

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 29 - August 1, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 29 - August 1, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
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
Greg Abbott	11%	14%	7%	25%	42%
Hunter Biden	4%	11%	20%	44%	21%
Ron DeSantis	14%	20%	10%	36%	19%
Dianne Feinstein	3%	16%	16%	27%	37%
Rudy Giuliani	9%	19%	14%	36%	22%
Kylian Mbappé	6%	10%	5%	4%	75%
Mark Meadows	3%	14%	10%	18%	56%
Lionel Messi	13%	17%	5%	4%	61%
Alex Morgan	7%	11%	5%	4%	72%
Gavin Newsom	8%	18%	10%	29%	35%
Megan Rapinoe	8%	13%	8%	18%	54%
Donald Trump	22%	19%	11%	45%	4%

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%	24%	12%	43%	3%
Kamala Harris	12%	28%	10%	42%	8%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	21%	39%	20%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	75%	21%	3%	1%
Immigration	49%	37%	11%	4%
Climate change and the environment	48%	26%	15%	11%
Foreign policy	42%	45%	10%	3%

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National Security	67%	25%	5%	2%
Education	65%	27%	6%	2%
Health care	72%	23%	4%	2%
Taxes and government spending	61%	31%	7%	1%
Abortion	47%	26%	17%	11%
Civil rights	58%	28%	9%	5%
Civil liberties	56%	32%	8%	4%
Guns	55%	29%	10%	5%
Crime	67%	25%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	51%	34%	11%	5%
Inflation/prices	75%	21%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	12%
Taxes and government spending	7%
National Security	7%
Immigration	5%
Civil rights	5%
Guns	5%
Abortion	4%
Education	4%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Civil liberties	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	56%
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	18%	23%	41%	15%	37%	51%	8%
Health care	16%	26%	42%	15%	30%	45%	14%
Crime	10%	23%	33%	13%	40%	53%	14%
Criminal justice reform	10%	20%	30%	16%	37%	53%	18%
Inflation/prices	14%	19%	33%	13%	47%	60%	8%

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%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	31%
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	41%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	15%
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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
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	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	20%

13. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...

Compromises to get things done.	57%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	43%

14. How much of an effect do you think Joe Bidens health and age have on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	54%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	28%
Have no effect at all	9%
Not sure	9%

15. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	26%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	34%
Have no effect at all	28%
Not sure	12%

16. How much of an effect do you think the following person's health and age have on their ability to fulfill their duties in the Senate?

	Severely limit their ability to do the job	Have little effect on their ability to do the job	Have no effect at all	Not sure
Bernie Sanders	31%	35%	14%	20%
Dianne Feinstein	49%	11%	5%	35%
Mitch McConnell	51%	17%	6%	26%
Chuck Grassley	18%	19%	7%	56%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

18. 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	42%
Not sure	5%

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

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

20. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Increase LEGAL immigration	33%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	24%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	30%
Not sure	14%

21. How serious a problem is ILLEGAL immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	47%
Somewhat serious	23%
A minor problem	18%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	8%

22. Do you think U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) does a good job or a bad job carrying out its mission to protect America through criminal investigations and enforcing immigration laws to preserve national security and public safety?

ICE Mission Statement: Protect America through criminal investigations and enforcing immigration laws to preserve national security and public safety

Good job	27%
Bad job	38%
Not sure	34%

23. Do you think U.S. Customs and Border Protection does a good job or a bad job carrying out its mission to protect the American people, safeguard our borders, and enhance the nation's economic prosperity?

USCBP Mission Statement: Protect the American people, safeguard our borders, and enhance the nation's economic prosperity

Good job	32%
Bad job	32%
Not sure	36%

24. Do you think the U.S. Border Patrol does a good job or a bad job carrying out its mission to detect and prevent the illegal entry of individuals into the United States?

USBP Mission Statement: Detect and prevent the illegal entry of individuals into the United States

Good job	35%
Bad job	31%
Not sure	34%

25. Do you think the part of the Department of Justice that handles administrative immigration hearings does a good job or a bad job carrying out its mission to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws?

DOJ-Immigration Review Mission Statement: The primary mission of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the Nation's immigration laws.

