

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 28 - 30, 2024 - 1755 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1755 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 28 - 30, 2024
 Margin of Error ±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	21%
Off on the wrong track	66%
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	27%	17%	44%	8%	45%	53%	3%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	7%	15%	22%	9%	36%	44%	34%
Mark Meadows	4%	11%	15%	11%	23%	34%	52%
Rudy Giuliani	7%	19%	26%	15%	37%	52%	22%
Harvey Weinstein	2%	5%	7%	8%	62%	70%	22%

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	20%	19%	39%	13%	45%	58%	3%
Kamala Harris	17%	20%	36%	12%	43%	54%	10%
Mike Johnson	6%	20%	26%	17%	20%	37%	38%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	19%	20%	40%	61%	21%
Chuck Schumer	12%	17%	29%	13%	30%	43%	28%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	12%	26%	10%	20%	30%	44%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	55%	29%	84%	13%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	41%	28%	69%	16%	15%	31%
Foreign policy	46%	39%	86%	11%	4%	14%
National Security	66%	26%	91%	7%	2%	9%

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Education	61%	30%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Health care	69%	24%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	63%	29%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Abortion	46%	27%	73%	17%	10%	27%
Civil rights	57%	29%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Civil liberties	52%	35%	87%	10%	3%	13%
Guns	54%	28%	82%	12%	6%	18%
Crime	63%	28%	91%	8%	1%	9%
Criminal justice reform	43%	39%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Inflation/prices	77%	18%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Immigration	13%
Health care	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Civil rights	6%
Abortion	6%
National Security	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	3%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	6%

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

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	20%	19%	39%	12%	40%	53%	9%
Climate change and the environment	15%	22%	38%	12%	34%	46%	16%
Taxes and government spending	14%	17%	31%	14%	45%	59%	10%
Abortion	17%	18%	35%	14%	36%	50%	15%
Civil rights	16%	20%	37%	13%	32%	45%	18%
Civil liberties	15%	20%	35%	14%	32%	45%	20%
Guns	12%	19%	31%	16%	38%	54%	15%
Crime	13%	20%	33%	12%	39%	52%	15%
Inflation/prices	12%	17%	29%	12%	49%	61%	9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	61%
Not sure	9%

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	24%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	19%
Total Conservative	41%
Not sure	20%

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	41%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	19%	21%	39%	14%	38%	52%	8%
The Republican Party	13%	23%	35%	18%	38%	56%	9%

13. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	28%
No	59%
Not sure	13%

14. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	38%
No	52%
Not sure	9%

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

A lot	38%
Some	30%
Only a little	20%
None at all	12%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	27%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	18%
Not too enthusiastic	18%
Not at all enthusiastic	22%

17. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2024 presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	62%
Probably will vote	12%
Probably will not vote	8%
Definitely will not vote	11%
Not sure	7%

18. 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	44%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	1%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	2%

19. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?
Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for Joe Biden if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden	48%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	49%
Not sure	3%

20. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?
Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for Donald Trump if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump	70%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	28%
Not sure	1%

21. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden	33%
Donald Trump	42%
Not sure	25%

22. How do you feel about the presidential candidate listed below?

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	16%	19%	19%	41%	6%
Donald Trump	27%	15%	11%	43%	5%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	7%	22%	21%	19%	30%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	22%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	45%

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

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	17%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	31%
Not sure	5%

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

Very strong	35%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	10%
Very weak	32%

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

Like a lot	15%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	42%
Not sure	3%

27. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

28. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

- Compromises to get things done. 55%
- Sticks to their principles, no matter what. 45%

29. Which comes closest to your view?

- Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. 41%
- It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated. 44%
- Not sure 15%

30. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

- Under control 16%
- Out of control 68%
- Not sure 16%

31. Which of these statements comes closer to your views about people who consider themselves Republicans?

Asked of Democrats and Independents who lean Democrat

- They feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals 32%
- They feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either 55%
- Not sure 13%

32. Which of these statements comes closer to your views about people who consider themselves Democrats?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

- They feel differently than I do about politics, but they probably share many of my other values and goals 28%
- They feel differently than I do about politics, and they probably don't share many of my other values and goals, either 61%
- Not sure 10%

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

- Getting better 16%
- About the same 23%
- Getting worse 54%
- Not sure 6%

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

- Better off financially than you were a year ago 13%
- About the same financially as you were a year ago 40%
- Worse off financially than you were a year ago 43%
- Not sure 4%

