The Economist/YouGov Poll
March 30 - April 2, 2024 - 1813 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1813 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	March 30 - April 2, 2024
Margin of Error	±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	67%
Not sure	12%

2. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Bill Clinton	14%	27%	**42%**	21%	29%	**50%**	8%
Barack Obama	36%	18%	**54%**	11%	31%	**42%**	4%
Donald Trump	26%	16%	**42%**	9%	46%	**55%**	3%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	10%	31%	**41%**	16%	23%	**40%**	20%
Joe Lieberman	7%	20%	**27%**	14%	12%	**26%**	47%
Ronna McDaniel	2%	9%	**11%**	11%	20%	**31%**	58%
Jill Stein	3%	10%	**12%**	14%	17%	**31%**	57%
Cornel West	4%	12%	**16%**	11%	12%	**24%**	60%
Nicole Shanahan	1%	6%	**7%**	8%	11%	**19%**	74%
Wes Moore	5%	7%	**11%**	7%	6%	**13%**	76%
Pete Buttigieg	16%	15%	**30%**	10%	25%	**36%**	34%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	21%	18%	**40%**	13%	44%	**57%**	3%
Kamala Harris	18%	21%	**39%**	11%	43%	**54%**	7%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**
Immigration	57%	28%	**85%**	12%	3%	**15%**
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	**69%**	14%	17%	**31%**

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Foreign policy	47%	38%	**85%**	11%	4%	**15%**
National Security	65%	27%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Education	60%	30%	**91%**	6%	3%	**9%**
Health care	69%	25%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Taxes and government spending	64%	28%	**93%**	6%	1%	**7%**
Abortion	48%	24%	**72%**	17%	10%	**28%**
Civil rights	57%	29%	**85%**	11%	4%	**15%**
Civil liberties	53%	35%	**88%**	9%	3%	**12%**
Guns	52%	30%	**82%**	12%	6%	**18%**
Crime	60%	32%	**92%**	6%	1%	**8%**
Criminal justice reform	46%	36%	**82%**	14%	5%	**18%**
Inflation/prices	78%	18%	**96%**	4%	0%	**4%**

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Immigration	14%
Health care	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	8%
Abortion	8%
Guns	5%
National Security	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	4%
Education	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	**38%**
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	**57%**
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 disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	22%	18%	**40%**	13%	40%	**53%**	7%
Immigration	10%	18%	**28%**	15%	48%	**63%**	9%
Health care	18%	23%	**41%**	14%	34%	**47%**	12%
Crime	12%	22%	**33%**	12%	41%	**54%**	13%
Criminal justice reform	10%	21%	**31%**	13%	38%	**51%**	18%
Inflation/prices	14%	19%	**33%**	13%	47%	**60%**	7%

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

Strongly approve … 3%
Somewhat approve … 9%
Approve … **12%**
Neither approve nor disapprove … 13%
Somewhat disapprove … 23%
Strongly disapprove … 44%
Disapprove … **67%**
Not sure … 7%

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

Strongly approve … 10%
Somewhat approve … 25%
Approve … **34%**
Somewhat disapprove … 21%
Strongly disapprove … 33%
Disapprove … **54%**
Not sure … 12%

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

Very liberal … 3%
Liberal … 6%
Total Liberal … **9%**
Moderate … 29%
Conservative … 21%
Very conservative … 22%
Total Conservative … **44%**
Not sure … 18%

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 41%
Other 2%
Not sure 11%
I would not vote 2%

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 6%
Somewhat approve 21%
Approve **27%**
Somewhat disapprove 16%
Strongly disapprove 22%
Disapprove **38%**
Not sure 35%

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 11%
Somewhat approve 19%
Approve **31%**
Somewhat disapprove 13%
Strongly disapprove 30%
Disapprove **42%**
Not sure 27%

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 15%
Approve **18%**
Somewhat disapprove 19%
Strongly disapprove 40%
Disapprove **59%**
Not sure 23%

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	16%
Approve	**29%**
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	**29%**
Not sure	42%

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

A lot	42%
Some	29%
Only a little	20%
None at all	9%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	27%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	19%
Not at all enthusiastic	23%

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...
Among registered voters. Combined from answers to other questions

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	2%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	0%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	2%

19. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?
Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for Joe Biden if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden	46%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	52%
Not sure	2%

20. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?
Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for Donald Trump if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump 67%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden 32%
Not sure 1%

