

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 26 - 29, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 26 - 29, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	16%
Excellent / Good	23%
Fair	29%
Poor	43%
Fair / Poor	73%
Don't know	4%

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

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	55%
Both equal	35%
Not sure	5%

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

Growing	19%
Shrinking	47%
Staying about the same	22%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	56%
No	23%
Not sure	21%

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

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	14%
Not very likely	10%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	12%
Not asked - Already in a recession	56%

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

Higher gas prices	48%
The same gas prices	22%
Lower gas prices	14%
Not sure	16%

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

A higher rate of inflation	46%
The same rate of inflation	25%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	52%
A little	41%
Not at all	7%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	13%
Yes, a close friend	15%
No	65%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	5%	27%	55%	12%
China	5%	8%	33%	37%	17%
Ukraine	26%	43%	9%	4%	18%
Qatar	6%	21%	20%	8%	45%

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

Russia	16%
Ukraine	31%
Neither	31%
Not sure	22%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	32%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	33%

14. Do you think Qatar’s human rights record is better or worse than most countries’?

Much better than most	3%
Somewhat better than most	8%
Neither better nor worse	42%
Somewhat worse than most	31%
Much worse than most	16%

15. Do you think the United States’ human rights record is better or worse than most countries’?

Much better than most	23%
Somewhat better than most	33%
Neither better nor worse	30%
Somewhat worse than most	10%
Much worse than most	4%

16. How interested are you in the 2022 World Cup?

Very interested	12%
Somewhat interested	15%
Not very interested	15%
Not at all interested	53%
Not sure	5%

17. Have you watched any of the 2022 World Cup?

Yes	22%
Not yet, but I plan to	14%
No, and I do not plan to	64%

18. Which men’s national team do you most support in the 2022 World Cup?

Argentina	2%
Australia	1%
Belgium	1%
Brazil	2%
Cameroon	0%
Canada	0%
Costa Rica	0%
Croatia	0%
Denmark	0%
Ecuador	0%

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England	1%
France	1%
Germany	0%
Ghana	0%
Iran	0%
Japan	0%
Mexico	1%
Morocco	0%
Netherlands	0%
Poland	0%
Portugal	1%
Qatar	0%
Saudi Arabia	0%
Senegal	0%
Serbia	0%
South Korea	0%
Spain	0%
Switzerland	0%
Tunisia	0%
United States	40%
Uruguay	0%
Wales	0%
I don't support any team	44%
Not sure	3%

19. How much should a country's records on human rights and democracy be considered when deciding whether to hold major international sporting events there?

It should be the most important factor	14%
It should be a major factor	36%
It should be a moderate factor	21%
It should be a minor factor	5%
It should not be considered at all	6%
Not sure	18%

20. Do you think countries with poor democratic and human rights records should be allowed to compete in international sporting events?

Should be allowed to compete	33%
Should not be allowed to compete	33%
Not sure	34%

21. If an international sporting event is being held in a country with a poor record on democracy or human rights, do you think sports players and teams from the U.S. should boycott that event?

Yes	39%
No	27%
Not sure	34%

22. FIFA's decision to hold the World Cup in Qatar this year has been heavily criticized due to Qatar's human rights record. Do you think it is right or wrong to hold the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?

Right	18%
Wrong	45%
Not sure	37%

23. Should the U.S. men's national team have boycotted the 2022 World Cup in Qatar?

Yes	32%
No	31%
Not sure	37%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of Russia's national team being banned from participating in the 2022 World Cup?

