



GW POLITICS POLL November 2023

The survey was fielded November 9-15, 2023 by YouGov with a sample of U.S adults 18 and over. YouGov recruits individuals in a variety of ways into their panel and then uses sample matching to create a representative sample from this non-randomly selected pool. YouGov interviewed 1694 nationally representative respondents who were then matched down to a sample of 1500 to produce the final dataset. The respondents were matched to a sampling frame on gender, age, race, and education. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote. The matched cases were weighted to the sampling frame using propensity scores. The matched cases and the frame were combined and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, region, Presidential Vote 2020 and home ownership. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame and post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 presidential vote choice as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight. The toplines reported below are based on frequencies using the final weight variable provided by YouGov for the sample. The margin of error for the full sample is +/- 2.8%

Presidential and Congressional Approval, Favorability

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

Biden approval

Strongly approve	16.3%
Somewhat approve	26.1%
Somewhat disapprove	14.8%
Strongly disapprove	39.9%
Don't know	2.9%
Unweighted N	1500

Do you approve or disapprove of the way the United States Congress is handling its job?

Congress approval

Strongly approve	5.9%
Somewhat approve	19.6%
Somewhat disapprove	30.7%
Strongly disapprove	36.6%
Don't know	7.1%
Unweighted N	1500

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

Individual favorability	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	Unweighted N
Donald Trump	23.5%	18.4%	9.5%	45.6%	3.0%	1500
Barack Obama	35.6%	21.4%	10.0%	29.9%	3.1%	1500
Bernie Sanders	20.1%	25.5%	14.5%	27.8%	12.0%	1500
Chuck Schumer	10.5%	22.2%	12.2%	31.4%	23.7%	1500
Kevin McCarthy	5.7%	19.9%	19.6%	30.2%	24.5%	1500
Hakeem Jeffries	12.8%	16.0%	10.7%	20.3%	40.2%	1499
Mitch McConnell	3.8%	15.2%	21.9%	41.3%	17.8%	1498
Joe Biden	21.5%	22.3%	12.1%	41.0%	3.1%	1500
Ron DeSantis	12.9%	22.5%	11.6%	37.8%	15.2%	1500
Kamala Harris	16.3%	25.2%	11.7%	39.9%	6.9%	1497
Nikki Haley	8.6%	23.2%	18.9%	23.9%	25.5%	1500
Tim Scott	8.8%	20.2%	14.0%	19.6%	37.3%	1500
Mike Pence	6.8%	22.6%	24.3%	35.8%	10.5%	1500
Nancy Pelosi	15.4%	22.8%	11.6%	40.0%	10.1%	1500
Vivek Ramaswamy	7.3%	18.8%	13.6%	27.0%	33.3%	1498
Robert F Kennedy Jr	10.4%	30.2%	19.8%	21.3%	18.4%	1498
Chris Christie	3.8%	20.5%	24.7%	30.6%	20.4%	1500
Merrick Garland	10.8%	16.8%	9.8%	23.7%	38.9%	1498
Gavin Newsom	11.9%	18.5%	11.4%	28.1%	30.1%	1500
Matt Gaetz	6.6%	14.0%	12.7%	30.9%	35.8%	1498
Mike Johnson	9.0%	17.7%	11.6%	22.6%	39.1%	1499

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

Groups favorability	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know	Unweighted N
Democrats in Congress	16.1%	26.9%	16.6%	33.6%	6.8%	1500
Republicans in Congress	7.9%	24.6%	21.9%	38.4%	7.3%	1500
Department of Justice	14.0%	30.9%	19.5%	24.7%	10.9%	1500
Federal Bureau of Investigation	15.1%	32.4%	17.2%	23.4%	11.8%	1500
The Supreme Court	14.5%	30.5%	21.1%	24.6%	9.2%	1500

Views of the Country

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

View of the country	All
Generally headed in the right direction	24.7%
Off on the wrong track	67.9%
Don't know	7.4%
Unweighted N	1500

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

View of family situation	All
Better off financially than you were a year ago	14.1%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40.1%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	43.5%
Don't know	2.2%
Unweighted N	1500

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

View of economy	All
Getting better	17.5%
About the same	24.4%
Getting worse	54.9%
Don't know	3.2%
Unweighted N	1500

Trait Evaluations

How well does each of the following describe Joe Biden?

