

YouGov Survey: Pardons



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted September 18 - 21, 2023
Margin of Error ±3.9%

1. In your opinion, should sitting U.S. presidents be allowed to pardon themselves?

Yes, they should	13%
No, they should not	73%
Don't know	15%

2. From what you've read and heard, do you think former President Donald Trump committed crimes as president?

Yes, he did	53%
No, he did not	31%
Don't know	15%

3. From what you've read and heard, do you think Donald Trump has committed any crimes after his presidency?

Yes, he has	48%
No, he has not	31%
Don't know	21%

4. If Donald Trump were to be found guilty of committing crimes during his own presidency, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

Strongly support	20%
Somewhat support	9%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	44%
Not sure	19%

5. If Donald Trump were to be found guilty of committing crimes after his presidency, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

Strongly support	18%
Somewhat support	11%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	44%
Not sure	19%

6. Regardless of whether you would agree with it, if President Biden were to pardon former President Trump, would that make the U.S...?

Much more united	7%
Somewhat more united	14%
No difference	26%
Somewhat more divided	14%
Much more divided	21%
Don't know	19%

7. From what you've read and heard, do you think Hunter Biden has committed any crimes?

Yes, he has	64%
No, he has not	8%
Don't know	28%

8. If Hunter Biden were to be found guilty of committing crimes, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

Strongly support	5%
Somewhat support	8%
Somewhat oppose	16%
Strongly oppose	56%
Not sure	15%

9. Assuming each one were president and each had a family member who committed equivalent crimes, who do you think would be more likely to pardon their family member?

Joe Biden	20%
Donald Trump	37%
They are equally likely	31%
Not sure	12%

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Survey mode	Web-based interviews
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1. Presidents Pardoning Themselves

In your opinion, should sitting U.S. presidents be allowed to pardon themselves?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	13%	18%	8%	18%	17%	7%	12%	11%	15%	21%	*
No, they should not	73%	71%	74%	64%	63%	80%	80%	77%	69%	53%	*
Don't know	15%	11%	18%	18%	19%	13%	8%	12%	16%	27%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(998)	(460)	(538)	(114)	(235)	(440)	(209)	(682)	(111)	(141)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	13%	9%	8%	22%	7%	18%	16%	13%	10%	11%	13%	13%	15%
No, they should not	73%	83%	72%	62%	87%	67%	67%	76%	83%	69%	74%	74%	72%
Don't know	15%	7%	20%	16%	7%	15%	17%	12%	8%	21%	13%	14%	13%
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2. Did Trump Commit Crimes - During Presidency

From what you've read and heard, do you think former President Donald Trump committed crimes as president?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he did	53%	52%	55%	61%	58%	48%	50%	47%	71%	62%	*
No, he did not	31%	36%	27%	23%	22%	37%	41%	38%	8%	23%	*
Don't know	15%	12%	18%	16%	21%	15%	9%	15%	21%	15%	*
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	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, he did	53%	94%	51%	13%	94%	12%	54%	52%	62%	51%	47%	54%	60%
No, he did not	31%	2%	26%	70%	2%	70%	31%	31%	28%	26%	39%	31%	28%
Don't know	15%	5%	23%	17%	4%	17%	15%	17%	10%	23%	13%	14%	13%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(324)	(405)	(271)	(364)	(348)	(413)	(274)	(214)	(184)	(228)	(403)	(185)

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3. Did Trump Commit Crimes - After Presidency

From what you've read and heard, do you think Donald Trump has committed any crimes after his presidency?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he has	48%	48%	47%	54%	50%	43%	47%	42%	68%	53%	*
No, he has not	31%	36%	26%	22%	24%	38%	38%	38%	9%	23%	*
Don't know	21%	15%	27%	24%	26%	20%	15%	20%	23%	24%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(461)	(536)	(115)	(235)	(438)	(209)	(681)	(111)	(141)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, he has	48%	84%	45%	10%	87%	10%	51%	44%	53%	45%	41%	48%	54%
No, he has not	31%	2%	27%	68%	2%	67%	30%	32%	28%	30%	36%	31%	27%
Don't know	21%	14%	28%	21%	11%	23%	19%	23%	19%	25%	23%	21%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(997)	(322)	(404)	(271)	(362)	(347)	(411)	(273)	(214)	(184)	(227)	(401)	(185)

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4. Joe Biden Pardoning Donald Trump for Crimes During Presidency

If Donald Trump were to be found guilty of committing crimes during his own presidency, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	20%	25%	17%	12%	14%	25%	28%	24%	16%	14%	*
Somewhat support	9%	11%	8%	6%	11%	10%	9%	11%	3%	14%	*
Somewhat oppose	7%	7%	6%	9%	8%	5%	5%	6%	10%	6%	*
Strongly oppose	44%	41%	48%	52%	46%	39%	42%	42%	58%	41%	*
Not sure	19%	17%	22%	21%	21%	20%	15%	18%	13%	25%	*
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(998)	(461)	(537)	(115)	(234)	(439)	(210)	(682)	(112)	(140)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	20%	5%	15%	44%	5%	45%	22%	19%	19%	13%	27%	21%	19%
Somewhat support	9%	6%	8%	14%	3%	17%	8%	10%	12%	11%	10%	10%	6%
Somewhat oppose	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%	7%
Strongly oppose	44%	76%	41%	14%	79%	11%	45%	42%	55%	41%	39%	45%	50%
Not sure	19%	6%	30%	21%	6%	22%	20%	22%	7%	28%	19%	16%	18%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
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5. Joe Biden Pardoning Donald Trump for Crimes Post-Presidency

