

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

## January 14 - 17, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted January 14 - 17, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	54%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	22%
<b>Excellent / Good</b>	<b>30%</b>
Fair	26%
Poor	41%
<b>Fair / Poor</b>	<b>66%</b>
Don't know	4%

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

Unemployment	8%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	32%
Not sure	7%

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

Growing	19%
Staying about the same	28%
Shrinking	40%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	51%
No	27%
Not sure	22%

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

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	11%
Not asked - Already in a recession	51%

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

Higher gas prices .....	49%
The same gas prices .....	24%
Lower gas prices .....	13%
Not sure .....	14%

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

A higher rate of inflation .....	41%
The same rate of inflation .....	29%
A lower rate of inflation .....	16%
Not sure .....	13%

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

A lot .....	53%
A little .....	41%
Not at all .....	6%

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

Higher interest rates .....	47%
The same interest rates .....	25%
Lower interest rates .....	9%
Not sure .....	19%

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

More jobs .....	17%
The same amount of jobs .....	43%
Fewer jobs .....	26%
Not sure .....	14%

**12. Do you think you will have a job next month?**

Yes .....	38%
No .....	6%
Not sure .....	10%
Not asked - Not employed .....	46%

**13. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?**

Definitely .....	42%
Probably .....	34%
Probably not .....	11%
Definitely not .....	7%
Not sure .....	6%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	6%	31%	48%	12%
China	4%	14%	33%	36%	13%
Ukraine	29%	40%	8%	6%	16%

15. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	6%
Ukraine	65%
Neither	19%
Not sure	10%

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

Russia	17%
Ukraine	29%
Neither	32%
Not sure	23%

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

Russia	19%
Ukraine	29%
Equally likely	17%
Not sure	35%

18. Regardless of whether or not the virus responsible for COVID-19 was created or naturally mutated, do you believe it is true or false that a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus?

Definitely true	30%
Probably true	30%
Probably false	13%
Definitely false	7%
Not sure	19%

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

Always	15%
Most of the time	14%
Some of the time	28%
Never	43%

20. Which of these best describes your situation with respect to getting vaccinated against COVID-19?

I have been vaccinated with one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine but am not fully vaccinated	7%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) but HAVE NOT received a booster shot	24%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) AND have received at least one booster shot	43%
I have not been vaccinated	20%
Prefer not to say	5%

21. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...

Increasing	28%
Not changing	21%
Decreasing	32%
Not sure	19%

22. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse	14%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	58%
Not sure	17%

23. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a new sub-variant of COVID-19 spreading in the United States?

A lot	17%
A little	58%
Nothing at all	26%

24. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	33%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	22%

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

Yes	28%
No	51%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	31%
No	54%
Not sure	15%

27. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Ron DeSantis, would you vote for...

Joe Biden .....	40%
Ron DeSantis .....	35%
Other .....	6%
Not sure .....	9%
I would not vote .....	11%

28. 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 .....	42%
Donald Trump .....	36%
Other .....	6%
Not sure .....	6%
I would not vote .....	10%

29. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden was the Democrat and Ron DeSantis was the Republican?

Joe Biden .....	36%
Ron DeSantis .....	37%
Not sure .....	26%

30. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden was the Democrat and Donald Trump was the Republican?

Joe Biden .....	45%
Donald Trump .....	33%
Not sure .....	22%

31. If the Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were held today, who would you vote for?

*Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic*

Joe Biden .....	39%
Pete Buttigieg .....	10%
Kamala Harris .....	8%
Gavin Newsom .....	6%
Bernie Sanders .....	13%
Gretchen Whitmer .....	3%
Someone else .....	3%
Not sure .....	16%
I would not vote .....	4%

**32. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?**

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Ted Cruz .....	2%
Ron DeSantis .....	29%
Nikki Haley .....	5%
Mike Pence .....	6%
Donald Trump .....	44%
Glenn Youngkin .....	0%
Someone else .....	1%
Not sure .....	9%
I would not vote .....	4%

**33. 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%

**34. Which comes closest to your view?**

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. ....	38%
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 .....	14%

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

Under control .....	26%
Out of control .....	57%
Not sure .....	17%

**36. Do you support or oppose the Presidential Records Act, which establishes that official presidential documents and classified materials must be preserved and given to the National Archives when a president leaves office?**

