

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 14 - 16, 2024 - 1660 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1660 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 14 - 16, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	13%

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
Nick Saban	12%	21%	32%	9%	4%	13%	55%
Jim Harbaugh	10%	22%	31%	11%	6%	17%	52%
Bill Belichick	11%	24%	35%	15%	7%	23%	43%
Tom Brady	15%	33%	48%	18%	10%	28%	24%
Hunter Biden	6%	15%	21%	19%	41%	60%	19%
Lloyd Austin	7%	13%	19%	11%	11%	23%	58%

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
John Fetterman	10%	17%	27%	16%	16%	32%	41%
Joe Manchin	4%	19%	23%	21%	16%	38%	39%
Liz Cheney	9%	21%	30%	16%	24%	40%	30%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	12%	33%	45%	17%	18%	34%	20%
Chris Christie	5%	23%	29%	23%	24%	47%	24%
Ron DeSantis	15%	23%	38%	13%	30%	43%	19%
Nikki Haley	11%	24%	35%	19%	22%	41%	24%
Asa Hutchinson	4%	13%	17%	17%	13%	29%	54%
Vivek Ramaswamy	10%	20%	30%	12%	24%	36%	34%
Donald Trump	29%	16%	45%	7%	43%	50%	5%

4. 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%	22%	42%	11%	43%	54%	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	23%	39%	11%	40%	51%	10%
Mike Johnson	7%	18%	26%	13%	19%	32%	43%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	19%	22%	36%	58%	23%
Chuck Schumer	11%	20%	31%	13%	30%	43%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	15%	28%	12%	18%	31%	42%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	26%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	53%	34%	87%	11%	2%	13%
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	67%	16%	17%	33%
Foreign policy	49%	37%	86%	11%	3%	14%
National Security	67%	26%	93%	5%	1%	7%
Education	62%	31%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Health care	70%	25%	95%	3%	2%	5%
Taxes and government spending	64%	29%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Abortion	47%	31%	78%	13%	8%	22%
Civil rights	54%	31%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Civil liberties	51%	35%	87%	10%	3%	13%
Guns	56%	28%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Crime	59%	33%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	44%	39%	83%	12%	4%	17%
Inflation/prices	73%	23%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Health care	12%
Immigration	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Guns	5%
Abortion	5%
Education	4%
Civil rights	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	5%

8. 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	19%	21%	40%	14%	36%	50%	10%
Immigration	8%	19%	28%	15%	46%	61%	12%
Climate change and the environment	14%	24%	38%	13%	32%	45%	17%
Health care	16%	25%	41%	16%	30%	45%	14%
Taxes and government spending	12%	21%	32%	15%	41%	56%	11%
Abortion	15%	20%	35%	13%	35%	48%	17%
Guns	10%	21%	31%	17%	37%	53%	15%
Crime	10%	25%	35%	15%	37%	53%	13%
Inflation/prices	14%	18%	32%	14%	44%	58%	10%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	13%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	62%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	17%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	2%

12. 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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	9%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	23%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	26%
No	58%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	37%
No	53%
Not sure	10%

16. 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...

Joe Biden	44%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	5%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	4%

17. Who would you vote for?

Asked of those who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	26%
Cornel West	8%
Jill Stein	9%
Someone else	18%
Not sure	39%

18. 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	32%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	23%

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

A lot	21%
Some	22%
Not much	16%
Doesn't care at all	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	43%

21. How much of an effect do you think Joe Biden's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as President, if he were re-elected in 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	55%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	24%
Have no effect at all	10%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	28%
Some	17%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	39%
Not sure	4%

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

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	21%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	30%

24. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as President, if he were elected in 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	23%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	33%
Have no effect at all	30%
Not sure	14%

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

A lot	39%
Some	26%
A little	21%
None	13%

26. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?

Among registered voters who are Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	68%
Ron DeSantis	10%
Nikki Haley	9%
Vivek Ramaswamy	4%
Asa Hutchinson	1%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	1%

27. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today and [favored candidate] was not on the ballot, who would you vote for?

Among registered voters who are Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	9%
Ron DeSantis	35%
Nikki Haley	11%
Vivek Ramaswamy	16%
Asa Hutchinson	1%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	4%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate	8%

28. In terms of who wins the party nominations for president, do you think voters in states like Iowa and New Hampshire have...?

