

The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 13 - 16, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted August 13 - 16, 2022
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...	
Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	11%
2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?	
Excellent	4%
Good	18%
Excellent / Good	22%
Fair	28%
Poor	45%
Fair / Poor	73%
Don't know	5%
3. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
A higher rate of inflation	41%
The same rate of inflation	23%
A lower rate of inflation	22%
Not sure	14%
4. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
Higher gas prices	35%
The same gas prices	25%
Lower gas prices	28%
Not sure	12%
5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling foreign policy?	
Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	9%
6. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about American basketball player Brittney Griner being sentenced to 9 years in a Russian prison for possession of cannabis?	
A lot	42%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	14%

7. 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	23%
Doing about the right amount	32%
Should do less	25%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	18%
Neither	39%
Not sure	21%

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

Russia	29%
Ukraine	25%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	31%

10. In terms of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. government's response...

Should be tougher	36%
Should be less tough	14%
Is about right	29%
Not sure	22%

11. 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
Eric Adams	6%	13%	19%	11%	12%	23%	57%
Greg Abbott	18%	13%	31%	9%	19%	28%	41%
Brittney Griner	11%	20%	31%	19%	20%	39%	30%
Serena Williams	30%	37%	67%	9%	6%	15%	18%
Colin Kaepernick	16%	20%	36%	12%	29%	41%	23%
Letitia James	12%	13%	25%	7%	12%	19%	56%
Liz Cheney	15%	20%	35%	12%	26%	38%	26%
Christopher Wray	8%	15%	23%	9%	14%	23%	53%
Merrick Garland	15%	16%	31%	8%	21%	29%	40%

12. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about American tennis player Serena Williams announcing her retirement?

A lot	17%
A little	54%
Nothing at all	29%

13. Do you think Serena Williams could win another major tennis tournament if she kept playing?

Yes	40%
No	19%
Not sure	42%

14. Compared to fathers of young children, is it easier or harder for mothers of young children to balance family and their jobs?

Much easier	4%
A little easier	7%
The same	27%
A little harder	27%
Much harder	35%

15. In 2016, to the best of your recollection, did you support or oppose NFL player Colin Kaepernick's protest of racial injustice by kneeling during the playing of the national anthem before games?

Strongly support	24%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	36%
Not sure	14%

16. Colin Kaepernick last played in the National Football League (NFL) in 2016. Do you think Colin Kaepernick is still skilled enough to play football in the NFL?

Yes	23%
No	38%
Not sure	39%

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

Very closely	23%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	24%
Not following at all	11%

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

Definitely contracted COVID-19	29%
Probably contracted COVID-19	17%
Probably did not contract COVID-19	17%
Definitely did not contract COVID-19	25%
Not sure	12%

19. 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	33%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	24%

20. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always	15%
Most of the time	16%
Some of the time	27%
Never	42%

21. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	58%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	11%
The pandemic is going to get worse	11%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the government's response to COVID-19?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	47%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	10%

23. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)?

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	29%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	22%
Don't know	12%

24. How much do you trust medical advice from the CDC?	
Trust a lot	20%
Trust somewhat	27%
Neither trust nor distrust	15%
Distrust somewhat	13%
Distrust a lot	19%
Not sure	7%
25. How closely are you following the news about monkeypox?	
Very closely	13%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	32%
Not following at all	16%
26. How concerned are you about a monkeypox epidemic here in the United States?	
Very concerned	15%
Somewhat concerned	35%
Not very concerned	27%
Not concerned at all	22%
27. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing monkeypox?	
Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not too worried	30%
Not worried at all	34%
28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the government's response to monkeypox?	
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	29%
29. Do you think monkeypox is a national health emergency?	
Yes	33%
No	38%
Not sure	28%
30. If it were available to you, would you get vaccinated against monkeypox?	
Yes	36%
No	38%
Not sure	26%

31. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about polio being found in wastewater in New York?	
A lot	16%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	37%
32. How concerned are you about polio being found in wastewater in New York?	
Very concerned	23%
Somewhat concerned	40%
Not very concerned	20%
Not concerned at all	17%
33. How much have you heard in the news about the shooting of Breonna Taylor by police in Louisville, Kentucky in 2020?	
A lot	37%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	20%
34. Do you think the police were justified or not justified in the amount of force they used in the Breonna Taylor case?	
Justified	22%
Not justified	44%
Not sure	34%
35. How much have you heard about federal charges being brought against four former or current Louisville Metro Police officers for their roles in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor?	
A lot	15%
A little	53%
Nothing at all	32%
36. Do you think the four former or current police officers will be found guilty?	
Will be found guilty	32%
Will NOT be found guilty	21%
Not sure	48%
37. Do you think the four former or current police officers should be found guilty?	
Should be found guilty	43%
Should NOT be found guilty	23%
Not sure	34%

38. When Congress is considering passing major legislation, would you prefer that it wait to move ahead until a bipartisan agency estimates the legislation's impact on budget, even if it means waiting weeks or months?

Wait for budget estimates	44%
Move ahead without them	25%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	29%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	21%

40. Would you support or oppose a law requiring that corporations earning over \$1 billion pay a 15% minimum tax on their profits?

Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	10%
Not sure	17%

41. Would you support or oppose a climate and energy proposal that aims by 2030 to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 2005 levels?

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	19%
Not sure	17%

42. 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	34%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	17%

43. Do you think that this \$369 billion climate and energy bill will increase or decrease inflation?

Increase inflation	38%
Decrease inflation	13%
Will not change inflation	22%
Not sure	26%

44. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution protects citizens from being forced to make statements that could be used as evidence against them in trials. When someone cites his or her Fifth Amendment right by refusing to testify, which comes closer to your view?

- That person is probably refusing to testify because they are guilty 44%
- That person is simply exercising their right to refuse to testify 56%

45. Do you support or oppose the Presidential Records Act, which establishes that official presidential documents and classified materials must be preserved and given to the National Archives when a president leaves office?

- Strongly support 42%
- Somewhat support 22%
- Somewhat oppose 9%
- Strongly oppose 5%
- Not sure 23%

46. In January, the National Archives retrieved 15 boxes of presidential records that former President Trump took with him to his private residence from the White House when his term ended. Do you approve or disapprove of the former president taking these records?

- Strongly approve 14%
- Somewhat approve 16%
- Somewhat disapprove 12%
- Strongly disapprove 40%
- Not sure 18%

47. At the referral of the National Archives, the Justice Department began investigating former President Trump for possibly violating the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the Justice Department investigation taking place?

- Strongly approve 42%
- Somewhat approve 13%
- Somewhat disapprove 10%
- Strongly disapprove 21%
- Not sure 14%

48. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the FBI executing a search warrant for former President Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago?

- A lot 50%
- A little 36%
- Nothing at all 14%

49. Last week, the FBI executed a court-ordered search warrant of former President Trump's private home in relation to the Justice Department's investigation into whether Trump violated the Presidential Records Act. Do you approve or disapprove of the search?

Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	10%

50. Should the warrant used to search former President Trump's home be made public?

Yes	67%
No	14%
Not sure	19%

51. Do you think the FBI executing a search warrant of former President Trump's private home is a serious attempt to find out what really happened or politically motivated?

A serious attempt to find out what really happened	39%
Politically motivated	36%
Equally motivated by both of these	14%
Not sure	11%

52. If in the documents that former President Trump took with him to his private residence, there are documents related to nuclear weapons, would you approve or disapprove of his actions?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	21%

53. How much, if anything have you heard in the news about an investigation into whether former President Trump and his company fraudulently inflated the value of his hotels, golf clubs and other assets?

A lot	22%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	39%

54. In a deposition scheduled last week, former President Trump invoked his Fifth Amendment rights and declined to answer questions from the New York attorney general about the Trump Organization's business practices. Do you approve or disapprove of former President Trump refusing to answer questions?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	16%

55. Do you believe former President Trump fraudulently inflated the value of his hotels, golf clubs and other assets?

Yes	44%
No	23%
Not sure	33%

56. As you may know, former President Trump has refused to release his tax returns. How much have you heard about Trump's refusal to release his tax returns?

Heard a lot	41%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	19%

57. Regardless of how you feel about former President Trump, do you think that he should have released his tax returns during his presidency?

Yes	53%
No	30%
Not sure	16%

58. Should the congressional committees have the authority to require a current president to release tax returns to them?

