

The Economist/YouGov Poll
July 30 - August 2, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 30 - August 2, 2022
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	21%
Off on the wrong track	69%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	15%
Fair	28%
Poor	51%
Don't know	2%

3. How would you describe the current state of the global economy?

Excellent	4%
Good	11%
Fair	36%
Poor	40%
Don't know	9%

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

Yes	61%
No	18%
Not sure	21%

5. Which of the following do you think is the best indicator of an economic recession?

The stock market index	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports	14%
The prices of goods and services you buy	38%
Your personal finances	5%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	29%
Don't know	9%

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

Asked of those who do not think we are currently in an economic recession

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	43%
Not very likely	19%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	22%

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

Very important	25%
Somewhat important	40%
Not very important	21%
Unimportant	14%

8. How much have you felt the impact of inflation in your own life?

A lot	56%
A little	39%
Not at all	5%

9. Have you put off any of the following this year in order to save money? Select all that apply.

Doing home repairs or maintenance	34%
Doing car repairs or maintenance	25%
Receiving medical care	22%
Buying new clothes or other personal items	48%
Going on a vacation or taking time off	46%
None of the above	22%
Not sure	6%

10. How difficult do you find it to afford each of the following right now?

	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Not very difficult	Not difficult at all	Not sure
Gas	32%	33%	17%	13%	6%
Cars or car payments	23%	24%	17%	23%	13%
Food	21%	38%	24%	16%	2%
Housing costs (such as rent or mortgage payments)	28%	24%	19%	22%	6%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	12%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	5%	29%	53%	9%

13. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about professional basketball player Brittney Griner being detained in Russia on drug charges after Russian authorities say they found vape cartridges of cannabis oil in her luggage?

A lot	41%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	16%

14. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is to secure Brittney Griner's release from Russia?

Should do more	25%
Doing about the right amount	33%
Should do less	21%
Not sure	20%

15. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a proposed prisoner exchange in which the U.S. would release an alleged arms dealer to Russia in exchange for Russia releasing Brittney Griner and former U.S. Marine Paul Whelan?

A lot	28%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	27%

16. Would you approve or disapprove of such a prisoner exchange?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	23%

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

Russia	26%
Ukraine	16%
Neither	38%
Not sure	21%

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

Russia	33%
Ukraine	22%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	30%

19. In terms of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. government's response...	
Should be tougher	35%
Should be less tough	14%
Is about right	30%
Not sure	21%
20. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes abortion throughout the United States?	
Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	8%
21. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes same-sex sexual activity throughout the United States?	
Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	13%
22. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes same-sex marriage throughout the United States?	
Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	10%
23. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes interracial marriage throughout the United States?	
Strongly support	58%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	11%
24. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes contraception throughout the United States?	
Strongly support	56%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	8%
Not sure	15%

25. 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).
 32%
- Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in
 danger. 30%
- Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 9%

26. 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 8%
- Strongly disapprove 41%
- Not sure 13%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump supporters taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 to stop Congressional proceedings?

- Strongly approve 8%
- Somewhat approve 9%
- Somewhat disapprove 15%
- Strongly disapprove 53%
- Not sure 15%

28. 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 12%
- Strongly disapprove 31%
- Not sure 17%

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

- A lot 42%
- Some 13%
- A little 11%
- None 25%
- Not sure 9%

30. Do you think Donald Trump did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?

- Yes 44%
- No 38%
- Not sure 18%

31. Do you think Donald Trump will be charged with any crime in connection with the events of January 6, 2021?

Yes 23%
 No 44%
 Not sure 33%

32. Do you think Donald Trump should be charged with any crime in connection with the events of January 6, 2021?

Yes 45%
 No 39%
 Not sure 16%

33. 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 26%
 The world's climate is NOT changing 8%
 Not sure 12%

34. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have 47%
 No, I have not 27%
 Not sure 19%
 The climate is not changing 8%

35. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will 12%
 No, I will not 17%
 Not sure 18%
 Have already felt the effect of climate change 47%
 The climate is not changing 8%

36. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

It is already too late to avoid the worst effects of climate change 11%
 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 44%
 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 13%
 Not sure 24%
 The climate is not changing 8%

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

Yes 46%
 No 37%
 Not sure 17%

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

Very closely	25%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	25%
Not following at all	11%

39. Do you personally know anyone who has ever tested positive for COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	32%
Yes, a family member	61%
Yes, a close friend	53%
No	12%
Prefer not to say	4%

40. Tested Positive for COVID-19

Positive	32%
Not tested positive	68%

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

Asked of those who did not test positive themselves

Yes	21%
No	58%
Not sure	21%

42. Do you know anyone who has experienced long COVID? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a close friend	20%
No	57%
Prefer not to say	4%

43. 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	13%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	26%

44. How many different times do you believe you have been infected with COVID-19?

Only once	26%
Twice	12%
Three times	3%
Four times or more	1%
Not sure	4%
Never infected with COVID-19 and don't think they ever got it	54%

45. Which statement describes you best?

I have received at least ONE shot of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	69%
I have NOT received ANY shots of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	31%

46. Which statement describes you best?

I have received only ONE shot	10%
I have received only TWO shots	32%
I have received at least THREE shots	58%

47. Which vaccine did you get for your FIRST shot?

Pfizer-BioNtech	48%
Moderna	38%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	9%
Don't remember	3%

48. Which vaccine did you get for your SECOND shot?

Pfizer-BioNtech	51%
Moderna	41%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	3%
Don't remember	3%

49. Which vaccine did you get for your THIRD shot, or booster shot?

Pfizer-BioNtech	50%
Moderna	43%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	3%
Don't remember	3%

50. Which statement describes you best?

I do not plan on ever getting ANY shots of ANY COVID-19 vaccine	64%
I might get a shot of one of the COVID-19 vaccines in the future	17%
I definitely will get a shot of one of the COVID-19 vaccines in the future	10%
Prefer not to say	9%

51. How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19	64%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	3%
I will not get vaccinated	20%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	8%

52. Would you support or oppose allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with prescription-drug manufacturers?

