

The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 19 - 22, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted August 19 - 22, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	11%

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
Lionel Messi	15%	20%	3%	3%	59%
David Beckham	13%	35%	7%	4%	42%
Cristiano Ronaldo	12%	18%	7%	4%	58%
Kylian Mbappé	7%	9%	3%	4%	77%

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
Hunter Biden	4%	13%	23%	43%	17%
Fani Willis	12%	10%	6%	12%	60%
Jack Smith	15%	11%	6%	14%	53%
Alvin Bragg	8%	12%	6%	16%	59%
John Eastman	2%	6%	7%	18%	66%
Brad Raffensperger	5%	14%	8%	8%	65%
Tucker Carlson	17%	16%	8%	32%	27%
Rudy Giuliani	10%	18%	14%	37%	22%
Mark Meadows	5%	11%	10%	23%	51%
Brian Kemp	4%	15%	13%	12%	57%
Ron DeSantis	13%	19%	12%	37%	20%
Donald Trump	22%	17%	9%	47%	4%

4. 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	21%	21%	13%	42%	3%
Kamala Harris	18%	21%	12%	40%	9%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	72%	24%	2%	1%
Immigration	48%	35%	13%	3%
Climate change and the environment	50%	22%	15%	13%
Foreign policy	43%	41%	13%	3%
National Security	67%	26%	6%	1%
Education	65%	27%	6%	2%
Health care	71%	23%	4%	1%
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	5%	1%
Abortion	49%	29%	13%	9%
Civil rights	60%	28%	9%	3%
Civil liberties	57%	32%	9%	3%
Guns	54%	28%	13%	5%
Crime	64%	29%	5%	2%
Criminal justice reform	46%	38%	12%	4%
Inflation/prices	75%	21%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Health care	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Abortion	7%
Civil rights	6%
National Security	6%
Guns	5%
Immigration	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	5%

8. 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	20%	20%	40%	15%	37%	51%	9%
Immigration	9%	21%	31%	17%	41%	58%	12%
Foreign policy	18%	20%	38%	13%	36%	49%	13%
National Security	19%	21%	41%	13%	34%	47%	12%
Education	16%	24%	40%	13%	32%	45%	15%
Crime	10%	23%	33%	14%	38%	52%	16%
Criminal justice reform	10%	21%	32%	17%	33%	49%	19%
Inflation/prices	14%	20%	33%	12%	48%	59%	7%

9. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	14%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	44%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%

12. 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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	2%

13. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	29%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	28%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	24%

16. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	42%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	18%

18. How important are primary debates in making up your mind about who your party's presidential nominee should be?

Very important	23%
Somewhat important	35%
Not very important	17%
Not at all important	12%
Not sure	13%

19. The first Republican presidential primary debate will take place on August 23 in Milwaukee. Do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will	11%
Probably will	27%
Probably not	21%
Definitely not	26%
Not sure	14%

20. Donald Trump has said he would not sign a loyalty pledge to support the eventual Republican presidential nominee. Do you think...?

Donald Trump should be allowed to participate in the Republican primary debate, even if he doesn't sign a loyalty pledge	53%
Donald Trump should not be allowed to participate in the Republican primary debate if he doesn't sign a loyalty pledge	47%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	22%
Excellent / Good	27%
Fair	25%
Poor	47%
Fair / Poor	71%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	3%

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

Full-time	34%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	8%
Student	4%
Other	1%

25. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	4%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	92%

26. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	9%
Part-time job	33%
No job outside of school	58%

27. How would you describe the current state of the economy in... ?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
The United Kingdom	8%	26%	26%	10%	30%
China	8%	21%	24%	16%	31%
Russia	4%	9%	19%	37%	32%
Ukraine	2%	5%	14%	53%	27%

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

Russia	15%
Ukraine	21%
Neither	41%
Not sure	23%

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

Russia	21%
Ukraine	30%
Equally likely	14%
Not sure	36%

30. Do you favor the U.S. increased, decreased, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	27%
Not sure	17%

31. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

All of them	2%
Most of them	14%
About half of them	25%
A few of them	29%
None of them	4%
Not sure	27%

32. How much have you heard about Ukraine's spring offensive?

A lot	12%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	47%

33. How successful do you think Ukraine’s spring offensive has been?

Very successful	2%
Somewhat successful	29%
Not very successful	14%
Not successful at all	5%
Not sure	51%

34. How many Ukrainian people do you think support the Ukrainian offensive in response to Russia’s invasion?

All of them	17%
Most of them	40%
About half of them	10%
A few of them	5%
None of them	3%
Not sure	26%

35. Do you think the United States should seek a closer or more distant relationship with China?

Closer	27%
More distant	30%
No change	18%
Not sure	25%

36. How serious of an economic threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	28%
A somewhat serious threat	41%
A minor threat	15%
Not a threat	3%
Not sure	13%

37. How serious of a military threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	23%
A somewhat serious threat	42%
A minor threat	16%
Not a threat	5%
Not sure	14%

38. How serious of a technological threat do you think China poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat	35%
A somewhat serious threat	38%
A minor threat	11%
Not a threat	2%
Not sure	14%

39. President Joe Biden recently signed an executive order to ban new American investment in high-tech Chinese industries that could be used to enhance China’s military capabilities. Do you approve or disapprove of this ban?

Strongly approve	40%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	4%
Not sure	21%

40. How much confidence do you have that the 2020 presidential election was held fairly in Georgia?

A great deal	32%
Quite a bit	10%
A moderate amount	11%
Only a little	12%
None at all	21%
Not sure	14%

41. Was Donald Trump involved in an attempt to overturn the results of the 2020 election in Georgia?

Yes	49%
No	27%
Not sure	25%

42. Do you think Donald Trump attempted to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia and committed a crime by doing so?

Yes	47%
No	33%
Not sure	20%

43. Donald Trump was recently charged with 13 criminal counts, including racketeering, for attempting to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in Georgia. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to charge Donald Trump with these alleged crimes?

Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	9%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	12%

44. Do you think Donald Trump can get a fair trial in Atlanta, Georgia?

Yes	39%
No	36%
Not sure	24%

45. In your opinion, how often do children of U.S. presidents get away with things that other people do not because of their parents' job?

Always	37%
Sometimes	47%
Rarely	6%
Never	1%
Not sure	9%

46. In your opinion, how often do adult children of U.S. presidents personally profit from their parents' positions in government?

Always	41%
Sometimes	44%
Rarely	4%
Never	1%
Not sure	10%

47. How much have you heard in the news recently about investigations into Hunter Biden?

A lot	37%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	16%

48. Has the Justice Department investigation into Hunter Biden been fair or unfair?

Fair	38%
Unfair	22%
Not sure	40%

49. Do you think that Hunter Biden has personally profited from his father Joe Biden's positions in government?

Yes	72%
No	6%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	11%

51. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

52. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	30%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

54. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

55. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

56. Respondent age by category

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

57. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

59. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	7%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

63. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	20%
Never	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

66. 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	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

67. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	32%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 19 - 22, 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 0.072 to 5.442, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.759.
Number of respondents	1500 1309 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	36 questions not reported.