

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 19 - 21, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted March 19 - 21, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	19%
<b>Excellent / Good</b>	<b>26%</b>
Fair	29%
Poor	41%
<b>Fair / Poor</b>	<b>70%</b>
Don't know	3%

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

Unemployment	7%
Inflation	57%
Both equal	31%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	56%
No	24%
Not sure	20%

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

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	16%
Not very likely	10%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	10%
Not asked - Already in a recession	56%

## 6. Would you say the current recession is not as bad as the 2008 recession, about as bad, or worse?

Not as bad	12%
About as bad	23%
Worse	21%
Not asked - Not in a recession or not sure	44%

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

More jobs .....	16%
The same amount of jobs .....	34%
Fewer jobs .....	32%
Not sure .....	17%

8. 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%	28%	57%	7%
Ukraine	32%	43%	8%	4%	13%
China	3%	10%	35%	41%	11%

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

Closer .....	23%
More distant .....	36%
No change .....	22%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Russia .....	21%
Ukraine .....	23%
Neither .....	37%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Russia .....	25%
Ukraine .....	29%
Equally likely .....	14%
Not sure .....	32%

12. How likely do you think it is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine will lead to a wider war in Europe?

Very likely .....	16%
Somewhat likely .....	42%
Not very likely .....	21%
Not likely at all .....	6%
Not sure .....	15%

**13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling Russia?**

Strongly approve .....	14%
Somewhat approve .....	27%
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	29%
Not sure .....	14%

**14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?**

Very favorable .....	4%
Somewhat favorable .....	9%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	14%
Very unfavorable .....	63%
Don't know .....	10%

**15. From a military point of view, how serious of a threat do you think Russia poses to the United States?**

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S. ....	19%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S. ....	48%
A minor threat to the U.S. ....	19%
Not a threat to the U.S. ....	5%
Not sure .....	9%

**16. Do you think that Russian president Vladimir Putin is guilty of war crimes in Ukraine?**

Yes .....	77%
No .....	9%
Not sure .....	15%

**17. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the International Criminal Court (ICC) issuing an arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin?**

A lot .....	18%
A little .....	52%
Nothing at all .....	31%

**18. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision by the ICC to issue an arrest warrant for Vladimir Putin?**

Strongly approve .....	51%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	5%
Strongly disapprove .....	4%
Not sure .....	18%

19. How much, if anything, have you heard about a Russian military jet intercepting an unmanned U.S. surveillance drone over the Black Sea and dumping fuel on it?

A lot .....	33%
A little .....	45%
Nothing at all .....	22%

20. The U.S. government has said a Russian military jet struck the unmanned U.S. surveillance drone's propeller, damaging a blade and forcing it to crash into the Black Sea. The Russian government has said its jet did not strike the drone and that the drone crashed after making a sharp maneuver. How much responsibility do you believe Russia has for the crash of the U.S. drone?

A lot .....	61%
A little .....	18%
None .....	5%
Not sure .....	17%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Elizabeth Warren	16%	21%	<b>37%</b>	14%	27%	<b>40%</b>	23%
Mike Pompeo	11%	20%	<b>31%</b>	13%	19%	<b>32%</b>	37%
Ron DeSantis	24%	17%	<b>42%</b>	10%	27%	<b>37%</b>	22%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Janet Yellen	10%	20%	11%	19%	40%
Jerome Powell	6%	18%	14%	9%	52%

23. Do you keep any money in a bank?

Yes .....	84%
No .....	14%
Not sure .....	2%

24. How confident are you that any money you have in the bank is safe?

*Asked of everyone who keeps money in a bank*

Very confident .....	40%
Somewhat confident .....	44%
Not too confident .....	11%
Not at all confident .....	3%
Not sure .....	2%

**25. How confident are you that money deposited in large national banks is safe?**

Very confident .....	28%
Somewhat confident .....	38%
Not too confident .....	17%
Not at all confident .....	7%
Not sure .....	10%

**26. How confident are you that money deposited in smaller, regional banks is safe?**

Very confident .....	23%
Somewhat confident .....	45%
Not too confident .....	16%
Not at all confident .....	5%
Not sure .....	11%

