

# Public opinion in USA

Existential risk from AI is a mainstream concern in the United States.

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## YouGov poll (USA, 3 April 2023)

According to [a YouGov poll from 3 April 2023](#), 46% of American adults were concerned about the possibility that AI will cause the end of the human race on Earth:

# How concerned, if at all, are you about the possibility that AI will cause the end of the human race on Earth?

Age (20810 US adults - Apr 3, 2023)

	All	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very concerned	<b>19%</b>	29	22	16	11
Somewhat concerned	<b>27%</b>	31	31	24	23
Not very concerned	<b>23%</b>	19	20	25	29
Not at all concerned	<b>17%</b>	9	15	21	25
Not sure	<b>13%</b>	11	12	14	12

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## Our poll (USA, 7 – 9 April 2023)

We asked the same question in a separate poll of American adults (approximately representative by gender, age, and region) on the same scale. Online responses were collected by [Conjointly](#). Our poll corroborates the above YouGov study (~44% somewhat or very concerned about x-risk this century):

	All responses	Republicans	Democrats	Others
Very concerned	19%	15%	29%	3%
Somewhat concerned	25%	31%	18%	30%
Not very concerned	24%	25%	25%	17%
Not at all concerned	26%	23%	22%	43%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	7%
Sample size	202	81	91	30

	All responses	Female	Male
Very concerned	19%	16%	23%
Somewhat concerned	25%	26%	23%
Not very concerned	24%	28%	19%
Not at all concerned	26%	21%	31%
Not sure	6%	9%	3%
Sample size	202	108	94

	All responses	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+
Very concerned	19%	33%	35%	10%	4%
Somewhat concerned	25%	27%	30%	25%	17%
Not very concerned	24%	10%	12%	28%	40%
Not at all concerned	26%	30%	18%	26%	32%
Not sure	6%	0%	5%	10%	6%
Sample size	202	30	57	68	47

## 20230413 USA opinion crosstab results

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## Other materials

- [The Effectiveness of AI Existential Risk Communication to the American and Dutch Public](#), paper summary, Existential Risk Observatory, March 2023
- [Surveys of US public opinion on AI](#), AI Impacts, updated April 2023