The Economist/YouGov Poll
April 22 - 25, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   April 22 - 25, 2023
Margin of Error   ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	8%
Good	25%
Excellent / Good	**32%**
Fair	27%
Poor	38%
Fair / Poor	**65%**
Don't know	3%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Hunter Biden	10%	20%	**30%**	16%	34%	**50%**	21%
Merrick Garland	13%	21%	**34%**	11%	21%	**32%**	34%
Mike Lindell	18%	21%	**38%**	13%	21%	**34%**	28%
Rupert Murdoch	10%	20%	**30%**	16%	24%	**41%**	29%
Elon Musk	22%	30%	**52%**	17%	20%	**37%**	12%

4. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	11%	28%	50%	8%
Ukraine	29%	41%	12%	6%	13%
China	5%	12%	34%	38%	11%
Mexico	15%	41%	23%	6%	15%

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

Russia	26%
Ukraine	22%
Neither	32%
Not sure	19%

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

Russia 28%
Ukraine 26%
Equally likely 19%
Not sure 27%

7. How much attention have you been paying to debates around the debt ceiling?

A lot 21%
A little 50%
Not at all 29%

8. As you may know, the limit on the country's overall liabilities, including the federal deficit and other government debts, is called the debt ceiling. In order for the U.S. Treasury to incur debt above the ceiling, Congress needs to vote to raise the ceiling, which it has done regularly in the past. Congress is currently considering whether to raise the debt ceiling, since the current limit has been reached. What is your opinion?

Congress should raise the debt ceiling 39%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling 37%
Not sure 24%

9. If the debt ceiling is not raised and the U.S. defaults on its debts, would you consider that...

A crisis 27%
A major problem but not a crisis 41%
A minor problem 14%
Not a problem 5%
Not sure 13%

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

Yes 30%
No 55%
Not sure 15%

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

Yes 34%
No 53%
Not sure 13%

12. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. 44%
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. 43%
Not sure 13%

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13. 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	31%
Sometimes	45%
Rarely	11%
Never	1%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	32%
A little	49%
Nothing at all	19%

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

Fair	36%
Unfair	26%
Not sure	38%

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16. How much have you heard about a recent settlement between Fox News and Dominion Voting Systems?

A lot	32%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	25%

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17. Dominion Voting Systems argued that Fox News knowingly spread false claims on its channels, which severely damaged Dominion's reputation. Do you think that Fox News knowingly broadcast false claims about Dominion Voting Systems?

Yes	46%
No	27%
Not sure	27%

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18. In the past month, do you think the number of shootings in the U.S. has...?

Increased	61%
Decreased	8%
Stayed the same	24%
Not sure	7%

19. Imagine you were in the following situation. Would you personally feel threatened if an unknown person unexpectedly. . . ?

	Yes, I would feel threatened	No, I would not feel threatened	Not sure
Opened the door of a car in which you were sitting	66%	18%	16%
Knocked on the door to your home	23%	59%	18%
Pulled into the driveway of your home while turning around	23%	66%	12%

20. Imagine you were in the following situation. Do you think it would be justified for you to shoot an unknown person who unexpectedly did the following?

	Yes, it is justified	No, it is not justified	Not sure
Opened the door of a car in which you were sitting	33%	42%	26%
Knocked on the door to your home	17%	70%	13%
Pulled into the driveway of your home while turning around	18%	71%	11%

21. Do you know anyone who has been addicted to opioids, which are powerful and addictive pain-relief drugs? Select all that apply.

Yes, me 4%
Yes, a family member 18%
Yes, a friend 18%
Yes, an acquaintance 18%
No 51%
Prefer not to say 4%

22. How much, if anything, have you heard about an opioid called fentanyl?

A lot 49%
A little 38%
Nothing at all 13%

23. How serious of a problem is fentanyl in the United States?

Very serious 57%
Somewhat serious 27%
Not very serious 8%
Not serious at all 1%
Not sure 8%

24. Should the government be doing more or less to address the illegal distribution of fentanyl in the U.S.?

Much more … 49%
Somewhat more … 23%
About the same amount … 14%
Somewhat less … 5%
Much less … 2%
Not sure … 7%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling the issue of fentanyl in the U.S.?

Strongly approve … 11%
Somewhat approve … 25%
Somewhat disapprove … 14%
Strongly disapprove … 30%
No opinion … 21%

26. How much, if at all, do you blame the following for the problem of fentanyl in the U.S.?

	Blame a lot	Blame a little	Don't blame at all	Not sure
Pharmaceutical companies that market and sell fentanyl	40%	31%	15%	13%
Doctors who prescribe fentanyl	32%	34%	20%	14%
Drug dealers who illegally sell fentanyl	74%	16%	4%	7%
People addicted to opioids	36%	36%	16%	13%
The U.S. federal government	38%	35%	13%	14%
China	43%	18%	14%	25%
Mexico	43%	26%	12%	19%

27. Some cities have safe injection sites, where people can receive clean needles and inject illegal drugs under the supervision of a medical professional. Do you support or oppose having a safe injection site in your local area?

Strongly support … 18%
Somewhat support … 21%
Somewhat oppose … 13%
Strongly oppose … 37%
Not sure … 11%

28. How much have you heard about Naloxone (also known as Narcan), a nasal spray that can treat narcotic overdose in an emergency situation?

A lot … 35%
A little … 44%
Nothing at all … 22%

29. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved Naloxone (also known as Narcan) for over-the-counter treatment. Do you support or oppose Naloxone being offered over-the-counter?

