

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

## August 12 - 15, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted August 12 - 15, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Generally headed in the right direction | 24% |
| Off on the wrong track                  | 62% |
| Not sure                                | 14% |

### 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 |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Dianne Feinstein | 5%             | 15%                | 16%                  | 30%              | 35%        |
| Chris Christie   | 3%             | 19%                | 25%                  | 29%              | 24%        |
| Ron DeSantis     | 13%            | 21%                | 13%                  | 36%              | 17%        |
| Nikki Haley      | 6%             | 20%                | 16%                  | 22%              | 35%        |
| Ronna McDaniel   | 2%             | 11%                | 9%                   | 18%              | 60%        |
| Mike Pence       | 5%             | 22%                | 25%                  | 35%              | 13%        |
| Donald Trump     | 24%            | 17%                | 10%                  | 46%              | 3%         |

### 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%            | 23%                | 12%                  | 42%              | 4%         |
| Kamala Harris   | 17%            | 21%                | 11%                  | 42%              | 9%         |
| Kevin McCarthy  | 7%             | 21%                | 13%                  | 30%              | 28%        |
| Mitch McConnell | 3%             | 15%                | 18%                  | 42%              | 22%        |
| Chuck Schumer   | 13%            | 18%                | 12%                  | 32%              | 25%        |
| Hakeem Jeffries | 11%            | 13%                | 8%                   | 21%              | 47%        |

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

|                                    | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not very Important | Unimportant |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Jobs and the economy               | 70%            | 26%                | 3%                 | 1%          |
| Immigration                        | 51%            | 34%                | 12%                | 3%          |
| Climate change and the environment | 45%            | 26%                | 15%                | 14%         |
| Foreign policy                     | 42%            | 44%                | 12%                | 2%          |
| National Security                  | 63%            | 28%                | 7%                 | 2%          |
| Education                          | 65%            | 27%                | 6%                 | 2%          |

*continued on the next page ...*

*continued from previous page*

|                               |     |     |     |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Health care                   | 69% | 24% | 5%  | 2%  |
| Taxes and government spending | 63% | 28% | 7%  | 2%  |
| Abortion                      | 47% | 28% | 14% | 11% |
| Civil rights                  | 57% | 31% | 9%  | 3%  |
| Civil liberties               | 54% | 32% | 11% | 3%  |
| Guns                          | 55% | 28% | 11% | 6%  |
| Crime                         | 63% | 29% | 7%  | 1%  |
| Criminal justice reform       | 45% | 38% | 13% | 4%  |
| Inflation/prices              | 74% | 21% | 4%  | 1%  |

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

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Inflation/prices                   | 21% |
| Jobs and the economy               | 12% |
| Health care                        | 11% |
| Climate change and the environment | 11% |
| Taxes and government spending      | 7%  |
| Immigration                        | 7%  |
| Civil rights                       | 6%  |
| Abortion                           | 4%  |
| Guns                               | 4%  |
| Education                          | 4%  |
| National Security                  | 4%  |
| Crime                              | 3%  |
| Civil liberties                    | 3%  |
| Criminal justice reform            | 1%  |
| Foreign policy                     | 1%  |

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

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Strongly approve    | 17%        |
| Somewhat approve    | 23%        |
| <b>Approve</b>      | <b>40%</b> |
| Somewhat disapprove | 12%        |
| Strongly disapprove | 41%        |
| <b>Disapprove</b>   | <b>53%</b> |
| Not sure            | 7%         |

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

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve               | 4%  |
| Somewhat approve               | 12% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 17% |
| Somewhat disapprove            | 25% |
| Strongly disapprove            | 33% |
| Not sure                       | 9%  |

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

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve    | 13% |
| Somewhat approve    | 23% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 15% |
| Strongly disapprove | 33% |
| Not sure            | 15% |

**9. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party candidate | 42% |
| The Republican Party candidate | 42% |
| Not sure                       | 13% |
| I would not vote               | 3%  |

**10. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?**

*Asked of registered voters*

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| The Democratic Party candidate | 44% |
| The Republican Party candidate | 42% |
| Other                          | 2%  |
| Not sure                       | 10% |
| I would not vote               | 2%  |

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

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal      | 2%  |
| Liberal           | 7%  |
| Moderate          | 27% |
| Conservative      | 20% |
| Very conservative | 22% |
| Not sure          | 22% |

