

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 8 - 11, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted April 8 - 11, 2023
Margin of Error $\pm 3.1\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	22%
Excellent / Good	28%
Fair	28%
Poor	40%
Fair / Poor	68%
Don't know	4%

3. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	13%
Equally positive and negative	29%
Mostly negative	48%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	10%

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

Growing	17%
Staying about the same	29%
Shrinking	42%
Not sure	12%

5. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	55%
Your personal finances	12%
Don't know	11%

6. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	23%
Somewhat important	42%
Not very important	24%
Unimportant	11%

7. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	39%
A minor problem	22%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	7%

8. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	23%
Stayed the same	31%
Decreased	22%
Don't know	23%

9. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	32%
Staying the same	39%
Decreasing	29%

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

Higher gas prices	58%
The same gas prices	20%
Lower gas prices	9%
Not sure	14%

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

A higher rate of inflation	48%
The same rate of inflation	29%
A lower rate of inflation	11%
Not sure	13%

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

A lot	54%
A little	40%
Not at all	6%

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

Higher interest rates	47%
The same interest rates	28%
Lower interest rates	7%
Not sure	18%

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

More jobs	19%
The same amount of jobs	37%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	15%

15. 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
Robert F. Kennedy Jr.	15%	33%	48%	17%	12%	28%	24%
Marianne Williamson	5%	17%	21%	14%	9%	23%	55%
Ron DeSantis	18%	23%	41%	12%	28%	40%	19%

16. 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
Clarence Thomas	20%	21%	41%	12%	25%	37%	22%
Melania Trump	22%	26%	48%	17%	25%	42%	10%
Jill Biden	20%	27%	47%	14%	27%	41%	13%

17. 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
Angel Reese	9%	17%	26%	7%	6%	13%	61%
Caitlin Clark	10%	18%	28%	7%	5%	12%	60%
Brittney Griner	11%	23%	34%	16%	19%	35%	31%
Evan Gershkovich	8%	18%	25%	7%	3%	10%	65%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	7%	27%	55%	8%
Ukraine	30%	45%	8%	6%	11%
China	4%	12%	35%	39%	9%

19. Would you support or oppose professional sports organizations banning Russian athletes while Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues?

Strongly support	32%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	10%
Not sure	19%

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

Russia	19%
Ukraine	24%
Neither	39%
Not sure	19%

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

Russia	23%
Ukraine	30%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	31%

22. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about American journalist Evan Gershkovich being detained in Russia on espionage charges after allegedly attempting to obtain classified information?

A lot	13%
A little	56%
Nothing at all	31%

23. Do you think that Evan Gershkovich is being treated fairly or unfairly by the Russian justice system?

Fairly	12%
Unfairly	49%
Not sure	40%

24. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is to secure Evan Gershkovich's release from Russia?

Should do more	41%
Doing about the right amount	24%
Should do less	5%
Not sure	30%

25. 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	63%
Is not a crime	16%
Not sure	21%

26. Donald Trump was recently arrested and charged in New York with 34 felony counts for falsifying business records in order to conceal damaging information and unlawful activity during the 2016 election. Trump pleaded not guilty to all counts. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to charge Donald Trump with these alleged crimes?

Strongly approve	38%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	10%

27. Do you think Donald Trump did or did not commit the crime of falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Did	49%
Did not	30%
Not sure	21%

28. How serious of 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 falsified business records to conceal hush money payments

Very serious	51%
Somewhat serious	36%
Not very serious	10%
Not serious at all	2%
Not sure	1%

29. Which of the following best describes your views on the recent charges against Trump in New York? Are they the result of a...

Legitimate investigation	49%
Witch hunt	38%
Not sure	13%

30. Do you think Donald Trump can get a fair trial?

Yes	40%
No	41%
Not sure	19%

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

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	29%
Not very likely	26%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	20%

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

Yes 24%
 No 58%
 Not sure 18%

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

Yes 30%
 No 57%
 Not sure 13%

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

Donald Trump 28%
 Ron DeSantis 24%
 Someone else 17%
 Not sure 31%

35. 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 5%
 Not sure 6%
 I would not vote 11%

36. 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 41%
 Donald Trump 37%
 Not sure 22%

37. How common do you think it is for judges to accept gifts without disclosing them?

Very common 26%
 Somewhat common 37%
 Somewhat uncommon 14%
 Very uncommon 7%
 Not sure 16%

38. How common do you think it is for Supreme Court Justices to accept gifts without disclosing them?

Very common 23%
 Somewhat common 32%
 Somewhat uncommon 14%
 Very uncommon 11%
 Not sure 20%

39. Under the Ethics and Government Act of 1978, Supreme Court justices are required to file annual financial disclosure reports that report most gifts that are not a matter of personal hospitality. Do you support or oppose the requirement that Supreme Court justices report most gifts they receive on their financial disclosures?

Strongly support	51%
Somewhat support	22%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	4%
Not sure	15%

40. There is currently no formal ethics code for Supreme Court justices that allows for justices to be investigated if they are accused of an ethical violation. Would you support or oppose the Supreme Court adopting a formal ethics code for justices?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	5%
Not sure	17%

41. How much have you heard about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas accepting luxury trips from a American real estate developer without including them on his financial disclosures?

