

The Economist/YouGov Poll

February 18 - 20, 2024 - 1562 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1562 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 18 - 20, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	61%
Not sure	10%

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%	19%	46%	9%	42%	51%	3%
Eric Trump	13%	22%	35%	13%	33%	46%	19%
Donald Trump Jr.	16%	20%	36%	11%	36%	47%	17%
Fani Willis	10%	15%	26%	11%	24%	35%	39%
Letitia James	13%	15%	27%	10%	22%	31%	41%
Alejandro Mayorkas	7%	16%	23%	12%	25%	37%	40%
Hunter Biden	6%	18%	24%	20%	40%	60%	16%
Nikki Haley	7%	29%	36%	22%	21%	43%	20%
Tucker Carlson	15%	22%	37%	11%	26%	37%	26%

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
Benjamin Netanyahu	14%	20%	34%	17%	20%	36%	30%
Vladimir Putin	3%	11%	14%	14%	60%	74%	12%
Volodymyr Zelensky	19%	24%	43%	15%	16%	31%	27%
Aleksei Navalny	14%	20%	33%	11%	8%	19%	47%

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	21%	22%	43%	12%	41%	53%	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	26%	42%	11%	41%	52%	7%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	69%	28%	97%	2%	1%	3%
Immigration	55%	33%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Climate change and the environment	43%	28%	71%	13%	15%	29%
Foreign policy	46%	41%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	68%	26%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Education	61%	31%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Health care	70%	26%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Taxes and government spending	62%	33%	94%	4%	1%	6%
Abortion	45%	31%	76%	15%	9%	24%
Civil rights	53%	34%	87%	9%	5%	13%
Civil liberties	51%	37%	87%	9%	3%	13%
Guns	56%	28%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Crime	64%	29%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Criminal justice reform	43%	38%	81%	14%	5%	19%
Inflation/prices	75%	21%	96%	4%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	20%
Health care	14%
Immigration	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Abortion	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	4%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Civil rights	3%
Civil liberties	2%
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	24%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	6%

8. 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	21%	22%	43%	13%	35%	48%	9%
Immigration	11%	23%	34%	15%	42%	57%	9%
Foreign policy	16%	23%	39%	15%	37%	51%	9%
National Security	16%	26%	42%	12%	35%	48%	11%
Education	15%	27%	43%	11%	30%	41%	16%
Abortion	15%	23%	38%	12%	31%	43%	19%
Crime	11%	25%	37%	14%	36%	50%	14%
Criminal justice reform	10%	26%	36%	14%	33%	47%	18%
Inflation/prices	16%	22%	37%	13%	42%	55%	8%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	8%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	23%	40%	18%	31%	49%	11%
Republicans in Congress	9%	27%	36%	20%	33%	52%	12%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	33%
Approve	46%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	14%

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	43%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	1%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	2%

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	11%
Somewhat approve	29%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	30%

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	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	26%

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	7%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	22%

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	14%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	33%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	37%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	10%
Total Liberal	13%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	17%
Total Conservative	38%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	40%
Some	31%
Only a little	18%
None at all	10%

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...

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	42%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	6%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	4%

20. Who would you vote for?

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

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	35%
Cornel West	12%
Jill Stein	13%
Someone else	18%
Not sure	21%

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

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	78%
Nikki Haley	12%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	3%
I would not vote	5%

22. If Joe Biden is re-elected in November, do you think Americans' rights will... ?

Be lost entirely	24%
Be diminished	18%
Remain unchanged	26%
Be strengthened	21%
Not sure	10%

23. If Donald Trump is elected in November, do you think Americans' rights will... ?

Be lost entirely	21%
Be diminished	19%
Remain unchanged	12%
Be strengthened	38%
Not sure	10%

24. If Joe Biden is re-elected in November, do you think that the following will... ?

	Be lost entirely	Be weakened	Remain unchanged	Be strengthened	Not sure
Freedom of press	14%	17%	41%	17%	11%
Freedom of speech	17%	19%	37%	18%	10%
Freedom of religion	14%	19%	41%	15%	10%
Freedom to protest	14%	15%	42%	17%	11%
Right to a fair trial	15%	17%	39%	16%	12%
Voting rights	15%	19%	33%	23%	10%
Civil rights	13%	17%	35%	24%	12%
Abortion rights	10%	12%	32%	31%	15%
Gun rights	18%	27%	29%	12%	13%

25. If Donald Trump is elected in November, do you think that the following will... ?

	Be lost entirely	Be weakened	Remain unchanged	Be strengthened	Not sure
Freedom of press	15%	22%	27%	25%	12%
Freedom of speech	13%	19%	22%	35%	10%
Freedom of religion	11%	16%	29%	32%	12%
Freedom to protest	16%	18%	28%	25%	13%
Right to a fair trial	12%	19%	26%	31%	13%
Voting rights	15%	21%	21%	32%	11%
Civil rights	15%	22%	23%	28%	12%
Abortion rights	23%	18%	25%	19%	16%
Gun rights	8%	10%	23%	47%	12%

26. When do you think abortion should be legal?

- Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. 24%
- Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).
 29%
- Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. 38%
- Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 8%

27. Would you support or oppose a national ban on abortions after 16 weeks of pregnancy?

- Strongly support 27%
- Somewhat support 20%
- Support** **48%**
- Somewhat oppose 13%
- Strongly oppose 23%
- Oppose** **36%**
- Not sure 16%