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

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Yes      | 22% |
| No       | 60% |
| Not sure | 17% |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Yes .....      | 32% |
| No .....       | 56% |
| Not sure ..... | 13% |

14. 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 .....     | 39% |
| Other .....            | 7%  |
| Not sure .....         | 5%  |
| I would not vote ..... | 12% |

15. 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 .....    | 38% |
| Donald Trump ..... | 37% |
| Not sure .....     | 25% |

16. Would you say Joe Biden is...

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal .....      | 30% |
| Liberal .....           | 19% |
| Moderate .....          | 26% |
| Conservative .....      | 6%  |
| Very conservative ..... | 3%  |
| Not sure .....          | 15% |

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

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Very strong .....     | 12% |
| Somewhat strong ..... | 24% |
| Somewhat weak .....   | 23% |
| Very weak .....       | 41% |

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

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Honest and trustworthy .....     | 36% |
| Not honest and trustworthy ..... | 47% |
| Not sure .....                   | 17% |

19. Would you say Donald Trump is...

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal      | 6%  |
| Liberal           | 4%  |
| Moderate          | 14% |
| Conservative      | 29% |
| Very conservative | 23% |
| Not sure          | 24% |

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

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Very strong     | 33% |
| Somewhat strong | 24% |
| Somewhat weak   | 13% |
| Very weak       | 31% |

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

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Honest and trustworthy     | 28% |
| Not honest and trustworthy | 54% |
| Not sure                   | 18% |

22. 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               | 20%              | 21%               | <b>40%</b> | 14%                  | 38%                 | <b>52%</b> | 8%         |
| Climate change and the environment | 14%              | 25%               | <b>39%</b> | 13%                  | 33%                 | <b>46%</b> | 15%        |
| Health care                        | 16%              | 24%               | <b>40%</b> | 18%                  | 29%                 | <b>47%</b> | 13%        |
| Taxes and government spending      | 14%              | 21%               | <b>35%</b> | 14%                  | 41%                 | <b>54%</b> | 11%        |
| Abortion                           | 17%              | 22%               | <b>39%</b> | 12%                  | 32%                 | <b>43%</b> | 18%        |
| Guns                               | 13%              | 20%               | <b>33%</b> | 18%                  | 35%                 | <b>52%</b> | 14%        |
| Crime                              | 11%              | 22%               | <b>33%</b> | 15%                  | 38%                 | <b>52%</b> | 15%        |
| Inflation/prices                   | 14%              | 20%               | <b>34%</b> | 12%                  | 45%                 | <b>57%</b> | 9%         |

23. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Democratic primary/caucus | 30% |
| Republican primary/caucus | 34% |
| Neither one               | 19% |
| Not sure                  | 18% |

24. How important are debates in making up your mind about a presidential candidate?

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 24% |
| Somewhat important .....   | 36% |
| Not very important .....   | 17% |
| Not at all important ..... | 12% |
| Not sure .....             | 10% |

25. Do you think presidential primary candidates should or should not be required to do the following things in order to qualify to participate in a presidential primary debate?

|  | Should be required | Should not be required |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Poll at least 1% in three national polls                             | 69%                | 31%                    |
| Have a minimum of 40,000 unique donors                               | 47%                | 53%                    |
| Sign a loyalty pledge agreeing to support the eventual party nominee | 46%                | 54%                    |

26. Donald Trump has said he would not sign a loyalty pledge to support the eventual Republican presidential nominee. Do you think...?

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Donald Trump should be allowed to participate in the Republican primary debate, even if he doesn't sign a loyalty pledge ..... | 55% |
| Donald Trump should not be allowed to participate in the Republican primary debate if he doesn't sign a loyalty pledge .....   | 45% |

27. The first Republican presidential primary debate will take place on August 23 in Milwaukee. Do you think you will watch it?

