

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

## May 5 - 7, 2024 - 1813 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1813 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted May 5 - 7, 2024  
 Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	12%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	24%	15%	<b>39%</b>	10%	47%	<b>58%</b>	3%
Kristi Noem	7%	12%	<b>19%</b>	7%	25%	<b>32%</b>	49%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	7%	13%	<b>19%</b>	10%	37%	<b>47%</b>	34%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	16%	22%	<b>38%</b>	15%	44%	<b>59%</b>	3%
Kamala Harris	15%	22%	<b>37%</b>	13%	42%	<b>54%</b>	9%
Mike Johnson	5%	19%	<b>24%</b>	19%	19%	<b>38%</b>	37%

### 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	72%	25%	<b>97%</b>	3%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Immigration	51%	32%	<b>83%</b>	13%	3%	<b>17%</b>
Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	<b>70%</b>	16%	14%	<b>30%</b>
Foreign policy	45%	42%	<b>87%</b>	10%	3%	<b>13%</b>
National Security	63%	30%	<b>93%</b>	6%	1%	<b>7%</b>
Education	61%	30%	<b>91%</b>	8%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Health care	71%	23%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>
Taxes and government spending	63%	31%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>
Abortion	49%	29%	<b>78%</b>	14%	8%	<b>22%</b>

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Civil rights	57%	29%	<b>85%</b>	10%	5%	<b>15%</b>
Civil liberties	53%	34%	<b>87%</b>	10%	4%	<b>13%</b>
Guns	53%	29%	<b>82%</b>	12%	5%	<b>18%</b>
Crime	61%	30%	<b>91%</b>	8%	1%	<b>9%</b>
Criminal justice reform	42%	40%	<b>81%</b>	14%	5%	<b>19%</b>
Inflation/prices	77%	20%	<b>97%</b>	2%	1%	<b>3%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Immigration	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Health care	9%
Abortion	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Civil rights	5%
Education	4%
National Security	4%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>37%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>58%</b>
Not sure	5%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	17%	22%	<b>39%</b>	14%	40%	<b>54%</b>	7%
Immigration	9%	21%	<b>29%</b>	14%	48%	<b>62%</b>	9%
Education	14%	25%	<b>39%</b>	15%	32%	<b>46%</b>	14%
Health care	16%	25%	<b>42%</b>	16%	31%	<b>47%</b>	12%
Civil rights	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	16%	30%	<b>46%</b>	14%
Civil liberties	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	15%	32%	<b>47%</b>	15%
Crime	11%	23%	<b>34%</b>	13%	40%	<b>53%</b>	13%
Inflation/prices	10%	22%	<b>32%</b>	14%	48%	<b>61%</b>	6%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>12%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	29%
Strongly disapprove	33%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>61%</b>
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	21%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>32%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>11%</b>
Moderate	24%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	19%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>43%</b>
Not sure	22%

11. If the elections for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

*Asked of registered voters*

The Democratic Party candidate .....	44%
The Republican Party candidate .....	42%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	2%

12. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	13%	24%	<b>37%</b>	18%	33%	<b>52%</b>	11%
Republicans in Congress	9%	21%	<b>30%</b>	24%	35%	<b>59%</b>	11%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Johnson is handling his job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve .....	6%
Somewhat approve .....	26%
<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>32%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	21%
Strongly disapprove .....	15%
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>36%</b>
Not sure .....	32%

14. 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 .....	18%
<b>Approve</b> .....	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	15%
Strongly disapprove .....	28%
<b>Disapprove</b> .....	<b>43%</b>
Not sure .....	28%

15. 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	15%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>19%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>58%</b>
Not sure	23%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	15%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>29%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	20%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>31%</b>
Not sure	40%

17. How much attention have you been paying to the 2024 election campaign for president?

A lot	37%
Some	31%
Only a little	20%
None at all	12%

18. How enthusiastic are you about voting for president in the upcoming election in November?

Extremely enthusiastic	26%
Very enthusiastic	17%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%
Not too enthusiastic	19%
Not at all enthusiastic	23%

19. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

*Among registered voters. Combined from answers to other questions*

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	3%

20. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	22%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>55%</b>
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>6%</b>
Not sure	13%

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

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	16%

22. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>8%</b>
Moderate	12%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	29%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>61%</b>
Not sure	20%

23. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	29%
Not honest and trustworthy	57%
Not sure	14%

24. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	3%
Good	21%
Fair	29%
Poor	43%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	4%

