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October 19 - 22, 2024 - 1615 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1615 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	October 19 - 22, 2024
Margin of Error	±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	53%
Some	27%
Only a little	16%
None at all	5%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	38%
Very enthusiastic	17%
Somewhat enthusiastic	17%
Not too enthusiastic	14%
Not at all enthusiastic	15%

4. How likely are you to vote in the presidential election in November 2024?
Asked of registered voters

I have already voted	19%
Definitely will vote	72%
Probably will vote	6%
Even chance	2%
Probably won't vote	1%
Definitely won't vote	1%

5. [In the November 2024 election, how do you plan to/How did you] cast your vote?
Asked of registered voters

In person early, before election day	26%
In person on election day	41%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	21%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	11%
I will not vote	1%

6. [In November 2024, who do you plan to/Who did you] vote for in the presidential election?
Among registered voters

Kamala Harris	48%
Donald Trump	46%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	0%
Other	1%
Not sure	3%
I [did/would] not vote	1%

7. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?
Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Harris

I will definitely vote for Kamala Harris	98%
I could change my mind between now and the election	2%

8. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?
Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Trump

I will definitely vote for Donald Trump	97%
I could change my mind between now and the election	3%

9. Would you consider voting for Kamala Harris, or have you made up your mind?
Asked of registered voters

I would consider voting for Kamala Harris	53%
I would not consider voting for Kamala Harris	47%

10. Would you consider voting for Donald Trump, or have you made up your mind?
Asked of registered voters

I would consider voting for Donald Trump	50%
I would not consider voting for Donald Trump	50%

11. Between Harris and Trump, who would you prefer to have as president?

Prefer Harris over Trump	49%
Prefer Trump over Harris	45%
Prefer both equally	6%

12. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think will win the presidential election?

Kamala Harris	36%
Donald Trump	39%
Not sure	25%

13. 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	46%
The Republican Party candidate	46%
Other	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	1%

14. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2024?

The Democratic Party	31%
The Republican Party	39%
Not sure	30%

15. Which party do you think will win majority control of the U.S. Senate in 2024?

The Democratic Party	29%
The Republican Party	38%
Not sure	33%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Kamala Harris	28%	18%	**46%**	10%	41%	**51%**	3%
Tim Walz	26%	16%	**42%**	11%	34%	**44%**	13%
Donald Trump	28%	17%	**45%**	8%	45%	**53%**	2%
JD Vance	25%	17%	**41%**	10%	39%	**49%**	10%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Vladimir Putin	2%	7%	**9%**	16%	63%	**79%**	13%
Volodymyr Zelensky	22%	25%	**47%**	15%	15%	**30%**	23%
Benjamin Netanyahu	17%	14%	**31%**	15%	26%	**41%**	28%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	17%	22%	**39%**	14%	43%	**57%**	4%

19. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	22%	**96%**	3%	0%	**4%**
Immigration	56%	29%	**84%**	11%	5%	**16%**
Climate change and the environment	43%	25%	**67%**	18%	15%	**33%**
Foreign policy	48%	40%	**88%**	9%	2%	**12%**
National Security	65%	27%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Education	58%	34%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Health care	70%	25%	**95%**	4%	1%	**5%**
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	**93%**	6%	1%	**7%**
Abortion	51%	24%	**75%**	16%	9%	**25%**
Civil rights	55%	31%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Civil liberties	54%	33%	**87%**	10%	3%	**13%**
Guns	49%	33%	**81%**	13%	6%	**19%**
Crime	61%	30%	**91%**	7%	2%	**9%**
Criminal justice reform	41%	42%	**83%**	12%	4%	**17%**
Inflation/prices	78%	18%	**96%**	4%	1%	**4%**

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Immigration	13%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Health care	10%
Abortion	7%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
National Security	4%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Education	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	**38%**
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	**57%**
Not sure	5%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	21%	18%	**39%**	12%	40%	**52%**	8%
Immigration	11%	20%	**31%**	12%	47%	**59%**	10%
Foreign policy	16%	20%	**35%**	15%	40%	**55%**	10%
National Security	17%	21%	**38%**	13%	37%	**51%**	12%
Education	17%	22%	**40%**	15%	31%	**45%**	15%
Crime	15%	21%	**36%**	13%	39%	**51%**	13%
Criminal justice reform	10%	24%	**34%**	13%	35%	**48%**	18%
Inflation/prices	14%	19%	**33%**	13%	46%	**58%**	9%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	**14%**
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	**54%**
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	**37%**
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	**49%**
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	5%
Total Liberal	**9%**
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	24%
Total Conservative	**47%**
Not sure	17%

26. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	**29%**
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	**37%**
Not sure	35%

27. 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%
Approve	**31%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	**39%**
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	**17%**
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	**58%**
Not sure	25%

29. 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	14%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	**30%**
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	**31%**
Not sure	39%

30. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president?

Yes	57%
No	23%
Not sure	20%

31. Do you personally hope that the United States elects a woman President of the United States in your lifetime?

Yes	56%
No	22%
Not sure	22%

32. How confident are you in Kamala Harris' ability to be an effective commander in chief of the nation's military?

Very confident	28%
Somewhat confident	16%
Not too confident	7%
Not at all confident	40%
Not sure	8%

33. Are you confident in Kamala Harris's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	39%
Uneasy	49%
Not sure	11%

34. How much of an effect do you think Kamala Harris' health and age would have on her ability to fulfill her duties as President, if she were elected in November?

Severely limit her ability to do the job	8%
Have little effect on her ability to do the job	19%
Have no effect at all	62%
Not sure	12%

35. How confident are you in Donald Trump's ability to be an effective commander in chief of the nation's military?

Very confident	33%
Somewhat confident	13%
Not too confident	7%
Not at all confident	39%
Not sure	8%

36. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	43%
Uneasy	47%
Not sure	10%

37. 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 November?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	39%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	22%
Have no effect at all	29%
Not sure	10%

38. Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

Better off now	35%
Better off four years ago	47%
Not sure	18%

39. Is the country better off now than it was four years ago?

Better off now	30%
Better off four years ago	52%
Not sure	19%

40. Who do you think will win the national popular vote in the 2024 presidential election?

Kamala Harris	44%
Donald Trump	35%
Not sure	20%

41. Who do you think will win the Electoral College vote in the 2024 presidential election?

Kamala Harris	33%
Donald Trump	38%
Not sure	30%

42. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way democracy is working in the United States today?

Completely satisfied	8%
Somewhat satisfied	25%
Somewhat dissatisfied	35%
Completely dissatisfied	22%
Not sure	10%

43. Which comes closest to your opinion:

Voting is a privilege	28%
Voting is a right	72%

44. How much confidence do you have that your vote will be counted accurately?
Asked of registered voters, but excludes those who say they definitely will not vote

A great deal	40%
Quite a bit	21%
A moderate amount	23%
Only a little	9%
None at all	5%
Not sure	3%

45. How much confidence do you have that the 2024 presidential election will be held fairly?

A great deal	29%
Quite a bit	18%
A moderate amount	24%
Only a little	13%
None at all	9%
Not sure	6%

46. If you had to say, who do you think would do a better job handling the following issues as president if elected this year?

	Kamala Harris	Donald Trump	Both equally	Neither	Not sure
Abortion	50%	33%	4%	7%	7%
Foreign policy	39%	44%	4%	7%	7%
Health Care	48%	34%	5%	6%	7%
Immigration	36%	49%	3%	6%	6%
Inflation	39%	46%	4%	6%	6%
Jobs and the economy	40%	45%	5%	5%	5%
Climate change and the environment	46%	30%	7%	9%	9%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	25%
Fair	27%
Poor	39%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially	31%
Just about the same as now	31%
Worse off financially	14%
Not sure	24%

51. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or stay the same if Kamala Harris is elected President in 2024?

Get better	34%
Get worse	43%
Stay the same	13%
Not sure	10%

52. Do you think the U.S. economy will get better, get worse or stay the same if Donald Trump is elected President in 2024?

