

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

## July 8 - 11, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted July 8 - 11, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	21%
Off on the wrong track	66%
Not sure	12%

### 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
Elon Musk	16%	29%	18%	27%	10%
Mark Zuckerberg	6%	20%	27%	36%	12%
Jack Dorsey	2%	10%	15%	18%	55%
Ron DeSantis	16%	21%	12%	36%	16%
Chris Christie	4%	18%	29%	27%	23%
Nikki Haley	9%	20%	16%	23%	32%
Mike Pence	7%	24%	23%	35%	11%
Donald Trump	23%	19%	9%	47%	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	18%	23%	13%	43%	2%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	13%	43%	8%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	20%	15%	30%	26%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	21%	42%	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	12%	34%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	14%	9%	21%	46%

### 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	2%	1%
Immigration	46%	36%	14%	4%
Climate change and the environment	44%	25%	16%	14%
Foreign policy	41%	44%	12%	3%
National Security	65%	28%	5%	2%

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Education	65%	27%	6%	2%
Health care	69%	25%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	7%	2%
Abortion	46%	27%	16%	10%
Civil rights	55%	30%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	55%	33%	8%	4%
Guns	55%	28%	11%	7%
Crime	63%	29%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	47%	34%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	75%	20%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Guns	7%
Immigration	6%
Civil rights	6%
Education	5%
National Security	5%
Abortion	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
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	23%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>56%</b>
Not sure	5%

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	19%	22%	<b>41%</b>	14%	37%	<b>51%</b>	8%
Climate change and the environment	13%	24%	<b>38%</b>	15%	32%	<b>48%</b>	15%
Health care	16%	23%	<b>39%</b>	18%	31%	<b>49%</b>	12%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	<b>34%</b>	15%	43%	<b>58%</b>	8%
Abortion	15%	20%	<b>35%</b>	15%	32%	<b>47%</b>	18%
Guns	10%	18%	<b>29%</b>	19%	38%	<b>56%</b>	15%
Crime	10%	20%	<b>30%</b>	16%	39%	<b>54%</b>	15%
Inflation/prices	12%	17%	<b>29%</b>	15%	46%	<b>61%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	6%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	11%

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	41%
Not sure	14%
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 .....	40%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	13%
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	16%	22%	<b>38%</b>	18%	35%	<b>54%</b>	8%
Republicans in Congress	10%	25%	<b>35%</b>	19%	36%	<b>55%</b>	9%

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

Very liberal .....	5%
Liberal .....	9%
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	22%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Yes .....	22%
No .....	62%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	59%
Not sure .....	12%

16. Do you think that Joe Biden is the strongest candidate that Democrats could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is .....	20%
No, he is not .....	61%
Not sure .....	19%

17. Do you think that Donald Trump is the strongest candidate that Republicans could nominate for president in 2024?

Yes, he is .....	31%
No, he is not .....	51%
Not sure .....	18%

18. 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 .....	49%
Ron DeSantis .....	20%
Nikki Haley .....	3%
Mike Pence .....	6%
Chris Christie .....	2%
Tim Scott .....	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	2%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Francis Suarez .....	0%
Doug Burgum .....	0%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Larry Elder .....	0%
Someone else .....	2%
Not sure .....	10%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican and have a preferred Republican primary candidate*

Donald Trump .....	11%
Ron DeSantis .....	35%
Nikki Haley .....	6%
Mike Pence .....	8%
Chris Christie .....	2%
Tim Scott .....	8%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	9%
Asa Hutchinson .....	1%
Francis Suarez .....	0%
Doug Burgum .....	0%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Larry Elder .....	1%
Someone else .....	2%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	5%

20. 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 .....	39%
Donald Trump .....	40%
Other .....	7%
Not sure .....	4%
I would not vote .....	11%

21. 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 .....	38%
Donald Trump .....	40%
Not sure .....	22%

22. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	35%
Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	24%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very strong .....	13%
Somewhat strong .....	23%
Somewhat weak .....	21%
Very weak .....	44%

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

Honest and trustworthy .....	36%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	49%
Not sure .....	16%

25. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	14%
Conservative .....	32%
Very conservative .....	26%
Not sure .....	21%

<b>26. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?</b>	
Very strong .....	32%
Somewhat strong .....	22%
Somewhat weak .....	14%
Very weak .....	32%
<b>27. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?</b>	
Honest and trustworthy .....	28%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	58%
Not sure .....	15%
<b>28. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...</b>	
Compromises to get things done. ....	60%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. ....	40%
<b>29. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?</b>	
Excellent .....	5%
Good .....	18%
<b>Excellent / Good</b> .....	<b>22%</b>
Fair .....	29%
Poor .....	45%
<b>Fair / Poor</b> .....	<b>74%</b>
Don't know .....	3%
<b>30. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?</b>	
Getting better .....	17%
About the same .....	26%
Getting worse .....	52%
Not sure .....	6%
<b>31. Would you say that you and your family are...</b>	
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%

