

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 22 - 25, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted July 22 - 25, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	13%

## 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
Fran Drescher	18%	27%	13%	8%	34%
Bob Iger	4%	14%	14%	15%	53%
Ted Sarandos	3%	9%	9%	7%	72%
Donald Trump	22%	18%	12%	45%	3%

## 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	21%	23%	12%	41%	3%
Kamala Harris	17%	22%	14%	40%	7%
Kevin McCarthy	9%	20%	15%	27%	29%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	21%	38%	22%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	12%	31%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	10%	15%	8%	19%	48%

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

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	24%	3%	1%
Immigration	51%	35%	10%	3%
Climate change and the environment	46%	25%	15%	13%
Foreign policy	44%	43%	10%	3%
National Security	67%	25%	6%	1%
Education	65%	27%	6%	2%
Health care	69%	26%	4%	1%
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	5%	2%
Abortion	48%	27%	16%	9%

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Civil rights	58%	28%	9%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	31%	9%	4%
Guns	56%	28%	10%	5%
Crime	66%	26%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	51%	33%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	74%	22%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	7%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	6%
Abortion	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	5%
Guns	5%
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	17%
Somewhat approve	27%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>44%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>52%</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	21%	22%	<b>43%</b>	14%	36%	<b>50%</b>	7%
Climate change and the environment	14%	27%	<b>40%</b>	15%	31%	<b>46%</b>	13%
Taxes and government spending	14%	25%	<b>39%</b>	13%	40%	<b>53%</b>	9%
Abortion	17%	22%	<b>38%</b>	11%	33%	<b>45%</b>	17%
Civil rights	17%	25%	<b>42%</b>	13%	29%	<b>42%</b>	16%
Civil liberties	14%	26%	<b>40%</b>	13%	28%	<b>41%</b>	19%
Guns	13%	22%	<b>34%</b>	17%	36%	<b>53%</b>	13%
Crime	13%	22%	<b>35%</b>	14%	37%	<b>51%</b>	14%
Inflation/prices	14%	21%	<b>35%</b>	13%	43%	<b>56%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	29%
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	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	31%
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	3%

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 .....	39%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	15%
I would not vote .....	3%

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

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	7%
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	23%
Very conservative .....	20%
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%	26%	<b>43%</b>	15%	34%	<b>49%</b>	8%
The Republican Party	13%	25%	<b>38%</b>	18%	36%	<b>54%</b>	8%

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

Yes .....	26%
No .....	57%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	58%
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 .....	23%
No, he is not .....	58%
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 .....	50%
Not sure .....	19%

18. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?

Democratic primary/caucus .....	32%
Republican primary/caucus .....	32%
Neither one .....	16%
Not sure .....	19%

19. 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 .....	55%
Ron DeSantis .....	18%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	5%
Mike Pence .....	3%
Nikki Haley .....	3%
Tim Scott .....	3%
Chris Christie .....	1%
Francis Suarez .....	0%
Doug Burgum .....	0%
Larry Elder .....	0%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Someone else .....	1%
Not sure .....	9%
I would not vote .....	3%

20. 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*

Ron DeSantis .....	28%
Donald Trump .....	11%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	11%
Tim Scott .....	10%
Mike Pence .....	7%
Nikki Haley .....	5%
Chris Christie .....	2%
Asa Hutchinson .....	1%
Larry Elder .....	1%
Will Hurd .....	0%
Doug Burgum .....	0%
Francis Suarez .....	0%
Someone else .....	2%
Not sure .....	14%
I would not vote .....	6%

21. Do you think presidential primary candidates should or should not be required to do the following things in order to qualify to participate in a presidential primary debate?

	Should be required	Should not be required
Poll at least 1% in three national polls	70%	30%
Have a minimum of 40,000 unique donors	45%	55%
Sign a loyalty pledge agreeing to support the eventual party nominee	48%	52%

22. The first Republican presidential primary debate will take place on August 23 in Milwaukee. Do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will .....	16%
Probably will .....	25%
Probably not .....	23%
Definitely not .....	22%
Not sure .....	14%

23. 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 .....	40%
Donald Trump .....	38%
Other .....	6%
Not sure .....	7%
I would not vote .....	10%

24. 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 .....	41%
Donald Trump .....	37%
Not sure .....	22%

25. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	21%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	6%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	13%

