

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 20 - 23, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 20 - 23, 2023
 Margin of Error ±2.7%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	9%

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
Elon Musk	24%	29%	16%	21%	10%
Rudy Giuliani	14%	27%	13%	29%	17%
Antony Blinken	11%	19%	12%	18%	40%
Dianne Feinstein	9%	21%	16%	26%	28%
Ron DeSantis	24%	24%	10%	28%	14%

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
Joe Biden	24%	23%	12%	38%	3%
Kamala Harris	17%	27%	11%	38%	7%
Donald Trump	26%	22%	10%	38%	4%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	5%	1%
Immigration	50%	35%	11%	4%
Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	16%	14%
Foreign policy	42%	44%	10%	4%
National Security	66%	25%	6%	2%
Education	64%	28%	6%	3%
Health care	67%	24%	7%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	30%	7%	2%
Abortion	49%	26%	17%	8%
Civil rights	55%	28%	11%	6%
Civil liberties	54%	32%	9%	5%

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Guns	58%	26%	9%	7%
Crime	66%	25%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	52%	31%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	73%	21%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	8%
Immigration	7%
Guns	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Education	6%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	46%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	4%

7. 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	21%	24%	45%	14%	34%	47%	8%
Immigration	14%	25%	39%	15%	37%	52%	10%
Education	19%	27%	46%	12%	29%	41%	13%
Abortion	18%	23%	41%	14%	32%	45%	14%
Civil rights	20%	26%	46%	12%	28%	40%	14%
Civil liberties	18%	25%	43%	14%	27%	41%	16%
Guns	15%	22%	37%	16%	36%	52%	11%
Crime	15%	23%	38%	14%	35%	49%	13%
Criminal justice reform	15%	23%	38%	15%	32%	47%	16%
Inflation/prices	16%	20%	37%	14%	41%	55%	8%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	11%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	19%
Not sure	18%

11. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	12%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	39%

13. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	17%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	27%
Not sure	18%

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

Very strong	34%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	28%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis is handling his job as Governor of Florida?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	16%

16. Would you say Ron DeSantis is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	30%
Not sure	21%

17. Would you say Ron DeSantis is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	34%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	22%

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

Donald Trump	35%
Ron DeSantis	23%
Someone else	16%
Not sure	27%

19. Which of these two Republicans do you think has the best chance of winning the 2024 general election for president?

Donald Trump	40%
Ron DeSantis	28%
Not sure	32%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	23%
Excellent / Good	31%
Fair	25%
Poor	41%
Fair / Poor	65%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	6%

22. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	36%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	8%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	6%
Student	5%
Other	2%

24. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	8%
Part-time student	8%
Not a student	85%

25. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	4%
Part-time job	37%
No job outside of school	59%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	8%	25%	57%	9%
Ukraine	32%	42%	7%	5%	13%
China	3%	13%	31%	41%	13%
Canada	46%	35%	8%	2%	9%
France	34%	39%	10%	2%	15%
United Kingdom	51%	31%	5%	2%	12%
Italy	28%	48%	5%	2%	17%
Japan	34%	34%	9%	5%	18%
Germany	32%	39%	8%	3%	17%

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

Russia	21%
Ukraine	25%
Neither	34%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia	24%
Ukraine	31%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	29%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	32%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	23%
Not sure	18%

30. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the G7 summit of world leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States being held in Japan?

A lot	13%
A little	49%
Nothing at all	37%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has been handling his recent trip to attend the G7 Summit in Japan?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	33%

32. How much attention have you been paying to debates around the debt ceiling?

A lot	28%
A little	49%
None at all	23%

33. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?

Congress should raise the debt ceiling	43%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling	34%
Not sure	23%

34. How well do you understand what the effects would be if Congress is not able to come to an agreement over raising the debt ceiling?

Very well	25%
Somewhat well	37%
Not very well	18%
Not at all	6%
Not sure	14%

35. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...

A crisis	33%
A major problem but not a crisis	37%
A minor problem	14%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	12%

36. Who is more responsible for the current lack of agreement on raising the debt ceiling?

Joe Biden	29%
Republicans in the House	27%
Both equally	33%
Neither	10%

37. Are you currently working from home or from another location (such as an office or job site)?

Asked of full-time and part-time employees

I work entirely from home	19%
I work mostly from home, but sometimes from another location	15%
I work from home half of the time and from another location half of the time	10%
I work mostly from another location, but sometimes from home	14%
I work entirely from another location	43%

38. If your current job allowed it, would you prefer working from home or from another location (such as an office or job site)?

Asked of full-time and part-time employees

I prefer working entirely from home	28%
I prefer working mostly from home, but sometimes from another location	18%
I prefer working from home half of the time and from another location half of the time	15%
I prefer working mostly from another location, but sometimes from home	11%
I prefer working entirely from another location	27%

39. In general, do you believe that people are more productive when working from home or working from an office (or other on-site location)?

