

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 28 - 31, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 28 - 31, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 19% |
| Off on the wrong track | 69% |
| Not sure | 11% |

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 |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| Ron DeSantis | 13% | 22% | 35% | 10% | 35% | 46% | 19% |
| Donald Trump | 24% | 17% | 41% | 8% | 49% | 57% | 3% |
| George Santos | 3% | 7% | 10% | 13% | 43% | 56% | 33% |
| Clarence Thomas | 17% | 14% | 31% | 10% | 31% | 41% | 28% |

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 |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| Benjamin Netanyahu | 13% | 17% | 29% | 15% | 18% | 33% | 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 | 17% | 24% | 41% | 13% | 44% | 57% | 2% |
| Kamala Harris | 14% | 22% | 35% | 15% | 41% | 56% | 9% |
| Kevin McCarthy | 7% | 17% | 23% | 19% | 29% | 48% | 29% |
| Mike Johnson | 10% | 15% | 25% | 9% | 23% | 33% | 42% |
| Mitch McConnell | 3% | 14% | 18% | 22% | 39% | 61% | 21% |
| Chuck Schumer | 9% | 17% | 27% | 12% | 34% | 45% | 28% |
| Hakeem Jeffries | 13% | 12% | 25% | 8% | 21% | 29% | 46% |

5. How important are the following issues to you?

| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not very Important | Unimportant |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Jobs and the economy | 69% | 27% | 4% | 1% |
| Immigration | 50% | 31% | 14% | 4% |
| Climate change and the environment | 41% | 26% | 18% | 14% |
| Foreign policy | 44% | 41% | 12% | 3% |
| National Security | 64% | 29% | 6% | 1% |
| Education | 60% | 30% | 8% | 2% |
| Health care | 68% | 25% | 5% | 2% |
| Taxes and government spending | 62% | 31% | 5% | 1% |
| Abortion | 48% | 26% | 16% | 10% |
| Civil rights | 54% | 32% | 10% | 4% |
| Civil liberties | 52% | 36% | 10% | 2% |
| Guns | 57% | 26% | 12% | 5% |
| Crime | 63% | 28% | 7% | 2% |
| Criminal justice reform | 45% | 38% | 13% | 4% |
| Inflation/prices | 75% | 20% | 4% | 1% |

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

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| Inflation/prices | 23% |
| Health care | 11% |
| Jobs and the economy | 10% |
| Immigration | 9% |
| National Security | 7% |
| Climate change and the environment | 7% |
| Taxes and government spending | 6% |
| Guns | 6% |
| Abortion | 5% |
| Civil rights | 5% |
| Education | 4% |
| Crime | 3% |
| Civil liberties | 2% |
| Criminal justice reform | 2% |
| Foreign policy | 1% |

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

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 16% |
| Somewhat approve | 23% |
| Approve | 39% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 14% |
| Strongly disapprove | 43% |
| Disapprove | 57% |
| Not sure | 5% |

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% | 21% | 40% | 14% | 36% | 51% | 10% |
| Climate change and the environment | 14% | 26% | 40% | 13% | 31% | 44% | 16% |
| Taxes and government spending | 12% | 20% | 32% | 15% | 42% | 57% | 10% |
| Abortion | 15% | 22% | 37% | 13% | 30% | 43% | 20% |
| Civil rights | 15% | 25% | 39% | 15% | 29% | 43% | 18% |
| Civil liberties | 14% | 25% | 39% | 14% | 29% | 42% | 19% |
| Guns | 12% | 19% | 31% | 17% | 37% | 54% | 15% |
| Crime | 11% | 23% | 34% | 13% | 39% | 52% | 14% |
| Inflation/prices | 13% | 19% | 32% | 13% | 46% | 59% | 9% |

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

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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 3% |
| Somewhat approve | 11% |
| Approve | 14% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 16% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 24% |
| Strongly disapprove | 38% |
| Disapprove | 62% |
| Not sure | 9% |

