

The Economist/YouGov Poll

September 17 - 20, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted September 17 - 20, 2022
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	12%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	17%
Excellent / Good	22%
Fair	29%
Poor	44%
Fair / Poor	73%
Don't know	4%

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

A higher rate of inflation	44%
The same rate of inflation	23%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	16%

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

Growing	19%
Shrinking	44%
Staying about the same	22%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	56%
No	24%
Not sure	20%

6. Which of the following do you think is the best indicator of an economic recession?

The stock market index	8%
The unemployment rate and job reports	13%
The prices of goods and services you buy	44%
Your personal finances	5%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	18%
Don't know	11%

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

Asked of those who do not think we are currently in an economic recession

Very likely	8%
Somewhat likely	35%
Not very likely	21%
Not at all likely	5%
Not sure	31%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	10%

9. Do you consider the following country to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	5%	25%	56%	11%
China	3%	9%	35%	40%	13%
Ukraine	30%	42%	8%	6%	15%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Xi Jinping?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	21%
Very unfavorable	37%
Don't know	33%

11. How serious a threat do you think closer relations between Russia and China would pose to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	33%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	41%
A minor threat to the U.S.	11%
Not a threat to the U.S.	3%
Not sure	11%

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

Russia	6%
Ukraine	71%
Neither	16%
Not sure	8%

13. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	17%
Ukraine	30%
Neither	32%
Not sure	21%

14. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	22%
Ukraine	32%
Equally likely	14%
Not sure	32%

15. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	62%
Don't know	12%

16. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	25%
Somewhat strong	38%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	16%

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

Yes	35%
No	25%
Not sure	40%

18. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Volodymyr Zelensky?

Very favorable	30%
Somewhat favorable	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	9%
Don't know	25%

19. Would you say Volodymyr Zelensky is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	39%
Somewhat strong	40%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	7%

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

Yes	52%
No	12%
Not sure	36%

21. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

All of them	3%
Most of them	17%
About half of them	29%
A few of them	27%
None of them	3%
Not sure	21%

22. Do you think Russia is deliberately striking civilian areas in Ukraine?

Yes	73%
No	8%
Not sure	19%

23. Do you think that Russian troops are guilty of war crimes in Ukraine?

Yes	73%
No	9%
Not sure	18%

24. How likely do you think it is that Russian forces use nuclear weapons in Ukraine?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	27%
Not very likely	27%
Not likely at all	12%
Not sure	22%

25. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...

	Greater	Less	About the same	Don't know
A new Cold War	55%	8%	22%	15%
A nuclear war	43%	11%	31%	15%

26. In terms of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. government's response...

Should be tougher	36%
Should be less tough	13%
Is about right	29%
Not sure	22%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	31%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	21%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	30%
Not sure	18%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Lindsey Graham	9%	21%	30%	13%	31%	44%	27%
Marco Rubio	14%	23%	37%	12%	24%	36%	27%
Greg Abbott	19%	15%	34%	6%	23%	29%	37%
Beto O'Rourke	17%	17%	34%	7%	27%	34%	31%
Ron DeSantis	28%	13%	41%	6%	27%	33%	26%
John Fetterman	12%	13%	25%	6%	20%	26%	49%
Mehmet Oz (Dr. Oz)	12%	25%	37%	15%	27%	42%	21%

29. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Roger Federer	16%	24%	5%	5%	49%
Serena Williams	33%	31%	9%	7%	20%
Novak Djokovic	11%	17%	9%	6%	56%

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

Very favorable	21%
Somewhat favorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	13%
Don't know	17%

31. 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 30 years?

Unions are stronger	26%
Not much change	20%
Unions are less powerful	34%
Not sure	20%

32. 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	31%
Not much change	30%
Unions are less powerful	17%
Not sure	23%

33. 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	31%
The level of influence of labor unions will not change	24%
The level of influence of labor unions will decrease	18%
Not sure	27%

34. How much have you heard about a recent possible strike among railroad union members in the U.S.?

A lot	23%
A little	50%
Nothing at all	27%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's handling of labor unions?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	29%

36. How serious of a problem do you think a lack of competition is among major companies in the U.S.?

Very serious	27%
Somewhat serious	38%
Not very serious	13%
Not at all serious	3%
Not sure	20%

37. Do you support or oppose the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department conducting antitrust probes (e.g., investigations into price fixing, monopolizing actions, and predatory pricing) into major companies?

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support	30%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	21%

38. How serious of a problem do you think it is that Hillary Clinton used a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very serious	41%
Somewhat serious	21%
Not very serious	16%
Not at all serious	11%
Not sure	9%

39. Did Hillary Clinton handle classified materials appropriately or inappropriately?

Very appropriately	11%
Somewhat appropriately	13%
Somewhat inappropriately	20%
Very inappropriately	39%
Not sure	17%

40. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off, or does it not make much difference?

Better off	35%
Worse off	31%
Doesn't make much difference	20%
Not sure	14%

41. Do you think that illegal immigration is a problem in the U.S. as a whole?

Yes	62%
No	25%
Not sure	13%

42. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	42%
Somewhat serious	19%
A minor problem	5%
Not a problem	25%
Not sure	8%

43. Do approve or disapprove of Texas and Florida sending undocumented immigrants to northern cities without notice?

Strongly approve	33%
Somewhat approve	11%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	12%

44. At the request of the National Archives, the Justice Department is investigating former President Trump for his possession and handling of government documents. Do you think this investigation is fair or unfair?

