

CBS News Poll – January 3 - 5, 2024

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Sample 2,157 Adults in the U.S.
 Margin of Error ± 2.8 pts

1. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

Very well	7%
Somewhat well	27%
Somewhat badly	32%
Very badly	34%

2. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

Very good	9%
Fairly good	26%
Fairly bad	29%
Very bad	30%
Not sure	6%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

Approve	41%
Disapprove	59%

4. Do you strongly/somewhat approve or strongly/somewhat disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	43%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

	Approve	Disapprove
The economy	36%	64%
Immigration	30%	70%
Inflation	33%	67%
The situation with Russia and Ukraine	41%	59%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the current conflict between Israel and Hamas?

Approve	39%
Disapprove	61%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling matters concerning the U.S.-Mexico border?

Approve	32%
Disapprove	68%

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8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling matters concerning the U.S.-Mexico border?

Approve	35%
Disapprove	65%

9. Which of these do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

Inflation	29%
Unemployment	4%
The state of democracy	18%
Health care	7%
The war between Israel and Hamas	3%
The war between Ukraine and Russia	2%
Gun violence	10%
Crime	6%
Immigration and the border	21%

10. Do you think the Biden Administration should generally be...

Tougher on immigrants trying to cross at the border	63%
Easier on immigrants trying to cross at the border	16%
Is handling things about as they should be	21%

11. Do you think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is...

A crisis	45%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis	30%
A somewhat serious problem	18%
Not much of a problem	7%

12. Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Yes	No
National security	81%	19%
The lives and well-being of the migrants	66%	34%
U.S. resources and ability to handle more people	86%	14%
How it reflects U.S. values and principles	62%	38%
Changes to U.S. culture and people	52%	48%

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13. From what you've heard and read, why do you think there has been an increase in the number of migrants trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border recently? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

Increased dangers in their own country	55%
Economic conditions got worse in their own country	58%
Not enough security at the U.S. border	47%
Rule changes by the Biden Administration	44%
Failure to finish the border wall	35%

14. If people cross the U.S.-Mexico border and ask for asylum - they say they are fleeing violence or their lives are in danger - what should U.S. policy toward them be? Should the U.S. rule be that they must:

Remain in the U.S. while waiting for a court hearing to decide if they can stay legally or not	43%
Leave the U.S., then wait for a court to decide if they can return legally or not	44%
Leave the U.S. without a court hearing and no chance to return or stay legally	13%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of southern and border states sending migrants, via buses and planes, to northern cities and states in the U.S.?

Approve	43%
Disapprove	57%

16. Would you favor or oppose a plan to try to find temporary housing and social services for migrants in the city or town where you live?

Favor	45%
Oppose	55%

17. Thinking about your own local area... Over the last year, do you think the number of immigrants arriving in your area has been increasing, decreasing, staying the same, or is that not something you've been able to notice?

Increasing	40%
Decreasing	3%
Staying the same	22%
Haven't been able to notice	35%

18. What should the U.S. focus on more when it comes to migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border?

Making sure the process for who can be admitted or not is more efficient	57%
Making sure migrants cannot cross the border in the first place	43%

19. Generally speaking, do you think the recent immigrants who have been crossing the U.S.-Mexico border will make American society...?

Better in the long run	22%
Worse in the long run	48%
Won't have much of an effect one way or the other	30%

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20. As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...

Booming	6%
Growing, but not booming	15%
Holding steady	26%
Slowing, but not in recession	23%
In recession	30%

21. In the last few weeks, have gas prices in your area been...

Going up	26%
Going down	28%
Staying the same	34%
Not sure/don't buy gas	11%

*Questions held for future release.

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1. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	7%	9%	5%	15%	6%	5%	2%	9%	7%	7%
Somewhat well	27%	28%	26%	36%	27%	24%	22%	38%	33%	10%
Somewhat badly	32%	29%	34%	28%	37%	31%	30%	32%	35%	27%
Very badly	34%	34%	35%	21%	30%	40%	46%	21%	25%	56%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(1,040)	(1,107)	(450)	(542)	(703)	(453)	(511)	(716)	(672)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	7%	12%	4%	6%	5%	11%	11%	6%	5%
Somewhat well	27%	44%	20%	14%	23%	33%	32%	18%	29%
Somewhat badly	32%	31%	36%	26%	32%	30%	34%	32%	32%
Very badly	34%	13%	40%	53%	40%	26%	23%	43%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(649)	(724)	(610)	(1,339)	(270)	(350)	(831)	(508)

