The Economist/YouGov Poll
September 10 - 12, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	September 10 - 12, 2023
Margin of Error	±3.3%

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	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%	35%	18%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	11%	45%	3%
David Perdue	3%	10%	11%	17%	59%
Lindsey Graham	5%	16%	17%	32%	30%
Kelly Loeffler	4%	10%	8%	16%	62%

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
Jimmy Fallon	16%	32%	18%	18%	16%
Stephen Colbert	21%	23%	11%	23%	22%
Jimmy Kimmel	16%	30%	14%	23%	17%
John Oliver	14%	16%	8%	11%	50%
James Corden	10%	20%	14%	13%	43%
Greg Gutfeld	12%	14%	7%	10%	57%

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	19%	22%	13%	43%	3%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	13%	41%	9%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	18%	15%	27%	32%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	21%	40%	20%
Chuck Schumer	10%	19%	12%	33%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	11%	9%	19%	50%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant
Jobs and the economy	70%	25%	3%	1%
Immigration	52%	33%	12%	2%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	16%	16%
Foreign policy	43%	41%	13%	4%
National Security	63%	29%	7%	1%
Education	64%	27%	6%	2%
Health care	69%	25%	4%	2%
Taxes and government spending	62%	31%	6%	1%
Abortion	49%	29%	13%	10%
Civil rights	55%	29%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	54%	32%	11%	3%
Guns	56%	27%	11%	6%
Crime	62%	29%	8%	1%
Criminal justice reform	42%	39%	14%	5%
Inflation/prices	73%	23%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Immigration	7%
Abortion	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Civil rights	5%
Guns	5%
National Security	5%
Crime	4%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve 16%
Somewhat approve 22%
Approve **38%**
Somewhat disapprove 13%
Strongly disapprove 44%
Disapprove **57%**
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 disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	20%	**39%**	11%	40%	**51%**	10%
Climate change and the environment	14%	24%	**38%**	11%	36%	**47%**	15%
Health care	15%	23%	**38%**	14%	33%	**47%**	15%
Taxes and government spending	12%	21%	**33%**	13%	44%	**57%**	11%
Abortion	15%	19%	**34%**	13%	35%	**48%**	18%
Guns	12%	19%	**30%**	15%	39%	**54%**	16%
Crime	10%	22%	**32%**	12%	40%	**52%**	16%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	**32%**	12%	46%	**58%**	10%

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

Strongly approve 4%
Somewhat approve 13%
Neither approve nor disapprove 16%
Somewhat disapprove 25%
Strongly disapprove 33%
Not sure 10%

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

Strongly approve 11%
Somewhat approve 25%
Somewhat disapprove 18%
Strongly disapprove 30%
Not sure 16%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	42%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%

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	44%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	2%

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

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	22%
No	63%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	33%
No	56%
Not sure	12%

16. 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...
Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	44%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	5%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

17. 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	37%
Donald Trump	40%
Not sure	23%

18. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	16%

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

Very strong	11%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	43%

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

Honest and trustworthy	37%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	14%

21. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	26%
Not sure	22%

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

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	22%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	30%

23. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	28%
Not honest and trustworthy	56%
Not sure	16%

24. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?
Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	53%
Ron DeSantis	14%
Nikki Haley	5%
Mike Pence	5%
Chris Christie	2%
Tim Scott	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy	6%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Doug Burgum	0%
Will Hurd	0%
Larry Elder	0%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	5%

25. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today and [favored candidate] was not on the ballot, who would you vote for?
Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican and have a preferred Republican primary candidate

Donald Trump	10%
Ron DeSantis	26%
Nikki Haley	8%
Mike Pence	7%
Chris Christie	2%
Tim Scott	5%
Vivek Ramaswamy	12%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Doug Burgum	1%
Will Hurd	1%
Larry Elder	3%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	5%

26. Would you be disappointed if any of these presidential candidates became the Republican nominee? Select all that apply.

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	17%
Ron DeSantis	18%
Nikki Haley	23%
Mike Pence	47%
Chris Christie	52%
Tim Scott	17%
Vivek Ramaswamy	23%
Asa Hutchinson	36%
Doug Burgum	29%
Will Hurd	30%
Larry Elder	23%
I would not be disappointed if any of the candidates became the nominee	11%
Not sure	14%

27. How likely do you think it is for an ordinary defendant accused of a crime to get a fair trial in the U.S.?

Very likely	21%
Somewhat likely	43%
Not very likely	19%
Not likely at all	7%
Not sure	11%

28. How likely do you think it is it for a wealthy and powerful defendant accused of a crime to get a fair trial in the U.S.?

Very likely	39%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	12%
Not likely at all	11%
Not sure	13%

29. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get a fair trial in most of his cases?

Very likely	29%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	14%
Not likely at all	25%
Not sure	13%

30. Which comes closest to your view of how Donald Trump is treated by the criminal justice system?

More harshly than other people	37%
Equally to other people	14%
More leniently than other people	36%
Not sure	13%

31. Which comes closest to your view of how Donald Trump should be treated by the criminal justice system?

More harshly than other people …………………………………………………………… 14%
Equally to other people …………………………………………………………………… 72%
More leniently than other people ………………………………………………………… 6%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 8%

32. Donald Trump currently has four legal cases pending against him. Do you think Trump's legal situation will have a positive or negative impact on his presidential campaign?

