

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 6 - 9, 2024 - 1795 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1795 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 6 - 9, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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	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	25%	17%	43%	7%	47%	54%	3%
Elon Musk	15%	29%	44%	16%	29%	44%	12%
Benny Gantz	2%	8%	10%	6%	6%	11%	79%
José Andrés	11%	7%	18%	5%	4%	9%	73%
Bob Iger	3%	12%	15%	12%	12%	24%	61%
Ron DeSantis	15%	20%	34%	10%	37%	47%	19%
Benjamin Netanyahu	11%	15%	26%	13%	27%	40%	34%

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
Kim Mulkey	3%	9%	12%	7%	5%	12%	75%
Caitlin Clark	17%	15%	32%	5%	4%	9%	59%
Angel Reese	8%	11%	19%	7%	4%	12%	70%
Paige Bueckers	6%	9%	15%	4%	3%	6%	79%

4. 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	18%	20%	38%	13%	46%	59%	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	20%	36%	12%	44%	56%	8%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	70%	26%	97%	3%	1%	3%
Immigration	57%	30%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	68%	15%	16%	32%
Foreign policy	47%	38%	86%	12%	3%	14%
National Security	63%	28%	91%	8%	2%	9%
Education	62%	30%	93%	5%	3%	7%
Health care	68%	26%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Abortion	46%	27%	74%	18%	9%	26%
Civil rights	56%	29%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Civil liberties	52%	33%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Guns	52%	29%	81%	13%	6%	19%
Crime	58%	33%	90%	7%	2%	10%
Criminal justice reform	44%	40%	84%	11%	6%	16%
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Immigration	14%
Health care	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	7%
National Security	6%
Guns	5%
Education	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Civil rights	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	5%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	19%	20%	39%	13%	40%	52%	9%
Immigration	8%	20%	29%	12%	48%	60%	11%
Education	15%	24%	39%	15%	32%	47%	15%
Health care	16%	24%	40%	16%	31%	46%	13%
Civil rights	16%	23%	38%	15%	31%	46%	16%
Civil liberties	16%	21%	36%	16%	32%	48%	16%
Crime	12%	22%	34%	12%	39%	52%	14%
Inflation/prices	13%	17%	31%	13%	48%	61%	8%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Disapprove	63%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	20%

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	43%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

13. 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	13%	22%	35%	18%	36%	54%	11%
Republicans in Congress	8%	22%	31%	21%	37%	58%	11%

14. 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	24%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	26%

16. 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	15%
Approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	23%

17. 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	12%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	39%

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

A lot	40%
Some	29%
Only a little	18%
None at all	13%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	28%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	17%
Not at all enthusiastic	25%

20. 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	42%
Donald Trump	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	0%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	3%

21. 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	43%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	56%
Not sure	1%

22. 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%

23. Have you already voted in your state's presidential primary?

Asked of registered voters

Yes	50%
No	50%

24. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?

Asked of registered voters

Democratic primary/caucus	27%
Republican primary/caucus	26%
Neither one	28%
Not sure	20%

25. 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	13%	21%	18%	42%	5%
Donald Trump	26%	16%	11%	43%	5%

26. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	21%
Total Liberal	54%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	3%
Total Conservative	8%
Not sure	13%

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

Honest and trustworthy	35%
Not honest and trustworthy	52%
Not sure	13%

28. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	3%
Total Liberal	6%
Moderate	12%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	32%
Total Conservative	62%
Not sure	20%

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

Honest and trustworthy	32%
Not honest and trustworthy	55%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	21%
Fair	27%
Poor	44%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	24%
Getting worse	53%
Not sure	6%

32. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	3%
33. If Joe Biden is re-elected president in November, do you think the economy will...?	
Get better	20%
Get worse	48%
Stay the same	23%
Not sure	9%
34. If Donald Trump is elected president in November, do you think the economy will...?	
Get better	44%
Get worse	33%
Stay the same	10%
Not sure	13%
35. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?	
Unemployment	3%
Inflation	56%
Both equal	37%
Not sure	4%
36. 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	14%
Equally positive and negative	26%
Mostly negative	42%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	18%
37. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?	
Growing	23%
Staying about the same	25%
Shrinking	34%
Not sure	18%
38. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?	
Yes	39%
No	35%
Not sure	25%

39. 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	15%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	20%
Not asked - Already in a recession	39%

40. 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	17%
The prices of goods and services you buy	57%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	12%

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

Very important	17%
Somewhat important	41%
Not very important	25%
Unimportant	17%

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

Very serious	22%
Somewhat serious	34%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	11%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	17%
Stayed the same	26%
Decreased	26%
Don't know	31%