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

Very strong .....	15%
Somewhat strong .....	25%
Somewhat weak .....	18%
Very weak .....	42%

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

A lot .....	21%
Some .....	24%
Not much .....	15%
Doesn't care at all .....	36%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Like a lot .....	19%
Like somewhat .....	17%
Neither like nor dislike .....	19%
Dislike somewhat .....	9%
Dislike a lot .....	30%
Not sure .....	5%

29. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	4%
Moderate .....	16%
Conservative .....	29%
Very conservative .....	26%
Not sure .....	21%

<b>30. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?</b>	
Very strong .....	32%
Somewhat strong .....	22%
Somewhat weak .....	12%
Very weak .....	33%
<b>31. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?</b>	
A lot .....	26%
Some .....	18%
Not much .....	10%
Doesn't care at all .....	42%
Not sure .....	4%
<b>32. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?</b>	
Like a lot .....	13%
Like somewhat .....	14%
Neither like nor dislike .....	16%
Dislike somewhat .....	11%
Dislike a lot .....	42%
Not sure .....	3%
<b>33. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?</b>	
Biden legitimately won the election .....	66%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	34%
<b>34. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...</b>	
Compromises to get things done. ....	58%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. ....	42%
<b>35. 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>36. Which comes closest to your view?</b>	
Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. ....	38%
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. ....	46%
Not sure .....	16%



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

Under control .....	18%
Out of control .....	67%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Getting better .....	19%
About the same .....	27%
Getting worse .....	48%
Not sure .....	5%

**39. 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 .....	40%
Not sure .....	5%

**40. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump supporters taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C., on January 6, 2021 to stop Congressional proceedings?**

Strongly approve .....	5%
Somewhat approve .....	9%
Somewhat disapprove .....	13%
Strongly disapprove .....	61%
Not sure .....	12%

**41. Did Donald Trump urge his supporters to engage in violence on January 6, 2021?**

Yes .....	46%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	17%

**42. How much responsibility does Donald Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6, 2021?**

A lot .....	39%
Some .....	13%
A little .....	12%
None .....	26%
Not sure .....	9%

**43. Do you think Donald Trump did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?**

Yes .....	43%
No .....	38%
Not sure .....	19%

44. Do you think Donald Trump should be charged with any crime in connection with the events of January 6, 2021?

Yes .....	44%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	15%

45. When Donald Trump says he won the 2020 presidential election, do you think he really believes that he won, or doesn't he?

Trump really believes that he won the 2020 presidential election .....	53%
Trump does not really believe that he won the 2020 presidential election .....	29%
Not sure .....	18%

46. Do you think the Congressional investigation of the January 6th events was a serious attempt to find out what really happened or a politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump?

A serious attempt to find out what really happened .....	36%
A politically-motivated attempt to embarrass Donald Trump .....	32%
Equally motivated by both of these .....	20%
Not sure .....	12%

47. If President Biden IS RE-ELECTED in the 2024 presidential election, how likely do you think it is that there will be a violent attempt at taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to stop Congressional proceedings?

Very likely .....	10%
Somewhat likely .....	22%
Not very likely .....	26%
Not likely at all .....	20%
Not sure .....	21%

48. If President Biden IS NOT RE-ELECTED in the 2024 presidential election, how likely do you think it is that there will be a violent attempt at taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to stop Congressional proceedings?

Very likely .....	6%
Somewhat likely .....	12%
Not very likely .....	22%
Not likely at all .....	41%
Not sure .....	19%

49. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes, me .....	35%
Yes, a family member .....	49%
Yes, a close friend .....	39%
No .....	21%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

50. How many separate times have you had/experienced COVID?

0	65%
1	23%
2	8%
3	3%
4	1%
5	0%
More than 5 times	0%

51. Would you say your first COVID-19 infection was...?

*Asked of people who have tested positive for COVID-19*

Severe	12%
Moderate	43%
Mild	44%

52. Do you know anyone who has experienced long COVID? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	4%

53. How many COVID-19 vaccine shots have you received?

0	24%
1	7%
2	22%
3	25%
4	14%
5 or more	5%
Not sure	3%

54. Regardless of whether or not the virus responsible for COVID-19 was created or naturally mutated, do you believe it is true or false that a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus?

