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Axios-Ipsos Two Americas Poll– March 2023

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®

A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Wave:
Wave 1

Interview dates:
March 10-13, 2023

Interviews:
1,018

Margin of error for the total Wave 1 sample: +/-3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Annotated Questionnaire:

1. Which of the following topics are the most important issues facing the country?

	March 2023
Inflation or increasing costs	49%
Unemployment	4%
Economic inequality	11%
Political extremism or polarization	25%
Government budget and debt	19%
Taxes	8%
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	9%
Education	8%
Immigration	21%
Race and racism	15%
Healthcare	18%
COVID-19/coronavirus	5%
Opioid or drug addiction	11%
Abortion	12%
Crime or gun violence	33%
Climate change	19%
Natural disasters	4%
Election security or fraud	7%
Other	2%
None of these	1%





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2. Which of the following topics are the most important issues facing your local community?

	March 2023
Inflation or increasing costs	57%
Unemployment	9%
Economic inequality	14%
Political extremism or polarization	13%
Government budget and debt	10%
Taxes	16%
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	1%
Education	18%
Immigration	9%
Race and racism	11%
Healthcare	17%
COVID-19/coronavirus	4%
Opioid or drug addiction	21%
Abortion	5%
Crime or gun violence	25%
Climate change	11%
Natural disasters	2%
Election security or fraud	3%
Other	2%
None of these	4%



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3. In the past month, which of these topics have you seen a lot of in the news?

	March 2023
Inflation or increasing costs	61%
Unemployment	13%
Economic inequality	18%
Political extremism or polarization	39%
Government budget and debt	38%
Taxes	17%
Foreign conflicts or terrorism	41%
Education	18%
Immigration	36%
Race and racism	40%
Healthcare	18%
COVID-19/coronavirus	23%
Opioid or drug addiction	31%
Abortion	32%
Crime or gun violence	59%
Climate change	35%
Natural disasters	33%
Election security or fraud	18%
Other	1%
None of these	8%



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4. How much, if anything, do you think you have in common with Americans who identify as...

White

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	45%	33%	10%	7%	4%	1%	78%	17%

Black

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	21%	32%	23%	17%	7%	1%	53%	39%

Hispanic

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	21%	30%	22%	17%	9%	1%	51%	39%

Asian

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	12%	29%	24%	24%	10%	1%	42%	48%

Democrats

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	23%	31%	20%	18%	7%	1%	55%	38%

Republicans

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	18%	28%	23%	23%	7%	1%	46%	46%

Evangelical Christian

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	19%	20%	18%	30%	11%	1%	39%	49%

Agnostic/Non-religious

Wave:	A lot	Some	A little	Nothing	Not sure	Skipped	Total a lot/some	Total a little/nothing
March 10-13	17%	25%	20%	26%	11%	1%	42%	46%



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5. When was the last time you shared a meal with someone who is...

White

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	77%	6%	4%	5%	3%	5%	1%

Black

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	39%	15%	9%	18%	8%	10%	1%

Hispanic

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	42%	13%	8%	14%	9%	13%	1%

Asian

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	28%	13%	8%	18%	17%	16%	1%

Democrat

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	54%	9%	4%	4%	5%	23%	1%

Republican

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	48%	11%	5%	5%	8%	23%	1%

Evangelical Christian

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	28%	8%	5%	9%	14%	35%	1%

Agnostic/Non-religious

Wave:	<u>In the last month</u>	<u>In the last six months</u>	<u>In the last year</u>	<u>A year ago or more</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	35%	8%	5%	7%	12%	32%	1%





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6. How confident are you, if at all, that Americans will reconcile our differences in the next five years?

Wave:	Very confident	Somewhat confident	A little confident	Not at all confident	Not sure	Skipped	Very/Somewhat confident	A little/not at all confident
March 10-13	2%	10%	23%	57%	8%	1%	12%	80%

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

People with opposing political views don't share my values

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	11%	30%	30%	19%	8%	1%	41%	28%

People from different racial backgrounds don't share my values

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	2%	11%	31%	29%	27%	1%	13%	55%

People from different religious backgrounds don't share my values

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	5%	19%	35%	27%	14%	*	24%	41%

Right now, in America, there is more that unites us than divides us (n=508)

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	7%	25%	27%	24%	16%	*	32%	40%



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7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Continued)

Right now, in America, there is more that divides us than unites us (n=510)

Wave:	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree</u>
March 10-13	26%	38%	20%	10%	5%	1%	64%	15%

8. How optimistic are you, if at all, about the state of our democracy?

Wave:	<u>Very optimistic</u>	<u>Somewhat optimistic</u>	<u>Not very optimistic</u>	<u>Not at all optimistic</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Very/somewhat optimistic</u>	<u>Not very/not at all optimistic</u>
March 10-13	4%	33%	35%	19%	10%	*	37%	53%

9. Which of the following is closest to your opinion? Polarization in America...

Wave:	<u>Is mostly driven by political and social elites</u>	<u>Is mostly driven by how ordinary Americans think and behave</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	61%	15%	24%	*

10. Should the United States actively try to reduce political polarization or let things be?

Wave:	<u>Try to reduce polarization</u>	<u>Let things be</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
March 10-13	60%	10%	29%	1%

11. Would you support or oppose your state seceding and leaving the United States to form or join a new country?

Wave:	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat/Strongly oppose</u>
March 10-13	5%	12%	17%	65%	3%	16%	81%



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12. Would you support or oppose a “national divorce” where Republican-leaning states form a separate country from Democratic-leaning states?