Yes	49%
No	30%
Not sure	21%

59. Should congressional committees have the authority to require a former president to release tax returns to them?

Yes	40%
No	37%
Not sure	23%

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

A lot	33%
A little	42%
None at all	26%

61. Compared to voting in previous Congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?

More enthusiastic	35%
Less enthusiastic	18%
About the same	35%
Not sure	12%

62. 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	32%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	15%
No preference	17%

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

Democrats win majority in the Senate	24%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	32%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	15%
Not sure	29%

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

House controlled by Democrats	36%
House controlled by Republicans	34%
House evenly divided between both parties	14%
No preference	16%

65. 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	26%
Republicans win majority in the House	34%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	12%
Not sure	28%

66. Do you think that legal immigration is a problem in the U.S. as a whole?

Yes	31%
No	53%
Not sure	15%

67. How serious a problem is legal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	17%
Somewhat serious	14%
A minor problem	5%
Not a problem	53%
Not sure	11%

68. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Increase LEGAL immigration	28%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	25%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	28%
Not sure	19%

69. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship	44%
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	15%
They should be required to leave the U.S.	41%

70. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling immigration?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	21%

71. Do you think that illegal immigration is a problem in the U.S. as a whole?

Yes	61%
No	24%
Not sure	15%

72. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	40%
Somewhat serious	21%
A minor problem	5%
Not a problem	24%
Not sure	10%

73. Do you think that the current situation at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis?

Yes	59%
No	22%
Not sure	19%

74. Where should people who enter the U.S. across the southern border illegally be sent while they await a decision on whether or not they will be allowed to legally remain in the U.S.?

Should be sent to other parts of the U.S.	6%
Should remain where they entered the U.S.	19%
Should be sent back to the country they entered from	48%
Should be legally allowed to stay in the U.S. immediately	8%
Not sure	19%

75. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	66%	27%	5%	2%

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Immigration	45%	32%	18%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	43%	41%	12%	4%
National Security	63%	27%	6%	4%
Education	56%	31%	9%	3%
Health care	68%	23%	7%	3%
Taxes and government spending	58%	31%	8%	3%
Abortion	47%	25%	16%	11%
Civil rights	55%	28%	12%	6%
Civil liberties	56%	30%	10%	4%
Guns	55%	27%	12%	6%
Crime	62%	27%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	32%	13%	6%
Inflation/prices	69%	22%	6%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	13%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Abortion	7%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Immigration	5%
Guns	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

77. 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	21%	23%	44%	12%	38%	50%	5%
Kamala Harris	18%	23%	41%	13%	38%	51%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	19%	36%	13%	41%	54%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	20%	27%	15%	28%	43%	29%
Mitch McConnell	6%	16%	22%	20%	39%	59%	18%
Chuck Schumer	12%	20%	32%	11%	34%	45%	22%
Donald Trump	23%	16%	39%	10%	44%	54%	6%

78. 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	20%	23%	43%	13%	35%	48%	9%
The Republican Party	12%	25%	37%	18%	35%	53%	10%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	8%

80. 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	19%	23%	14%	34%	9%
Education	15%	24%	15%	30%	17%
Health care	18%	26%	15%	28%	12%
Abortion	16%	22%	15%	35%	13%

81. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

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

Honest and trustworthy	38%
Not honest and trustworthy	42%
Not sure	20%

83. 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	15%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	13%

84. 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	18%	22%	40%	15%	35%	50%	11%
Republicans in Congress	9%	25%	34%	21%	35%	56%	11%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	22%
About the same	26%
Lower	22%
Not sure	30%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	34%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	23%

91. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	59%

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.	29%
Not very hard	29%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	23%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	13%

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	12%
Maybe will vote	11%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	9%
Don't know	8%

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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	39%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	5%

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

Democrats	35%
Independents	41%
Republicans	24%

101. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	6%
Don't know	0%

102. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%

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	46%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

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	37%
Red State	50%
Purple State	13%

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

Urban	31%
Suburb	35%
Rural/Other	34%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	10%

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?

Yes43%
 No57%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 13 - 16, 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 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.17 to 5.374, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.532.
Number of respondents	1500 1315 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.