

The Economist/YouGov Poll
February 11 - 14, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 11 - 14, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	22%
Excellent / Good	28%
Fair	28%
Poor	41%
Fair / Poor	69%
Don't know	3%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	55%
Both equal	33%
Not sure	5%

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

Growing	21%
Staying about the same	27%
Shrinking	39%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	53%
No	24%
Not sure	23%

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

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	11%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	11%
Not asked - Already in a recession	53%

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

Higher gas prices	49%
The same gas prices	25%
Lower gas prices	12%
Not sure	13%

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

A higher rate of inflation	43%
The same rate of inflation	28%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	14%

9. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	51%
A little	43%
Not at all	5%

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

Higher interest rates	52%
The same interest rates	22%
Lower interest rates	7%
Not sure	19%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	39%
Fewer jobs	28%
Not sure	14%

12. Do you think the United States has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance when people in other countries need help, or don't you think the U.S. has that responsibility?

U.S. has a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	47%
U.S. does not have a special responsibility to provide humanitarian assistance	41%
Not sure	12%

13. How much have you heard in the news recently about a high-altitude surveillance balloon that belongs to China flying over the U.S.?

A lot	55%
A little	35%
Nothing at all	10%

14. The U.S. government shot down the surveillance balloon. Was this the right or wrong decision?

Right decision	79%
Wrong decision	7%
Not sure	14%

15. The U.S. government waited to shoot down the surveillance balloon until it was over water, saying it was in order to prevent injury to people on the ground. Was this the right or wrong decision?

Right decision	55%
Wrong decision	31%
Not sure	14%

16. 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%	7%	27%	54%	9%
Ukraine	27%	47%	7%	5%	14%
China	4%	10%	31%	43%	12%
Turkey	10%	29%	23%	6%	32%
Syria	4%	10%	32%	26%	28%
Moldova	6%	19%	8%	3%	64%

17. In your opinion, is the following country a democracy?

	Yes	No	Not sure
The United States	70%	15%	15%
The United Kingdom	59%	16%	24%
Turkey	19%	38%	44%
Hungary	26%	24%	50%
Russia	11%	69%	20%
China	12%	69%	19%
Taiwan	39%	20%	40%
Saudi Arabia	10%	60%	30%
Philippines	33%	23%	44%
Iran	7%	67%	25%
Mexico	38%	28%	34%
Brazil	34%	23%	42%
Venezuela	13%	48%	38%
Egypt	20%	36%	44%
Moldova	16%	19%	66%
India	33%	25%	41%
Ukraine	48%	22%	30%
Syria	8%	56%	35%

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

Russia	20%
Ukraine	23%
Neither	39%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	26%
Ukraine	27%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	32%

20. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	25%
No	56%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	29%
No	60%
Not sure	11%

22. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	41%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	45%
Not sure	14%

23. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	22%
Out of control	63%
Not sure	15%

24. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

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

25. 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
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	14%	18%	32%	11%	32%	43%	25%
Kyrsten Sinema	7%	14%	21%	17%	16%	33%	46%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	21%	15%	36%	10%	25%	35%	29%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	11%	16%	28%	10%	30%	40%	32%
Mitt Romney	10%	23%	34%	23%	23%	45%	21%
George Santos	6%	11%	17%	12%	40%	52%	31%
Ron DeSantis	25%	16%	41%	9%	26%	35%	24%
Nikki Haley	15%	20%	34%	13%	15%	28%	38%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
LeBron James	18%	29%	13%	19%	20%
Kareem Abdul-Jabbar	24%	31%	9%	6%	30%

27. Do you think the COVID-19 pandemic is a national emergency?

Yes	46%
No	43%
Not sure	11%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	11%

29. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not too worried	33%
Not worried at all	28%

30. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes, me	34%
Yes, a family member	56%
Yes, a close friend	46%
No	15%
Prefer not to say	4%

31. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Pfizer-BioNtech vaccine is?

Very safe	31%
Somewhat safe	22%
Somewhat unsafe	12%
Very unsafe	15%
Don't know	19%

32. How safe, or unsafe, do you think the Moderna vaccine is?

Very safe	31%
Somewhat safe	23%
Somewhat unsafe	12%
Very unsafe	15%
Don't know	19%

33. Which of these best describes your situation with respect to getting vaccinated against COVID-19?

I have been vaccinated with one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine but am not fully vaccinated	6%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) but HAVE NOT received a booster shot	20%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) AND have received at least one booster shot	49%
I have not been vaccinated	19%
Prefer not to say	6%

34. President Biden gave the annual State of the Union speech last week. Did you watch the speech?

I watched the entire speech	15%
I watched part of it	15%
I watched clips or highlights of the speech	18%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the speech	21%
I haven't heard anything about it	31%

35. What was your overall reaction to President Biden's State of the Union speech?

Very positive	18%
Somewhat positive	17%
Somewhat negative	11%
Very negative	24%
Not sure	31%

36. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for someone who disagrees with what a president is saying during a State of the Union speech to interrupt?

Appropriate	22%
Inappropriate	60%
Not sure	18%

37. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Georgia congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene interrupting the State of the Union speech to call president Joe Biden a 'liar'?

A lot	26%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	36%

38. Do you support or oppose Georgia congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene interrupting President Biden's State of the Union speech by calling him a 'liar'?