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2. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	9%	10%	8%	14%	7%	8%	8%	18%	9%	4%
Fairly good	26%	28%	24%	29%	28%	25%	22%	38%	35%	12%
Fairly bad	29%	28%	30%	29%	28%	29%	31%	22%	30%	31%
Very bad	30%	28%	32%	19%	29%	35%	35%	17%	22%	49%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	9%	7%	3%	4%	5%	4%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,156)	(1,048)	(1,109)	(455)	(542)	(704)	(455)	(513)	(716)	(678)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	9%	19%	5%	5%	8%	11%	9%	6%	12%
Fairly good	26%	44%	22%	14%	23%	36%	27%	19%	30%
Fairly bad	29%	22%	34%	29%	30%	25%	32%	30%	30%
Very bad	30%	10%	34%	48%	34%	20%	27%	40%	25%
Not sure	6%	4%	5%	3%	4%	7%	5%	5%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,156)	(650)	(729)	(610)	(1,345)	(272)	(350)	(832)	(513)

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3. Biden Job Approval (2 Categories)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	41%	38%	43%	49%	42%	36%	37%	76%	45%	12%
Disapprove	59%	62%	57%	51%	58%	64%	63%	24%	55%	88%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,042)	(1,108)	(454)	(541)	(700)	(455)	(512)	(715)	(676)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	41%	80%	33%	9%	36%	59%	43%	29%	47%
Disapprove	59%	20%	67%	91%	64%	41%	57%	71%	53%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(650)	(727)	(610)	(1,343)	(270)	(348)	(830)	(513)

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4. Biden Job Approval (4 Categories)

Do you strongly/somewhat approve or strongly/somewhat disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	15%	14%	16%	18%	11%	15%	18%	30%	17%	5%
Somewhat approve	26%	25%	26%	31%	31%	22%	19%	47%	28%	7%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	16%	17%	23%	18%	14%	10%	12%	21%	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%	45%	41%	28%	40%	49%	53%	11%	33%	77%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,042)	(1,108)	(454)	(541)	(700)	(455)	(512)	(715)	(676)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	15%	37%	8%	3%	13%	24%	19%	9%	18%
Somewhat approve	26%	43%	25%	6%	23%	36%	24%	20%	29%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	13%	19%	14%	14%	18%	20%	15%	13%
Strongly disapprove	43%	7%	48%	77%	50%	22%	37%	56%	40%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(650)	(727)	(610)	(1,343)	(270)	(348)	(830)	(513)

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5A. Biden Issue Approval — The economy

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	36%	37%	35%	45%	36%	32%	34%	68%	39%	13%
Disapprove	64%	63%	65%	55%	64%	68%	66%	32%	61%	87%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(1,043)	(1,105)	(452)	(541)	(703)	(452)	(509)	(711)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	36%	69%	30%	10%	32%	50%	35%	24%	45%
Disapprove	64%	31%	70%	90%	68%	50%	65%	76%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(650)	(724)	(609)	(1,340)	(272)	(346)	(829)	(511)

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5B. Biden Issue Approval — Immigration

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	30%	27%	32%	44%	36%	21%	21%	58%	31%	10%
Disapprove	70%	73%	68%	56%	64%	79%	79%	42%	69%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,146)	(1,038)	(1,108)	(451)	(537)	(703)	(455)	(504)	(714)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	30%	60%	21%	8%	26%	42%	32%	21%	36%
Disapprove	70%	40%	79%	92%	74%	58%	68%	79%	64%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,146)	(648)	(722)	(610)	(1,338)	(270)	(348)	(831)	(508)

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5C. Biden Issue Approval — Inflation

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	33%	35%	32%	40%	33%	29%	33%	61%	39%	10%
Disapprove	67%	65%	68%	60%	67%	71%	67%	39%	61%	90%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(1,041)	(1,106)	(451)	(541)	(702)	(453)	(510)	(713)	(677)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	33%	62%	29%	9%	31%	47%	29%	24%	41%
Disapprove	67%	38%	71%	91%	69%	53%	71%	76%	59%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,147)	(650)	(724)	(609)	(1,343)	(270)	(345)	(830)	(513)

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5D. Biden Issue Approval — The situation with Russia and Ukraine

