

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 27 - 31, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted May 27 - 31, 2023  
 Margin of Error  $\pm 2.9\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	12%

## 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
Vivek Ramaswamy	7%	15%	9%	11%	58%
Tim Scott	12%	19%	13%	14%	42%
Asa Hutchinson	4%	13%	13%	12%	58%
Nikki Haley	10%	21%	16%	19%	35%
Larry Elder	9%	14%	9%	12%	56%
Ron DeSantis	19%	19%	12%	34%	16%
Donald Trump	23%	17%	11%	45%	4%

## 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
Joe Biden	19%	24%	11%	41%	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	25%	11%	39%	9%
Kevin McCarthy	9%	20%	15%	29%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	16%	21%	40%	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	20%	13%	32%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	8%	20%	43%

## 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	71%	24%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	34%	12%	4%
Climate change and the environment	44%	26%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	43%	42%	12%	3%
National Security	63%	28%	7%	2%
Education	62%	29%	6%	3%

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Health care	66%	27%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	63%	29%	7%	1%
Abortion	50%	25%	15%	9%
Civil rights	56%	29%	11%	4%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	9%	4%
Guns	58%	25%	11%	5%
Crime	64%	28%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	48%	36%	10%	6%
Inflation/prices	73%	22%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	12%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Immigration	7%
Civil rights	6%
Guns	6%
National Security	6%
Abortion	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>
Not sure	7%

7. 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	17%	22%	<b>39%</b>	14%	36%	<b>50%</b>	11%
Climate change and the environment	14%	25%	<b>39%</b>	15%	31%	<b>45%</b>	16%
Foreign policy	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	12%	34%	<b>46%</b>	14%
National Security	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	12%	34%	<b>45%</b>	14%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	<b>34%</b>	14%	40%	<b>54%</b>	12%
Abortion	15%	21%	<b>36%</b>	13%	32%	<b>45%</b>	19%
Guns	12%	20%	<b>32%</b>	17%	39%	<b>55%</b>	13%
Crime	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	14%	38%	<b>53%</b>	15%
Inflation/prices	11%	18%	<b>29%</b>	15%	46%	<b>61%</b>	10%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	12%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	22%

11. 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	16%	26%	<b>42%</b>	14%	36%	<b>50%</b>	8%
The Republican Party	12%	26%	<b>38%</b>	18%	37%	<b>55%</b>	8%

12. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	31%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	15%

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

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	41%

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

A lot	20%
Some	23%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	6%

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

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	29%
Not sure	6%

16. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	28%
Not sure	20%

17. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	31%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	33%

18. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	24%
Some	17%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	43%
Not sure	5%

19. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	14%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	14%
Dislike somewhat	11%
Dislike a lot	42%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	25%
No	58%
Not sure	18%

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

Yes	31%
No	56%
Not sure	12%

22. 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 .....	39%
Donald Trump .....	39%
Other .....	7%
Not sure .....	5%
I would not vote .....	9%

23. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	36%
Donald Trump .....	39%
Not sure .....	26%

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis is handling his job as Governor of Florida?

Strongly approve .....	23%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	17%

25. Would you say Ron DeSantis is...

Very liberal .....	3%
Liberal .....	3%
Moderate .....	10%
Conservative .....	25%
Very conservative .....	36%
Not sure .....	22%

26. Would you say Ron DeSantis is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong .....	22%
Somewhat strong .....	33%
Somewhat weak .....	20%
Very weak .....	24%

27. How much do you think Ron DeSantis cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot .....	19%
Some .....	19%
Not much .....	13%
Doesn't care at all .....	36%
Not sure .....	13%

28. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Ron DeSantis as a person?

