

The Economist/YouGov Poll
October 6 - 7, 2024 - 1604 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1604 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 6 - 7, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

A lot	48%
Some	27%
Only a little	19%
None at all	6%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	34%
Very enthusiastic	18%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%
Not too enthusiastic	16%
Not at all enthusiastic	17%

3. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2024 presidential election this year?

Among registered voters

Definitely will vote	87%
Probably will vote	7%
Maybe will vote	2%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	1%
Don't know	1%

4. In the November 2024 election, how do you plan to cast your vote?

Among registered voters

In person early, before election day	24%
In person on election day	44%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	19%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	12%
I will not vote	1%

5. In November 2024, who do you plan to vote for in the presidential election?

Among registered voters

Kamala Harris	47%
Donald Trump	44%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	0%
Other	1%
I would not vote	1%
Not sure	5%

6. 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	97%
I could change my mind between now and the election	3%

7. 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	98%
I could change my mind between now and the election	2%

8. 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	52%
I would not consider voting for Kamala Harris	48%

9. 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%

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

Prefer Harris over Trump	47%
Prefer Trump over Harris	45%
Prefer both equally	8%

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

Kamala Harris	38%
Donald Trump	38%
Not sure	24%

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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	45%
Other	0%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	1%

13. 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
Kamala Harris	28%	17%	45%	11%	40%	51%	4%
Tim Walz	24%	16%	41%	11%	32%	43%	17%
Donald Trump	27%	18%	45%	10%	42%	53%	3%
JD Vance	24%	18%	42%	10%	35%	45%	13%

14. 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%	16%	30%	13%	23%	36%	34%
Ali Khamenei	2%	5%	7%	8%	23%	31%	62%
Pete Rose	13%	24%	37%	15%	7%	22%	41%
Liz Cheney	11%	19%	30%	13%	26%	38%	31%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	20%	20%	40%	14%	42%	56%	4%

16. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	54%	30%	84%	12%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	42%	27%	69%	16%	15%	31%
Foreign policy	46%	41%	86%	10%	3%	14%
National Security	64%	28%	92%	6%	3%	8%
Education	58%	30%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Health care	66%	26%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Taxes and government spending	62%	29%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Abortion	49%	26%	74%	16%	9%	26%

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Civil rights	53%	32%	85%	10%	4%	15%
Civil liberties	51%	35%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Guns	52%	31%	83%	11%	6%	17%
Crime	59%	31%	91%	8%	2%	9%
Criminal justice reform	39%	42%	81%	13%	5%	19%
Inflation/prices	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Immigration	13%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	8%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Guns	3%
Education	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	8%

19. 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%	19%	40%	15%	37%	52%	9%
Immigration	12%	19%	31%	14%	44%	58%	11%
Foreign policy	14%	19%	33%	16%	39%	54%	13%
Education	18%	22%	39%	14%	31%	45%	16%
Health care	19%	22%	42%	17%	28%	45%	13%
Civil rights	18%	22%	41%	13%	29%	43%	17%
Civil liberties	18%	22%	39%	13%	29%	43%	18%
Crime	15%	20%	35%	13%	37%	50%	15%
Inflation/prices	14%	18%	32%	15%	44%	58%	9%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	6%
Total Liberal	8%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	19%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	21%

23. 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	15%	24%	39%	16%	31%	47%	13%
Republicans in Congress	11%	24%	35%	19%	33%	52%	12%

24. 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	25%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	35%
Not sure	33%

25. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	28%

26. 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	17%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	27%

27. 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	30%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	38%

28. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	26%
Total Liberal	62%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	2%
Total Conservative	5%
Not sure	15%

29. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	44%
Not sure	17%

30. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Total Liberal	7%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	28%
Total Conservative	60%
Not sure	19%

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

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	49%
Not sure	17%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	23%
Fair	29%
Poor	40%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	4%

35. Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your household will be...

Better off financially	29%
Just about the same as now	34%
Worse off financially	18%
Not sure	19%

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

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	55%
Both equal	36%
Not sure	6%

37. 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	12%
Equally positive and negative	32%
Mostly negative	38%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	18%

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

Growing	24%
Staying about the same	25%
Shrinking	33%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	39%
No	36%
Not sure	25%

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

Very likely	2%
Somewhat likely	16%
Not very likely	17%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	19%
Not asked - Already in a recession	39%

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

The stock market index	4%
The unemployment rate and job reports	18%
The prices of goods and services you buy	52%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	15%

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

Very important	19%
Somewhat important	42%
Not very important	24%
Unimportant	14%

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

Very serious	21%
Somewhat serious	40%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	19%
Stayed the same	23%
Decreased	28%
Don't know	30%

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

Increasing	32%
Staying the same	37%
Decreasing	30%

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

Higher gas prices	37%
The same gas prices	21%
Lower gas prices	14%
Not sure	28%

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

A higher rate of inflation	29%
The same rate of inflation	25%
A lower rate of inflation	19%
Not sure	27%

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

Higher interest rates	24%
The same interest rates	23%
Lower interest rates	25%
Not sure	28%

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

A lot	57%
A little	38%
Not at all	5%

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

Definitely	38%
Probably	34%
Probably not	13%
Definitely not	9%
Not sure	6%

51. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	59%

52. 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.	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	43%
Not very hard	19%
Not sure	10%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	38%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Israel	43%	23%	8%	5%	22%
Iran	2%	4%	19%	53%	22%
Lebanon	3%	12%	28%	19%	39%
Saudi Arabia	8%	27%	21%	12%	32%
Turkey	6%	25%	24%	8%	37%
Yemen	2%	7%	26%	22%	43%

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

The Israelis	35%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	23%

56. How likely do you think it is that the war between Israel and Hamas will lead to a wider war involving other countries?

