

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 7 - 9, 2024 - 1593 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1593 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 7 - 9, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
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
Robert Menendez	4%	11%	15%	13%	25%	38%	47%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	12%	37%	50%	14%	18%	32%	19%
Cornel West	8%	15%	23%	14%	13%	26%	51%
Jill Stein	5%	15%	19%	16%	15%	31%	49%
Donald Trump	26%	18%	45%	10%	40%	51%	5%
Wayne LaPierre	4%	13%	18%	10%	17%	27%	55%

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	22%	21%	43%	12%	41%	53%	4%
Kamala Harris	19%	22%	41%	12%	37%	49%	10%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	69%	27%	96%	4%	1%	4%
Immigration	54%	32%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	45%	25%	70%	16%	14%	30%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	84%	13%	3%	16%
National Security	66%	26%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Education	62%	30%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Health care	69%	25%	93%	5%	2%	7%

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Taxes and government spending	62%	31%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Abortion	47%	28%	75%	16%	9%	25%
Civil rights	53%	31%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Civil liberties	52%	35%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Guns	53%	29%	82%	11%	7%	18%
Crime	63%	31%	93%	5%	1%	7%
Criminal justice reform	47%	36%	83%	13%	5%	17%
Inflation/prices	75%	22%	97%	3%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Health care	13%
Immigration	11%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Education	6%
Abortion	4%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Civil rights	3%
Civil liberties	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	6%

7. 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	20%	24%	44%	13%	34%	48%	8%
Immigration	8%	25%	33%	14%	41%	56%	11%
Education	17%	25%	43%	13%	30%	43%	14%
Health care	18%	26%	44%	16%	29%	45%	12%
Civil rights	17%	27%	44%	15%	28%	43%	13%
Civil liberties	15%	26%	41%	16%	28%	43%	15%
Crime	12%	26%	38%	12%	36%	48%	13%
Inflation/prices	15%	21%	36%	15%	40%	55%	8%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	19%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	56%
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	12%
Somewhat approve	31%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	15%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	2%

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	43%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	1%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Total Liberal	12%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	19%
Total Conservative	41%
Not sure	18%

13. 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	43%
Donald Trump	43%
Other	6%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	3%

14. Who would you vote for?

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

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	24%
Cornel West	14%
Jill Stein	4%
Someone else	17%
Not sure	40%

15. 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	35%
Donald Trump	44%
Not sure	21%

16. 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	10%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	33%

17. 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	24%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	21%

19. 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	20%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	36%

20. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	45%
Not sure	16%

21. Are you confident or uneasy about Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with immigration?

Confident	27%
Uneasy	57%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	35%
Some	30%
Only a little	24%
None at all	11%

23. Which of the following describe how you currently feel about the 2024 presidential election? Select all that apply.

Sad	16%
Angry	18%
Frustrated	34%
Bored	7%
Excited	18%
Afraid	30%
Hopeful	37%
Tense	33%
Happy	10%
None of the above	12%

24. How important do you think your state's votes will be when it comes to selecting the Republican nominee for president in the 2024 election?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Very important	47%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	12%
Not at all important	7%
Not sure	7%

25. 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	65%
Ron DeSantis	9%
Nikki Haley	11%
Chris Christie	1%
Vivek Ramaswamy	5%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	4%

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

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	10%
Ron DeSantis	27%
Nikki Haley	9%
Chris Christie	3%
Vivek Ramaswamy	16%
Asa Hutchinson	2%
Someone else	3%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	7%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate	10%

27. How much have you heard in the news recently about the Republican Party’s Iowa Caucuses for this year’s presidential election?

A lot	22%
A little	48%
Nothing at all	30%

28. When you are deciding which candidate to support for the 2024 presidential election, how important will the results of the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary be?

Very important	15%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	27%
Not sure	19%

29. Thinking about the order in which states hold their primaries and caucuses for a presidential election, which would you prefer?

The current system in which Iowa and New Hampshire always come first	21%
A system in which other states come first	26%
Not sure	53%

30. 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	30%
The right amount of influence	29%
Not enough influence	5%
Not sure	37%

31. Which candidate do you think will win the Republican Iowa caucus?

Donald Trump	50%
Ron DeSantis	6%
Nikki Haley	7%
Chris Christie	2%
Vivek Ramaswamy	1%
Asa Hutchinson	1%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	32%

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

Donald Trump	57%
Ron DeSantis	5%
Nikki Haley	5%
Chris Christie	2%
Vivek Ramaswamy	1%
Asa Hutchinson	0%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	26%

33. How do you feel about the field of Republican candidates running for president in 2024?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Would like to see someone else run for the Republican nomination	17%
Satisfied with the choices	64%
Don't know	20%

34. How would you feel if the following person was the 2024 Republican presidential nominee?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Donald Trump	59%	21%	10%	7%	3%
Ron DeSantis	20%	40%	18%	10%	12%
Nikki Haley	15%	31%	18%	23%	13%
Vivek Ramaswamy	16%	28%	21%	11%	24%

35. Are you confident or uneasy about the following presidential candidates' ability to deal wisely with immigration?

	Confident	Uneasy	Not sure
Donald Trump	46%	43%	11%
Ron DeSantis	35%	41%	23%
Nikki Haley	25%	42%	33%
Vivek Ramaswamy	23%	39%	38%

36. Do you think the following presidential candidates are... ?

	Honest and trustworthy	Not honest and trustworthy	Not sure
Donald Trump	37%	49%	14%
Ron DeSantis	34%	39%	27%
Nikki Haley	28%	35%	36%
Vivek Ramaswamy	24%	32%	43%

37. Regardless of who the Democrats select as their nominee, do you think the Republican presidential candidates listed below would win the general election in November if they were to become the Republican nominee?

