

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 15 - 18, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 15 - 18, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	23%
Excellent / Good	30%
Fair	30%
Poor	37%
Fair / Poor	66%
Don't know	3%

3. 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
Ron DeSantis	23%	21%	44%	10%	26%	36%	20%
Dianne Feinstein	10%	23%	33%	16%	21%	37%	30%
John Fetterman	15%	23%	37%	10%	19%	29%	33%
Tim Scott	13%	23%	36%	10%	11%	22%	42%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	9%	24%	53%	10%
Ukraine	28%	44%	9%	5%	14%
China	4%	14%	30%	39%	13%
Egypt	7%	36%	19%	5%	33%
North Korea	3%	11%	18%	53%	15%
South Korea	32%	34%	9%	7%	17%
Turkey	8%	31%	24%	6%	30%

5. How much have you heard about a leak of U.S. military documents that contain classified information about the war in Ukraine, China, and U.S. intelligence-gathering tactics?

A lot	27%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	25%

6. The U.S. military documents were posted online without authorization in early April. Do you think the person who leaked the documents should be thought of more as a hero or as a criminal?

More as a hero	16%
More as a criminal	57%
Don't know	27%

7. How concerned are you that U.S. national security has been compromised by the leak of the classified information?

Very concerned	31%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not very concerned	15%
Not at all concerned	6%
Not sure	11%

8. Would you approve or disapprove of U.S. intelligence agencies spying on the following countries?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
Russia	45%	23%	10%	8%	14%
Ukraine	22%	32%	18%	9%	20%
South Korea	17%	28%	22%	12%	21%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	20%
Neither	36%
Not sure	21%

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

Russia	28%
Ukraine	26%
Equally likely	17%
Not sure	30%

11. Would you support or oppose judges being allowed to overrule an FDA decision approving a drug as safe and effective?

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	32%
Not sure	19%

12. Which comes closest to your position on abortion? Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	21%
Legal in most cases	34%
Illegal in most cases	33%
Illegal in all cases	12%

13. Should abortion laws be decided nationally or left to the states?

Decided nationally	48%
Left to the states	35%
Not sure	16%

14. Based on what you know, how safe is medication abortion, which is a pill that can be taken to end an early stage pregnancy? Medication abortion is different from emergency contraceptive pills.

Very safe	25%
Somewhat safe	23%
Not very safe	13%
Not safe at all	11%
Not sure	27%

15. Based on what you know, how safe is surgical abortion (performed in a clinic or a hospital)?

Very safe	30%
Somewhat safe	31%
Not very safe	12%
Not safe at all	9%
Not sure	18%

16. Which method of abortion do you think is most common in the U.S.?

Medication abortion	35%
Surgical abortion	22%
About the same	22%
Not sure	21%

17. Around half of abortions today are done by taking abortion-inducing drugs. Two artificial hormone pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, are prescribed by a health care provider and are then taken to end a pregnancy. Do you support or oppose these drugs being legal to access with a prescription?

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	19%
Not sure	16%

18. Which of the following is more important to you when thinking about your preferred candidate for next year's presidential election?

Their chances of winning the general election	23%
Whether you agree with them on the issues	59%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	26%
No	53%
Not sure	21%

20. Do you think that Joe Biden is the strongest candidate that Democrats could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is	24%
No, he is not	53%
Not sure	24%

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

Yes	32%
No	54%
Not sure	14%

22. Do you think that Donald Trump is the strongest candidate that Republicans could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is	35%
No, he is not	48%
Not sure	18%

23. If you had to choose, who would you rather see as the Republican nominee for president in 2024?

Donald Trump	32%
Ron DeSantis	23%
Someone else	14%
Not sure	31%

24. 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...

Joe Biden	37%
Donald Trump	41%
Other	5%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	12%

25. 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	39%
Donald Trump	39%
Not sure	22%

26. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	55%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	45%

27. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	40%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	48%
Not sure	13%

28. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	23%
Out of control	63%
Not sure	14%

29. Do you think old age helps members of Congress to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job or hurts members of Congress by making it more difficult to do the work Congress requires?

