

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 1 - 4, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted October 1 - 4, 2022
Margin of Error ±3%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...	
Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	14%
2. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?	
Unemployment	5%
Inflation	56%
Both equal	33%
Not sure	6%
3. For you personally, is it better if interest rates increase or decrease, or does it not make a difference either way?	
Better for me if interest rates increase	15%
Better for me if interest rates decrease	42%
Makes no difference to me	26%
Not sure	17%
4. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
Higher interest rates	55%
The same interest rates	15%
Lower interest rates	8%
Not sure	23%
5. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
A higher rate of inflation	44%
The same rate of inflation	22%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	19%
6. Do you think the economy is shrinking or growing?	
Growing	17%
Shrinking	48%
Staying about the same	20%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	59%
No	19%
Not sure	21%

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

The stock market index	10%
The unemployment rate and job reports	11%
The prices of goods and services you buy	41%
Your personal finances	7%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	19%
Don't know	13%

9. 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	11%
Somewhat likely	41%
Not very likely	17%
Not at all likely	5%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	11%

11. 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%	4%	25%	58%	10%
China	3%	10%	34%	39%	15%
Ukraine	29%	44%	8%	4%	15%
Iran	3%	6%	27%	45%	20%

12. How would you describe the current state of the economy in...

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The United States	6%	18%	35%	32%	8%
Europe	5%	20%	35%	15%	25%
The United Kingdom	6%	21%	32%	16%	25%
China	6%	22%	24%	19%	29%
Russia	3%	9%	19%	43%	27%
Iran	2%	7%	15%	37%	39%
The world as a whole	3%	10%	41%	28%	18%

13. How would you describe the current state of democracy in...

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The United States	10%	25%	34%	22%	10%
Europe	6%	29%	32%	10%	23%
The United Kingdom	10%	32%	29%	8%	21%
China	3%	8%	10%	58%	21%
Russia	2%	5%	8%	67%	18%
Iran	2%	5%	9%	59%	25%
The world as a whole	2%	11%	42%	28%	17%

14. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	32%
Uneasy	53%
Not sure	15%

15. Are you confident in Kamala Harris's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	28%
Uneasy	51%
Not sure	22%

16. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about uprisings in Iran?

A lot	20%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	34%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of women-led uprisings in Iran protesting compulsory wearing of hijabs or head scarfs?

Strongly approve	53%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	3%
Strongly disapprove	4%
Not sure	20%

18. Do you think women are treated fairly in Iran?

Yes	5%
No	81%
Not sure	14%

19. Do you think men are treated fairly in Iran?

Yes	43%
No	25%
Not sure	33%

20. Do you think women are treated fairly in the United States?

Yes	48%
No	39%
Not sure	13%

21. Do you think men are treated fairly in the United States?

Yes	65%
No	22%
Not sure	13%

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

Russia	17%
Ukraine	29%
Neither	33%
Not sure	21%

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

Russia	24%
Ukraine	29%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	35%

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

Yes	35%
No	27%
Not sure	37%

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

Yes	49%
No	16%
Not sure	35%

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

All of them	2%
Most of them	14%
About half of them	27%
A few of them	33%
None of them	4%
Not sure	20%

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

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	10%
Not sure	26%

28. Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea to support allowing Ukraine to join NATO?

Good idea	47%
Bad idea	18%
Not sure	35%

29. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of NATO?

Very favorable	18%
Somewhat favorable	36%
Favorable	54%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	9%
Unfavorable	22%
Don't know	24%

30. An attack on one NATO member is considered to be an attack on any other, so the U.S. — as a NATO member — is obligated to come to the defense of any NATO member that has been attacked. Do you think the U.S. should or should not maintain this commitment to defend its NATO allies when they are attacked?

Should maintain commitment	62%
Should not maintain commitment	13%
Not sure	25%

31. 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
Ron DeSantis	25%	15%	40%	8%	26%	34%	26%
Rick Scott	10%	17%	27%	9%	17%	26%	47%
Marco Rubio	13%	21%	34%	15%	22%	37%	29%
J.D. Vance	8%	13%	21%	8%	15%	23%	56%
Tim Ryan	9%	16%	25%	8%	10%	19%	56%
Herschel Walker	15%	20%	35%	10%	20%	29%	36%
Raphael Warnock	14%	13%	27%	8%	14%	22%	52%
Liz Truss	5%	13%	18%	10%	6%	17%	65%
Edward Snowden	8%	18%	26%	17%	20%	36%	37%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	13%	13%	26%	9%	30%	39%	35%
Jimmy Carter	26%	27%	53%	14%	12%	26%	21%

32. 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
LeBron James	16%	28%	44%	13%	21%	34%	21%
Aaron Judge	14%	17%	31%	5%	4%	9%	60%
Brittney Griner	10%	19%	29%	13%	17%	30%	42%

33. 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
Jon Stewart	20%	24%	44%	10%	13%	23%	33%
Trevor Noah	18%	21%	39%	11%	15%	25%	36%
Stephen Colbert	21%	22%	43%	11%	21%	32%	25%
John Oliver	14%	17%	31%	8%	10%	18%	51%
Tucker Carlson	17%	20%	37%	8%	26%	34%	29%

34. How much do you know about the sport of pickleball?	
A lot	6%
A little	31%
Nothing at all	63%
35. Have you ever played pickleball?	
Yes	10%
No	84%
Not sure	6%
36. How much, if anything, have you heard about LeBron James and several other NBA players buying a professional pickleball team?	
A lot	5%
A little	22%
Nothing at all	73%
37. 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	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%
Not sure	11%
38. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?	
Yes, I have	47%
No, I have not	26%
Not sure	22%
The climate is not changing	5%
39. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?	
Yes, I will	13%
No, I will not	16%
Not sure	19%
I have already felt the effect of climate change	47%
The climate is not changing	5%
40. Do you think recent severe hurricanes are primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?	
Result of climate change	41%
Just happen from time to time	38%
Not sure	16%
The climate is not changing	5%

41. Generally speaking, do you think hurricanes have become more or less severe than they used to be in the past, in terms of lives lost and damage done?

