

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 31, 2023 - January 2, 2024 - 1521 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1521 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted December 31, 2023 - January 2, 2024  
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	13%

## 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
Chris Christie	4%	21%	<b>25%</b>	26%	26%	<b>52%</b>	23%
Ron DeSantis	13%	24%	<b>38%</b>	13%	33%	<b>45%</b>	17%
Nikki Haley	7%	26%	<b>33%</b>	19%	22%	<b>41%</b>	26%
Asa Hutchinson	2%	13%	<b>15%</b>	16%	16%	<b>32%</b>	53%
Vivek Ramaswamy	7%	21%	<b>28%</b>	13%	26%	<b>39%</b>	33%
Donald Trump	28%	17%	<b>45%</b>	10%	42%	<b>52%</b>	3%

## 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	21%	19%	<b>39%</b>	13%	45%	<b>58%</b>	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	21%	<b>38%</b>	11%	42%	<b>53%</b>	9%

## 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	26%	<b>96%</b>	3%	1%	<b>4%</b>
Immigration	54%	34%	<b>88%</b>	10%	2%	<b>12%</b>
Climate change and the environment	42%	28%	<b>70%</b>	17%	13%	<b>30%</b>
Foreign policy	43%	43%	<b>86%</b>	12%	3%	<b>14%</b>
National Security	67%	29%	<b>95%</b>	3%	1%	<b>5%</b>
Education	59%	32%	<b>90%</b>	8%	2%	<b>10%</b>
Health care	68%	26%	<b>94%</b>	4%	1%	<b>6%</b>

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Taxes and government spending	64%	30%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>
Abortion	43%	33%	<b>77%</b>	15%	8%	<b>23%</b>
Civil rights	54%	31%	<b>85%</b>	11%	4%	<b>15%</b>
Civil liberties	55%	33%	<b>87%</b>	9%	4%	<b>13%</b>
Guns	55%	31%	<b>86%</b>	10%	4%	<b>14%</b>
Crime	62%	30%	<b>93%</b>	5%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Criminal justice reform	46%	37%	<b>84%</b>	13%	3%	<b>16%</b>
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	<b>96%</b>	3%	1%	<b>4%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Health care	12%
Immigration	11%
National Security	8%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	6%
Education	5%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Civil rights	4%
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	17%
Somewhat approve	21%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>39%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	43%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>56%</b>
Not sure	5%

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%	20%	<b>40%</b>	14%	37%	<b>51%</b>	9%
Health care	18%	24%	<b>42%</b>	17%	29%	<b>45%</b>	12%
Crime	11%	23%	<b>34%</b>	15%	38%	<b>53%</b>	13%
Criminal justice reform	12%	20%	<b>32%</b>	17%	34%	<b>52%</b>	16%
Inflation/prices	14%	19%	<b>32%</b>	13%	46%	<b>59%</b>	9%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>18%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	35%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>58%</b>
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	27%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>38%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	26%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>47%</b>
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	41%
The Republican Party candidate	44%
Not sure	13%
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 .....	42%
The Republican Party candidate .....	44%
Other .....	2%
Not sure .....	11%
I would not vote .....	2%

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

Very liberal .....	1%
Liberal .....	7%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>9%</b>
Moderate .....	28%
Conservative .....	24%
Very conservative .....	21%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>45%</b>
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...

*Among registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	44%
Donald Trump .....	44%
Other .....	6%
Not sure .....	3%
I would not vote .....	3%

14. Who would you vote for?

*Among registered voters who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden*

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. ....	32%
Cornel West .....	4%
Jill Stein .....	3%
Someone else .....	14%
Not sure .....	46%

15. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Ron DeSantis, would you vote for...

*Among registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	44%
Ron DeSantis .....	41%
Other .....	5%
Not sure .....	5%
I would not vote .....	5%

16. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Nikki Haley, would you vote for...

*Among registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	41%
Nikki Haley .....	36%
Other .....	8%
Not sure .....	9%
I would not vote .....	6%

17. 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 .....	48%
Not sure .....	17%

18. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Ron DeSantis were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	40%
Ron DeSantis .....	36%
Not sure .....	24%

19. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Nikki Haley were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	39%
Nikki Haley .....	31%
Not sure .....	30%

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

*Asked of registered Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Chris Christie .....	1%
Ron DeSantis .....	14%
Nikki Haley .....	8%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	5%
Donald Trump .....	63%
Someone else .....	0%
Not sure .....	6%
I would not vote .....	2%

21. 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 registered Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Chris Christie .....	3%
Ron DeSantis .....	34%
Nikki Haley .....	17%
Asa Hutchinson .....	0%
Vivek Ramaswamy .....	12%
Donald Trump .....	9%
Someone else .....	2%
Not sure .....	10%
I would not vote .....	5%
Not asked - did not pick a first-choice candidate .....	8%

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

Getting better .....	22%
About the same .....	23%
Getting worse .....	49%
Not sure .....	6%

23. 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 .....	41%
Not sure .....	3%

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

Full-time .....	36%
Part-time .....	12%
Temporarily laid off .....	0%
Unemployed .....	8%
Retired .....	23%
Permanently disabled .....	9%
Homemaker .....	5%
Student .....	6%
Other .....	1%

25. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student .....	7%
Part-time student .....	4%
Not a student .....	89%

26. Do you have a job outside of school?

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	5%
Part-time job .....	30%
No job outside of school .....	65%

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

Russia .....	3%
Ukraine .....	62%
Neither .....	24%
Not sure .....	11%

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

Russia .....	19%
Ukraine .....	15%
Neither .....	36%
Not sure .....	29%

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

Russia .....	24%
Ukraine .....	23%
Equally likely .....	14%
Not sure .....	39%

30. 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 .....	30%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine .....	26%
Not sure .....	19%

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

The Israelis .....	39%
About equal .....	25%
The Palestinians .....	14%
Not sure .....	22%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel .....	24%
Decreasing military aid to Israel .....	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel .....	27%
Not sure .....	20%

33. 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 ..... 28%
- Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians ..... 21%
- Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians ..... 26%
- Not sure ..... 25%

34. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israel-Hamas war?

- Strongly approve ..... 8%
- Somewhat approve ..... 21%
- Approve** ..... **30%**
- Somewhat disapprove ..... 20%
- Strongly disapprove ..... 31%
- Disapprove** ..... **51%**
- Not sure ..... 20%

35. As a president, how do you think the following will go down in history?

	Outstand- ing	Above average	Average	Below average	Poor	Not Sure
Richard Nixon	4%	12%	26%	22%	24%	13%
Gerald Ford	3%	14%	43%	15%	6%	20%
Jimmy Carter	11%	19%	30%	13%	14%	12%
Ronald Reagan	26%	27%	22%	9%	7%	10%
George H.W. Bush	6%	19%	43%	15%	7%	9%
Bill Clinton	10%	24%	35%	14%	11%	6%
George W. Bush	6%	20%	38%	16%	11%	8%
Barack Obama	23%	23%	20%	14%	16%	4%
Donald Trump	20%	18%	12%	11%	34%	5%
Joe Biden	10%	15%	20%	13%	38%	4%

36. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

- Biden legitimately won the election ..... 65%
- Biden did NOT legitimately win the election ..... 35%

37. Which comes closer to your view regarding what took place at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021?

- People participated in legitimate political discourse ..... 31%
- People participated in a violent insurrection ..... 50%
- Don't know ..... 19%



38. Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump supporters taking over the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. on January 6th, 2021 to stop Congressional proceedings?

Strongly approve .....	6%
Somewhat approve .....	10%
<b>Approve .....</b>	<b>16%</b>
Somewhat disapprove .....	16%
Strongly disapprove .....	53%
<b>Disapprove .....</b>	<b>69%</b>
Not sure .....	15%

39. Did Donald Trump urge his supporters to engage in violence on January 6, 2021?

Yes .....	43%
No .....	40%
Not sure .....	17%

40. How much responsibility does Donald Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol on January 6, 2021?

A lot .....	37%
Some .....	13%
A little .....	11%
None .....	28%
Not sure .....	12%

41. Do you think Donald Trump did anything illegal around the events of January 6, 2021?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	41%
Not sure .....	18%

42. Some people think that Donald Trump is not eligible to run for president in 2024 because the 14th Amendment's ban on insurrectionists holding public office applies to his conduct on January 6, 2021. Others disagree and think he is eligible to run. What do you think?

Donald Trump is eligible to run for president in 2024 .....	46%
Donald Trump is NOT eligible to run for president in 2024 .....	40%
Not sure .....	14%

43. The Supreme Court will be deciding this issue soon. Regardless of your personal views, how do you think the Supreme Court will decide?

Donald Trump is eligible to run for president in 2024 .....	54%
Donald Trump is NOT eligible to run for president in 2024 .....	23%
Not sure .....	23%

44. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? The U.S. Supreme Court can usually be trusted to make decisions that are right for the country as a whole.

Strongly agree	14%
Somewhat agree	38%
<b>Agree</b>	<b>52%</b>
Somewhat disagree	18%
Strongly disagree	17%
<b>Disagree</b>	<b>35%</b>
Not sure	13%

45. Regardless of your personal views about whether Donald Trump is eligible to run for president in 2024, which of the following do you think should be able to make that determination? Select all that apply.

The courts	42%
Congress	20%
Voters	62%
None of the above	10%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>25%</b>
Moderate	32%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>33%</b>
Not sure	10%

47. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

48. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	32%
Independent	24%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

50. 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	6%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

51. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

52. Respondent age by category

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

53. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

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

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

55. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

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

Yes .....	23%
No .....	77%

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

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

Northeast .....	18%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

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

Under \$50K .....	41%
\$50-100K .....	29%
\$100K or more .....	22%
Prefer not to say .....	9%

59. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	39%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	19%

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

More than once a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	15%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	30%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	33%
No .....	67%

62. 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 .....	4%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	15%
Never .....	18%
Don't know .....	4%

63. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	28%
Roman Catholic .....	23%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	4%
Muslim .....	3%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	5%
Agnostic .....	4%
Nothing in particular .....	21%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	December 31, 2023 - January 2, 2024
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.052 to 6.566, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.821.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1521 1343 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	64 questions not reported.