

The Economist/YouGov Poll

November 23 - 26, 2024 - 1590 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1590 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted November 23 - 26, 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 57%
 Not sure 16%

2. Did you vote in the November 2024 general election?

Asked of registered voters

Yes 79%
 No 21%

3. In the 2024 general election, how did you cast your ballot?

Asked of people who voted in the 2024 general election

By voting at your assigned polling place or vote center on Election Day 36%
 By filling out a vote-by-mail ballot at home and mailing it 17%
 By dropping off a vote-by-mail ballot at a polling place or vote center on Election Day 6%
 By voting at a staffed polling place or vote center before Election Day 33%
 By dropping a vote-by-mail ballot in an unstaffed secure ballot drop box 9%
 Not sure 0%

4. 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
Donald Trump	31%	16%	48%	10%	37%	47%	5%
JD Vance	23%	20%	42%	13%	31%	44%	14%

5. 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
Elon Musk	26%	24%	50%	13%	28%	41%	9%
Vivek Ramaswamy	17%	16%	34%	9%	23%	32%	34%
Matt Gaetz	8%	16%	24%	12%	32%	44%	31%
Pete Hegseth	13%	14%	27%	9%	20%	29%	44%
Marco Rubio	15%	22%	37%	15%	22%	37%	27%
Tulsi Gabbard	16%	17%	33%	9%	20%	29%	37%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	18%	31%	49%	11%	27%	38%	13%
Kristi Noem	11%	15%	27%	9%	21%	30%	44%
Mehmet Oz	10%	21%	31%	14%	22%	36%	33%
Sean Duffy	9%	13%	22%	10%	14%	24%	54%
Linda McMahon	9%	16%	25%	9%	19%	28%	47%
Nancy Mace	10%	15%	25%	7%	18%	25%	50%
Sarah McBride	10%	14%	24%	8%	15%	22%	54%
Pam Bondi	14%	12%	26%	10%	17%	27%	47%

6. 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%	21%	39%	17%	40%	57%	4%
Mike Johnson	10%	19%	29%	13%	23%	36%	35%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	20%	20%	37%	57%	23%
Chuck Schumer	11%	21%	31%	14%	29%	43%	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	16%	30%	10%	20%	31%	40%

7. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	55%	29%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Climate change and the environment	46%	25%	70%	15%	15%	30%
Foreign policy	49%	38%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	70%	23%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Education	65%	25%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Health care	72%	21%	93%	5%	1%	7%

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Taxes and government spending	65%	27%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Abortion	47%	26%	73%	17%	10%	27%
Civil rights	59%	27%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Guns	50%	31%	82%	13%	6%	18%
Crime	64%	26%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Criminal justice reform	47%	37%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Inflation/prices	76%	20%	96%	4%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	13%
Health care	12%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	5%
Education	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	2%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	7%

10. 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	19%	18%	37%	15%	37%	52%	10%
Immigration	11%	20%	30%	13%	44%	57%	13%
Climate change and the environment	16%	24%	40%	14%	28%	42%	18%
Taxes and government spending	14%	19%	33%	15%	39%	54%	13%
Abortion	18%	19%	37%	14%	30%	44%	19%
Civil rights	18%	25%	43%	14%	25%	39%	18%
Civil liberties	19%	22%	41%	14%	27%	41%	18%
Guns	11%	21%	32%	19%	32%	50%	18%
Crime	12%	22%	35%	14%	36%	50%	15%
Inflation/prices	14%	18%	32%	13%	46%	59%	10%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	22%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	29%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	5%
Total Liberal	8%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	38%
Not sure	20%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	16%	23%	39%	17%	37%	53%	8%
The Republican Party	20%	24%	45%	14%	32%	47%	9%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the following appointments announced by Donald Trump?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	Not sure
Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense	17%	19%	36%	7%	25%	32%	32%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services	25%	21%	46%	7%	28%	35%	18%
Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education	14%	20%	34%	8%	25%	32%	34%
Mehmet Oz as Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	14%	23%	37%	11%	26%	37%	26%
Pam Bondi as U.S. Attorney General	20%	19%	38%	8%	20%	28%	34%

16. How much have you heard about a House Ethics Committee investigation into allegations that former Congressman Matt Gaetz paid a 17-year-old minor for sex?

A lot	29%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	32%

17. Do you think that the allegations that Matt Gaetz paid for sex with a minor are true or not true?

True	34%
Not true	13%
Not sure	54%

18. How much have you heard about a police report that alleges that Pete Hegseth sexually assaulted a woman at an event for political conservatives in 2017?

