The Economist/YouGov Poll
April 29 - May 2, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	April 29 - May 2, 2023
Margin of Error	±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	12%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	21%
Excellent / Good	**27%**
Fair	32%
Poor	37%
Fair / Poor	**69%**
Don't know	4%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Tucker Carlson	20%	21%	10%	27%	22%
Don Lemon	9%	17%	18%	23%	34%
Rupert Murdoch	7%	15%	17%	30%	31%
Ron DeSantis	20%	23%	11%	29%	17%
Asa Hutchinson	7%	16%	14%	9%	54%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	7%	26%	56%	8%
Ukraine	30%	42%	9%	5%	13%
China	3%	11%	37%	38%	11%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	21%
Neither	37%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia 29%
Ukraine 26%
Equally likely 15%
Not sure 30%

7. How much attention have you been paying to debates around the debt ceiling?

A lot 20%
A little 46%
Not at all 33%

8. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?

Congress should raise the debt ceiling 41%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling 35%
Not sure 24%

9. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...

A crisis 32%
A major problem but not a crisis 39%
A minor problem 11%
Not a problem 3%
Not sure 15%

10. Would you support or oppose...?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Allocating $71 billion for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to upgrade its technology and boost hiring	20%	23%	16%	26%	16%
Canceling $10,000 to $20,000 in student loan debt for nearly all borrowers who took out student loans	32%	18%	12%	28%	10%
Requiring able-bodied adults without dependents to work in order to receive Medicaid	34%	26%	13%	12%	16%
Increasing domestic production of oil, natural gas, and coal	41%	23%	14%	9%	12%

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

Yes 29%
No 56%
Not sure 16%

12. Do you think that Joe Biden is the strongest candidate that Democrats could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is 28%
No, he is not 53%
Not sure 19%

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

Yes 33%
No 53%
Not sure 14%

14. Do you think that Donald Trump is the strongest candidate that Republicans could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is 36%
No, he is not 46%
Not sure 18%

15. If you had to choose, who would you rather see as the Republican nominee for president in 2024?

Donald Trump 36%
Ron DeSantis 22%
Someone else 15%
Not sure 28%

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 41%
Donald Trump 41%
Other 3%
Not sure 4%
I would not vote 10%

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 41%
Donald Trump 39%
Not sure 20%

18. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Ron DeSantis, would you vote for...

Joe Biden	41%
Ron DeSantis	36%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	12%

19. 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	39%
Ron DeSantis	35%
Not sure	25%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kamala Harris is handling her job as vice president?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	15%

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

Qualified to be president	37%
Not qualified to be president	48%
Not sure	15%

22. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?

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

23. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like or dislike Kamala Harris as a person?

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	21%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	24%
Not sure	9%

24. How accurate do you consider the information that has been broadcast by the following TV networks about the results of the 2020 election?

	Almost always accurate	Mostly accurate	Mostly inaccurate	Almost always inaccurate
Fox News	12%	37%	25%	26%
CNN	17%	41%	20%	22%
MSNBC	15%	42%	22%	22%
ABC	18%	49%	20%	14%
CBS	17%	49%	21%	14%
NBC	18%	48%	20%	14%

25. Do you think hosts on Fox News said things about the 2020 election that they knew were untrue?

Yes	51%
No	21%
Not sure	29%

26. Do you think executives at Fox News knew hosts said things about the 2020 election that they knew were untrue?

Yes	46%
No	2%
Not sure	2%
Not asked - Do not think Fox News hosts knowingly said anything untrue about the 2020 election or not sure	49%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
King Charles III	11%	28%	25%	15%	22%
Camilla (nee Parker Bowles), the Queen Consort	9%	21%	22%	20%	28%
Prince William, Prince of Wales	21%	35%	16%	9%	19%
Catherine, Princess of Wales	22%	33%	13%	7%	25%
Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex	23%	31%	14%	15%	17%
Meghan (nee Markle), Duchess of Sussex	19%	30%	14%	20%	17%
Prince Andrew, Duke of York	9%	22%	17%	26%	26%
Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex	11%	28%	13%	8%	40%
Princess Anne, The Princess Royal	15%	31%	10%	5%	38%

28. How much, if anything, have you heard about the coronation of King Charles III this coming week?

A lot ……………………………………………………………………………………14%
A little ……………………………………………………………………………………51%
Nothing at all ……………………………………………………………………………35%

29. Do you plan to watch King Charles III's coronation?

Yes ……………………………………………………………………………………19%
No ……………………………………………………………………………………66%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………15%

