

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 11 - 14, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 11 - 14, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	12%

2. 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
Fran Drescher	16%	29%	44%	13%	6%	19%	37%
Bob Iger	5%	13%	17%	13%	11%	24%	58%
Benjamin Netanyahu	15%	20%	34%	12%	20%	32%	34%
Xi Jinping	2%	8%	10%	15%	36%	51%	38%
Rashida Tlaib	7%	13%	20%	11%	26%	37%	43%
Andy Beshear	8%	13%	21%	10%	10%	20%	59%
Joe Manchin	4%	19%	24%	20%	20%	40%	36%
Ivanka Trump	17%	24%	41%	16%	29%	45%	14%
Eric Trump	14%	17%	31%	15%	34%	49%	20%
Donald Trump Jr.	15%	18%	33%	14%	38%	51%	16%
Donald Trump	25%	17%	42%	11%	43%	54%	4%

3. 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
Ron DeSantis	16%	24%	40%	11%	32%	43%	18%
Nikki Haley	12%	23%	35%	17%	18%	35%	30%
Vivek Ramaswamy	9%	20%	29%	11%	25%	36%	34%
Chris Christie	6%	22%	29%	23%	25%	48%	24%
Tim Scott	11%	22%	33%	12%	17%	29%	38%

4. 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%	23%	43%	11%	41%	53%	5%
Kamala Harris	16%	23%	39%	11%	41%	52%	9%
Mike Johnson	13%	17%	30%	9%	21%	30%	41%
Mitch McConnell	5%	16%	21%	22%	37%	59%	20%
Chuck Schumer	12%	20%	31%	12%	30%	42%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	13%	27%	12%	21%	33%	40%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	3%	1%
Immigration	55%	30%	12%	4%
Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	16%	14%
Foreign policy	48%	39%	10%	3%
National Security	66%	27%	4%	2%
Education	63%	29%	6%	3%
Health care	71%	21%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	60%	32%	7%	1%
Abortion	46%	31%	14%	9%
Civil rights	56%	32%	9%	4%
Civil liberties	53%	35%	9%	4%
Guns	53%	29%	11%	7%
Crime	62%	30%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	45%	39%	12%	4%
Inflation/prices	74%	22%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Immigration	8%
National Security	8%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	5%
Education	5%
Crime	5%
Guns	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	6%

8. 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	19%	23%	43%	12%	35%	47%	10%
Climate change and the environment	15%	27%	42%	13%	31%	44%	14%
Health care	15%	27%	43%	15%	28%	43%	14%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	34%	13%	42%	55%	11%
Abortion	17%	22%	39%	13%	31%	44%	17%
Guns	12%	22%	34%	16%	36%	52%	14%
Crime	11%	24%	35%	14%	38%	52%	13%
Inflation/prices	11%	21%	32%	14%	43%	57%	11%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	13%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	3%

12. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	3%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	18%
Total Conservative	41%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	25%
No	57%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	31%
No	55%
Not sure	14%

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	42%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	7%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

17. Who would you vote for?

Asked of those who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	31%
Cornel West	8%
Jill Stein	6%
Someone else	21%
Not sure	35%

18. 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	35%
Donald Trump	40%
Not sure	24%

19. Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	42%
No	46%
Not sure	12%

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

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	46%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	37%
No	52%
Not sure	10%

22. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	16%

23. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	56%
Ron DeSantis	17%
Nikki Haley	8%
Chris Christie	0%
Tim Scott	2%
Vivek Ramaswamy	4%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Doug Burgum	1%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	4%

24. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today and [favored candidate] was not on the ballot, who would you vote for?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	9%
Ron DeSantis	28%
Nikki Haley	10%
Chris Christie	3%
Tim Scott	8%
Vivek Ramaswamy	11%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Doug Burgum	0%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	6%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate	11%

25. As you may know, a Republican presidential primary debate took place on Wednesday, November 8. Did you watch this debate?

I watched the entire debate	6%
I watched part of it	10%
I watched clips or highlights of the debate	21%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the debate	22%
I haven't heard anything about it	41%

26. Which candidate do you think did the best job — or won — the debate?

Asked of those who watched at least clips of the debate or read or watched news stories analyzing the debate

Ron DeSantis	12%
Nikki Haley	24%
Tim Scott	3%
Chris Christie	6%
Vivek Ramaswamy	13%
None of them	24%
Not sure	18%

27. Are there any other candidates whom you think did well in the debate? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who watched at least clips of the debate or read or watched news stories analyzing the debate

Ron DeSantis	29%
Nikki Haley	40%
Tim Scott	16%
Chris Christie	21%
Vivek Ramaswamy	23%
None of the above	27%
Not sure	22%

28. Which candidates do you think did poorly in the debate? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who watched at least clips of the debate or read or watched news stories analyzing the debate

Ron DeSantis	24%
Nikki Haley	15%
Tim Scott	21%
Chris Christie	27%
Vivek Ramaswamy	34%
None of the above	9%
Not sure	26%

29. Donald Trump chose not to participate in the third 2024 Republican primary debate. Do you think Trump should have participated in the third debate, or should not have?

