

The Economist/YouGov Poll
February 25 - 28, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 25 - 28, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	20%
Excellent / Good	26%
Fair	32%
Poor	38%
Fair / Poor	71%
Don't know	3%

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

Unemployment	7%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	34%
Not sure	5%

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

Growing	18%
Staying about the same	30%
Shrinking	39%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	51%
No	29%
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	6%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	13%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	9%
Not asked - Already in a recession	51%

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

Higher gas prices	50%
The same gas prices	25%
Lower gas prices	11%
Not sure	15%

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

A higher rate of inflation	44%
The same rate of inflation	26%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	53%
A little	42%
Not at all	5%

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

Higher interest rates	56%
The same interest rates	22%
Lower interest rates	5%
Not sure	17%

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

More jobs	16%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	14%

12. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	9%
Part-time student	7%
Not a student	84%

13. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	34%
Part-time job	36%
No job outside of school	30%

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

Full-time	36%
Part-time	8%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	7%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	14%
Other	1%

15. 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%	5%	25%	57%	10%
Ukraine	33%	38%	9%	5%	15%
China	4%	9%	35%	40%	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Taiwan	24%	37%	8%	3%	27%

17. How much, if anything, have you heard about relations between China and Taiwan?

A lot	29%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	25%

18. Which is more important for the U.S.?

To take a strong stand so that China does not take over Taiwan by force	51%
For the U.S. to maintain good relations with China	24%
Not sure	25%

19. 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 militarily from China or do you not know enough about the topic to say?

U.S. should help protect Taiwan with military force	37%
U.S. should not help protect Taiwan with military force	22%
Do not know enough about the topic to say	41%

20. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has stated that he plans to make an official visit to Taiwan later this year. The Chinese government has responded by taking a strong stance in opposition to his visit. Do you think McCarthy should or should not visit Taiwan?

Should visit	48%
Should NOT visit	25%
Not sure	26%

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

Russia	17%
Ukraine	26%
Neither	39%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	31%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	17%

24. President Joe Biden recently took a surprise trip to Ukraine to show support for the country in its fight against Russia. Do you approve or disapprove of Biden's visit?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	24%
No	58%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	29%
No	57%
Not sure	13%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Tucker Carlson	14%	20%	34%	11%	27%	38%	28%
Pete Buttigieg	16%	19%	35%	14%	22%	36%	29%
Mike DeWine	5%	15%	19%	14%	9%	23%	58%
Ivanka Trump	16%	23%	39%	17%	28%	45%	16%
Jared Kushner	9%	17%	26%	16%	28%	44%	30%
Donald Trump Jr.	17%	21%	37%	12%	40%	51%	11%

28. How much have you heard recently about the derailment of a train carrying hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

A lot	46%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	15%

29. Should the government set more or fewer limits on the transportation of hazardous materials through populated areas?

More	63%
No change	17%
Fewer	6%
Not sure	14%

30. How much do you blame each of the following for the spill of hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

	A lot	A little	Not at all	Not sure
The workers on the train	19%	36%	21%	24%
The rail company that owns the train	58%	20%	6%	16%
A lack of government regulations	41%	28%	11%	20%
The U.S. Department of Transportation	33%	35%	12%	20%
The government of Ohio	19%	31%	24%	26%

31. Which of the following do you think should be in charge of recovery efforts related to the spill of hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

The rail company that owns the train	38%
The federal government	28%
The government of Ohio	15%
Not sure	19%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the federal government's response to the spill of hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	29%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the Ohio government's response to the spill of hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	38%

34. Do you think Ohio Governor Mike DeWine should issue a formal disaster declaration related to the spill of hazardous chemicals in eastern Ohio?

Yes	69%
No	10%
Not sure	21%

35. How much have you heard in the news recently about House Speaker Kevin McCarthy granting Fox News host Tucker Carlson exclusive access to thousands of hours of security footage from inside the Capitol during the January 6, 2021, attack?

A lot	19%
A little	36%
Nothing at all	44%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy granting Fox News host Tucker Carlson exclusive access to thousands of hours of security footage from inside the Capitol during the January 6, 2021, attack?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	22%

37. Should social media companies be held legally responsible for the user-generated content posted to the companies' social media sites?