Very likely	26%
Fairly likely	34%
Not very likely	8%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	17%
It already has led to a wider war	14%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Biden is handling Iran?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	21%

58. As you may know, the vice presidential debate took place on Tuesday, October 1. Did you watch the debate?

I watched the entire debate	31%
I watched part of it	17%
I watched clips or highlights of the debate	15%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the debate	14%
I haven't heard anything about it	24%

59. Who do you think did the best job — or won — Tuesday's vice presidential debate?

Among people who watched or read something about the debate

Tim Walz	28%
JD Vance	43%
A tie	14%
Not sure	15%

60. During Tuesday's debate, do you think Tim Walz spent more time...

Among people who watched or read something about the debate

Explaining what Kamala Harris will do if elected president	42%
Attacking Donald Trump and JD Vance	36%
Not sure	22%

61. During Tuesday's debate, do you think JD Vance spent more time...

Among people who watched or read something about the debate

Explaining what Donald Trump will do if elected president	46%
Attacking Kamala Harris and Tim Walz	36%
Not sure	18%

62. Of the statements made by each candidate during the debate, about how many were truthful?

Among people who watched or read something about the debate

	All of them	Most of them	Half of them	Some of them	None of them	Not sure
Tim Walz	10%	31%	10%	23%	13%	13%
JD Vance	16%	26%	9%	22%	16%	12%

63. Do you think the following statement is ...?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Haitian immigrants are abducting and eating pet dogs and cats	7%	18%	13%	42%	20%
In some states it is legal to kill a baby after birth	19%	14%	9%	44%	14%
Housing shortages are being caused by illegal immigrants	17%	24%	14%	30%	14%
Carbon emissions are the main drivers of climate change	19%	29%	15%	15%	21%
Donald Trump lost the 2020 election	49%	14%	12%	13%	12%

64. If it becomes necessary, do you think JD Vance is qualified to be president?

Qualified to be president	38%
Not qualified to be president	38%
Not sure	24%

65. If it becomes necessary, do you think Tim Walz is qualified to be president?

Qualified to be president	34%
Not qualified to be president	38%
Not sure	28%

66. Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? (A health plan would include any private insurance plan through your employer or a plan that you purchased yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid)

Covered by health insurance	81%
Not covered by health insurance	14%
Don't know	5%

67. Do you think the health care system in this country...

Works pretty well and requires only minor changes	21%
Needs fundamental changes	46%
Needs to be completely rebuilt	24%
Not sure	9%

68. Do you approve or disapprove of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare"?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	53%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	14%

69. Generally speaking older people are more expensive to insure than younger people, because older people tend to need more medical care than younger people. Under current law, health insurance companies are only permitted to charge older people three times as much as they charge younger people. Some people say the three to one limit causes higher insurance premiums for younger people, while other people say a higher limit would cause higher insurance premiums for older people. What do you think is the right policy?

Keep the three to one limit, even if that means more expensive insurance premiums for younger people	40%
Change to a higher limit, even if that means more expensive insurance premiums for older people	11%
Not sure	49%

70. Do you think insurance companies should be prohibited from charging different prices to people depending upon on how healthy they are?

Yes	61%
No	21%
Not sure	18%

71. Do you think insurance costs for healthy people would be higher if insurance companies had to charge the same price to people no matter how healthy they are?

Yes	43%
No	22%
Not sure	35%

72. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	56%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing	7%
Not sure	12%

73. In recent decades, do you think the frequency of major natural disasters occurring globally has...?

Increased a lot	39%
Increased a little	27%
Stayed the same	20%
Decreased a little	3%
Decreased a lot	1%
Not sure	10%

74. How responsible, if at all, do you think climate change is for the increased frequency of major natural disasters?

Among people who believe the frequency of natural disasters has increased globally in recent decades

Entirely responsible	19%
Mostly responsible	40%
Somewhat responsible	26%
Not at all responsible	7%
Not sure	8%

75. How much have you heard about Hurricane Helene causing widespread flooding in the southeastern United States and Appalachia?

A lot	61%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	7%

76. Do you personally know anyone who has been directly affected by Hurricane Helene? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	3%
Yes, a family member	10%
Yes, a close friend	12%
Yes, an acquaintance	14%
No	63%
Not sure	5%

77. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following have handled the response to Hurricane Helene?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Joe Biden	22%	16%	38%	11%	33%	44%	18%
The Federal Emergency Management Agency	20%	23%	43%	10%	24%	33%	23%
Governors of impacted states	23%	32%	55%	9%	7%	17%	28%

78. Which comes closer to your view about presidential candidates visiting disaster sites?

They should not visit because it takes resources away from the disaster response	24%
They should visit because it shows solidarity with the disaster victims	61%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	10%

80. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

81. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	21%
Other	3%
Not sure	11%

83. 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	10%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

84. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	46%
No	44%
Not sure	10%

85. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

86. Respondent age by category

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

87. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

89. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

91. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

93. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	30%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

96. 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	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

97. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 6 - 7, 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	1,892 started the survey after screenouts. 174 were deleted due to breakoffs, 33 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 20 were removed for attention check failures, and 61 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,604 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 6.007, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.804.
Number of respondents	1604 1414 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	12 questions not reported.