

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 15 - 17, 2024 - 1553 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1553 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted December 15 - 17, 2024  
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction ..... 28%  
 Off on the wrong track ..... 59%  
 Not sure ..... 13%

## 2. Did you vote in the November 2024 general election?

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes ..... 70%  
 No ..... 30%

## 3. In the 2024 general election, how did you cast your ballot?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2024 general election*

By voting at your assigned polling place or vote center on Election Day ..... 37%  
 By filling out a vote-by-mail ballot at home and mailing it ..... 19%  
 By dropping off a vote-by-mail ballot at a polling place or vote center on Election Day ..... 5%  
 By voting at a staffed polling place or vote center before Election Day ..... 30%  
 By dropping a vote-by-mail ballot in an unstaffed secure ballot drop box ..... 8%  
 Not sure ..... 1%

## 4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of...?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	31%	17%	<b>48%</b>	9%	40%	<b>49%</b>	3%
JD Vance	23%	18%	<b>41%</b>	11%	34%	<b>45%</b>	15%

5. 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
Kari Lake	9%	17%	<b>26%</b>	7%	22%	<b>30%</b>	45%
Christopher Wray	5%	15%	<b>20%</b>	10%	17%	<b>27%</b>	52%
Luigi Mangione	6%	15%	<b>20%</b>	12%	31%	<b>43%</b>	37%
Abu Mohammad al-Julani	3%	8%	<b>11%</b>	9%	13%	<b>22%</b>	67%
Caitlin Clark	19%	22%	<b>41%</b>	9%	7%	<b>16%</b>	43%
Mark Zuckerberg	8%	26%	<b>33%</b>	28%	26%	<b>53%</b>	13%
Elon Musk	23%	25%	<b>48%</b>	12%	30%	<b>42%</b>	9%
Jeff Bezos	8%	27%	<b>35%</b>	24%	21%	<b>45%</b>	20%

6. 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	18%	22%	<b>40%</b>	16%	41%	<b>57%</b>	3%
Kamala Harris	24%	21%	<b>44%</b>	12%	40%	<b>52%</b>	4%
Mike Johnson	9%	21%	<b>30%</b>	13%	23%	<b>36%</b>	34%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	<b>19%</b>	25%	36%	<b>61%</b>	21%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	<b>30%</b>	16%	29%	<b>45%</b>	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	15%	<b>30%</b>	9%	18%	<b>28%</b>	43%

7. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	<b>96%</b>	2%	1%	<b>4%</b>
Immigration	52%	33%	<b>85%</b>	11%	4%	<b>15%</b>
Climate change and the environment	44%	27%	<b>71%</b>	16%	13%	<b>29%</b>
Foreign policy	48%	41%	<b>88%</b>	10%	2%	<b>12%</b>
National Security	70%	24%	<b>94%</b>	5%	2%	<b>6%</b>
Education	63%	29%	<b>93%</b>	6%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Health care	75%	22%	<b>96%</b>	3%	1%	<b>4%</b>
Taxes and government spending	63%	31%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>
Abortion	45%	27%	<b>72%</b>	16%	12%	<b>28%</b>
Civil rights	59%	31%	<b>89%</b>	8%	3%	<b>11%</b>
Civil liberties	54%	34%	<b>88%</b>	9%	3%	<b>12%</b>

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Guns	50%	31%	<b>81%</b>	13%	6%	<b>19%</b>
Crime	63%	29%	<b>92%</b>	7%	2%	<b>8%</b>
Criminal justice reform	47%	38%	<b>85%</b>	10%	5%	<b>15%</b>
Inflation/prices	77%	18%	<b>96%</b>	3%	1%	<b>4%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Health care	13%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Immigration	11%
Civil rights	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Abortion	5%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	3%
Education	3%
Guns	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	23%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>36%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>58%</b>
Not sure	6%

