

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 8 - 10, 2024 - 1593 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1593 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted December 8 - 10, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 25%
 Off on the wrong track 59%
 Not sure 16%

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

Asked of registered voters

Yes 72%
 No 28%

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 33%
 By filling out a vote-by-mail ballot at home and mailing it 21%
 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 30%
 By dropping a vote-by-mail ballot in an unstaffed secure ballot drop box 10%
 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	33%	16%	49%	8%	39%	47%	4%
JD Vance	24%	18%	42%	9%	34%	43%	15%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Hunter Biden	4%	15%	19%	22%	41%	64%	17%
Kash Patel	13%	14%	27%	7%	22%	29%	44%
Charles Kushner	4%	14%	18%	11%	21%	32%	50%
Pete Hegseth	13%	12%	25%	8%	23%	31%	44%
Pam Bondi	13%	11%	23%	8%	16%	24%	53%
Ron DeSantis	18%	19%	37%	12%	30%	42%	21%
Elon Musk	26%	22%	48%	14%	30%	44%	8%
Mark Zuckerberg	7%	22%	29%	28%	29%	57%	14%
Paul Krugman	4%	11%	15%	9%	11%	20%	66%
Bashar al-Assad	2%	5%	7%	8%	32%	41%	52%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	16%	22%	38%	15%	42%	57%	5%
Kamala Harris	24%	18%	43%	9%	43%	52%	5%

7. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	22%	97%	3%	0%	3%
Immigration	53%	31%	83%	13%	4%	17%
Climate change and the environment	41%	30%	71%	16%	13%	29%
Foreign policy	44%	42%	87%	11%	2%	13%
National Security	68%	25%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Education	62%	29%	91%	8%	2%	9%
Health care	74%	20%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Taxes and government spending	62%	31%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Abortion	45%	27%	72%	16%	12%	28%
Civil rights	56%	31%	87%	11%	3%	13%
Civil liberties	52%	37%	89%	9%	2%	11%
Guns	53%	29%	82%	14%	4%	18%
Crime	59%	32%	91%	7%	2%	9%

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Criminal justice reform	41%	42%	84%	13%	3%	16%
Inflation/prices	76%	19%	95%	4%	0%	5%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	12%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	6%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	3%
Guns	2%
Crime	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	6%

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%	22%	40%	13%	39%	52%	8%
Immigration	10%	21%	31%	16%	44%	60%	9%
Education	16%	26%	41%	13%	31%	45%	14%
Health care	18%	25%	42%	15%	30%	44%	13%
Civil rights	16%	26%	42%	14%	30%	43%	15%
Civil liberties	17%	24%	41%	13%	30%	43%	15%
Crime	12%	23%	35%	15%	37%	52%	13%
Inflation/prices	13%	17%	31%	14%	47%	62%	8%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	29%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	12%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	22%
Total Conservative	44%
Not sure	18%

14. 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	11%	27%	38%	17%	32%	49%	12%
Republicans in Congress	12%	28%	40%	16%	32%	48%	12%

15. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	32%
Not sure	34%

16. 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	24%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	29%

17. 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	16%
Approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	26%

18. 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	20%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Disapprove	26%
Not sure	42%

19. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
Total Liberal	8%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	31%
Total Conservative	61%
Not sure	18%

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

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	45%
Not sure	13%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President-elect Donald Trump is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	51%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	11%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Joe Biden is handling the presidential transition?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	30%
Approve	48%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	19%

23. Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the people Donald Trump has nominated to be a part of his Cabinet?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	40%
Not sure	15%

24. 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
Marco Rubio as Secretary of State	22%	23%	45%	11%	21%	31%	23%
Pete Hegseth as Secretary of Defense	21%	15%	36%	7%	30%	37%	27%
Charles Kushner as Ambassador to France	12%	19%	31%	8%	26%	34%	35%
Kash Patel as FBI Director	22%	16%	38%	6%	28%	34%	28%
Janette Nesheiwat as Surgeon General	16%	15%	31%	8%	19%	27%	42%

25. As you may know, the Senate must approve presidential Cabinet nominees. Do you think:

Senators should approve any nominee who is qualified for the position, regardless of the nominee's political opinions	44%
Senators are justified in voting against a nominee if they disagree with the nominee's political opinions	31%
Not sure	25%

26. Do you think the next Congress will accomplish more or less than this Congress has?

Next Congress will accomplish more	36%
About the same	25%
Next Congress will accomplish less	19%
Not sure	20%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	25%
Fair	34%
Poor	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	8%

29. 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	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	39%
Just about the same as now	29%
Worse off financially	19%
Not sure	14%

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

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	35%
Not sure	6%

32. 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	11%
Equally positive and negative	32%
Mostly negative	38%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	19%

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

Growing	23%
Staying about the same	33%
Shrinking	26%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	34%
No	39%
Not sure	27%

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

Very likely	7%
Somewhat likely	19%
Not very likely	18%
Not at all likely	5%
Not sure	17%
Not asked - Already in a recession	34%

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

The stock market index	6%
The unemployment rate and job reports	16%
The prices of goods and services you buy	52%
Your personal finances	11%
Don't know	14%

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

Very important	22%
Somewhat important	40%
Not very important	23%
Unimportant	15%

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

Very serious	20%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	27%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	8%

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

Increased	22%
Stayed the same	30%
Decreased	16%
Don't know	32%

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

Increasing	30%
Staying the same	46%
Decreasing	24%

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

Higher gas prices	33%
The same gas prices	16%
Lower gas prices	34%
Not sure	16%

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

A higher rate of inflation	32%
The same rate of inflation	19%
A lower rate of inflation	33%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	56%
A little	39%
Not at all	5%