Yes	43%
No	27%
Not sure	30%

38. Should social media companies be held legally responsible for recommending user-generated content posted to the companies' social media sites?

Yes	59%
No	16%
Not sure	25%

39. Do you think the Supreme Court is more liberal or more conservative than the American public in general?

Supreme Court is more liberal than the American public	17%
Supreme Court is more conservative than the American public	42%
The Supreme Court is about in line with the American public	18%
Not sure	23%

40. Which one of the following statements is closer to your point of view, even if neither is exactly right?

The current US Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions	62%
The current US Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views	38%

41. How much trust and confidence do you have in the three branches of the U.S. federal government?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	None at all
The Executive Branch - The President and the federal agencies	11%	33%	29%	27%
The Legislative Branch - The U.S. Congress	7%	30%	46%	18%
The Judicial Branch - The Supreme Court of the United States and other federal courts	8%	39%	33%	19%

42. Which of these is closest to your view?

I trust the Supreme Court more than other branches of the federal government	30%
I trust the Supreme Court less than other branches of the federal government	27%
I trust the Supreme Court about the same as other branches of the federal government ..	43%

43. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The Supreme Court should be able to throw out any law it considers unconstitutional	23%	25%	17%	18%	16%
The Supreme Court gets too mixed up in politics	32%	31%	13%	9%	15%

44. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	65%	28%	6%	2%
Immigration	45%	35%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	44%	27%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	44%	41%	12%	4%
National Security	66%	24%	6%	3%
Education	58%	30%	9%	3%
Health care	65%	26%	7%	2%
Taxes and government spending	59%	32%	7%	1%
Abortion	45%	27%	17%	10%
Civil rights	54%	30%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	9%	4%
Guns	56%	25%	13%	6%
Crime	62%	28%	8%	3%
Criminal justice reform	50%	32%	12%	6%
Inflation/prices	73%	21%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Climate change and the environment	9%
National Security	8%
Immigration	8%
Civil rights	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Abortion	5%
Guns	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	2%

46. 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	20%	26%	46%	12%	37%	49%	4%
Kamala Harris	17%	25%	42%	11%	37%	47%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	10%	22%	33%	16%	26%	42%	25%
Mitch McConnell	6%	18%	24%	22%	34%	57%	20%
Chuck Schumer	12%	22%	34%	12%	29%	41%	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	18%	30%	11%	16%	27%	43%
Donald Trump	22%	18%	40%	11%	44%	55%	5%

47. 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	18%	26%	44%	16%	33%	49%	7%
The Republican Party	15%	27%	42%	16%	34%	50%	8%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	6%

49. 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%	26%	42%	14%	32%	46%	12%
Immigration	8%	23%	31%	17%	37%	53%	15%
Foreign policy	18%	23%	40%	16%	30%	45%	14%
Guns	10%	21%	31%	19%	34%	53%	16%
Crime	9%	23%	32%	17%	33%	50%	18%
Criminal justice reform	9%	22%	31%	16%	31%	47%	22%
Inflation/prices	10%	22%	32%	17%	39%	56%	12%

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

A lot	19%
Some	24%
Not much	17%
Doesn't care at all	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	43%
Not sure	18%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	10%

53. 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	15%	26%	42%	16%	31%	47%	11%
Republicans in Congress	13%	25%	38%	18%	33%	50%	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	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	23%
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	12%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	25%

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	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	23%

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	13%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	42%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	20%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	48%
Not sure	8%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	28%
Lower	26%
Not sure	26%

62. 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	40%
Not sure	6%

63. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	60%

64. 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?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	23%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	29%
Not sure	8%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	2%

66. 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	41%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	6%

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

Democrat	34%
Independent	35%
Republican	31%

68. 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%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	11%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

71. 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%

72. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

73. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

74. Respondent age by category

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

75. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

77. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

81. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	29%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

84. 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	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

85. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	10%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 25 - 28, 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 June 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (34% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.534, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.781.
Number of respondents	1500 1302 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.