

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 15 - 18, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 15 - 18, 2023
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Christopher Wray	4%	12%	7%	16%	62%
Megan Rapinoe	8%	11%	6%	17%	57%
Novak Djokovic	8%	13%	9%	6%	64%
Tommy Tuberville	5%	10%	7%	20%	59%
Joe Manchin	4%	16%	20%	18%	42%
Fran Drescher	12%	25%	13%	7%	42%
Ron DeSantis	16%	21%	11%	35%	18%
Donald Trump	22%	19%	11%	46%	2%

3. 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%	23%	12%	44%	2%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	14%	42%	7%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	24%	2%	1%
Immigration	47%	36%	13%	3%
Climate change and the environment	45%	28%	15%	12%
Foreign policy	42%	44%	10%	4%
National Security	66%	28%	5%	1%
Education	65%	27%	5%	3%
Health care	71%	25%	4%	1%
Taxes and government spending	63%	29%	7%	1%
Abortion	47%	28%	17%	8%

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Civil rights	58%	29%	9%	4%
Civil liberties	58%	30%	9%	3%
Guns	55%	29%	11%	5%
Crime	65%	28%	6%	1%
Criminal justice reform	50%	33%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	75%	20%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	13%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	9%
National Security	7%
Civil rights	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Guns	6%
Immigration	6%
Education	4%
Abortion	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	6%

7. 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%	23%	41%	14%	38%	52%	8%
Immigration	9%	23%	32%	15%	41%	57%	11%
Foreign policy	19%	21%	40%	13%	34%	47%	13%
National Security	18%	22%	40%	13%	34%	47%	13%
Education	16%	25%	41%	13%	33%	46%	13%
Crime	10%	23%	34%	15%	38%	52%	14%
Criminal justice reform	10%	22%	32%	17%	35%	53%	16%
Inflation/prices	13%	18%	32%	14%	47%	61%	8%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	8%

9. 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	32%
Not sure	12%

10. 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	38%
Not sure	17%
I would not vote	4%

11. 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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	38%
Other	1%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	4%

12. Do you have a favorable or an 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	15%	25%	40%	16%	35%	52%	9%
Republicans in Congress	9%	26%	35%	19%	37%	56%	9%

13. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	30%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	28%

15. 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	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	25%

16. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	44%

17. 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	23%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Excellent	4%
Good	16%
Excellent / Good	20%
Fair	31%
Poor	45%
Fair / Poor	76%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	51%
Not sure	5%

20. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	36%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

22. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	6%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	90%

23. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	2%
Part-time job	21%
No job outside of school	77%

24. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	53%
Both equal	38%
Not sure	5%

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

A higher rate of inflation	39%
The same rate of inflation	24%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	19%

26. How much have you felt the impact of inflation in your own life?

A lot	57%
A little	40%
Not at all	4%

27. The government's official prices report shows that the U.S. inflation rate increased 3% in the past year — the smallest yearly increase since March 2021. Compared to the 3% figure given by the government, do you think that the current inflation rate is...?

Higher	53%
About the same	29%
Lower	5%
Not sure	13%

28. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce inflation?

Democratic Party	26%
Republican Party	29%
Neither party	27%
Not sure	19%

29. How much have you felt the impact of unemployment in your own life?

A lot	21%
A little	34%
Not at all	45%

30. The government's official unemployment report shows an unemployment rate of 3.6% — similar to before the pandemic. Compared to the 3.6% figure given by the government, do you think the current unemployment rate is...?

Higher	32%
About the same	44%
Lower	8%
Not sure	16%

31. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce unemployment?

Democratic Party	29%
Republican Party	30%
Neither party	22%
Not sure	19%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	4%	28%	58%	9%
Ukraine	30%	42%	9%	5%	14%
China	2%	7%	36%	43%	11%
The United Kingdom	56%	26%	3%	1%	13%
Turkey	8%	26%	25%	6%	36%
Israel	34%	29%	10%	4%	23%

33. In your opinion, is the following country a democracy?

	Yes	No	Not sure
The United States	69%	15%	16%
The United Kingdom	56%	18%	26%
Turkey	16%	34%	51%
Hungary	20%	22%	58%
Russia	7%	73%	20%
China	7%	73%	20%
India	27%	26%	47%
Ukraine	42%	23%	35%
Israel	41%	21%	39%
France	56%	11%	33%
Poland	39%	13%	47%

