

# CBS News Poll – July 21-22, 2024

## Registered Voters who are Democrats



Sample 1,071 Registered Voters who are Democrats  
Margin of Error ±3.4 points

1. As you may know, Joe Biden has dropped out of the presidential race, and he will step aside as the Democratic Party's nominee. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's decision to step aside?

Approve ..... 83%  
Disapprove ..... 17%

2. While he was deciding about whether to step aside or not, do you think leaders of the Democratic Party have generally treated Joe Biden...

Fairly ..... 65%  
Unfairly ..... 35%

3. When people look back on it, what do you think the legacy of Joe Biden's presidency will be? Will it be...

Excellent ..... 43%  
Good ..... 39%  
Fair ..... 15%  
Poor ..... 3%

4. Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside, do you think the Democratic Party's chances of winning against Donald Trump in November are now...

Better than they were ..... 45%  
Worse than they were ..... 10%  
Have not changed ..... 17%  
Depends who the Democratic nominee is ..... 28%

5. Does Joe Biden stepping aside as the nominee make you:

More motivated to vote in 2024 ..... 39%  
Less motivated to vote in 2024 ..... 6%  
Does not change your motivation to vote ..... 49%  
Depends who the Democratic nominee is ..... 6%

6. Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside, what do you think the Democratic Party should do for its 2024 presidential nominee? Should it...

Nominate Kamala Harris ..... 79%  
Nominate someone else ..... 21%

7. How would you like to see the Democratic Party pick its nominee for 2024?

Have Democratic Party leaders pick a candidate now ..... 59%  
Have the delegates at the Democratic National Convention pick a candidate in August ... 41%

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### 1. Approval of Biden Stepping Aside

As you may know, Joe Biden has dropped out of the presidential race, and he will step aside as the Democratic Party's nominee. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's decision to step aside?

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Approve	83%	83%	82%	80%	81%	82%	87%
Disapprove	17%	17%	18%	20%	19%	18%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,071)	(465)	(606)	(218)	(270)	(327)	(257)

	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
		Liberal	Moderate	No Degree	4yr Degree+	White	Black	Hispanic
Approve	83%	84%	83%	82%	83%	84%	76%	83%
Disapprove	17%	16%	17%	18%	17%	16%	24%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,071)	(687)	(300)	(591)	(480)	(634)	(244)	(128)

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### 2. Biden Treated Fairly or Not

While he was deciding about whether to step aside or not, do you think leaders of the Democratic Party have generally treated Joe Biden...

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Fairly	65%	69%	63%	75%	69%	59%	61%
Unfairly	35%	31%	37%	25%	31%	41%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,069)	(463)	(606)	(218)	(269)	(327)	(256)

	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
		Liberal	Moderate	No Degree	4yr Degree+	White	Black	Hispanic
Fairly	65%	64%	68%	64%	67%	66%	60%	68%
Unfairly	35%	36%	32%	36%	33%	34%	40%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,069)	(686)	(300)	(589)	(480)	(633)	(242)	(128)

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**3. Biden Legacy**

When people look back on it, what do you think the legacy of Joe Biden’s presidency will be? Will it be...

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Excellent	43%	44%	43%	19%	42%	48%	58%
Good	39%	41%	37%	50%	35%	39%	33%
Fair	15%	13%	16%	27%	19%	11%	5%
Poor	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	2%	4%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
		Liberal	Moderate	No Degree	4yr Degree+	White	Black	Hispanic
Excellent	43%	47%	35%	41%	45%	47%	35%	44%
Good	39%	37%	44%	39%	39%	38%	41%	33%
Fair	15%	12%	16%	16%	12%	12%	22%	17%
Poor	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
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### 4. Democratic Party's Chances Against Trump

Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside, do you think the Democratic Party's chances of winning against Donald Trump in November are now...

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Better than they were	45%	50%	42%	46%	36%	49%	51%
Worse than they were	10%	11%	9%	17%	9%	9%	5%
Have not changed	17%	16%	17%	14%	19%	15%	18%
Depends who the Democratic nominee is	28%	23%	32%	23%	36%	26%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(1,069)	(465)	(604)	(218)	(270)	(325)	(256)

	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
		Liberal	Moderate	No Degree	4yr Degree+	White	Black	Hispanic
Better than they were	45%	51%	39%	42%	50%	51%	29%	47%
Worse than they were	10%	6%	16%	11%	9%	9%	15%	8%
Have not changed	17%	16%	18%	16%	17%	15%	25%	15%
Depends who the Democratic nominee is	28%	27%	27%	31%	24%	25%	31%	30%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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**5. Biden Stepping Aside Affect Motivation**

Does Joe Biden stepping aside as the nominee make you:

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
More motivated to vote in 2024	39%	39%	39%	42%	42%	39%	33%
Less motivated to vote in 2024	6%	6%	5%	10%	9%	4%	2%
Does not change your motivation to vote	49%	49%	49%	39%	38%	54%	62%
Depends who the Democratic nominee is	6%	6%	7%	9%	10%	3%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
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	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
		Liberal	Moderate	No Degree	4yr Degree+	White	Black	Hispanic
More motivated to vote in 2024	39%	38%	40%	39%	38%	36%	45%	38%
Less motivated to vote in 2024	6%	4%	8%	7%	5%	5%	7%	9%
Does not change your motivation to vote	49%	53%	46%	47%	51%	54%	38%	48%
Depends who the Democratic nominee is	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%	10%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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**6. Who Should Democrats Nominate**

Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside, what do you think the Democratic Party should do for its 2024 presidential nominee? Should it...

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Nominate Kamala Harris	79%	77%	80%	83%	75%	80%	78%
Nominate someone else	21%	23%	20%	17%	25%	20%	22%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,066)	(465)	(601)	(218)	(268)	(324)	(257)

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Nominate Kamala Harris	79%	82%	72%	81%	77%	79%	79%	77%
Nominate someone else	21%	18%	28%	19%	23%	21%	21%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,066)	(687)	(300)	(587)	(479)	(633)	(242)	(126)

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**7. How Should Democratic Party Decide Its Nominee**

How would you like to see the Democratic Party pick its nominee for 2024?

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Have Democratic Party leaders pick a candidate now	59%	54%	63%	64%	64%	56%	51%
Have the delegates at the Democratic National Convention pick a candidate in August	41%	46%	37%	36%	36%	44%	49%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,060)	(462)	(599)	(218)	(267)	(323)	(253)

	Total	Ideology		Education		Race		
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Have Democratic Party leaders pick a candidate now	59%	58%	61%	62%	55%	57%	63%	63%
Have the delegates at the Democratic National Convention pick a candidate in August	41%	42%	39%	38%	45%	43%	37%	37%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,060)	(681)	(296)	(585)	(476)	(627)	(239)	(128)

# HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

This CBS News/YouGov survey is based on a national sample of 1,071 registered voters who identify as Democrats interviewed July 21-22, 2024. All respondents participated in earlier national surveys of registered voters fielded July 11-13 and July 16-18, 2024.

The sample was weighted by gender, age, race, and education based upon the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and weighted to account for differential response rates. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.3, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.6.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage  $p$  based upon the entire sample is approximately  $\pm 3.4$  points. 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.