

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 5 - 7, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 5 - 7, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	64%
Not sure	13%

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	14%	23%	37%	12%	36%	48%	15%
Donald Trump	24%	19%	43%	9%	45%	54%	3%
Tommy Tuberville	5%	11%	16%	11%	23%	34%	50%
Dean Phillips	3%	9%	12%	10%	11%	21%	67%
Nikki Haley	9%	25%	34%	18%	19%	37%	29%
Vivek Ramaswamy	8%	20%	29%	11%	25%	36%	36%
Chris Christie	4%	20%	24%	24%	29%	54%	22%
Tim Scott	10%	21%	31%	12%	16%	28%	41%
Benjamin Netanyahu	13%	18%	31%	11%	22%	33%	35%

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	19%	24%	42%	13%	42%	55%	2%
Kamala Harris	14%	25%	39%	12%	43%	55%	7%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	29%	3%	1%
Immigration	49%	32%	14%	4%
Climate change and the environment	42%	24%	17%	16%
Foreign policy	44%	41%	12%	3%
National Security	64%	27%	8%	1%
Education	59%	30%	8%	3%

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Health care	69%	25%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	61%	32%	6%	1%
Abortion	47%	29%	14%	10%
Civil rights	53%	33%	11%	3%
Civil liberties	52%	35%	11%	3%
Guns	56%	28%	12%	4%
Crime	63%	28%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	73%	22%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Health care	10%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Immigration	8%
National Security	7%
Guns	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	5%
Education	5%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	0%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	41%
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	19%	23%	42%	12%	36%	48%	10%
Immigration	10%	23%	33%	14%	41%	56%	12%
Education	14%	27%	41%	13%	31%	45%	14%
Health care	15%	26%	41%	15%	30%	45%	14%
Civil rights	16%	25%	41%	13%	30%	42%	17%
Civil liberties	14%	25%	39%	13%	30%	43%	18%
Crime	11%	24%	35%	15%	36%	51%	14%
Inflation/prices	13%	21%	35%	12%	44%	56%	10%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	59%
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	10%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	50%
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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	13%
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	43%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	2%

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%	24%	39%	17%	35%	52%	9%
Republicans in Congress	9%	24%	33%	20%	38%	58%	9%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	37%

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	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	26%

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	4%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	22%

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	15%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	37%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	23%
Total Conservative	46%
Not sure	17%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	21%
Fair	29%
Poor	40%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	49%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	3%

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

Full-time	36%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	5%
Other	1%

22. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	5%
Part-time student	5%
Not a student	90%

23. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	2%
Part-time job	16%
No job outside of school	82%

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

Unemployment	3%
Inflation	53%
Both equal	38%
Not sure	5%

25. 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	12%
Equally positive and negative	27%
Mostly negative	43%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	19%

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

Yes	46%
No	29%
Not sure	25%

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

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	14%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	15%
Not asked - Already in a recession	46%

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

The stock market index	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	55%
Your personal finances	11%
Don't know	13%

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

Increased	20%
Stayed the same	30%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	33%

30. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	30%
Staying the same	47%
Decreasing	23%

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

A higher rate of inflation	39%
The same rate of inflation	26%
A lower rate of inflation	14%
Not sure	20%

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

A lot	53%
A little	42%
Not at all	5%

33. 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?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	41%
Not very hard	18%
Not sure	12%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	24%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	2%

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

The Israelis	40%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	12%
Not sure	21%

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

Israel	39%
Hamas	4%
Neither	29%
Not sure	28%

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

Too harsh	23%
About right	29%
Not harsh enough	18%
Not sure	30%

38. Which comes closest to your view of what the ultimate goal of Israel's ground invasion in Gaza should be?

Immediate ceasefire	13%
Targeted raids to recover hostages	10%
Defeating Hamas and then pulling out of Gaza	12%
Defeating Hamas and giving control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	20%
Defeating Hamas and occupying Gaza	17%
Not sure	27%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	24%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	23%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	28%
Not sure	25%

40. 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	21%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Not sure	30%

41. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war	38%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to do something about the Israel-Hamas war	37%
Not sure	25%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	23%

43. Would you support or oppose a proposal for the U.S. to send \$14.3 billion in aid to Israel while cutting a similar amount from the budget for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	32%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	35%
Oppose	49%
Not sure	19%

44. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	3%
Ukraine	64%
Neither	22%
Not sure	11%

45. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?	
Russia	14%
Ukraine	19%
Neither	38%
Not sure	28%
46. 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	31%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	27%
Not sure	19%
47. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine between Russia and Ukraine, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?	
U.S. has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine	34%
U.S. does not have a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine	43%
Not sure	24%
48. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the situation with Russia and Ukraine?	
Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	18%
49. Which of the following wars do you think poses a larger threat to the U.S.?	
The war between Israel and Hamas	24%
The war between Ukraine and Russia	18%
Both equally	34%
Neither	11%
Not sure	14%
50. How much have you heard about the possibility of a shutdown of the federal government this month if Congress cannot reach an agreement on a measure to continue funding the government?	
A lot	24%
A little	55%
Nothing at all	21%

51. How likely is it that there will be a government shutdown this month when the current funding agreement expires?

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	36%
Not very likely	22%
Not likely at all	8%
Not sure	22%

52. Do you think that you would be personally affected by a shutdown of the federal government?

Definitely	15%
Probably	30%
Probably not	29%
Definitely not	11%
Not sure	15%

53. How much attention have you been paying to the 2024 election campaign for president?

A lot	31%
Some	28%
Only a little	26%
None at all	15%

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

Democrats	41%
Republicans	20%
Both equally	10%
Not sure	28%

55. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?

Asked of registered voters

Democratic primary/caucus	39%
Republican primary/caucus	42%
Neither one	10%
Not sure	9%

56. Thinking about the Republican Party's nominee for president in 2024, which is more important to you?

Asked of registered voters who say they will vote in the Republican presidential primary or caucus in 2024

A nominee who agrees with your position on most issues	50%
A nominee who can win the general election in November	45%
Not sure	6%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

58. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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%
Republican	32%
Independent	24%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

61. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	6%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

62. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

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	8%

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

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

66. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

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	42%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

70. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	24%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	20%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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	30%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	12%
Never	23%
Don't know	4%

74. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 5 - 7, 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 0.113 to 6.514, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.715.
Number of respondents	1500 1313 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	49 questions not reported.