

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 24, 2023 - January 2, 2024 - 3087 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 3087 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted December 24, 2023 - January 2, 2024
 Margin of Error ±2.3%

1. Looking back at 2023, how would you describe the year for the world?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| A very good year | 3% |
| A good year | 22% |
| A bad year | 41% |
| A very bad year | 25% |
| Not sure | 9% |

2. Looking back at 2023, how would you describe the year for you and your family?

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| A very good year | 7% |
| A good year | 43% |
| A bad year | 28% |
| A very bad year | 13% |
| Not sure | 9% |

3. Compared to 2022, was the United States more or less respected in the world in 2023?

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|------------------------|-----|
| More respected in 2023 | 14% |
| No change | 26% |
| Less respected in 2023 | 47% |
| Not sure | 12% |

4. Compared to 2022, do you think things were better or worse in 2023 when it came to:

| | Better in 2023 | No change | Worse in 2023 | Not sure |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| The Middle East | 5% | 16% | 65% | 13% |
| The environment | 11% | 44% | 34% | 12% |
| Job security | 18% | 33% | 37% | 12% |
| Government spending | 9% | 24% | 55% | 12% |
| Health care | 14% | 45% | 31% | 10% |
| Education | 11% | 37% | 40% | 12% |
| Wall Street | 21% | 30% | 23% | 26% |
| The national economy | 20% | 17% | 52% | 11% |
| Abortion | 12% | 25% | 49% | 13% |
| Inflation | 17% | 15% | 60% | 8% |
| Immigration | 8% | 24% | 57% | 11% |
| Crime | 11% | 26% | 53% | 10% |

5. Compared to 2022, do you think labor unions in the United States were more or less powerful in 2023?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| More powerful in 2023 | 31% |
| No change | 30% |
| Less powerful in 2023 | 13% |
| Not sure | 26% |

6. Compared to 2022, did you find politics more or less interesting in 2023?

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| More interesting in 2023 | 20% |
| About the same | 49% |
| Less interesting in 2023 | 20% |
| Not sure | 11% |

7. Compared to 2022, did you think political discussion was more or less negative in 2023?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| More negative in 2023 | 47% |
| About the same | 32% |
| Less negative in 2023 | 8% |
| Not sure | 13% |

8. Compared to 2022, do you think this country became more or less politically divided in 2023?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| More divided in 2023 | 52% |
| About the same | 31% |
| Less divided in 2023 | 7% |
| Not sure | 10% |

9. Compared to 2022, do you think there was more or less political violence in this country in 2023?

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| More political violence in 2023 | 37% |
| About the same | 34% |
| Less political violence in 2023 | 12% |
| Not sure | 17% |

10. Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what kind of year 2024 will be for the world?

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| Very optimistic | 10% |
| Somewhat optimistic | 22% |
| Neither optimistic nor pessimistic | 22% |
| Somewhat pessimistic | 21% |
| Very pessimistic | 17% |
| Not sure | 9% |

11. Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what kind of year 2024 will be for your family?

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|--|-----|
| Very optimistic | 15% |
| Somewhat optimistic | 31% |
| Neither optimistic nor pessimistic | 23% |
| Somewhat pessimistic | 14% |
| Very pessimistic | 9% |
| Not sure | 9% |

12. In 2024, do you think the United States will be more or less respected in the world than it was in 2023?

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|------------------------------|-----|
| More respected in 2024 | 17% |
| No change | 28% |
| Less respected in 2024 | 35% |
| Not sure | 20% |

13. In 2024, do you think things will be better or worse than they were in 2023 when it comes to:

| | Better in 2024 | No change | Worse in 2024 | Not sure |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|----------|
| The Middle East | 12% | 22% | 45% | 21% |
| The environment | 16% | 41% | 27% | 16% |
| Job security | 21% | 34% | 27% | 18% |
| Government spending | 14% | 27% | 43% | 17% |
| Health care | 19% | 40% | 25% | 16% |
| Education | 17% | 39% | 27% | 17% |
| Wall Street | 20% | 32% | 21% | 27% |
| The national economy | 26% | 21% | 36% | 17% |
| Abortion | 16% | 36% | 28% | 20% |
| Inflation | 27% | 21% | 38% | 15% |
| Immigration | 15% | 25% | 42% | 17% |
| Crime | 16% | 26% | 41% | 16% |

14. Compared to 2023, do you think labor unions in the United States will be more or less powerful in 2024?

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| More powerful in 2024 | 27% |
| No change | 34% |
| Less powerful in 2024 | 12% |
| Not sure | 27% |

15. Compared to 2023, do you think politics will be more or less interesting in 2024?

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| More interesting in 2024 | 40% |
| About the same | 35% |
| Less interesting in 2024 | 10% |
| Not sure | 15% |