Good job	15%
Bad job	48%
Not sure	37%

26. Do you think the Texas Rangers, from the Texas Department of Public Safety, do a good job or a bad job carrying out their mission to deter, detect and interdict criminal activity across the Texas/Mexico border?

Texas Rangers Border Security Mission Statement: Deter, detect and interdict criminal activity across the Texas/Mexico border

Good job	39%
Bad job	22%
Not sure	38%

27. Who do you think should primarily be in charge of policing U.S. borders?

State governments	25%
The federal government	56%
Not sure	19%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Gavin Newsom is handling immigration in California?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	30%
No opinion	40%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Greg Abbott is handling immigration in Texas?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	24%
No opinion	30%

30. Texas recently installed a floating barrier of large buoys meant to stop migrants from swimming across the Rio Grande river along the border of Mexico. Do you approve or disapprove of Texas building this barrier?

Strongly approve	35%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	16%

31. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	57%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	22%
The world's climate is NOT changing	8%
Not sure	13%

32. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have	51%
No, I have not	24%
Not sure	17%
The climate is not changing	8%

33. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will	10%
No, I will not	14%
Not sure	16%
I have already felt the effect of climate change	51%
The climate is not changing	8%

34. Does your home have air conditioning?

Yes	86%
No	10%
Not sure	3%

35. What kind of air conditioner do you have in your home?

Central A/C	59%
Wall unit	8%
Window unit	17%
Other	1%
Does not have air conditioning	10%
Not sure	5%

36. In the past week, what would you say was the highest temperature in your local area (in degrees Fahrenheit)?

Below 70	3%
70-79	7%
80-89	11%
90-99	44%
100-109	25%
110 or above	5%
Not sure	5%

37. Compared to previous summers, do you think temperatures in your local area have been warmer or colder than usual this summer?

Much warmer than usual	28%
Somewhat warmer than usual	27%
About the same as usual	31%
Somewhat colder than usual	7%
Much colder than usual	1%
Not sure	5%

38. Do you think an unusually warm summer is primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Asked of those who think this summer will be warmer locally than usual

Result of climate change	69%
Just happen from time to time	18%
Not sure	10%
The climate is not changing	3%

39. Do you think an unusually cold summer is primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Asked of those who think this summer will be colder locally than usual

Result of climate change	27%
Just happen from time to time	43%
Not sure	20%
The climate is not changing	10%

40. Do you personally know anyone who is adopted? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	21%
Yes, a close friend	14%
An acquaintance	17%
No	48%
Prefer not to say	3%

41. Do you personally know anyone who has adopted a child? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	2%
Yes, a family member	18%
Yes, a close friend	13%
An acquaintance	19%
No	49%
Prefer not to say	3%

42. Some people say that a child should only be adopted by people of the same race as the child. Others believe this should not be a factor. What is your opinion?

Should be adopted by people of their race	11%
Race should not be a factor	77%
Not sure	11%

43. Some people say that a child should only be adopted by people of the same religious background as the child. Others believe this should not be a factor. What is your opinion?

Should be adopted by people of their religious background	15%
Religious background should not be a factor	68%
Not sure	18%

44. Some people say that a child should only be adopted by people from the same country of origin as the child. Others believe this should not be a factor. What is your opinion?

Should be adopted by people from their country of origin	9%
Country of origin should not be a factor	77%
Not sure	13%

45. Some people say that a child should only be adopted by straight people. Others believe this should not be a factor. What is your opinion?

Should be adopted by straight people	28%
Sexual orientation should not be a factor	58%
Not sure	14%

46. When children from outside the U.S. are adopted by American couples, do you think that this is mostly a good thing or a bad thing for the child?