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	17%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	41%
Not sure	13%

39. Do you think Congressional Democrats want to cut Social Security and Medicare?

Yes	25%
No	49%
Not sure	26%

40. Do you think Congressional Republicans want to cut Social Security and Medicare?

Yes	41%
No	35%
Not sure	24%

41. Would you support or oppose Congress cutting Social Security and Medicare?

Strongly support	5%
Somewhat support	7%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	65%
Not sure	9%

42. Would you support or oppose the following policy measure?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Setting a \$35 monthly cap on the price of insulin	52%	17%	10%	4%	16%

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The Junk Fee Prevention Act, which aims to prevent companies from overcharging consumers with hidden surcharges and fees	60%	18%	6%	4%	12%
Requiring the federal government and federal contractors to buy products made in the U.S. over foreign products	44%	29%	9%	4%	14%
Imposing stricter limits on the amount of personal data collected by tech companies	61%	20%	6%	3%	9%
Requiring that corporations earning over \$1 billion pay a 15% minimum tax on their profits	47%	18%	9%	9%	17%

43. Do you generally buy products made in the U.S. over foreign products?

Yes	57%
No	21%
Not sure	22%

44. Do you think products made in the U.S. are usually...

More expensive than foreign products	55%
About the same price as foreign products	23%
Cheaper than foreign products	9%
Not sure	12%

45. Do you generally buy products made in the U.S. over foreign products if the U.S.-made product is more expensive?

Yes	44%
No	29%
Not sure	28%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	55%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	26%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%
Not sure	10%

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

Yes, I have	51%
No, I have not	26%
Not sure	14%
The climate is not changing	9%

48. 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	16%
Not sure	15%
I have already felt the effect of climate change	51%
The climate is not changing	9%

49. Compared to previous winters, have temperatures in your local area been warmer or colder than usual this winter?

Much warmer than usual	17%
Somewhat warmer than usual	23%
About the same as usual	27%
Somewhat colder than usual	16%
Much colder than usual	10%
Not sure	8%

50. Do you think this year's unusually warm winter 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 winter has been warmer locally than usual

Result of climate change	65%
Just happen from time to time	21%
Not sure	9%
The climate is not changing	5%

51. Do you think this year's unusually cold winter 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 winter has been colder locally than usual

Result of climate change	51%
Just happen from time to time	34%
Not sure	9%
The climate is not changing	5%

52. In your opinion, do you think the Supreme Court of the United States is... ?

Too political	45%
About right	30%
Not political enough	6%
Not sure	19%

53. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	67%	26%	5%	2%
Immigration	48%	33%	15%	4%

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Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	44%	12%	5%
National Security	63%	27%	6%	3%
Education	60%	31%	6%	3%
Health care	68%	23%	5%	3%
Taxes and government spending	62%	29%	6%	3%
Abortion	47%	27%	15%	12%
Civil rights	54%	31%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	10%	3%
Guns	56%	28%	8%	8%
Crime	61%	29%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	47%	35%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	71%	22%	5%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Health care	15%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Immigration	8%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Guns	5%
Civil rights	5%
Education	5%
Abortion	5%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

55. Which would you say is a more important issue for you?

The conflict in Ukraine	13%
Mississippi	87%

56. 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	21%	23%	44%	12%	39%	51%	5%
Kamala Harris	16%	24%	40%	12%	38%	50%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	12%	22%	33%	15%	26%	41%	26%
Mitch McConnell	6%	18%	25%	22%	35%	56%	19%
Chuck Schumer	12%	21%	33%	12%	31%	43%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	28%	10%	18%	28%	44%
Donald Trump	22%	18%	40%	10%	44%	55%	5%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	19%	24%	44%	14%	34%	49%	7%
The Republican Party	13%	26%	39%	19%	34%	53%	8%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	7%

59. 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	21%	21%	42%	16%	31%	47%	11%
Climate change and the environment	18%	21%	39%	14%	28%	42%	19%
Foreign policy	20%	21%	41%	14%	30%	44%	15%
National Security	20%	22%	43%	12%	32%	43%	14%
Education	15%	24%	40%	15%	26%	41%	19%
Health care	19%	25%	44%	17%	24%	41%	15%
Inflation/prices	14%	21%	35%	14%	40%	54%	11%

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

Very strong	17%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	37%

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

Optimistic	36%
Pessimistic	44%
Not sure	20%

62. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	19%	22%	41%	17%	32%	49%	10%
Republicans in Congress	12%	26%	38%	20%	32%	52%	10%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	28%

66. 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	19%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	24%

67. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	44%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	19%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	20%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	51%
Not sure	9%

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

Higher	20%
About the same	25%
Lower	25%
Not sure	30%

72. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	6%

73. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	58%

74. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	25%
Happy	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy	23%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%

76. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs ...

Most of the time	42%
Some of the time	26%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	6%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	65%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	35%

78. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	41%
No	43%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	11%

80. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

81. 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%

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

Democrats	33%
Independents	37%
Republicans	30%

83. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	5%
Don't know	0%

84. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

85. Respondent age by category

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

86. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

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

88. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

92. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	20%
Never	30%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	37%
No	63%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	6%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	12%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

96. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	9%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 11 - 14, 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 June 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (34% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.519, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.815.
Number of respondents	1500 1319 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	52 questions not reported.