A lot	16%
A little	34%
Nothing at all	50%

19. Do you think that the sexual assault allegations against Pete Hegseth true or not true?

True	27%
Not true	18%
Not sure	55%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	66%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	34%

21. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	56%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	44%

22. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	38%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	46%
Not sure	15%

23. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	20%
Out of control	63%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	31%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	9%

25. 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	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	35%
Not sure	6%

26. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially	41%
Just about the same as now	26%
Worse off financially	18%
Not sure	15%

27. Thinking about the following U.S. program, do you believe it should be given more or less funding?

	This program should be given more funding	This program should be given the same level of funding	This program should be given less funding	This program should be eliminated entirely	Not sure
Medicaid	48%	28%	10%	4%	10%
Medicare	58%	26%	5%	3%	9%
Social Security	62%	23%	4%	3%	8%
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	40%	29%	12%	7%	12%

28. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants	27%	18%	45%	15%	27%	42%	13%
Funding a wall that extends along more of the U.S.-Mexico border	37%	19%	57%	10%	24%	34%	9%
Allowing more drilling on federal land	24%	22%	46%	14%	21%	35%	19%
Reducing the corporate tax rate to 15%, from 21%	20%	20%	40%	13%	28%	41%	19%
Banning transgender athletes from playing on women's sports teams	50%	11%	61%	10%	15%	25%	14%

29. Do you think Donald Trump will implement the following once he is elected president?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Ending the automatic granting of citizenship to children born in the U.S. to undocumented immigrants	55%	16%	29%
Funding a wall that extends along more of the U.S.-Mexico border	75%	10%	16%
Allowing more drilling on federal land	64%	11%	25%
Reducing the corporate tax rate to 15%, from 21%	60%	12%	28%
Banning transgender athletes from playing on women's sports teams	70%	8%	22%

30. If transgender women take testosterone suppression therapy, would you favor or oppose allowing their participation in women's sports?

Strongly support	9%
Somewhat support	10%
Support	19%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	49%
Oppose	60%
Not sure	21%

31. Do you personally know someone who is transgender? Select all that apply.

Yes, someone I know well	14%
Yes, an acquaintance	22%
No	65%

32. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accepting people who are transgender	41%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accepting people who are transgender	15%
Our society has not gone far enough in accepting people who are transgender	26%
Not sure	18%

33. Compared to other issues, do you think that lawmakers are focusing too much or too little on legislation relating to transgender issues?

Focusing too much	49%
Focusing about the right amount	16%
Focusing too little	16%
Not sure	20%

34. How much have you heard about the rule restricting single-sex facilities — such as restrooms, changing rooms, and locker rooms — in the Capitol and House Office Buildings to only be used by people of the designated biological sex?

A lot	26%
A little	40%
Nothing at all	34%

35. Do you think that transgender members of the House of Representatives should use the bathrooms that correspond with their...?

Assigned sex at birth	51%
Current gender identity	19%
Either one	12%
Not sure	17%

36. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	17%
Agree somewhat	37%
Agree	54%
Disagree somewhat	18%
Disagree strongly	10%
Disagree	29%
Not sure	18%

37. How much do you think Donald Trump's business interests and positions will affect his decision-making while serving as President?

A lot	43%
Some	29%
Not much	16%
Not at all	12%

38. Do you agree or disagree that what is good for Donald Trump's business is good for the country?

Agree strongly	10%
Agree somewhat	23%
Agree	33%
Disagree somewhat	14%
Disagree strongly	33%
Disagree	47%
Not sure	19%

39. Whose interests do you think Donald Trump will put first?

The interests of the U.S.	38%
His business interests	41%
Donald Trump's business interests are the same as the interests of the U.S.	10%
Not sure	11%

40. In your opinion, should presidents have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as President?

Yes, they should be immune	26%
No, they should not be immune	54%
Not sure	20%

41. What do you think is most likely to happen in the criminal cases currently pending against Donald Trump? Will they...?

Proceed as planned	10%
Pause while he is in office	25%
Be dismissed	46%
Not sure	20%

42. When Donald Trump becomes president, do you think the criminal cases against him should...?

Proceed as planned	37%
Pause while he is in office	19%
Be dismissed	31%
Not sure	13%

43. Have you ever used an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot for the following?

	Yes	No, but I would consider it	No, and I would not consider it	Not sure
Relationship advice	9%	17%	67%	7%
Therapy	8%	19%	67%	7%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	25%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	11%

45. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

46. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2024?

Asked of people who voted in the 2024 general election

Kamala Harris	40%
Donald Trump	42%
Did not vote for President	18%

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

Democrat	32%
Republican	33%
Independent	23%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	20%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

49. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	49%
No	39%
Not sure	11%

50. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

51. Respondent age by category

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

52. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

54. What is your marital status?

Married	44%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	31%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

56. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	14%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	19%
Never	31%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

60. 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	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	12%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

61. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	25%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 23 - 26, 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	1,863 started the survey after screenouts. 150 were deleted due to breakoffs, 53 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 17 were removed for attention check failures, and 53 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,590 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.517, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.858.
Number of respondents	1590 1412 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	2 questions not reported.