

The Economist/YouGov Poll
January 24 - 26, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 24 - 26, 2021
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction 31%
 Off on the wrong track 54%
 Not sure 16%

2. Do you consider the countries listed below to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Canada	53%	32%	3%	1%	11%
China	4%	13%	32%	31%	20%
France	38%	37%	7%	2%	17%
Germany	32%	37%	7%	2%	22%
Iran	2%	4%	31%	44%	19%
Israel	35%	27%	10%	4%	23%
Japan	35%	34%	7%	3%	21%
North Korea	3%	6%	24%	51%	17%
South Korea	31%	31%	10%	8%	20%
Mexico	19%	45%	13%	3%	19%
Russia	3%	12%	34%	31%	20%
United Kingdom	54%	27%	4%	1%	14%

3. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election 66%
 Biden did NOT legitimately win the election 34%

4. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Joe Biden as president?

Enthusiastic 30%
 Satisfied but not enthusiastic 22%
 Dissatisfied but not upset 19%
 Upset 21%
 Not sure 8%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Joe Biden handled the post-election period?

Strongly Approve 36%
 Somewhat Approve 20%
 Somewhat Disapprove 11%
 Strongly Disapprove 22%
 Not Sure 11%

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump handled the post-election period?

Strongly Approve	15%
Somewhat Approve	15%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%
Strongly Disapprove	46%
Not Sure	9%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of the people protesting the certification of Joe Biden winning the Electoral College on Wednesday, January 6th?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	11%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the people taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to stop Congressional proceedings on Wednesday, January 6th?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	7%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	71%
Not sure	8%

9. How much have you heard about QAnon?

A lot	15%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	39%

10. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of QAnon?

Among those who have heard of QAnon

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	9%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	57%
Don't know	17%

11. Looking back on Joe Biden's inauguration, more than 25,000 national guard members were present around the capitol due to security risks. Do you believe these security measures were...

Overreacting to the actual risks	36%
Appropriate	56%
Not taking the risks seriously enough	7%

12. How much progress do you expect Joe Biden to make in the following areas?

	A lot	Some	Only a little	None	Not sure
Changing the partisan tone in Washington	13%	25%	19%	31%	12%
Improving the U.S. image in the world	34%	20%	11%	28%	8%
Improving the economy	21%	26%	14%	32%	8%

13. As a President, how do you think Joe Biden will go down in history?

Outstanding	13%
Above Average	20%
Average	22%
Below Average	11%
Poor	22%
Not Sure	12%

14. Do you think the Biden administration...

Will be largely free of major scandals	34%
Will have a major scandal or two	22%
Will have many major scandals	24%
Not sure	21%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's Cabinet nominations?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Not sure	27%

16. How much attention do you think President Biden is paying to the needs and problems of...

	Too much	Too little	The right amount	Not sure
Rich people	28%	10%	30%	32%
Working people	5%	42%	38%	15%
Poor people	9%	37%	36%	18%
People like you	4%	42%	37%	18%

17. About how many of Joe Biden's campaign promises do you think he will be able to keep?

All of them	4%
Most of them	24%
Some of them	34%
Hardly any of them	26%
Not sure	11%

18. About how many of Joe Biden's campaign promises do you think he will TRY to keep?

All of them	20%
Most of them	30%
Some of them	25%
Hardly any of them	18%
Not sure	7%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of Presidents using executive orders?

Approve strongly	16%
Approve somewhat	36%
Disapprove somewhat	16%
Disapprove strongly	10%
Not sure	22%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the executive order which...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Not sure
Created military exclusion zones during World War II and allowed for the forcible relocation of Americans of Japanese descent to internment camps	6%	11%	14%	41%	29%
Desegregated the U.S. military	39%	13%	10%	14%	25%
Asks Americans to wear masks for 100 days, and that required the use of masks and social distancing in all federal buildings and lands and by all federal contractors	49%	20%	9%	14%	8%
Keeps the United States in the World Health Organization	41%	20%	8%	17%	14%
Extends the current pause on student loan payments for Americans with federal student loans through at least September 30	40%	30%	10%	8%	13%
Extends the current moratorium on evictions and foreclosures through at least March 31	41%	27%	10%	6%	17%

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Has the U.S. rejoin the Paris Climate accord	36%	14%	8%	22%	20%
Cancels the Keystone XL pipeline permit	25%	11%	11%	30%	24%
Bans workplace discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation or gender identity	47%	21%	10%	9%	13%
Reverses the Trump administration's 'travel ban' for passport holders from seven Muslim-majority countries	25%	17%	14%	28%	16%
Halts construction of a wall on the border between the U.S. and Mexico	36%	14%	11%	30%	10%

21. As a President, how do you think Donald Trump will go down in history?

Outstanding	16%
Above Average	14%
Average	11%
Below Average	10%
Poor	43%
Not Sure	7%

22. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?

