

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 23 - 26, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 23 - 26, 2022
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	18%
Off on the wrong track	70%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	13%
Fair	28%
Poor	51%
Don't know	5%

3. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off, or does it not make much difference?

Better off	31%
Worse off	35%
Doesn't make much difference	22%
Not sure	12%

4. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Increase LEGAL immigration	31%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	22%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	31%
Not sure	16%

5. Would you support or oppose increasing legal immigration into the U.S. ...?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
If immigrants could fill job vacancies that exist today	26%	31%	15%	14%	14%
Even if it means it is harder for other workers to get raises	15%	21%	24%	23%	18%

6. When it comes to letting people immigrate to the U.S., do you think the government should make it easier or harder for the following groups of people to immigrate legally to the U.S.?

	Easier	Harder	No change	Not sure
Unskilled workers (laborers, farm workers, construction hands)	33%	20%	33%	14%
Skilled workers (carpenters, machinists, plumbers, electricians)	43%	15%	30%	12%
Office workers (clerks, assistants, office managers)	27%	18%	40%	15%
Professionals (lawyers, doctors, engineers)	39%	16%	32%	13%
Special talents (athletes, artists)	28%	18%	40%	14%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	13%

8. In the last 10 years, do you think relations between Russia and China have gotten closer, become less close, or haven't changed?

Gotten closer	37%
Not changed	16%
Gotten less close	21%
Not sure	26%

9. How serious a threat do you think closer relations between Russia and China would pose to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	30%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	40%
A minor threat to the U.S.	10%
Not a threat to the U.S.	4%
Not sure	16%

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

Russia	27%
Ukraine	16%
Neither	37%
Not sure	21%

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

Russia	32%
Ukraine	23%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	32%

12. In terms of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. government's response...

Should be tougher	43%
Should be less tough	13%
Is about right	22%
Not sure	22%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's ruling that there is no constitutional right to an abortion?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	11%

14. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes abortion throughout the United States?

Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	27%
Not sure	11%

15. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes same-sex sexual activity throughout the United States?

Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	17%

16. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes same-sex marriage throughout the United States?

Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	14%

17. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes interracial marriage throughout the United States?

Strongly support	59%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	13%

18. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes contraception throughout the United States?

Strongly support	54%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	19%

19. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	29%
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.	32%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	10%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the House Select Committee's handling of the investigation of the takeover of the Capitol on January 6, 2021?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	22%

21. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th, 2021?

A lot	41%
Some	12%
A little	11%
None	23%
Not sure	14%

22. Do you think anyone in or associated with the Trump administration, other than Donald Trump himself, did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?

Yes	44%
No	30%
Not sure	25%

23. Do you think Donald Trump did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?	
Yes	44%
No	36%
Not sure	20%
24. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Steve Bannon being found guilty of criminal contempt of Congress?	
A lot	29%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	28%
25. Do you believe Steve Bannon should have been found guilty of criminal contempt of Congress?	
Yes	40%
No	25%
Not sure	36%
26. On the subject of climate change do you think:	
The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	56%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	26%
The world's climate is NOT changing	7%
Not sure	11%
27. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?	
Yes, I have	53%
No, I have not	23%
Not sure	18%
The climate is not changing	7%
28. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?	
Yes, I will	11%
No, I will not	14%
Not sure	16%
Have already felt the effect of climate change	53%
The climate is not changing	7%
29. Which of the following comes closest to your view?	
It is already too late to avoid the worst effects of climate change	14%
We are still able to avoid the worst effects of climate change but it would need a drastic change in the steps taken to tackle it	43%
We will be able to avoid the worst effects of climate change if we broadly carry on with the steps currently being taken to tackle it	12%
Not sure	24%
The climate is not changing	7%

30. Do you think severe weather events are the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Result of climate change	47%
Just happen from time to time	38%
Not sure	15%

31. Do you think heat waves are the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Result of climate change	50%
Just happen from time to time	36%
Not sure	14%

32. Do you think there is a climate emergency in the United States?

Yes	48%
No	33%
Not sure	19%

33. In the past week, what would you say was the highest temperature in your local area (in degrees Fahrenheit)?

Below 70	3%
70-79	4%
80-89	11%
90-99	43%
100-109	27%
110 or above	6%
Not sure	7%

34. Does your home have air conditioning?

Yes	83%
No	13%
Not sure	3%

35. What kind of air conditioner do you have in your home?

Asked of those with air conditioning

Central A/C	68%
Wall unit	8%
Window unit	20%
Other	2%
Not sure	3%

36. Around what temperature do you typically set your air conditioner to during the summer (in degrees Fahrenheit)?

Asked of those with air conditioning

Below 60	2%
60-64	6%
65-69	14%
70-74	40%
75-79	26%
80-84	4%
85 or higher	1%
Not sure	4%
I don't usually use an air conditioner	2%

37. Do you ever turn down the power on your air conditioner or refrain from using it at all because of costs?

Asked of those with air conditioning

Yes	49%
No	47%
Not sure	4%

38. So far, do you think this summer in your local area has been...?

Much hotter than usual	25%
Somewhat hotter than usual	31%
About the same as usual	32%
Somewhat cooler than usual	6%
Much cooler than usual	2%
Not sure	3%

39. How much have you heard about a recent heat wave in Europe?

A lot	28%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	27%

40. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?

Very closely	20%
Somewhat closely	40%
Not very closely	25%
Not following at all	15%

41. Whether or not you tested positive, do you think you may have contracted COVID-19 at any time since the pandemic began?