16. Compared to 2023, do you think political discussion will be more or less negative in 2024?

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| More negative in 2024 | 48% |
| About the same | 28% |
| Less negative in 2024 | 8% |
| Not sure | 15% |

17. Compared to 2023, do you think this country will become more or less politically divided in 2024?

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|----------------------|-----|
| More divided in 2024 | 51% |
| About the same | 27% |
| Less divided in 2024 | 8% |
| Not sure | 15% |

18. Compared to 2023, do you think there will be more or less political violence in this country in 2024?

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| More political violence in 2024 | 44% |
| About the same | 28% |
| Less political violence in 2024 | 8% |
| Not sure | 20% |

19. Looking ahead to the next 10 years, how likely do you think it is that there will be a civil war in this country?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Very likely | 12% |
| Somewhat likely | 29% |
| Not very likely | 26% |
| Not likely at all | 16% |
| Not sure | 18% |

20. As a president, how do you think the following will go down in history?

| | Outstand- ing | Above average | Average | Below average | Poor | Not Sure |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|------|----------|
| Richard Nixon | 4% | 12% | 24% | 23% | 25% | 12% |
| Gerald Ford | 3% | 13% | 42% | 16% | 6% | 20% |
| Jimmy Carter | 10% | 20% | 30% | 14% | 14% | 13% |
| Ronald Reagan | 25% | 26% | 22% | 10% | 8% | 9% |
| George H.W. Bush | 6% | 18% | 41% | 16% | 9% | 9% |
| Bill Clinton | 10% | 24% | 35% | 14% | 10% | 6% |
| George W. Bush | 7% | 18% | 37% | 17% | 13% | 8% |
| Barack Obama | 22% | 22% | 21% | 14% | 17% | 4% |
| Donald Trump | 21% | 18% | 12% | 10% | 36% | 4% |
| Joe Biden | 9% | 15% | 20% | 13% | 38% | 4% |

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

| | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Very liberal | 10% |
| Liberal | 16% |
| Total Liberal | 26% |
| Moderate | 31% |
| Conservative | 21% |
| Very conservative | 12% |
| Total Conservative | 33% |
| Not sure | 9% |

22. Are you registered to vote?

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Registered | 74% |
| Not registered | 26% |

23. 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% |

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

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Democrat | 34% |
| Republican | 31% |
| Independent | 24% |
| Other | 3% |
| Not sure | 7% |

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat | 23% |
| Not very strong Democrat | 12% |
| Lean Democrat | 7% |
| Independent | 18% |
| Lean Republican | 8% |
| Not very strong Republican | 12% |
| Strong Republican | 20% |
| Not sure | 3% |
| Don't know | 0% |

26. Are you... ?

| | |
|--------|-----|
| Male | 48% |
| Female | 52% |

27. Respondent age by category

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

28. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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| White | 68% |
| Black | 13% |
| Hispanic | 12% |
| Other | 8% |

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

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|--------------|-----|
| HS or less | 35% |
| Some college | 29% |
| College grad | 22% |
| Postgrad | 13% |

30. What is your marital status?

| | |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Married | 41% |
| Separated | 2% |
| Divorced | 12% |
| Widowed | 6% |
| Never married | 33% |
| Domestic / civil partnership | 6% |

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

| | |
|-----|-----|
| Yes | 22% |
| No | 78% |

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Full-time | 33% |
| Part-time | 13% |
| Temporarily laid off | 1% |
| Unemployed | 8% |
| Retired | 23% |
| Permanently disabled | 9% |
| Homemaker | 6% |
| Student | 5% |
| Other | 1% |

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

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K | 43% |
| \$50-100K | 28% |
| \$100K or more | 21% |
| Prefer not to say | 9% |

35. How important is religion in your life?

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important | 39% |
| Somewhat important | 26% |
| Not too important | 15% |
| Not at all important | 21% |

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

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week | 11% |
| Once a week | 16% |
| Once or twice a month | 7% |
| A few times a year | 10% |
| Seldom | 22% |
| Never | 31% |
| Don't know | 3% |

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

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|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 34% |
| No | 66% |

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Several times a day | 28% |
| Once a day | 14% |
| A few times a week | 12% |
| Once a week | 3% |
| A few times a month | 6% |
| Seldom | 14% |
| Never | 19% |
| Don't know | 4% |

39. What is your present religion, if any?

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Protestant | 28% |
| Roman Catholic | 23% |
| Mormon | 1% |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox | 0% |
| Jewish | 3% |
| Muslim | 3% |
| Buddhist | 1% |
| Hindu | 0% |
| Atheist | 6% |
| Agnostic | 6% |
| Nothing in particular | 21% |
| Something else | 9% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | December 24, 2023 - January 2, 2024 |
| 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 around November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.631, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.869. |
| Number of respondents | 3087 2754 (Registered voters) |
| Margin of error | ± 2.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.1% (Registered voters) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 88 questions not reported. |