

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 4 - 7, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted March 4 - 7, 2023
Margin of Error $\pm 3.2\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	21%
Excellent / Good	28%
Fair	26%
Poor	42%
Fair / Poor	68%
Don't know	4%

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

Unemployment	7%
Inflation	57%
Both equal	30%
Not sure	7%

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

Growing	20%
Staying about the same	28%
Shrinking	38%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	51%
No	28%
Not sure	21%

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	19%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	12%
Not asked - Already in a recession	51%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	38%
Fewer jobs	30%
Not sure	13%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	4%	8%	22%	57%	10%
Ukraine	32%	43%	7%	5%	13%
China	5%	10%	31%	42%	11%
India	11%	43%	16%	4%	27%
Cuba	6%	18%	35%	18%	23%

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

Russia	19%
Ukraine	29%
Neither	35%
Not sure	17%

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

Russia	24%
Ukraine	30%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	30%

11. Do you believe states have a right to secede from the United States?

Yes, they do	31%
No, they do not	43%
Not sure	25%

12. Would you favor or oppose allowing a state to secede from the United States and become a separate country if a majority of the people in that state votes to do so?

Favor	32%
Oppose	43%
Don't know	25%

13. In general, do you think of people who want their state to secede from the United States as mostly patriots or mostly traitors?

Mostly patriots	18%
Mostly traitors	33%
Neither	31%
Don't know	18%

14. If the state you live in state were to hold a referendum on secession, would you support or oppose your state seceding from the United States?

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	11%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	43%
Not sure	20%

15. Do you agree or mostly disagree with the following statement? "We need a national divorce. We need to separate by red states and blue states..."

Strongly agree	7%
Somewhat agree	16%
Somewhat disagree	15%
Strongly disagree	47%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	26%
No	57%
Not sure	17%

17. Who do you want to be the Democratic Party's nominee for president in 2024?

Asked of Democrats and Democratic leaners who want Biden to run in 2024 or aren't sure

Joe Biden	61%
Someone else	18%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes	28%
No	58%
Not sure	14%

19. Who do you want to be the Republican Party's nominee for president in 2024?

Asked of Republicans and Republican leaners who want Trump to run in 2024 or aren't sure

Donald Trump	63%
Someone else	20%
Not sure	18%

20. 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
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	16%	21%	37%	10%	33%	43%	20%
Pete Buttigieg	16%	19%	36%	11%	28%	38%	26%
John Fetterman	13%	18%	31%	11%	24%	35%	34%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	9%	20%	29%	12%	31%	44%	27%
Ron DeSantis	25%	17%	42%	10%	27%	38%	20%
George Santos	5%	14%	19%	14%	40%	54%	27%

21. Favorability of Public Figures

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Chris Rock	21%	39%	14%	8%	18%
Will Smith	14%	31%	24%	18%	13%
Jada Pinkett Smith	11%	24%	20%	22%	23%

22. Have you seen the following movies?

	Yes	No
All Quiet on the Western Front	25%	75%
Avatar: The Way of Water	25%	75%
The Banshees of Inisherin	15%	85%
Elvis	30%	70%
Everything Everywhere All at Once	19%	81%
The Fabelmans	14%	86%
Tár	11%	89%
Top Gun: Maverick	42%	58%
Triangle of Sadness	12%	88%
Women Talking	13%	87%

23. Do you want to see the following movies?

	Yes	No
All Quiet on the Western Front	27%	73%
Avatar: The Way of Water	36%	64%
The Banshees of Inisherin	23%	77%
Elvis	31%	69%
Everything Everywhere All at Once	30%	70%
The Fabelmans	23%	77%
Tár	16%	84%
Top Gun: Maverick	34%	66%
Triangle of Sadness	17%	83%
Women Talking	19%	81%

24. Which of the following movies, nominated for Best Picture in this year's Academy Awards, do you think should win?

All Quiet on the Western Front	4%
Avatar: The Way of Water	11%
The Banshees of Inisherin	3%
Elvis	7%
Everything Everywhere All at Once	7%
The Fabelmans	1%
Tár	1%
Top Gun: Maverick	19%
Triangle of Sadness	2%
Women Talking	4%
Not sure	41%

25. Where have you watched the Best Picture nominees this year? Select all that apply.

At a movie theater	27%
On a television	40%
On a computer	16%
On a phone or tablet	16%
On an airplane built-in screen	6%
Other	7%
Not sure	16%

26. Which of the following actors, nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role in this year's Academy Awards, do you think should win?