If Donald Trump were to be found guilty of committing crimes after his presidency, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	18%	21%	15%	11%	9%	23%	26%	21%	8%	17%	*
Somewhat support	11%	12%	10%	5%	17%	10%	10%	12%	10%	12%	*
Somewhat oppose	8%	10%	6%	13%	4%	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	*
Strongly oppose	44%	40%	49%	48%	50%	39%	43%	42%	57%	38%	*
Not sure	19%	18%	21%	23%	21%	20%	14%	17%	16%	25%	*
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(460)	(537)	(115)	(234)	(438)	(210)	(680)	(112)	(141)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly support	18%	3%	13%	39%	2%	40%	17%	18%	19%	12%	25%	18%	16%
Somewhat support	11%	5%	9%	19%	6%	19%	11%	11%	12%	13%	8%	13%	7%
Somewhat oppose	8%	10%	5%	8%	8%	7%	6%	8%	10%	8%	6%	8%	9%
Strongly oppose	44%	74%	44%	12%	78%	11%	46%	42%	52%	42%	41%	44%	49%
Not sure	19%	8%	29%	21%	6%	22%	19%	21%	7%	25%	20%	17%	20%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(997)	(324)	(404)	(269)	(364)	(346)	(412)	(273)	(214)	(184)	(226)	(402)	(185)

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6. Effect of a Pardon

Regardless of whether you would agree with it, if President Biden were to pardon former President Trump, would that make the U.S. . . ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Much more united	7%	11%	4%	6%	7%	8%	6%	7%	8%	10%	*
Somewhat more united	14%	14%	14%	12%	15%	11%	17%	15%	11%	9%	*
No difference	26%	27%	25%	20%	22%	31%	30%	25%	25%	35%	*
Somewhat more divided	14%	13%	14%	19%	15%	10%	13%	14%	16%	12%	*
Much more divided	21%	19%	22%	16%	22%	24%	18%	21%	22%	15%	*
Don't know	19%	17%	21%	26%	18%	16%	17%	17%	18%	19%	*
Totals	101%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(994)	(458)	(536)	(114)	(234)	(437)	(209)	(678)	(112)	(140)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Much more united	7%	3%	5%	14%	4%	12%	6%	6%	9%	7%	8%	7%	7%
Somewhat more united	14%	9%	11%	22%	9%	23%	13%	16%	16%	15%	14%	15%	11%
No difference	26%	23%	27%	29%	23%	33%	21%	32%	30%	26%	24%	28%	25%
Somewhat more divided	14%	18%	12%	11%	19%	10%	11%	16%	13%	16%	10%	15%	14%
Much more divided	21%	32%	20%	8%	31%	8%	26%	19%	18%	15%	24%	19%	24%
Don't know	19%	15%	25%	16%	13%	14%	21%	11%	14%	22%	20%	17%	19%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(994)	(324)	(403)	(267)	(364)	(344)	(410)	(272)	(214)	(183)	(224)	(403)	(184)

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7. Did Hunter Biden Commit Crimes

From what you've read and heard, do you think Hunter Biden has committed any crimes?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, he has	64%	69%	58%	48%	54%	71%	77%	71%	41%	51%	*
No, he has not	8%	8%	8%	11%	8%	7%	8%	6%	17%	12%	*
Don't know	28%	22%	34%	41%	38%	22%	15%	24%	42%	37%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(998)	(460)	(538)	(115)	(234)	(439)	(210)	(681)	(112)	(141)	(64)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
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Yes, he has	64%	41%	61%	92%	45%	95%	61%	68%	69%	54%	70%	69%	55%
No, he has not	8%	17%	6%	1%	16%	0%	9%	10%	5%	14%	11%	6%	5%
Don't know	28%	42%	33%	7%	39%	5%	30%	23%	25%	32%	19%	25%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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8. Joe Biden Pardoning Hunter Biden

If Hunter Biden were to be found guilty of committing crimes, would you support or oppose President Joe Biden pardoning him?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly support	5%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	3%	11%	4%	*
Somewhat support	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	5%	9%	6%	12%	15%	*
Somewhat oppose	16%	15%	18%	22%	9%	15%	21%	15%	29%	19%	*
Strongly oppose	56%	59%	53%	47%	50%	64%	59%	65%	31%	40%	*
Not sure	15%	11%	18%	16%	25%	11%	7%	12%	18%	22%	*
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Somewhat support	8%	11%	6%	8%	10%	6%	8%	8%	9%	11%	7%	8%	7%
Somewhat oppose	16%	28%	11%	10%	25%	9%	17%	19%	14%	15%	18%	16%	17%
Strongly oppose	56%	36%	59%	75%	43%	79%	51%	55%	67%	48%	59%	58%	56%
Not sure	15%	15%	21%	6%	15%	5%	18%	11%	8%	20%	13%	13%	15%
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9. More Likely To Pardon Family Member

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	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
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Donald Trump	37%	38%	37%	40%	38%	35%	36%	35%	40%	37%	*
They are equally likely	31%	28%	33%	30%	26%	31%	37%	33%	30%	26%	*
Not sure	12%	11%	13%	14%	16%	10%	8%	9%	16%	20%	*
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They are equally likely	31%	19%	32%	42%	14%	46%	29%	36%	32%	28%	38%	32%	23%
Not sure	12%	6%	19%	9%	5%	8%	14%	10%	4%	17%	10%	10%	12%
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