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Definitely will ..... | 15% |
| Probably will .....   | 27% |
| Probably not .....    | 19% |
| Definitely not .....  | 24% |
| Not sure .....        | 15% |

**28. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?**

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Donald Trump     | 53% |
| Ron DeSantis     | 15% |
| Nikki Haley      | 2%  |
| Mike Pence       | 3%  |
| Chris Christie   | 2%  |
| Tim Scott        | 3%  |
| Vivek Ramaswamy  | 4%  |
| Asa Hutchinson   | 0%  |
| Francis Suarez   | 0%  |
| Doug Burgum      | 0%  |
| Will Hurd        | 0%  |
| Larry Elder      | 0%  |
| Someone else     | 1%  |
| Not sure         | 11% |
| I would not vote | 4%  |

**29. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today and [favored candidate] was not on the ballot, who would you vote for?**

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican and have a preferred Republican primary candidate*

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Donald Trump     | 11% |
| Ron DeSantis     | 23% |
| Nikki Haley      | 5%  |
| Mike Pence       | 8%  |
| Chris Christie   | 2%  |
| Tim Scott        | 9%  |
| Vivek Ramaswamy  | 12% |
| Asa Hutchinson   | 0%  |
| Francis Suarez   | 1%  |
| Doug Burgum      | 0%  |
| Will Hurd        | 0%  |
| Larry Elder      | 2%  |
| Someone else     | 2%  |
| Not sure         | 17% |
| I would not vote | 9%  |

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

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Getting better | 19% |
| About the same | 20% |
| Getting worse  | 52% |
| Not sure       | 8%  |

**31. Would you say that you and your family are...**

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Better off financially than you were a year ago .....   | 13% |
| About the same financially as you were a year ago ..... | 38% |
| Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....    | 44% |
| Not sure .....  | 5%  |

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

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Full-time .....            | 34% |
| Part-time .....            | 13% |
| Temporarily laid off ..... | 1%  |
| Unemployed .....           | 11% |
| Retired .....              | 22% |
| Permanently disabled ..... | 9%  |
| Homemaker .....            | 5%  |
| Student .....              | 4%  |
| Other .....                | 3%  |

**33. Are you currently enrolled as a student?**

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Full-time student ..... | 5%  |
| Part-time student ..... | 4%  |
| Not a student .....     | 91% |

**34. Do you have a job outside of school?**

*Asked of students*

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Full-time job .....            | 4%  |
| Part-time job .....            | 25% |
| No job outside of school ..... | 71% |

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

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Unemployment ..... | 6%  |
| Inflation .....    | 54% |
| Both equal .....   | 35% |
| Not sure .....     | 5%  |

**36. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| A higher rate of inflation ..... | 41% |
| The same rate of inflation ..... | 24% |
| A lower rate of inflation .....  | 14% |
| Not sure .....                   | 21% |



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

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| A lot .....      | 59% |
| A little .....   | 37% |
| Not at all ..... | 4%  |

38. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce inflation?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Democratic Party ..... | 29% |
| Republican Party ..... | 32% |
| Neither party .....    | 22% |
| Not sure .....         | 18% |

39. Do you generally support or oppose the U.S. engaging in prisoner exchanges with hostile countries, where the U.S. releases a foreign criminal in exchange for a U.S. citizen imprisoned abroad?

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Strongly support ..... | 13% |
| Somewhat support ..... | 37% |
| Somewhat oppose .....  | 15% |
| Strongly oppose .....  | 10% |
| Not sure .....         | 25% |

40. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a prisoner swap in which Iran would release five American prisoners in exchange for the U.S. releasing several Iranian prisoners and allowing Iran access to \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenues that had previously been frozen?

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| A lot .....          | 11% |
| A little .....       | 38% |
| Nothing at all ..... | 51% |

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the prisoner swap in which Iran would release five American prisoners in exchange for the U.S. releasing several Iranian prisoners and allowing Iran access to \$6 billion in Iranian oil revenues that had previously been frozen?

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve .....    | 7%  |
| Somewhat approve .....    | 24% |
| Somewhat disapprove ..... | 18% |
| Strongly disapprove ..... | 23% |
| Not sure .....            | 29% |

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

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity .....     | 58% |
| The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity ..... | 23% |
| The world's climate is NOT changing .....                               | 6%  |
| Not sure .....  | 13% |