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

| | Strongly support | Some-what support | Support | Some-what oppose | Strongly oppose | Oppose | Not sure |
|---|------------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Making same-sex marriage legal nationwide | 40% | 16% | 56% | 10% | 24% | 33% | 10% |
| Banning same-sex marriage nationwide | 20% | 9% | 28% | 13% | 47% | 61% | 11% |
| Making abortion legal nationwide | 40% | 14% | 54% | 11% | 27% | 38% | 8% |
| Banning abortion nationwide | 18% | 10% | 27% | 13% | 52% | 65% | 8% |

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

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|---------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 9% |
| Somewhat approve | 26% |
| Approve | 35% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 20% |
| Strongly disapprove | 29% |
| Disapprove | 48% |
| Not sure | 16% |

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

Asked of registered voters

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party candidate | 42% |
| The Republican Party candidate | 41% |
| Not sure | 15% |
| I would not vote | 2% |

13. 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 | 41% |
| Other | 1% |
| Not sure | 14% |
| I would not vote | 2% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 2% |
| Liberal | 5% |
| Total Liberal | 7% |
| Moderate | 31% |
| Conservative | 22% |
| Very conservative | 19% |
| Total Conservative | 41% |
| Not sure | 21% |

15. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

| | Very favorable | Some-what favorable | Favorable | Some-what unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Unfavorable | Don't know |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|
| The Democratic Party | 16% | 23% | 39% | 15% | 37% | 53% | 8% |
| The Republican Party | 11% | 23% | 33% | 20% | 39% | 59% | 8% |

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

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| Yes | 25% |
| No | 61% |
| Not sure | 14% |

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

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| Yes | 31% |
| No | 58% |
| Not sure | 10% |

18. 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...

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|------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden | 39% |
| Donald Trump | 38% |
| Other | 8% |
| Not sure | 4% |
| I would not vote | 11% |

19. 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?

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| Joe Biden | 36% |
| Donald Trump | 41% |
| Not sure | 23% |

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| 20. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not? | |
| Biden legitimately won the election | 65% |
| Biden did NOT legitimately win the election | 35% |
| 21. To your knowledge, did most Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives vote for or against certifying Joe Biden's win in the 2020 election? | |
| Most Republicans voted for certifying Biden's win | 30% |
| Most Republicans voted against certifying Biden's win | 27% |
| Not sure | 43% |
| 22. Would you prefer for the U.S. House of Representatives to have a speaker who... ? | |
| Voted to certify Biden's win | 40% |
| Voted against certifying Biden's win | 17% |
| No preference | 25% |
| Not sure | 18% |
| 23. Which comes closest to your view? | |
| Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. | 42% |
| It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated. | 44% |
| Not sure | 14% |
| 24. Do you feel that things in this country these days are: | |
| Under control | 14% |
| Out of control | 73% |
| Not sure | 13% |
| 25. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for? | |
| <i>Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican</i> | |
| Donald Trump | 56% |
| Ron DeSantis | 15% |
| Nikki Haley | 8% |
| Chris Christie | 1% |
| Tim Scott | 1% |
| Vivek Ramaswamy | 5% |
| Asa Hutchinson | 1% |
| Doug Burgum | 1% |
| Someone else | 1% |
| Not sure | 10% |
| I would not vote | 2% |

26. 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

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| Donald Trump | 7% |
| Ron DeSantis | 23% |
| Nikki Haley | 7% |
| Chris Christie | 1% |
| Tim Scott | 4% |
| Vivek Ramaswamy | 14% |
| Asa Hutchinson | 0% |
| Doug Burgum | 2% |
| Someone else | 2% |
| Not sure | 19% |
| I would not vote | 7% |
| Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate | 13% |

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

| | |
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| Getting better | 15% |
| About the same | 21% |
| Getting worse | 58% |
| Not sure | 6% |

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

| | |
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| Better off financially than you were a year ago | 10% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago | 38% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago | 46% |
| Not sure | 5% |

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

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Full-time | 33% |
| Part-time | 12% |
| Temporarily laid off | 1% |
| Unemployed | 11% |
| Retired | 23% |
| Permanently disabled | 9% |
| Homemaker | 6% |
| Student | 3% |
| Other | 2% |

30. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

| | |
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| Full-time student | 5% |
| Part-time student | 3% |
| Not a student | 92% |

31. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

| | |
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| Full-time job | 10% |
| Part-time job | 33% |
| No job outside of school | 56% |

32. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| The Israelis | 40% |
| About equal | 24% |
| The Palestinians | 13% |
| Not sure | 24% |

33. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important | 37% |
| Somewhat important | 24% |
| Not too important | 10% |
| Not at all important | 11% |
| Not sure | 17% |

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 12% |
| Somewhat approve | 21% |
| Approve | 33% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 16% |
| Strongly disapprove | 25% |
| Disapprove | 41% |
| Not sure | 25% |

35. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

| | |
|---|-----|
| Give Israel more military support | 31% |
| Give Israel less military support | 22% |
| Maintain the same military support for Israel | 47% |

36. In the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S should...?

| | |
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| Give the Palestinians more humanitarian support | 28% |
| Give the Palestinians less humanitarian support | 24% |
| Maintain the same humanitarian support for the Palestinians | 48% |

37. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

| | |
|------------------------|-----|
| Too harsh | 23% |
| About right | 27% |
| Not harsh enough | 19% |
| Not sure | 32% |

38. How many Palestinian people do you think support Hamas' attack on Israel?

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| All of them | 6% |
| Most of them | 19% |
| About half of them | 15% |
| A few of them | 18% |
| None of them | 4% |
| Not sure | 38% |

39. How many Israeli people do you think support Israel's attacks on Gaza?

| | |
|--------------------|-----|
| All of them | 10% |
| Most of them | 35% |
| About half of them | 12% |
| A few of them | 7% |
| None of them | 2% |
| Not sure | 34% |

40. Which party do you think is currently more united?

| | |
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| Democrats | 46% |
| Republicans | 15% |
| Both equally | 11% |
| Not sure | 28% |

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives removing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker?

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| Strongly approve | 15% |
| Somewhat approve | 18% |
| Approve | 32% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 19% |
| Strongly disapprove | 15% |
| Disapprove | 34% |
| Not sure | 33% |

42. Do you approve or disapprove of the election of Mike Johnson as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve | 13% |
| Somewhat approve | 18% |
| Approve | 31% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 7% |
| Strongly disapprove | 23% |
| Disapprove | 30% |
| Not sure | 39% |

43. If you had to choose, would you prefer the Speaker of the House of Representatives be someone who...?

| | |
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| Compromises to get things done | 53% |
| Sticks to their principles, no matter what | 31% |
| Not sure | 16% |

44. As Speaker of the House of Representatives, would you say that Kevin McCarthy was someone who...?

| | |
|---|-----|
| Compromised to get things done | 42% |
| Stuck to his principles, no matter what | 19% |
| Not sure | 39% |

45. As Speaker of the House of Representatives, do you think Mike Johnson will be someone who...?

| | |
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| Compromises to get things done | 16% |
| Sticks to his principles, no matter what | 38% |
| Not sure | 46% |

46. As speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, do you think Mike Johnson should prioritize...?

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| Working with hardline Republicans such as the Freedom Caucus | 13% |
| Working with moderate Republicans | 24% |
| Working with Democrats | 24% |
| Not sure | 39% |

47. Would you say Kevin McCarthy is...

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 2% |
| Liberal | 6% |
| Total Liberal | 8% |
| Moderate | 21% |
| Conservative | 25% |
| Very conservative | 12% |
| Total Conservative | 37% |
| Not sure | 34% |

48. Would you say Mike Johnson is...

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 0% |
| Liberal | 3% |
| Total Liberal | 4% |
| Moderate | 9% |
| Conservative | 19% |
| Very conservative | 31% |
| Total Conservative | 50% |
| Not sure | 37% |

49. Do you or does anyone in your household own a gun?

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|---|-----|
| Personally own a gun | 22% |
| Don't personally own a gun, but someone in the household owns a gun | 15% |
| No one in the household owns a gun | 54% |
| Not sure | 9% |

50. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Make gun laws more strict | 55% |
| No change | 25% |
| Make gun laws less strict | 12% |
| Not sure | 8% |