Strongly support 36%
Somewhat support 30%
Somewhat oppose 11%
Strongly oppose 8%
Not sure 15%

30. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to the moon in the future?

Favor 64%
Oppose 16%
Not sure 20%

31. Would you favor or oppose the United States sending astronauts to Mars?

Favor 57%
Oppose 19%
Not sure 24%

32. How likely do you think it is that NASA will get people onto Mars by its goal of 2040?

Very likely 19%
Somewhat likely 37%
Not very likely 19%
Not at all likely 9%
Not sure 16%

33. How likely do you think it is that in 50 years, at least some people will be living in space permanently — either on another planet such as Mars or on the moon?

Very likely 12%
Somewhat likely 31%
Not very likely 25%
Not at all likely 15%
Not sure 17%

34. Do you think that space exploration should primarily be the responsibility of national governments (such as NASA) or private companies?

National governments 23%
Private companies 11%
Both equally 48%
Neither 5%
Not sure 14%

35. How much, if anything, have you heard about SpaceX's Starship rocket exploding minutes after lifting off?

A lot 29%
A little 50%
Nothing at all 21%

36. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimpor- tant
Jobs and the economy	68%	25%	6%	2%
Immigration	50%	31%	13%	6%
Climate change and the environment	44%	27%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	10%	4%
National Security	68%	24%	6%	2%
Education	64%	25%	8%	3%
Health care	67%	24%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	59%	31%	7%	2%
Abortion	46%	29%	16%	9%
Civil rights	55%	29%	10%	5%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	9%	5%
Guns	55%	27%	11%	7%
Crime	65%	27%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	50%	33%	12%	5%
Inflation/prices	71%	23%	5%	1%

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

Inflation/prices 16%
Jobs and the economy 12%
Health care 11%
Climate change and the environment 9%
National Security 8%
Guns 7%
Immigration 6%
Civil rights 6%
Taxes and government spending 5%
Education 5%
Abortion 5%
Crime 4%
Civil liberties 3%
Foreign policy 2%
Criminal justice reform 1%

38. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
Joe Biden	23%	23%	**46%**	12%	38%	**50%**	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	26%	**43%**	14%	36%	**49%**	8%
Kevin McCarthy	13%	27%	**40%**	17%	22%	**39%**	21%
Mitch McConnell	9%	20%	**29%**	23%	33%	**56%**	15%
Chuck Schumer	15%	22%	**37%**	14%	30%	**44%**	19%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	18%	**32%**	14%	18%	**32%**	36%
Donald Trump	25%	22%	**47%**	13%	36%	**49%**	4%

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

	Very favorable	Some- what favorable	Favorable	Some- what unfavor- able	Very unfa- vorable	Unfavor- able	Don't know
The Democratic Party	21%	24%	**45%**	15%	33%	**49%**	7%
The Republican Party	17%	26%	**43%**	21%	28%	**50%**	7%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	**47%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	**48%**
Not sure	6%

41. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	20%
Some	24%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	34%
Not sure	6%

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

Strongly approve 7%
Somewhat approve 19%
Neither approve nor disapprove 19%
Somewhat disapprove 23%
Strongly disapprove 25%
Not sure 8%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	18%	26%	**45%**	17%	32%	**48%**	7%
Republicans in Congress	13%	28%	**41%**	21%	29%	**50%**	9%

44. 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 30%
Somewhat disapprove 15%
Strongly disapprove 20%
Not sure 21%

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

Strongly approve 15%
Somewhat approve 25%
Somewhat disapprove 14%
Strongly disapprove 27%
Not sure 19%

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

Strongly approve 9%
Somewhat approve 22%
Somewhat disapprove 23%
Strongly disapprove 28%
Not sure 18%

47. 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 15%
Somewhat approve 20%
Somewhat disapprove 13%
Strongly disapprove 18%
Not sure 33%

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

Strongly approve 14%
Somewhat approve 34%
Somewhat disapprove 17%
Strongly disapprove 21%
Not sure 14%

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

Very liberal 5%
Liberal 10%
Moderate 34%
Conservative 18%
Very conservative 18%
Not sure 15%

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

Getting better 18%
About the same 28%
Getting worse 48%
Not sure 6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago 17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago 40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago 37%
Not sure 6%

52. How worried are you about losing your job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very worried 13%
Somewhat worried 32%
Not very worried 55%

53. 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?
Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. 22%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. 43%
Not very hard 28%
Not sure 8%

54. How happy would you say you are with your current job?
Asked of those currently employed

Very happy 28%
Happy 40%
Neither happy nor unhappy 25%
Unhappy 6%
Very unhappy 1%

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

Very liberal 11%
Liberal 14%
Moderate 34%
Conservative 22%
Very conservative 11%
Not sure 8%

56. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 73%
Not registered 27%

57. 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%

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

Democrats 34%
Independents 36%
Republicans 31%

59. Political Party Identification
Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	5%
Don't know	0%

60. Are you. . . ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

61. Respondent age by category

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

62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

64. What is your marital status?

Married	50%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	4%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

66. In what region of the country do you reside?
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	40%
$50-100K	27%
$100K or more	23%
Prefer not to say	11%

68. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	18%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	20%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	19%
Never	27%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

71. 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	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	6%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	16%
Don't know	3%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	26%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 22 - 25, 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 0.063 to 6, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.717.
Number of respondents	1500 1295 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.