More severe	51%
Less severe	7%
About the same	32%
Not sure	11%

42. Generally speaking, do you think the number of severe hurricanes that form each season has increased or decreased compared to the past or is it about the same?

Increased	40%
Decreased	9%
About the same	36%
Not sure	16%

43. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Hurricane Ian?

A lot	63%
A little	30%
Nothing at all	7%

44. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following people and organizations are handling the response to Hurricane Ian?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
The federal government	24%	31%	11%	8%	25%
Florida state government	31%	29%	7%	5%	27%
Florida Governor Ron DeSantis	30%	25%	8%	11%	26%
The Federal Emergency Management Agency	28%	32%	9%	4%	27%

45. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is in response to Hurricane Ian, or is it doing the right amount?

Should do more	32%
Doing about the right amount	43%
Should do less	3%
Not sure	22%

46. Have you ever had to evacuate your home due to severe weather such as a tornado, hurricane, wildfire, or flood?

Yes	17%
No	78%
Prefer not to say	5%

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

Yes26%
 No46%
 Not sure28%

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

Yes44%
 No39%
 Not sure17%

49. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Preventing efforts to overturn presidential elections	35%	18%	10%	13%	24%
Ensuring future peaceful transfers of presidential power	47%	21%	7%	6%	19%
Reaffirming the vice president has no role in validating a presidential election beyond overseeing the counting process	36%	23%	8%	7%	26%
Increasing the threshold necessary for members of Congress to object to a state's results	23%	18%	12%	13%	34%
Preventing state legislatures from retroactively altering election rules to change the results of an election after it has been certified	42%	17%	8%	14%	20%

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

A lot32%
 A little43%
 None at all25%

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

More enthusiastic35%
 Less enthusiastic16%
 About the same37%
 Not sure12%

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

Senate controlled by Democrats	35%
Senate controlled by Republicans	34%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	13%
No preference	17%

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

Democrats win majority in the Senate	25%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	34%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	14%
Not sure	27%

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

House controlled by Democrats	35%
House controlled by Republicans	36%
House evenly divided between both parties	14%
No preference	15%

55. 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	30%

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

Yes	20%
No	57%
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	25%
No	58%
Not sure	16%

58. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	27%	4%	2%
Immigration	49%	32%	14%	4%
Climate change and the environment	44%	25%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	41%	43%	11%	5%

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National Security	63%	28%	6%	3%
Education	55%	33%	8%	3%
Health care	62%	29%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	59%	30%	7%	3%
Abortion	48%	26%	15%	11%
Civil rights	54%	32%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	9%	4%
Guns	55%	27%	11%	7%
Crime	63%	28%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	48%	33%	15%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	20%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Health care	10%
Abortion	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Immigration	6%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	4%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

60. 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	22%	25%	47%	10%	37%	47%	6%
Kamala Harris	16%	25%	41%	12%	37%	49%	10%
Donald Trump	21%	19%	40%	10%	43%	53%	7%

61. 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	19%	25%	44%	13%	34%	47%	9%
The Republican Party	16%	24%	40%	17%	33%	50%	10%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	9%

63. 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	18%	24%	42%	13%	34%	47%	11%
Climate change and the environment	17%	26%	43%	13%	29%	41%	16%
National Security	19%	23%	42%	12%	31%	43%	15%
Taxes and government spending	15%	23%	37%	13%	38%	51%	12%

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

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	29%
Somewhat weak	21%
Very weak	37%

65. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	12%

66. 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	16%	27%	43%	13%	32%	46%	11%
Republicans in Congress	11%	25%	36%	20%	33%	53%	11%

67. 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	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	15%

68. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	24%

69. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	23%

70. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	22%

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

Getting better	9%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	58%
Not sure	10%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	21%
Lower	30%
Not sure	30%

75. 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	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43%
Not sure	10%

76. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not very worried	66%

77. 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.	31%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	29%
Not very hard	28%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	22%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

80. 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%

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

Definitely will vote	54%
Probably will vote	10%
Maybe will vote	9%
Probably will not vote	8%
Definitely will not vote	11%
Don't know	8%

82. 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%

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

Democrats	32%
Independents	40%
Republicans	28%

84. Political Party Identification	
Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	7%
Don't know	0%
85. 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%
86. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?	
<i>Asked of Republicans</i>	
Yes	44%
No	43%
Not sure	13%
87. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%
88. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%
89. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%
90. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

91. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	3%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Urban	30%
Suburb	36%
Rural/Other	34%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	10%

96. 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	40%
No	60%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 1 - 4, 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 0.11 to 6.138, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.664.
Number of respondents	1500 1305 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	52 questions not reported.