

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 29 - November 1, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted October 29 - November 1, 2022  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	64%
Not sure	11%

2. 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	43%
<b>Fair / Poor</b>	<b>72%</b>
Don't know	5%

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

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	57%
Both equal	30%
Not sure	8%

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

Growing	19%
Shrinking	47%
Staying about the same	21%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	58%
No	22%
Not sure	20%

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

*Asked of those who do not think we are currently in an economic recession*

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	7%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	11%
Not asked - Already in a recession	58%

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

Higher gas prices .....	48%
The same gas prices .....	22%
Lower gas prices .....	15%
Not sure .....	15%

**8. How much control do you think the president has over gas prices?**

A lot .....	36%
A little .....	38%
No control .....	27%

**9. How much do gas prices affect you personally?**

A lot .....	46%
A little .....	42%
Not at all .....	12%

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

A higher rate of inflation .....	45%
The same rate of inflation .....	22%
A lower rate of inflation .....	16%
Not sure .....	17%

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

A lot .....	55%
A little .....	39%
Not at all .....	6%

**12. Do you personally know anyone who has been laid off from their job in the last 12 months? Check all that apply.**

Yes, me .....	8%
Yes, a family member .....	10%
Yes, a close friend .....	14%
No .....	65%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

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

A lot .....	44%
A little .....	36%
None at all .....	20%

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

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

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

- Very closely ..... 28%
- Somewhat closely ..... 34%
- Not very closely ..... 20%
- Not following at all ..... 18%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

- Definitely will vote ..... 55%
- Probably will vote ..... 10%
- Maybe will vote ..... 6%
- Probably will not vote ..... 3%
- Definitely will not vote ..... 4%
- Don't know ..... 2%
- I have already voted ..... 21%

17. 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 ..... 48%
- The Republican Party candidate ..... 48%
- Other ..... 2%
- Not sure ..... 0%
- I [will / did] not vote in this race ..... 2%

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

*Asked of those who have decided on a candidate*

- Definitely will vote that way ..... 82%
- Probably will vote that way ..... 14%
- Could easily change my mind ..... 3%

**19. Why might you not vote in the 2022 congressional elections? Check all that apply.**

*Asked of registered voters who will not vote or are not sure if they will vote*

I don't know how/where to vote .....	10%
I don't know how/where to register to vote .....	7%
My vote doesn't matter .....	19%
There are no competitive races where I live .....	9%
I don't care .....	14%
I don't like any of the candidates .....	18%
It's too inconvenient .....	11%
I would have to vote in person and don't want to .....	15%
Other forms of political participation matter more (protests, signing petitions, etc.) .....	8%
I missed the deadline to register to vote .....	8%
Too much work to research the candidates and proposals .....	16%
Other .....	11%

**20. 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 .....	25%
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 .....	38%
Not sure .....	1%

**21. 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 .....	34%
Somewhat closely .....	30%
Not very closely .....	18%
Not following at all .....	17%

**22. 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	18%	22%	20%	34%	6%
The availability or accessibility of polling locations	13%	17%	22%	42%	6%
The spread of COVID-19	15%	23%	23%	35%	4%

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

More enthusiastic .....	36%
Less enthusiastic .....	18%
About the same .....	37%
Not sure .....	9%

24. In the past two years, which of the following have you done? Check all that apply.

Gone to a protest .....	7%
Signed a petition .....	27%
Donated to a political campaign or candidate .....	19%
Posted about a political issue on social media .....	30%
None of these .....	48%

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

A great deal .....	55%
A moderate amount .....	20%
A little .....	14%
None at all .....	11%

26. 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 .....	39%
Republicans control both the Senate and the House of Representatives .....	37%
One chamber of Congress is controlled by the Republicans and one is controlled by Democrats .....	9%
No preference .....	15%

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

Democrats control the House and the Senate .....	16%
Democrats control the House while Republicans control the Senate .....	9%
Republicans control the House while Democrats control the Senate .....	15%
Republicans control the House and the Senate .....	28%
Not sure .....	32%

