

The Economist/YouGov Poll
August 7 - 9, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted August 7 - 9, 2022
Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	19%
Off on the wrong track	70%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	15%
Fair	32%
Poor	47%
Don't know	4%

3. 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?

Mostly positive	7%
Equally positive and negative	28%
Mostly negative	57%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	7%

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

Very serious	23%
Somewhat serious	34%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	14%
Not sure	6%

5. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	58%
Your personal finances	12%
Don't know	10%

6. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 2%	2%
Between 2% and 3%	6%
Between 3% and 4%	28%
Between 4% and 5%	10%
Between 5% and 6%	8%
Between 6% and 7%	7%
Between 7% and 8%	9%
Greater than 8%	9%
Not sure	22%

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

Increased	16%
Stayed the same	26%
Decreased	35%
Don't know	22%

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

A higher rate of inflation	46%
The same rate of inflation	21%
A lower rate of inflation	18%
Not sure	14%

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

Higher gas prices	37%
The same gas prices	22%
Lower gas prices	28%
Not sure	12%

10. Do you think the economy is shrinking or growing?

Growing	18%
Shrinking	45%
Staying about the same	21%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	60%
No	23%
Not sure	17%

12. 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	10%
The prices of goods and services you buy	44%
Your personal finances	5%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	25%
Don't know	11%

13. 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	8%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	29%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	24%

14. As a result of recent inflation, have you...

	Yes	No	Not sure
Delayed making any purchases because you thought prices would drop from where they are now	42%	51%	7%
Recently made any purchases because you thought prices would continue to rise	35%	56%	9%

15. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	38%
Staying the same	38%
Decreasing	25%

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

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	40%
Not very important	24%
Unimportant	14%

17. How important is the issue of inflation/prices to you?

Very important	68%
Somewhat important	25%
Not very important	5%
Unimportant	1%

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

A lot	56%
A little	39%
Not at all	4%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Alex Jones	6%	11%	9%	35%	38%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	12%	12%	9%	32%	35%
Kyrsten Sinema	3%	13%	20%	19%	45%
Joe Manchin	5%	15%	26%	21%	33%
Brittney Griner	11%	17%	17%	22%	33%
Liz Cheney	12%	21%	14%	27%	26%
Dick Cheney	5%	18%	24%	30%	24%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	9%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	5%	28%	56%	9%
China	3%	8%	37%	40%	11%
Taiwan	26%	41%	7%	3%	22%

22. 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	48%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	12%

23. 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	31%
Should do less	25%
Not sure	19%

24. 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	33%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	21%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	19%

26. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visiting Taiwan?

A lot	46%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	16%

27. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taiwan last week, making her the most senior U.S. official to visit Taiwan in 25 years. The Chinese government has responded by sanctioning Pelosi and suspending cooperation with the United States on climate change and anti-drug initiatives. Do you think Pelosi should have visited Taiwan?

Should have	33%
Should NOT have	39%
Not sure	27%

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

Russia	25%
Ukraine	14%
Neither	42%
Not sure	19%

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

Russia	34%
Ukraine	22%
Equally likely	14%
Not sure	31%

30. 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	27%
Not sure	22%

31. Do you think the following statements are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Many high-level Ukrainian government officials are Nazis or Nazi-sympathizers	5%	11%	22%	30%	31%
The Ukrainian government is releasing fake videos of bomb attacks and blaming the attacks on Russia	5%	13%	25%	33%	25%

32. Do you think the following statement is true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Regardless of who is officially in charge of the government and other organizations, there is a single group of people who secretly control events and rule the world together	13%	28%	17%	24%	18%
Vaccines have been shown to cause autism	6%	13%	18%	38%	26%
Top Democrats are involved in elite child sex-trafficking rings	10%	20%	16%	33%	20%
The U.S. government is using the COVID-19 vaccine to microchip the population	6%	13%	17%	48%	15%
Mass shootings have been faked by groups trying to promote stricter gun control laws	6%	12%	14%	53%	15%
Voting machines were programmed to change votes in the 2020 election	13%	17%	15%	38%	18%

33. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of QAnon?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	39%
Don't know	40%

34. Do you personally know anyone who supports QAnon?

Yes, me	2%
Yes, a family member	5%
Yes, a close friend	5%
Yes, an acquaintance	9%
No	77%
Prefer not to say	6%

35. Do you know someone who believes in conspiracies?

Yes, me	13%
Yes, a family member	18%
Yes, a close friend	16%
Yes, an acquaintance	28%
No	36%
Prefer not to say	8%

36. How, if at all, has your family members' or friends' belief in conspiracies affected your relationship with them?

Asked of those whose family members or close friends believe in conspiracies

Had a positive effect	10%
Had a negative effect	34%
Had no effect	56%

37. How trustworthy do you consider Alex Jones to be?

Very trustworthy	3%
Trustworthy	6%
Neither trustworthy or untrustworthy	13%
Untrustworthy	9%
Very untrustworthy	33%
Don't know	36%

38. Right-wing talk-show host Alex Jones was recently sued by the parents of a child killed in the Sandy Hook mass shooting in 2012, who claimed he inflicted emotional distress on the family by promoting a baseless theory that the shooting was faked. How much, if anything, have you heard about this trial?

A lot	31%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	29%

39. On Thursday, a jury ruled that Alex Jones will have to pay the parents of a Sandy Hook shooting victim around \$50 million in total damages. The family initially sought \$150 million in damages. Do you think \$50 million in damages is...?

Too much	30%
About right	43%
Too little	27%

40. When do you think abortion should be legal?

- Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. 30%
- Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).
 29%
- Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in
 danger. 32%
- Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 9%

41. Would you support or oppose your state's constitution including protections for abortion?

- Strongly support 38%
- Somewhat support 15%
- Somewhat oppose 9%
- Strongly oppose 20%
- Not sure 18%

42. Should people in states that restrict abortion access be allowed to travel to other states with less restrictive laws in order to have an abortion?

- Yes, they should be allowed 67%
- No, they should not be allowed 17%
- Not sure 16%

43. How concerned are you that recent changes in abortion law will prevent emergency room doctors from performing abortions for women facing medical emergencies?

- Very concerned 40%
- Somewhat concerned 24%
- Not very concerned 19%
- Not concerned at all 17%

44. Would you support or oppose...

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
In states where abortions are severely restricted, Medicaid paying for women to travel to states where abortions are available in order to receive one	33%	14%	12%	28%	13%
A law that protects the right to travel to other states to receive an abortion	44%	19%	9%	13%	15%

45. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court's ruling that there is no constitutional right to an abortion?

- Strongly approve 28%
- Somewhat approve 10%
- Somewhat disapprove 10%
- Strongly disapprove 39%
- Not sure 13%

46. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	9%
Somewhat more safe	24%
About the same	27%
Somewhat less safe	12%
Much less safe	17%
Not sure	11%

47. Which comes closer to your view?

In the long run, the U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it confronts the countries and groups that promote terrorism	51%
In the long run, the U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it stays out of other countries' affairs	49%

48. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	42%
No	33%
Not sure	25%

49. Do you think the United States made a mistake by withdrawing troops from Afghanistan in 2021?

Yes	40%
No	39%
Not sure	21%

50. Do you support or oppose the U.S. military conducting drone strikes against terrorism targets in other countries?

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	7%
Not sure	20%

51. Last week, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency conducted a drone strike in Afghanistan that killed al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri. What effect do you believe this will have on Americans' safety?