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

- Excellent 10%
- Good 22%
- Fair 24%
- Poor 41%
- Don't know 3%

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

- Getting better 22%
- About the same 26%
- Getting worse 46%
- Not sure 6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	5%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	6%	23%	55%	13%
Ukraine	30%	39%	8%	7%	17%
China	4%	10%	33%	37%	16%
Israel	42%	25%	8%	4%	20%
Palestine	4%	13%	27%	26%	30%
Singapore	9%	38%	7%	3%	42%
Poland	26%	40%	5%	1%	28%
Hungary	12%	34%	10%	3%	41%
Germany	35%	34%	7%	3%	21%
United Kingdom	55%	29%	2%	1%	13%

32. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	5%
Ukraine	65%
Neither	21%
Not sure	10%

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

Russia	26%
Ukraine	14%
Neither	34%
Not sure	26%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	29%
Not sure	17%

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

Russia	28%
Ukraine	19%
Equally likely	18%
Not sure	36%

36. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)?

Very favorable	22%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Favorable	53%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	8%
Unfavorable	22%
Don't know	26%

37. An attack on one NATO member is considered to be an attack on any other, so the U.S. — as a NATO member — is obligated to come to the defense of any NATO member that has been attacked. Do you think the U.S. should or should not maintain this commitment to defend its NATO allies when they are attacked?

Should maintain commitment	60%
Should not maintain commitment	13%
Not sure	26%

38. Do you think it would be a good or bad idea to support allowing Ukraine to join NATO?

Good idea	46%
Bad idea	19%
Not sure	35%

39. Would you support allowing Ukraine to join NATO... ?

Right now	24%
Immediately after the war with Russia ends	16%
Later than that	2%
Not sure	3%
Not asked - Bad idea to let Ukraine join NATO or not sure	54%

40. How much have you heard about Donald Trump's recent comments related to defense spending among NATO countries and potential attacks from Russia?

A lot	26%
A little	39%
Nothing at all	35%

41. Donald Trump recently warned other NATO countries that he “would encourage” Russia “to do whatever the hell they want” to a NATO member country that didn’t meet defense spending guidelines. Would you approve or disapprove of the U.S. encouraging Russia to take action against NATO countries that don’t meet spending guidelines?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	23%

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

The Israelis	36%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	15%
Not sure	22%

43. Do you think that Joe Biden’s approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been... ?

Too supportive of Israel	25%
About right	28%
Not supportive enough of Israel	21%
Not sure	26%

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

Too harsh	27%
About right	31%
Not harsh enough	17%
Not sure	26%

45. 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	30%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	31%
Not sure	20%

46. 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	26%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	27%
Not sure	25%

47. 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	47%
Trump did not	27%
Not sure	26%

48. How much have you heard in the news recently about Donald Trump being found liable for manipulating his net worth, and as a result facing a penalty of \$355 million and a three-year ban preventing him from serving in top roles at any New York company?

A lot	40%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	17%

49. What is your opinion on the penalty imposed on Donald Trump — which includes paying \$355 million and a three-year ban on serving in top roles at any New York company — as a result of him being found liable for manipulating his net worth? Is it...?

Too harsh	35%
About right	28%
Not harsh enough	24%
Not sure	13%

50. Do you think Donald Trump did or did not falsify business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Did	46%
Did not	26%
Not sure	29%

51. Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime by falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Asked of those who think Trump did falsify business records to conceal hush money payments

Yes	90%
No	5%
Not sure	5%

52. Do you think Donald Trump can get a fair trial in New York?

Yes	39%
No	40%
Not sure	21%

53. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in this case?

Very likely	20%
Somewhat likely	29%
Not very likely	21%
Not likely at all	11%
Not sure	20%

54. Do you think that Joe Biden has personally profited from his son Hunter Biden's business dealings?

Yes	50%
No	28%
Not sure	22%

55. Do you think that Hunter Biden has personally profited from his father Joe Biden's positions in government?

Yes	67%
No	14%
Not sure	19%

56. How much have you heard in the news recently about the special counsel investigating Hunter Biden charging a former F.B.I. informant with fabricating claims that President Biden and his son sought bribes from a Ukrainian company?

A lot	22%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	31%

57. Has the Justice Department investigation into Hunter Biden been fair or unfair?

Fair	39%
Unfair	21%
Not sure	40%

58. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the U.S. House of Representatives voting to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas over concerns that he is not doing enough to secure the U.S.-Mexico border?

A lot	31%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	27%

59. Do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. House of Representatives voting to impeach Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas?

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Disapprove	25%
Not sure	32%

60. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	53%
No change	27%
Make gun laws less strict	11%
Not sure	9%

61. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a mass shooting at a Super Bowl parade in Kansas City, Missouri, in which one person was killed and 22 more were injured?

A lot	37%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	17%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

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	32%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	3%
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	12%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

67. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

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	8%

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

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

71. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

73. Census Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Full-time	35%
Part-time	15%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	8%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	10%

76. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	21%

77. 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	8%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	21%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

79. 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	14%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

80. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	26%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	4%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 18 - 20, 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 0.051 to 4.534, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.737.
Number of respondents	1562 1360 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.