51. Do you favor or oppose the following?

| | Favor strongly | Favor some-what | Favor | Oppose some-what | Oppose strongly | Oppose | Not sure |
|---|----------------|-----------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Preventing people with a history of mental illness from owning guns | 64% | 19% | 83% | 6% | 4% | 10% | 7% |
| Banning semi-automatic weapons | 45% | 12% | 58% | 10% | 23% | 33% | 9% |
| Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others | 54% | 20% | 74% | 9% | 9% | 18% | 8% |
| Banning assault rifles | 47% | 13% | 60% | 11% | 22% | 32% | 8% |

52. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine in which 18 people were killed?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| A lot | 46% |
| A little | 40% |
| Nothing at all | 14% |

53. Under the Ethics and Government Act of 1978, Supreme Court justices are required to file annual financial disclosure reports that report most gifts that are not a matter of personal hospitality. Do you support or oppose the requirement that Supreme Court justices report most gifts they receive on their financial disclosures?

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Strongly support | 52% |
| Somewhat support | 21% |
| Support | 73% |
| Somewhat oppose | 5% |
| Strongly oppose | 2% |
| Oppose | 7% |
| Not sure | 19% |

54. How common do you think it is for Supreme Court Justices to accept large gifts without disclosing them?

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very common | 28% |
| Somewhat common | 30% |
| Somewhat uncommon | 11% |
| Very uncommon | 6% |
| Not sure | 25% |

55. How much have you heard about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas being forgiven for a large loan used to purchase a luxury RV and not including this information on his financial disclosures?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| A lot | 18% |
| A little | 36% |
| Nothing at all | 46% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 10% |
| Liberal | 17% |
| Total Liberal | 27% |
| Moderate | 32% |
| Conservative | 20% |
| Very conservative | 11% |
| Total Conservative | 31% |
| Not sure | 10% |

57. Are you registered to vote?

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| Registered | 73% |
| Not registered | 27% |

58. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

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|----------------------------------|-----|
| Joe Biden | 35% |
| Donald Trump | 32% |
| Other | 1% |
| Did not vote for President | 33% |

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

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat | 33% |
| Republican | 31% |
| Independent | 26% |
| Other | 3% |
| Not sure | 6% |

60. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat | 22% |
| Not very strong Democrat | 12% |
| Lean Democrat | 9% |
| Independent | 17% |
| Lean Republican | 7% |
| Not very strong Republican | 12% |
| Strong Republican | 19% |
| Not sure | 2% |
| Don't know | 0% |

61. Are you... ?

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Male | 48% |
| Female | 52% |

62. Respondent age by category

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

63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

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| 65. What is your marital status? | |
| Married | 40% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 11% |
| Widowed | 6% |
| Never married | 35% |
| Domestic / civil partnership | 6% |
| 66. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18? | |
| Yes | 19% |
| No | 81% |
| 67. 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% |
| 68. 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 | 13% |
| 69. How important is religion in your life? | |
| Very important | 36% |
| Somewhat important | 24% |
| Not too important | 15% |
| Not at all important | 25% |
| 70. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? | |
| More than once a week | 7% |
| Once a week | 16% |
| Once or twice a month | 6% |
| A few times a year | 11% |
| Seldom | 20% |
| Never | 35% |
| Don't know | 3% |
| 71. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not? | |
| Yes | 29% |
| No | 71% |

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

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day | 24% |
| Once a day | 13% |
| A few times a week | 11% |
| Once a week | 3% |
| A few times a month | 6% |
| Seldom | 16% |
| Never | 22% |
| Don't know | 5% |

73. What is your present religion, if any?

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant | 29% |
| Roman Catholic | 18% |
| Mormon | 2% |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox | 1% |
| Jewish | 2% |
| Muslim | 2% |
| Buddhist | 0% |
| Hindu | 0% |
| Atheist | 7% |
| Agnostic | 7% |
| Nothing in particular | 22% |
| Something else | 9% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | October 28 - 31, 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 0.064 to 6.504, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.764. |
| Number of respondents | 1500 1333 (Registered voters) |
| Margin of error | ± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 39 questions not reported. |