21. Have you already voted in your state's presidential primary?
Asked of registered voters

Yes 47%
No 53%

22. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?
Asked of registered voters who have not already voted

Democratic primary/caucus 37%
Republican primary/caucus 36%
Neither one 11%
Not sure 17%

23. How do you feel about the presidential candidate listed below?

	Enthusias-tic	Satisfied but not en-thusiastic	Dissatis-fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	15%	19%	17%	42%	7%
Donald Trump	25%	15%	9%	45%	6%

24. Would you approve or disapprove of Donald Trump choosing the following person as his vice presidential running mate?
Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean to the Republican Party

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	Not sure
Ron DeSantis	35%	32%	**67%**	13%	8%	**22%**	11%
Tim Scott	24%	30%	**54%**	6%	6%	**12%**	34%
Vivek Ramaswamy	23%	28%	**51%**	11%	10%	**20%**	29%
Nikki Haley	13%	25%	**38%**	15%	29%	**45%**	17%
Kristi Noem	19%	19%	**38%**	8%	7%	**15%**	47%
Ben Carson	31%	27%	**58%**	8%	7%	**15%**	27%
Elise Stefanik	9%	17%	**26%**	9%	8%	**17%**	57%
Sarah Huckabee Sanders	27%	28%	**55%**	7%	11%	**17%**	28%
Greg Abbott	25%	24%	**49%**	7%	7%	**14%**	37%
Tulsi Gabbard	16%	21%	**37%**	13%	7%	**21%**	42%
JD Vance	11%	19%	**30%**	8%	7%	**15%**	56%

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

Getting better ……………………………………………………………………………21%
About the same …………………………………………………………………………21%
Getting worse …………………………………………………………………………… 53%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………… 5%

26. 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 ………………………………………43%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………… 3%

27. Do you think a third major political party is necessary for the United States, or are the Democratic and Republican parties enough to represent Americans?

A third party is necessary in the U.S. ………………………………………………44%
The Democratic and Republican parties are enough to represent Americans …………27%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………29%

28. Have you ever voted for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes ………………………………………………………………………………………26%
No …………………………………………………………………………………………68%
Not sure ………………………………………………………………………………… 6%

29. In the future, would you ever vote for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes ………………………………………………………………………………………43%
No …………………………………………………………………………………………19%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………38%

30. When thinking about the kind of person you'd like to see as president, which of these do you think would do a better job?

Someone with experience in how the political system works …………………………45%
Someone from outside the existing political establishment …………………………38%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………………18%

31. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news this week about a total solar eclipse that will be visible from some parts of the U.S. on April 8?

A lot ………………………………………………………………………………………40%
A little ……………………………………………………………………………………49%
Nothing at all ……………………………………………………………………………11%

32. Do you plan to see the April 8 total solar eclipse?

Yes, from my local area 40%
Yes, I will travel to see it 4%
No 38%
Not sure 18%

33. How frequently, if ever, do you take public transportation, such as a bus, subway, or train?

Several times a day 3%
Once a day 2%
More than once a week 6%
About once a week 3%
About once or twice a month 3%
A few times a year 9%
Rarely 27%
Never 47%

34. How frequently, if ever, do you drive a car you own?

Several times a day 29%
Once a day 14%
More than once a week 22%
About once a week 6%
About once or twice a month 2%
A few times a year 2%
Rarely 5%
Never 19%

35. How would you rate the quality of infrastructure in your community? By local infrastructure, we mean the roads, highways, bridges, and other transportation systems where you live.

Great 6%
Good 27%
OK 38%
Bad 16%
Terrible 9%
Not sure 3%

36. How would you rate the quality of America's infrastructure? By infrastructure, we mean the roads, highways, bridges, and other transportation systems.

Great 4%
Good 15%
OK 37%
Bad 25%
Terrible 12%
Not sure 7%

37. Which do you think should be a bigger priority for the government?

Building and improving roads 25%
Building and improving public transportation 12%
Both equally 55%
Neither should be a priority 8%

38. Who do you think should have primary responsibility for maintaining roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in the U.S.?

The federal government 8%
State governments 19%
Local governments 8%
All should have equal responsibility 58%
Not sure 7%

39. Who do you think would do a better job of handling infrastructure policy if elected president this year?

Joe Biden 36%
Donald Trump 38%
No difference 14%
Not sure 12%

40. Do you think we should increase, decrease, or keep the same federal spending for roads, bridges, mass transit and other infrastructure?