10. 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	18%	21%	<b>39%</b>	16%	38%	<b>54%</b>	7%
Climate change and the environment	15%	26%	<b>40%</b>	16%	28%	<b>44%</b>	16%
Health care	17%	24%	<b>41%</b>	17%	31%	<b>48%</b>	11%
Taxes and government spending	12%	20%	<b>32%</b>	17%	42%	<b>59%</b>	9%
Abortion	15%	24%	<b>39%</b>	15%	28%	<b>44%</b>	17%
Guns	9%	21%	<b>30%</b>	20%	34%	<b>54%</b>	16%
Crime	12%	21%	<b>33%</b>	19%	36%	<b>56%</b>	12%
Inflation/prices	12%	19%	<b>31%</b>	16%	46%	<b>62%</b>	7%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	12%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>16%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	28%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>47%</b>
Not sure	14%

13. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	30%
Some	17%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	6%

14. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	38%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	27%

15. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age will have on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	28%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	29%
Have no effect at all	31%
Not sure	12%

16. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	36%
Not sure	3%

17. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic	34%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	16%
Dissatisfied but not upset	13%
Upset	29%
Not sure	8%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	20%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>50%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	27%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>35%</b>
Not sure	15%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	30%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>49%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	23%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>33%</b>
Not sure	18%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the following appointments announced by Donald Trump?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Kari Lake as Director of Voice of America	17%	19%	<b>36%</b>	6%	26%	<b>31%</b>	32%
Kimberly Guilfoyle as Ambassador to Greece	14%	18%	<b>32%</b>	8%	20%	<b>29%</b>	39%
Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense	20%	17%	<b>37%</b>	6%	28%	<b>34%</b>	29%

21. Donald Trump was recently named 2024 Person of the Year by Time Magazine. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	19%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>49%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	7%
Strongly disapprove	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>37%</b>
Not sure	14%

22. Caitlin Clark was recently named 2024 Athlete of the Year by Time Magazine. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	30%
Somewhat approve	25%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>54%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	5%
Strongly disapprove	6%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>11%</b>
Not sure	35%

23. Once Donald Trump is president, should Democrats in Congress work with him on policies they agree on, or oppose all of his policies?

*Among Democrats*

Work with him on policies they agree on .....	69%
Oppose all of his policies .....	18%
Not sure .....	13%

24. Who would you prefer to be the leader of the Democratic Party?

*Among Democrats*

Joe Biden .....	5%
Cory Booker .....	1%
Pete Buttigieg .....	7%
Kamala Harris .....	19%
Hakeem Jeffries .....	7%
Gavin Newsom .....	5%
Barack Obama .....	21%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez .....	6%
Bernie Sanders .....	7%
Chuck Schumer .....	2%
Elizabeth Warren .....	3%
Gretchen Whitmer .....	2%
Someone else .....	2%
Not sure .....	14%

25. How well would you say democracy is working in the United States today?

Very well .....	12%
Somewhat well .....	37%
Not too well .....	35%
Not at all well .....	16%

26. Do you think the United States will have a dictator in your lifetime?

*Adapted from a 1938 Gallup survey*

Yes .....	25%
No .....	52%
No opinion .....	23%

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

Getting better .....	20%
About the same .....	36%
Getting worse .....	36%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	36%
Not sure .....	5%

29. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially .....	40%
Just about the same as now .....	27%
Worse off financially .....	22%
Not sure .....	11%

30. Do you think the way President Biden has used the power to pardon or commute the sentences of people convicted of federal crimes has been appropriate or inappropriate?

Appropriate .....	28%
Inappropriate .....	46%
Not sure .....	26%

31. Do you think the way President Trump used the power to pardon or commute the sentences of people convicted of federal crimes was appropriate or inappropriate?

Appropriate .....	27%
Inappropriate .....	42%
Not sure .....	31%

32. President Joe Biden recently commuted the sentences of roughly 1,500 people convicted of non-violent crimes. Do you think this was the right thing or the wrong thing for him to do?

