The Economist/YouGov Poll
September 10 - 13, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample   1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted   September 10 - 13, 2022
Margin of Error   ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 23%
Off on the wrong track 66%
Not sure 11%

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

Excellent 4%
Good 16%
Excellent / Good **20%**
Fair 30%
Poor 47%
Fair / Poor **77%**
Don't know 4%

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

A higher rate of inflation 43%
The same rate of inflation 26%
A lower rate of inflation 18%
Not sure 13%

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

Higher gas prices 36%
The same gas prices 27%
Lower gas prices 25%
Not sure 12%

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

Growing 20%
Shrinking 44%
Staying about the same 21%
Not sure 15%

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

Yes 58%
No 23%
Not sure 19%

7. Which of the following do you think is the best indicator of an economic recession?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	13%
The prices of goods and services you buy	45%
Your personal finances	4%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	20%
Don't know	10%

8. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?
Asked of those who do not think we are currently in an economic recession

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	38%
Not very likely	25%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	25%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	**38%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	**51%**
Not sure	11%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	5%	30%	54%	9%
China	3%	10%	33%	41%	13%
United Kingdom	56%	28%	4%	1%	11%

11. How much do you think what happens in each of the following places affects the U.S.?

	A lot	A little	Not at all
Ukraine	42%	46%	12%
China	68%	24%	8%
United Kingdom	32%	54%	14%

12. How much do you care about what happens in each of the following places?

	A lot	A little	Not at all
Ukraine	44%	39%	17%
China	39%	39%	22%
United Kingdom	40%	43%	17%

13. How much have you heard about Liz Truss becoming the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom?

A lot 14%
A little 54%
Nothing at all 32%

14. Liz Truss was chosen by the Conservative Party to replace Boris Johnson as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Do you approve or disapprove of the choice?

Strongly approve 11%
Somewhat approve 21%
Somewhat disapprove 8%
Strongly disapprove 4%
Not sure 56%

15. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the late Queen Elizabeth II?

Very favorable 40%
Somewhat favorable 31%
Somewhat unfavorable 9%
Very unfavorable 7%
Don't know 13%

16. How do you think Queen Elizabeth II's record as Britain's monarch will go down in history?

Outstanding 44%
Above Average 28%
Average 10%
Below Average 3%
Poor 3%
Not Sure 12%

17. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of King Charles III?

Very favorable 6%
Somewhat favorable 29%
Somewhat unfavorable 25%
Very unfavorable 12%
Don't know 28%

18. How do you think King Charles III's record as Britain's monarch will go down in history?

Outstanding 4%
Above Average 10%
Average 31%
Below Average 15%
Poor 6%
Not Sure 33%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of King Charles III succeeding Queen Elizabeth II as monarch?

Strongly approve 18%
Somewhat approve 29%
Somewhat disapprove 13%
Strongly disapprove 8%
Not sure 32%

20. Who do you think should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II?

It was best that King Charles III succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch 36%
Prince William should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch 23%
No one should have succeeded Queen Elizabeth II as monarch 11%
Don't know 29%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of Camilla becoming Queen Consort?

Strongly approve 10%
Somewhat approve 20%
Somewhat disapprove 15%
Strongly disapprove 17%
Not sure 38%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Camilla (nee Parker Bowles), the Queen Consort	8%	20%	23%	18%	31%
Prince William, Prince of Wales	32%	32%	9%	6%	22%
Catherine, Princess of Wales	28%	30%	8%	4%	30%
Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex	24%	28%	15%	11%	22%
Meghan (nee Markle), Duchess of Sussex	20%	23%	16%	21%	20%
Prince Andrew, Duke of York	8%	18%	15%	28%	31%
Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex	12%	26%	9%	5%	49%
Princess Anne, The Princess Royal	15%	28%	8%	4%	45%

23. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the late Diana, Princess of Wales (nee Lady Diana Spencer)?