A lot	21%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	33%

42. Do you approve or disapprove of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas accepting such luxury trips without disclosing them?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Not sure	19%

43. Do you think Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas broke the law by not disclosing the luxury trips?

Yes	43%
No	28%
Not sure	29%

44. Have you ever been to a drag show?

Yes	23%
No	72%
Not sure	5%

45. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion on drag shows?

They should be banned	14%
They should be restricted to people 18 or older	50%
They should be allowed for everyone	25%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	44%
A little	32%
None	13%
Not sure	11%

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

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	32%
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	33%
Not sure	16%

48. 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	32%
Focusing about the right amount	27%
Focusing too little	18%
Not sure	24%

49. Do you support or oppose...?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the gender they were assigned at birth	15%	17%	12%	43%	12%
Requiring K-12 schools to inform parents if their child requests to go by different pronouns while at school	39%	21%	10%	16%	14%
Schools banning books with stories about transgender youth	29%	14%	14%	32%	11%
Allowing parents to provide their transgender children or teenagers with puberty-blocking drugs, which can temporarily prevent the effects of puberty that may not align with their gender identity	18%	14%	14%	39%	16%

50. Do you think the Supreme Court is more liberal or more conservative than the American public in general?

Supreme Court is more liberal than the American public	16%
Supreme Court is more conservative than the American public	40%
The Supreme Court is about in line with the American public	21%
Not sure	23%

51. Which one of the following statements is closer to your point of view, even if neither is exactly right?

The current US Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions	60%
The current US Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views	40%

52. How much trust and confidence do you have in the three branches of the U.S. federal government?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	None at all
The Executive Branch - The President and the federal agencies	13%	33%	28%	26%
The Legislative Branch - The U.S. Congress	7%	33%	42%	18%
The Judicial Branch - The Supreme Court of the United States and other federal courts	10%	38%	36%	17%

53. Which of these is closest to your view?

I trust the Supreme Court more than other branches of the federal government	33%
I trust the Supreme Court less than other branches of the federal government	27%
I trust the Supreme Court about the same as other branches of the federal government ..	39%

54. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Not sure
The Supreme Court should be able to throw out any law it considers unconstitutional	22%	26%	16%	20%	15%
The Supreme Court gets too mixed up in politics	31%	31%	13%	10%	15%

55. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	68%	27%	4%	1%
Immigration	47%	37%	12%	4%

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Climate change and the environment	44%	27%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	13%	4%
National Security	64%	27%	7%	2%
Education	65%	28%	5%	3%
Health care	71%	22%	6%	2%
Taxes and government spending	60%	31%	6%	2%
Abortion	48%	27%	15%	10%
Civil rights	58%	28%	9%	4%
Civil liberties	57%	30%	9%	4%
Guns	58%	26%	11%	5%
Crime	64%	28%	6%	2%
Criminal justice reform	51%	34%	10%	5%
Inflation/prices	72%	23%	3%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	18%
Health care	13%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Education	6%
Immigration	6%
Guns	6%
Abortion	6%
Civil rights	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

57. 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%	25%	47%	10%	39%	49%	4%
Kamala Harris	15%	27%	42%	11%	37%	48%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	12%	24%	36%	13%	25%	38%	26%
Mitch McConnell	6%	20%	27%	19%	35%	54%	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	24%	35%	13%	28%	42%	23%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	19%	33%	9%	17%	27%	40%
Donald Trump	25%	20%	45%	11%	41%	51%	4%

58. 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	20%	25%	44%	12%	34%	47%	9%
The Republican Party	15%	26%	41%	17%	33%	50%	9%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	7%

60. 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	16%	25%	42%	15%	35%	50%	8%
Climate change and the environment	16%	27%	43%	15%	30%	44%	13%
Foreign policy	18%	25%	43%	12%	34%	46%	11%
National Security	20%	24%	44%	10%	35%	45%	11%
Education	16%	27%	43%	12%	30%	42%	14%
Health care	18%	27%	45%	16%	28%	44%	11%
Inflation/prices	12%	24%	36%	15%	41%	56%	9%

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

Very strong	15%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	39%

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

Optimistic	36%
Pessimistic	44%
Not sure	20%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	9%

64. 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	17%	26%	43%	16%	32%	48%	9%
Republicans in Congress	13%	27%	40%	18%	33%	51%	8%

65. 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	12%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	26%

66. 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	25%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	22%

68. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	37%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	11%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	19%
Not sure	16%

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

Getting better	15%
About the same	29%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	7%

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

Higher	21%
About the same	28%
Lower	26%
Not sure	25%

73. 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	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	6%

74. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	61%

75. 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.	21%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	30%
Not sure	11%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	24%
Happy	45%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	2%

77. 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	29%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	11%
Don't know	4%

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

Democrat	34%
Independent	35%
Republican	30%

79. 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%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	10%

81. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

82. 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%

83. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

84. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

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	47%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes 26%
 No 74%

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 41%
 \$50-100K 30%
 \$100K or more 19%
 Prefer not to say 10%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 8 - 11, 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 0.089 to 6.527, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.728.
Number of respondents	1500 1322 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	60 questions not reported.