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	7%
Not sure	26%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Raphael Warnock	17%	14%	30%	9%	17%	26%	44%
Herschel Walker	14%	18%	33%	12%	27%	38%	29%
Ron DeSantis	24%	14%	38%	10%	25%	35%	26%
Mike Pence	11%	23%	35%	23%	24%	47%	18%

26. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following companies?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Disney	22%	33%	18%	18%	9%
Paramount	18%	46%	11%	5%	20%
Amazon	34%	39%	14%	7%	6%
Apple	25%	36%	17%	10%	12%
Universal	17%	42%	13%	5%	23%
Comcast	8%	29%	20%	15%	28%
Time Warner	10%	37%	18%	8%	27%

27. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following streaming services?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Disney+	22%	30%	12%	14%	21%
ESPN+	10%	25%	15%	12%	39%
Hulu	22%	38%	10%	6%	25%
Netflix	33%	33%	11%	9%	15%
HBO Max	19%	31%	12%	8%	30%
Paramount+	15%	36%	11%	6%	32%
Amazon Prime Video	24%	37%	12%	6%	22%
Apple TV +	13%	27%	13%	8%	39%
Peacock	16%	35%	12%	5%	32%

28. Have you ever personally used any of the following streaming services? Select all that apply.

Disney+	37%
ESPN+	12%
Hulu	44%
Netflix	61%
HBO Max	29%
Paramount+	25%
Amazon Prime Video	49%
Apple TV +	20%
Peacock	30%
None of the above	17%

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

A lot	42%
A little	38%
None at all	20%

30. How did you feel when you heard the Democratic Party retained control of the U.S. Senate?

Angry	14%
Disappointed, but not angry	24%
Satisfied, but not happy	15%
Happy	28%
None of the above	19%

31. How did you feel when you heard the Republican Party won control of the House of Representatives?

Angry	12%
Disappointed, but not angry	25%
Satisfied, but not happy	16%
Happy	28%
None of the above	19%

32. Do you think the Democratic Party controlling the U.S. Senate will make the country better, worse, or not change anything over the next two years?

Better	26%
Worse	30%
Not change	24%
Not sure	21%

33. Do you think the Republican Party controlling the U.S. House of Representatives will make the country better, worse, or not change anything over the next two years?

Better	33%
Worse	29%
Not change	17%
Not sure	21%

34. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, worse, or stay the same with the Democratic Party in control of the U.S. Senate?

Get better	20%
Get worse	32%
Stay the same	25%
Not sure	23%

35. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, worse, or stay the same with the Republican Party in control of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Get better	24%
Get worse	24%
Stay the same	27%
Not sure	25%

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

Yes	22%
No	56%
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	31%
No	54%
Not sure	15%

38. If you had to choose, who would you most prefer to be the Republican nominee for President in 2024?

Donald Trump	20%
Ron DeSantis	18%
Ted Cruz	2%
Marco Rubio	3%
Donald Trump Jr.	4%
Nikki Haley	5%
Mike Pence	9%
Someone else	9%
Not sure	29%

39. How much discrimination do the following people face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Women	17%	40%	30%	13%
Men	12%	20%	36%	31%
Lesbian, gay, or bisexual people	32%	29%	24%	14%
Transgender people	39%	25%	23%	13%
Christians	19%	23%	33%	25%
Jewish people	19%	41%	27%	12%
Muslim people	29%	36%	23%	11%
White people	12%	22%	36%	29%
Black people	33%	31%	26%	11%

40. Thinking about the nation as a whole, do you think crimes motivated by hatred (racist, anti-religious, homophobic and anti-ethnic) over the past 12 months are higher or lower compared to ten years ago?

Much higher	32%
Somewhat higher	24%
About the same	19%
Somewhat lower	8%
Much lower	4%
Not sure	12%

41. Which is more important?

The right of people to own guns	17%
Protecting people from gun violence	36%
Both are equally important	41%
Not sure	6%

42. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

Personally own a gun	23%
Don't personally own a gun, but someone in the household owns a gun	16%
No one in the household owns a gun	50%
Not sure	12%

43. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	53%
No change	23%
Make gun laws less strict	12%
Not sure	11%

44. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Colorado last week?

A lot	39%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	16%

45. How would you classify the motivation behind the mass shooting in Colorado where a man shot and killed five people at a gay nightclub? Select all that apply.

Terrorism	18%
Mental illness	33%
Violent crime	43%
Hate crime	55%
None of these	2%
Not sure	15%

46. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a mass shooting at a Walmart in Virginia last week?