Very closely	32%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	19%
Not following at all	7%

23. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	12%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a close friend	19%
No	54%
Prefer not to say	3%

24. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	33%
Yes, a close friend	36%
No	37%
Prefer not to say	3%

25. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.
- Yes, a family member 9%
 - Yes, a close friend 20%
 - No 68%
 - Prefer not to say 4%
26. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?
- Very worried 23%
 - Somewhat worried 39%
 - Not too worried 24%
 - Not worried at all 15%
27. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?
- Always 59%
 - Most of the time 23%
 - Some of the time 12%
 - Never 6%
28. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...
- The pandemic is going to get worse 31%
 - We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic 32%
 - The worst part of the pandemic is behind us 17%
 - Not sure 20%
29. Do you believe that the number of American deaths due to COVID-19 per day is increasing, decreasing, or staying the same?
- Increasing 41%
 - Staying the same 25%
 - Decreasing 15%
 - Not sure 19%
30. When a coronavirus vaccine becomes available to you, will you get vaccinated?
- Yes 43%
 - No 30%
 - Not sure 22%
 - I have already been vaccinated 5%
31. Do you believe there will be enough doses to vaccinate everyone in the U.S. who needs it?
- Yes 36%
 - No 35%
 - Not sure 30%

32. How long do you think it will be before a vaccine for COVID-19 is available for you?

Among those who definitely will, or might get vaccinated

By the end of January 2021	9%
By the spring of 2021	31%
By the summer of 2021	28%
By the end of 2021	11%
2022 or later	4%
Not sure	17%

33. Coronavirus vaccines are being fast-tracked through the approval process. How concerned are you about the safety of coronavirus vaccines?

Very concerned	30%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not very concerned	20%
Not concerned at all	12%
Not sure	7%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	22%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump handled his job as President?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	5%

36. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Pence handled his job as Vice President?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	14%

37. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot	44%
Some	13%
A little	11%
None	25%
Not sure	7%

38. Do you think the U.S. House of Representatives should or should not impeach Donald Trump?

Should impeach	48%
Should not impeach	41%
Not sure	11%

39. If the U.S. House of Representatives votes to impeach Donald Trump, do you think the U.S. Senate should or should not vote to convict him?

Should vote to convict	47%
Should not vote to convict	39%
Not sure	14%

40. Do you think President Trump should be allowed to run for President again?

Yes	35%
No	55%
Not sure	10%

41. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	73%	23%	3%	1%
Immigration	42%	40%	16%	3%
Climate change and the environment	41%	30%	17%	11%
National Security and foreign policy	54%	35%	9%	2%
Education	58%	32%	8%	2%
Health care	71%	23%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	55%	34%	8%	3%
Abortion	36%	31%	22%	11%
Civil rights	58%	28%	10%	4%
Civil liberties	56%	31%	9%	4%
Guns	44%	31%	17%	8%
Crime and criminal justice reform	54%	32%	11%	3%

42. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Jobs and the economy	23%
Immigration	5%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security and foreign policy	5%
Education	7%
Health care	23%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	6%
Civil liberties	2%
Guns	2%
Crime and criminal justice reform	3%

43. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	27%	13%	11%	47%	3%
Joe Biden	29%	24%	13%	29%	5%
Mike Pence	18%	25%	25%	23%	10%
Kamala Harris	28%	19%	10%	33%	11%
Nancy Pelosi	15%	19%	13%	41%	11%
Mitch McConnell	4%	12%	21%	42%	20%
Chuck Schumer	11%	20%	12%	29%	29%

44. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	18%	24%	16%	32%	9%
The Republican Party	11%	21%	23%	34%	10%

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

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	16%

46. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	22%	24%	9%	25%	20%
Immigration	23%	17%	11%	28%	20%
National security and foreign policy	24%	19%	9%	23%	24%
Guns	12%	15%	8%	26%	38%

47. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	23%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	16%

48. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	27%
Some	25%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	27%
Not sure	6%

49. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	27%
Like somewhat	19%
Neither like nor dislike	19%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	19%
Not sure	9%

50. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	33%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	28%

51. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	44%
Not honest and trustworthy	36%
Not sure	20%

52. Are you confident in Joe Biden’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	44%
Uneasy	40%
Not sure	16%

53. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	43%
Not sure	15%

54. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?

Yes	28%
No	43%
Not sure	29%

55. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic	45%
Pessimistic	35%
Not sure	19%

56. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	11%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	14%

58. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	29%

59. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	21%

60. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	24%

61. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	27%

62. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	11%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	41%
Not sure	13%

63. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	22%
About the same	22%
Lower	30%
Not sure	26%

64. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	39%
No	61%

65. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	47%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	29%
Not sure	6%

66. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	26%
The same amount of jobs	23%
Fewer jobs	31%
Not sure	20%

67. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	31%
Not very worried	59%

68. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	36%
Not very hard	23%
Not sure	12%

69. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	27%
Happy	35%
Neither happy nor unhappy	29%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

70. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	8%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	12%

71. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	80%
Not registered	20%
72. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?	
Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	32%
73. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	32%
Republican	25%
Independent	31%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%
74. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	6%
75. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
76. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
77. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

78. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

79. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

80. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	21%
No	79%

81. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

82. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	48%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	16%
Prefer not to say	11%

83. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	21%

84. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	32%
Don't know	3%

85. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	31%
No	69%

86. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	17%
Don't know	5%

87. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	31%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	1%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	7%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 24 - 26, 2021
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.05 to 6.004, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.875.
Number of respondents	1500 1245 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.7% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.