Austin Butler (Elvis)	14%
Colin Farrell (The Banshees Of Inisherin)	7%
Brendan Fraser (The Whale)	17%
Paul Mescal (Aftersun)	2%
Bill Nighy (Living)	4%
Not sure	56%

27. Which of the following actresses, nominated for Best Actress in a Leading Role in this year's Academy Awards, do you think should win?

Cate Blanchett (Tár)	8%
Ana De Armas (Blonde)	4%
Andrea Riseborough (To Leslie)	4%
Michelle Williams (The Fabelmans)	6%
Michelle Yeoh (Everything Everywhere All At Once)	18%
Not sure	60%

28. In general, do you think the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences does a good job or a bad job of nominating people and films for its annual awards?

Good job	33%
Bad job	27%
Not sure	40%

29. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always	10%
Most of the time	12%
Some of the time	25%
Never	52%

30. How effective do you think face masks are at protecting the people who wear them from becoming infected by COVID-19?

Very effective	19%
Somewhat effective	39%
Not very effective	18%
Not effective at all	24%

31. Which of these best describes your situation with respect to getting vaccinated against COVID-19?

I have been vaccinated with one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine but am not fully vaccinated	6%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) but HAVE NOT received a booster shot	24%
I have been fully vaccinated (such as with both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine) AND have received at least one booster shot	45%
I have not been vaccinated	20%
Prefer not to say	5%

32. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...

Increasing	11%
Not changing	21%
Decreasing	49%
Not sure	19%

33. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse	7%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic	10%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us	68%
Not sure	16%

34. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

There is currently a COVID-19 pandemic	44%
The COVID-19 pandemic is over	44%
There never was a COVID-19 pandemic	12%

35. Regardless of whether or not the virus responsible for COVID-19 was created or naturally mutated, do you believe it is true or false that a laboratory in China was the origin of the virus?

Definitely true	31%
Probably true	35%
Probably false	11%
Definitely false	5%
Not sure	17%

36. Do you believe it is true or false that the virus responsible for COVID-19 was released on purpose?

Definitely true	18%
Probably true	28%
Probably false	23%
Definitely false	11%
Not sure	20%

37. How much do you trust what the U.S. government says about the origins of COVID-19?

A great deal	11%
A fair amount	32%
Not very much	35%
Not at all	22%

38. How much do you trust what the Chinese government says about the origins of COVID-19?

A great deal	4%
A fair amount	13%
Not very much	35%
Not at all	48%

39. Do you approve or disapprove of the congressional investigation into the origin of COVID-19?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	7%
Not sure	18%

40. How confident are you that the investigation will be able to accurately determine the origin of COVID-19?

Very confident	9%
Somewhat confident	26%
Not very confident	31%
Not confident at all	19%
Not sure	15%

41. Would you support or oppose the federal government and private insurance companies negotiating with prescription drug manufacturers to set universal prices for prescription drugs?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	9%
Not sure	20%

42. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with prescription drug manufacturers?

Strongly support	33%
Somewhat support	33%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	6%
Not sure	20%

43. Have you ever received a prescription for a medication and not filled it because you could not afford to pay for the drug?

Yes	37%
No	54%
Prefer not to say	10%

44. Do you personally know anyone who uses insulin? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	5%
Yes, a family member	27%
Yes, a close friend	14%
Yes, an acquaintance	15%
No	43%
Prefer not to say	4%

45. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following companies that manufacture prescription drugs?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Eli Lilly	10%	28%	14%	10%	38%
Pfizer	15%	35%	15%	18%	18%
GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)	8%	26%	13%	10%	42%
Johnson & Johnson	13%	35%	20%	13%	19%
Merck	10%	28%	15%	11%	36%
AbbVie	7%	14%	12%	9%	59%
Bayer	14%	39%	13%	10%	24%

46. Would you favor or oppose a law that sets limits on how much companies can charge people for insulin?

Strongly support	53%
Somewhat support	20%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	11%

47. Would you favor or oppose a law that sets limits on how much companies can charge people for blood thinners?

Strongly support	48%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	13%

48. Would you favor or oppose a law that sets limits on how much companies can charge people for cancer medications?

Strongly support	54%
Somewhat support	19%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	11%

49. Would you favor or oppose a law that sets limits on how much companies can charge people for antidepressants?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	7%
Not sure	13%

50. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. 27%
 Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).
 31%
 Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in
 danger. 30%
 Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 12%

51. Do you personally know anyone who has had an abortion? Check all that apply.

Yes, me 7%
 Yes, a family member 16%
 Yes, a close friend 21%
 Yes, an acquaintance 20%
 No 43%
 Prefer not to say 9%

52. A pregnant woman in Texas was pulled over when driving in a carpool lane that is meant for cars with at least two passengers. The pregnant woman argued that due to the Roe v. Wade decision being overturned, her unborn child is a person under Texas law, and should be counted as a passenger for the purposes of driving. In your opinion, should the pregnant woman be permitted to drive in the carpool lane?

