

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 1 - 4, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 1 - 4, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	11%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	19%
Excellent / Good	26%
Fair	28%
Poor	43%
Fair / Poor	72%
Don't know	3%

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

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	52%
Both equal	38%
Not sure	4%

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

Growing	21%
Staying about the same	24%
Shrinking	44%
Not sure	11%

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

Yes	57%
No	26%
Not sure	18%

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	15%
Not very likely	11%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	10%
Not asked - Already in a recession	57%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	35%
Fewer jobs	33%
Not sure	14%

8. Which is more important?

The right of people to own guns	15%
Protecting people from gun violence	40%
Both are equally important	42%
Not sure	3%

9. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a mass shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee in which six people were fatally shot?

A lot	53%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	8%

10. Do you think that stricter gun laws would or would not have prevented the recent mass shooting?

Would have	42%
Would not have	42%
Not sure	16%

11. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor strongly	Favor somewhat	Oppose somewhat	Oppose strongly	Not sure
Preventing people with a history of mental illness from owning guns	59%	23%	8%	4%	6%
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	62%	20%	7%	7%	4%
Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people who are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others	51%	23%	10%	9%	6%
Banning assault rifles	46%	17%	11%	20%	7%

12. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
'When babies die at a church school, it is time for us to move beyond thoughts and prayers'	46%	24%	10%	10%	9%
'I think the things that have already been done have gone about as far as we're going to with gun control.'	18%	26%	19%	22%	15%
'Congress has to act. The majority of the American people think having assault weapons is bizarre, a crazy idea. They're against that.'	35%	21%	12%	19%	13%
'Criminals are going to be criminals. . . if somebody wants to take you out and doesn't mind losing their life, there's not a whole heck of a lot you can do about it.'	35%	30%	14%	15%	6%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Ron DeSantis	22%	20%	41%	13%	26%	39%	20%
Nikki Haley	11%	21%	33%	16%	18%	34%	33%
Mike Pence	11%	26%	37%	22%	26%	48%	15%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
George Soros	7%	17%	9%	30%	37%
Alvin Bragg	11%	17%	8%	20%	43%
Stormy Daniels	10%	23%	17%	26%	25%
Michael Cohen	8%	20%	15%	23%	34%

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

Yes	26%
No	56%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes 32%
 No 55%
 Not sure 13%

17. If you had to choose, who would you rather see as the Republican nominee for president in 2024?

Donald Trump 30%
 Ron DeSantis 25%
 Someone else 18%
 Not sure 27%

18. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Joe Biden 38%
 Donald Trump 40%
 Other 6%
 Not sure 5%
 I would not vote 11%

19. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden was the Democrat and Donald Trump was the Republican?

Joe Biden 40%
 Donald Trump 40%
 Not sure 19%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	6%	26%	57%	9%
Ukraine	32%	42%	7%	5%	14%
China	4%	11%	32%	43%	10%
Finland	31%	41%	5%	2%	22%
Sweden	33%	43%	4%	2%	19%
Turkey	10%	31%	24%	5%	31%

21. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

Very favorable 25%
 Somewhat favorable 31%
 Somewhat unfavorable 13%
 Very unfavorable 8%
 Don't know 24%

22. Do you think it would be a good idea or a bad idea to support allowing the following country to join NATO?

	Good idea	Bad idea	Not sure
Ukraine	52%	19%	29%
Sweden	63%	9%	28%
Finland	63%	9%	28%

23. An attack on one NATO member is considered to be an attack on any other, so the U.S. — as a NATO member — is obligated to come to the defense of any NATO member that has been attacked. Do you think the U.S. should or should not maintain this commitment to defend its NATO allies when they are attacked?

Should maintain commitment	67%
Should not maintain commitment	13%
Not sure	20%

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

Russia	21%
Ukraine	25%
Neither	38%
Not sure	16%

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

Russia	26%
Ukraine	29%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	30%

26. Do you think it is or is not a crime for a candidate for elected office to pay someone to remain silent about an issue that may affect the outcome of an election?