More productive at home	19%
More productive at an office or on-site location	37%
Equally productive at both	31%
Not sure	14%

40. Do you believe you're more productive when working from home or from an office (or other on-site location)?

Asked of full-time and part-time employees

I'm more productive at home	23%
I'm more productive at an office or on-site location	28%
I'm equally productive at both	27%
Not sure	6%
Not applicable - I have only ever worked at home	1%
Not applicable - I have only ever worked at an office or on-site location	14%

41. In your current position, how much leverage do you feel you have to negotiate your working conditions?

Asked of full-time and part-time employees

A great deal of leverage	15%
A lot of leverage	16%
A moderate amount of leverage	29%
A little leverage	17%
No leverage at all	18%
Not sure	6%

42. In 1978, the U.S. Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The law puts tribal governments in charge of deciding custody for foster care and adoptions of Native American children who live on reservations. Part of this law gives Native American families or institutions priority in receiving Native American children for foster care and adoption placement. Do you think this law is a good or a bad idea?

A good idea	61%
A bad idea	9%
Not sure	31%

43. Do you think the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), which gives priority to Native American families or institutions for foster care and adoption placement of Native American children, is or is not a form of racial discrimination?

ICWA is a form of racial discrimination	18%
ICWA is not a form of racial discrimination	52%
Not sure	30%

44. Do you think the president should or should not have the authority to forgive federal student loan debt?

Should have the authority	44%
Should not have the authority	41%
Not sure	15%

45. Do you think colleges should or should not be allowed to consider an applicant's race, among other factors, when making decisions on admissions?

Should be allowed to consider an applicant's race among other factors	27%
Should not be allowed to consider an applicant's race among other factors	60%
Not sure	13%

46. Do you think a state court should or should not be able to strike down state laws about presidential or federal elections in that state when the state court finds the law violates the state's Constitution?

- A state court should be able to strike down state election laws that violate its state constitution 55%
- A state court should not be able to strike down state election laws that violate its state constitution 20%
- Not sure 25%

47. Should business owners be allowed to refuse service to certain groups of potential customers based on the owner's religious beliefs, even if this means refusing service based on the customers' sexual orientation?

- Businesses should be allowed to refuse service based on the owner's religious beliefs .. 37%
- Businesses should not be allowed to refuse service based on the owner's religious beliefs 47%
- Not sure 16%

48. In general, do you think the way that most major social media platforms regulate the content posted to their sites is...?

- Too strict 20%
- About right 26%
- Not strict enough 33%
- Not sure 22%

49. Should social media companies be held legally responsible for any harmful user-generated content posted to the companies' social media sites?

- Yes 52%
- No 25%
- Not sure 23%

50. Should social media companies be held legally responsible for recommending any harmful user-generated content posted to the companies' social media sites?

- Yes 70%
- No 13%
- Not sure 17%

51. How often do you use the social video-sharing app TikTok?

- Multiple times per day 8%
- Daily 9%
- Multiple times per week 7%
- Weekly 6%
- Multiple times per month 6%
- Less frequently than monthly 7%
- I do not use TikTok 54%
- Not sure 3%

52. From what you've heard, are the owners of TikTok based in...?

China	65%
Russia	1%
Canada	1%
The United States	10%
Japan	2%
Finland	0%
Don't know	19%

53. How much, if anything, have you heard about the state of Montana instituting a law that fines TikTok and online app stores for making the app available for download in Montana?

A lot	18%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	35%

54. Do you believe TikTok poses a national security threat to the U.S.?

Yes	42%
No	30%
Not sure	28%

55. Would you support or oppose the U.S. government banning the social video-sharing app TikTok from use in the United States?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	15%
Not sure	19%

56. Would you support or oppose a law in the U.S. that fines TikTok and app stores each time they allow a user to access or download TikTok?

Strongly support	22%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	25%

57. How often do you use the social media platform Twitter?

Multiple times per day	8%
Daily	11%
Multiple times per week	8%
Weekly	6%
Multiple times per month	5%
Less frequently than monthly	10%
I do not use Twitter	48%
Not sure	2%

58. Do you approve or disapprove of how Elon Musk is handling his job as CEO of Twitter?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	22%

59. Do you think Elon Musk buying Twitter has been good or bad for Twitter?

Good	37%
Neither good nor bad	19%
Bad	27%
Not sure	17%

60. How often do you use artificial intelligence (AI) tools?

Very often	8%
Somewhat often	16%
Not very often	23%
Never	43%
Not sure	11%

61. How much have you heard about ChatGPT and similar tools, which use AI to generate human-like text?

A lot	25%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	29%

62. Do you think that advancements in AI-based text generation will overall be a good or a bad thing for society?

Good for society	19%
Neither good nor bad	24%
Bad for society	34%
Not sure	23%

63. Do you think that artificial intelligence (AI) should...?

Be heavily regulated by government	35%
Be somewhat regulated by government	37%
Not be regulated by government at all	8%
Not sure	21%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	9%

65. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	85%
Not registered	15%

66. 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%

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

Democrats	34%
Independents	35%
Republicans	31%

68. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

69. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

70. Respondent age by category

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

71. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

73. What is your marital status?

Married	48%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	10%

77. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	14%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	19%
Never	28%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	37%
No	63%

80. 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	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	13%
Never	17%
Don't know	3%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	26%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	7%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 20 - 23, 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 0.167 to 3.433, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.417.
Number of respondents	1500 1318 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.