Mostly a good thing	69%
Mostly a bad thing	6%
Not sure	25%

47. Do you think single men should have the legal right to adopt a child?

Yes	65%
No	16%
Not sure	19%

48. Do you think single women should have the legal right to adopt a child?	
Yes	74%
No	11%
Not sure	16%
49. Do you think gay and lesbian couples should have the legal right to adopt a child?	
Yes	59%
No	26%
Not sure	15%
50. In January 2022, the National Archives retrieved 15 boxes of presidential records that former President Trump took with him to his private residence from the White House when his term ended. Do you approve or disapprove of the former president taking these records?	
Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	13%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	20%
51. Do you think Donald Trump intentionally took classified documents when he left the White House?	
Yes	53%
No	21%
Not sure	26%
52. Has Donald Trump cooperated in returning documents?	
Yes	26%
No	41%
Not sure	33%
53. Do you approve or disapprove of Trump being indicted for his handling of classified materials and obstruction of justice?	
Strongly approve	37%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	15%
54. How much have you heard in the news this week about Donald Trump being indicted for allegedly asking an employee of his Mar-a-Lago club to delete security camera footage sought by those investigating his handling of classified documents?	
A lot	28%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	32%

55. Do you follow on a regular basis and/or consider yourself to be a fan of Soccer?

Yes	16%
No	84%

56. Which, if any, of the following sports do you watch / follow specifically when women are participating / playing? Please select all that apply. By watch / follow, we mean that you either actively read about the sport on a regular basis, watch live broadcasts or highlights of matches/events online or TV, or attend matches/events in person.

Tennis	14%
Cricket	1%
Soccer	14%
Baseball	10%
Basketball	19%
Golf	8%
Horse racing	5%
Ice hockey	5%
Field hockey	1%
Lacrosse	1%
Softball	6%
Volleyball	8%
Beach volleyball	8%
Motorsport	4%
Cycling	3%
Badminton	1%
Netball	1%
Table tennis	3%
Other	7%
None - I do not watch or follow any women's sports	57%

57. How much of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup have you already watched?

I have watched all or almost all of the matches	3%
I have watched matches when I can	7%
I have watched a few matches	9%
I have not watched any matches	75%
Not sure	6%

58. How much more of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup do you expect you will watch?

I will watch matches every day they're on	3%
I will watch matches when I can	11%
I will watch a few matches	8%
I will not watch any matches	68%
Not sure	9%

59. How well did the U.S. Men's National Soccer team do in the 2022 FIFA Men's World Cup?

Did not win any matches	7%
Won a match, but did not reach the knockout stage	3%
Reached the Round of 16	6%
Reached the Quarterfinals	2%
Reached the Semifinals	2%
Reached the Finals	2%
Won the 2022 FIFA Men's World Cup	1%
Not sure	78%

60. How well do you think the U.S. Women's National Soccer team will do in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup?

Will not win any matches	0%
Will win a match, but will not reach the knockout stage	2%
Will reach the Round of 16	2%
Will reach the Quarterfinals	2%
Will reach the Semifinals	5%
Will reach the Finals	10%
Will win the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup	8%
Not sure	71%

61. Do you think the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team is...?

The best in the world	3%
Better than most countries	11%
About average	20%
Worse than most countries	5%
The worst in the world	1%
Not sure	60%

62. Do you think the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team is...?

The best in the world	9%
Better than most countries	21%
About average	10%
Worse than most countries	2%
The worst in the world	2%
Not sure	57%

63. Do you think the men's and women's soccer teams do essentially the same job and thus the players should be paid about the same or do you think the economics of men's and women's soccer are fundamentally different which justifies the difference in men's and women's salaries?

The players should be paid about the same	45%
The economic differences justify the salary differences	26%
Not sure	29%

64. From what you know now, which team has been more successful in World Cup play over the past few tournaments, the men's or the women's U.S. National Soccer Teams?

The U.S. Men's National Soccer Team	7%
The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team	31%
Not sure	61%

65. Which team's players should be paid more, or should both teams' players be paid the exact same amount?

The U.S. Men's National Soccer Team	12%
The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team	6%
The exact same amount	45%
Not sure	36%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	10%

67. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

68. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	30%
Independent	26%
Other	2%
Not sure	8%

70. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

71. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

72. Respondent age by category

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

73. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

75. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	6%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Full-time	32%
Part-time	15%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	7%
Student	3%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

80. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	23%

81. 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	8%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	34%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

83. 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	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	5%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 29 - August 1, 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 0.051 to 6.501, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.796.
Number of respondents	1500 1324 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.