

The Economist/YouGov Poll

February 4 - 6, 2024 - 1591 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1591 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted February 4 - 6, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	27%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	11%

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	28%	19%	46%	8%	42%	50%	3%
Nikki Haley	8%	24%	32%	25%	24%	49%	19%
Taylor Swift	24%	35%	59%	17%	14%	31%	10%
Travis Kelce	16%	29%	46%	11%	7%	17%	37%
Patrick Mahomes	15%	31%	46%	11%	7%	18%	37%
Andy Reid	11%	21%	32%	9%	5%	14%	54%
Kyle Shanahan	7%	21%	28%	8%	3%	10%	62%
Brock Purdy	10%	21%	30%	7%	4%	11%	59%
Usher	19%	34%	53%	13%	7%	20%	27%
Elon Musk	22%	27%	49%	17%	24%	40%	10%
Mark Zuckerberg	10%	21%	32%	25%	32%	57%	11%
John Podesta	4%	14%	18%	10%	12%	23%	60%
Jim Justice	4%	10%	14%	9%	7%	16%	70%
Alejandro Mayorkas	7%	16%	22%	8%	20%	28%	49%

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	24%	21%	45%	9%	44%	53%	2%
Kamala Harris	17%	23%	40%	11%	42%	54%	6%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	72%	24%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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Immigration	57%	29%	86%	10%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	68%	18%	14%	32%
Foreign policy	47%	40%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	69%	24%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Education	62%	30%	92%	5%	3%	8%
Health care	70%	23%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	94%	5%	2%	6%
Abortion	47%	27%	74%	16%	10%	26%
Civil rights	54%	33%	87%	9%	4%	13%
Civil liberties	53%	36%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Guns	55%	27%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Crime	63%	30%	93%	6%	2%	7%
Criminal justice reform	46%	39%	85%	11%	3%	15%
Inflation/prices	74%	21%	95%	3%	1%	5%

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Immigration	13%
Health care	13%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	6%
Abortion	5%
Education	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Civil rights	4%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	4%

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	23%	19%	42%	14%	37%	51%	7%
Immigration	11%	22%	33%	14%	45%	59%	8%
Education	17%	27%	44%	13%	30%	43%	13%
Health care	19%	26%	45%	15%	30%	45%	10%
Civil rights	16%	27%	43%	15%	30%	45%	12%
Civil liberties	16%	25%	41%	15%	31%	46%	13%
Crime	14%	22%	36%	16%	36%	53%	11%
Inflation/prices	18%	18%	36%	14%	44%	58%	5%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	49%
Not sure	12%

10. 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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	22%	39%	19%	34%	53%	8%
Republicans in Congress	10%	25%	35%	21%	34%	55%	9%

12. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	32%

13. 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	22%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	22%

15. 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	13%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	36%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	11%
Total Liberal	14%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	18%
Total Conservative	38%
Not sure	18%

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

A lot	41%
Some	29%
Only a little	20%
None at all	10%

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...

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	44%
Other	5%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

19. Who would you vote for?

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

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	23%
Cornel West	22%
Jill Stein	4%
Someone else	18%
Not sure	33%

20. Do you think that Joe Biden will be the Democratic candidate for the 2024 presidential election and Donald Trump will be the Republican candidate?

Definitely will happen	25%
Probably will happen	50%
Probably will not happen	7%
Definitely will not happen	3%
Not sure	15%

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	36%
Donald Trump	43%
Not sure	20%

22. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	31%
Liberal	24%
Total Liberal	55%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Total Conservative	9%
Not sure	12%

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

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	12%

24. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	5%
Total Liberal	9%
Moderate	16%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	25%
Total Conservative	57%
Not sure	19%

25. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	50%
Not sure	16%

26. 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	80%
Nikki Haley	12%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

27. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think will win the Republican presidential nomination?