Fair	49%
Unfair	36%
Not sure	15%

45. How serious of a problem do you think it is that Donald Trump took classified material with him to Florida after leaving office?

Very serious	42%
Somewhat serious	16%
Not very serious	13%
Not at all serious	19%
Not sure	10%

46. Did Donald Trump handle classified materials appropriately or inappropriately?

Very appropriately	17%
Somewhat appropriately	12%
Somewhat inappropriately	13%
Very inappropriately	41%
Not sure	17%

47. Do you think former President Trump will face any criminal charges for how he handled classified documents after leaving office?

Yes	28%
No	41%
Not sure	32%

48. Do you think former President Trump should face any criminal charges for how he handled classified documents after leaving office?

Yes	45%
No	39%
Not sure	17%

49. Do you think people who participated in taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 should be... ?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Barred from holding public office	53%	31%	15%
Arrested and tried for their participation in the Capitol attack	59%	26%	15%
Granted full pardons for any crimes they are charged with in relation to the attack	25%	57%	18%

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

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Establishing a national right to abortion	37%	14%	7%	31%	12%
Banning abortion nationwide	18%	10%	11%	49%	11%
Banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy with rare exceptions, while allowing states to enact stricter bans	21%	18%	10%	36%	15%
Banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy with rare exceptions, while making it legal to get an abortion before 15 weeks of pregnancy nationally	18%	21%	12%	34%	15%

51. Would you support or oppose the federal government allowing abortions to be performed on federal lands that sit inside states that ban abortion?

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	15%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	20%

52. How much attention have you been paying to the 2022 congressional elections?

A lot	34%
A little	43%
None at all	23%

53. Compared to voting in previous Congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?

More enthusiastic	35%
Less enthusiastic	17%
About the same	37%
Not sure	11%

54. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats	37%
Senate controlled by Republicans	38%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	10%
No preference	15%

55. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Democrats win majority in the Senate	28%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	32%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	13%
Not sure	27%

56. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

House controlled by Democrats	37%
House controlled by Republicans	39%
House evenly divided between both parties	10%
No preference	14%

57. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

Democrats retain majority in the House	25%
Republicans win majority in the House	37%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	11%
Not sure	27%

58. Do you want President Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	23%
No	56%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	30%
No	54%
Not sure	16%

60. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	22%	3%	3%
Immigration	51%	29%	14%	6%
Climate change and the environment	41%	24%	17%	18%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	9%	5%
National Security	66%	26%	6%	3%
Education	61%	27%	9%	4%
Health care	64%	26%	6%	3%
Taxes and government spending	61%	29%	7%	3%
Abortion	51%	25%	14%	11%
Civil rights	55%	28%	11%	6%
Civil liberties	55%	30%	10%	5%

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Guns	55%	25%	11%	9%
Crime	64%	26%	6%	3%
Criminal justice reform	47%	34%	12%	7%
Inflation/prices	73%	20%	5%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Health care	9%
Abortion	7%
Immigration	7%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Education	5%
Civil rights	5%
Crime	4%
Guns	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%

62. 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	23%	21%	44%	10%	41%	51%	5%
Kamala Harris	15%	25%	40%	9%	42%	51%	9%
Donald Trump	25%	18%	43%	10%	42%	52%	5%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	21%	23%	44%	11%	36%	47%	8%
The Republican Party	16%	26%	42%	16%	34%	50%	9%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	8%

65. 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	18%	23%	41%	12%	36%	48%	12%
Immigration	10%	23%	33%	12%	41%	53%	14%
Abortion	16%	19%	35%	12%	36%	48%	16%
Civil rights	16%	24%	40%	12%	29%	41%	19%
Civil liberties	16%	23%	39%	11%	30%	41%	20%
Crime	13%	22%	35%	9%	38%	47%	17%
Criminal justice reform	12%	21%	33%	12%	35%	47%	20%

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

A lot	21%
Some	20%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	6%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	40%

68. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next few years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic	35%
Pessimistic	46%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	13%

70. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	18%	23%	41%	13%	36%	49%	11%
Republicans in Congress	11%	24%	35%	20%	34%	54%	11%

71. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	15%

72. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	23%

73. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	20%

74. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	18%

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

Getting better	13%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	9%

78. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	17%
About the same	23%
Lower	32%
Not sure	28%

79. 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	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	7%

80. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	60%

81. 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?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	33%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	15%

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

Very happy	27%
Happy	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	10%

84. 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%

85. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2022 congressional elections in November?

Definitely will vote	57%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	10%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	10%
Don't know	6%

86. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of those who are registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	45%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Other	1%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	4%

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

Democrat	36%
Independent	37%
Republican	27%

88. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	14%
Lean Republican	10%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	5%
Don't know	0%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	61%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	39%

90. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on social issues?

Very liberal	14%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	11%

91. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on economic issues?

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	15%
Not sure	12%

92. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	46%
No	41%
Not sure	13%

93. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

94. Respondent age by category

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

95. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

97. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

100. How would you describe the place where you live?

Urban	31%
Suburb	34%
Rural/Other	35%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

102. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	43%
No	57%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 17 - 20, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.147 to 6.506, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.593.
Number of respondents	1500 1318 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.