

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 29 - 31, 2024 - 1552 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1552 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted December 29 - 31, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	16%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavor-able	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	30%	19%	49%	8%	39%	48%	3%
JD Vance	22%	19%	41%	12%	31%	44%	16%

3. Favorability of Public Figures

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavor-able	Don't know
John Thune	3%	16%	13%	12%	56%
Vivek Ramaswamy	12%	19%	11%	21%	36%
Elon Musk	22%	26%	12%	29%	11%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavor-able	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	17%	21%	39%	14%	42%	57%	5%
Kamala Harris	25%	19%	43%	10%	42%	52%	5%
Mike Johnson	6%	19%	25%	16%	21%	38%	37%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	18%	22%	38%	60%	22%
Chuck Schumer	9%	18%	27%	14%	29%	43%	29%
Hakeem Jeffries	11%	14%	25%	11%	20%	32%	44%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	97%	2%	0%	3%
Immigration	51%	32%	83%	13%	4%	17%
Climate change and the environment	40%	30%	70%	18%	12%	30%
Foreign policy	44%	42%	87%	11%	2%	13%
National Security	68%	26%	94%	4%	1%	6%
Education	63%	30%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Health care	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	63%	31%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Abortion	43%	29%	71%	20%	9%	29%
Civil rights	58%	30%	88%	9%	4%	12%
Civil liberties	52%	34%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Guns	49%	31%	81%	14%	5%	19%
Crime	62%	30%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	45%	39%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Inflation/prices	75%	21%	96%	4%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Jobs and the economy	16%
Health care	15%
Immigration	10%
Climate change and the environment	6%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Guns	2%
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	13%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	6%

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	18%	20%	38%	16%	37%	53%	9%
Climate change and the environment	15%	24%	39%	15%	29%	44%	18%
Taxes and government spending	12%	22%	34%	15%	41%	56%	10%
Abortion	14%	19%	33%	18%	32%	50%	17%
Civil rights	15%	26%	41%	16%	27%	43%	16%
Civil liberties	16%	24%	40%	16%	28%	43%	17%
Guns	10%	20%	30%	20%	33%	53%	17%
Crime	12%	23%	35%	16%	36%	53%	12%
Inflation/prices	11%	20%	31%	17%	43%	60%	9%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	16%
Neither approve nor disapprove	23%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	45%
Not sure	18%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	9%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	17%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	20%

12. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	37%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	25%

13. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	21%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	16%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	36%
Not sure	3%

14. How do you feel about the next 4 years with Donald Trump as president?

Enthusiastic	35%
Satisfied but not enthusiastic	16%
Dissatisfied but not upset	14%
Upset	28%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	49%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	35%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	24%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	20%

17. Has Congress accomplished more, less, or about the same amount over the past two years (2023-2024) than it had in the prior two years (2021-2022)?

Accomplished more in 2023-2024 than it did in 2021-2022	5%
Accomplished about the same amount in 2023-2024 as it did in 2021-2022	27%
Accomplished less in 2023-2024 than it did in 2021-2022	28%
Not sure	39%

18. Will Congress accomplish more, less, or about the same amount over the next two years than it did in the past two years?

Will accomplish more in the next two years	32%
Will accomplish about the same amount in the next two years	17%
Will accomplish less in the next two years	20%
Not sure	31%

19. Once Donald Trump is president, should Democrats in Congress work with him on policies they personally agree with, or oppose all of his policies?

Among Democrats

Work with him on policies they agree with	67%
Oppose all of his policies	15%
Not sure	19%

20. When it comes to U.S. presidential elections, which would you prefer?

Amend the Constitution so the candidate who receives the most total votes nationwide wins the election	44%
Keep the current system where the candidate who wins the most votes in the Electoral College wins the election	36%
Not sure	20%

21. How much confidence do you have that the 2024 presidential election was held fairly?

A great deal	32%
Quite a bit	23%
A moderate amount	22%
Only a little	9%
None at all	5%
Not sure	8%

22. How much voter fraud do you think occurred in this election?

A lot	9%
A little	46%
None	21%
Not sure	24%

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

Compromises to get things done.	57%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	43%

24. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	41%
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.	43%
Not sure	16%

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

Under control	19%
Out of control	61%
Not sure	20%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	39%
Not sure	7%

27. 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	44%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	38%
Just about the same as now	33%
Worse off financially	17%
Not sure	12%

29. 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	3%	13%	25%	19%	24%	17%
Gerald Ford	3%	12%	42%	14%	5%	23%
Jimmy Carter	9%	20%	27%	15%	13%	15%
Ronald Reagan	22%	25%	24%	7%	9%	13%
George H.W. Bush	8%	19%	39%	14%	8%	13%
Bill Clinton	10%	23%	35%	13%	10%	9%
George W. Bush	8%	18%	37%	15%	11%	10%
Barack Obama	25%	22%	19%	12%	17%	5%
Donald Trump	25%	19%	12%	8%	30%	7%
Joe Biden	8%	14%	21%	12%	38%	6%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%

31. Would you say that Donald Trump legitimately won the 2024 election, or not?

Trump legitimately won the election	85%
Trump did NOT legitimately win the election	15%

32. 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	29%
People participated in a violent insurrection	46%
Don't know	25%

33. 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	5%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	50%
Disapprove	66%
Not sure	19%

34. Would you support or oppose pardoning participants in the January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol?

Strongly support	17%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	33%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	39%
Oppose	50%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	39%
No	39%
Not sure	22%

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

A lot	37%
Some	12%
A little	11%
None	24%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	37%
No	41%
Not sure	23%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	11%

39. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

40. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	33%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	32%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

42. 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	10%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	22%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

43. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?
Asked of Republicans

Yes	53%
No	38%
Not sure	9%

44. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

45. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

46. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

48. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

50. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	23%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

52. 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	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	29%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	35%
No	65%

54. 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	14%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

55. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	1%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 29 - 31, 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	1,844 started the survey after screenouts. 116 were deleted due to breakoffs, 129 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 5 were removed for attention check failures, and 42 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,552 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 0.052 to 5.106, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.918.
Number of respondents	1552 1415 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.