

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 16 - 18, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 16 - 18, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	15%
Excellent / Good	18%
Fair	31%
Poor	48%
Fair / Poor	78%
Don't know	4%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	60%
Both equal	31%
Not sure	4%

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

Growing	16%
Shrinking	54%
Staying about the same	18%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	59%
No	21%
Not sure	21%

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	5%
Somewhat likely	18%
Not very likely	7%
Not at all likely	1%
Not sure	11%
Not asked - Already in a recession	59%

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

A higher rate of inflation	42%
The same rate of inflation	24%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	18%

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

A lot	50%
A little	43%
Not at all	7%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	5%	25%	56%	11%
China	3%	8%	33%	39%	17%
Ukraine	26%	43%	8%	6%	17%
Saudi Arabia	5%	16%	34%	18%	27%
Venezuela	3%	14%	31%	17%	34%
Mexico	16%	40%	19%	6%	19%

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

Russia	15%
Ukraine	33%
Neither	33%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	31%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	33%

12. A year from now, do you think Vladimir Putin will still be the president of Russia?

Yes	38%
No	27%
Not sure	35%

13. A year from now, do you think Volodymyr Zelensky will still be the president of Ukraine?

Yes	51%
No	15%
Not sure	35%

14. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

All of them	2%
Most of them	13%
About half of them	27%
A few of them	32%
None of them	4%
Not sure	22%

15. How likely do you think it is that Russian forces will use nuclear weapons in Ukraine?

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	23%

16. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...

	Greater	Lesser	About the same	Don't know
A new Cold War	55%	9%	20%	16%
A nuclear war	50%	9%	26%	15%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Herschel Walker	13%	19%	33%	9%	27%	36%	32%
Raphael Warnock	14%	13%	28%	7%	16%	24%	48%
Ron DeSantis	27%	11%	38%	8%	26%	35%	27%
Tulsi Gabbard	14%	17%	31%	9%	15%	24%	45%
Alex Jones	5%	9%	14%	10%	32%	42%	44%
Ben Sasse	5%	11%	16%	11%	9%	20%	63%
John Fetterman	13%	14%	27%	7%	19%	26%	47%
Mehmet Oz (Dr. Oz)	13%	22%	35%	14%	29%	43%	22%
J.D. Vance	9%	12%	21%	7%	15%	22%	57%
Tim Ryan	10%	15%	25%	11%	10%	21%	55%
Bennie Thompson	10%	8%	18%	7%	8%	15%	67%
Elon Musk	15%	28%	43%	21%	19%	40%	17%
Liz Cheney	13%	19%	33%	12%	27%	39%	28%
Hunter Biden	6%	11%	17%	19%	37%	56%	27%
Kanye West	7%	22%	28%	19%	38%	57%	15%

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	32%
Probably contracted COVID-19	18%
Probably did not contract COVID-19	13%
Definitely did not contract COVID-19	29%
Not sure	8%

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

Always	12%
Most of the time	12%
Some of the time	25%
Never	52%

20. Would you support or oppose a policy that made it mandatory to wear masks in public indoor places?

Strongly support	19%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	33%
Not sure	10%

21. Would you support or oppose a policy that made it mandatory to wear masks in the following places?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Airplanes	37%	20%	12%	24%	6%
Airports	33%	25%	11%	25%	6%

22. In your opinion, when do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will finally end?

The pandemic has already ended	24%
Before the end of 2022	8%
In 2023	16%
After 2023	20%
Never	32%

23. Which statement describes you best?

I have received at least ONE shot of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	72%
I have NOT received ANY shots of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	28%

24. Which statement describes you best?

Asked of those who have received at least one shot

I have received only ONE shot	9%
I have received only TWO shots	34%
I have received at least THREE shots	57%

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

Asked of those who have received at least one shot

Pfizer-BioNtech	46%
Moderna	38%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	2%
Johnson & Johnson	10%
Don't remember	5%

26. Have you gotten more than three shots?

Asked of those who have received at least three shots

Yes, I have had more than three shots	42%
No, I have had only three shots	58%

27. Do you want to receive another shot?

Asked of those who have received three shots

Yes, right away	27%
Yes, but not yet	44%
No	29%

28. Which statement describes you best?

Asked of those who have not received any shots of any COVID-19 vaccine

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%

29. 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	69%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	3%
I plan to get vaccinated	3%
I will not get vaccinated	18%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	7%

30. How much, if anything, have you heard about booster shots tailored to newer specific variants of COVID-19?

A lot	26%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	19%

31. Do you want the COVID booster shot that is tailored to newer specific variants?

Asked of those who are fully vaccinated

Yes	38%
No	25%
Not sure	23%
Already got it	14%

32. Did you get the influenza vaccine (flu shot) last year in 2021?

Yes	48%
No	47%
Don't know	6%

33. Do you plan to get the influenza vaccine (flu shot) in 2022?

I already have	25%
Yes, I plan to	29%
No	37%
Don't know	9%

34. Which comes closest to your opinion?

The death penalty is imposed too often	17%
The death penalty is imposed about the right amount	21%
The death penalty isn't imposed often enough	40%
Don't know	23%

35. Do you favor the death penalty for murder?

Yes, always	17%
Yes, sometimes, depending on the circumstances	56%
No, the death penalty is wrong	17%
Don't know	10%

36. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the sentencing for the man convicted of shooting and killing 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Florida in 2018?

A lot	29%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	24%

37. Do you agree or disagree with the jury's decision to recommend life in prison without parole for the man convicted of shooting and killing 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Florida in 2018?

Strongly agree	27%
Somewhat agree	20%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	25%
Not sure	14%

38. Do you think the sentence for the man convicted of shooting and killing 17 people at a high school in Parkland, Florida should have been sentenced to...