<b>26. Would you say that you and your family are...</b>	
Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	41%
Not sure .....	4%
<b>27. If Joe Biden is re-elected president in November, do you think the economy will...?</b>	
Get better .....	21%
Get worse .....	47%
Stay the same .....	21%
Not sure .....	11%
<b>28. If Donald Trump is elected president in November, do you think the economy will...?</b>	
Get better .....	42%
Get worse .....	34%
Stay the same .....	9%
Not sure .....	15%
<b>29. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?</b>	
Unemployment .....	3%
Inflation .....	57%
Both equal .....	35%
Not sure .....	5%
<b>30. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?</b>	
Mostly positive .....	10%
Equally positive and negative .....	29%
Mostly negative .....	44%
Not heard much news about the economy at all .....	17%
<b>31. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?</b>	
Growing .....	23%
Staying about the same .....	24%
Shrinking .....	38%
Not sure .....	15%
<b>32. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?</b>	
Yes .....	39%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	24%

**33. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?**

Very likely .....	3%
Somewhat likely .....	16%
Not very likely .....	17%
Not at all likely .....	6%
Not sure .....	18%
Not asked - Already in a recession .....	39%

**34. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?**

The stock market index .....	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports .....	17%
The prices of goods and services you buy .....	56%
Your personal finances .....	10%
Don't know .....	12%

**35. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?**

Very important .....	18%
Somewhat important .....	43%
Not very important .....	27%
Unimportant .....	13%

**36. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?**

Very serious .....	23%
Somewhat serious .....	34%
A minor problem .....	26%
Not a problem .....	10%
Not sure .....	7%

**37. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?**

Increased .....	22%
Stayed the same .....	27%
Decreased .....	18%
Don't know .....	32%

**38. Are the number of jobs in the United States...**

Increasing .....	33%
Staying the same .....	38%
Decreasing .....	29%



**39. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

Higher gas prices .....	52%
The same gas prices .....	20%
Lower gas prices .....	10%
Not sure .....	19%

**40. Six months from now do you think there will be...**

A higher rate of inflation .....	44%
The same rate of inflation .....	25%
A lower rate of inflation .....	15%
Not sure .....	16%

**41. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?**

A lot .....	58%
A little .....	38%
Not at all .....	4%

**42. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?**

Definitely .....	43%
Probably .....	32%
Probably not .....	13%
Definitely not .....	8%
Not sure .....	4%

**43. How worried are you about losing your job?**

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very worried .....	11%
Somewhat worried .....	26%
Not very worried .....	64%

**44. 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?**

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut. ....	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	42%
Not very hard .....	25%
Not sure .....	8%

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

*Asked of those currently employed*

Very happy .....	24%
Happy .....	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	27%
Unhappy .....	7%
Very unhappy .....	4%

46. How much have you heard about the hush-money case against Donald Trump, in which he is facing 34 charges, including for falsifying business records to reimburse his lawyer for payments made to an adult film actress?

A lot .....	46%
A little .....	43%
Nothing at all .....	11%

47. How serious is the hush-money case against Donald Trump?

Very serious .....	35%
Somewhat serious .....	21%
Not very serious .....	11%
Not serious at all .....	19%
Not sure .....	13%

48. Do you think that the investigations in the hush-money case against Trump have been conducted fairly or unfairly?

Fairly .....	40%
Unfairly .....	35%
Not sure .....	24%

49. Do you think that Donald Trump should be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?

Yes .....	45%
No .....	36%
Not sure .....	19%

50. Do you think that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?

Yes .....	22%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	44%

51. How much have you heard about Donald Trump being held in contempt of court — and being issued a \$9,000 fine — for repeatedly violating a gag order barring him from talking about witnesses?

A lot .....	38%
A little .....	40%
Nothing at all .....	22%

52. If Donald Trump continues to violate the gag order — and is again found in contempt of court — he could go to jail. Do you think that jail time would be an appropriate or inappropriate sentence for Trump repeatedly violating the gag order?

Appropriate .....	51%
Inappropriate .....	34%
Not sure .....	15%

53. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis .....	32%
About equal .....	30%
The Palestinians .....	15%
Not sure .....	23%

54. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

Too harsh .....	34%
About right .....	24%
Not harsh enough .....	14%
Not sure .....	28%

55. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support .....	48%
Somewhat support .....	16%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>64%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	6%
Strongly oppose .....	7%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>13%</b>
Not sure .....	23%

56. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire even if Hamas does not release its remaining hostages to Israel?