**27. Do you think financial markets need more or less regulation by the federal government?**

More .....	38%
About the same .....	30%
Less .....	14%
Not sure .....	19%

**28. How trustworthy or untrustworthy do you think the following are?**

	Very trust- worthy	Trustwor- thy	Neither trustwor- thy nor untrust- worthy	Untrust- worthy	Very untrust- worthy	Don't know
The Federal Reserve	13%	33%	23%	11%	9%	11%
The U.S. Department of the Treasury	14%	32%	24%	12%	9%	9%
The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)	17%	36%	22%	7%	5%	12%
The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission	9%	30%	26%	12%	8%	15%
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	10%	29%	26%	10%	8%	18%

**29. Do you think the government is biased in favor of bankers or consumers, or do you think the government is not biased in either direction?**

Biased in favor of bankers .....	56%
Biased in favor of consumers .....	9%
Not biased in either direction .....	16%
Not sure .....	19%

**30. How much have you heard in the news about the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank?**

A lot .....	38%
A little .....	47%
Nothing at all .....	16%

**31. To what extent, if at all, do you blame the following for the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank?**

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
Poor decision-making by Silicon Valley Bank executives	59%	19%	4%	17%
Silicon Valley Bank's emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion	26%	20%	27%	27%
The Federal Reserve increasing interest rates	24%	35%	18%	23%
A lack of government regulation and oversight	32%	33%	13%	23%
Panic on behalf of depositors leading to rapid withdrawals	31%	38%	12%	19%

**32. The federal government ensured that all of Silicon Valley Bank's depositors would have access to their funds shortly after the bank's collapse, even if their funds exceeded the standard deposit insurance amount of \$250,000. Do you approve or disapprove of the government's decision?**

Strongly approve .....	25%
Somewhat approve .....	28%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	17%
Not sure .....	16%

**33. Do you think it is fair or unfair for the federal government to ensure that all of Silicon Valley Bank's depositors have access to their funds, even if their funds exceed the standard deposit insurance amount of \$250,000?**

Fair .....	44%
Unfair .....	31%
Not sure .....	25%

**34. In discussing the government's decision to make sure that all of Silicon Valley Bank's depositors would have access to their funds, President Joe Biden said any losses would "not be borne by the taxpayers" and emphasized that "the money will come from the fees that banks pay into the [FDIC] deposit insurance fund." Who do you think will end up bearing most of the cost?**

Taxpayers .....	53%
Banks .....	26%
Not sure .....	21%

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

Yes .....	25%
No .....	59%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	11%

**37. Which, if any, of the following social networks are you currently a member of? Please select all that apply.**

Facebook .....	74%
Twitter .....	38%
LinkedIn .....	27%
Google+ .....	0%
MySpace .....	5%
Pinterest .....	26%
Tumblr .....	6%
Instagram .....	45%
Vine .....	0%
Snapchat .....	23%
Bebo .....	0%
Periscope .....	0%
Reddit .....	13%
WeChat .....	2%
Qzone .....	1%
Meetup .....	3%
Weibo .....	1%
TikTok .....	22%
YouTube .....	46%
Discord .....	6%
BeReal .....	1%
Other .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%
Not applicable - I am not currently a member of any social networks .....	11%

**38. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of TikTok?**

Very favorable .....	11%
Somewhat favorable .....	22%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	19%
Very unfavorable .....	34%
Don't know .....	14%

**39. Do you believe TikTok poses a national security threat to the U.S.?**

Yes .....	44%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	26%

40. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the U.S. government demanding that the Chinese owners of TikTok sell their stakes in the company or the app will be banned in the U.S.?

A lot .....	22%
A little .....	54%
Nothing at all .....	24%

41. Do you think it is or is not a crime for a candidate for elected office to pay someone to remain silent about an issue that may affect the outcome of an election?

Is a crime .....	69%
Is not a crime .....	14%
Not sure .....	18%

42. Do you think it is or is not a crime for a candidate to fail to report spending campaign money on payments to keep someone silent about an issue that may affect the outcome of an election?

Is a crime .....	74%
Is not a crime .....	8%
Not sure .....	18%

43. How much have you heard in the news about Donald Trump possibly facing criminal charges over paying adult film actress and director Stormy Daniels to remain silent about an alleged sexual encounter she had with Trump that took place in 2006?

A lot .....	35%
A little .....	47%
Nothing at all .....	19%

44. Do you think that Donald Trump should face criminal charges over paying adult film actress and director Stormy Daniels to remain silent about an alleged sexual encounter she had with him in 2006?