Definitely contracted COVID-19	29%
Probably contracted COVID-19	14%
Probably did not contract COVID-19	16%
Definitely did not contract COVID-19	29%
Not sure	12%

42. 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	31%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	24%

43. How much have you heard about President Biden contracting COVID-19?

A lot	36%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	16%

44. How concerned are you that President Biden getting coronavirus could prevent the U.S. government from functioning properly?

Very concerned	8%
Somewhat concerned	18%
Not very concerned	31%
Not concerned at all	44%

45. How much do you trust President Biden's physicians to provide accurate information about his medical condition?

Trust completely	22%
Trust somewhat	33%
Don't trust very much	21%
Don't trust at all	25%

46. How much of an effect do you think Joe Biden's health and age have had on his ability to fulfill his duties as President?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	42%
Has little effect on his ability to do the job	32%
Has no effect at all	14%
Not sure	11%

47. Do you think Joe Biden's age might make it too difficult to do the work the presidency requires, or do you think age helps presidents to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job?

Age might make it too difficult to do the work the presidency requires	52%
Age helps presidents to have the experience and wisdom to do a good job	27%
Not sure	21%

48. How closely are you following the news about monkeypox?

Very closely	12%
Somewhat closely	34%
Not very closely	34%
Not following at all	20%

49. How concerned are you about a monkeypox epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	13%
Somewhat concerned	32%
Not very concerned	30%
Not concerned at all	26%

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

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	20%
Not too worried	33%
Not worried at all	36%

51. How often do armed civilians prevent or stop mass shootings from occurring?

Very often	6%
Somewhat often	25%
Not very often	44%
Not at all often	25%

52. How often do armed police officers prevent or stop mass shootings from occurring by using their weapons?

Very often	8%
Somewhat often	35%
Not very often	42%
Not at all often	16%

53. If more Americans owned guns, do you think there would be...?

More gun violence	42%
Less gun violence	24%
About the same amount of gun violence	24%
Not sure	10%

54. How much have you heard about an armed bystander shooting and killing a gunman at a shopping mall in Greenwood, Indiana, after the gunman had shot and killed three people?

A lot	29%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	24%

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

A lot	29%
A little	41%
None at all	30%

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

More enthusiastic	32%
Less enthusiastic	18%
About the same	37%
Not sure	13%

57. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats	36%
Senate controlled by Republicans	36%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	11%
No preference	17%

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

Democrats win majority in the Senate	20%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	37%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	13%
Not sure	30%

59. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

House controlled by Democrats	38%
House controlled by Republicans	36%
House evenly divided between both parties	9%
No preference	17%

60. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

Democrats retain majority in the House	25%
Republicans win majority in the House	38%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	10%
Not sure	27%

61. Do you want President Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	17%
No	58%
Not sure	25%

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

Yes	27%
No	58%
Not sure	15%

63. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Liz Cheney	15%	19%	14%	25%	28%
Bennie Thompson	13%	9%	8%	9%	61%
Steve Bannon	7%	15%	14%	34%	29%
Joe Manchin	11%	17%	15%	20%	36%
Josh Hawley	10%	11%	8%	25%	45%

64. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	26%	5%	2%
Immigration	43%	34%	17%	5%
Climate change and the environment	44%	26%	15%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	14%	4%
National Security	61%	30%	7%	2%
Education	57%	30%	9%	4%
Health care	64%	27%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	58%	31%	8%	3%
Abortion	47%	28%	17%	8%
Civil rights	56%	27%	12%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	29%	9%	5%
Guns	54%	30%	10%	6%
Crime	61%	29%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	47%	35%	12%	6%
Inflation/prices	71%	22%	5%	2%

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

Jobs and the economy	11%
Immigration	4%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Foreign policy	2%
National Security	6%
Education	4%
Health care	13%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	2%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Inflation/prices	22%

66. 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	21%	21%	11%	41%	6%
Kamala Harris	18%	20%	11%	41%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	14%	20%	12%	43%	12%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	18%	13%	29%	32%
Mitch McConnell	6%	15%	17%	42%	20%
Chuck Schumer	13%	19%	12%	33%	24%
Donald Trump	24%	17%	9%	45%	5%
Mike Pence	12%	22%	22%	31%	14%

67. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	19%	21%	14%	36%	10%
The Republican Party	15%	23%	13%	39%	10%

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

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

69. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	14%	22%	14%	38%	12%
Immigration	10%	21%	13%	37%	18%
Climate change and the environment	13%	24%	15%	33%	15%
Abortion	15%	19%	15%	36%	15%
Guns	12%	20%	15%	38%	15%

70. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

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

Like a lot	22%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	25%
Not sure	8%

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

Very strong	10%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	24%
Very weak	41%

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

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	17%

74. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic	28%
Pessimistic	46%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	12%

76. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	16%	22%	14%	36%	11%
Republicans in Congress	10%	23%	16%	39%	12%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	25%
Not sure	20%

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

Getting better	12%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	21%
Lower	30%
Not sure	29%

81. 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	35%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	9%
82. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	31%
Fewer jobs	27%
Not sure	25%
83. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	64%
84. 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.	23%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	29%
Not sure	15%
85. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	22%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%
86. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	13%
87. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?	
Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	33%

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

Definitely will vote	56%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	11%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	11%
Don't know	6%

89. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of those who are registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	44%
The Republican Party candidate	38%
Other	2%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	5%

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

Democrats	33%
Independents	40%
Republicans	27%

91. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	6%
Don't know	0%

92. 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%

93. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

94. Respondent age by category

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

95. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

97. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

100. How would you describe the place where you live?

Urban	30%
Suburb	34%
Rural/Other	36%

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

Full-time	35%
Part-time	8%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	8%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	12%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

103. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	42%
No	58%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 23 - 26, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.219 to 6.549, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.536.
Number of respondents	1500 1311 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	43 questions not reported.