30. How do you think King Charles III's record as Britain's monarch will go down in history?

Outstanding …………………………………………………………………………… 6%
Above Average …………………………………………………………………………… 9%
Average ……………………………………………………………………………………32%
Below Average ……………………………………………………………………………16%
Poor ……………………………………………………………………………………9%
Not Sure ……………………………………………………………………………………28%

31. Who do you think should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II?

It was best that King Charles III succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch ……………31%
Prince William should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch ………………24%
No one should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch ………………………15%
Don't know ……………………………………………………………………………………30%

32. Do you think the British royal family are … ?

Mostly good role models …………………………………………………………………22%
Mostly bad role models …………………………………………………………………15%
An even mix of good role models and bad …………………………………………………47%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………16%

33. Do you think it would be a good or a bad thing for the United States to have a monarchy?

Good thing …………………………………………………………………………… 12%
Bad thing ……………………………………………………………………………………63%
Neither a good nor a bad thing ……………………………………………………………13%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………13%

34. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	25%	3%	1%
Immigration	50%	33%	14%	3%

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Climate change and the environment	45%	26%	14%	15%
Foreign policy	46%	40%	12%	2%
National Security	66%	26%	6%	2%
Education	64%	27%	7%	2%
Health care	70%	22%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	58%	33%	8%	1%
Abortion	47%	27%	17%	9%
Civil rights	55%	30%	12%	4%
Civil liberties	56%	31%	10%	3%
Guns	60%	23%	12%	5%
Crime	63%	28%	8%	2%
Criminal justice reform	49%	34%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	71%	23%	5%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	15%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Guns	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	7%
Immigration	7%
Abortion	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Civil rights	4%
Education	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	25%	19%	**44%**	14%	38%	**52%**	4%
Kamala Harris	18%	25%	**43%**	13%	35%	**49%**	9%
Kevin McCarthy	11%	27%	**38%**	15%	25%	**40%**	22%
Mitch McConnell	7%	19%	**25%**	23%	34%	**57%**	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	24%	**37%**	11%	29%	**40%**	23%
Hakeem Jeffries	15%	18%	**33%**	11%	18%	**29%**	38%
Donald Trump	27%	19%	**46%**	11%	39%	**49%**	4%

37. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
The Democratic Party	20%	26%	**45%**	16%	33%	**49%**	6%
The Republican Party	16%	26%	**42%**	20%	32%	**52%**	6%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	**44%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	**49%**
Not sure	7%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	21%	22%	**43%**	16%	34%	**50%**	7%
Climate change and the environment	18%	24%	**42%**	15%	31%	**46%**	12%
Health care	19%	26%	**45%**	15%	29%	**44%**	10%
Abortion	16%	25%	**41%**	16%	32%	**48%**	11%
Inflation/prices	13%	21%	**35%**	16%	41%	**57%**	8%

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

Like a lot	23%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	26%
Not sure	7%

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

Very strong	15%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	38%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	9%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	19%	25%	**45%**	15%	32%	**47%**	8%
Republicans in Congress	12%	27%	**39%**	20%	32%	**52%**	9%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	25%

46. 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	22%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	23%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	36%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	19%
Not sure	18%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Not sure
Brett Kavanaugh	14%	22%	14%	24%	26%
Neil Gorsuch	12%	22%	14%	14%	38%
Elena Kagan	16%	19%	12%	12%	41%
Sonia Sotomayor	19%	23%	13%	14%	32%
Samuel Alito	14%	21%	12%	16%	37%
John Roberts	11%	26%	19%	12%	32%
Amy Coney Barrett	15%	22%	14%	20%	30%
Clarence Thomas	21%	17%	12%	27%	23%
Ketanji Brown Jackson	18%	20%	11%	16%	34%

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

Getting better	15%
About the same	29%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	6%

52. 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	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	7%

53. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	21%
Happy	46%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

54. 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	41%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	4%

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

Democrats 34%
Independents 35%
Republicans 31%

56. 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%

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

Very liberal 11%
Liberal 14%
Moderate 34%
Conservative 21%
Very conservative 9%
Not sure 11%

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. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat 23%
Not very strong Democrat 11%
Lean Democrat 6%
Independent 17%
Lean Republican 7%
Not very strong Republican 12%
Strong Republican 19%
Not sure 4%
Don't know 0%

61. Are you...?

Male 49%
Female 51%

62. Respondent age by category

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

63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

65. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

67. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	36%
$50-100K	30%
$100K or more	24%
Prefer not to say	10%

69. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	21%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

72. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	16%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

73. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	4%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	8%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 29 - May 2, 2023
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 November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.067 to 6.555, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.868.
Number of respondents	1500 1357 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.