

YouGov Survey: Cabinet Nominee Disqualifications



Sample 1125 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted November 22 - 27, 2024
Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

1. Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Yes, it should disqualify	No, it should not disqualify	Not sure
Links to extremist groups	70%	14%	16%
Allegations of having sex with a minor	70%	16%	14%
Allegations of links to hostile foreign governments	66%	18%	16%
Financial conflicts of interest	63%	17%	20%
Allegations of sexual assault	62%	22%	16%
Allegations of domestic violence	61%	21%	17%
Past criminal convictions	61%	20%	19%
Allegations of financial misconduct	59%	22%	19%
Lack of relevant expertise	58%	25%	17%
History of substance abuse	51%	28%	21%
Being a family member of the president	35%	44%	21%

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Interviewing Dates	November 22 - 27, 2024
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.545, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.959.
Number of respondents	1125
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	86 questions not reported.

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1A. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Links to extremist groups

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	70%	68%	73%	66%	70%	69%	77%	71%	68%	72%	*
No, it should not disqualify	14%	16%	11%	20%	13%	14%	8%	14%	14%	10%	*
Not sure	16%	15%	16%	14%	16%	17%	16%	15%	18%	18%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(553)	(569)	(313)	(241)	(337)	(231)	(719)	(156)	(153)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	70%	83%	67%	62%	87%	61%	67%	76%	72%	67%	72%	70%	72%
No, it should not disqualify	14%	7%	13%	22%	7%	21%	14%	11%	16%	11%	16%	14%	13%
Not sure	16%	10%	20%	17%	6%	19%	19%	13%	13%	23%	12%	15%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(446)	(338)	(338)	(478)	(417)	(456)	(303)	(241)	(202)	(229)	(446)	(245)

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1B. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Allegations of having sex with a minor

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	70%	67%	72%	74%	73%	64%	71%	69%	76%	68%	*
No, it should not disqualify	16%	21%	12%	13%	14%	20%	15%	18%	7%	13%	*
Not sure	14%	12%	16%	12%	13%	16%	13%	13%	17%	18%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(554)	(570)	(314)	(241)	(338)	(231)	(722)	(156)	(153)	(93)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	70%	84%	67%	59%	90%	54%	70%	71%	72%	74%	65%	70%	71%
No, it should not disqualify	16%	8%	15%	26%	6%	28%	14%	16%	21%	10%	25%	14%	16%
Not sure	14%	8%	18%	15%	4%	18%	16%	13%	7%	15%	10%	16%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(448)	(338)	(338)	(479)	(418)	(456)	(305)	(242)	(203)	(229)	(446)	(246)

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1C. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Allegations of links to hostile foreign governments

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	66%	63%	69%	62%	68%	63%	75%	65%	66%	74%	*
No, it should not disqualify	18%	24%	12%	21%	16%	19%	15%	20%	13%	11%	*
Not sure	16%	13%	18%	18%	17%	18%	10%	15%	21%	15%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(555)	(568)	(314)	(241)	(338)	(230)	(721)	(156)	(152)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	66%	80%	62%	57%	86%	57%	66%	69%	67%	70%	63%	65%	69%
No, it should not disqualify	18%	6%	19%	28%	6%	29%	14%	21%	21%	14%	21%	20%	14%
Not sure	16%	14%	18%	15%	8%	14%	20%	10%	12%	16%	16%	15%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(448)	(338)	(337)	(479)	(418)	(455)	(304)	(242)	(203)	(230)	(444)	(246)

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1D. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Financial conflicts of interest

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	63%	66%	59%	52%	61%	66%	68%	63%	61%	62%	*
No, it should not disqualify	17%	15%	20%	27%	17%	14%	14%	18%	16%	14%	*
Not sure	20%	19%	21%	21%	22%	20%	18%	19%	23%	24%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(555)	(567)	(313)	(241)	(337)	(231)	(720)	(155)	(153)	(94)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	63%	74%	63%	51%	84%	49%	61%	65%	64%	56%	66%	62%	64%
No, it should not disqualify	17%	12%	14%	26%	10%	27%	15%	19%	20%	19%	19%	17%	14%
Not sure	20%	14%	24%	23%	6%	24%	24%	17%	16%	25%	15%	20%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(448)	(337)	(337)	(479)	(416)	(455)	(305)	(241)	(203)	(230)	(444)	(245)

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1E. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Allegations of sexual assault

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	62%	58%	66%	62%	65%	61%	62%	60%	69%	71%	*
No, it should not disqualify	22%	28%	16%	21%	19%	25%	20%	24%	16%	15%	*
Not sure	16%	13%	19%	17%	16%	14%	19%	17%	16%	14%	*
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(555)	(568)	(313)	(242)	(337)	(231)	(721)	(156)	(153)	(93)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	62%	83%	59%	45%	87%	43%	63%	62%	62%	65%	60%	60%	65%
No, it should not disqualify	22%	6%	22%	38%	8%	37%	18%	26%	25%	14%	27%	23%	20%
Not sure	16%	11%	19%	18%	5%	21%	19%	12%	13%	21%	13%	16%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(448)	(338)	(337)	(479)	(416)	(455)	(305)	(241)	(203)	(229)	(445)	(246)