Like a lot .....	14%
Like somewhat .....	14%
Neither like nor dislike .....	19%
Dislike somewhat .....	6%
Dislike a lot .....	32%
Not sure .....	15%

29. How much, if anything, have you heard about Ron DeSantis announcing his 2024 campaign for president?

A lot .....	33%
A little .....	48%
Nothing at all .....	20%

30. From what you heard, did Ron DeSantis announcing his 2024 campaign go...?

Very well .....	7%
Somewhat well .....	17%
Somewhat badly .....	24%
Very badly .....	21%
Not sure .....	31%
Not asked - Not heard anything about DeSantis campaign announcement .....	0%

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

Donald Trump .....	29%
Ron DeSantis .....	21%
Someone else .....	17%
Not sure .....	33%

32. Which of these two Republicans do you think has the best chance of winning the 2024 general election for president?

Donald Trump .....	39%
Ron DeSantis .....	24%
Not sure .....	37%

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

Biden legitimately won the election .....	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	36%

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

Compromises to get things done. ....	60%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. ....	40%

35. If you had to choose, would you rather have a member of Congress who...

Compromises to get things done. .... 62%  
Sticks to their principles, no matter what. .... 38%

36. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. .... 37%  
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. .... 48%  
Not sure .... 15%

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

Under control .... 14%  
Out of control .... 71%  
Not sure .... 15%

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

Getting better .... 13%  
About the same .... 22%  
Getting worse .... 57%  
Not sure .... 8%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .... 11%  
About the same financially as you were a year ago .... 41%  
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .... 42%  
Not sure .... 6%

40. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual .... 9%  
About the same .... 27%  
Less than usual .... 39%  
Not sure .... 25%

41. Who is more to blame for Congress accomplishing less than usual?

Democrats in Congress .... 24%  
Republicans in Congress .... 37%  
Both equally .... 37%  
Neither .... 1%  
Not sure .... 2%



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

A lot .....	29%
A little .....	47%
None at all .....	25%

**43. 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 .....	42%
Congress should not raise the debt ceiling .....	31%
Not sure .....	26%

**44. How likely do you think it is that Congress will reach an agreement on raising the debt ceiling and avoiding the U.S. defaulting on its debts?**

Very likely .....	32%
Somewhat likely .....	37%
Not very likely .....	9%
Not likely at all .....	4%
Not sure .....	18%

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

A crisis .....	35%
A major problem but not a crisis .....	36%
A minor problem .....	9%
Not a problem .....	5%
Not sure .....	15%

**46. Who is more responsible for the current lack of agreement on raising the debt ceiling?**

Joe Biden .....	28%
Republicans in the House .....	29%
Both equally .....	34%
Neither .....	10%

**47. Do you personally know someone who is lesbian, gay, or bisexual? Check all that apply.**

Yes, me .....	10%
Yes, a family member .....	30%
Yes, a close friend .....	30%
Yes, an acquaintance .....	43%
No .....	21%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

48. Do you personally know anyone who is part of a married same-sex couple? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	3%
Yes, a family member .....	15%
Yes, a close friend .....	20%
Yes, an acquaintance .....	33%
No .....	39%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

49. Do you personally know anyone who is part of a same-sex couple with children? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	3%
Yes, a family member .....	11%
Yes, a close friend .....	17%
Yes, an acquaintance .....	31%
No .....	47%
Prefer not to say .....	1%

50. Do you personally know someone who is transgender or gender non-binary? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	3%
Yes, a family member .....	9%
Yes, a close friend .....	10%
Yes, an acquaintance .....	23%
No .....	58%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

51. How much discrimination do you think there is against people who are transgender in the United States today?

A lot .....	46%
A little .....	28%
None .....	13%
Not sure .....	13%

52. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender .....	34%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender .....	18%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender .....	32%
Not sure .....	16%

53. Compared to other issues, do you think that lawmakers in your state are focusing too much or too little on legislation relating to transgender children in schools?

Focusing too much .....	37%
Focusing about the right amount .....	23%
Focusing too little .....	14%
Not sure .....	25%

54. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people?

A lot .....	24%
Some .....	38%
Not much .....	18%
Not at all .....	20%

55. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has been handling gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues?

Strongly approve .....	10%
Somewhat approve .....	24%
Somewhat disapprove .....	14%
Strongly disapprove .....	26%
Not sure .....	26%

56. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues during his presidency?