Very favorable … 49%
Somewhat favorable … 29%
Somewhat unfavorable … 6%
Very unfavorable … 3%
Don't know … 13%

24. Do you think the British royal family are . . . ?

Mostly good role models … 26%
Mostly bad role models … 12%
An even mix of good role models and bad … 47%
Not sure … 15%

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

Russia … 19%
Ukraine … 26%
Neither … 36%
Not sure … 20%

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

Russia … 26%
Ukraine … 27%
Equally likely … 15%
Not sure … 32%

27. In terms of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. government's response...

Should be tougher … 33%
Should be less tough … 13%
Is about right … 28%
Not sure … 25%

28. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine … 30%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine … 21%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine … 28%
Not sure … 21%

29. How likely do you think it is that a nuclear power accident will occur in Ukraine because of the Russian invasion?

Very likely	13%
Somewhat likely	40%
Not very likely	16%
Not likely at all	5%
Not sure	26%

30. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about the Russian takeover of a nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, Europe's largest nuclear plant?

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

31. 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
Liz Truss	8%	23%	**31%**	8%	5%	**13%**	54%
Boris Johnson	6%	20%	**26%**	24%	17%	**41%**	33%
Steve Bannon	7%	14%	**21%**	12%	30%	**42%**	36%
Hillary Clinton	16%	21%	**37%**	15%	41%	**56%**	7%

32. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	34%
Yes, a family member	57%
Yes, a close friend	48%
No	15%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Always	14%
Most of the time	14%
Some of the time	27%
Never	45%

34. Which statement describes you best?

I have received at least ONE shot of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	72%
I have NOT received ANY shots of ANY manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine	28%

35. Which statement describes you best?
Asked of those who have received at least one shot

I have received only ONE shot 9%

I have received only TWO shots 33%

I have received at least THREE shots 58%

36. Which vaccine did you get for your FIRST shot?
Asked of those who have received at least one shot

Pfizer-BioNtech 44%

Moderna 38%

Oxford-AstraZeneca 2%

Johnson & Johnson 11%

Don't remember 5%

37. Have you gotten more than three shots?
Asked of those who have received at least three shots

Yes, I have had more than three shots 31%

No, I have had only three shots 69%

38. Do you want to receive another shot?
Asked of those who have received three shots

Yes, right away 27%

Yes, but not yet 45%

No 28%

39. Which statement describes you best?
Asked of those who have not received any shots of any COVID-19 vaccine

I do not plan on ever getting ANY shots of ANY COVID-19 vaccine 66%

I might get a shot of one of the COVID-19 vaccines in the future 16%

I definitely will get a shot of one of the COVID-19 vaccines in the future 9%

Prefer not to say 9%

40. How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 .... 68%

I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot 4%

I plan to get vaccinated 3%

I will not get vaccinated 19%

I'm not sure about getting vaccinated 7%

41. Do you want the COVID shot that is tailored to newer specific variants?
Asked of those who are fully vaccinated

Yes 50%
No 20%
Not sure 27%
Already got it 3%

42. How effective do you think the new variant-specific shot will be at protecting people from COVID-19?

Very effective 16%
Possibly effective 45%
Ineffective, but not dangerous 22%
Dangerous 18%

43. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about polio being found in wastewater in New York?

A lot 15%
A little 49%
Nothing at all 36%

44. How concerned are you about polio being found in wastewater in New York?

Very concerned 25%
Somewhat concerned 43%
Not very concerned 19%
Not concerned at all 13%

45. How serious of a problem do you think it is that Hillary Clinton used a personal email address to conduct government business while working as Secretary of State?

Very serious 40%
Somewhat serious 28%
Not very serious 20%
Not at all serious 12%

46. Did Hillary Clinton handle classified materials appropriately?

Very appropriately 9%
Somewhat appropriately 16%
Somewhat inappropriately 18%
Very inappropriately 40%
Not sure 17%

47. How concerned are you about water shortages in your local area?

Very concerned 16%
Somewhat concerned 27%
Not very concerned 33%
Not concerned at all 23%

48. In the area where you live, are there any restrictions on water use because of droughts or other water problems?

Yes 17%
No 72%
Not sure 11%

49. Have those restrictions affected you personally?
Asked of those who live in locations with water use restrictions

Yes 42%
No 52%
Not sure 6%

50. Some states have recently implemented water restrictions to address shortages due to ongoing droughts. If a drought were to occur in your area, how willing would you be to reduce your water usage?