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

Increasing	33%
Staying the same	40%
Decreasing	27%

45. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
Higher gas prices	55%
The same gas prices	19%
Lower gas prices	9%
Not sure	17%
46. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
A higher rate of inflation	45%
The same rate of inflation	25%
A lower rate of inflation	14%
Not sure	16%
47. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?	
A lot	60%
A little	37%
Not at all	3%
48. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?	
Definitely	41%
Probably	33%
Probably not	10%
Definitely not	9%
Not sure	6%
49. How worried are you about losing your job?	
<i>Asked of those currently employed</i>	
Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	62%
50. 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.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	40%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	9%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy	23%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	3%

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

The Israelis	31%
About equal	28%
The Palestinians	18%
Not sure	23%

53. Do you think of Hamas and the Palestinian people as the same, or do you personally make a distinction between them?

Adapted from a 2009 McClatchy/Ipsos-Public Affairs poll question

They are the same	19%
I make a distinction	52%
Don't know	29%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	18%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	37%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	22%
Not sure	22%

55. 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	31%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Not sure	24%

56. How many of Israel's attacks in Gaza do you think have been aimed at military rather than civilian targets?

All of them	17%
Most of them	18%
About half of them	9%
Some of them	17%
None of them	7%
Not sure	31%

57. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

Too harsh	31%
About right	21%
Not harsh enough	17%
Not sure	32%

58. Which comes closest to your view of what the ultimate goal of Israel's ground invasion in Gaza should be?

Immediate ceasefire	21%
Targeted raids to recover hostages	9%
Defeating Hamas and then pulling out of Gaza	11%
Defeating Hamas and giving control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	16%
Defeating Hamas and occupying Gaza	15%
Not sure	28%

59. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	63%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	8%
Oppose	15%
Not sure	23%

60. If Israel defeats Hamas, what do you think is most likely to happen? Will Israel...

Pull out of Gaza	8%
Give control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	16%
Continue occupying Gaza	40%
Not sure	36%

61. Do you think that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinian civilians?

Yes	36%
No	34%
Not sure	30%

62. Do you think that Hamas is committing genocide against Israeli civilians?

Yes	48%
No	19%
Not sure	33%

63. 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	15%
Fairly likely	33%
Not very likely	15%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	22%
It already has led to a wider war	13%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	19%

65. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Benjamin Netanyahu is handling the Israel-Hamas war?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	30%

66. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, do you think Joe Biden's sympathies are more with...?

The Israelis	26%
About equal	22%
The Palestinians	19%
Not sure	33%

67. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, do you think Donald Trump's sympathies are more with...?

The Israelis	45%
About equal	11%
The Palestinians	4%
Not sure	40%

68. Do you think that Joe Biden's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	26%
About right	20%
Not supportive enough of Israel	23%
Not sure	31%

69. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	19%
About right	27%
Not supportive enough of Israel	6%
Not sure	47%

70. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news this week about an Israeli air strike in Gaza killing seven aid workers from the World Central Kitchen non-profit organization?

A lot	36%
A little	34%
Nothing at all	31%

71. Do you think that Israel's air strike on the World Central Kitchen workers in Gaza was...?

Intentional	35%
By accident	31%
Not sure	34%

72. Do you think it is or is not a crime for a candidate to fail to report spending campaign money on payments to keep someone silent about an issue that may affect the outcome of an election?

Is a crime	70%
Is not a crime	7%
Not sure	23%

73. Do you think Donald Trump did or did not falsify business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Did	48%
Did not	26%
Not sure	26%

74. Do you think Donald Trump committed a crime by falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Asked of those who think Trump did falsify business records to conceal hush money payments

Yes	93%
No	3%
Not sure	4%

75. How serious a crime do you think Donald Trump committed by falsifying business records to conceal a hush money payment to a porn star?

Asked of those who think Trump committed a crime by falsifying business records to conceal hush money payments

Very serious	55%
Somewhat serious	33%
Not serious	4%
Not sure	1%
Not asked - Do not think Trump committed a crime or not sure	7%

76. Do you think Donald Trump can get a fair trial in New York?

Yes	36%
No	42%
Not sure	22%

77. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in this case?

Very likely	14%
Somewhat likely	26%
Not very likely	25%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	21%

78. How interested, or not, are you in men's college basketball?

This is one of my top interests	3%
Very interested	9%
Somewhat interested	13%
A little bit interested	15%
Not at all interested	59%
Don't know	2%

79. How interested, or not, are you in women's college basketball?

This is one of my top interests	2%
Very interested	6%
Somewhat interested	13%
A little bit interested	16%
Not at all interested	61%
Don't know	2%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	11%

81. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

82. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

84. 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	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

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	12%

89. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

91. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	30%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	10%

93. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	21%
Not too important	19%
Not at all important	26%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	23%
Never	38%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

96. 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	12%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

97. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	25%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	26%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 6 - 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.
Sample composition	2,400 started the survey after screenouts. 270 were deleted due to breakoffs, 215 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 60 were removed for attention check failures, and 60 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,795 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 0.06 to 6.578, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.871.
Number of respondents	1795 1583 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.