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	41%	41%	42%	49%	40%	39%	38%	70%	48%	19%
Disapprove	59%	59%	58%	51%	60%	61%	62%	30%	52%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,145)	(1,040)	(1,105)	(452)	(535)	(705)	(453)	(505)	(714)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	41%	73%	36%	17%	39%	49%	43%	32%	50%
Disapprove	59%	27%	64%	83%	61%	51%	57%	68%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,145)	(650)	(721)	(609)	(1,337)	(270)	(347)	(830)	(508)

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6. Biden Issue Approval - Conflict Between Israel and Hamas

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the current conflict between Israel and Hamas?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	39%	39%	39%	45%	35%	38%	38%	53%	45%	25%
Disapprove	61%	61%	61%	55%	65%	62%	62%	47%	55%	75%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,144)	(1,044)	(1,101)	(453)	(539)	(701)	(451)	(506)	(711)	(678)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	39%	64%	32%	22%	35%	54%	40%	29%	46%
Disapprove	61%	36%	68%	78%	65%	46%	60%	71%	54%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,144)	(646)	(724)	(610)	(1,337)	(271)	(346)	(827)	(510)

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7. Biden Job Approval - U.S.-Mexico Border

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling matters concerning the U.S.-Mexico border?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	32%	31%	33%	51%	33%	26%	21%	60%	33%	12%
Disapprove	68%	69%	67%	49%	67%	74%	79%	40%	67%	88%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,145)	(1,039)	(1,105)	(452)	(540)	(699)	(454)	(510)	(712)	(676)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	32%	60%	24%	11%	29%	45%	30%	25%	35%
Disapprove	68%	40%	76%	89%	71%	55%	70%	75%	65%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,145)	(649)	(725)	(611)	(1,341)	(269)	(345)	(828)	(512)

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8. Republicans in Congress Job Approval - U.S.-Mexico Border

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Republicans in Congress are handling matters concerning the U.S.-Mexico border?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	35%	38%	32%	45%	34%	31%	31%	20%	33%	50%
Disapprove	65%	62%	68%	55%	66%	69%	69%	80%	67%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,138)	(1,041)	(1,097)	(451)	(542)	(697)	(448)	(511)	(710)	(672)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	35%	24%	29%	56%	35%	35%	35%	37%	33%
Disapprove	65%	76%	71%	44%	65%	65%	65%	63%	67%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,138)	(648)	(722)	(607)	(1,335)	(268)	(347)	(825)	(511)

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9. Most Important Problem Facing the Country

Which of these do you think is the most important problem facing this country today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Inflation	29%	27%	30%	34%	34%	27%	19%	18%	33%	32%
Unemployment	4%	4%	4%	8%	7%	2%	0%	3%	4%	3%
The state of democracy	18%	18%	18%	8%	15%	22%	25%	35%	17%	8%
Health care	7%	7%	7%	11%	9%	6%	3%	11%	7%	3%
The war between Israel and Hamas	3%	4%	2%	6%	3%	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%
The war between Ukraine and Russia	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Gun violence	10%	7%	13%	11%	11%	8%	11%	15%	12%	4%
Crime	6%	7%	6%	13%	6%	4%	3%	8%	6%	3%
Immigration and the border	21%	23%	18%	6%	12%	27%	36%	5%	15%	43%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(1,048)	(1,105)	(453)	(540)	(705)	(455)	(512)	(714)	(678)

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	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Inflation	29%	20%	30%	36%	28%	24%	34%	33%	20%
Unemployment	4%	5%	4%	2%	2%	10%	8%	3%	1%
The state of democracy	18%	27%	22%	7%	20%	15%	12%	13%	30%
Health care	7%	10%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%	6%	9%
The war between Israel and Hamas	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%
The war between Ukraine and Russia	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Gun violence	10%	17%	7%	5%	8%	18%	9%	8%	9%
Crime	6%	8%	5%	3%	5%	10%	10%	5%	4%
Immigration and the border	21%	8%	20%	38%	25%	12%	16%	26%	22%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(649)	(729)	(608)	(1,343)	(272)	(348)	(831)	(513)

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10. Biden Tougher or Easier on Immigrants

Do you think the Biden Administration should generally be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Tougher on immigrants trying to cross at the border	63%	65%	61%	38%	54%	75%	79%	34%	63%	87%
Easier on immigrants trying to cross at the border	16%	17%	16%	30%	25%	8%	4%	28%	15%	8%
Is handling things about as they should be	21%	18%	23%	32%	21%	17%	17%	38%	22%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,149)	(1,043)	(1,106)	(453)	(542)	(702)	(452)	(509)	(713)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Tougher on immigrants trying to cross at the border	63%	43%	66%	85%	66%	59%	58%	70%	59%
Easier on immigrants trying to cross at the border	16%	20%	17%	9%	14%	19%	21%	14%	14%
Is handling things about as they should be	21%	37%	16%	6%	20%	22%	21%	16%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,149)	(648)	(727)	(609)	(1,342)	(270)	(346)	(832)	(510)