Very willing 35%
Somewhat willing 29%
Not very willing 7%
Not willing at all 4%
Not sure 8%
Already restricted water usage 17%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity 55%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity 25%
The world's climate is NOT changing 7%
Not sure 13%

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

Yes, I have 47%
No, I have not 26%
Not sure 20%
The climate is not changing 7%

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

Yes, I will 11%
No, I will not 15%
Not sure 19%
I have already felt the effect of climate change 47%
The climate is not changing 8%

54. Do you think recent droughts are primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?

Result of climate change	45%
Just happen from time to time	34%
Not sure	14%
The climate is not changing	7%

55. At the request of the National Archives, the Justice Department is investigating former President Trump for his possession and handling of government documents. Do you think this investigation is fair or unfair?

Fair	50%
Unfair	34%
Not sure	15%

56. How serious of a problem do you think it would be if Donald Trump took classified material with him to Florida after leaving office?

Very serious	47%
Somewhat serious	22%
Not very serious	18%
Not at all serious	13%

57. Did Donald Trump handle classified materials appropriately?

Very appropriately	17%
Somewhat appropriately	21%
Somewhat inappropriately	18%
Very inappropriately	44%

58. Do you think former President Trump will face any criminal charges for how he handled classified documents after leaving office?

Yes	27%
No	40%
Not sure	32%

59. Do you think former President Trump should face any criminal charges for how he handled classified documents after leaving office?

Yes	44%
No	39%
Not sure	16%

60. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump supporters taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 to stop Congressional proceedings?

Strongly approve 6%
Somewhat approve 10%
Somewhat disapprove 16%
Strongly disapprove 57%
Not sure 12%

61. Do you think people who participated in taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 should be... ?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Allowed to hold public office	21%	60%	19%
Arrested and tried for their participation in the Capitol attack	60%	23%	16%
Granted full pardons for any crimes they are charged with in relation to the attack	23%	60%	17%

62. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes same-sex marriage throughout the United States?

Strongly support 35%
Somewhat support 16%
Somewhat oppose 11%
Strongly oppose 23%
Not sure 15%

63. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes recreational marijuana use throughout the United States?

Strongly support 36%
Somewhat support 21%
Somewhat oppose 12%
Strongly oppose 20%
Not sure 10%

64. How much attention have you been paying to the 2022 congressional elections?

A lot 31%
A little 44%
None at all 25%

65. Compared to voting in previous Congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?

More enthusiastic 33%
Less enthusiastic 17%
About the same 39%
Not sure 11%

66. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats 36%
Senate controlled by Republicans 35%
Senate evenly divided between both parties 15%
No preference 15%

67. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Democrats win majority in the Senate 27%
Republicans win majority in the Senate 30%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties 14%
Not sure 29%

68. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

House controlled by Democrats 37%
House controlled by Republicans 35%
House evenly divided between both parties 14%
No preference 15%

69. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

Democrats retain majority in the House 25%
Republicans win majority in the House 34%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties 13%
Not sure 28%

70. Do you want President Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes 19%
No 59%
Not sure 22%

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

Yes 27%
No 57%
Not sure 16%

72. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	3%	2%
Immigration	46%	33%	15%	5%
Climate change and the environment	45%	25%	16%	14%
Foreign policy	41%	44%	11%	4%

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National Security	64%	26%	8%	3%
Education	60%	29%	9%	3%
Health care	67%	23%	7%	3%
Taxes and government spending	60%	32%	6%	3%
Abortion	48%	25%	15%	11%
Civil rights	56%	27%	11%	7%
Civil liberties	58%	28%	10%	4%
Guns	54%	26%	12%	8%
Crime	64%	25%	7%	3%
Criminal justice reform	48%	34%	12%	6%
Inflation/prices	75%	19%	4%	2%

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

Inflation/prices	20%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	6%
Abortion	6%
Immigration	6%
Civil rights	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Guns	5%
Education	5%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