Strongly approve .....	16%
Somewhat approve .....	18%
Somewhat disapprove .....	10%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	25%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Ron DeSantis has handled gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues as Governor of Florida?

Strongly approve .....	19%
Somewhat approve .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	7%
Strongly disapprove .....	34%
Not sure .....	25%

58. Would gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people be better off if a Democrat or a Republican wins the presidency?

Democrat .....	43%
Republican .....	12%
No difference .....	26%
Not sure .....	19%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity .....	56%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity .....	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing .....	7%
Not sure .....	12%

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

Yes, I have .....	46%
No, I have not .....	28%
Not sure .....	19%
The climate is not changing .....	7%

61. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will .....	12%
No, I will not .....	18%
Not sure .....	17%
I have already felt the effect of climate change .....	46%
The climate is not changing .....	7%

62. Compared to previous summers, do you think temperatures in your local area will be warmer or colder than usual this summer?

Much warmer than usual .....	24%
Somewhat warmer than usual .....	22%
About the same as usual .....	31%
Somewhat colder than usual .....	8%
Much colder than usual .....	2%
Not sure .....	12%

63. Do you think an unusually warm summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

*Asked of those who think this summer will be warmer locally than usual*

Result of climate change .....	73%
Just happen from time to time .....	17%
Not sure .....	6%
The climate is not changing .....	4%

64. Do you think an unusually cold summer would be primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

*Asked of those who think this summer will be colder locally than usual*

Result of climate change .....	43%
Just happen from time to time .....	36%
Not sure .....	15%
The climate is not changing .....	7%

65. Are you or is someone in your household a member of a labor union?

Yes, I am .....	8%
Yes, household member is .....	8%
No .....	84%

66. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of labor unions?

Very favorable .....	20%
Somewhat favorable .....	28%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	18%
Very unfavorable .....	13%
Don't know .....	21%

67. Consider the amount of power and influence you see labor unions as holding in this country. How would you say the influence level of U.S. labor unions has changed over the past year?

Unions are stronger .....	20%
Not much change .....	30%
Unions are less powerful .....	21%
Not sure .....	29%

68. In the future, how do you think the level of influence of labor unions will change?

The level of influence of labor unions will increase .....	23%
The level of influence of labor unions will not change .....	26%
The level of influence of labor unions will decrease .....	18%
Not sure .....	34%

69. How much have you heard about a recent strike among Hollywood movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union?

A lot .....	22%
A little .....	55%
Nothing at all .....	23%

70. Some Hollywood movie and television writers who belong to the Writers Guild of America labor union went on strike after failed negotiations over their pay with Hollywood studios. Do you support or oppose the writers going on strike?

Strongly support .....	29%
Somewhat support .....	26%
Somewhat oppose .....	10%
Strongly oppose .....	8%
Not sure .....	27%

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

Full-time .....	37%
Part-time .....	13%
Temporarily laid off .....	0%
Unemployed .....	8%
Retired .....	21%
Permanently disabled .....	7%
Homemaker .....	5%
Student .....	6%
Other .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	11%
Not sure .....	10%

**73. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	83%
Not registered .....	17%

**74. 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%

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

Democrats .....	33%
Independents .....	38%
Republicans .....	29%

**76. 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 .....	16%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	18%
Not sure .....	4%
Don't know .....	0%

**77. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?**

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	44%
No .....	45%
Not sure .....	12%

**78. Are you...?**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

**79. Respondent age by category**

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

**80. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

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

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

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

**82. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	44%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	10%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	23%
No .....	77%

**84. In what region of the country do you reside?**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	42%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	23%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

**86. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	34%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	17%
Not at all important .....	23%

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

More than once a week .....	8%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	13%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	31%
Don't know .....	4%

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

Yes .....	27%
No .....	73%



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

Several times a day .....	25%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	4%

90. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	1%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 27 - 31, 2023
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.164 to 4.751, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.557.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1313 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	40 questions not reported.