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11. Current Situation At U.S.-Mexico Border

Do you think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A crisis	45%	46%	43%	27%	31%	55%	64%	22%	40%	72%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis	30%	29%	31%	32%	34%	29%	24%	39%	34%	19%
A somewhat serious problem	18%	17%	19%	26%	25%	13%	11%	29%	19%	8%
Not much of a problem	7%	8%	6%	15%	10%	3%	1%	10%	7%	1%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,155)	(1,046)	(1,109)	(455)	(542)	(703)	(455)	(511)	(716)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A crisis	45%	23%	49%	69%	49%	38%	40%	52%	42%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis	30%	39%	28%	22%	29%	32%	33%	28%	31%
A somewhat serious problem	18%	28%	17%	7%	17%	17%	16%	15%	21%
Not much of a problem	7%	10%	6%	2%	5%	12%	11%	5%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,155)	(649)	(729)	(611)	(1,345)	(271)	(350)	(832)	(513)

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12A. Reasons Situation At the Border a Crisis or Very Serious — National security

Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	81%	87%	75%	73%	77%	84%	84%	57%	78%	94%
No	19%	13%	25%	27%	23%	16%	16%	43%	22%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,601)	(780)	(821)	(266)	(351)	(585)	(400)	(308)	(527)	(618)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	81%	63%	84%	92%	81%	86%	77%	82%	79%
No	19%	37%	16%	8%	19%	14%	23%	18%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,601)	(401)	(559)	(553)	(1,042)	(190)	(251)	(664)	(378)

12B. Reasons Situation At the Border a Crisis or Very Serious — The lives and well-being of the migrants

Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	66%	60%	70%	71%	68%	61%	67%	79%	67%	59%
No	34%	40%	30%	29%	32%	39%	33%	21%	33%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,596)	(776)	(820)	(267)	(351)	(585)	(393)	(311)	(529)	(610)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	66%	80%	64%	57%	62%	76%	70%	59%	68%
No	34%	20%	36%	43%	38%	24%	30%	41%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,596)	(403)	(558)	(548)	(1,037)	(191)	(251)	(660)	(377)

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12C. Reasons Situation At the Border a Crisis or Very Serious — U.S. resources and ability to handle more people

Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	86%	88%	85%	75%	83%	90%	92%	77%	85%	92%
No	14%	12%	15%	25%	17%	10%	8%	23%	15%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,597)	(781)	(816)	(261)	(352)	(586)	(397)	(310)	(530)	(610)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	86%	84%	87%	89%	88%	89%	77%	89%	87%
No	14%	16%	13%	11%	12%	11%	23%	11%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,597)	(403)	(560)	(548)	(1,037)	(191)	(252)	(660)	(377)

12D. Reasons Situation At the Border a Crisis or Very Serious — How it reflects U.S. values and principles

Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	62%	63%	61%	66%	57%	62%	65%	67%	55%	67%
No	38%	37%	39%	34%	43%	38%	35%	33%	45%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,594)	(775)	(819)	(268)	(351)	(582)	(393)	(311)	(525)	(612)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	62%	63%	59%	66%	66%	58%	53%	69%	59%
No	38%	37%	41%	34%	34%	42%	47%	31%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,594)	(401)	(556)	(551)	(1,037)	(187)	(253)	(661)	(376)

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12E. Reasons Situation At the Border a Crisis or Very Serious — Changes to U.S. culture and people

Which of these, if any, are reasons you consider the current situation at the border to be a [crisis / very serious problem]? Your concerns about...

Among those who think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is a crisis or very serious problem

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes	52%	57%	47%	52%	46%	53%	54%	31%	49%	64%
No	48%	43%	53%	48%	54%	47%	46%	69%	51%	36%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,597)	(776)	(821)	(267)	(351)	(585)	(394)	(311)	(526)	(614)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes	52%	44%	49%	62%	53%	57%	47%	55%	49%
No	48%	56%	51%	38%	47%	43%	53%	45%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,597)	(403)	(556)	(551)	(1,039)	(190)	(251)	(664)	(376)

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13. Reasons for Increase in Migrants Trying to Cross Border

From what you've heard and read, why do you think there has been an increase in the number of migrants trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border recently?

