

1. Will Reddit make any official announcements prior to the 1st of July, 2023, regarding alterations to the pricing structure or a postponement of the implementation of fees for its Application Programming Interface (API), which is currently set to charge developers for higher usage? This question will be resolved affirmatively if Reddit communicates any of the following changes: a different pricing model than the current "\$0.24 per 1K API calls," adjustments to the free API usage thresholds, a delay in the implementation date beyond July 1, 2023, or any negotiations for specific rates with individual organizations do not count. The resolution of this question will be determined by Metaculus, and the question may be annulled if the announcement is unclear or does not meet the specified criteria.

2. Reasons why the answer might be no:

- Reddit's CEO, Steve Huffman, has consistently shown a firm stance on the API changes, emphasizing the necessity for the company to move forward with the new pricing structure to ensure profitability and sustainability. This resolute position suggests that a change in the announced API fee pricing is unlikely.
- Despite the significant backlash and coordinated protests from thousands of Reddit communities, there has been no indication from Reddit's internal communications or public statements that they are considering altering the API fee pricing or its implementation timeline.
- The internal memo from Reddit's CEO, where he mentioned that the protest "will pass" and that there has been no significant revenue impact from the protests, indicates that the company may be prepared to weather the discontent and proceed with the changes as planned.

3. Reasons why the answer might be yes:

- The widespread protest and the large number of communities going dark could potentially lead to a significant user and developer exodus, which might force Reddit to reconsider its position to avoid a substantial negative impact on its platform's activity and content.
- The specific mention of negotiations with individual organizations for different rates could be a sign that Reddit is open to adjusting the pricing for certain parties, which might lead to broader changes if the protests continue or if key developers threaten to shut down their apps.
- The negative publicity and user dissatisfaction could reach a tipping point where the company decides that the long-term damage to its brand and community is not worth the short-term financial gain, prompting a change in the API fee pricing policy.

4. Rating the strength of each reason:

- The strength of the resolute stance of Reddit's CEO is high, as it is based on consistent public statements and the company's broader financial strategy.
- The lack of any indication of a potential change in the API fee pricing is also a strong reason, given the proximity to the implementation date and the current lack of communication suggesting otherwise.
- The internal memo's dismissive tone about the protests and lack of revenue impact is a moderate reason, as it reflects the current mindset of the company but does not preclude a change in response to escalating pressure.
- The potential for a user and developer exodus is a moderate reason, as it is speculative and depends on the actual impact of the protests, which has not been fully realized yet.
- The mention of negotiations with individual organizations is a weak reason for a broader change, as it does not necessarily indicate a willingness to change the policy for all developers.
- The possibility of a tipping point due to negative publicity is a moderate reason, as it is based on the assumption that Reddit will prioritize its long-term brand and community over short-term financial gains, which is uncertain.

5. Aggregate your considerations:

Considering the strong and consistent stance of Reddit's leadership, the lack of any public indications of a change, and the dismissal of the protests' impact on revenue, it seems unlikely that Reddit will announce changes to its API fee pricing before July 1, 2023. However, the potential for negative publicity and the impact of the protests on the platform's activity cannot be entirely dismissed, which introduces some uncertainty into the forecast.

6. Output your answer: Given the information available and the considerations above, the likelihood of Reddit announcing changes or a delay to its proposed API fee pricing before July 1, 2023, seems low. My answer, therefore, is: *0.2*

Figure 18: A response from our fine-tuned model on the question "[Will Reddit announce changes or a delay to its proposed API fee pricing before July 1, 2023?](#)" (resolved NO). The forecast was made at the retrieval date June, 14, 2023, one day after the question was opened. At the time, the community gives a forecast of 40%, where this response suggests 20% which turned out to be closer to the resolution.

1. Rephrased and Expanded Question:

Considering the current geopolitical tensions and recent historical events, is it likely that the State of Israel will engage in a military operation that results in the death of at least five Iranian nationals within Iran's borders, and subsequently either publicly claim responsibility for this action or execute the operation in such a clear and overt manner that credible sources can unambiguously attribute the attack to Israel, all before the end of the year 2023?

2. Decision Tree Outline:

- Yes Outcome:

- Israel conducts a military operation against Iran.
 - The operation is overt and clearly attributable to Israel.
 - Israel publicly acknowledges and takes credit for the operation.
- The operation results in at least five Iranian deaths within a 24-hour period.

- No Outcome:

- Israel does not conduct a military operation against Iran.
- Israel conducts an operation, but it is covert and not attributable.
- Israel conducts an operation, but does not publicly acknowledge it.
- The operation does not result in at least five Iranian deaths within a 24-hour period.

3. Branch Probability Analysis:

- Yes Outcome:

- Given the recent escalation in tensions and historical precedents, there is a non-negligible chance that Israel could conduct a military operation against Iran.
- The likelihood of Israel publicly acknowledging such an operation is lower, as they often maintain plausible deniability.
- The probability of an operation resulting in at least five Iranian deaths is uncertain and would depend on the scale and nature of the operation.