A lot	36%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	15%

47. How would you classify the motivation behind the mass shooting in Virginia where a man shot and killed six people at a Walmart? Select all that apply.

Terrorism	15%
Mental illness	46%
Violent crime	49%
Hate crime	21%
None of these	2%
Not sure	19%

48. Do you think that stricter gun laws would or would not have prevented any of the recent mass shootings?

Would have prevented any of the shootings	36%
Would not have prevented any of the shootings	41%
Not sure	23%

49. Do you favor or oppose the following gun control measures?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Banning the sale of all handguns, except those that are issued to law enforcement officers	26%	55%	19%
Banning semi-automatic weapons	50%	32%	18%
Banning the sale of magazine clips for semi-automatic weapons that hold more than 10 rounds	54%	30%	17%
Requiring people who purchase handguns to wait five days before they receive that gun	65%	18%	17%
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	72%	13%	15%
Allowing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to conduct research on gun violence	47%	26%	26%
Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others	62%	20%	19%

50. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	63%	30%	5%	3%
Immigration	44%	36%	15%	6%
Climate change and the environment	40%	29%	14%	17%
Foreign policy	37%	47%	12%	5%
National Security	60%	30%	6%	4%
Education	56%	34%	6%	4%
Health care	61%	28%	7%	3%

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Taxes and government spending	54%	35%	8%	3%
Abortion	44%	28%	17%	11%
Civil rights	51%	33%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	51%	35%	10%	4%
Guns	50%	33%	11%	6%
Crime	59%	30%	7%	4%
Criminal justice reform	43%	36%	15%	6%
Inflation/prices	66%	25%	7%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Abortion	7%
Immigration	7%
National Security	6%
Education	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Guns	5%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

52. 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%	43%	12%	38%	51%	7%
Kamala Harris	14%	22%	37%	12%	38%	50%	13%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	19%	36%	10%	38%	48%	16%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	19%	25%	16%	25%	41%	34%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	19%	21%	37%	58%	23%
Chuck Schumer	12%	18%	30%	13%	30%	43%	26%
Donald Trump	22%	20%	42%	10%	41%	52%	6%

53. 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	17%	23%	41%	14%	33%	46%	13%
The Republican Party	17%	24%	41%	15%	31%	46%	13%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	10%

55. 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	16%	21%	37%	15%	35%	50%	13%
Immigration	10%	22%	31%	15%	36%	51%	17%
Foreign policy	16%	21%	37%	14%	31%	44%	19%
Guns	12%	20%	31%	16%	35%	51%	17%
Inflation/prices	12%	19%	31%	14%	42%	56%	13%

56. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	23%
Some	22%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	32%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	14%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	16%	23%	39%	15%	31%	46%	16%
Republicans in Congress	11%	23%	35%	20%	28%	49%	16%

59. 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	20%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	21%

60. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	28%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	26%

62. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	33%

63. Do you think Kevin McCarthy should remain as the leader of the Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives or do you think it should be some other Republican?

Kevin McCarthy	21%
Some other Republican	10%
Not sure	41%
Don't care	27%

64. Do you approve or disapprove of Nancy Pelosi deciding to step down as the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	45%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	7%
Not sure	22%

65. Would you approve or disapprove of Hakeem Jeffries becoming the leader of the Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	51%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	22%

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

Getting better	13%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	18%
About the same	28%
Lower	26%
Not sure	29%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	33%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	9%

71. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	17%
The same amount of jobs	33%
Fewer jobs	28%
Not sure	22%

72. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	57%

73. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	26%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	22%
Happy	40%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

75. 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	42%
Some of the time	25%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	8%

76. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	40%
No	47%
Not sure	13%

77. 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%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	14%

79. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

80. 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%

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

Democrats	33%
Independents	36%
Republicans	31%

82. 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	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	7%
Don't know	0%

83. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

84. Respondent age by category

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

85. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

87. What is your marital status?

Married	47%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

91. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

94. 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	15%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	18%
Don't know	5%

95. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 26 - 29, 2022
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 0.07 to 6.52, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.787.
Number of respondents	1500 1319 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.