

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 27 - 31, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 27 - 31, 2023
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	12%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Vivek Ramaswamy	7%	15%	9%	11%	58%
Tim Scott	12%	19%	13%	14%	42%
Asa Hutchinson	4%	13%	13%	12%	58%
Nikki Haley	10%	21%	16%	19%	35%
Larry Elder	9%	14%	9%	12%	56%
Ron DeSantis	19%	19%	12%	34%	16%
Donald Trump	23%	17%	11%	45%	4%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	19%	24%	11%	41%	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	25%	11%	39%	9%
Kevin McCarthy	9%	20%	15%	29%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	21%	40%	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	20%	13%	32%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	8%	20%	43%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	24%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	34%	12%	4%
Climate change and the environment	44%	26%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	43%	42%	12%	3%
National Security	63%	28%	7%	2%
Education	62%	29%	6%	3%

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Health care	66%	27%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	63%	29%	7%	1%
Abortion	50%	25%	15%	9%
Civil rights	56%	29%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	9%	4%
Guns	58%	25%	11%	5%
Crime	64%	28%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	48%	36%	10%	6%
Inflation/prices	73%	22%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	6%
Guns	6%
National Security	6%
Abortion	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	7%

7. 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	17%	22%	39%	14%	36%	50%	11%
Climate change and the environment	14%	25%	39%	15%	31%	45%	16%
Foreign policy	16%	24%	40%	12%	34%	46%	14%
National Security	16%	24%	40%	12%	34%	45%	14%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	34%	14%	40%	54%	12%
Abortion	15%	21%	36%	13%	32%	45%	19%
Guns	12%	20%	32%	17%	39%	55%	13%
Crime	12%	21%	33%	14%	38%	53%	15%
Inflation/prices	11%	18%	29%	15%	46%	61%	10%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	22%

11. 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	16%	26%	42%	14%	36%	50%	8%
The Republican Party	12%	26%	38%	18%	37%	55%	8%

12. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	31%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	15%

13. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	41%

14. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	20%
Some	23%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	6%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	29%
Not sure	6%

16. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	28%
Not sure	20%

17. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	31%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	33%

18. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	24%
Some	17%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	43%
Not sure	5%

19. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	14%
Dislike somewhat	11%
Dislike a lot	42%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	25%
No	58%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	31%
No	56%
Not sure	12%

22. 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	39%
Donald Trump	39%
Other	7%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	9%

23. 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	36%
Donald Trump	39%
Not sure	26%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis is handling his job as Governor of Florida?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	17%

25. Would you say Ron DeSantis is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Moderate	10%
Conservative	25%
Very conservative	36%
Not sure	22%

26. Would you say Ron DeSantis is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	22%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	24%

27. How much do you think Ron DeSantis cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	19%
Some	19%
Not much	13%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	13%

28. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Ron DeSantis as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	6%
Dislike a lot	32%
Not sure	15%

29. How much, if anything, have you heard about Ron DeSantis announcing his 2024 campaign for president?

A lot	33%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	20%

30. From what you heard, did Ron DeSantis announcing his 2024 campaign go...?

Very well	7%
Somewhat well	15%
Somewhat badly	22%
Very badly	19%
Not sure	16%
Not heard anything about DeSantis campaign announcement	20%

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

Donald Trump	29%
Ron DeSantis	21%
Someone else	17%
Not sure	33%

32. Which of these two Republicans do you think has the best chance of winning the 2024 general election for president?

Donald Trump	39%
Ron DeSantis	24%
Not sure	37%

33. 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%

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

Compromises to get things done.	60%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	40%

35. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...	
Compromises to get things done.	62%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	38%
36. Which comes closest to your view?	
Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	37%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	48%
Not sure	15%
37. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:	
Under control	14%
Out of control	71%
Not sure	15%
38. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?	
Getting better	13%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	8%
39. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	6%
40. 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	9%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	39%
Not sure	25%
41. Who is more to blame for Congress accomplishing less than usual?	
Democrats in Congress	24%
Republicans in Congress	37%
Both equally	37%
Neither	1%
Not sure	2%

42. How much attention have you been paying to debates around the debt ceiling?

A lot	29%
A little	47%
None at all	25%

43. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?