SELECT ALL THAT APPLY

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increased dangers in their own country	55%	53%	57%	60%	58%	52%	51%	73%	58%	39%
Economic conditions got worse in their own country	58%	56%	60%	61%	60%	57%	54%	74%	61%	44%
Not enough security at the U.S. border	47%	51%	44%	30%	42%	55%	61%	23%	45%	70%
Rule changes by the Biden Administration	44%	49%	40%	32%	41%	48%	54%	15%	42%	73%
Failure to finish the border wall	35%	39%	32%	24%	27%	40%	50%	11%	27%	64%
Weighted N	(2,157)	(1,048)	(1,109)	(455)	(542)	(705)	(455)	(513)	(716)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increased dangers in their own country	55%	69%	53%	42%	54%	58%	58%	51%	59%
Economic conditions got worse in their own country	58%	72%	59%	44%	57%	64%	61%	52%	63%
Not enough security at the U.S. border	47%	28%	53%	67%	50%	45%	44%	54%	44%
Rule changes by the Biden Administration	44%	19%	49%	69%	48%	33%	34%	49%	47%
Failure to finish the border wall	35%	16%	36%	58%	40%	28%	30%	42%	37%
Weighted N	(2,157)	(650)	(729)	(611)	(1,346)	(272)	(350)	(833)	(513)

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14. Asylum Wait Location

If people cross the U.S.-Mexico border and ask for asylum - they say they are fleeing violence or their lives are in danger - what should U.S. policy toward them be? Should the U.S. rule be that they must:

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Remain in the U.S. while waiting for a court hearing to decide if they can stay legally or not	43%	38%	49%	65%	50%	34%	29%	67%	46%	21%
Leave the U.S., then wait for a court to decide if they can return legally or not	44%	48%	39%	27%	39%	52%	53%	27%	45%	58%
Leave the U.S. without a court hearing and no chance to return or stay legally	13%	14%	11%	8%	11%	13%	18%	6%	9%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(1,044)	(1,106)	(454)	(541)	(704)	(452)	(512)	(716)	(676)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Remain in the U.S. while waiting for a court hearing to decide if they can stay legally or not	43%	63%	39%	25%	41%	45%	47%	37%	46%
Leave the U.S., then wait for a court to decide if they can return legally or not	44%	31%	49%	53%	46%	41%	41%	47%	45%
Leave the U.S. without a court hearing and no chance to return or stay legally	13%	6%	12%	22%	13%	14%	12%	15%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(648)	(727)	(610)	(1,342)	(271)	(348)	(829)	(513)

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15. Approval of Sending Migrants North

Do you approve or disapprove of southern and border states sending migrants, via buses and planes, to northern cities and states in the U.S.?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Approve	43%	48%	39%	52%	41%	37%	45%	28%	42%	59%
Disapprove	57%	52%	61%	48%	59%	63%	55%	72%	58%	41%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(1,041)	(1,107)	(451)	(540)	(705)	(452)	(511)	(712)	(678)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Approve	43%	34%	44%	53%	45%	35%	43%	41%	50%
Disapprove	57%	66%	56%	47%	55%	65%	57%	59%	50%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,148)	(648)	(727)	(607)	(1,340)	(272)	(347)	(827)	(513)

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16. Hosting Migrants Locally

Would you favor or oppose a plan to try to find temporary housing and social services for migrants in the city or town where you live?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Favor	45%	42%	47%	67%	51%	34%	32%	75%	50%	19%
Oppose	55%	58%	53%	33%	49%	66%	68%	25%	50%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(1,045)	(1,106)	(455)	(542)	(703)	(452)	(513)	(713)	(677)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Favor	45%	72%	38%	23%	40%	50%	53%	34%	49%
Oppose	55%	28%	62%	77%	60%	50%	47%	66%	51%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(650)	(725)	(611)	(1,342)	(272)	(348)	(830)	(512)

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17. Change in Immigrants Arriving in Local Area