- No Outcome:

- The probability of no military operation or a covert operation is higher, given Israel's historical preference for covert actions and the potential for international backlash.
- The likelihood of Israel not acknowledging an operation is also high, as this is a common practice to avoid direct conflict and international pressure.
- The chance of an operation not meeting the death threshold is also possible, especially if the operation is designed to be limited or surgical.

4. Discussion on Wildcards:

- A significant escalation in the conflict between Israel and Iran, such as a direct attack on Israeli soil attributed to Iran, could increase the probability of a 'Yes' outcome.
- International diplomatic efforts or significant pressure on Israel to de-escalate could decrease the probability of a 'Yes' outcome.
- Unpredictable events, such as a major terrorist attack or a sudden change in leadership in either country, could also impact the forecast.

5. Initial Probability (Prediction):

Given the current information and the outlined decision tree, the initial probability of a 'Yes' outcome seems low but not impossible. I would estimate it to be around 0.20.

6. Adjusted Probability Thoughts:

- The calculated probability may be too confident given the volatile nature of the Middle East and the unpredictability of military engagements.
- The recent death of an Iranian general in an Israeli airstrike could escalate tensions, potentially increasing the likelihood of a 'Yes' outcome.
- The lack of direct evidence linking Iran to the October 7 Hamas attack and the potential for covert operations could decrease the likelihood of a 'Yes' outcome.

7. Final Answer: *0.15*

Figure 19: A response from our fine-tuned model on the question “Will Israel carry out and explicitly acknowledge a deadly attack on Iran before 2024?” (resolved NO). In our fine-tuning phase, one of the prompts we use to generate strong reasonings asks the model to build a decision tree and assign probabilities. The fine-tuned model learns the reasoning path (without being explicitly prompted to do so).

1. Rephrased and Expanded Question:

Is it confirmed that former President Donald J. Trump will be present and actively participate in the inaugural Republican National Committee (RNC) presidential primary debate for the 2024 election cycle, which is scheduled to take place on August 23, 2023? The criteria for his participation include him speaking at least once during the debate and being recognized by the debate's moderator. This applies even if he joins the debate remotely. The resolution of this question will consider all segments of the debate if it is spread over multiple days. However, if the debate is postponed beyond September 30, 2023, the market will resolve to "No." The resolution will be based primarily on the actual debate footage, supplemented by a consensus from credible news reports.

2. Reasons why the answer might be no: - Trump may choose to skip the debate to maintain a strategic advantage or to avoid early confrontations with other candidates.

- He might not want to share the stage with candidates he perceives as less significant, which could dilute his brand or message.

- There could be concerns about the debate format or the choice of moderators, which might lead to a decision not to participate.

3. Reasons why the answer might be yes:

- Participating in the debate would give Trump a platform to outline his policies and vision, which could be beneficial for his campaign.

- It would allow him to directly engage with and challenge his opponents, potentially strengthening his position.

- Trump might want to demonstrate leadership and confidence by being present at the first major event of the primary season.

4. Rating the strength of each reason:

- The strategic advantage of skipping the debate: Moderate. Trump has a history of unconventional campaign strategies, but skipping the first debate is a risky move.

- Avoiding sharing the stage: Moderate. Trump's brand is strong, but he may not want to risk being overshadowed or challenged by multiple opponents.

- Concerns about format or moderators: Moderate to High. Trump has previously expressed dissatisfaction with debate arrangements, which could influence his decision.

- Benefiting from outlining policies: High. The debate is a significant opportunity to reach a large audience and make a case for his candidacy.

- Engaging with opponents: High. Trump is known for his confrontational style, which could play out to his advantage in a debate setting.

- Demonstrating leadership: High. As a former president, Trump might want to assert his dominance in the Republican field from the outset.

5. Aggregate your considerations:

Considering the reasons and their strengths, it seems there is a balanced set of factors that could influence Trump's decision to participate or not. His history of unconventional tactics and concerns about debate arrangements could lead to a "No," while the potential benefits of participating in terms of policy promotion, engaging opponents, and demonstrating leadership suggest a "Yes." The decision will likely depend on the specific circumstances closer to the debate date and Trump's assessment of the strategic value of his participation.

6. Output your answer: Given the balanced considerations and the unpredictable nature of Trump's campaign strategies, I would assign a probability that leans slightly towards participation due to the high benefits it offers, but not overwhelmingly so due to the potential strategic considerations against it.
0.55

Figure 20: A response from our fine-tuned model on the question "[Will Trump attend the first RNC debate?](#)" (resolved NO on August, 23, 2023). The forecast was made at the retrieval index 1 on June 15, 2023, 2 days after the question was opened. At the time, the community predicted 60%, close to our model's forecast of 55% from this response.