

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 3 - 6, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted November 3 - 6, 2022  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	46%
A little	37%
None at all	17%

**3. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...**

Compromises to get things done.	53%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	47%

**4. How closely are you following the race for the U.S. House of Representatives in your congressional district?**

Very closely	25%
Somewhat closely	33%
Not very closely	25%
Not following at all	16%

**5. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2022 congressional elections in November?**

*Asked of registered voters*

Definitely will vote	51%
Probably will vote	9%
Maybe will vote	6%
Probably will not vote	4%
Definitely will not vote	3%
Don't know	3%
I have already voted	24%

**6. In the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in the district where you live, which party's candidate [did / will] you vote for?**

*Among registered voters. Includes those leaning for either the Democratic or the Republican Party candidate*

The Democratic Party candidate	47%
The Republican Party candidate	46%
Other	1%
Not sure	3%
I [will/did] not vote in this race	3%

7. How sure are you about voting for [the Democratic Party candidate / the Republican Party candidate / the independent candidate] on the ballot?

Definitely will vote that way .....	82%
Probably will vote that way .....	16%
Could easily change my mind .....	2%

8. How closely are you following the race for the U.S. Senate seat in your state?

*Asked of people living in states with a U.S. Senate seat on the ballot*

Very closely .....	32%
Somewhat closely .....	31%
Not very closely .....	22%
Not following at all .....	15%

9. In the 2022 congressional elections, how [did / will] you cast your vote?

*Among likely voters*

By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office .....	23%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site .....	13%
In person early, before election day .....	23%
In person on election day .....	39%
Not sure .....	1%

10. Thinking about voting in-person, how concerned are you about...?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	Not sure
The threat of violence or intimidation at the polls	17%	21%	21%	36%	5%
The availability or accessibility of polling locations	13%	19%	21%	40%	6%
The spread of COVID-19	14%	24%	23%	34%	5%

11. Compared to voting in previous Congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?

More enthusiastic .....	40%
Less enthusiastic .....	15%
About the same .....	35%
Not sure .....	10%

12. How much do you care which party will win control of Congress?

A great deal .....	51%
A moderate amount .....	23%
A little .....	14%
Not at all .....	12%

13. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Congress?

Democrats control both the Senate and the House of Representatives	37%
Republicans control both the Senate and the House of Representatives	39%
One chamber of Congress is controlled by the Republicans and one is controlled by Democrats	8%
No preference	16%

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

Democrats control the House and the Senate	14%
Democrats control the House while Republicans control the Senate	12%
Republicans control the House while Democrats control the Senate	13%
Republicans control the House and the Senate	28%
Not sure	33%

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

Yes	23%
No	56%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	29%
No	53%
Not sure	18%

17. How likely do you think it is that the following things will happen in the upcoming congressional election?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not likely	Not sure
A significant amount of fraudulent postal voting	24%	29%	34%	13%
Interference by foreign countries	17%	36%	30%	17%
Candidates will not accept the election outcomes	29%	38%	18%	15%
People who are eligible to vote will be prevented from voting	18%	28%	38%	15%
There will be violence at polling places	14%	35%	35%	15%
People will vote who aren't legally allowed to vote	26%	27%	36%	12%

18. Which countries do you think are likely to interfere in the upcoming congressional election? Select all that apply

*Asked of people who say foreign interference is somewhat or very likely in the upcoming congressional election*

China	54%
Russia	61%
Some other countries	13%
Not sure	23%

19. What is more important to you in deciding which candidate to vote for?

The character and personal qualities of a candidate .....	17%
The party and policies a candidate supports .....	24%
Both equally important .....	59%

20. Do you usually vote for Democrats or Republicans?

Usually vote for Democrats .....	33%
Usually vote for Republicans .....	29%
Depends on the candidates .....	17%
Not asked - Never voted .....	20%

21. Would you call yourself any of the following things? Check all that apply.

Pro-life .....	25%
Pro-choice .....	33%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	32%
Socialist .....	8%
Libertarian .....	9%
Progressive .....	15%
Feminist .....	14%
Environmentalist .....	20%
None of the above .....	11%