Definitely true	32%
Probably true	29%
Probably false	10%
Definitely false	5%
Not sure	25%

55. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

There is currently a COVID-19 pandemic	26%
The COVID-19 pandemic is over	63%
There never was a COVID-19 pandemic	11%

56. About how often do you go to see movies in a movie theater?

Once a week or more	2%
2-3 times a month	7%
About once a month	9%
A few times a year	29%
Almost never	29%
Never	25%

57. Which one do you prefer?

Going to see a movie in a movie theater	13%
Watching movies at home	56%
Neither	7%
Both equally	22%
Not sure	2%

58. Have you seen or do you plan to see the following movie in a theater?

	I have seen this in a theater	I plan to see this in a theater, but haven't yet	I do not plan to see this in a theater	Not sure
Barbie	6%	16%	69%	9%
Oppenheimer	5%	21%	59%	14%
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny	7%	15%	67%	11%
Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse	10%	12%	69%	9%
Sound of Freedom	7%	19%	59%	16%
Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One	7%	14%	68%	11%

59. About how often do you watch a movie or television show on a streaming service?

Everyday	30%
A few times a week	32%
A few times a month	18%
A few times a year	9%
Never	11%

60. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of labor unions?

Very favorable	20%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don't know	21%

61. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of unions for these types of workers?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Unions for movie and television script writers	28%	25%	11%	12%	23%
Unions for movie and television actors	27%	26%	13%	13%	21%
Unions for police officers	24%	29%	13%	13%	20%
Unions for public school teachers	34%	22%	10%	17%	17%
Unions for freight drivers and warehouse workers	34%	31%	9%	8%	19%
Unions for airline pilots	30%	31%	10%	8%	22%
Unions for coffee shop workers	25%	24%	13%	14%	24%
Unions for registered nurses	35%	28%	10%	8%	19%

62. 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	23%
Not much change	32%
Unions are less powerful	16%
Not sure	28%

63. In the future, how do you think the level of influence of labor unions will change?

The level of influence of labor unions will increase	27%
The level of influence of labor unions will not change	24%
The level of influence of labor unions will decrease	16%
Not sure	33%

64. How much have you heard about a recent strike among movie and television writers and actors?

A lot	28%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	18%

65. Movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union recently went on strike after failed negotiations with studios and streaming services over their pay, working conditions, and the use of AI, artificial intelligence. Do you support or oppose the writers going on strike?

Strongly support	31%
Somewhat support	29%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	23%

66. Movie and television actors who belong to the SAG-AFTRA labor union recently went on strike after failed negotiations with studios and streaming services over their pay, working conditions, and the use of AI, artificial intelligence. Do you support or oppose the actors going on strike?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	29%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	9%
Not sure	23%

67. Several studios have said that the recent strikes will lead to delays in the release of new movies and television shows. How much do you think the movie and television strike will personally affect you?

A great deal	6%
A fair amount	17%
Not much	31%
Not at all	34%
Not sure	12%

68. If the writers' and actors' unions asked people to boycott movie theaters, how likely is it that you would stop going to see movies in theaters?

*Among those who see movies in theaters*

Very likely	24%
Somewhat likely	20%
Not very likely	16%
Not at all likely	23%
Not sure	17%

69. If the writers' and actors' unions asked people to boycott streaming services, how likely is it that you would stop watching movies and television shows on streaming services?

*Among those who watch movies or television shows on streaming services*

Very likely	11%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	26%
Not at all likely	34%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	8%

<b>71. Are you registered to vote?</b>	
Registered .....	83%
Not registered .....	17%
<b>72. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?</b>	
Joe Biden .....	35%
Donald Trump .....	32%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	33%
<b>73. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?</b>	
Democrat .....	33%
Republican .....	31%
Independent .....	27%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	6%
<b>74. Political Party Identification</b>	
Strong Democrat .....	23%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	10%
Independent .....	17%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	19%
Not sure .....	2%
Don't know .....	0%
<b>75. Are you... ?</b>	
Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%
<b>76. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%
<b>77. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	7%

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

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

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

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

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

Very important	33%
Somewhat important	28%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	24%



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

More than once a week .....	7%
Once a week .....	14%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	35%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%

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

Several times a day .....	23%
Once a day .....	14%
A few times a week .....	13%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	3%

87. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	22%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	4%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	22%
Something else .....	7%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	July 22 - 25, 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 0.199 to 5.715, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.503.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1306 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	42 questions not reported.