Yes 36%
 No 48%
 Not sure 16%

53. The lawyer of a pregnant woman in a Florida jail has filed a petition seeking her release on behalf of her unborn child, arguing that the unborn child has been denied due process and is being unlawfully detained. The filing argues that due to the Roe v. Wade decision being overturned, the fetus "is a person under the Florida constitution and the United States constitution." In your opinion, should the pregnant woman be released from jail?

Yes 36%
 No 45%
 Not sure 19%

54. 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 15%
 Supreme Court is more conservative than the American public 40%
 The Supreme Court is about in line with the American public 20%
 Not sure 25%

55. 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%

56. 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	12%	31%	28%	29%
The Legislative Branch - The U.S. Congress	6%	31%	44%	19%
The Judicial Branch - The Supreme Court of the United States and other federal courts	10%	38%	35%	18%

57. Which of these is closest to your view?

I trust the Supreme Court more than other branches of the federal government	35%
I trust the Supreme Court less than other branches of the federal government	26%
I trust the Supreme Court about the same as other branches of the federal government	39%

58. 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	24%	24%	16%	18%	17%
The Supreme Court gets too mixed up in politics	29%	30%	16%	10%	15%

59. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	66%	26%	5%	4%
Immigration	46%	36%	12%	5%
Climate change and the environment	40%	29%	15%	16%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	12%	5%
National Security	63%	28%	6%	3%
Education	60%	30%	7%	3%
Health care	67%	25%	5%	3%
Taxes and government spending	59%	31%	7%	3%
Abortion	43%	31%	17%	9%
Civil rights	52%	30%	12%	6%
Civil liberties	54%	31%	11%	4%
Guns	52%	30%	11%	7%
Crime	59%	29%	8%	4%
Criminal justice reform	46%	34%	13%	7%
Inflation/prices	70%	23%	4%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Health care	13%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Immigration	7%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Education	5%
Abortion	5%
Guns	5%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

61. 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	23%	20%	43%	13%	39%	52%	5%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	37%	15%	39%	54%	9%
Kevin McCarthy	9%	24%	33%	18%	26%	44%	23%
Mitch McConnell	6%	19%	25%	22%	35%	57%	18%
Chuck Schumer	13%	18%	31%	14%	32%	45%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	28%	13%	19%	31%	41%
Donald Trump	21%	21%	42%	10%	42%	53%	6%

62. 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%	21%	41%	16%	33%	49%	9%
The Republican Party	15%	25%	40%	19%	32%	50%	10%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	7%

64. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Some- what approve	Approve	Some- what disap- prove	Strongly disap- prove	Disap- prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	23%	42%	15%	34%	49%	9%
Climate change and the environment	15%	26%	41%	15%	31%	46%	13%
National Security	17%	26%	42%	13%	34%	47%	11%
Taxes and government spending	14%	25%	38%	13%	40%	52%	10%
Inflation/prices	13%	22%	35%	14%	43%	57%	8%

65. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	30%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	5%
Not sure	16%

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

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	22%
Dislike somewhat	11%
Dislike a lot	24%
Not sure	5%

67. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	8%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	22%	40%	17%	33%	51%	10%
Republicans in Congress	10%	27%	37%	21%	32%	53%	10%

69. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Not sure	26%

70. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	23%

72. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	39%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	16%

74. 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	21%
Very conservative	18%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	8%

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

Higher	18%
About the same	30%
Lower	25%
Not sure	28%

77. 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	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	35%
Not sure	6%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

79. 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	9%
Don't know	5%

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

Democrat	33%
Independent	36%
Republican	31%

81. 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%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	11%

83. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

84. 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%

85. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

86. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

87. Respondent age by category

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

88. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

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

90. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	12%

94. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	19%
Never	31%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	20%
Don't know	4%

98. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 4 - 7, 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 0.099 to 6.52, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.757.
Number of respondents	1500 1306 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	57 questions not reported.