Very positive ……………………………………………………………………………… 11%
Somewhat positive ………………………………………………………………………… 16%
Neither positive nor negative …………………………………………………………… 21%
Somewhat negative ………………………………………………………………………… 19%
Very negative ……………………………………………………………………………… 16%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 17%

33. Have you ever experienced any of the following? Select all that apply.

COVID-19 …………………………………………………………………………………… 46%
The flu ………………………………………………………………………………………… 64%
RSV …………………………………………………………………………………………… 3%
Shingles ……………………………………………………………………………………… 9%
None of the above ………………………………………………………………………… 21%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………… 4%

34. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing…?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
COVID-19	13%	28%	30%	29%
The flu	8%	26%	39%	27%
RSV	7%	22%	36%	35%
Shingles	8%	20%	37%	35%

35. Which statement describes you best?

I have received at least ONE shot of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine ………… 72%
I have NOT received ANY shots of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine …………… 28%

36. Which statement describes you best?
Asked of those who got at least one shot of any manufacturer's COVID vaccine

I have received only ONE shot …………………………………………………………… 11%
I have received only TWO shots ………………………………………………………… 33%
I have received at least THREE shots …………………………………………………… 56%

37. In 2023, have you received the following?

	Yes	No, but I plan to	No, and I don't plan to	Not sure
A COVID-19 vaccine	23%	21%	50%	6%
A flu vaccine	21%	33%	42%	5%
An RSV vaccine	5%	14%	64%	17%
A shingles vaccine	16%	13%	61%	11%

38. In future years after 2023, do you think you will ever receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

Definitely ………………………………………………………………………… 20%
Probably …………………………………………………………………………24%
Probably not …………………………………………………………………………15%
Definitely not ………………………………………………………………………… 28%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………12%

39. How much, if anything, have you heard about a fall 2023 COVID booster shot that is tailored to newer specific variants of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot …………………………………………………………………………17%
A little …………………………………………………………………………57%
Nothing at all ………………………………………………………………………… 27%

40. Do you want the fall 2023 COVID booster shot that is tailored to newer specific variants?

Yes …………………………………………………………………………35%
No …………………………………………………………………………39%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………25%
Already got it ………………………………………………………………………… 1%

41. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always …………………………………………………………………………6%
Most of the time …………………………………………………………………………5%
Some of the time …………………………………………………………………………14%
Never …………………………………………………………………………76%

42. How enthusiastic are you, if at all, about the development of driverless cars?

Very enthusiastic …………………………………………………………………………7%
Somewhat enthusiastic …………………………………………………………………………19%
Not very enthusiastic ………………………………………………………………………… 20%
Not at all enthusiastic ………………………………………………………………………… 45%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………9%

43. How worried are you, if at all, about the use of driverless cars?

Very worried	32%
Somewhat worried	43%
Not very worried	12%
Not at all worried	6%
Not sure	7%

44. How safe or unsafe would you feel as...?

	Very safe	Somewhat safe	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	Not sure
A passenger in a driverless car	4%	17%	30%	38%	10%
A driver in a city with driverless cars	5%	17%	31%	35%	11%
A pedestrian in a city with driverless cars	4%	15%	31%	40%	10%

45. If the use of driverless cars were to become widespread, do you think that would...?

Increase the number of people killed or injured in traffic accidents	38%
Decrease the number of people killed or injured in traffic accidents	17%
Not make a difference	15%
Not sure	30%

46. Do you think driverless cars will ever become widespread on U.S. roads?

Definitely	7%
Probably	36%
Probably not	29%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	20%

47. Would you personally want to ride in a driverless car, if you had the opportunity?

Definitely would	8%
Probably would	19%
Probably would not	21%
Definitely would not	39%
Not sure	12%
I already have	0%

48. Would you support or oppose allowing driverless taxis to operate in your city or town?

Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	21%
Strongly oppose	35%
Not sure	19%

49. Do you support or oppose the following regulation of driverless cars?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Requiring them to be visibly labeled as driverless	71%	13%	3%	4%	9%
Requiring the publication of regular reports of accidents involving them	69%	16%	4%	3%	9%
Requiring a human driver to be present and able to take control	60%	20%	5%	4%	12%
Requiring them to drive only in lanes dedicated for driverless cars	50%	21%	7%	7%	15%
Requiring them to pass safety tests specifically designed for driverless cars	74%	11%	3%	3%	8%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	11%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

52. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	30%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

54. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

55. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

56. Respondent age by category

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

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

59. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	7%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes 19%
No 81%

61. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Full-time 34%
Part-time 10%
Temporarily laid off 1%
Unemployed 12%
Retired 22%
Permanently disabled 9%
Homemaker 7%
Student 3%
Other 2%

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

Under $50K 42%
$50-100K 26%
$100K or more 19%
Prefer not to say 12%

64. How important is religion in your life?

Very important 38%
Somewhat important 22%
Not too important 16%
Not at all important 24%

65. 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 5%
A few times a year 10%
Seldom 20%
Never 36%
Don't know 5%

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

Yes 28%
No 72%

67. 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 11%
Once a week 3%
A few times a month 5%
Seldom 14%
Never 22%
Don't know 4%

68. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant 27%
Roman Catholic 20%
Mormon 2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox 1%
Jewish 2%
Muslim 3%
Buddhist 1%
Hindu 0%
Atheist 7%
Agnostic 7%
Nothing in particular 23%
Something else 8%

Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 10 - 12, 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 0.091 to 6.509, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.828.
Number of respondents	1500 1334 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.