	Would definitely win	Would probably win	Would probably lose	Would definitely lose	Not sure
Donald Trump	28%	27%	14%	13%	18%
Ron DeSantis	7%	26%	22%	20%	26%
Nikki Haley	5%	22%	23%	19%	31%
Vivek Ramaswamy	4%	14%	21%	26%	35%

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

Excellent	9%
Good	22%
Fair	27%
Poor	40%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	45%
Not sure	6%

40. 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	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	34%
Part-time	15%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	7%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

42. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	5%
Part-time student	5%
Not a student	91%

43. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	1%
Part-time job	14%
No job outside of school	85%

44. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	52%
Both equal	37%
Not sure	8%

45. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	15%
Equally positive and negative	30%
Mostly negative	37%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	19%

46. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	26%
Staying about the same	26%
Shrinking	33%
Not sure	15%

47. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	41%
No	35%
Not sure	24%

48. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	17%
Not at all likely	7%
Not sure	15%
Not asked - Already in a recession	41%

49. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	55%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	13%

50. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	39%
Not very important	25%
Unimportant	14%

51. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	24%
Somewhat serious	34%
A minor problem	26%
Not a problem	9%
Not sure	7%

52. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	15%
Stayed the same	32%
Decreased	23%
Don't know	29%

53. Are the number of jobs in the United States...	
Increasing	37%
Staying the same	40%
Decreasing	23%
54. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
Higher gas prices	47%
The same gas prices	21%
Lower gas prices	11%
Not sure	21%
55. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
A higher rate of inflation	38%
The same rate of inflation	31%
A lower rate of inflation	14%
Not sure	16%
56. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?	
A lot	54%
A little	41%
Not at all	5%
57. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?	
Definitely	37%
Probably	36%
Probably not	12%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	7%
58. How worried are you about losing your job?	
<i>Asked of those currently employed</i>	
Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	62%
59. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?	
<i>Asked of those currently employed</i>	
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	27%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	27%
Not sure	8%

60. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	28%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	2%

61. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, who do you sympathize with more?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

The Israelis	40%
The Palestinians	15%
Neither	24%
Not sure	21%

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

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

The Israelis	35%
About equal	29%
The Palestinians	14%
Not sure	23%

63. 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	28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	30%
Not sure	22%

64. 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	24%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	22%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	27%
Not sure	27%

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

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Russia	2%
Ukraine	61%
Neither	25%
Not sure	11%

66. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, are your sympathies more with...?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Russia	4%
About equal	11%
Ukraine	65%
Not sure	20%

67. 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	28%
Not sure	19%

68. Do you think the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States is...

Increasing	40%
Not changing	17%
Decreasing	27%
Not sure	16%

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

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	29%

70. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes, me	29%
Yes, a family member	45%
Yes, a close friend	37%
No	27%
Prefer not to say	5%

71. How many separate times have you had COVID-19?

0	71%
1	17%
2	8%
3	3%
4	1%
5	0%
More than 5 times	0%

72. Do you know anyone who has experienced long COVID? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	7%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	62%
Prefer not to say	5%

73. Have you ever received any COVID-19 vaccines?

Yes	68%
No	29%
Not sure	3%

74. In the past six months, have you received a COVID-19 booster shot?

Yes	30%
No	37%
Not sure	1%
Not asked - Have not gotten a COVID-19 vaccine or not sure	32%

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

Better off	28%
Does not make much difference	21%
Worse off	37%
Not sure	15%

76. Many migrants attempting to enter the U.S. at the Mexican border say they are seeking asylum and fleeing persecution in their home countries. It can take several months or years to determine whether they are eligible for asylum. What do you think should happen when these migrants arrive at the border?

They should be allowed to live in the U.S. until their case is resolved	24%
They should be detained at a facility in the U.S. until their case is resolved	15%
They should be refused entry to the U.S. and should remain in Mexico until their case is resolved	44%
Not sure	17%

77. Do you currently live in a community with...?

Many new immigrants	14%
Some new immigrants	22%
A few new immigrants	19%
Almost no new immigrants	19%
Not sure	27%

78. Are most of these new immigrants legal or illegal immigrants?

Most are legal immigrants	16%
Most are illegal immigrants	19%
Not sure	19%
Not asked - Almost no new immigrants or not sure	46%

79. In 2023, would you say that Congress... ?

Accomplished more than it did in 2022	7%
Accomplished about the same amount as it did in 2022	23%
Accomplished less than it did in 2022	41%
Not sure	29%

80. In 2024, do you think that Congress will... ?

Accomplish more than it did in 2023	15%
Accomplish about the same amount as it did in 2023	28%
Accomplish less than it did in 2023	27%
Not sure	30%

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

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	22%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	28%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

83. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

84. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

86. 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	12%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

87. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

88. Respondent age by category

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

89. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

91. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	4%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	30%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	9%

95. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

99. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	24%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	8%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 7 - 9, 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 0.059 to 6.537, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.829.
Number of respondents	1593 1417 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	48 questions not reported.