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

Russia	17%
Ukraine	26%
Neither	39%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	32%
Equally likely	14%
Not sure	32%

36. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

Very favorable	21%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	7%
Don't know	28%

37. 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	66%
Should not maintain commitment	12%
Not sure	22%

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

Good idea	42%
Bad idea	24%
Not sure	34%

39. Would you support allowing Ukraine to join NATO...?

Asked of those who think letting Ukraine join NATO is a good idea

Right now	48%
Immediately after the war with Russia ends	41%
Later than that	4%
Not sure	7%

40. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	23%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	29%
Not sure	20%

41. Do you favor or oppose the U.S. providing Ukraine with the following things?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Food and medical assistance	81%	11%	8%
Financial support	48%	34%	19%
Tanks	52%	30%	18%
Fighter jets	46%	34%	20%
Long-range missiles	45%	35%	21%
U.S. troops	20%	61%	20%
Cluster bombs	33%	42%	25%

42. How likely do you think it is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine will lead to a war between the U.S. and Russia?

We are already at war with Russia	10%
Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	5%
Not sure	18%

43. When do you think the Russian invasion of Ukraine will end?

Less than a month from now	0%
A month or two from now	1%
Two to six months from now	6%
Six months to a year from now	15%
More than a year from now	32%
Not sure	45%

44. What do you think the main goal of the U.S. should be in Ukraine?

Complete withdrawal of all Russian forces from Ukraine, including Crimea and parts of eastern Ukraine which Russia seized in 2014	40%
Partial withdrawal of Russian forces back to where they were prior to the start of the invasion in February 2022	17%
End of hostilities as soon as possible with Russia allowed to annex whatever territory they have won since the start of the invasion in February 2022	11%
Other	5%
Not sure	26%

45. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	15%

46. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	6%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	68%
Don't know	11%

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

Yes	40%
No	23%
Not sure	37%

48. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Volodymyr Zelensky?

Very favorable	24%
Somewhat favorable	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don't know	26%

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

Yes	52%
No	10%
Not sure	38%

50. How serious of a problem do you think excessive use of force by police officers is in the following country?

	Very serious problem	Somewhat serious problem	Not very serious problem	Not a problem at all	Not sure
The United States	35%	26%	21%	10%	8%
Canada	6%	13%	27%	17%	37%
The United Kingdom	7%	14%	28%	15%	37%
France	11%	22%	20%	9%	38%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Department of Justice (DOJ)	14%	32%	15%	22%	16%
The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	17%	32%	13%	23%	14%
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	32%	40%	8%	5%	15%

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	21%	31%	14%	16%	17%
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	20%	36%	17%	16%	11%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	26%	30%	13%	21%	11%
The Internal Revenue Services (IRS)	9%	26%	22%	29%	13%
The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)	15%	29%	17%	21%	19%
The Federal Trade Commission	11%	32%	16%	11%	30%
The Federal Reserve	12%	32%	17%	15%	24%

52. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about American journalist Evan Gershkovich being detained in Russia on espionage charges after allegedly attempting to obtain classified information?

A lot	10%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	46%

53. Do you think that Evan Gershkovich is being treated fairly or unfairly by the Russian justice system?

Fairly	6%
Unfairly	47%
Not sure	47%

54. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is to secure Evan Gershkovich's release from Russia?

Should be doing more	36%
Doing about the right amount	19%
Should be doing less	3%
Not sure	42%

55. Would you approve or disapprove of a prisoner swap in which Russia released Evan Gershkovich in exchange for the U.S. releasing a Russian prisoner or prisoners?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	11%
Not sure	35%

56. How much of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup do you expect you will watch?

I will watch matches every day they're on	2%
I will watch matches when I can	8%
I will watch a few matches	11%
I will not watch any matches	70%
Not sure	9%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	10%

58. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	84%
Not registered	16%

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	33%

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

Democrat	33%
Independent	37%
Republican	30%

61. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

62. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

63. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%
64. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%
65. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%
66. What is your marital status?	
Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%
67. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	23%
No	77%
68. In what region of the country do you reside?	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%
69. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?	
Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

70. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	34%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	20%
Don't know	4%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 15 - 18, 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 0.153 to 4.427, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.503.
Number of respondents	1500 1315 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.