

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 21 - 24, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 21 - 24, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	11%

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
Ron DeSantis	15%	21%	11%	36%	17%
Donald Trump	22%	20%	9%	45%	4%
Patrick McHenry	3%	15%	13%	8%	61%
Steve Scalise	9%	16%	14%	19%	42%
Fani Willis	14%	8%	6%	12%	60%
Kenneth Chesebro	1%	7%	9%	17%	66%
Sidney Powell	3%	12%	12%	24%	50%
Jim Jordan	15%	12%	8%	30%	35%
Matt Gaetz	5%	13%	10%	35%	37%

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
Benjamin Netanyahu	14%	19%	15%	18%	34%
Vladimir Putin	3%	6%	13%	67%	11%
Volodymyr Zelensky	24%	26%	11%	13%	26%

4. 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	20%	22%	14%	41%	4%
Kamala Harris	15%	23%	12%	41%	8%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	18%	20%	28%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	15%	10%	20%	41%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	27%	3%	1%
Immigration	50%	34%	13%	4%
Climate change and the environment	44%	25%	17%	14%
Foreign policy	46%	40%	10%	4%
National Security	68%	26%	5%	2%
Education	61%	30%	7%	2%
Health care	69%	26%	3%	1%
Taxes and government spending	59%	34%	7%	1%
Abortion	46%	29%	16%	9%
Civil rights	57%	28%	10%	4%
Civil liberties	52%	35%	9%	4%
Guns	53%	28%	14%	5%
Crime	61%	31%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	13%	4%
Inflation/prices	74%	20%	5%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	6%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	6%
Guns	5%
Education	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	55%
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 disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	18%	22%	40%	15%	37%	53%	8%
Immigration	8%	22%	31%	17%	43%	60%	10%
Foreign policy	17%	21%	38%	15%	37%	52%	10%
National Security	18%	23%	41%	12%	35%	47%	12%
Education	14%	24%	38%	15%	32%	47%	15%
Crime	10%	23%	33%	16%	37%	53%	14%
Criminal justice reform	8%	23%	31%	16%	32%	48%	20%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	32%	16%	45%	61%	7%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	14%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	3%

12. 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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	1%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%

13. 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	14%	25%	39%	15%	35%	50%	11%
Republicans in Congress	5%	25%	30%	20%	39%	59%	11%

14. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	28%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	23%

16. 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	12%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	37%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	19%
Fair	29%
Poor	44%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	14%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

20. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	5%

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

Full-time	36%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	11%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	7%
Student	3%
Other	2%

22. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	5%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	91%

23. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	3%
Part-time job	25%
No job outside of school	72%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	4%	23%	61%	11%
Ukraine	31%	41%	8%	5%	15%
China	2%	7%	34%	42%	15%
Israel	49%	24%	6%	4%	17%
Palestine	3%	11%	30%	26%	30%
Iran	2%	4%	21%	55%	18%
Qatar	6%	22%	17%	9%	46%
Jordan	6%	23%	18%	7%	45%
Lebanon	3%	11%	28%	17%	42%

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

The Israelis	41%
About equal	28%
The Palestinians	13%
Not sure	19%

26. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	8%
Not sure	15%

27. How much, if anything, have you heard about the war between Israel and Hamas?

A lot	56%
A little	37%
Nothing at all	7%

28. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war	47%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war	31%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	20%

30. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

Give Israel more military support	31%
Give Israel less military support	20%
Maintain the same military support for Israel	49%

31. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

Give the Palestinians more humanitarian support	32%
Give the Palestinians less humanitarian support	23%
Maintain the same humanitarian support for the Palestinians	45%

32. Do you think each of the following courses of action is a good or bad idea for the U.S. to engage in?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Not sure
Sending weapons to Israel	39%	33%	28%
Moving more U.S. troops near Israel and Gaza	32%	37%	31%
Sending food, water, and medical supplies to Gaza	62%	15%	23%
Pushing Egypt and Israel to allow food, water, and medical supplies to enter Gaza from Egypt	61%	13%	26%

33. Do you think that the Israeli government's response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

Too harsh	21%
About right	30%
Not harsh enough	19%
Not sure	30%

34. How likely do you think it is that the war between Israel and Hamas will lead to a wider war involving other countries?