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| <b>43. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?</b>  |     |
| Yes, I have .....  | 52% |
| No, I have not .....   | 25% |
| Not sure .....   | 17% |
| The climate is not changing .....  | 6%  |
| <b>44. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?</b>  |     |
| Yes, I will .....  | 12% |
| No, I will not .....   | 15% |
| Not sure .....   | 15% |
| I have already felt the effect of climate change .....   | 52% |
| The climate is not changing .....  | 6%  |
| <b>45. How much, if anything, have you heard recently about wildfires in Maui, Hawaii?</b>   |     |
| A lot .....  | 52% |
| A little .....   | 38% |
| Nothing at all .....   | 9%  |
| <b>46. Do you think the recent wildfires in Maui are primarily the result of climate change or do these kinds of events just happen from time to time?</b> |     |
| Result of climate change .....   | 37% |
| Just happen from time to time .....  | 36% |
| Not sure .....   | 21% |
| The climate is not changing .....  | 6%  |
| <b>47. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?</b>  |     |
| Very liberal .....   | 12% |
| Liberal .....  | 15% |
| Moderate .....   | 29% |
| Conservative .....   | 23% |
| Very conservative .....  | 12% |
| Not sure .....   | 11% |
| <b>48. Are you registered to vote?</b>   |     |
| Registered .....   | 73% |
| Not registered .....   | 27% |
| <b>49. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?</b>   |     |
| Joe Biden .....  | 35% |
| Donald Trump .....   | 32% |
| Other .....  | 1%  |
| Did not vote for President .....   | 33% |

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

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democrat .....    | 34% |
| Republican .....  | 30% |
| Independent ..... | 24% |
| Other .....       | 4%  |
| Not sure .....    | 8%  |

51. Political Party Identification

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Strong Democrat .....            | 22% |
| Not very strong Democrat .....   | 11% |
| Lean Democrat .....              | 8%  |
| Independent .....                | 16% |
| Lean Republican .....            | 8%  |
| Not very strong Republican ..... | 12% |
| Strong Republican .....          | 18% |
| Not sure .....                   | 4%  |
| Don't know .....                 | 0%  |

52. Are you... ?

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Male .....   | 49% |
| Female ..... | 51% |

53. Respondent age by category

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

54. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

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

|                                    |     |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Married .....                      | 42% |
| Separated .....                    | 2%  |
| Divorced .....                     | 13% |
| Widowed .....                      | 6%  |
| Never married .....                | 33% |
| Domestic / civil partnership ..... | 5%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 21% |
| No .....  | 79% |

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Under \$50K .....       | 43% |
| \$50-100K .....         | 26% |
| \$100K or more .....    | 19% |
| Prefer not to say ..... | 12% |

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

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Very important .....       | 30% |
| Somewhat important .....   | 28% |
| Not too important .....    | 17% |
| Not at all important ..... | 25% |

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

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| More than once a week ..... | 7%  |
| Once a week .....           | 16% |
| Once or twice a month ..... | 7%  |
| A few times a year .....    | 10% |
| Seldom .....                | 21% |
| Never .....                 | 35% |
| Don't know .....            | 4%  |

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

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Yes ..... | 27% |
| No .....  | 73% |

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

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Several times a day ..... | 27% |
| Once a day .....          | 12% |
| A few times a week .....  | 11% |
| Once a week .....         | 2%  |
| A few times a month ..... | 6%  |
| Seldom .....              | 17% |
| Never .....               | 21% |
| Don't know .....          | 5%  |

64. What is your present religion, if any?

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Protestant .....                | 30% |
| Roman Catholic .....            | 18% |
| Mormon .....                    | 1%  |
| Eastern or Greek Orthodox ..... | 1%  |
| Jewish .....                    | 2%  |
| Muslim .....                    | 3%  |
| Buddhist .....                  | 0%  |
| Hindu .....                     | 0%  |
| Atheist .....                   | 7%  |
| Agnostic .....                  | 5%  |
| Nothing in particular .....     | 24% |
| Something else .....            | 8%  |

# ***The Economist/YouGov Poll***

**August 12 - 15, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens**



|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sponsorship</b>            | <i>The Economist</i>  |
| <b>Fieldwork</b>              | YouGov  |
| <b>Interviewing Dates</b>     | August 12 - 15, 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 0.063 to 6.487, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.773. |
| <b>Number of respondents</b>  | 1500<br>1321 (Registered voters)  |
| <b>Margin of error</b>        | ± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting)<br>± 3.1% (Registered voters)   |
| <b>Survey mode</b>            | Web-based interviews  |
| <b>Questions not reported</b> | 37 questions not reported.  |