Right thing .....	39%
Wrong thing .....	27%
Not sure .....	34%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
UnitedHealthcare	15%	26%	<b>40%</b>	15%	21%	<b>35%</b>	24%
Aetna	9%	26%	<b>34%</b>	15%	13%	<b>27%</b>	39%
Cigna	8%	24%	<b>32%</b>	14%	12%	<b>26%</b>	42%
Kaiser Permanente	8%	20%	<b>28%</b>	13%	11%	<b>24%</b>	48%
Elevance Health (previously Anthem)	6%	18%	<b>24%</b>	12%	13%	<b>25%</b>	52%
Medicare	26%	37%	<b>63%</b>	14%	8%	<b>22%</b>	15%



34. How safe do you think vaccines generally are?

Very safe	36%
Somewhat safe	35%
Not very safe	13%
Not at all safe	8%
Not sure	8%

35. Taking into consideration both the risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about someone in your household experiencing the flu?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not too worried	38%
Not worried at all	22%

36. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about someone in your household experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	24%
Not too worried	38%
Not worried at all	26%

37. Do you plan to get a COVID-19 shot in 2024?

I already have	27%
Yes, I plan to	10%
No	53%
Don't know	9%

38. Do you personally know anyone who has ever tested positive for COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	41%
Yes, a family member	50%
Yes, a close friend	44%
No	21%
Prefer not to say	6%

39. Will you be celebrating a winter holiday (such as Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa) this year?

Yes	77%
No	16%
Not sure	7%

40. This holiday season, will you spend more or less on holiday expenses than you have in previous years?

More .....	17%
About the same .....	41%
Less .....	35%
Not sure .....	8%

41. Has there ever been an argument about politics at a holiday celebration you have attended?

Yes .....	21%
No .....	73%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

42. Have you ever had a holiday dinner ruined by a political argument?

Yes .....	9%
No .....	87%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

43. Do you plan on celebrating New Year's with others this year?

Yes .....	44%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	19%

44. Do you plan to make any New Year's resolutions for 2025?

Yes .....	32%
No .....	52%
Not sure .....	16%

45. Are you planning to watch the 2024-25 College Football Playoff?

Yes, most of the games .....	15%
Yes, at least one of the games .....	17%
No, I do not plan on watching .....	58%
Not sure .....	10%

46. Which of the following teams do you want to win the College Football Playoff?

*Asked of people who plan to watch at least one 2024-25 College Football Playoff*

Arizona State	7%
Boise State	3%
Clemson	2%
Georgia	9%
Indiana	3%
Notre Dame	6%
Ohio State	9%
Oregon	9%
Penn State	9%
SMU	1%
Tennessee	3%
Texas	13%
Don't care	14%
Not sure	11%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>27%</b>
Moderate	35%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	10%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>29%</b>
Not sure	9%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

49. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2024?

*Asked of people who voted in the 2024 general election*

Kamala Harris	34%
Donald Trump	35%
Did not vote for President	31%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	31%
Independent	27%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

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

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

Strong Democrat .....	20%
Not very strong Democrat .....	10%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	17%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	12%
Strong Republican .....	20%
Not sure .....	3%
Don't know .....	0%

52. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	48%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	9%

53. Are you...?

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

54. Respondent age by category

Under 30 .....	21%
30-44 .....	24%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	7%

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

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

57. What is your marital status?

Married .....	40%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	13%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

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

Yes .....	24%
No .....	76%

59. Census Region

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	16%
Midwest .....	23%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

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

Under \$50K .....	45%
\$50-100K .....	25%
\$100K or more .....	20%
Prefer not to say .....	9%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	18%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	13%
Seldom .....	21%
Never .....	29%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	67%

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

Several times a day .....	26%
Once a day .....	15%
A few times a week .....	13%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	18%
Don't know .....	3%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	30%
Roman Catholic .....	19%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	3%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	4%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	24%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	December 15 - 17, 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>	1,838 started the survey after screenouts. 126 were deleted due to breakoffs, 116 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 5 were removed for attention check failures, and 38 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,553 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.535, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.913.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1553 1373 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.4% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	5 questions not reported.