Should have participated	41%
Should not have participated	33%
Not sure	27%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	6%

32. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	32%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	7%
Student	3%
Other	2%

33. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	4%
Part-time student	3%
Not a student	92%

34. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	7%
Part-time job	29%
No job outside of school	64%

35. These days, do you think the United States has a responsibility to give military assistance in trouble spots around the world when it is asked to by its allies, or don't you think the United States has that responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to give military assistance	42%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to give military assistance	32%
Not sure	25%

36. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?	
The Israelis	39%
About equal	29%
The Palestinians	11%
Not sure	21%
37. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?	
Too harsh	23%
About right	31%
Not harsh enough	16%
Not sure	29%
38. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?	
Increasing military aid to Israel	22%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	23%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	30%
Not sure	25%
39. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?	
Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Not sure	28%
40. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?	
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	23%
41. Do you support or oppose a tactical pause of Israel's military operations in order to allow humanitarian aid to enter Gaza?	
Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	24%
Support	53%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	11%
Oppose	19%
Not sure	28%

42. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Taiwan?	
Increasing military aid to Taiwan	19%
Decreasing military aid to Taiwan	14%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Taiwan	30%
Not sure	36%
43. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?	
Increasing military aid to Ukraine	21%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	27%
Not sure	24%
44. How much have you heard in the news about a lawsuit from the New York Attorney General against former President Donald Trump and the Trump Organization for misreporting the value of his properties on official documents to obtain favorable loans and tax benefits?	
A lot	38%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	21%
45. Do you believe Donald Trump misreported the value of his properties on official documents to obtain favorable loans and tax benefits, or not?	
Trump did	44%
Trump did not	27%
Not sure	29%
46. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of labor unions?	
Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Favorable	51%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	10%
Unfavorable	28%
Don't know	21%
47. Consider the amount of power and influence you see labor unions as holding in this country. How would you say the influence level of U.S. labor unions has changed over the past year?	
Unions are stronger	33%
Not much change	29%
Unions are less powerful	12%
Not sure	26%

48. The United Auto Workers, the union that represents auto workers, has recently been on strike against General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis over disputes regarding pay and working conditions. Which have you been more inclined to side with in this strike?

The United Auto Workers	45%
General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis	20%
Not sure	35%

49. The United Auto Workers recently reached a tentative deal to end their strike against General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis. Which side do you think got the better deal — or won the strike?

The United Auto Workers	32%
General Motors, Ford, and Stellantis	11%
Neither	15%
Not sure	43%

50. Movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union recently went on strike against studios and streaming services over disputes regarding pay, working conditions, and the use of artificial intelligence. Which have you been more inclined to side with in this strike?

The Writers Guild of America	46%
Studios and streaming services	13%
Not sure	41%

51. Movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America recently reached a tentative deal to end their strike against studios and streaming services. Which side do you think got the better deal — or won the strike?

The Writers Guild of America	29%
Studios and streaming services	9%
Neither	16%
Not sure	46%

52. Movie and television actors who belong to the SAG-AFTRA labor union recently went on strike against studios and streaming services over disputes regarding pay, working conditions, and the use of artificial intelligence. Which have you been more inclined to side with in this strike?

SAG-AFTRA	42%
Studios and streaming services	15%
Not sure	43%

53. Movie and television actors who belong to SAG-AFTRA recently reached a tentative deal to end their strike against studios and streaming services. Which side do you think got the better deal — or won the strike?

SAG-AFTRA	24%
Studios and streaming services	10%
Neither	15%
Not sure	51%

54. Do you usually celebrate Thanksgiving?

Yes	87%
No	13%

55. Do you plan to celebrate Thanksgiving this year?

Yes	83%
No	17%

56. Which of the following best describes where you are planning to celebrate Thanksgiving?

At your own home	41%
At the home of one of your family members	28%
At the home of one of your partner's family members	4%
At a friend's home	3%
At a restaurant	2%
Somewhere else	2%
Not sure	3%
Not asked - not celebrating Thanksgiving this year	17%

57. Which of the following do you expect to eat at Thanksgiving this year? Select all that apply.

Turkey	70%
Stuffing	56%
Cranberry sauce	41%
Mashed potatoes	57%
Gravy	54%
Green beans	41%
Brussel sprouts	12%
Sweet potatoes	39%
Corn	33%
Ham	27%
Macaroni and cheese	26%
Bread or rolls	56%
Pie	56%
None of these	2%
Not asked - will not celebrate Thanksgiving this year	17%

58. Have your Thanksgiving plans for this year been affected by price increases?

Yes	36%
No	39%
Not sure	8%
Not asked - will not celebrate Thanksgiving this year	17%

59. Are there ever arguments about politics at your Thanksgiving celebration?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	16%
No	78%
Prefer not to say	5%

60. Have you ever had Thanksgiving ruined by a political argument?

Asked of those who usually celebrate Thanksgiving

Yes	8%
No	89%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	10%

62. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

63. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

65. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

66. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

67. Respondent age by category

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

68. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

70. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	11%

74. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

77. 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	12%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	21%
Don't know	5%

78. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	23%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	7%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 11 - 14, 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 0.051 to 6.507, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.716.
Number of respondents	1500 1272 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.