Biden traits	Not well at all	Not too well	Quite well	Extremely well	Unweighted N
Provides strong leadership	39.6%	20.6%	25.6%	14.2%	1500
Has the mental soundness to serve effectively as president	41.7%	20.3%	25.0%	13.0%	1500
Really cares about people like you	36.4%	18.7%	26.5%	18.4%	1500
Honest	35.1%	19.3%	27.4%	18.2%	1500
Moral	34.1%	17.3%	29.1%	19.5%	1500
Knowledgeable	30.4%	21.6%	27.5%	20.4%	1500
Patriotic	26.4%	18.0%	32.4%	23.3%	1500
Is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president	42.7%	22.1%	24.7%	10.5%	1500

How well does each of the following describe Donald Trump?

Trump traits	Not well at all	Not too well	Quite well	Extremely well	Unweighted N
Provides strong leadership	35.7%	13.6%	22.6%	28.1%	1500
Has the mental soundness to serve effectively as president	39.1%	14.8%	24.1%	22.0%	1500
Really cares about people like you	44.7%	14.6%	22.5%	18.2%	1499
Honest	46.4%	17.4%	23.5%	12.8%	1499
Moral	45.8%	19.6%	22.7%	11.9%	1498
knowledgeable	37.0%	14.4%	26.0%	22.6%	1500
Patriotic	32.1%	14.1%	25.5%	28.3%	1500
Is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president	26.8%	19.1%	33.5%	20.6%	1498

Views on Government Shutdown

As you may know, lawmakers in Washington have struggled to agree on a budget. That could lead to a federal government shutdown in November. Do you think a shutdown would be a good thing or a bad thing?

Government shutdown good or bad	All
Good thing	19.7%
Bad thing	66.4%
Don't know	13.9%
Unweighted N	1500

Why do you think a shutdown would be a good thing? Check all that apply. (Asked only of those who said government shutdown a “good thing”).

Why shutdown good	All
Because it is good if the federal government cannot fully function.	38.0%
Because it shows elected officials are standing up for what they believe.	53.5%
Because it would benefit my favored political party in the 2024 election	10.5%
Some other reason	28.4%
Unweighted N	297

Note. More than one option can be selected which is why adds to more than 100%.

Why do you think a shutdown would be a bad thing? Check all that apply. (Asked only of those who said government shutdown a “bad thing”).

Why shutdown bad	All
Because it is bad if the federal government cannot fully function.	83.3%
Because it shows elected officials are unwilling to compromise.	66.1%
Because it would harm my favored political party in the 2024 election	7.9%
Some other reason	16.4%
Unweighted N	999

Note. More than one option can be selected which is why adds to more than 100%

If the government were to shut down in November, who would you say is most at fault?

Government shutdown fault	All
Republicans in Congress	44.2%
Democrats in Congress	31.3%
The President	24.5%
Unweighted N	1495

Views on foreign policy, attitudes toward countries

When it comes to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, do you think the U.S. is providing...

US support to Ukraine	All
Too much support to Ukraine	34.3%
Not enough support to Ukraine	17.5%
About the right amount of support to Ukraine	32.8%
Not sure	15.3%
Unweighted N	1500

When it comes to the war between Israel and Hamas, do you think the U.S. is providing...

US support to Israel	All
Too much support to Israel	29.6%
Not enough support to Israel	20.6%
About the right amount of support to Israel	31.9%
Not sure	18.0%
Unweighted N	1499

Now, we would like to get your feelings toward a number of countries. A rating of zero degrees means you feel as cold and negative as possible. A rating of 100 degrees means you feel as warm and positive as possible. You would rate the country at 50 degrees if you don't feel particularly positive or negative. How warm or cold do you feel towards the following countries?

Views on countries	Mean Thermometer Rating	Unweighted N
Canada	70.5	1494
China	29.4	1483
Iran	22.1	1481
Iraq	28.4	1482
Israel	57.1	1493
Mexico	53.1	1491
North Korea	18.9	1480
South Korea	56.8	1492
Russia	22.3	1486
Saudi Arabia	34.1	1490

Which of the following countries do you feel is the greatest threat to United States?