Very likely	22%
Fairly likely	36%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	19%
It already has led to a wider war	8%

35. How trustworthy or untrustworthy do you think the following are in providing information about the Israel-Hamas war?

	Very trust- worthy	Somewhat trustwor- thy	Neither trustwor- thy nor untrust- worthy	Somewhat untrust- worthy	Very untrust- worthy	Don't know
Israeli officials	10%	24%	20%	16%	14%	15%
Palestinian officials	4%	9%	20%	19%	32%	16%
U.S. officials	10%	27%	21%	16%	15%	11%
The U.S. news media	8%	22%	21%	19%	21%	8%
The international news media	8%	27%	22%	15%	15%	13%
Social media	4%	11%	21%	20%	35%	9%

36. How much, if anything, have you heard about a deadly blast at the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza?

A lot	39%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	21%

37. Who do you think is most responsible for the deadly blast at the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza?

Israel	13%
A Palestinian militant group	41%
They are equally responsible	12%
Not sure	34%

38. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine between Russia and Ukraine, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine	40%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine	38%
Not sure	21%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	23%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	26%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	33%
Not sure	18%

40. Do you think U.S. military aid to Ukraine should be...?

Among people who want U.S. military aid to Ukraine to be decreased

Decreased a little	4%
Decreased a lot	9%
Stopped entirely	13%
Not sure	1%
Not asked - We should not decrease military aid to Ukraine or not sure	74%

41. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Journalists have the right to report the news safely and without fear of reprisal.

Strongly agree	62%
Somewhat agree	19%
Somewhat disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	3%
Not sure	12%

42. Do you think the U.S. House of Representatives not having a speaker is currently...?

Helping the U.S. government's ability to function	4%
Not having any effect on the U.S. government's ability to function	16%
Hurting the U.S. government's ability to function	57%
Not sure	22%

43. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives removing Kevin McCarthy as speaker?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	34%

44. If you had to choose, would you rather the next Speaker of the House of Representatives be someone who...?

Compromises to get things done	52%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what	28%
Not sure	20%

45. Who would you most like to serve as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives?

Patrick McHenry	2%
Matt Gaetz	1%
Kevin McCarthy	4%
Austin Scott	0%
Jim Jordan	10%
Kevin Hern	1%
Tom Emmer	1%
Donald Trump	9%
Hakeem Jeffries	17%
Steve Scalise	2%
Byron Donalds	2%
Jack Bergman	0%
Mike Johnson	1%
Jodey Arrington	0%
Pete Sessions	0%
Dan Meuser	0%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	47%

46. Which party do you think is currently more united?

Democrats	51%
Republicans	14%
Both equally	11%
Not sure	24%

47. On votes for speaker of the House of Representatives, do you think members of the House should or should not vote along with the rest of their party, even when they disagree?

Should	26%
Should not	39%
Not sure	35%

48. In general, do you think members of the House of Representative should or should not vote along with the rest of their party, even when they disagree?

Should	24%
Should not	44%
Not sure	32%

49. How much attention are you paying to votes in the House of Representatives for a speaker?

A great deal	16%
A fair amount	31%
Not much	26%
Not at all	19%
Not sure	8%

50. Would you rather have the House of Representatives...?

Have no speaker for a time, even if it limits the ability of the government to function normally	36%
Keep the government functioning normally, even if it means electing a speaker you don't like	64%

51. How much confidence do you have that the 2020 presidential election was held fairly in Georgia?

A great deal	32%
Quite a bit	9%
A moderate amount	12%
Only a little	11%
None at all	22%
Not sure	15%

52. Was Donald Trump involved in an attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia?

Yes	47%
No	29%
Not sure	24%

53. Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime by attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia?

Yes	42%
No	3%
Not sure	2%
Not asked - Trump wasn't involved in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election in Georgia or not sure	53%

54. Donald Trump was recently charged with 13 criminal counts, including racketeering, for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to charge Donald Trump with these alleged crimes?

Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	9%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

56. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

57. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

59. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

60. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

61. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%
62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%
63. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%
64. What is your marital status?	
Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%
65. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	21%
No	79%
66. In what region of the country do you reside?	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%
67. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?	
Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	13%

68. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	24%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	19%
Never	37%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	2%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	32%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	6%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 21 - 24, 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 0.086 to 5.721, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.728.
Number of respondents	1500 1296 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	39 questions not reported.