Congress should raise the debt ceiling	42%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	31%
Not sure	26%

44. How likely do you think it is that Congress will reach an agreement on raising the debt ceiling and avoiding the U.S. defaulting on its debts?

Very likely	32%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	9%
Not likely at all	4%
Not sure	18%

45. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...

A crisis	35%
A major problem but not a crisis	36%
A minor problem	9%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	15%

46. Who is more responsible for the current lack of agreement on raising the debt ceiling?

Joe Biden	28%
Republicans in the House	29%
Both equally	34%
Neither	10%

47. Do you personally know someone who is lesbian, gay, or bisexual? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	10%
Yes, a family member	30%
Yes, a close friend	30%
Yes, an acquaintance	43%
No	21%
Prefer not to say	4%

48. Do you personally know anyone who is part of a married same-sex couple? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	20%
Yes, an acquaintance	33%
No	39%
Prefer not to say	3%

49. Do you personally know anyone who is part of a same-sex couple with children? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	11%
Yes, a close friend	17%
Yes, an acquaintance	31%
No	47%
Prefer not to say	1%

50. Do you personally know someone who is transgender or gender non-binary? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	9%
Yes, a close friend	10%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%
No	58%
Prefer not to say	4%

51. How much discrimination do you think there is against people who are transgender in the United States today?

A lot	46%
A little	28%
None	13%
Not sure	13%

52. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	34%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	18%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	32%
Not sure	16%

53. Compared to other issues, do you think that lawmakers in your state are focusing too much or too little on legislation relating to transgender children in schools?

Focusing too much	37%
Focusing about the right amount	23%
Focusing too little	14%
Not sure	25%

54. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people?

A lot	24%
Some	38%
Not much	18%
Not at all	20%

55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has been handling gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	26%

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues during his presidency?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	25%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis has handled gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues as Governor of Florida?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	25%

58. Would gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people be better off if a Democrat or a Republican wins the presidency?

Democrat	43%
Republican	12%
No difference	26%
Not sure	19%

59. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	56%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing	7%
Not sure	12%

60. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have	46%
No, I have not	28%
Not sure	19%
The climate is not changing	7%

61. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will	12%
No, I will not	18%
Not sure	17%
I have already felt the effect of climate change	46%
The climate is not changing	7%

62. Compared to previous summers, do you think temperatures in your local area will be warmer or colder than usual this summer?

Much warmer than usual	24%
Somewhat warmer than usual	22%
About the same as usual	31%
Somewhat colder than usual	8%
Much colder than usual	2%
Not sure	12%

63. Do you think an unusually warm summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Asked of those who think this summer will be warmer locally than usual

Result of climate change	73%
Just happen from time to time	17%
Not sure	6%
The climate is not changing	4%

64. Do you think an unusually cold summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Asked of those who think this summer will be colder locally than usual

Result of climate change	43%
Just happen from time to time	36%
Not sure	15%
The climate is not changing	7%

65. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am	8%
Yes, household member is	8%
No	84%

66. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of labor unions?

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	28%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	13%
Don't know	21%

67. Consider the amount of power and influence you see labor unions as holding in this country. How would you say the influence level of U.S. labor unions has changed over the past year?

Unions are stronger	20%
Not much change	30%
Unions are less powerful	21%
Not sure	29%

68. In the future, how do you think the level of influence of labor unions will change?

The level of influence of labor unions will increase	23%
The level of influence of labor unions will not change	26%
The level of influence of labor unions will decrease	18%
Not sure	34%

69. How much have you heard about a recent strike among Hollywood movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union?

A lot	22%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	23%

70. Some Hollywood movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union went on strike after failed negotiations over their pay with Hollywood studios. Do you support or oppose the writers going on strike?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	26%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	27%

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

Full-time	37%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	8%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	6%
Other	2%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	10%

73. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	83%
Not registered	17%

74. 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%

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

Democrats	33%
Independents	38%
Republicans	29%

76. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

77. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	44%
No	45%
Not sure	12%

78. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

79. Respondent age by category

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

80. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

82. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	10%

86. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	31%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	21%
Don't know	4%

90. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 27 - 31, 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 0.164 to 4.751, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.557.
Number of respondents	1500 1313 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.