

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 25 - 27, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted November 25 - 27, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
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
Donald Trump	24%	18%	<b>42%</b>	11%	45%	<b>56%</b>	2%

## 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
Joe Biden	18%	21%	<b>40%</b>	13%	44%	<b>58%</b>	3%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	<b>37%</b>	13%	42%	<b>55%</b>	8%
Mike Johnson	8%	18%	<b>26%</b>	11%	24%	<b>35%</b>	39%
Mitch McConnell	3%	13%	<b>17%</b>	24%	40%	<b>64%</b>	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	<b>30%</b>	12%	33%	<b>45%</b>	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	15%	13%	<b>28%</b>	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>	39%

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

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	26%	4%	1%
Immigration	53%	30%	11%	5%
Climate change and the environment	40%	30%	14%	16%
Foreign policy	45%	39%	12%	4%
National Security	64%	26%	7%	2%
Education	62%	30%	7%	2%
Health care	67%	26%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	62%	31%	5%	2%
Abortion	47%	29%	14%	10%
Civil rights	54%	31%	10%	4%

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Civil liberties	53%	34%	10%	4%
Guns	53%	29%	11%	6%
Crime	61%	30%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	41%	42%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	21%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Abortion	7%
Immigration	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	6%
Guns	4%
Crime	3%
Civil rights	3%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>
Not sure	5%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	22%	<b>41%</b>	13%	36%	<b>49%</b>	10%
Climate change and the environment	15%	26%	<b>41%</b>	10%	32%	<b>43%</b>	16%
Taxes and government spending	13%	22%	<b>35%</b>	12%	42%	<b>55%</b>	10%
Abortion	17%	21%	<b>39%</b>	11%	33%	<b>45%</b>	17%
Civil rights	17%	25%	<b>42%</b>	12%	30%	<b>41%</b>	17%
Civil liberties	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	12%	30%	<b>42%</b>	18%
Guns	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	16%	37%	<b>52%</b>	14%
Crime	13%	22%	<b>34%</b>	13%	38%	<b>50%</b>	15%
Inflation/prices	13%	21%	<b>34%</b>	12%	45%	<b>57%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>15%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	38%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>62%</b>
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	26%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>38%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>48%</b>
Not sure	13%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	2%

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 .....	44%
The Republican Party candidate .....	42%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	6%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>10%</b>
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	18%
Very conservative .....	22%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>40%</b>
Not sure .....	19%

13. 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	17%	23%	<b>40%</b>	15%	38%	<b>53%</b>	7%
The Republican Party	12%	24%	<b>36%</b>	18%	37%	<b>55%</b>	9%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	59%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	12%

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 .....	44%
Donald Trump .....	42%
Other .....	7%
Not sure .....	3%
I would not vote .....	4%

17. 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 .....	34%
Donald Trump .....	44%
Not sure .....	22%

18. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	22%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>53%</b>
Moderate .....	25%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	3%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>8%</b>
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very strong .....	13%
Somewhat strong .....	23%
Somewhat weak .....	19%
Very weak .....	45%

20. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot .....	23%
Some .....	19%
Not much .....	16%
Doesn't care at all .....	38%
Not sure .....	4%

21. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot .....	21%
Like somewhat .....	16%
Neither like nor dislike .....	18%
Dislike somewhat .....	10%
Dislike a lot .....	30%
Not sure .....	5%

22. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	5%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>9%</b>
Moderate	14%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	27%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>55%</b>
Not sure	22%

23. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	30%

24. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	26%
Some	16%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	42%
Not sure	4%

25. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	15%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	42%
Not sure	4%

26. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

27. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	61%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	39%

28. 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. ....	43%
Not sure .....	15%

29. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control .....	18%
Out of control .....	65%
Not sure .....	16%

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

Getting better .....	19%
About the same .....	24%
Getting worse .....	51%
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 .....	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	43%
Not sure .....	5%

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

Full-time .....	34%
Part-time .....	14%
Temporarily laid off .....	0%
Unemployed .....	10%
Retired .....	24%
Permanently disabled .....	8%
Homemaker .....	6%
Student .....	3%
Other .....	2%

33. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student .....	5%
Part-time student .....	2%
Not a student .....	93%

34. Do you have a job outside of school?

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	3%
Part-time job .....	23%
No job outside of school .....	74%

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

The Israelis .....	38%
About equal .....	28%
The Palestinians .....	11%
Not sure .....	23%

36. In the war between Israel and Hamas, who do you think is currently winning?

Israel .....	41%
Hamas .....	4%
Neither .....	25%
Not sure .....	30%

37. How many of Israel's attacks in Gaza do you think have been aimed at military rather than civilian targets?

All of them .....	21%
Most of them .....	18%
About half of them .....	9%
Some of them .....	14%
None of them .....	7%
Not sure .....	31%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel .....	21%
Decreasing military aid to Israel .....	23%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel .....	32%
Not sure .....	24%