Too much influence	29%
The right amount of influence	30%
Not enough influence	6%
Not sure	35%

29. Who do you think is the most likely candidate to become the Republican nominee for president in 2024?

Donald Trump	59%
Ron DeSantis	6%
Nikki Haley	8%
Vivek Ramaswamy	1%
Asa Hutchinson	1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	23%

30. Would you like to see the following person run for U.S. president this year?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Joe Manchin	10%	56%	34%
Liz Cheney	17%	55%	28%

31. Would you say Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is...

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	21%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	12%
Very conservative	8%
Total Conservative	20%
Not sure	32%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	4%

33. How serious a problem is inflation in the U.S.?

Very serious	54%
Somewhat serious	30%
A minor problem	11%
Not a problem	1%
Not sure	4%

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

A higher rate of inflation	36%
The same rate of inflation	30%
A lower rate of inflation	17%
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	57%
A little	39%
Not at all	3%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	3%

37. How likely do you think it is that there will be a government shutdown this year?

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	28%
Not likely at all	10%
Not sure	23%

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

The Israelis	37%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	14%
Not sure	24%

39. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	10%
Not at all important	8%
Not sure	21%

40. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?

Increasing military aid to Israel	20%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	26%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	34%
Not sure	21%

41. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians?

Increasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Not sure	24%

42. How do you feel about flying in an airplane?

Afraid of it	14%
Bothers you slightly	31%
Not at all afraid	50%
Don't know	5%

43. Whatever your personal feelings about flying, how would you rate the overall safety record of commercial airline travel?

Excellent	31%
Good	51%
Only fair	14%
Poor	4%

44. If you were going to take a long trip somewhere, do you think it is safer to drive or to fly to the destination?

Safer to drive	17%
About the same	30%
Safer to fly	47%
Don't know	7%

45. Do you think the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is doing a good job or a bad job regulating commercial aviation safety?

Good job	51%
Bad job	13%
Not sure	36%

46. How would you rate the overall safety record of the Boeing 737 Max 9?

Excellent	7%
Good	22%
Only fair	18%
Poor	14%
Not sure	40%

47. How much have you heard about the loss of a fuselage panel of a Boeing 737 Max 9 operated by Alaska Airlines?

A lot	34%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	25%

48. Do you think the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) responded as quickly as it could have to problems with the Boeing 737 Max 9 or could its response have been quicker?

Responded as quickly as it could	38%
Response could have been quicker	24%
Not sure	38%

49. Do you think race relations in the United States are generally...	
Good	46%
Bad	54%
50. How big a problem is racism in our society today?	
A big problem	31%
Somewhat of a problem	38%
A small problem	22%
Not a problem	9%
51. During Joe Biden's presidency, do you think race relations in the United States have...	
Gotten better	12%
Stayed about the same	49%
Gotten worse	39%
52. Do you think the "I Have a Dream Speech" (given by Martin Luther King Jr. in 1963) is still relevant today to people of your generation, or do you think it does not matter much to people of your generation today?	
It is still relevant	69%
It doesn't matter	31%
53. How much of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of racial equality has been realized today?	
A great deal of it	16%
Quite a bit	29%
Only some	32%
Very little	10%
Not much at all	5%
Not sure	8%
54. Do you think that Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday should be a federal holiday?	
Yes	59%
No	23%
Not sure	18%
55. How much have you heard in the news about a lawsuit from the New York Attorney General against former President Donald Trump and the Trump Organization for misreporting the value of his properties on official documents to obtain favorable loans and tax benefits?	
A lot	40%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	19%

56. Do you believe Donald Trump misreported the value of his properties on official documents to obtain favorable loans and tax benefits, or not?

Trump did	48%
Trump did not	23%
Not sure	29%

57. How well do you understand cryptocurrency?

Very well	6%
Somewhat well	23%
Not very well	33%
Not well at all	37%

58. Cryptocurrency is a digital currency that can be used to buy goods and services, but uses an online ledger to secure and track online transactions. When it comes to government regulation, do you think cryptocurrency should be...?

More regulated	47%
No change in regulation	16%
Less regulated	8%
Not sure	29%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	34%
Not sure	10%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

61. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

63. 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	11%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

64. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

65. Respondent age by category

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

66. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

68. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

70. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

71. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	35%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	8%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	22%
Prefer not to say	10%

73. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	20%
Never	32%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

77. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 14 - 16, 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.
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 0.054 to 6.512, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.761.
Number of respondents	1660 1472 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.8% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	48 questions not reported.