US greatest threat	All
China	46.8%
Iran	9.0%
North Korea	9.0%
Russia	23.7%
Don't know	11.4%
Unweighted N	1500

China has experienced rapid economic growth in recent decades, and is forecast to surpass the US as the world's largest economy in the near future. At the same time, its influence in international affairs has also grown. Overall, do you see China's rise as a threat or an opportunity for American interests?

China growth threat	All
Primarily a threat	33.5%
Mostly a threat, with some opportunity	26.6%
Equal threat and opportunity	21.5%
Mostly an opportunity, with some threat	6.4%
Primarily an opportunity	3.2%
Don't know	8.7%
Unweighted N	1500

Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling China?

China approve of Biden handling	All
Strongly approve	6.7%
Approve	25.8%
Disapprove	15.8%
Strongly disapprove	29.0%
Don't know	22.6%
Unweighted N	1500

Who is better able to manage the US – China relationship?

Who is better for US - China relationship	All
Joe Biden	39.0%
Donald Trump	42.9%
Don't know	18.2%
Unweighted N	1500

Social Participation, Working From Home

In the last 7 days, did you participate actively or do voluntary work in person in any associations or organizations? (e.g., sports, political, cultural and religious organizations)

	All
Yes	21.3%
No	78.7%
Unweighted N	1500

In the last 7 days, did you work from home?

	All
Yes	26.3%
No	73.7%
Unweighted N	1500

In the last 7 days, how often did you and your neighbors do favors for each other, such as house sitting, watching each other's children, lending tools, and other things to help each other?

Favors from neighbors	All
Basically every day	5.1%
A few times a week	18.0%
Once a week	16.8%
Not at all	60.2%
Unweighted N	1500

Unions

Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?

Union approval	All
Strongly approve	25.2%
Somewhat approve	24.0%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20.4%
Somewhat disapprove	11.9%
Strongly disapprove	8.9%
Don't know	9.5%
Unweighted N	1500

How supportive is Joe Biden of labor unions?

	All
Strongly supportive	27.4%
Somewhat supportive	28.7%
Neither supportive nor unsupportive	28.4%
Somewhat unsupportive	7.6%
Very unsupportive	8.0%
Unweighted N	751

How supportive is Donald Trump of labor unions?

	All
Strongly supportive	7.4%
Somewhat supportive	19.3%
Neither supportive nor unsupportive	32.6%
Somewhat unsupportive	12.2%
Very unsupportive	28.5%
Unweighted N	748

Social Trust, Trust in Government, International Trust

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful dealing with people?

	All
Most people can be trusted	29.7%
You can't be too careful dealing with people	63.2%
Don't know	7.1%
Unweighted N	1500

Would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are just looking out for themselves?

	All
Most of the time people try to be helpful	46.2%
People are just looking out for themselves	42.8%
Don't know	10.9%
Unweighted N	1500

How much of the time do you think you can trust the government in Washington to do what is right?

	All
Just about always	4.5%
Most of the time	19.0%
Only some of the time	68.2%
Don't know	8.3%
Unweighted N	1500

Would you say the government is pretty much run by a few big interests looking out for themselves or that it is run for the benefit of all the people?

	All
A few big interests	72.9%
For the benefit of all the people	15.6%
Don't know	11.5%
Unweighted N	1500

Do you think that people in the government waste a lot of money we pay in taxes, waste some of it, or don't waste very much of it?

	All
Waste a lot of money	60.4%
Waste some of it	27.2%
Don't waste very much	6.0%
Don't know	6.5%
Unweighted N	1500

Do you think that quite a few of the people running the government are crooked, not very many are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked at all?

	All
Quite a few people are crooked	64.8%
Not very many are crooked	22.3%
Hardly any of them are crooked	5.4%
Don't know	7.6%
Unweighted N	1499

Generally speaking, would you say that the US can trust other nations, or that the US can't be too careful in dealing with other nations?

	All
US can trust other nations	20.1%
US can't be too careful in dealing with other nations	68.2%
Don't know	11.7%
Unweighted N	1500

Would you say that most of the time other nations try to be helpful to the US, or that they are just looking out for themselves?