It will make Americans more safe	20%
It will not make a difference	44%
It will make Americans less safe	15%
Not sure	21%

52. How closely are you following the news about monkeypox?

Very closely	13%
Somewhat closely	40%
Not very closely	34%
Not following at all	13%

53. How concerned are you about a monkeypox epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	16%
Somewhat concerned	33%
Not very concerned	29%
Not concerned at all	21%

54. 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	23%
Not too worried	36%
Not worried at all	31%

55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the government's response to monkeypox?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	12%

57. Do you think monkeypox is a national health emergency?

Yes	34%
No	41%
Not sure	25%

58. How much have you heard in the news about the shooting of Breonna Taylor by police in Louisville, Kentucky in 2020?

A lot	38%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	18%

59. 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	48%
Not sure	29%

60. 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	19%
A little	50%
Nothing at all	31%

61. Do you think the four former or current police officers will be found guilty?

Will be found guilty	36%
Will NOT be found guilty	20%
Not sure	44%

62. Do you think the four former or current police officers should be found guilty?

Should be found guilty	46%
Should NOT be found guilty	22%
Not sure	31%

63. 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	24%

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

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	11%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	18%

66. 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	18%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	22%
Not sure	16%

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

Increase inflation	40%
Decrease inflation	12%
Will not change inflation	23%
Not sure	25%

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

A lot	33%
A little	43%
None at all	25%

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

More enthusiastic	33%
Less enthusiastic	17%
About the same	38%
Not sure	13%

70. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats	38%
Senate controlled by Republicans	36%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	11%
No preference	15%

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

Democrats win majority in the Senate	23%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	36%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	14%
Not sure	27%

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

House controlled by Democrats	39%
House controlled by Republicans	36%
House evenly divided between both parties	11%
No preference	14%

73. 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	37%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	11%
Not sure	28%

74. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	26%	5%	2%
Immigration	46%	32%	16%	5%
Climate change and the environment	43%	25%	15%	17%
Foreign policy	36%	46%	14%	4%
National Security	61%	29%	7%	3%
Education	56%	32%	9%	4%
Health care	65%	26%	7%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	32%	5%	2%
Abortion	50%	26%	16%	9%
Civil rights	55%	27%	13%	5%
Civil liberties	55%	29%	12%	4%
Guns	56%	26%	12%	5%
Crime	60%	29%	9%	2%
Criminal justice reform	47%	34%	13%	6%
Inflation/prices	75%	20%	4%	1%

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

Jobs and the economy	9%
Immigration	5%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Foreign policy	0%
National Security	4%
Education	4%
Health care	10%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	8%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	6%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Inflation/prices	21%

76. 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	19%	21%	12%	43%	5%
Kamala Harris	15%	21%	11%	44%	9%
Donald Trump	20%	20%	12%	44%	4%
Mike Pence	10%	23%	22%	34%	11%

77. 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%	21%	15%	38%	8%
The Republican Party	13%	24%	18%	37%	8%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	7%

79. 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	17%	19%	15%	37%	11%
Climate change and the environment	18%	21%	14%	33%	14%
National Security	18%	20%	13%	35%	14%
Taxes and government spending	14%	20%	13%	41%	12%
Abortion	17%	18%	16%	35%	14%
Guns	12%	19%	17%	38%	15%

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

Very strong	11%
Somewhat strong	25%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	43%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	10%

82. 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	15%	22%	15%	37%	11%
Republicans in Congress	8%	22%	21%	37%	11%

83. 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	15%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	14%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	20%

86. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	27%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	12%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	10%

90. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?	
Higher	21%
About the same	24%
Lower	25%
Not sure	29%
91. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	8%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	48%
Not sure	7%
92. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	65%
93. 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.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	26%
Not sure	14%
94. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	22%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%
95. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	16%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	12%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	12%

98. 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%

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

Definitely will vote	57%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	9%
Probably will not vote	7%
Definitely will not vote	8%
Don't know	8%

100. 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	38%
Other	2%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	5%

101.

Democrats	34%
Independents	39%
Republicans	27%

102.	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	3%
103. 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%
104. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%
105. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%
106. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%
107. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%
108. What is your marital status?	
Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

111.

Blue State	35%
Red State	51%
Purple State	14%

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

Urban	29%
Suburb	36%
Rural/Other	36%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

114. 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	42%
No	58%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 7 - 9, 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 0.095 to 5.207, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.528.
Number of respondents	1500 1331 (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.