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

Full-time .....	38%
Part-time .....	11%
Temporarily laid off .....	1%
Unemployed .....	9%
Retired .....	22%
Permanently disabled .....	7%
Homemaker .....	7%
Student .....	4%
Other .....	2%

33. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student .....	5%
Part-time student .....	4%
Not a student .....	91%

34. Do you have a job outside of school?

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	3%
Part-time job .....	20%
No job outside of school .....	77%

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

Unemployment .....	4%
Inflation .....	53%
Both equal .....	37%
Not sure .....	6%

36. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive .....	9%
Equally positive and negative .....	28%
Mostly negative .....	45%
Not heard much news about the economy at all .....	19%

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

Growing .....	19%
Staying about the same .....	27%
Shrinking .....	38%
Not sure .....	15%



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

Yes .....	47%
No .....	29%
Not sure .....	24%

**39. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?**

Very likely .....	3%
Somewhat likely .....	18%
Not very likely .....	14%
Not at all likely .....	2%
Not sure .....	16%
Not asked - Already in a recession .....	47%

**40. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?**

The stock market index .....	6%
The unemployment rate and job reports .....	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy .....	57%
Your personal finances .....	10%
Don't know .....	12%

**41. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?**

Very important .....	21%
Somewhat important .....	40%
Not very important .....	27%
Unimportant .....	13%

**42. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?**

Very serious .....	21%
Somewhat serious .....	39%
A minor problem .....	24%
Not a problem .....	10%
Not sure .....	7%

**43. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?**

Increased .....	15%
Stayed the same .....	29%
Decreased .....	24%
Don't know .....	31%

<b>44. Are the number of jobs in the United States...</b>	
Increasing .....	38%
Staying the same .....	38%
Decreasing .....	23%
<b>45. Six months from now do you think there will be...</b>	
Higher gas prices .....	48%
The same gas prices .....	23%
Lower gas prices .....	9%
Not sure .....	20%
<b>46. Six months from now do you think there will be...</b>	
A higher rate of inflation .....	43%
The same rate of inflation .....	26%
A lower rate of inflation .....	15%
Not sure .....	17%
<b>47. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?</b>	
A lot .....	55%
A little .....	40%
Not at all .....	5%
<b>48. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?</b>	
Definitely .....	40%
Probably .....	36%
Probably not .....	11%
Definitely not .....	6%
Not sure .....	6%
<b>49. How worried are you about losing your job?</b>	
<i>Asked of those currently employed</i>	
Very worried .....	8%
Somewhat worried .....	31%
Not very worried .....	62%
<b>50. 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?</b>	
<i>Asked of those currently employed</i>	
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	39%
Not very hard .....	25%
Not sure .....	10%

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

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very happy .....	25%
Happy .....	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	24%
Unhappy .....	6%
Very unhappy .....	4%

52. Would lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people be better or worse off than they currently are if the person below were elected president in 2024?

	Better off	Worse off	No different	Not sure
Donald Trump	12%	44%	25%	19%
Ron DeSantis	8%	40%	24%	28%
Nikki Haley	8%	25%	25%	41%
Mike Pence	7%	40%	25%	29%
Chris Christie	7%	22%	30%	41%
Tim Scott	6%	23%	23%	49%
Vivek Ramaswamy	5%	16%	22%	58%
Asa Hutchinson	4%	18%	20%	59%
Francis Suarez	4%	12%	18%	66%
Doug Burgum	3%	11%	16%	69%
Will Hurd	4%	12%	18%	67%
Larry Elder	5%	16%	21%	58%

53. Would lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people be better off if a Democrat or a Republican wins the presidency?

Democrat .....	50%
Republican .....	10%
No difference .....	24%
Not sure .....	16%

54. Which, if any, of the following social networks are you currently a member of? Please select all that apply.

Facebook .....	75%
Twitter .....	35%
LinkedIn .....	30%
Pinterest .....	29%
Tumblr .....	6%
Instagram .....	50%
Snapchat .....	24%
Reddit .....	18%
TikTok .....	27%
YouTube .....	59%

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Discord .....	13%
BeReal .....	3%
Threads .....	6%
Mastodon .....	2%
Bluesky .....	1%
Other .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%
Not applicable - I am not currently a member of any social networks .....	8%

**55. Have you used the Threads app?**

Yes .....	8%
No .....	89%
Not sure .....	3%

**56. Threads is a conversation app launched by the parent company of Facebook that functions similarly to Twitter. Would you ever use the Threads app?**

Yes .....	16%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	32%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	9%

**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 .....	34%
Independent .....	35%
Republican .....	31%

**61. Political Party Identification**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	15%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	13%
Strong Republican .....	18%
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 .....	12%
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 .....	24%
No .....	76%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	39%
\$50-100K .....	28%
\$100K or more .....	22%
Prefer not to say .....	11%

70. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	23%

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

More than once a week .....	7%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	6%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	36%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	70%

73. 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 .....	11%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	8%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	3%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	8%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	24%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 8 - 11, 2023
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.266 to 3.472, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.428.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1296 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	40 questions not reported.