Yes .....	46%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	20%

45. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	25%	4%	1%
Immigration	51%	32%	14%	3%
Climate change and the environment	45%	26%	14%	15%
Foreign policy	46%	40%	12%	2%
National Security	67%	26%	5%	2%
Education	66%	26%	6%	2%
Health care	71%	22%	6%	1%
Taxes and government spending	61%	31%	7%	1%
Abortion	46%	27%	16%	10%

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Civil rights	57%	28%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	54%	33%	10%	3%
Guns	54%	26%	13%	7%
Crime	64%	27%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	34%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	22%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Health care	13%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Jobs and the economy	11%
National Security	8%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Immigration	6%
Education	5%
Civil rights	5%
Guns	5%
Abortion	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

**47. 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	23%	22%	<b>45%</b>	12%	39%	<b>51%</b>	5%
Kamala Harris	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	16%	37%	<b>53%</b>	7%
Kevin McCarthy	12%	24%	<b>36%</b>	13%	24%	<b>38%</b>	27%
Mitch McConnell	7%	18%	<b>25%</b>	22%	34%	<b>56%</b>	19%
Chuck Schumer	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	14%	30%	<b>44%</b>	23%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	18%	<b>32%</b>	10%	18%	<b>29%</b>	39%
Donald Trump	23%	19%	<b>42%</b>	12%	42%	<b>54%</b>	4%

48. 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	21%	23%	<b>44%</b>	14%	35%	<b>48%</b>	7%
The Republican Party	18%	26%	<b>43%</b>	17%	31%	<b>48%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	25%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>43%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>51%</b>
Not sure	6%

50. 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	20%	24%	<b>44%</b>	14%	34%	<b>48%</b>	8%
National Security	21%	24%	<b>45%</b>	12%	32%	<b>44%</b>	10%
Abortion	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	15%	32%	<b>47%</b>	14%
Civil rights	17%	26%	<b>43%</b>	15%	28%	<b>44%</b>	14%
Civil liberties	17%	23%	<b>40%</b>	15%	29%	<b>43%</b>	16%
Crime	12%	25%	<b>37%</b>	15%	33%	<b>48%</b>	15%
Criminal justice reform	12%	24%	<b>36%</b>	17%	29%	<b>46%</b>	18%
Inflation/prices	13%	22%	<b>35%</b>	13%	43%	<b>56%</b>	9%

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

Honest and trustworthy	40%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	18%	23%	<b>41%</b>	16%	32%	<b>48%</b>	11%
Republicans in Congress	13%	27%	<b>40%</b>	18%	31%	<b>48%</b>	12%

54. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	28%

55. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	24%

57. 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 .....	15%
Somewhat approve .....	17%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	17%
Not sure .....	40%

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

Strongly approve .....	13%
Somewhat approve .....	31%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	22%
Not sure .....	20%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	9%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	20%
Very conservative .....	19%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Getting better .....	12%
About the same .....	29%
Getting worse .....	52%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Higher .....	17%
About the same .....	27%
Lower .....	32%
Not sure .....	24%

62. 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 .....	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	38%
Not sure .....	6%

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

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very happy .....	31%
Happy .....	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	22%
Unhappy .....	6%
Very unhappy .....	2%

64. 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 .....	42%
Some of the time .....	27%
Only now and then .....	17%
Hardly at all .....	11%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Democrat .....	34%
Independent .....	34%
Republican .....	32%

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

Biden legitimately won the election .....	67%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	33%

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

Very liberal .....	9%
Liberal .....	16%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	11%

68. Are you registered to vote?

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

69. 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%

**70. Political Party Identification**

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

Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	13%
Strong Republican .....	19%
Not sure .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%

**71. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**72. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

HS or less .....	36%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%

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

Married .....	47%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	10%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	30%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	24%
No .....	76%

**77. In what region of the country do you reside?**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	39%
West .....	23%

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

Under \$50K .....	42%
\$50-100K .....	28%
\$100K or more .....	20%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

**79. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	41%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	12%
Not at all important .....	21%

**80. 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 .....	7%
A few times a year .....	9%
Seldom .....	20%
Never .....	30%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	37%
No .....	63%

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

Several times a day .....	29%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	13%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	12%
Never .....	20%
Don't know .....	3%

83. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	22%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	2%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	20%
Something else .....	8%



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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	March 19 - 21, 2023
<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 0.051 to 6.558, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.858.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1341 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	87 questions not reported.