Strongly support .....	13%
Somewhat support .....	15%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>28%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	16%
Strongly oppose .....	28%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>44%</b>
Not sure .....	28%

57. How much have you heard about the arrests of pro-Palestinian protesters on American college campuses?

A lot .....	41%
A little .....	39%
Nothing at all .....	20%

<b>58. Do you support or oppose recent pro-Palestinian protests on U.S. college campuses?</b>	
Strongly support .....	12%
Somewhat support .....	14%
<b>Support .....</b>	<b>26%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	14%
Strongly oppose .....	35%
<b>Oppose .....</b>	<b>50%</b>
Not sure .....	25%
<b>59. Do you think that most pro-Palestinian protesters on college campuses have been...?</b>	
Non-violent .....	38%
Violent .....	30%
Not sure .....	32%
<b>60. Do you think that most pro-Palestinian protesters on college campuses have been...?</b>	
Students, faculty, and alumni .....	35%
People not affiliated with the college .....	32%
Not sure .....	33%
<b>61. Do you think that the way college administrators have responded to pro-Palestinian campus protests has been...?</b>	
Too harsh .....	16%
About right .....	18%
Not harsh enough .....	33%
Not sure .....	33%
<b>62. Do you think that the way police have responded to pro-Palestinian campus protests has been...?</b>	
Too harsh .....	21%
About right .....	25%
Not harsh enough .....	25%
Not sure .....	29%
<b>63. Which, if any, of the following do you think should be the consequences for student protesters who have set up encampments on their college campuses? Should they be...? Select all that apply.</b>	
Forcibly removed .....	36%
Fined .....	39%
Suspended .....	31%
Expelled .....	31%
Arrested .....	33%
Other .....	6%
They shouldn't face any consequences .....	17%
Not sure .....	20%

64. Do you think students should have a say in where their colleges' financial endowments are invested?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	34%
Not sure .....	24%

65. Do you support or oppose colleges selling their investments in companies with ties to Israel?

Strongly support .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	12%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>23%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	13%
Strongly oppose .....	22%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>35%</b>
Not sure .....	42%

66. How much have you heard about the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel?

A lot .....	15%
A little .....	36%
Nothing at all .....	50%

67. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement (against Israel)?

Strongly support .....	10%
Somewhat support .....	10%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>21%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	10%
Strongly oppose .....	25%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>35%</b>
Not sure .....	44%

68. Do you own any of the following pets?

*Respondents could select as many as applied*

Dog .....	40%
Cat .....	32%
Bird .....	3%
Fish .....	4%
Other .....	5%
None of the above .....	38%

69. How much have you heard about South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem shooting and killing her dog during a hunting trip?

A lot .....	24%
A little .....	29%
Nothing at all .....	47%

70. Based on what you know, do you think Kristi Noem's actions toward her dog were...?

*Among people who have heard about Kristi Noem killing her dog*

Acceptable .....	15%
Unacceptable .....	67%
Not sure .....	18%

71. Have you ever attended a political rally, protest, or demonstration?

Yes .....	26%
No .....	70%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	18%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>28%</b>
Moderate .....	31%
Conservative .....	20%
Very conservative .....	12%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>32%</b>
Not sure .....	9%

73. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

74. 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%

75. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat .....	34%
Republican .....	31%
Independent .....	25%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	6%

**76. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?**

*Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification*

Strong Democrat .....	22%
Not very strong Democrat .....	13%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	18%
Lean Republican .....	7%
Not very strong Republican .....	10%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	2%
Don't know .....	0%

**77. Are you... ?**

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

**78. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	32%
65+ .....	22%

**79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	8%

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

HS or less .....	36%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	13%

**81. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	43%
Separated .....	1%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

<b>82. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?</b>	
Yes .....	20%
No .....	80%

<b>83. Census Region</b>	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

<b>84. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?</b>	
Under \$50K .....	38%
\$50-100K .....	29%
\$100K or more .....	22%
Prefer not to say .....	10%

<b>85. How important is religion in your life?</b>	
Very important .....	39%
Somewhat important .....	24%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	22%

<b>86. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?</b>	
More than once a week .....	6%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	12%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	34%
Don't know .....	2%

<b>87. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?</b>	
Yes .....	29%
No .....	71%



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

Several times a day .....	27%
Once a day .....	14%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	2%
A few times a month .....	8%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	20%
Don't know .....	3%

89. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	18%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	23%
Something else .....	11%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 5 - 7, 2024
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Sample composition</b>	2,394 started the survey after screenouts. 287 were deleted due to breakoffs, 215 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 22 were removed for attention check failures, and 57 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,813 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.077 to 6.959, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.816.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1813 1598 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.8% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	58 questions not reported.