44. In the past month, have you...?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Delayed making any purchases because you thought prices would drop from where they are now	41%	51%	8%
Made any purchases because you thought prices would continue to rise	35%	56%	10%

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

Definitely	43%
Probably	34%
Probably not	10%
Definitely not	7%
Not sure	6%

46. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	12%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	58%

47. 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.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	13%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	24%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	24%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	2%

49. Have you ever owned cryptocurrency?

Yes, I currently own cryptocurrency	13%
Yes, I have owned cryptocurrency in the past but do not currently	10%
No, I have never owned cryptocurrency	77%

50. How well do you understand cryptocurrency?

Very well	6%
Somewhat well	26%
Not very well	30%
Not well at all	38%

51. Cryptocurrency is a digital currency that can be used to buy goods and services, but uses an online ledger to secure and track online transactions. When it comes to government regulation, do you think cryptocurrency should be...?

More regulated	42%
No change in regulation	18%
Less regulated	10%
Not sure	30%

52. How much have you heard about South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol declaring martial law on Dec. 3?

A lot	19%
A little	53%
Nothing at all	28%

53. Do you think martial law could be necessary under any circumstances in the United States?

Yes	20%
No	45%
Not sure	35%

54. How likely do you think it is that, as president, Donald Trump will invoke martial law?

Very likely	12%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	22%
Not likely at all	26%
Not sure	19%

55. Would you support or oppose the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Reducing regulation on cryptocurrency	12%	14%	27%	17%	26%	43%	31%
Ending federal subsidies for electric vehicles	15%	12%	27%	18%	9%	27%	46%
Banning transgender minors from accessing gender-affirming medical care	39%	12%	51%	8%	24%	32%	17%
Cutting federal funding for public schools that teach about critical race theory	17%	12%	29%	13%	32%	45%	26%
Eliminating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	8%	11%	19%	14%	31%	44%	37%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico	17%	19%	36%	13%	32%	45%	19%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Canada	15%	16%	31%	15%	34%	49%	20%

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

	Yes	No	Not sure
Reducing regulation on cryptocurrency	42%	18%	41%
Ending federal subsidies for electric vehicles	42%	13%	45%
Banning transgender minors from accessing gender-affirming medical care	69%	8%	23%
Cutting federal funding for public schools that teach about critical race theory	55%	8%	36%
Eliminating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	35%	15%	50%
Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Mexico	58%	12%	29%

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Imposing a 25% tariff on goods imported from Canada 52% 16% 32%

57. Which comes closest to your view of how Hunter Biden has been treated by the criminal justice system?

More harshly than other people 18%
 Equally to other people 17%
 More leniently than other people 44%
 Not sure 20%

58. How much have you heard about Joe Biden's recent pardon of his son Hunter Biden?

A lot 46%
 A little 41%
 Nothing at all 12%

59. Do you think President Joe Biden did the right thing or the wrong thing in giving a pardon to his son, Hunter Biden?

Right thing 28%
 Wrong thing 48%
 Not sure 25%

60. 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 82%
 Not covered by health insurance 12%
 Don't know 6%

61. Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage? Is it a plan through your employer, a plan through your spouse's employer, a plan you purchased yourself either from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace, are you covered by Medicare or Medicaid, or do you get your health insurance from somewhere else?

Asked of those who are covered by health insurance

Plan through your employer 23%
 Plan through your spouse's employer 7%
 Plan you purchased yourself 8%
 Medicare 25%
 Medicaid 12%
 Somewhere else 3%
 Plan through your parents/mother/father 3%
 Don't know 7%
 Does not have health insurance 12%

62. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your health insurance?

Very satisfied	29%
Somewhat satisfied	37%
Somewhat dissatisfied	11%
Very dissatisfied	4%
Don't know	8%
Does not have health insurance	12%

63. Have you or an immediate family member ever had a health insurance claim denied?

Yes	25%
No	55%
Not sure	20%

64. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable view of the American health care system?

Very favorable	7%
Somewhat favorable	29%
Favorable	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	31%
Very unfavorable	23%
Unfavorable	54%
Don't know	10%

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

Works pretty well and requires only minor changes	22%
Needs fundamental changes	45%
Needs to be completely rebuilt	23%
Not sure	9%

66. How much do you blame each of the following for problems in the American health care system?

	A lot	A little	Not at all
Health insurance companies	62%	29%	10%
Pharmaceutical companies	66%	25%	9%
Hospitals	32%	52%	16%
Doctors	16%	48%	36%
The Affordable Care Act	29%	32%	39%
Democratic politicians	35%	41%	24%
Republican politicians	39%	38%	23%
Medicare	19%	44%	37%
Medicaid	22%	43%	35%
Corporate executives	62%	28%	10%

67. Would you prefer for government-subsidized health insurance to...?

Be expanded	42%
Remain as it is	16%
Be reduced	17%
Not sure	24%

68. How much have you heard in the news this week about the killing of Brian Johnson, the CEO of United Healthcare?

A lot	48%
A little	36%
Nothing at all	17%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	30%
Not sure	10%

70. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

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

Asked of people who voted in the 2024 general election

Kamala Harris	35%
Donald Trump	36%
Did not vote for President	29%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	32%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	4%
Don't know	0%

74. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	52%
No	41%
Not sure	8%

75. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

76. Respondent age by category

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

77. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

79. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	1%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

81. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	22%
South	40%
West	22%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	30%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	14%
Seldom	18%
Never	34%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	5%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

86. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 8 - 10, 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	1,902 started the survey after screenouts. 234 were deleted due to breakoffs, 23 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 21 were removed for attention check failures, and 50 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,593 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 6.503, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.852.
Number of respondents	1593 1415 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	3 questions not reported.