35. Do you believe TikTok poses a national security threat to the U.S.?	
Yes	35%
No	35%
Not sure	30%
36. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?	
The Israelis	31%
About equal	28%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	24%
37. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?	
Too harsh	30%
About right	22%
Not harsh enough	15%
Not sure	32%
38. How much have you heard about the arrests of pro-Palestinian protesters on American college campuses?	
A lot	33%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	24%
39. About how many of the pro-Palestinian protesters on college campuses do you think have been peaceful?	
All	5%
Most	25%
Half	8%
Some	22%
None	12%
Not sure	29%
40. Do you think that colleges treat groups protesting on their campuses equally regardless of the cause they support, or do they have different standards for different causes?	
All causes are treated equally	12%
Certain causes are treated differently	58%
Not sure	30%
41. Do you think that colleges should be more focused on... ?	
Stopping hate speech	15%
Protecting free speech	23%
Both equally	50%
Not sure	12%

42. Should abortion laws be decided nationally or left to the states?

Decided nationally	44%
Left to the states	41%
Not sure	15%

43. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	27%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	33%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	30%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	10%

44. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Establishing a national right to abortion	39%	13%	8%	26%	14%
Banning abortion nationwide	15%	9%	12%	54%	11%

45. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following? - Banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	48%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	24%
Oppose	37%
Not sure	15%

46. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following? - Limiting abortion to 15 weeks of pregnancy

Asked of the other randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly support	14%
Somewhat support	22%
Support	36%
Somewhat oppose	13%
Strongly oppose	30%
Oppose	43%
Not sure	20%

47. To the best of your knowledge, does the person below believe that abortion should be...?

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Not sure
Joe Biden	34%	32%	6%	5%	23%
Donald Trump	4%	10%	33%	24%	29%
Your Governor	18%	22%	17%	13%	30%
Your member of Congress	11%	20%	19%	10%	40%

48. To your knowledge, in [state of residence] is abortion currently...?

Legal in all cases	16%
Legal in most cases	31%
Illegal in most cases	21%
Illegal in all cases	8%
Not sure	24%

49. Do you think that the outcome of the upcoming election in November will or will not impact the legal status of abortion in [state of residence]?

Definitely will	10%
Probably will	22%
Probably will not	27%
Definitely will not	10%
Not sure	30%

50. If there is a question about abortion on the ballot in [state of residence] in the November election, would that make you...?

More likely to vote in the election	23%
Less likely to vote in the election	3%
No difference in your likelihood of voting	60%
Not sure	14%

51. If there is a question about abortion on the ballot in [state of residence] in the November election, would you vote to...?

Protect abortion access	48%
Restrict abortion access	27%
Would not vote	7%
Not sure	18%

52. If you agreed with a candidate on abortion, but not on most other issues, would you still vote for them?

Definitely would	6%
Probably would	17%
Probably would not	24%
Definitely would not	13%
Not sure	41%

53. If you agreed with a candidate on most issues, but disagreed with them on abortion, would you still vote for them?

Definitely would	8%
Probably would	27%
Probably would not	19%
Definitely would not	11%
Not sure	35%

54. Federal law requires that hospitals receiving federal funds must provide abortions in medical emergencies. But some state laws are more restrictive, and do not allow abortions unless the woman's life is threatened. In these cases, which law do you think should be followed?

Federal law, which says abortions must be provided in medical emergencies	52%
State law, which only allows abortions when the woman's life is threatened	28%
Not sure	20%

55. In your opinion, should presidents have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as President?

Yes, they should be immune	22%
No, they should not be immune	57%
Not sure	21%

56. To your knowledge, do presidents currently have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as President?

Yes, they are immune	24%
No, they are not immune	41%
Not sure	35%

57. 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	43%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	13%

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

Very serious	32%
Somewhat serious	21%
Not very serious	13%
Not serious at all	20%
Not sure	14%

59. Do you think that Donald Trump should be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?	
Yes	44%
No	38%
Not sure	18%

60. Do you think that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?	
Yes	26%
No	34%
Not sure	40%

61. Have you ever attended a political rally, protest, or demonstration?	
Yes	25%
No	69%
Not sure	6%

62. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	33%
Not sure	10%

63. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

64. 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	33%

65. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

67. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

68. Respondent age by category

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

69. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

71. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

73. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	10%

75. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	22%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	21%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

78. 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	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

79. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 28 - 30, 2024
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Sample composition	2,366 started the survey after screenouts. 254 were deleted due to breakoffs, 267 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 23 were removed for attention check failures, and 67 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,755 respondents.
Weighting	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 0.051 to 6.509, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.715.
Number of respondents	1755 1479 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	60 questions not reported.