

YouGov Survey: Dire Political Scenarios



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted September 1 - 4, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

1. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	52%
No change	26%
Make gun laws less strict	14%
Not sure	9%

2. Do you personally know anyone who is a member of a militia group? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	1%
Yes, a family member	3%
Yes, a friend	3%
Yes, an acquaintance	4%
No	80%
Not sure	7%
Prefer not to say	2%

3. How concerned are you about the following in the U.S.?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Not sure
Right-wing extremism	39%	19%	14%	15%	14%
Left-wing extremism	34%	19%	18%	16%	13%
Christian extremism	31%	18%	17%	22%	11%
Muslim extremism	29%	27%	22%	12%	10%
White-supremacist extremism	43%	19%	15%	15%	8%
Racial-minority extremism	28%	26%	21%	14%	11%

4. How likely do you think it is that the following will occur in the U.S. in the next 10 years?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Not sure	Prefer not to say
There will be a civil war	13%	24%	24%	16%	19%	3%
The U.S. will no longer be a democracy	13%	25%	21%	18%	19%	3%
The U.S. will become a fascist dictatorship	8%	23%	23%	20%	22%	4%
The U.S. will become a communist dictatorship	7%	14%	22%	36%	18%	3%
The U.S. will no longer be a global superpower	20%	30%	20%	12%	16%	3%

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There will be a civil war between red and blue states	9%	23%	27%	17%	22%	2%
There will be a civil war between people who are Republicans and Democrats	14%	26%	27%	13%	18%	2%
There will be a civil war between people of different races	9%	19%	28%	25%	16%	2%
There will be a civil war between the rich and poor	11%	19%	29%	23%	16%	3%
There will be a civil war between people living in cities and people in rural areas	8%	13%	33%	26%	18%	2%
There will be a total economic collapse	20%	27%	23%	12%	18%	1%
There will be a total breakdown of law and order	14%	23%	30%	16%	16%	2%
The U.S. will be invaded by a foreign country	12%	19%	24%	24%	18%	4%
States will secede from the U.S.	10%	18%	25%	23%	20%	2%
The federal government will confiscate citizens' firearms	13%	15%	25%	27%	16%	3%

5. How likely do you think it is that the following will occur in the U.S. in the next 50 years?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not very likely	Not likely at all	Not sure	Prefer not to say
There will be a civil war	16%	26%	21%	16%	20%	2%
The U.S. will no longer be a democracy	18%	24%	19%	16%	21%	2%
The U.S. will become a fascist dictatorship	11%	21%	20%	23%	24%	2%
The U.S. will become a communist dictatorship	10%	12%	20%	38%	18%	2%
The U.S. will no longer be a global superpower	22%	28%	18%	11%	19%	2%

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There will be a civil war between the rich and poor	11%	20%	30%	21%	17%	2%
There will be a civil war between people living in cities and people in rural areas	9%	12%	31%	26%	19%	3%
There will be a total economic collapse	19%	28%	24%	10%	16%	2%
There will be a total breakdown of law and order	19%	25%	24%	15%	17%	2%
The U.S. will be invaded by a foreign country	11%	19%	27%	22%	19%	2%
States will secede from the U.S.	14%	18%	25%	21%	20%	2%
The federal government will confiscate citizens' firearms	14%	18%	26%	22%	18%	2%

6. If there were a civil war in this country within the next 10 years, do you think that would overall be...?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

A good thing	6%
Neither good nor bad	8%
A bad thing	69%
Not sure	14%
Prefer not to say	4%

7. If there were a civil war in this country within the next 50 years, do you think that would overall be...?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

A good thing	5%
Neither good nor bad	10%
A bad thing	66%
Not sure	16%
Prefer not to say	2%

8. If there were a civil war in this country within the next 10 years, how similar to or different from the first civil war that occurred in the 1860s do you think it would be?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

Very similar	7%
Somewhat similar	10%
Somewhat different	20%
Very different	47%
Not sure	17%

9. If there were a civil war in this country within the next 50 years, how similar to or different from the first civil war that occurred in the 1860s do you think it would be?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

Very similar	4%
Somewhat similar	12%
Somewhat different	14%
Very different	53%
Not sure	16%

10. If a large number of citizens were to take up arms against the government, how likely do you think it is that law enforcement and the military would be able to defeat them?

Very likely	31%
Somewhat likely	21%
Not very likely	18%
Not likely at all	8%
Not sure	22%

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Interviewing Dates	September 1 - 4, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 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, geographic region, and voter registration) 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, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.214 to 6.519, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.56.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	51 questions not reported.