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 .....	22%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians .....	26%
Not sure .....	26%



<b>40. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?</b>	
Strongly approve .....	11%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
<b>Approve .....</b>	<b>34%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	28%
<b>Disapprove .....</b>	<b>42%</b>
Not sure .....	23%
<b>41. A year from now, do you think Benjamin Netanyahu will still be the prime minister of Israel?</b>	
Yes .....	30%
No .....	21%
Not sure .....	49%
<b>42. Do you support or oppose a tactical pause of Israel's military operations in order to allow humanitarian aid to enter Gaza?</b>	
Strongly support .....	35%
Somewhat support .....	27%
<b>Support .....</b>	<b>62%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	8%
Strongly oppose .....	7%
<b>Oppose .....</b>	<b>14%</b>
Not sure .....	24%
<b>43. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?</b>	
Strongly support .....	43%
Somewhat support .....	22%
<b>Support .....</b>	<b>65%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	9%
Strongly oppose .....	7%
<b>Oppose .....</b>	<b>16%</b>
Not sure .....	19%
<b>44. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?</b>	
Russia .....	4%
Ukraine .....	62%
Neither .....	22%
Not sure .....	12%
<b>45. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?</b>	
Russia .....	16%
Ukraine .....	19%
Neither .....	35%
Not sure .....	30%

46. How many of Russia’s attacks in Ukraine do you think have been aimed at military rather than civilian targets?

All of them	4%
Most of them	10%
About half of them	18%
Some of them	24%
None of them	7%
Not sure	36%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	22%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	27%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>37%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>41%</b>
Not sure	22%

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

Yes	47%
No	14%
Not sure	40%

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

Yes	49%
No	11%
Not sure	40%

51. Would you support or oppose Ukraine and Russia agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	22%
<b>Support</b>	<b>68%</b>
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	4%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>8%</b>
Not sure	24%

**52. Did you have a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with family or friends?**

Yes .....	78%
No .....	22%

**53. How did this year's Thanksgiving compare with previous years?**

*Among those who had Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with family or friends*

Better .....	22%
About the same .....	66%
Worse .....	12%

**54. Did you talk about the presidential election at your Thanksgiving dinner?**

*Among those who had Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with family or friends*

Yes, talked about it a lot .....	6%
Yes, but only briefly .....	12%
No, it did not come up .....	82%

**55. How would you describe the discussion you had about the election?**

*Among those who talked about the presidential election at Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with family or friends*

Everybody agreed with one another .....	55%
There was some mild disagreement .....	33%
Some people got into an argument .....	13%

**56. Were most people at your dinner Biden or Trump supporters?**

*Among those who talked about the presidential election at Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday with family or friends*

Mostly Biden supporters .....	41%
Mostly Trump supporters .....	41%
Evenly split .....	13%
Not sure .....	6%

**57. The 2024 presidential election is about a year away. Should we be talking about it now or should we wait?**

Talk about it now .....	51%
Wait until later .....	30%
Not sure .....	19%

**58. How would you rate the job Joe Biden has done as President?**

Excellent .....	12%
Good .....	22%
Fair .....	20%
Poor .....	45%

59. How would you rate the job Donald Trump did as President?

Excellent .....	27%
Good .....	20%
Fair .....	15%
Poor .....	39%

60. Overall, who has done a better job as President?

Joe Biden .....	41%
Donald Trump .....	51%
About the same .....	8%

61. Donald Trump has been indicted for the following crimes. Based on what you know, do you think he is guilty of the following crimes?

	Guilty	Not guilty	Not sure
Falsifying business records in New York to conceal hush money payments	49%	30%	21%
Keeping and concealing classified documents in Florida	53%	29%	18%
Trying to stop the transfer of power after the 2020 election	48%	35%	17%
Interfering with the certification of the 2020 election in Georgia	48%	33%	19%

62. Do you think Donald Trump will get fair trials in these cases?

Yes .....	39%
No .....	40%
Not sure .....	21%

63. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be convicted by the jury in one or more of these cases?

Very likely .....	20%
Somewhat likely .....	19%
50/50 chance .....	37%
Somewhat unlikely .....	15%
Very unlikely .....	10%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	14%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>25%</b>
Moderate .....	33%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	14%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>33%</b>
Not sure .....	9%

**65. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

**66. 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 .....	32%

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

Democrat .....	33%
Republican .....	30%
Independent .....	26%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	7%

**68. Political Party Identification**

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

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	20%
Not sure .....	2%
Don't know .....	0%

**69. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**70. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%

**71. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

HS or less .....	36%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%

**73. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	30%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	22%
No .....	78%

**75. In what region of the country do you reside?**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	44%
\$50-100K .....	28%
\$100K or more .....	19%
Prefer not to say .....	9%

**77. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	24%

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

More than once a week .....	6%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	35%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%

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

Several times a day .....	26%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	14%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	13%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	4%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	20%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	0%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 25 - 27, 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 0.059 to 6.55, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.828.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1323 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	47 questions not reported.