Is a crime	62%
Is not a crime	19%
Not sure	18%

27. Do you think it is or is not a crime for a candidate to fail to report spending campaign money on payments to keep someone silent about an issue that may affect the outcome of an election?

Is a crime	69%
Is not a crime	13%
Not sure	17%

28. As you may know, Donald Trump has been indicted by a grand jury in New York. Do you agree or disagree with the grand jury's decision to indict Donald Trump?

Strongly agree	35%
Somewhat agree	15%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	26%
Not sure	14%

29. Do you think Donald Trump did or did not falsify business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Did	47%
Did not	25%
Not sure	27%

30. Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime by falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Asked of those who think Trump did falsify business records to conceal hush money payments

Yes	93%
No	4%
Not sure	3%

31. How serious a crime do you think Donald Trump committed by falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Asked of those who think Trump committed a crime by falsifying business records to conceal hush money payments

Very serious	55%
Somewhat serious	38%
Not serious	7%
Not sure	1%

32. Do you think a New York indictment would be more the result of a witch hunt or a legitimate investigation?

Legitimate investigation	45%
Witch hunt	40%
Not sure	15%

33. Do you think Donald Trump can get a fair trial in New York?

Yes	39%
No	40%
Not sure	21%

34. How likely or unlikely you think it is that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in this case?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	26%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	15%
Not sure	20%

35. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	26%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	32%	14%	4%
Climate change and the environment	46%	25%	14%	15%
Foreign policy	42%	44%	10%	3%
National Security	70%	24%	5%	2%
Education	63%	28%	7%	2%
Health care	67%	25%	6%	1%
Taxes and government spending	61%	31%	7%	1%
Abortion	45%	28%	17%	10%
Civil rights	56%	28%	11%	5%
Civil liberties	57%	32%	8%	4%
Guns	60%	24%	10%	5%
Crime	66%	26%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	50%	34%	11%	5%
Inflation/prices	76%	20%	3%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	9%
Immigration	6%
Guns	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	5%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	5%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

37. 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	22%	23%	45%	11%	38%	49%	6%
Kamala Harris	15%	25%	41%	11%	37%	49%	11%
Kevin McCarthy	10%	24%	34%	16%	24%	39%	26%
Mitch McConnell	5%	22%	28%	20%	32%	52%	21%
Chuck Schumer	13%	23%	35%	12%	29%	41%	23%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	16%	29%	10%	19%	28%	42%
Donald Trump	23%	21%	44%	11%	40%	51%	5%

38. 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%	43%	14%	34%	48%	9%
The Republican Party	15%	28%	43%	18%	30%	48%	9%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	44%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	6%

40. 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	18%	23%	41%	15%	35%	50%	9%
Climate change and the environment	14%	27%	41%	14%	30%	44%	14%
National Security	21%	23%	44%	12%	33%	45%	11%
Taxes and government spending	15%	24%	39%	14%	37%	51%	10%
Inflation/prices	11%	22%	33%	15%	43%	59%	9%

41. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	17%

42. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	25%
Not sure	6%

43. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	40%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	16%

44. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	29%
Not honest and trustworthy	54%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Not sure	8%

46. 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	18%	24%	42%	15%	32%	48%	11%
Republicans in Congress	12%	27%	39%	20%	30%	50%	11%

47. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	27%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	26%

50. 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	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	40%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	21%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	15%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	7%

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

Higher	18%
About the same	29%
Lower	29%
Not sure	23%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	5%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	26%
Happy	45%
Neither happy nor unhappy	20%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	2%

57. 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	40%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	11%
Don't know	4%

58. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	35%
Independent	34%
Republican	31%
59. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?	
Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%
60. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	11%
61. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	73%
Not registered	27%
62. 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%
63. Political Party Identification	
<i>Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification</i>	
Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%
64. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%

65. Respondent age by category

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

66. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

68. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 1 - 4, 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 0.062 to 6.546, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.804.
Number of respondents	1500 1319 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	81 questions not reported.