

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 28 - 30, 2024 - 1686 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1686 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 28 - 30, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	63%
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 unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	23%	17%	40%	11%	46%	57%	3%
Adrián Beltré	4%	9%	13%	6%	3%	9%	77%
Joe Mauer	5%	11%	17%	5%	5%	10%	74%
Todd Helton	5%	10%	15%	4%	4%	8%	77%
Peter Navarro	6%	12%	18%	8%	16%	24%	58%
Jon Stewart	17%	24%	41%	13%	11%	24%	35%
Greg Abbott	17%	13%	29%	8%	23%	31%	40%
Vince McMahon	3%	15%	18%	15%	21%	37%	46%

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
Joe Biden	20%	23%	42%	11%	43%	54%	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	24%	40%	11%	40%	51%	9%
Mike Johnson	7%	18%	25%	13%	22%	34%	40%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	18%	22%	40%	62%	20%
Chuck Schumer	12%	19%	31%	12%	29%	40%	28%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	14%	27%	8%	20%	29%	45%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	27%	3%	1%
Immigration	53%	33%	11%	3%
Climate change and the environment	43%	27%	16%	14%

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Foreign policy	46%	38%	13%	3%
National Security	66%	26%	6%	2%
Education	59%	33%	6%	2%
Health care	67%	27%	4%	2%
Taxes and government spending	59%	34%	6%	1%
Abortion	48%	28%	16%	9%
Civil rights	56%	29%	12%	3%
Civil liberties	51%	36%	11%	2%
Guns	51%	32%	12%	5%
Crime	60%	32%	7%	2%
Criminal justice reform	43%	38%	14%	4%
Inflation/prices	72%	23%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	17%
Immigration	13%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Health care	9%
National Security	7%
Abortion	7%
Guns	6%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	5%

7. 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	21%	21%	42%	15%	35%	50%	9%
Immigration	10%	21%	30%	15%	44%	58%	11%
Climate change and the environment	14%	27%	41%	13%	31%	44%	15%
Taxes and government spending	12%	23%	35%	15%	39%	54%	11%
Abortion	16%	21%	37%	16%	31%	47%	16%
Civil rights	16%	26%	43%	13%	28%	41%	17%
Civil liberties	15%	26%	41%	12%	28%	41%	19%
Guns	10%	24%	34%	17%	34%	51%	15%
Crime	11%	24%	35%	13%	37%	50%	15%
Inflation/prices	16%	20%	36%	12%	43%	55%	9%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	62%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	16%

10. 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	42%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	2%
Not sure	11%
I would not vote	2%

11. 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	27%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	44%
Not sure	21%

12. 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%	16%	38%	54%	7%
The Republican Party	13%	25%	38%	17%	36%	53%	9%

13. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	28%
No	58%
Not sure	14%

14. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	35%
No	54%
Not sure	11%

15. 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...

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	42%
Other	6%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	4%

16. Who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	33%
Cornel West	6%
Jill Stein	16%
Someone else	13%
Not sure	31%

17. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	44%
Not sure	21%

18. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	15%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	43%

19. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	20%
Like somewhat	18%
Neither like nor dislike	20%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	30%
Not sure	4%

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

Very strong	32%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	32%

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

Like a lot	13%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	12%
Dislike a lot	45%
Not sure	3%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	65%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	35%

23. 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%

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.	42%
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.	44%
Not sure	15%

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

Under control	17%
Out of control	66%
Not sure	18%

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

A lot	37%
Some	31%
Only a little	20%
None at all	12%

27. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	72%
Nikki Haley	16%
Someone else	4%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	2%

28. Do you think that Nikki Haley should...?

Stay in the Republican primary	41%
Drop out of the Republican primary	29%
Not sure	30%

29. If Nikki Haley loses the Republican nomination to Donald Trump, do you think that in the general election she should...?

Help Trump win without conditions	26%
Help Trump win on certain conditions	11%
Not help Trump win no matter what	37%
Not sure	26%

30. According to the 14th Amendment, no person shall be able to hold office if they have engaged in insurrection or rebellion. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not be disqualified from holding office as a result of the 14th Amendment?

Should be disqualified	47%
Should not be disqualified	38%
Not sure	15%

31. How much have you heard about writer E. Jean Carroll's suing Donald Trump for sexual abuse and defamation?

A lot	33%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	23%

32. Do you think that Donald Trump did or did not sexually assault E. Jean Carroll?

Did	39%
Did not	27%
Not sure	34%

33. Do you think that Donald Trump did or did not damage the reputation of E. Jean Carroll by denying he sexually assaulted her?

Did	38%
Did not	30%
Not sure	33%

34. A jury recently found Donald Trump liable for defamation against E. Jean Carroll, awarding her \$83.3 million in damages. Do you agree or disagree with the verdict?

Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	13%
Agree	47%
Somewhat disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	25%
Disagree	33%
Not sure	20%

35. During Donald Trump's attendance in the recent trial involving E. Jean Carroll, would you say that he behaved mostly...?