	All
Most of the time other nations try to be helpful	21.6%
Most of the time other nations are just looking out for themselves	63.3%
Don't know	15.1%
Unweighted N	1500

Do you think that other nations generally treat the US fairly, or that they often take unfair advantage of the US?

	All
Other nations generally treat the US fairly	29.9%
Other nations try to take unfair advantage of the US	50.3%
Don't know	19.8%
Unweighted N	1500

For each of the following, tell me how often you feel that way

Loneliness grid	Hardly ever	Some of the time	Often	Unweighted N
That you lack companionship	49.2%	34.8%	16.0%	1500
That you feel left out	47.5%	40.0%	12.5%	1500
That you feel isolated from others	47.1%	38.4%	14.5%	1499

In general, how attached do you feel to the local community where you live?

Community attachment	All
Very	16.9%
Somewhat	44.2%
Not very	20.4%
Not at all	15.3%
Don't know	3.2%
Unweighted N	1500

Media Use

Do you ever use social media sites like Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) , Instagram, or TikTok?

Do you ever use social media	All
Yes	81.9%
No	17.2%
Don't know	0.8%
Unweighted N	1500

About how often do you use social media? (asked only of those who answered Yes to prior question)

How often do you use social media	All
Several times a day	68.0%
About once a day	21.9%
A few days a week	7.0%
Every few weeks	1.6%
Less often	1.5%
Unweighted N	1229

Thinking now about your general news habits, how often do you:

News habits	Regularly	Sometimes	Hardly ever	Never	Unweighted N
Read a local newspaper (either in print or online)	16.3%	27.7%	22.3%	33.7%	1500
Read a national newspaper (either in print or online)	14.4%	26.3%	22.4%	36.9%	1500
Listen to news on the radio	15.3%	30.7%	22.2%	31.7%	1500
Watch local television news	30.9%	30.7%	19.4%	19.0%	1499
Watch national evening network television news (such as ABC World News, CBS Evening News, or NBC Nightly News)	24.1%	25.3%	21.0%	29.7%	1500
Watch cable television news (such as CNN, Fox News, or MSNBC)	25.3%	25.5%	18.6%	30.6%	1499
Get news from a social media site (such as Facebook, X, Instagram, or TikTok)	29.2%	30.8%	15.9%	24.0%	1500
Get news from a news website or app	32.4%	35.3%	13.6%	18.8%	1500

Views on Race

Here are a few statements about race in America. Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with each statement.

Race statements	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Unweighted N
Over the past few years, Blacks have gotten less than they deserve.	16.1%	28.7%	22.1%	22.1%	11.0%	1500
Irish, Italian, Jewish, and many other minorities overcame prejudice and worked their way up. Blacks should do the same without any special favors.	22.1%	33.4%	17.7%	17.3%	9.4%	1500
It's really a matter of some people not trying hard enough; if Blacks would only try harder they could be just as well off as Whites.	14.5%	27.9%	21.7%	25.5%	10.3%	1500
Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for Blacks to work their way out of the lower class.	21.3%	27.5%	19.0%	24.5%	7.8%	1500

Demographics

Age

30 and under	23%
31-40	17%
41-50	14%
51-60	17%
61-70	15%
over 70	13%

Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

Race

White	63%
Black	12%
Hispanic	16%
Asian	2%
Native American	2%
Middle Eastern	0%
Two or more races	2%
Other	2%

Education

No HS	4%
High school graduate	34%
Some college	18%
2-year	10%
4-year	21%
Post-grad	12%

Marital Status

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

Employment Status

Full-time	40%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	7%
Retired	20%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

Home ownership

Own	66%
Rent	29%
Other	5%

Family income

Less than \$10,000	5%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	7%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	12%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	8%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	6%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	6%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	8%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	8%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	5%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	1%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	1%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	1%
\$500,000 or more	1%
Prefer not to say	8%

7 point Party ID

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Strong Republican	18%
Not very strong Republican	9%
Lean Democrat	8%
Lean Republican	8%
Independent	18%
Not sure	3%

Voter Registration Status

Yes	82%
No	17%
Don't know	1%

Ideology

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	7%

Political Interest

Most of the time	40%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	3%

Religion

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	24%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	7%

Church attendance

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	17%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

Born Again

Yes	32%
No	68%

Importance of religion

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	12%
Not at all important	22%