The death penalty	53%
Life in prison without possibility of parole	30%
Life in prison with possibility of parole	5%
A lesser sentence than life in prison with possibility of parole	1%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	10%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	53%
Not sure	18%

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

A lot	39%
Some	12%
A little	10%
None	28%
Not sure	10%

41. 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	25%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	21%

42. The House Select Committee investigating the events of January 6 voted to subpoena Trump to testify in front of them. Should the Committee have voted to subpoena Donald Trump to testify?

Should have	46%
Should not have	30%
Not sure	24%

43. Should Donald Trump testify before the Special House Committee investigating the events of January 6?

Should	53%
Should not	29%
Not sure	18%

44. Do you think Donald Trump did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?	
Yes	41%
No	38%
Not sure	21%
45. Do you think Donald Trump will be charged with any crime in connection with the events of January 6, 2021?	
Yes	22%
No	44%
Not sure	34%
46. Do you think Donald Trump should be charged with any crime in connection with the events of January 6, 2021?	
Yes	42%
No	41%
Not sure	16%
47. When Donald Trump says he won the 2020 presidential election, do you think he really believes that he won, or doesn't he?	
Trump really believes that he won the 2020 presidential election	52%
Trump does not really believe that he won the 2020 presidential election	28%
Not sure	20%
48. How much, if anything, have you heard recently about the Supreme Court refusing Donald Trump's request to intervene in the review of documents the FBI took from his home by limiting the FBI review of classified material?	
A lot	21%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	28%
49. Do you think the Supreme Court should have intervened in Donald Trump's favor in the review of documents the FBI took from his home by limiting the FBI review of classified material?	
Should	30%
Should not	42%
Not sure	28%
50. Right-wing talk-show host Alex Jones was recently sued by the relatives of children killed in the Sandy Hook mass shooting in 2012, who claimed he inflicted emotional distress on the families 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	30%

51. Last week, a jury ruled that Alex Jones will have to pay relatives of victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook mass shooting around \$965 million in total damages. Do you think \$965 million in damages is...?

Too little	18%
About right	43%
Too much	21%
Jones should not have to pay anything	18%

52. When Alex Jones said that the Sandy Hook shooting was faked, do you think he really believed it was faked, or didn't he?

Jones really believed that the shooting was faked	23%
Jones did not really believe that the shooting was faked	37%
Not sure	40%

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

A lot	34%
A little	41%
None at all	25%

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

Definitely will vote	51%
Probably will vote	10%
Maybe will vote	7%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	13%
Don't know	7%
I have already voted	6%

55. Likely Voter

Calculated based on voting likelihood and voter registration

Likely voter	61%
Unlikely voter	39%

56. In the 2022 congressional elections, how [will you / did you] cast your vote?

Among likely voters

In person early, before election day	23%
In person on election day	41%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	24%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	12%

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

More enthusiastic	36%
Less enthusiastic	16%
About the same	36%
Not sure	12%

58. 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	35%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	11%
No preference	18%

59. 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	32%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	15%
Not sure	30%

60. 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	37%
House evenly divided between both parties	9%
No preference	17%

61. 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	23%
Republicans win majority in the House	36%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	11%
Not sure	31%

62. Do you want President Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	21%
No	60%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	27%
No	57%
Not sure	16%

64. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	68%	25%	5%	2%
Immigration	47%	34%	15%	4%
Climate change and the environment	43%	24%	16%	17%
Foreign policy	40%	43%	13%	4%
National Security	60%	28%	9%	3%
Education	53%	35%	9%	3%
Health care	61%	28%	8%	2%
Taxes and government spending	58%	31%	8%	3%
Abortion	48%	24%	16%	12%
Civil rights	50%	30%	14%	6%
Civil liberties	50%	34%	11%	6%
Guns	53%	28%	12%	7%
Crime	58%	29%	10%	3%
Criminal justice reform	43%	36%	14%	6%
Inflation/prices	72%	23%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Health care	10%
Abortion	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	5%
Immigration	5%
Guns	5%
Crime	3%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

66. 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	20%	22%	41%	11%	43%	55%	4%
Kamala Harris	15%	23%	37%	12%	42%	53%	9%
Donald Trump	21%	21%	42%	11%	43%	54%	4%

67. 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	17%	23%	40%	13%	37%	50%	10%
The Republican Party	14%	27%	41%	14%	35%	49%	10%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	7%

69. 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	15%	23%	38%	14%	39%	53%	10%
Civil rights	15%	25%	40%	14%	32%	46%	14%
Civil liberties	15%	24%	39%	14%	32%	46%	15%
Crime	11%	23%	34%	15%	36%	51%	14%
Criminal justice reform	12%	23%	35%	15%	34%	49%	16%

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

A lot	20%
Some	19%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	9%

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

Optimistic	30%
Pessimistic	47%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	14%

73. 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	14%	26%	40%	12%	36%	48%	11%
Republicans in Congress	9%	24%	33%	20%	35%	55%	12%

74. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	17%

75. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	24%

77. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	20%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	21%

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

Getting better	8%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	60%
Not sure	11%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	22%
Lower	30%
Not sure	29%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	9%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	9%

83. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	64%

84. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	14%

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

Very happy	26%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

87. 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%

88. 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	44%
Other	1%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	3%

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

Democrats	33%
Independents	39%
Republicans	28%

90. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	5%
Don't know	0%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	60%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	40%

92. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

93. Respondent age by category

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

94. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

96. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Urban	30%
Suburb	35%
Rural/Other	35%

100. Are you of Spanish, Latino, or Hispanic origin or descent?

Yes	13%
No	87%

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

Under \$50K	45%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	9%

102. 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?

Yes41%
 No59%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 16 - 18, 2022
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 March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.081 to 6.507, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.797.
Number of respondents	1500 1345 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.