Old age helps members of Congress to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job	19%
Old age hurts members of Congress by making it more difficult to do the work Congress requires	41%
Old age has no impact on how well a member of Congress does their job	24%
Not sure	16%

30. How old is too old to be a member of the United States Congress? Please enter an age below.

Coded from open-end responses. Respondents had the explicit option to select "There is no age at which someone is too old to be a member of the United States Congress"

Under 61	11%
61-65	10%
66-70	15%
71-75	12%
76-80	11%
81+	5%
There is no age at which someone is too old to be a member of the United States Congress	37%

31. California Senator Dianne Feinstein, the 89 year old Democrat and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been absent from Congress for over a month for medical reasons – recovering from shingles. Do you think that Feinstein should resign?

Yes, she should65%
 No, she should not18%
 Not sure17%

32. Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, the 81 year old Republican and Senate Minority Leader, has been absent from Congress for over a month for medical reasons – recovering from a concussion from a serious fall. Do you think he should resign or not?

Yes, he should63%
 No, he should not19%
 Not sure18%

33. Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman, the 53 year old Democrat serving on his first term in the U.S. Senate, has been absent from Congress for over a month for medical reasons – recovering from depression. Do you think he should resign or not?

Yes, he should46%
 No, he should not32%
 Not sure22%

34. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	4%	2%
Immigration	48%	33%	13%	5%
Climate change and the environment	44%	30%	13%	14%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	10%	4%
National Security	65%	26%	6%	3%
Education	63%	28%	7%	3%
Health care	67%	25%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	60%	30%	7%	2%
Abortion	43%	32%	16%	9%
Civil rights	54%	29%	12%	5%
Civil liberties	52%	33%	11%	4%
Guns	56%	25%	12%	6%
Crime	62%	28%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	34%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	71%	22%	5%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	16%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	7%
Guns	6%
Immigration	6%
Education	5%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

36. 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	22%	25%	47%	12%	36%	48%	5%
Kamala Harris	15%	27%	42%	13%	34%	47%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	12%	26%	37%	15%	23%	38%	25%
Mitch McConnell	7%	22%	29%	22%	31%	54%	17%
Chuck Schumer	12%	25%	38%	13%	27%	39%	23%
Hakeem Jeffries	12%	20%	33%	12%	16%	28%	39%
Donald Trump	24%	23%	47%	12%	36%	48%	5%

37. 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	21%	24%	45%	14%	32%	46%	9%
The Republican Party	19%	27%	46%	14%	31%	45%	9%

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

Jobs and the economy	17%
Immigration	0%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Foreign policy	4%
National Security	5%
Education	11%
Health care	14%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Abortion	2%
Civil rights	10%
Civil liberties	6%
Guns	6%
Crime	12%
Criminal justice reform	0%
Inflation/prices	2%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	8%

40. 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	19%	26%	45%	14%	32%	46%	9%
National Security	20%	24%	44%	15%	31%	45%	10%
Abortion	15%	23%	38%	17%	30%	47%	15%
Civil rights	17%	27%	44%	14%	28%	42%	14%
Civil liberties	17%	26%	44%	13%	29%	42%	14%
Crime	14%	23%	37%	16%	34%	50%	14%
Criminal justice reform	12%	24%	36%	17%	30%	48%	16%
Inflation/prices	15%	22%	37%	14%	41%	55%	8%

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

Honest and trustworthy	37%
Not honest and trustworthy	43%
Not sure	19%

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

Honest and trustworthy	29%
Not honest and trustworthy	47%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	10%

44. Do you have a favorable or an 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%	26%	43%	15%	31%	46%	12%
Republicans in Congress	16%	27%	43%	16%	29%	45%	12%

45. 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	14%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	26%

46. 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	27%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	23%

48. 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	14%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	38%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	10%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	16%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	29%
Getting worse	45%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	6%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	30%
Happy	43%
Neither happy nor unhappy	18%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	2%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	10%

55. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

56. 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%

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

Democrats	34%
Independents	36%
Republicans	30%

58. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

59. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

60. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

61. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

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

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

63. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

67. How important is religion in your life?

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

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

More than once a week	13%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	17%
Never	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

71. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	9%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 15 - 18, 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 0.052 to 6.06, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
Number of respondents	1500 1316 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.