

The Economist/YouGov Poll

January 21 - 23, 2024 - 1664 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1664 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted January 21 - 23, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	10%

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	26%	19%	45%	9%	43%	52%	3%
Fani Willis	10%	13%	22%	9%	17%	26%	52%
Tim Scott	12%	17%	29%	13%	16%	29%	42%

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
Benjamin Netanyahu	13%	21%	34%	14%	22%	36%	30%
Vladimir Putin	5%	8%	13%	13%	64%	77%	10%
Volodymyr Zelensky	21%	26%	47%	13%	15%	28%	24%

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	21%	21%	42%	13%	42%	55%	3%
Kamala Harris	18%	22%	39%	11%	42%	53%	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	69%	25%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Immigration	53%	31%	85%	12%	4%	15%

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Climate change and the environment	43%	27%	69%	16%	15%	31%
Foreign policy	46%	39%	85%	12%	3%	15%
National Security	64%	26%	90%	7%	3%	10%
Education	62%	31%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Health care	68%	26%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Abortion	47%	30%	76%	16%	7%	24%
Civil rights	54%	32%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Civil liberties	53%	34%	87%	9%	4%	13%
Guns	53%	28%	81%	13%	6%	19%
Crime	59%	31%	90%	8%	2%	10%
Criminal justice reform	41%	40%	80%	16%	4%	20%
Inflation/prices	75%	20%	95%	3%	1%	5%

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

Inflation/prices	20%
Immigration	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Health care	11%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Abortion	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	5%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	4%
Guns	3%
Civil liberties	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	25%
Approve	40%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Disapprove	56%
Not sure	4%

8. 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	20%	20%	41%	16%	37%	52%	7%
Immigration	9%	22%	31%	17%	43%	60%	9%
Foreign policy	14%	22%	36%	17%	38%	54%	9%
National Security	17%	23%	40%	13%	36%	49%	11%
Education	16%	25%	40%	15%	30%	44%	15%
Crime	12%	23%	35%	17%	36%	52%	13%
Criminal justice reform	11%	23%	34%	17%	33%	50%	16%
Inflation/prices	15%	19%	34%	13%	46%	59%	7%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	18%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	60%
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	12%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	14%

11. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	43%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	2%

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	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	1%

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	17%	23%	40%	20%	33%	52%	8%
Republicans in Congress	10%	26%	36%	22%	34%	56%	8%

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	9%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Disapprove	32%
Not sure	33%

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	13%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	40%
Not sure	25%

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	5%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	20%

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	14%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	36%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	12%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	21%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	18%

19. Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	41%
No	50%
Not sure	9%

20. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	32%
Uneasy	56%
Not sure	12%

21. Do you think Donald Trump has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	41%
No	49%
Not sure	10%

22. Are you confident in Donald Trump’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	43%
Uneasy	47%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	39%
Some	31%
Only a little	19%
None at all	10%

24. 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...

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	44%
Other	6%
Not sure	4%
I would not vote	3%

25. Who would you vote for?

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

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	38%
Cornel West	4%
Jill Stein	4%
Someone else	21%
Not sure	32%

26. 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	34%
Donald Trump	46%
Not sure	20%

27. How would you feel if the following person was the 2024 Republican presidential nominee?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Donald Trump	61%	21%	9%	6%	2%
Ron DeSantis	20%	39%	15%	12%	14%
Nikki Haley	10%	28%	23%	24%	16%

28. Please rank your preferences regarding the following Republican presidential candidates, with 1 being the person you would most prefer as the party's nominee and 3 being the candidate you would least prefer

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

	1	2	3	Not sure
Donald Trump	71%	11%	13%	5%
Ron DeSantis	12%	61%	22%	5%
Nikki Haley	13%	23%	59%	5%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	64%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	36%

30. Would you say that Donald Trump legitimately won the 2016 election, or not?

Trump legitimately won the election	69%
Trump did NOT legitimately win the election	31%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	22%
Fair	27%
Poor	43%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	47%
Not sure	4%

33. 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	39%
Not sure	3%

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

Full-time	33%
Part-time	14%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	22%
Permanently disabled	8%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	3%

35. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	5%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	91%

36. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	11%
Part-time job	40%
No job outside of school	50%

37. Do you consider the following to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	6%	23%	58%	11%
Ukraine	32%	38%	9%	6%	15%
China	3%	10%	33%	41%	13%
Taiwan	27%	35%	6%	2%	30%
Pakistan	3%	14%	30%	19%	36%
Iran	2%	4%	22%	55%	17%
Yemen	3%	9%	23%	27%	39%
Israel	42%	27%	7%	7%	17%
Palestine	3%	13%	30%	26%	29%
South Africa	9%	36%	14%	4%	36%
Bangladesh	4%	18%	14%	4%	59%

38. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, are your sympathies more with...?