Thinking about your own local area... Over the last year, do you think the number of immigrants arriving in your area has been increasing, decreasing, staying the same, or is that not something you've been able to notice?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Increasing	40%	43%	38%	38%	38%	44%	39%	32%	39%	51%
Decreasing	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%
Staying the same	22%	23%	21%	23%	21%	22%	22%	28%	27%	14%
Haven't been able to notice	35%	30%	39%	35%	36%	32%	38%	35%	31%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,044)	(1,107)	(455)	(542)	(701)	(452)	(512)	(715)	(675)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Increasing	40%	35%	41%	48%	40%	40%	47%	39%	41%
Decreasing	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
Staying the same	22%	27%	22%	16%	22%	22%	23%	22%	22%
Haven't been able to notice	35%	34%	35%	31%	36%	34%	28%	37%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(650)	(723)	(611)	(1,341)	(272)	(348)	(830)	(511)

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18. U.S. Focus for Asylum Seekers on Southern Border

What should the U.S. focus on more when it comes to migrants seeking asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Making sure the process for who can be admitted or not is more efficient	57%	52%	62%	71%	63%	51%	45%	80%	64%	32%
Making sure migrants cannot cross the border in the first place	43%	48%	38%	29%	37%	49%	55%	20%	36%	68%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(1,046)	(1,107)	(454)	(541)	(705)	(453)	(513)	(716)	(677)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Making sure the process for who can be admitted or not is more efficient	57%	77%	55%	35%	53%	60%	66%	49%	62%
Making sure migrants cannot cross the border in the first place	43%	23%	45%	65%	47%	40%	34%	51%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(650)	(728)	(611)	(1,344)	(271)	(348)	(833)	(511)

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19. Effect of Recent Migrants Across Southern Border on U.S. Society

Generally speaking, do you think the recent immigrants who have been crossing the U.S.-Mexico border will make American society...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Better in the long run	22%	23%	22%	34%	26%	16%	17%	44%	23%	8%
Worse in the long run	48%	50%	46%	26%	40%	58%	64%	19%	44%	77%
Won't have much of an effect one way or the other	30%	27%	32%	40%	34%	26%	19%	37%	33%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,139)	(1,038)	(1,101)	(452)	(541)	(699)	(447)	(512)	(712)	(667)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Better in the long run	22%	39%	19%	9%	20%	20%	28%	14%	28%
Worse in the long run	48%	25%	50%	75%	53%	40%	38%	60%	43%
Won't have much of an effect one way or the other	30%	36%	31%	15%	27%	40%	34%	26%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,139)	(649)	(718)	(608)	(1,335)	(269)	(347)	(824)	(511)

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20. Expectations for U.S. Economy

As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Booming	6%	7%	5%	16%	4%	3%	2%	10%	5%	3%
Growing, but not booming	15%	17%	14%	17%	14%	14%	16%	24%	17%	10%
Holding steady	26%	26%	26%	29%	29%	24%	22%	32%	30%	16%
Slowing, but not in recession	23%	22%	23%	22%	22%	23%	25%	18%	23%	25%
In recession	30%	28%	32%	16%	31%	36%	35%	16%	25%	46%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(1,045)	(1,106)	(455)	(538)	(703)	(455)	(512)	(714)	(677)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Booming	6%	11%	2%	5%	4%	16%	5%	5%	3%
Growing, but not booming	15%	25%	14%	9%	15%	15%	11%	11%	22%
Holding steady	26%	35%	24%	17%	23%	27%	32%	22%	25%
Slowing, but not in recession	23%	17%	24%	26%	23%	18%	29%	23%	23%
In recession	30%	12%	36%	43%	34%	23%	23%	39%	27%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,151)	(650)	(726)	(609)	(1,344)	(272)	(346)	(831)	(513)

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21. Gas Prices

In the last few weeks, have gas prices in your area been...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Going up	26%	25%	28%	31%	29%	24%	23%	21%	24%	30%
Going down	28%	27%	28%	15%	20%	34%	39%	34%	31%	22%
Staying the same	34%	38%	31%	36%	36%	33%	33%	27%	36%	40%
Not sure/don't buy gas	11%	10%	13%	18%	15%	9%	5%	18%	8%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(2,156)	(1,047)	(1,109)	(455)	(542)	(704)	(455)	(513)	(716)	(679)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Going up	26%	23%	26%	29%	24%	33%	31%	25%	22%
Going down	28%	37%	28%	21%	30%	25%	21%	27%	35%
Staying the same	34%	26%	35%	44%	36%	25%	36%	36%	36%
Not sure/don't buy gas	11%	14%	11%	6%	10%	17%	12%	12%	7%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,156)	(650)	(729)	(610)	(1,345)	(272)	(350)	(832)	(513)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,157 adults in the U.S. was conducted between January 3-5, 2024.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and 2022 Congressional vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.9.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 2.8 pts. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and n is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.