Increase 47%
Decrease 5%
Keep the same 26%
Not sure 22%

41. In the United States, how easy or difficult is it for a typical family to find housing they can afford?

Very easy 2%
Somewhat easy 7%
Somewhat difficult 31%
Very difficult 52%
Not sure 7%

42. In your community, how easy or difficult is it for a typical family to find housing they can afford?

Very easy 3%
Somewhat easy 10%
Somewhat difficult 34%
Very difficult 45%
Not sure 8%

43. Do you think that there is currently a housing crisis in the United States?

Yes ……………………………………………………………………………………72%
No ………………………………………………………………………………………11%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………17%

44. Do you think that there is currently a housing crisis in your community?

Yes ……………………………………………………………………………………56%
No ………………………………………………………………………………………22%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………22%

45. Thinking about the past year, do you personally know anyone who had problems paying or was unable to pay their rent, mortgage, or other housing costs? Select all that apply.

Yes, me ……………………………………………………………………………… 19%
Yes, a family member ……………………………………………………………………21%
Yes, a close friend ………………………………………………………………………20%
Yes, an acquaintance ……………………………………………………………………26%
No ………………………………………………………………………………………36%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………9%

46. How would you describe the current state of the American real estate market?

Excellent …………………………………………………………………………………… 5%
Good ……………………………………………………………………………………13%
Fair ………………………………………………………………………………………27%
Poor ………………………………………………………………………………………39%
Don't know …………………………………………………………………………………16%

47. Do you think that wages in this country have kept up with the cost of housing?

Has kept up ………………………………………………………………………………8%
Has not kept up …………………………………………………………………………80%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………12%

48. How likely do you think it is that the U.S. is currently in a housing bubble, meaning that the market value of homes is artificially high and could lead to a crash?

Very likely …………………………………………………………………………………32%
Somewhat likely …………………………………………………………………………36%
Not very likely ……………………………………………………………………………11%
Not at all likely ……………………………………………………………………………2%
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………………19%

49. Would you support or oppose the federal government encouraging local governments to change zoning laws to allow development of more affordable housing?

Strongly support	30%
Somewhat support	28%
Support	**58%**
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	11%
Oppose	**21%**
Not sure	21%

50. Do you own or rent the home in which you live?

Own – outright without a loan/mortgage	24%
Own – with a mortgage/loan (i.e I have borrowed money from a bank or similar to buy a house)	26%
Rent	31%
Neither – I live with my parents, family or friends but pay some rent to them	6%
Neither – I live rent-free with my parents, family or friends	8%
Other	3%
Prefer not to say	3%

51. How long have you lived in your current home?

Less than a year	11%
1-2 years	14%
3-5 years	21%
6-10 years	15%
More than 10 years	41%

52. How do you feel about crossing major bridges and overpasses?

Afraid of it	9%
Bothers you slightly	37%
Not at all afraid	46%
Don't know	8%

53. How do you feel about traveling through tunnels?

Afraid of it	9%
Bothers you slightly	37%
Not at all afraid	47%
Don't know	6%

54. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news this week about a bridge in Baltimore, Maryland collapsing after being struck by a ship?

A lot	68%
A little	24%
Nothing at all	8%

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

Very liberal … 13%
Liberal … 15%
Total Liberal … **28%**
Moderate … 29%
Conservative … 20%
Very conservative … 12%
Total Conservative … **32%**
Not sure … 11%

56. Are you registered to vote?

Registered … 73%
Not registered … 27%

57. 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%

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

Democrat … 34%
Republican … 32%
Independent … 23%
Other … 5%
Not sure … 7%

59. 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 … 8%
Independent … 18%
Lean Republican … 7%
Not very strong Republican … 11%
Strong Republican … 20%
Not sure … 2%
Don't know … 0%

60. Are you. . . ?

Male … 48%
Female … 52%

61. Respondent age by category

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

62. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

64. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	1%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

66. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

67. 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	10%

68. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	25%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	13%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	40%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	24%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	17%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	12%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 30 - April 2, 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	2693 started the survey after screenouts. 270 were deleted due to breakoffs, 503 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 23 were removed for attention check failures, and 84 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1813 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 0.071 to 7.579, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.961.
Number of respondents	1813 1604 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	49 questions not reported.