

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

September 23 - 26, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted September 23 - 26, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	21%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	14%

## 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
Joe Biden	18%	23%	11%	45%	3%
Kamala Harris	14%	21%	14%	43%	8%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	20%	18%	30%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	22%	43%	18%
Chuck Schumer	9%	19%	13%	32%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	14%	10%	20%	45%

## 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
Ron DeSantis	13%	22%	11%	38%	16%
Donald Trump	23%	19%	9%	46%	3%
Nikki Haley	10%	22%	16%	20%	31%
Mike Pence	7%	21%	26%	33%	13%
Chris Christie	3%	19%	25%	27%	26%
Tim Scott	10%	18%	11%	19%	43%
Vivek Ramaswamy	9%	19%	10%	25%	37%
Lauren Boebert	5%	12%	12%	30%	41%
Tommy Tuberville	4%	12%	8%	25%	51%
Robert Menendez	3%	8%	11%	31%	48%
Jim Jordan	13%	13%	7%	23%	45%

## 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	3%	1%
Immigration	54%	31%	12%	3%

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Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	15%	16%
Foreign policy	43%	42%	12%	3%
National Security	63%	30%	5%	2%
Education	64%	28%	6%	2%
Health care	68%	25%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	59%	33%	7%	2%
Abortion	46%	31%	15%	9%
Civil rights	56%	27%	12%	5%
Civil liberties	54%	32%	11%	3%
Guns	53%	30%	13%	5%
Crime	63%	29%	7%	1%
Criminal justice reform	43%	39%	14%	5%
Inflation/prices	73%	22%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil rights	5%
Abortion	5%
Guns	4%
Education	4%
National Security	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	24%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>55%</b>
Not sure	5%

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	18%	21%	<b>39%</b>	12%	40%	<b>52%</b>	8%
Climate change and the environment	14%	25%	<b>39%</b>	12%	34%	<b>46%</b>	15%
Taxes and government spending	11%	21%	<b>32%</b>	14%	44%	<b>58%</b>	10%
Abortion	16%	20%	<b>35%</b>	14%	34%	<b>48%</b>	17%
Civil rights	14%	26%	<b>39%</b>	14%	30%	<b>44%</b>	17%
Civil liberties	14%	24%	<b>38%</b>	13%	32%	<b>44%</b>	17%
Guns	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	13%	39%	<b>52%</b>	15%
Crime	10%	21%	<b>31%</b>	14%	39%	<b>53%</b>	16%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	<b>31%</b>	12%	48%	<b>60%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	13%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate	42%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Not sure	16%
I would not vote	3%

11. 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 .....	43%
The Republican Party candidate .....	40%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%
I would not vote .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	5%
Moderate .....	29%
Conservative .....	26%
Very conservative .....	20%
Not sure .....	17%

13. 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	14%	26%	<b>40%</b>	14%	38%	<b>52%</b>	8%
The Republican Party	11%	27%	<b>38%</b>	17%	36%	<b>54%</b>	8%

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

Yes .....	25%
No .....	60%
Not sure .....	14%

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...

Joe Biden .....	39%
Donald Trump .....	38%
Other .....	7%
Not sure .....	6%
I would not vote .....	11%

17. 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 .....	37%
Donald Trump .....	39%
Not sure .....	24%

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

A lot .....	20%
Some .....	22%
Not much .....	13%
Doesn't care at all .....	39%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Like a lot .....	18%
Like somewhat .....	20%
Neither like nor dislike .....	19%
Dislike somewhat .....	9%
Dislike a lot .....	30%
Not sure .....	5%

20. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot .....	25%
Some .....	19%
Not much .....	9%
Doesn't care at all .....	42%
Not sure .....	5%

21. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot .....	13%
Like somewhat .....	17%
Neither like nor dislike .....	14%
Dislike somewhat .....	11%
Dislike a lot .....	43%
Not sure .....	3%

22. 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%

23. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done. ....	59%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. ....	41%

24. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. ....	39%
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. ....	46%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Under control .....	15%
Out of control .....	69%
Not sure .....	16%

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 .....	51%
Ron DeSantis .....	12%
Nikki Haley .....	7%
Mike Pence .....	5%
Chris Christie .....	2%
Tim Scott .....	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	5%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Doug Burgum .....	0%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Larry Elder .....	0%
Someone else .....	1%
Not sure .....	10%
I would not vote .....	4%

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 .....	24%
Nikki Haley .....	7%
Mike Pence .....	10%
Chris Christie .....	1%
Tim Scott .....	4%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	12%
Asa Hutchinson .....	1%
Doug Burgum .....	1%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Larry Elder .....	1%
Someone else .....	1%
Not sure .....	8%
I would not vote .....	5%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate .....	16%

28. Would you be disappointed if any of these presidential candidates became the Republican nominee? Select all that apply.

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Donald Trump .....	24%
Ron DeSantis .....	17%
Nikki Haley .....	18%
Mike Pence .....	37%
Chris Christie .....	48%
Tim Scott .....	14%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	21%
Asa Hutchinson .....	32%
Doug Burgum .....	28%
Will Hurd .....	30%
Larry Elder .....	24%
I would not be disappointed if any of the candidates became the nominee .....	21%

29. How important are primary debates in making up your mind about who your party's presidential nominee should be?

Very important .....	25%
Somewhat important .....	38%
Not very important .....	16%
Not at all important .....	9%
Not sure .....	11%

30. The next Republican presidential primary debate will take place on September 27 in Simi Valley, California. Do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will	14%
Probably will	24%
Probably not	25%
Definitely not	27%
Not sure	10%

31. Donald Trump did not participate in the first Republican primary debate and is also choosing not to participate in the second debate. Instead, he will give a speech to union workers in Detroit. Do you think Trump should or should not participate in the second Republican primary debate?

