

CBS News Poll – December 18-20, 2024

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,244 Adults in the U.S.
Margin of Error ±2.4 points

17. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the actions taken by the people who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	54%

18. Would you support or oppose Donald Trump pardoning those who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

Support	41%
Oppose	59%

*Questions held for future release.

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17. Approve of January 6 Actions

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the actions taken by the people who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strongly approve	4%	6%	3%	2%	6%	3%	5%	3%	3%	7%
Somewhat approve	15%	16%	14%	19%	18%	13%	12%	7%	14%	24%
Somewhat disapprove	26%	28%	24%	32%	25%	25%	24%	11%	27%	38%
Strongly disapprove	54%	50%	59%	47%	51%	59%	59%	79%	55%	31%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,215)	(1,079)	(1,136)	(455)	(564)	(724)	(472)	(616)	(710)	(662)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strongly approve	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Somewhat approve	15%	8%	12%	24%	17%	9%	14%	18%	14%
Somewhat disapprove	26%	11%	25%	40%	29%	22%	22%	33%	22%
Strongly disapprove	54%	77%	60%	30%	50%	65%	60%	45%	60%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,215)	(691)	(637)	(702)	(1,387)	(278)	(360)	(853)	(533)

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18. Pardons for January 6

Would you support or oppose Donald Trump pardoning those who forced their way into the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Support	41%	46%	35%	41%	41%	40%	41%	13%	36%	74%
Oppose	59%	54%	65%	59%	59%	60%	59%	87%	64%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,210)	(1,081)	(1,129)	(460)	(554)	(725)	(471)	(620)	(705)	(660)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Support	41%	12%	36%	72%	47%	22%	32%	52%	40%
Oppose	59%	88%	64%	28%	53%	78%	68%	48%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,210)	(692)	(634)	(708)	(1,394)	(274)	(356)	(862)	(531)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,244 adults in the U.S. was conducted between December 18-20, 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, and 2024 Presidential vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 5.0, 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 ± 2.4 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.