

# YouGov Survey: 2022 Election Initial Reactions



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult Citizens  
Conducted November 8 - 9, 2022  
Margin of Error ±2.7%

## 1. Did you vote in the November 2022 general election?

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	87%
No .....	13%

## 2. In the 2022 general election, how did you cast your vote?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

In person early, before election day .....	25%
In person on election day .....	43%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office .....	23%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site .....	10%

## 3. Have you ever voted by mail in any election?

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	56%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	2%

## 4. In the 2022 elections for U.S. House of Representatives, who did you vote for in the district where you live?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Democratic candidate .....	48%
Republican candidate .....	46%
Independent candidate .....	4%
Other candidate .....	1%
Did not vote for U.S. House .....	1%

## 5. When did you decide which congressional candidate you were going to vote for?

*Asked of people who voted for U.S. House in the 2022 midterms*

On the day I voted .....	8%
1-7 days before I voted .....	17%
8-14 days before I voted .....	11%
15-30 days before I voted .....	8%
More than 30 days before I voted .....	52%
Don't remember .....	4%

6. Which of the following sources of information helped you decide which congressional candidate you were going to vote for? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who voted for U.S. House in the 2022 midterms*

News coverage .....	38%
Social media .....	17%
Online searches .....	25%
Conversations with people you know .....	26%
Candidate speeches or advertisements .....	35%
Endorsements .....	13%
Their party affiliation .....	47%
Something else .....	11%
Not sure .....	6%

7. Is 2022 the first year you have ever voted in a midterm congressional election?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Yes .....	23%
No .....	74%
Not sure .....	4%

8. Overall, how would you rate your voting experience this year?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Excellent .....	44%
Good .....	42%
Fair .....	11%
Poor .....	3%

9. How long did it take you to travel to your polling place to vote?

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

Less than 5 minutes .....	33%
5-15 minutes .....	40%
16-30 minutes .....	17%
31 minutes to 1 hour .....	7%
More than 1 hour .....	2%
Don't remember .....	0%

10. How long did you wait in line at your polling place to vote?

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

There was no wait .....	34%
Less than 5 minutes .....	22%
5-15 minutes .....	19%
16-30 minutes .....	13%
31 minutes to 1 hour .....	8%
More than 1 hour .....	3%
Don't remember .....	1%

11. When you checked in at the polling place to vote, were you asked to show any form of identification other than providing your name and/or address?

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

Yes	72%
No	24%
Not sure	5%

12. Which form of identification did you show?

*Asked of people who were asked to show ID when voting in the 2022 midterms*

Driver's license or state-issued photo ID	78%
A letter, bill, or something else with my name and address on it	4%
Voter registration card	9%
Passport	2%
Military ID	3%
Gun license	2%
Other form of ID	1%
Not sure	1%

13. Did you cast your vote using...

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

A pen/pencil and paper ballot	47%
An electronic voting machine	51%
Don't remember	2%

14. Of the contests listed on your 2022 ballot, how many did you cast a vote in?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

All	57%
Most	20%
About half	6%
A few	8%
One	5%
Don't remember	4%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following regarding your experience voting in this year's election?

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
My polling place was easy to find	70%	18%	6%	4%	2%
The poll workers were helpful	58%	24%	12%	3%	3%
My ballot privacy was protected	60%	22%	11%	4%	3%
The ballot was too long	7%	16%	27%	15%	34%

**16. Did you witness any intimidation of voters at the polls this year?**

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

Yes .....	15%
No .....	81%
Not sure .....	3%

**17. Did you personally experience any intimidation at the polls this year?**

*Asked of those who voted in-person in 2022 midterms*

Yes .....	14%
No .....	86%
Not sure .....	0%

**18. When you went to vote, did you go with someone, such as a family member or friend, or did you go alone?**

*Asked of those who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms*

Alone .....	52%
With someone else .....	47%
Don't remember .....	1%

**19. When you voted this year, were you offered a sticker indicating that you voted?**

*Asked of people who voted in the 2022 midterms*

Yes .....	70%
No .....	26%
Not sure .....	3%

**20. When you voted this year, did you take a sticker indicating that you voted?**

*Asked of people who voted in-person in the 2022 midterms and were offered a sticker indicating they voted*

Yes .....	57%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	0%

**21. Did you fill out your ballot with someone else, such as a family member or friend, or did you fill it out by yourself?**

*Asked of people who voted by mail in the 2022 midterms*

By myself .....	88%
With someone else .....	11%
Don't remember .....	1%

## 22. When did you return your mail ballot?

*Asked of people who voted by mail in the 2022 midterms*

After Election Day	1%
On Election Day	9%
1-7 days before the election	33%
8-14 days before the election	25%
15-30 days before the election	23%
More than 30 days before the election	5%
I did not return my ballot	0%
Don't remember	4%

## 23. Did you return anyone else's mail ballot when you returned your own?

*Asked of people who voted by mail in the 2022 midterms*

Yes	15%
No	80%
Not sure	2%
Prefer not to say	2%

## 24. Overall, how easy or difficult was it to follow all the instructions necessary to fill out and return your ballot?

*Asked of people who voted by mail in the 2022 midterms*

Very easy	66%
Somewhat easy	25%
Somewhat difficult	6%
Very difficult	1%
Not sure	1%

## 25. How many of your friends voted in this year's election?

All	12%
Most	27%
Some	14%
A few	9%
None	4%
Not sure	33%

## 26. To what extent was the following a reason you did not vote in this year's congressional elections?

*Asked of people who did not vote in the 2022 midterms*

	A major reason	A minor reason	Not a reason
I missed the deadline to register to vote	14%	24%	61%
I'm registered to vote in another state	10%	18%	72%
I didn't know how or where to register to vote	10%	27%	63%
I didn't know how or where to vote	9%	26%	64%
I was out of town during the voting period	8%	21%	71%

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I was too busy	23%	25%	52%
Didn't have a way to get to the polls	17%	23%	59%
I would have to vote in person and don't want to	17%	22%	61%
My vote doesn't matter	22%	26%	52%
There are no competitive races where I live	11%	20%	69%
I don't like any of the candidates	24%	28%	48%
Didn't have time to research the candidates and proposals	18%	28%	55%

**27. On Election Day, do you think the media spends too much or too little time covering election results?**

Too much	31%
About the right amount	48%
Too little	7%
Not sure	14%

**28. On Election Day, how much time do you typically spend watching or listening to media coverage of the election?**

None	19%
30 minutes or less	22%
30-60 minutes	20%
1-2 hours	14%
2-4 hours	8%
More than 4 hours	9%
Not sure	9%

**29. Which voting method do you think is more trustworthy?**

Hand-counted paper ballots	21%
Electronic voting machines	26%
Both equally trustworthy	33%
Not sure	19%

**30. Would you support or oppose a law making it a felony to make online threats against an election worker?**

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	15%

31. Would you support or oppose requiring Americans who are eligible but don't vote in an election to pay a fine for not voting?

Strongly support	7%
Somewhat support	14%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	51%
Not sure	11%

32. Should election officials notify voters who made mistakes on their mail-in ballots — such as an incorrect or missing date — and allow them to fix those problems before the end of Election Day, or not?

Election officials should notify voters to fix ballot problems	54%
Election officials should NOT notify voters to fix ballot problems	24%
Not sure	22%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	November 8 - 9, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
<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 March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.404 to 3.904, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.41.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	48 questions not reported.