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1F. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Allegations of domestic violence

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	61%	60%	63%	61%	63%	57%	66%	59%	64%	70%	*
No, it should not disqualify	21%	26%	17%	23%	20%	25%	16%	24%	14%	15%	*
Not sure	17%	14%	20%	16%	17%	18%	18%	18%	22%	15%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(554)	(569)	(312)	(242)	(338)	(231)	(720)	(156)	(153)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	61%	80%	58%	46%	84%	45%	59%	63%	63%	67%	58%	59%	65%
No, it should not disqualify	21%	9%	20%	34%	8%	36%	18%	25%	26%	12%	29%	21%	22%
Not sure	17%	11%	22%	19%	7%	19%	23%	12%	11%	21%	14%	21%	13%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(448)	(339)	(336)	(479)	(417)	(455)	(305)	(241)	(203)	(229)	(445)	(246)

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1G. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Past criminal convictions

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	61%	58%	64%	53%	65%	61%	65%	60%	71%	64%	*
No, it should not disqualify	20%	24%	15%	30%	18%	18%	14%	21%	14%	16%	*
Not sure	19%	18%	21%	17%	18%	20%	21%	19%	15%	20%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,125)	(555)	(570)	(314)	(242)	(338)	(231)	(722)	(156)	(153)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	61%	79%	59%	47%	84%	45%	63%	60%	57%	61%	59%	62%	63%
No, it should not disqualify	20%	9%	17%	33%	8%	31%	15%	22%	26%	21%	24%	19%	17%
Not sure	19%	12%	24%	21%	8%	24%	21%	18%	17%	18%	17%	20%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,125)	(448)	(339)	(338)	(479)	(418)	(456)	(305)	(242)	(203)	(230)	(446)	(246)

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1H. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Allegations of financial misconduct

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	59%	57%	61%	57%	60%	57%	63%	58%	61%	67%	*
No, it should not disqualify	22%	27%	18%	24%	21%	23%	20%	24%	17%	11%	*
Not sure	19%	17%	20%	19%	19%	20%	17%	18%	22%	23%	*
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(555)	(569)	(314)	(241)	(338)	(231)	(721)	(156)	(153)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	59%	82%	57%	39%	86%	40%	58%	57%	64%	64%	59%	54%	65%
No, it should not disqualify	22%	7%	19%	41%	7%	38%	19%	24%	27%	15%	26%	25%	19%
Not sure	19%	12%	23%	20%	7%	22%	23%	19%	9%	21%	15%	21%	15%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(447)	(339)	(338)	(478)	(418)	(456)	(304)	(242)	(203)	(230)	(445)	(246)

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11. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Lack of relevant expertise

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	58%	56%	60%	55%	58%	54%	66%	57%	62%	61%	*
No, it should not disqualify	25%	30%	21%	32%	22%	28%	20%	28%	21%	19%	*
Not sure	17%	14%	19%	13%	20%	18%	14%	15%	17%	21%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(555)	(569)	(313)	(242)	(338)	(231)	(721)	(156)	(153)	(94)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	58%	74%	55%	46%	80%	45%	59%	57%	58%	57%	63%	53%	62%
No, it should not disqualify	25%	14%	25%	38%	13%	38%	21%	27%	33%	14%	27%	30%	25%
Not sure	17%	13%	21%	16%	6%	17%	20%	16%	9%	29%	10%	17%	13%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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1J. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — History of substance abuse

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	51%	51%	50%	55%	53%	42%	57%	47%	56%	60%	*
No, it should not disqualify	28%	31%	26%	31%	28%	34%	17%	31%	21%	19%	*
Not sure	21%	18%	24%	14%	19%	24%	26%	22%	24%	21%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
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	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, it should disqualify	51%	66%	42%	45%	67%	45%	49%	52%	55%	50%	53%	47%	55%
No, it should not disqualify	28%	15%	32%	37%	20%	34%	26%	28%	30%	19%	30%	34%	24%
Not sure	21%	19%	26%	18%	13%	21%	25%	20%	15%	31%	16%	20%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%
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1K. Disqualifications for Cabinet Nominees — Being a family member of the president

Do you think that the following should disqualify an incoming president's cabinet nominee from being confirmed by the Senate?

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		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, it should disqualify	35%	33%	37%	25%	34%	39%	40%	36%	37%	32%	*
No, it should not disqualify	44%	50%	38%	50%	43%	43%	41%	45%	38%	37%	*
Not sure	21%	17%	25%	24%	23%	18%	18%	19%	25%	31%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
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Yes, it should disqualify	35%	49%	37%	20%	60%	18%	36%	31%	34%	35%	42%	28%	42%
No, it should not disqualify	44%	35%	34%	63%	26%	65%	40%	47%	56%	42%	45%	46%	41%
Not sure	21%	16%	29%	17%	14%	17%	24%	22%	10%	23%	13%	26%	17%
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