Strongly support	41%
Somewhat support	25%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	23%

53. Democrats in the U.S. Senate just put forward a \$369 billion climate and energy package that promises to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 40 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	18%

54. The Democrats' proposal would also allow Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices while capping out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 a year. Do you support or oppose this proposal?

Strongly support	37%
Somewhat support	23%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	9%
Not sure	24%

55. Do you support or oppose the \$369 billion climate and energy bill, which includes cuts in greenhouse gas emissions, gives government the ability to negotiate lower drug prices, and requires a minimum 15% tax on large corporations?

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	17%

56. Do you think that this bill will increase or decrease inflation?

Increase inflation	36%
Decrease inflation	12%
Will not change inflation	23%
Not sure	29%

57. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Democrat?

Asked of Independents and Republicans

Yes	28%
No	59%
Not sure	12%

58. At any point in your life, have you ever considered yourself a Republican?

Asked of Independents and Democrats

Yes	20%
No	69%
Not sure	12%

59. Would you say that the Democratic Party is to the left or right of you?

Much more to the left	34%
Slightly more left	13%
About the same	21%
Slightly more right	8%
Much more to the right	5%
Don't know	18%

60. Would you say that the Republican Party is to the left or right of you?

Much more to the left	5%
Slightly more left	9%
About the same	21%
Slightly more right	14%
Much more to the right	32%
Don't know	19%

61. Overall, would you say that your political views are closer to the views of the Democratic party or Republican party?

Democratic Party	37%
Republican Party	36%
Neither	21%
Not sure	6%

62. Do you think a third major political party is necessary for the United States, or are the Democratic and Republican parties enough?

A third party is necessary in the U.S.	39%
The Democratic and Republican parties are enough to represent Americans	30%
Not sure	30%

63. Would you ever vote for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes	46%
No	22%
Not sure	32%

64. Have you ever voted for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes	31%
No	58%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	32%
A little	45%
None at all	23%

66. 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	20%
About the same	37%
Not sure	11%

67. 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	14%
No preference	14%

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

Democrats win majority in the Senate	22%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	37%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	13%
Not sure	28%

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

House controlled by Democrats	37%
House controlled by Republicans	36%
House evenly divided between both parties	12%
No preference	14%

70. 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%

71. 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	14%	20%	12%	26%	28%
Bennie Thompson	10%	11%	8%	9%	62%
Kyrsten Sinema	5%	16%	13%	17%	50%
Joe Manchin	7%	18%	20%	21%	34%
Andrew Yang	9%	22%	14%	13%	43%
Brittney Griner	8%	19%	17%	18%	38%

72. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	25%	4%	2%
Immigration	49%	31%	14%	6%
Climate change and the environment	44%	25%	14%	17%
Foreign policy	41%	42%	12%	5%
National Security	65%	25%	6%	3%
Education	60%	28%	8%	4%
Health care	67%	26%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	62%	29%	7%	2%
Abortion	48%	28%	15%	9%
Civil rights	57%	27%	10%	6%
Civil liberties	58%	27%	10%	5%
Guns	55%	27%	11%	7%
Crime	63%	28%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	49%	34%	11%	7%
Inflation/prices	73%	21%	4%	2%

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

Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	6%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	5%
Education	4%
Health care	12%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	5%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Inflation/prices	18%

74. 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	17%	24%	12%	41%	6%
Kamala Harris	14%	23%	10%	43%	9%
Donald Trump	24%	17%	9%	44%	5%
Mike Pence	10%	24%	22%	32%	12%

75. 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	18%	23%	12%	38%	8%
The Republican Party	15%	23%	15%	39%	9%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	8%

77. 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%	23%	14%	38%	11%
Climate change and the environment	16%	25%	11%	34%	14%
Health care	15%	25%	16%	30%	14%
Abortion	13%	20%	14%	37%	15%
Guns	12%	19%	17%	38%	14%

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

Very strong	10%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	23%
Very weak	43%

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

Optimistic	29%
Pessimistic	48%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	10%

81. 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	17%	24%	13%	37%	9%
Republicans in Congress	10%	22%	20%	38%	10%

82. 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	14%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	14%

83. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	21%

85. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	26%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	10%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	61%
Not sure	9%

89. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?	
Higher	18%
About the same	22%
Lower	30%
Not sure	30%
90. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	10%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	34%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	48%
Not sure	8%
91. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	28%
Not very worried	61%
92. 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.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	12%
93. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	25%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%
94. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	11%

95. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on social issues?

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	17%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	11%

96. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on economic issues?

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	16%
Not sure	12%

97. 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%

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

Definitely will vote	55%
Probably will vote	14%
Maybe will vote	9%
Probably will not vote	7%
Definitely will not vote	8%
Don't know	7%

99. 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	39%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	6%

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

Democrats	34%
Independents	37%
Republicans	29%

101. Political Party Identification	
Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%
102. 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%
103. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%
104. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%
105. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%
106. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

107. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

110. State Party Control

Blue State	36%
Red State	50%
Purple State	14%

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

Urban	30%
Suburb	35%
Rural/Other	35%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

113. 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	43%
No	57%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 30 - August 2, 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 0.059 to 3.298, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.486.
Number of respondents	1500 1325 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	47 questions not reported.