

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 9 - 12, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted December 9 - 12, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	11%

## 2. 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
Donald Trump	23%	18%	<b>41%</b>	12%	44%	<b>56%</b>	3%
Kevin McCarthy	5%	20%	<b>25%</b>	19%	28%	<b>47%</b>	28%
Taylor Swift	22%	34%	<b>57%</b>	17%	16%	<b>33%</b>	11%
Beyoncé	16%	33%	<b>50%</b>	20%	17%	<b>37%</b>	13%
Norman Lear	22%	21%	<b>43%</b>	6%	5%	<b>10%</b>	47%

## 3. 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
Ron DeSantis	12%	20%	<b>32%</b>	13%	36%	<b>49%</b>	19%
Nikki Haley	8%	23%	<b>31%</b>	18%	22%	<b>40%</b>	29%
Vivek Ramaswamy	6%	16%	<b>23%</b>	14%	29%	<b>43%</b>	34%
Chris Christie	3%	18%	<b>22%</b>	24%	32%	<b>56%</b>	23%

## 4. 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	18%	20%	<b>39%</b>	14%	44%	<b>58%</b>	4%
Kamala Harris	14%	22%	<b>36%</b>	12%	40%	<b>52%</b>	12%
Mike Johnson	9%	15%	<b>24%</b>	8%	23%	<b>32%</b>	44%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	<b>18%</b>	22%	39%	<b>61%</b>	21%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	<b>29%</b>	12%	31%	<b>43%</b>	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	15%	<b>26%</b>	8%	20%	<b>28%</b>	46%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	66%	28%	<b>95%</b>	4%	1%	<b>5%</b>
Immigration	50%	34%	<b>84%</b>	13%	3%	<b>16%</b>
Climate change and the environment	43%	25%	<b>68%</b>	15%	17%	<b>32%</b>
Foreign policy	41%	44%	<b>84%</b>	12%	3%	<b>16%</b>
National Security	62%	29%	<b>91%</b>	7%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Education	58%	33%	<b>91%</b>	6%	3%	<b>9%</b>
Health care	66%	26%	<b>93%</b>	5%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Taxes and government spending	60%	31%	<b>91%</b>	7%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Abortion	49%	26%	<b>74%</b>	16%	10%	<b>26%</b>
Civil rights	51%	34%	<b>86%</b>	9%	6%	<b>14%</b>
Civil liberties	51%	35%	<b>86%</b>	11%	4%	<b>14%</b>
Guns	54%	29%	<b>83%</b>	11%	6%	<b>17%</b>
Crime	61%	30%	<b>91%</b>	7%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	<b>82%</b>	13%	5%	<b>18%</b>
Inflation/prices	73%	22%	<b>95%</b>	4%	1%	<b>5%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Immigration	8%
National Security	7%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	5%
Crime	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	4%
Guns	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>55%</b>
Not sure	6%

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	18%	21%	<b>39%</b>	15%	37%	<b>52%</b>	9%
Climate change and the environment	13%	25%	<b>38%</b>	13%	33%	<b>45%</b>	17%
Health care	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	14%	32%	<b>46%</b>	15%
Taxes and government spending	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	15%	41%	<b>56%</b>	11%
Abortion	15%	20%	<b>35%</b>	13%	34%	<b>47%</b>	18%
Guns	10%	22%	<b>32%</b>	15%	37%	<b>52%</b>	16%
Crime	11%	22%	<b>32%</b>	14%	38%	<b>52%</b>	15%
Inflation/prices	13%	19%	<b>32%</b>	14%	45%	<b>59%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>14%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>62%</b>
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>35%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>51%</b>
Not sure	14%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	43%
The Republican Party candidate .....	41%
Not sure .....	14%
I would not vote .....	2%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	44%
The Republican Party candidate .....	41%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	7%
<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>10%</b>
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	24%
Very conservative .....	22%
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>46%</b>
Not sure .....	16%

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

Yes .....	24%
No .....	61%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	56%
Not sure .....	12%

16. 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...