Should participate	45%
Should not participate	30%
Not sure	25%

32. Do you think you will watch Donald Trump's speech to union workers in Detroit on September 27?

Definitely will	9%
Probably will	17%
Probably not	21%
Definitely not	41%
Not sure	11%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	56%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	32%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	7%
Student	5%
Other	2%



36. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student .....	6%
Part-time student .....	3%
Not a student .....	91%

37. Do you have a job outside of school?

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	10%
Part-time job .....	25%
No job outside of school .....	65%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine .....	18%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine .....	36%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine .....	29%
Not sure .....	16%

39. Do you think U.S. military aid to Ukraine should be...?

*Among people who want U.S. military aid to Ukraine to be decreased*

Decreased a little .....	15%
Decreased a lot .....	30%
Stopped entirely .....	52%
Not sure .....	3%

40. Do you generally support or oppose the U.S. engaging in prisoner exchanges with hostile countries, where the U.S. releases a foreign prisoner in exchange for a U.S. citizen imprisoned abroad?

Strongly support .....	14%
Somewhat support .....	35%
Somewhat oppose .....	13%
Strongly oppose .....	14%
Not sure .....	25%

41. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity .....	55%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity .....	27%
The world's climate is NOT changing .....	9%
Not sure .....	9%

42. When it comes to addressing climate change, do you think you are doing...?

Too much .....	6%
About the right amount .....	43%
Not enough .....	33%
Not sure .....	17%

43. When it comes to addressing climate change, do you think other Americans are doing...?

Too much .....	12%
About the right amount .....	25%
Not enough .....	44%
Not sure .....	19%

44. When it comes to addressing climate change, do you think the U.S. government is doing...?

Too much .....	26%
About the right amount .....	15%
Not enough .....	46%
Not sure .....	13%

45. Would you personally be willing to pay higher energy prices for the sake of addressing climate change?

Yes, much higher .....	6%
Yes, somewhat higher .....	29%
No .....	53%
Not sure .....	13%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rupert Murdoch	3%	13%	15%	30%	38%
Lachlan Murdoch	1%	8%	11%	20%	59%
Drew Barrymore	15%	37%	17%	9%	22%
Bill Maher	7%	27%	18%	14%	34%
Russell Brand	7%	19%	13%	20%	41%
Fran Drescher	14%	29%	12%	8%	37%

47. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of labor unions?

Very favorable .....	21%
Somewhat favorable .....	32%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	17%
Very unfavorable .....	12%
Don't know .....	19%

48. How much have you heard in the news recently about the United Auto Workers' strike against General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis?

A lot .....	28%
A little .....	47%
Nothing at all .....	25%

49. The United Auto Workers, the union that represents auto workers, is now on strike against General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis over disputes regarding pay and working conditions. Which are you more inclined to side with in this strike?

The United Auto Workers .....	51%
General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis .....	17%
Not sure .....	32%

50. Recent strikes among auto workers could lead to shortages in the availability of new vehicles. How much do you think these strikes will personally affect you?

A great deal .....	3%
A fair amount .....	14%
Not much .....	30%
Not at all .....	43%
Not sure .....	11%

51. How much have you heard in the news recently about a strike among movie and television writers and actors?

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

52. Movie and television writers and actors who belong to the Writers Guild of America and the SAG-AFTRA labor unions recently went on strike against studios and streaming services over disputes regarding pay, working conditions, and the use of artificial intelligence. Which are you more inclined to side with in this strike?

The Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA .....	52%
Studios and streaming services .....	12%
Not sure .....	36%

53. Recent strikes among writers and actors could lead to delays in the release of new movies and television shows. How much do you think these strikes will personally affect you?

A great deal .....	6%
A fair amount .....	16%
Not much .....	31%
Not at all .....	39%
Not sure .....	8%

54. How much have you heard about the possibility of a shutdown of the federal government next month if Congress cannot reach an agreement on a funding bill?

A lot .....	32%
A little .....	44%
Nothing at all .....	24%

55. Do you think that you would be personally affected by a shutdown of the federal government?

Definitely	17%
Probably	36%
Probably not	23%
Definitely not	11%
Not sure	13%

56. If President Biden and the Democrats and Republicans in Congress do not reach an agreement over federal spending in time to avoid a shutdown of the federal government, who do you think will more to blame?

Democrats in Congress	14%
Republicans in Congress	29%
President Biden	13%
Everyone equally	32%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	8%

58. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

59. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	30%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

**61. Political Party Identification**

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

Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	13%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	18%
Not sure .....	3%
Don't know .....	0%

**62. Are you... ?**

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

**63. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	32%
65+ .....	22%

**64. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

HS or less .....	36%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%

**66. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	43%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	10%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	19%
No .....	81%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	41%
\$50-100K .....	27%
\$100K or more .....	21%
Prefer not to say .....	11%

70. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	37%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	21%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	5%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	32%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	70%

73. 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 .....	16%
A few times a week .....	10%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	20%
Don't know .....	4%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	31%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	22%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	September 23 - 26, 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 6.526, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.826.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1293 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	38 questions not reported.