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat/Strongly oppose</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	6%	15%	17%	60%	3%	20%	77%

13. How likely, if at all, would you be to do the following?

Move out of your current state if they passed laws negatively impacting you

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Very/somewhat likely</u>	<u>Total Not very/not at all likely</u>
Wave:								
March 10-13	18%	35%	22%	11%	12%	1%	54%	34%

Move to a state that is led by people more aligned with your political beliefs

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Very/somewhat likely</u>	<u>Total Not very/not at all likely</u>
Wave:								
March 10-13	12%	28%	27%	21%	12%	1%	40%	48%

Move to a state where your voice and vote may have a large impact, like a swing state

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Very/somewhat likely</u>	<u>Total Not very/not at all likely</u>
Wave:								
March 10-13	7%	20%	31%	25%	17%	1%	27%	56%

Move out of your state if there was a serious effort to secede from the U.S.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Very/somewhat likely</u>	<u>Total Not very/not at all likely</u>
Wave:								
March 10-13	25%	22%	17%	18%	18%	1%	47%	35%

Move to a state that was seriously trying to leave the U.S.

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Very/somewhat likely</u>	<u>Total Not very/not at all likely</u>
Wave:								
March 10-13	4%	9%	17%	58%	11%	1%	12%	76%



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14. If your state were to secede and leave the United States, do you think the following things would be better, worse, or about the same?

Crime and public safety

Wave:	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know	Skipped
March 10-13	11%	43%	27%	18%	1%

Accountability of elected officials

Wave:	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know	Skipped
March 10-13	13%	41%	25%	20%	1%

Your state's economy

Wave:	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know	Skipped
March 10-13	12%	47%	19%	21%	1%

Government services and benefits in your state

Wave:	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know	Skipped
March 10-13	10%	48%	22%	19%	*

Your freedom to live the way you want

Wave:	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't know	Skipped
March 10-13	13%	38%	28%	21%	1%

15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

The Iraq war has made America safer

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	5%	26%	39%	28%	2%	31%	67%

The focus on national defense and homeland security over the last 20 years has made America safer

Wave:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Skipped	Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree	Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree
March 10-13	9%	45%	29%	15%	2%	54%	45%



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15. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? *(Continued)*

The United States was right to invade Iraq in 2003

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	10%	27%	34%	27%	3%	36%	61%

The United States should continue to try to be the global leader

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly agree / Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Total Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	31%	42%	17%	8%	2%	73%	25%

16. When it comes to the Iraq war, who do you think ultimately turned out to be right?

	<u>People who totally supported the war</u>	<u>People who supported the war initially, but eventually opposed it as circumstances changed</u>	<u>People who opposed the war from the start</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Skipped</u>
Wave:					
March 10-13	9%	21%	26%	44%	1%

17. Do you support or oppose the following?

The U.S. providing weapons and financial support to Ukraine

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/ Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat /Strongly oppose</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	26%	33%	19%	21%	1%	59%	40%

The U.S. reducing spending on the military and national security

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/ Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat /Strongly oppose</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	11%	21%	34%	32%	2%	32%	66%



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17. Do you support or oppose the following? (Continued)

The U.S. reducing spending on Social Security & Medicare

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat/Strongly oppose</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	3%	8%	26%	62%	1%	11%	88%

The U.S. reducing spending on Medicaid & food assistance

	<u>Strongly support</u>	<u>Somewhat support</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>Skipped</u>	<u>Total Strongly/Somewhat support</u>	<u>Total Somewhat/Strongly oppose</u>
Wave:							
March 10-13	6%	17%	30%	46%	1%	23%	76%





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About the Study

This Axios-Ipsos Two Americas Survey was conducted March 10 to March 13, 2023 by Ipsos using our KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,018 adults ages 18+.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households are randomly sampled from all available households in the US. All persons in selected households are invited to join and participate in KnowledgePanel. Ipsos provides selected households that do not already have internet access a tablet and internet connection at no cost to them. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methods, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The study was conducted in English and Spanish. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, household income, and party identification. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2022 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS). Party ID benchmarks are from recent ABC News/Washington Post telephone polls. The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45–59, and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other or 2+ Races Non-Hispanic, Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School graduate, High School graduate, Some College, Bachelor's and beyond)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)
- Party ID (Democrat, Republican, Independent, Something else)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.17. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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