Strongly support .....	42%
Somewhat support .....	29%
Somewhat oppose .....	7%
Strongly oppose .....	4%
Not sure .....	19%

**37. How often do Presidents take classified documents with them after they have left office?**

Very often .....	22%
Somewhat often .....	22%
Not very often .....	15%
Not often at all .....	7%
Not sure .....	34%

38. How serious a matter is it for a President to take classified documents with them after leaving office?

Very serious .....	39%
Somewhat serious .....	32%
Not very serious .....	10%
Not serious at all .....	4%
Don't Know .....	15%

39. After lawyers discovered classified documents from the Obama Administration in the home of Joe Biden, the Justice Department began investigating President Biden for possibly violating the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the Justice Department investigation taking place?

Strongly approve .....	47%
Somewhat approve .....	29%
Somewhat disapprove .....	8%
Strongly disapprove .....	4%
Not sure .....	12%

40. Do you think Joe Biden intentionally took classified documents when he left the White House?

Yes .....	39%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	33%

41. Has Joe Biden cooperated in returning documents?

Yes .....	40%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	43%

42. At the referral of the National Archives, the Justice Department began investigating former President Trump for possibly violating the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the Justice Department investigation taking place?

Strongly approve .....	40%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	13%
Not sure .....	14%

43. Do you think Donald Trump intentionally took classified documents when he left the White House?

Yes .....	50%
No .....	24%
Not sure .....	26%

44. Has Donald Trump cooperated in returning documents?

Yes .....	29%
No .....	39%
Not sure .....	32%

45. Do you think Joe Biden and Donald Trump taking classified documents with them was about the same and should be treated similarly, or was one a more serious offense than the other?

About the same .....	40%
One was a more serious offense than the other .....	43%
Not sure .....	17%

46. Whose taking of secret documents was a more serious offense?

Joe Biden .....	15%
Donald Trump .....	28%
About the same .....	40%
Not sure .....	17%

47. 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
Pete Buttigieg	16%	18%	<b>34%</b>	11%	24%	<b>35%</b>	31%
Gavin Newsom	12%	20%	<b>33%</b>	9%	23%	<b>32%</b>	35%
Bernie Sanders	20%	28%	<b>48%</b>	14%	24%	<b>38%</b>	14%
Gretchen Whitmer	13%	17%	<b>31%</b>	10%	19%	<b>29%</b>	41%
Adam Schiff	14%	17%	<b>30%</b>	8%	24%	<b>32%</b>	38%
Eric Swalwell	9%	15%	<b>25%</b>	8%	18%	<b>27%</b>	48%
Ilhan Omar	11%	18%	<b>29%</b>	9%	25%	<b>34%</b>	37%
Ted Cruz	17%	24%	<b>41%</b>	12%	28%	<b>41%</b>	18%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	12%	19%	<b>31%</b>	9%	28%	<b>37%</b>	32%
Paul Gosar	8%	14%	<b>22%</b>	8%	13%	<b>21%</b>	58%
Ron DeSantis	27%	19%	<b>46%</b>	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>	21%
George Santos	7%	15%	<b>21%</b>	12%	32%	<b>44%</b>	35%
Nikki Haley	15%	19%	<b>34%</b>	13%	16%	<b>29%</b>	37%
Mike Pence	12%	28%	<b>40%</b>	23%	22%	<b>45%</b>	15%
Glenn Youngkin	11%	17%	<b>28%</b>	10%	10%	<b>20%</b>	52%

48. Should George Santos be removed from Congress?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	17%
Not sure .....	42%

49. Should the majority party in Congress be able to prevent some individual members of the minority party from serving on congressional committees?

Yes .....	34%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	36%

50. In the past, certain members of Congress have been blocked from serving on congressional committees. In your opinion, should the following members of Congress be allowed to serve on congressional committees?