Get better	44%
Get worse	38%
Stay the same	8%
Not sure	11%

53. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	5%	28%	54%	11%
Ukraine	33%	34%	11%	5%	17%
China	3%	9%	34%	39%	16%
Israel	47%	21%	9%	5%	18%
Palestine	3%	9%	29%	26%	33%
Lebanon	3%	9%	27%	20%	41%
Iran	2%	3%	23%	55%	17%

54. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	22%
Ukraine	17%
Neither	39%
Not sure	23%

55. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	27%
Ukraine	21%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	39%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	24%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	31%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	25%
Not sure	20%

57. Do you think that Kamala Harris' approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?

Too supportive of Ukraine	23%
About right	30%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	10%
Not sure	37%

58. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?

Too supportive of Ukraine	3%
About right	32%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	34%
Not sure	30%

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

The Israelis	36%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	22%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	19%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	34%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	26%
Not sure	21%

61. 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	29%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Not sure	23%

62. Do you think that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinian civilians?

Yes	32%
No	35%
Not sure	32%

63. Do you think that Kamala Harris' approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	16%
About right	22%
Not supportive enough of Israel	25%
Not sure	36%

64. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	20%
About right	34%
Not supportive enough of Israel	9%
Not sure	37%

65. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	35%
Does not make much difference	17%
Worse off	36%
Not sure	12%

66. Do you currently live in a community that consists of...?

Almost all immigrants	2%
Mostly immigrants	8%
Some immigrants	49%
Not many immigrants	18%
Almost no immigrants	12%
Not sure	12%

67. Compared to non-immigrants, do you think that immigrants to the United States tend to commit crimes...?

More often	23%
About as often	30%
Less often	27%
Not sure	20%

68. Do you think Kamala Harris' approach to immigration policy is:

Too harsh	3%
About right	30%
Too soft	46%
Not sure	21%

69. Do you think Donald Trump's approach to immigration policy is:

Too harsh	40%
About right	43%
Too soft	3%
Not sure	14%

70. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Allowing undocumented spouses of American citizens to stay in the U.S. while their immigration applications are processed	31%	30%	**61%**	12%	14%	**26%**	13%

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Shutting down the border to new entrants if an average of more than 5,000 migrants per day try to cross unlawfully in a week	38%	20%	**58%**	7%	13%	**21%**	21%
Increasing legal immigration by expanding family-sponsored and employment-based visas	28%	31%	**59%**	11%	15%	**26%**	15%
Providing a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who came here as children and have not committed a crime	42%	27%	**69%**	8%	13%	**21%**	11%
Arresting and deporting millions of illegal immigrants	38%	16%	**54%**	10%	25%	**34%**	11%
Using active-duty troops to help with arrests along the U.S.-Mexico border	35%	21%	**56%**	10%	21%	**31%**	13%
Funding a wall that extends along the entire U.S.-Mexico border	38%	14%	**52%**	9%	28%	**37%**	11%
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants	28%	16%	**44%**	15%	27%	**42%**	14%
Hiring more border patrol officers	52%	24%	**76%**	5%	8%	**13%**	11%

71. How interested, or not, are you in MLB (for example - watch on TV, listen to on radio, attend in-person, follow on internet or social media)?

Not at all interested	52%
A little bit interested	17%
Somewhat interested	16%
This is one of my TOP interests	11%
Don't know	4%

72. Have you watched any MLB playoff games this month?

Yes	24%
No	76%

73. Do you plan on watching any of the 2024 World Series?

Yes	33%
No	67%

74. Which team do you WANT TO WIN the World Series?

New York Yankees	17%
Los Angeles Dodgers	17%
Not sure	66%

75. Which team do you think WILL WIN the World Series?

New York Yankees	20%
Los Angeles Dodgers	18%
Not sure	62%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	**29%**
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	**33%**
Not sure	7%

77. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

78. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	23%
Other	3%
Not sure	8%

80. 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	15%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

81. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	50%
No	40%
Not sure	10%

82. Are you. . . ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

83. Respondent age by category

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

84. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

86. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

88. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	42%
$50-100K	29%
$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	19%
Never	30%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

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

Several times a day	31%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

93. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	32%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	8%
Nothing in particular	18%
Something else	10%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 19 - 22, 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	1,877 started the survey after screenouts. 146 were deleted due to breakoffs, 37 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 23 were removed for attention check failures, and 56 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,615 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 6.307, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.893.
Number of respondents	1615 1422 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.