**
Not sure 18%

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

Yes 47%
No 17%
Not sure 37%

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

Yes 51%
No 12%
Not sure 37%

47. Would you support or oppose Ukraine and Russia agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support 48%
Somewhat support 23%
Support **72%**
Somewhat oppose 6%
Strongly oppose 3%
Oppose **9%**
Not sure 19%

48. Do you think the United States should seek a closer or more distant relationship with China?

Closer 34%
More distant 27%
No change 21%
Not sure 18%

49. In general, do you think China's rapid economic rise has been a good thing or bad thing for the United States?

A good thing 8%
Both good and bad 39%
A bad thing 34%
Not sure 20%

50. How serious of an economic threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat 28%
A somewhat serious threat 41%
A minor threat 13%
Not a threat 5%
Not sure 14%

51. How serious of a military threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat 23%
A somewhat serious threat 39%
A minor threat 16%
Not a threat 7%
Not sure 14%

52. How serious of a technological threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat 35%
A somewhat serious threat 35%
A minor threat 12%
Not a threat 4%
Not sure 14%

53. In the future, if an armed conflict were to arise between China and Taiwan, do you think that the U.S. should or should not help protect Taiwan from China with military force, or do you not know enough about the topic to say?
A randomly assigned half sample was given the response option of 'Not sure' and the other half was given 'Do not know enough about the topic to say'

U.S. should help protect Taiwan with military force 38%
U.S. should not help protect Taiwan with military force 18%
Not sure/Do not know enough about the topic to say 44%

54. How much have you heard about the recent meeting between President Joe Biden and Chinese leader Xi Jinping in San Francisco?

A lot 16%
A little 50%
Nothing at all 33%

55. Would you consider the meeting between President Biden and Xi Jinping to be a success?

Yes	19%
No	23%
Not sure	25%
Not asked - Heard nothing about Biden meeting Xi in San Francisco	33%

56. President Biden said Xi Jinping recently agreed to take steps to crack down on companies in China that produce chemical precursors for fentanyl. Do you think this agreement is a good thing or a bad thing?

Agreement is a good thing	87%
Agreement is a bad thing	13%

57. President Biden said Xi Jinping recently agreed to take steps to crack down on companies in China that produce chemical precursors for fentanyl. Do you think this agreement will make a difference in slowing the fentanyl epidemic?

Will make a big difference	15%
Will make a small difference	47%
Will make no difference	38%

58. How much, if at all, do you blame the following for the problem of fentanyl in the U.S.?

	Blame a lot	Blame a little	Don't blame at all	Not sure
Pharmaceutical companies	40%	30%	15%	15%
Doctors	17%	36%	29%	18%
Drug dealers	71%	17%	4%	8%
People addicted to fentanyl	38%	32%	18%	12%
The U.S. federal government	37%	35%	13%	15%
China	48%	25%	8%	20%
Mexico	49%	24%	10%	17%

59. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling the issue of fentanyl in the U.S.?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	**35%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	**43%**
No opinion	22%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	**23%**
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	**32%**
Not sure	11%

61. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

62. 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%

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

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

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

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

65. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

66. Respondent age by category

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

67. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

69. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under $50K	43%
$50-100K	28%
$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	9%

73. How important is religion in your life?

Very important 39%
Somewhat important 26%
Not too important 14%
Not at all important 21%

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

More than once a week 9%
Once a week 18%
Once or twice a month 7%
A few times a year 10%
Seldom 20%
Never 32%
Don't know 3%

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

Yes 35%
No 65%

76. 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 14%
A few times a week 11%
Once a week 4%
A few times a month 7%
Seldom 14%
Never 19%
Don't know 5%

77. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 27%
Roman Catholic 23%
Mormon 1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 2%
Muslim 4%
Buddhist 1%
Hindu 1%
Atheist 6%
Agnostic 5%
Nothing in particular 21%
Something else 9%

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 18 - 20, 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 0.074 to 6.524, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.791.
Number of respondents	1500 1323 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.