74. 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	20%	23%	**43%**	10%	41%	**51%**	5%
Kamala Harris	16%	22%	**38%**	12%	41%	**53%**	9%
Nancy Pelosi	15%	20%	**35%**	12%	43%	**55%**	10%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	18%	**26%**	14%	28%	**42%**	32%
Mitch McConnell	5%	15%	**20%**	19%	42%	**61%**	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	18%	**29%**	12%	34%	**46%**	25%
Donald Trump	23%	17%	**40%**	9%	45%	**54%**	5%

75. Do you have a favorable or 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	19%	22%	**41%**	14%	37%	**51%**	8%
The Republican Party	14%	26%	**40%**	16%	36%	**52%**	9%

76. 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 13%
Strongly disapprove 39%
Disapprove **52%**
Not sure 8%

77. 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	17%	22%	**39%**	13%	37%	**50%**	10%
Education	16%	23%	**39%**	12%	32%	**44%**	16%
Health care	17%	22%	**39%**	16%	32%	**48%**	13%
Abortion	16%	19%	**35%**	14%	35%	**49%**	17%

78. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal 29%
Liberal 20%
Moderate 26%
Conservative 6%
Very conservative 3%
Not sure 16%

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

Honest and trustworthy 36%
Not honest and trustworthy 47%
Not sure 17%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 5%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………… 13%
Neither approve nor disapprove ………………………………………………… 14%
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………… 24%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 32%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 11%

81. Do you have a favorable or 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	16%	21%	**37%**	16%	36%	**52%**	10%
Republicans in Congress	11%	25%	**36%**	20%	34%	**54%**	10%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 13%
Somewhat approve ………………………………………………………………… 26%
Somewhat disapprove ……………………………………………………………… 16%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 28%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 16%

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

Very liberal ………………………………………………………………………… 3%
Liberal ……………………………………………………………………………… 6%
Moderate …………………………………………………………………………… 25%
Conservative ……………………………………………………………………… 20%
Very conservative ………………………………………………………………… 25%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 20%

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

Getting better ……………………………………………………………………… 13%
About the same …………………………………………………………………… 21%
Getting worse ……………………………………………………………………… 55%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 11%

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

Higher ……………………………………………………………………………… 18%
About the same …………………………………………………………………… 23%
Lower ……………………………………………………………………………… 26%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 32%

86. 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	36%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	7%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	35%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	21%

88. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	67%

89. 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?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	24%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	35%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	14%

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

Very happy	24%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

92. 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%

93. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2022 congressional elections in November?

Definitely will vote 56%
Probably will vote 11%
Maybe will vote 11%
Probably will not vote 7%
Definitely will not vote 10%
Don't know 5%

94. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?
Asked of those who are registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate 43%
The Republican Party candidate 39%
Other 1%
Not sure 11%
I would not vote 5%

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

Democrat 32%
Independent 40%
Republican 28%

96. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat 21%
Not very strong Democrat 11%
Lean Democrat 9%
Independent 17%
Lean Republican 10%
Not very strong Republican 10%
Strong Republican 18%
Not sure 5%
Don't know 0%

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

Biden legitimately won the election 62%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election 38%

98. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on social issues?

Very liberal 12%
Liberal 18%
Moderate 28%
Conservative 20%
Very conservative 10%
Not sure 12%

99. How would you describe your own political viewpoint on economic issues?

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	14%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	13%

100. When you call yourself a Republican, are you thinking more about your support of Donald Trump, or more or your support of the Republican Party is general?
Asked of Republicans

Support of Donald Trump	29%
Support of the Republican Party	63%
Not sure	8%

101. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	38%
No	36%
Not sure	26%

102. Are you. . . ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

103. Respondent age by category

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

104. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

106. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

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

109. How would you describe the place where you live?

Urban	31%
Suburb	34%
Rural/Other	34%

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

Under $50K	44%
$50-100K	28%
$100K or more	16%
Prefer not to say	12%

111. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	42%
No	58%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 10 - 13, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.179 to 3.485, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.426.
Number of respondents	1500 1307 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.