28. If Republicans win control of Congress, which of the following do you expect will happen? Select all that apply.

Joe Biden will be impeached .....	27%
Government spending on social services will be reduced .....	42%
Aid to Ukraine will be reduced .....	38%
Abortion will be banned nationally .....	36%
There will be a government shutdown .....	20%
Taxes will be cut .....	24%
Inflation will fall .....	28%
COVID-19 cases will rise .....	19%
None of the above .....	17%
Other .....	9%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	54%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Yes .....	28%
No .....	59%
Not sure .....	13%

31. 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%	26%	37%	13%
Interference by foreign countries	19%	32%	31%	18%
Candidates will not accept the election outcomes	28%	38%	19%	14%
People who are eligible to vote will be prevented from voting	19%	27%	40%	14%
There will be violence at polling places	16%	35%	33%	16%

32. 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 .....	60%
Russia .....	64%
Some other countries .....	11%
Not sure .....	17%

33. Thinking about the upcoming elections in your state, which comes closest to your view?

Before the election, candidates should promise to accept the election outcome	53%
Candidates should not promise before the election to accept the election outcome	19%
Not sure	27%

34. Once all the votes are counted and the process is done, do you think that candidates who receive fewer votes in your state will...?

Concede the election	44%
Continue to challenge the election	23%
Not sure	33%

35. Do you think the 2020 presidential election was won by Donald Trump, but was stolen from him?

Yes	28%
No	53%
Not sure	19%

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

The character and personal qualities of a candidate	18%
The party and policies a candidate supports	24%
Both equally important	58%

37. Do you usually vote for Democrats or Republicans?

Usually vote for Democrats	31%
Usually vote for Republicans	30%
Depends on the candidates	18%
Not asked - Never voted	21%

38. Would you say that you are more a supporter of Donald Trump or the Republican Party?

*Asked of those who call themselves Republican*

Donald Trump	33%
Republican Party	61%
Not sure	6%

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

Pro-life .....	25%
Pro-choice .....	34%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	30%
Socialist .....	9%
Libertarian .....	7%
Progressive .....	15%
Feminist .....	16%
Environmentalist .....	22%
MAGA supporter .....	14%
None of the above .....	11%

40. 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	46%	26%	28%
Donald Trump	37%	20%	43%
Abortion	51%	24%	25%
Crime	58%	30%	12%
The economy	71%	25%	4%
Guns	51%	28%	20%
Immigration	55%	31%	14%
Climate change	39%	25%	36%
Government spending	57%	30%	13%
Inflation/prices	70%	24%	6%
Jobs/unemployment	42%	44%	15%

41. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. ....	31%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions). .....	29%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. ....	31%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. ....	9%

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

Yes .....	62%
No .....	19%
Not sure .....	19%



43. 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
Rishi Sunak	6%	13%	<b>19%</b>	11%	6%	<b>17%</b>	64%
Elon Musk	17%	26%	<b>43%</b>	20%	21%	<b>41%</b>	16%

44. How much have you heard about Elon Musk buying Twitter?

A lot	46%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	12%

45. Do you approve or disapprove of Elon Musk buying Twitter?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	28%

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

Russia	15%
Ukraine	27%
Neither	36%
Not sure	23%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	27%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	35%

48. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

All of them	2%
Most of them	13%
About half of them	26%
A few of them	30%
None of them	4%
Not sure	25%

49. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...

	Greater	Lesser	About the same	Don't know
A new Cold War	53%	10%	22%	15%
A nuclear war	49%	10%	25%	15%

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. government's economic sanctions on Russia?

Strongly approve	40%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	6%
Not sure	19%

51. Do you think that the U.S. government's sanctions on Russia are having an effect on the war in Ukraine?

Yes	33%
No	32%
Not sure	34%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	24%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	24%
Not sure	24%

53. How serious a problem is crime in the United States?

Very serious	51%
Somewhat serious	33%
A minor problem	8%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	7%

54. How serious a problem is crime in your local community?

Very serious	17%
Somewhat serious	32%
A minor problem	32%
Not a problem	10%
Not sure	9%

55. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	61%	29%	8%	2%
Immigration	47%	32%	15%	7%
Climate change and the environment	40%	26%	17%	17%
Foreign policy	37%	42%	17%	4%
National Security	60%	28%	8%	4%
Education	59%	28%	9%	3%
Health care	62%	27%	9%	2%
Taxes and government spending	55%	33%	9%	3%
Abortion	47%	25%	18%	9%
Civil rights	52%	29%	12%	6%
Civil liberties	52%	32%	12%	5%
Guns	51%	29%	13%	7%
Crime	59%	28%	9%	5%
Criminal justice reform	44%	36%	14%	6%
Inflation/prices	69%	22%	7%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	26%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Abortion	7%
Civil rights	6%
Immigration	6%
Guns	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
National Security	5%
Crime	4%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

57. 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>	12%	38%	<b>50%</b>	6%
Kamala Harris	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	12%	38%	<b>50%</b>	12%
Nancy Pelosi	16%	20%	<b>36%</b>	11%	39%	<b>50%</b>	13%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	20%	<b>27%</b>	17%	26%	<b>43%</b>	30%
Mitch McConnell	5%	16%	<b>21%</b>	22%	36%	<b>58%</b>	21%
Chuck Schumer	11%	20%	<b>31%</b>	13%	32%	<b>46%</b>	23%
Donald Trump	20%	17%	<b>38%</b>	10%	45%	<b>55%</b>	7%

58. 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	18%	24%	<b>42%</b>	14%	36%	<b>50%</b>	7%
The Republican Party	14%	26%	<b>40%</b>	19%	33%	<b>53%</b>	8%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	24%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>42%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>50%</b>
Not sure	8%

60. 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%	24%	<b>41%</b>	13%	35%	<b>48%</b>	11%
Immigration	9%	24%	<b>33%</b>	14%	38%	<b>52%</b>	15%
Foreign policy	18%	21%	<b>39%</b>	12%	32%	<b>44%</b>	17%
Guns	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>	17%	34%	<b>51%</b>	16%
Inflation/prices	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	13%	41%	<b>54%</b>	13%

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

Like a lot	22%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	20%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	25%
Not sure	8%

62. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Democrats in Congress support Biden more than Republicans in Congress supported Trump	50%
Republicans in Congress supported Trump more than Democrats in Congress support Biden	50%

63. Since taking office, do you think Joe Biden has accomplished...

More than I expected	20%
About what I expected	34%
Less than I expected	33%
Not sure	13%

64. About how many of Joe Biden's campaign promises do you think he has kept?

All of them	4%
Most of them	20%
Some of them	29%
Hardly any of them	30%
Not sure	17%

65. Do you support or oppose each of the following policy measures?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Pardoning those convicted of simple marijuana possession	40%	26%	14%	10%	10%
Forgiving up to \$10,000 in student loans	32%	18%	9%	32%	8%
Withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan	31%	26%	14%	13%	15%
Passing a bill that aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, gives government the ability to negotiate lower drug prices, and requires a minimum 15% tax on large corporations	36%	20%	11%	20%	14%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	12%

67. 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	15%	25%	<b>40%</b>	15%	35%	<b>49%</b>	10%
Republicans in Congress	10%	25%	<b>35%</b>	21%	33%	<b>54%</b>	11%

68. 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	17%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	16%

69. 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	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	23%

70. 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	32%
Not sure	22%

71. 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	22%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	28%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	13%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	18%
About the same	26%
Lower	26%
Not sure	30%

76. 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	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	9%

**77. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

More jobs .....	16%
The same amount of jobs .....	36%
Fewer jobs .....	25%
Not sure .....	23%

**78. How worried are you about losing your job?**

Very worried .....	14%
Somewhat worried .....	27%
Not very worried .....	59%

**79. 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. ....	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	35%
Not very hard .....	23%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Very happy .....	24%
Happy .....	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	26%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	4%

**81. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?**

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	35%
No .....	49%
Not sure .....	16%

**82. 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%

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

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



**84. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

**85. 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%

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

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

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

Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	20%
Not sure .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%

**88. Are you...?**

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

**89. Respondent age by category**

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

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

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

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

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

92. What is your marital status?

Married .....	47%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	11%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	30%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

95. 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 .....	12%

96. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	37%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	20%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	21%
Never .....	31%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

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

Several times a day .....	29%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	13%
Never .....	19%
Don't know .....	4%

100. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	31%
Roman Catholic .....	20%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	2%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	3%
Buddhist .....	0%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	21%
Something else .....	6%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 29 - November 1, 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 0.051 to 6.539, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.827.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1330 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	63 questions not reported.