*Asked of registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	43%
Donald Trump .....	43%
Other .....	6%
Not sure .....	4%
I would not vote .....	4%

17. Who would you vote for?

*Asked of registered voters who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden*

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. ....	23%
Cornel West .....	13%
Jill Stein .....	6%
Someone else .....	15%
Not sure .....	43%

18. 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 .....	35%
Donald Trump .....	43%
Not sure .....	22%

19. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	30%
Liberal .....	23%
<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>54%</b>
Moderate .....	23%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	3%
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>8%</b>
Not sure .....	15%

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

Very strong .....	13%
Somewhat strong .....	23%
Somewhat weak .....	21%
Very weak .....	44%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	36%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	48%
Not sure .....	15%

22. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	4%
<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>9%</b>
Moderate .....	15%
Conservative .....	28%
Very conservative .....	27%
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>55%</b>
Not sure .....	21%

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

Very strong .....	33%
Somewhat strong .....	26%
Somewhat weak .....	13%
Very weak .....	29%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	29%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	54%
Not sure .....	17%

25. How much do you trust the following to report accurate information about elections?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	Not at all	Not sure
Social media	6%	20%	35%	33%	7%
News media	10%	34%	24%	27%	5%
Political campaigns	7%	17%	37%	33%	7%
Poll results	13%	33%	30%	17%	7%
Your friends and family	23%	42%	21%	7%	8%

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

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Donald Trump .....	61%
Ron DeSantis .....	11%
Nikki Haley .....	10%
Chris Christie .....	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	4%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Someone else .....	1%
Not sure .....	8%
I would not vote .....	2%

27. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today and [favored candidate] was not on the ballot, who would you vote for?

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Donald Trump .....	8%
Ron DeSantis .....	30%
Nikki Haley .....	11%
Chris Christie .....	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	8%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Someone else .....	3%
Not sure .....	14%
I would not vote .....	10%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate .....	12%

28. As you may know, a Republican presidential primary debate took place on Wednesday, December 6. Did you watch this debate?

I watched the entire debate .....	4%
I watched part of it .....	10%
I watched clips or highlights of the debate .....	18%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the debate .....	23%
I haven't heard anything about it .....	45%

29. Which candidate do you think did the best job — or won — the debate?

*Asked of those who watched at least clips of the debate or read or watched news stories analyzing the debate*

Ron DeSantis .....	15%
Nikki Haley .....	18%
Chris Christie .....	12%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	10%
None of them .....	24%
Not sure .....	21%

30. Would you like to see the following person run for U.S. president in the future?

*Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democratic*

	Yes	No	Not sure
Pete Buttigieg	42%	27%	31%
Kamala Harris	47%	33%	20%
Amy Klobuchar	26%	30%	44%
Gavin Newsom	41%	26%	33%
Gretchen Whitmer	31%	23%	45%

31. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Kamala Harris were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Kamala Harris .....	23%
Donald Trump .....	56%
Not sure .....	21%

32. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Ron DeSantis were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	40%
Ron DeSantis .....	33%
Not sure .....	27%

33. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Nikki Haley were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	36%
Nikki Haley .....	32%
Not sure .....	32%

34. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Vivek Ramaswamy were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	47%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	24%
Not sure .....	29%

35. How much of an effect do you think Joe Biden's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as President, if he were re-elected in 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job .....	55%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job .....	23%
Have no effect at all .....	8%
Not sure .....	14%

36. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as President, if he were elected in 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job .....	26%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job .....	32%
Have no effect at all .....	27%
Not sure .....	15%

37. If it should become necessary, do you think Kamala Harris has the qualifications to serve effectively as president?

Qualified to be president .....	36%
Not qualified to be president .....	46%
Not sure .....	18%



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

Excellent .....	6%
Good .....	18%
Fair .....	27%
Poor .....	45%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Getting better .....	20%
About the same .....	25%
Getting worse .....	50%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	41%
Not sure .....	7%