	Yes	No	Not sure
George Santos	20%	40%	40%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	27%	33%	41%
Paul Gosar	19%	22%	59%
Adam Schiff	28%	28%	44%
Eric Swalwell	22%	26%	52%
Ilhan Omar	27%	32%	42%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	66%	26%	5%	3%
Immigration	52%	28%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	44%	39%	12%	4%
National Security	64%	25%	8%	3%
Education	59%	27%	12%	3%
Health care	65%	24%	7%	4%
Taxes and government spending	61%	29%	8%	2%
Abortion	45%	27%	18%	11%
Civil rights	55%	29%	12%	5%
Civil liberties	53%	31%	11%	5%
Guns	52%	26%	14%	8%
Crime	64%	25%	8%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	35%	10%	7%
Inflation/prices	71%	20%	6%	3%

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

Inflation/prices .....	19%
Health care .....	13%
Jobs and the economy .....	11%
Climate change and the environment .....	10%
National Security .....	8%
Immigration .....	7%
Taxes and government spending .....	6%
Civil rights .....	5%
Education .....	4%
Guns .....	4%
Abortion .....	4%
Crime .....	3%
Civil liberties .....	2%
Criminal justice reform .....	1%
Foreign policy .....	1%

53. 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	23%	25%	<b>47%</b>	11%	36%	<b>47%</b>	5%
Kamala Harris	14%	28%	<b>42%</b>	12%	36%	<b>48%</b>	10%
Kevin McCarthy	10%	25%	<b>36%</b>	15%	23%	<b>37%</b>	27%
Mitch McConnell	7%	20%	<b>27%</b>	20%	32%	<b>52%</b>	20%
Chuck Schumer	13%	21%	<b>35%</b>	12%	28%	<b>40%</b>	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	15%	18%	<b>33%</b>	11%	16%	<b>28%</b>	40%
Donald Trump	23%	22%	<b>45%</b>	11%	37%	<b>48%</b>	7%

54. 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%	25%	<b>46%</b>	13%	33%	<b>46%</b>	7%
The Republican Party	18%	26%	<b>44%</b>	19%	29%	<b>48%</b>	8%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	27%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>44%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>48%</b>
Not sure	8%

56. 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%	23%	<b>41%</b>	15%	32%	<b>47%</b>	12%
Climate change and the environment	17%	26%	<b>42%</b>	14%	27%	<b>41%</b>	17%
National Security	19%	24%	<b>43%</b>	13%	29%	<b>42%</b>	14%
Taxes and government spending	16%	23%	<b>39%</b>	14%	35%	<b>49%</b>	13%
Inflation/prices	14%	20%	<b>34%</b>	15%	40%	<b>55%</b>	12%

57. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	16%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	23%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	23%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	12%

60. 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	19%	27%	<b>46%</b>	16%	28%	<b>45%</b>	9%
Republicans in Congress	14%	29%	<b>43%</b>	19%	28%	<b>47%</b>	10%

61. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	33%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	28%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	25%

64. 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 .....	13%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	14%
Not sure .....	42%

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

Strongly approve .....	14%
Somewhat approve .....	31%
Somewhat disapprove .....	17%
Strongly disapprove .....	19%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	10%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	18%
Not sure .....	21%

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

Getting better .....	18%
About the same .....	24%
Getting worse .....	50%
Not sure .....	9%

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

Higher .....	20%
About the same .....	26%
Lower .....	24%
Not sure .....	29%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	39%
Not sure .....	6%

70. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not very worried	67%

71. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	32%
Not very hard	29%
Not sure	10%

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

Very happy	27%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	23%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	3%

73. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	41%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	11%
Don't know	6%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

75. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes	46%
No	41%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	20%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	12%

77. Are you registered to vote?

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

78. 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%

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

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

80. Political Party Identification

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	20%
Not sure .....	6%
Don't know .....	0%

81. Are you...?

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

<b>82. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%
<b>83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	7%
<b>84. What is the highest level of education you have completed?</b>	
HS or less .....	36%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	13%
<b>85. What is your marital status?</b>	
Married .....	48%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	10%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	28%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%
<b>86. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?</b>	
Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%
<b>87. In what region of the country do you reside?</b>	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%
<b>88. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?</b>	
Under \$50K .....	42%
\$50-100K .....	23%
\$100K or more .....	22%
Prefer not to say .....	12%

**89. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	30%
Not too important .....	13%
Not at all important .....	21%

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

More than once a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	20%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	10%
Seldom .....	17%
Never .....	29%
Don't know .....	5%

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

Yes .....	36%
No .....	64%

**92. 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 .....	14%
A few times a week .....	13%
Once a week .....	6%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	12%
Never .....	16%
Don't know .....	6%

**93. What is your present religion, if any?**

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	22%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	January 14 - 17, 2023
<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 0.054 to 6.508, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.714.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1314 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	52 questions not reported.