Appropriately	23%
Inappropriately	41%
Not sure	36%

36. In general, do you think it is fair or unfair for Donald Trump to criticize Nikki Haley for her clothing?

Fair	13%
Unfair	70%
Not sure	18%

37. In general, do you think it is fair or unfair for Nikki Haley to criticize Donald Trump for his age?

Fair	44%
Unfair	36%
Not sure	20%

38. How interested, or not, are you in Major League Baseball (for example - watch on TV, listen to on radio, attend in-person, follow on internet or social media)?

Not at all interested	47%
A little bit interested	20%
Somewhat interested	18%
This is one of my TOP interests	9%
Don't know	7%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	25%
Getting worse	46%
Not sure	7%

40. 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	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	5%

41. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	34%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	2%

42. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	4%
Part-time student	3%
Not a student	92%

43. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	5%
Part-time job	15%
No job outside of school	80%

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

The Israelis	35%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	14%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	38%

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

All of them	18%
Most of them	19%
About half of them	9%
Some of them	15%
None of them	6%
Not sure	34%

47. How many Palestinian people do you think support Hamas' attack on Israel?

All of them	4%
Most of them	22%
About half of them	13%
A few of them	18%
None of them	3%
Not sure	39%

48. Do you personally make a distinction between Hamas and the Palestinian people, or not?

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

Make a distinction	44%
Do not make a distinction	23%
Don't know	32%

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

Yes	31%
No	34%
Not sure	35%

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

Yes	52%
No	17%
Not sure	31%

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

Immediate ceasefire	15%
Targeted raids to recover hostages	9%
Defeating Hamas and then pulling out of Gaza	10%
Defeating Hamas and giving control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	19%
Defeating Hamas and occupying Gaza	17%
Not sure	30%

52. 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%

53. Do you think Palestinians should or should not have their own state?

Adapted from a 2009 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll question

Should	50%
Should not	14%
Don't know	36%

54. Do you think that the U.S. is currently at war in the Middle East?

Yes	37%
No	32%
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	48%
Not sure	22%

56. Without looking up the answer, do you know who the attorney general of [state of residence] currently is?

Yes, their name is: [Respondents had the option to fill in a name]	32%
No, I don't know	48%
Not sure	19%

57. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the attorney general of [state of residence] is handling their job?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Disapprove	20%
Not sure	48%

58. Thinking about the responsibilities of a state attorney general, how important would you say the following are?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Not sure
Enforcing state laws	66%	22%	2%	1%	9%
Protecting the rights of consumers	64%	23%	2%	1%	11%
Prosecuting criminals	65%	21%	3%	1%	11%
Filing lawsuits against the federal government	29%	31%	16%	7%	18%
Defending state government from federal interference	43%	29%	9%	5%	14%
Assisting in drafting legislation	29%	34%	13%	6%	18%

59. How likely do you think it is that there will be a government shutdown this year?

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	31%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	23%

60. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	31%
Does not make much difference	18%
Worse off	37%
Not sure	14%

61. Of the migrants who have sought asylum in the U.S. in recent years, how many do you believe were actually fleeing persecution in their home countries?

Almost all of them	6%
Most of them	20%
About half of them	14%
Some of them	24%
Hardly any of them	20%
Not sure	16%

62. Who do you think should primarily be in charge of policing U.S. borders?

State governments	25%
The federal government	60%
Not sure	15%

63. How humanely do you think the U.S. government currently treats migrants who are seeking asylum in the U.S. because they claim to be fleeing persecution in their home countries?

Very humanely	25%
Somewhat humanely	29%
Not very humanely	18%
Not humanely at all	8%
Not sure	21%

64. This past week, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the federal government is allowed to take down razor wire that Texas set up along some places on the U.S.-Mexico border. Do you agree or disagree that the federal government should be able to remove razor wire on the border?

Strongly agree	28%
Somewhat agree	15%
Agree	43%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	33%
Disagree	43%
Not sure	15%

65. In response to the Supreme Court ruling, Governor Greg Abbott of Texas announced that the Texas National Guard would continue setting up razor wire on the border, despite the Supreme Court ruling that the federal government can remove it. Do you approve or disapprove of Abbott's decision?

Strongly agree	34%
Somewhat agree	12%
Approve	46%
Somewhat disagree	9%
Strongly disagree	29%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	16%

66. Congress is currently debating a bill that includes military funding for Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, as well as additional funding for border security. Republicans in Congress say they will not support the bill without the inclusion of new restrictions on the admission of migrants seeking asylum at the U.S. border. Do you think that Congress should...?

Pass the funding bill, without including new restrictions on asylum	25%
Pass the funding bill only if new restrictions on asylum are included	29%
Not pass the funding bill	22%
Not sure	24%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	10%

68. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

69. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

71. 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	6%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

72. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

73. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

74. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

76. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

78. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

80. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	11%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	20%
Never	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

83. 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	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	4%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 28 - 30, 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.
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 0.051 to 6.016, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.807.
Number of respondents	1686 1486 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	44 questions not reported.