22. How much are you thinking about the following when casting a vote in this year's election?

*Asked of those who say they will vote or have already voted*

	A lot	A little	Not at all
Joe Biden	49%	26%	25%
Donald Trump	41%	23%	36%
Abortion	52%	27%	21%
Crime	59%	30%	10%
The economy	73%	23%	4%
Guns	49%	31%	20%
Immigration	55%	32%	13%
Climate change	38%	26%	36%
Government spending	55%	34%	10%
Inflation/prices	68%	25%	6%
Jobs/unemployment	49%	40%	11%

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

Yes .....	60%
No .....	21%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Excellent .....	6%
Good .....	18%
<b>Excellent / Good</b> .....	<b>24%</b>
Fair .....	28%
Poor .....	42%
<b>Fair / Poor</b> .....	<b>70%</b>
Don't know .....	7%

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

Unemployment .....	5%
Inflation .....	51%
Both equal .....	35%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Growing .....	17%
Shrinking .....	45%
Staying about the same .....	22%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Yes .....	53%
No .....	22%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Very likely .....	5%
Somewhat likely .....	17%
Not very likely .....	8%
Not at all likely .....	2%
Not sure .....	14%
Not asked - Already in a recession .....	54%

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

Higher gas prices .....	44%
The same gas prices .....	22%
Lower gas prices .....	13%
Not sure .....	21%

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

A higher rate of inflation .....	43%
The same rate of inflation .....	22%
A lower rate of inflation .....	15%
Not sure .....	20%

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

A lot .....	51%
A little .....	41%
Not at all .....	8%

32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	59%	32%	6%	2%
Immigration	43%	35%	16%	6%
Climate change and the environment	38%	30%	17%	15%
Foreign policy	39%	43%	14%	5%
National Security	56%	31%	9%	4%
Education	55%	32%	9%	4%
Health care	55%	33%	9%	3%
Taxes and government spending	52%	37%	8%	3%
Abortion	44%	30%	16%	10%
Civil rights	48%	34%	12%	6%
Civil liberties	51%	33%	11%	5%
Guns	47%	31%	15%	7%
Crime	56%	31%	10%	3%
Criminal justice reform	41%	39%	14%	6%
Inflation/prices	66%	25%	7%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	27%
Health care	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Abortion	7%
Immigration	6%
Civil rights	5%
National Security	5%
Crime	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Guns	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Education	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

34. 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	21%	22%	<b>43%</b>	9%	40%	<b>50%</b>	7%
Kamala Harris	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	12%	39%	<b>51%</b>	11%
Nancy Pelosi	16%	17%	<b>33%</b>	13%	41%	<b>54%</b>	13%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	22%	<b>30%</b>	17%	25%	<b>42%</b>	28%
Mitch McConnell	7%	17%	<b>24%</b>	21%	36%	<b>57%</b>	20%
Chuck Schumer	13%	18%	<b>30%</b>	14%	32%	<b>46%</b>	23%
Donald Trump	23%	18%	<b>41%</b>	9%	42%	<b>51%</b>	8%

35. 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	20%	24%	<b>44%</b>	13%	34%	<b>48%</b>	9%
The Republican Party	16%	27%	<b>43%</b>	16%	31%	<b>47%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>42%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>51%</b>
Not sure	8%

37. 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%	23%	<b>38%</b>	14%	36%	<b>50%</b>	12%
Immigration	9%	25%	<b>34%</b>	14%	37%	<b>51%</b>	15%
Climate change and the environment	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	15%	30%	<b>44%</b>	18%
Foreign policy	17%	21%	<b>38%</b>	13%	33%	<b>45%</b>	17%
National Security	17%	23%	<b>41%</b>	12%	32%	<b>45%</b>	15%
Education	15%	25%	<b>40%</b>	12%	30%	<b>42%</b>	18%
Health care	18%	23%	<b>41%</b>	15%	29%	<b>44%</b>	15%
Taxes and government spending	13%	22%	<b>34%</b>	14%	37%	<b>51%</b>	15%
Abortion	17%	19%	<b>36%</b>	14%	33%	<b>46%</b>	18%
Civil rights	18%	22%	<b>40%</b>	14%	29%	<b>42%</b>	18%
Civil liberties	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	13%	28%	<b>41%</b>	21%
Guns	13%	21%	<b>35%</b>	14%	35%	<b>49%</b>	16%
Crime	13%	21%	<b>34%</b>	13%	36%	<b>50%</b>	17%
Criminal justice reform	11%	23%	<b>34%</b>	15%	32%	<b>46%</b>	20%
Inflation/prices	12%	21%	<b>32%</b>	13%	40%	<b>54%</b>	14%

38. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	16%



<b>39. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?</b>	
A lot .....	22%
Some .....	23%
Not much .....	13%
Doesn't care at all .....	35%
Not sure .....	7%
<b>40. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?</b>	
Like a lot .....	21%
Like somewhat .....	16%
Neither like nor dislike .....	19%
Dislike somewhat .....	9%
Dislike a lot .....	27%
Not sure .....	7%
<b>41. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?</b>	
Very strong .....	12%
Somewhat strong .....	28%
Somewhat weak .....	20%
Very weak .....	39%
<b>42. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?</b>	
Honest and trustworthy .....	39%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	45%
Not sure .....	16%
<b>43. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Joe Biden as President?</b>	
Optimistic .....	30%
Pessimistic .....	46%
Not sure .....	23%
<b>44. Since taking office, do you think Joe Biden has accomplished...</b>	
More than I expected .....	19%
About what I expected .....	34%
Less than I expected .....	34%
Not sure .....	13%
<b>45. About how many of Joe Biden's campaign promises do you think he has kept?</b>	
All of them .....	4%
Most of them .....	20%
Some of them .....	27%
Hardly any of them .....	32%
Not sure .....	17%

46. Do you support or oppose the following?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Getting the COVID-19 pandemic under control	65%	16%	19%
Get bipartisan cooperation in Congress on the economy	61%	12%	27%
Putting the United States on track to have a clean energy economy	55%	28%	17%
Forgiving student loan debt from public colleges and universities	43%	40%	17%
Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour	52%	32%	16%
Decriminalizing marijuana	55%	28%	18%

47. How much progress has Joe Biden made in achieving the following campaign promises?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Getting the COVID-19 pandemic under control	19%	24%	19%	25%	13%
Getting bipartisan support in Congress for economic relief	7%	18%	21%	35%	19%
Putting United States on track to have a clean energy economy	12%	26%	24%	21%	17%
Forgiving student loan debt from public colleges and universities	20%	30%	21%	14%	15%
Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour	11%	22%	19%	27%	21%
Decriminalizing marijuana	11%	26%	18%	21%	23%

48. Looking ahead to 2023, how much progress do you think Joe Biden will make in achieving these campaign promises?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Getting the COVID-19 pandemic under control	17%	21%	17%	27%	18%
Getting bipartisan support in Congress for economic relief	8%	17%	20%	35%	20%
Putting United States on track to have a clean energy economy	11%	24%	21%	26%	18%
Forgiving student loan debt from public colleges and universities	15%	24%	19%	23%	18%
Increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour	11%	24%	17%	28%	20%
Decriminalizing marijuana	13%	23%	16%	25%	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	24%	<b>41%</b>	13%	35%	<b>48%</b>	11%
Republicans in Congress	10%	28%	<b>38%</b>	20%	31%	<b>51%</b>	11%

51. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	13%

52. 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	12%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	22%

54. 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 .....	8%
Somewhat approve .....	23%
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Strongly approve .....	14%
Somewhat approve .....	27%
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	18%

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

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	7%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	21%
Not sure .....	20%

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

Getting better .....	11%
About the same .....	26%
Getting worse .....	52%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Higher .....	17%
About the same .....	28%
Lower .....	27%
Not sure .....	28%

59. 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 .....	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	43%
Not sure .....	8%

60. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	56%

61. 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.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	16%

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

Very happy	27%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	5%

63. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes	43%
No	39%
Not sure	18%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%

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

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	13%

66. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

**67. 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%

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

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

**69. Political Party Identification**

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	17%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	19%
Not sure .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%

**70. Are you... ?**

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

**71. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

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

74. What is your marital status?

Married .....	50%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	27%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	4%

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

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

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	38%
\$50-100K .....	31%
\$100K or more .....	20%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

78. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	37%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	17%
Not at all important .....	19%

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

More than once a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	19%
Never .....	30%
Don't know .....	4%

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

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

81. 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 .....	14%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	5%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	17%
Don't know .....	6%

82. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	4%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	4%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	24%
Something else .....	8%



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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 3 - 6, 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 0.061 to 6.537, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.799.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1315 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	60 questions not reported.