Donald Trump	69%
Nikki Haley	11%
Not sure	20%

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

Excellent	11%
Good	22%
Fair	24%
Poor	41%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	46%
Not sure	5%

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	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	4%

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

Full-time	34%
Part-time	13%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	23%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	5%
Student	6%
Other	2%

32. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

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

33. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	3%
Part-time job	20%
No job outside of school	77%

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

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	49%
Both equal	40%
Not sure	6%

35. 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	18%
Equally positive and negative	29%
Mostly negative	38%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	16%

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

Growing	24%
Staying about the same	28%
Shrinking	34%
Not sure	13%

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

Yes	40%
No	37%
Not sure	23%

38. 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	16%
Not at all likely	9%
Not sure	15%
Not asked - Already in a recession	40%

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

The stock market index	8%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	57%
Your personal finances	9%
Don't know	11%

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

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	41%
Not very important	23%
Unimportant	14%

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

Very serious	23%
Somewhat serious	38%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	9%
Not sure	7%

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

Increased	19%
Stayed the same	31%
Decreased	25%
Don't know	26%

43. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	33%
Staying the same	39%
Decreasing	27%

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

More jobs	25%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	20%

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

Higher gas prices	50%
The same gas prices	24%
Lower gas prices	10%
Not sure	16%

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

A higher rate of inflation	43%
The same rate of inflation	26%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	56%
A little	40%
Not at all	4%

48. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	38%
Probably	34%
Probably not	14%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	5%

49. Do you think the Federal Reserve should...

Lower interest rates	49%
Raise interest rates	7%
Not change interest rates	16%
Not sure	28%

50. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	57%

51. 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?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	42%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	7%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	24%
Happy	44%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

53. 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	39%
A little	42%
Nothing at all	19%

54. 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	26%
Not sure	27%

55. How much have you heard about writer E. Jean Carroll suing Donald Trump for sexual abuse and defamation?

A lot	41%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	22%

56. A jury recently found Donald Trump liable for defamation against E. Jean Carroll, awarding her \$83.3 million in damages. Do you agree or disagree with the verdict?

Strongly agree	32%
Somewhat agree	13%
Agree	44%
Somewhat disagree	10%
Strongly disagree	28%
Disagree	38%
Not sure	17%

57. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	54%
Somewhat serious	25%
A minor problem	12%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	6%

58. Would you support or oppose raising the maximum child tax credit — which parents can use to help offset the costs of raising children — from \$1,600 per child to \$2,000?

Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	30%
Support	68%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	8%
Oppose	17%
Not sure	14%

59. Would you support or oppose making it easier for buildings to qualify for the low-income housing tax credit — which encourages private investment in affordable rental housing?

Strongly support	28%
Somewhat support	33%
Support	62%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	7%
Oppose	13%
Not sure	25%

60. Would you support or oppose increasing tax deductions for businesses for the purchase of new equipment and machinery, as well as for domestic research and development expenses?

Strongly support	20%
Somewhat support	35%
Support	55%
Somewhat oppose	14%
Strongly oppose	8%
Oppose	21%
Not sure	24%

61. Do you support or oppose allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with prescription-drug manufacturers?

Strongly support	42%
Somewhat support	30%
Support	72%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	3%
Oppose	9%
Not sure	19%

62. Do you personally know anyone who is on Medicare? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	21%
Yes, a family member	50%
Yes, a close friend	24%
Yes, an acquaintance	18%
No	24%
Prefer not to say	5%

63. Recently enacted legislation allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices directly with prescription-drug manufacturers. How likely do you think it is that this will result in lower drug costs for you personally?

Very likely	15%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	21%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	24%

64. Will you watch the Super Bowl this year?

Definitely watch	28%
Probably watch	23%
Probably not watch	12%
Definitely not watch	28%
Not sure	9%

65. What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl broadcast?

Asked of those who say they definitely or probably will watch the Super Bowl

The actual game itself	59%
The halftime show	18%
The commercials	20%
Not sure	3%

66. Which of the following, if any, best describes your plans for watching the Super Bowl?

Asked of those who say they definitely or probably will watch the Super Bowl

Watch at home on my own or with other members of my household	52%
Host friends/family at my home	13%
Join friends/family at someone else's home	18%
Watch someplace else (e.g. restaurant, bar)	6%
Attend in person	2%
I'm not sure, but I do plan to watch	9%

67. Which team do you think is most likely to win the Super Bowl this year?

Kansas City Chiefs	35%
San Francisco 49ers	25%
Don't know	40%

68. Which team do you want to win the Super Bowl this year?

Kansas City Chiefs	26%
San Francisco 49ers	27%
Don't care	47%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	10%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

71. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	32%
Independent	22%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

73. 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	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

74. Are you... ?	
Male	49%
Female	51%

75. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

76. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

77. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

78. What is your marital status?	
Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

79. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	21%
No	79%

80. In what region of the country do you reside?	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	9%

82. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	20%
Never	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	20%
Don't know	5%

86. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	24%
Mormon	0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	8%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 4 - 6, 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 6.26, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.819.
Number of respondents	1591 1399 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	45 questions not reported.