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

Full-time .....	36%
Part-time .....	12%
Temporarily laid off .....	1%
Unemployed .....	10%
Retired .....	21%
Permanently disabled .....	8%
Homemaker .....	5%
Student .....	4%
Other .....	2%

42. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student .....	4%
Part-time student .....	5%
Not a student .....	91%

43. Do you have a job outside of school?

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	10%
Part-time job .....	29%
No job outside of school .....	61%

<b>44. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?</b>	
Unemployment .....	5%
Inflation .....	56%
Both equal .....	33%
Not sure .....	5%
<b>45. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?</b>	
Mostly positive .....	10%
Equally positive and negative .....	27%
Mostly negative .....	42%
Not heard much news about the economy at all .....	21%
<b>46. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?</b>	
Growing .....	22%
Staying about the same .....	23%
Shrinking .....	36%
Not sure .....	18%
<b>47. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?</b>	
Yes .....	44%
No .....	33%
Not sure .....	23%
<b>48. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?</b>	
Very likely .....	4%
Somewhat likely .....	17%
Not very likely .....	16%
Not at all likely .....	4%
Not sure .....	15%
Not asked - Already in a recession .....	44%
<b>49. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?</b>	
The stock market index .....	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports .....	12%
The prices of goods and services you buy .....	56%
Your personal finances .....	10%
Don't know .....	16%

**50. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?**

Very important .....	20%
Somewhat important .....	38%
Not very important .....	26%
Unimportant .....	16%

**51. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?**

Very serious .....	21%
Somewhat serious .....	37%
A minor problem .....	24%
Not a problem .....	10%
Not sure .....	8%

**52. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?**

Increased .....	16%
Stayed the same .....	25%
Decreased .....	24%
Don't know .....	35%

**53. Are the number of jobs in the United States...**

Increasing .....	35%
Staying the same .....	41%
Decreasing .....	24%

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

Higher gas prices .....	49%
The same gas prices .....	21%
Lower gas prices .....	11%
Not sure .....	19%

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

A higher rate of inflation .....	40%
The same rate of inflation .....	26%
A lower rate of inflation .....	16%
Not sure .....	18%

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

A lot .....	57%
A little .....	37%
Not at all .....	6%

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

Definitely	41%
Probably	34%
Probably not	12%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	5%

58. How worried are you about losing your job?

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	62%

59. 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?

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	43%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	10%

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

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very happy	25%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%

61. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	38%
About equal	24%
The Palestinians	13%
Not sure	25%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	20%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>46%</b>
Not sure	25%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel .....	20%
Decreasing military aid to Israel .....	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel .....	28%
Not sure .....	23%

64. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	24%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	25%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	22%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine .....	17%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine .....	33%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine .....	28%
Not sure .....	21%

66. U.S. aid to Ukraine will end in the coming weeks if Congress doesn't come to an agreement on it. Do you support or oppose Congress authorizing funding for Ukraine?

Strongly support .....	24%
Somewhat support .....	20%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>45%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	15%
Strongly oppose .....	19%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>34%</b>
Not sure .....	21%

67. Where do you think most of the money that the U.S. government has authorized to help Ukraine is spent?

In Ukraine .....	37%
In the United States .....	24%
Not sure .....	39%

68. Taylor Swift was recently named 2023 Person of the Year by Time Magazine. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	21%
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>34%</b>
Not sure .....	26%

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

Very liberal .....	12%
Liberal .....	13%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>25%</b>
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	12%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>34%</b>
Not sure .....	10%

70. Are you registered to vote?

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

71. 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%

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

Democrat .....	34%
Republican .....	30%
Independent .....	25%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	7%

73. 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 .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	18%
Not sure .....	3%
Don't know .....	0%

74. Are you... ?

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

75. Respondent age by category

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

76. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

78. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

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

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	32%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

**85. 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	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	5%

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

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	9%



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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	December 9 - 12, 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 November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 7.032, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.786.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1332 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	43 questions not reported.