Russia	4%
About equal	15%
Ukraine	67%
Not sure	13%

39. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	21%
Ukraine	18%
Neither	37%
Not sure	24%

40. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	28%
Ukraine	24%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	34%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	27%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	28%
Not sure	16%

42. Which of the following is closest to your preferred outcome of the war between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia returns all the lands it captured in 2014 and in the current war	44%
Russia retains control of Crimea, which it captured from Ukraine in 2014, but returns the lands it captured from Ukraine in the current war	19%
Russia keeps whatever land it controls now	9%
Russia takes control of all of Ukraine	4%
Not sure	24%

43. Which of the following do you think is the most likely outcome of the war between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia returns all the lands it captured in 2014 and in the current war	9%
Russia retains control of Crimea, which it captured from Ukraine in 2014, but returns the lands it captured from Ukraine in the current war	23%
Russia keeps whatever land it controls now	26%
Russia takes control of all of Ukraine	11%
Not sure	31%

44. How likely do you think it is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine will lead to a wider war in Europe?	
Very likely	11%
Somewhat likely	39%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	6%
Not sure	19%
45. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?	
The Israelis	39%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	18%
Not sure	16%
46. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?	
Very important	37%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	11%
Not at all important	9%
Not sure	18%
47. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?	
Increasing military aid to Israel	22%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	33%
Not sure	17%
48. 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	30%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	22%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	26%
Not sure	23%
49. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?	
Too harsh	30%
About right	29%
Not harsh enough	17%
Not sure	23%

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

Immediate ceasefire	16%
Targeted raids to recover hostages	10%
Defeating Hamas and then pulling out of Gaza	12%
Defeating Hamas and giving control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	21%
Defeating Hamas and occupying Gaza	18%
Not sure	24%

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

Yes	35%
No	36%
Not sure	29%

52. 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	18%
Fairly likely	37%
Not very likely	15%
Not at all likely	3%
Not sure	19%
It already has led to a wider war	8%

53. How much have you heard in the news about the U.S. military recently launching airstrikes in Yemen targeting the Houthi militia?

A lot	24%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	29%

54. Do you support or oppose recent U.S. airstrikes in Yemen targeting the Iran-allied Houthi militia?

Strongly support	29%
Somewhat support	23%
Support	52%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	9%
Oppose	17%
Not sure	31%

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

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not very likely	34%
Not likely at all	10%
Not sure	15%

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

Better off	32%
Does not make much difference	18%
Worse off	39%
Not sure	10%

57. 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	8%
Most of them	20%
About half of them	14%
Some of them	25%
Hardly any of them	22%
Not sure	11%

58. 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	27%
Somewhat humanely	30%
Not very humanely	19%
Not humanely at all	7%
Not sure	17%

59. 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	35%
Not pass the funding bill	17%
Not sure	22%

60. Do you think a third major political party is necessary for the United States, or are the Democratic and Republican parties enough to represent Americans?

A third party is necessary in the U.S.	44%
The Democratic and Republican parties are enough to represent Americans	32%
Not sure	24%

61. Have you ever voted for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes	29%
No	64%
Not sure	7%

62. Would you ever vote for a third party or an independent candidate?

Yes	46%
No	26%
Not sure	28%

63. When thinking about the kind of person you'd like to see as president, which of these do you think would do a better job?

Someone with experience in how the political system works	53%
Someone from outside the existing political establishment	32%
Not sure	15%

64. 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]	34%
No, I don't know	49%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Disapprove	21%
Not sure	44%

66. Without looking up the answer, would you say that the attorney general of [state of residence] is a...?

Democrat	36%
Republican	34%
Independent	3%
Other	1%
Not sure	26%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	33%
Not sure	8%

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	32%
Independent	23%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

71. 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	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	13%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

72. Are you...?

Male	49%
Female	51%

73. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
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	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	10%

80. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	20%

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

More than once a week	9%
Once a week	19%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	18%
Never	32%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	34%
No	66%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	15%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	13%
Never	19%
Don't know	2%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	21%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	20%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 21 - 23, 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 0.083 to 5.052, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.797.
Number of respondents	1664 1497 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.8% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	46 questions not reported.