

The Economist/YouGov Poll

December 21 - 24, 2024 - 1582 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1582 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted December 21 - 24, 2024
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.3\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	16%

2. 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	30%	18%	48%	10%	39%	49%	3%
JD Vance	22%	19%	42%	11%	32%	42%	16%

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
Elon Musk	22%	25%	47%	13%	32%	45%	7%
Vivek Ramaswamy	14%	17%	32%	10%	22%	32%	36%
Fani Willis	7%	13%	20%	11%	25%	36%	44%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	20%	32%	15%	40%	55%	13%
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	15%	17%	32%	11%	29%	40%	28%

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	17%	20%	37%	17%	42%	59%	4%
Kamala Harris	25%	19%	44%	12%	40%	52%	4%
John Thune	3%	13%	16%	12%	11%	23%	61%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor- tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	76%	22%	98%	2%	0%	2%
Immigration	55%	31%	86%	12%	2%	14%
Climate change and the environment	41%	32%	73%	14%	13%	27%
Foreign policy	45%	42%	87%	11%	3%	13%
National Security	69%	24%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Education	63%	29%	92%	5%	2%	8%
Health care	74%	23%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Taxes and government spending	65%	29%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Abortion	46%	29%	75%	17%	8%	25%
Civil rights	59%	29%	88%	7%	4%	12%
Civil liberties	53%	35%	88%	9%	3%	12%
Guns	50%	30%	80%	15%	5%	20%
Crime	62%	31%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Criminal justice reform	47%	35%	81%	15%	4%	19%
Inflation/prices	79%	18%	97%	3%	0%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Jobs and the economy	14%
Health care	13%
Immigration	11%
Climate change and the environment	6%
Civil rights	6%
Abortion	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
National Security	4%
Education	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Guns	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	6%

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	17%	21%	38%	15%	39%	54%	7%
Immigration	10%	21%	31%	15%	45%	60%	9%
Foreign policy	14%	22%	36%	14%	39%	53%	11%
National Security	16%	24%	39%	13%	37%	51%	10%
Education	16%	28%	44%	12%	30%	43%	14%
Crime	11%	22%	34%	18%	36%	53%	13%
Criminal justice reform	10%	23%	32%	17%	33%	50%	17%
Inflation/prices	13%	19%	31%	17%	46%	63%	6%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	56%
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	10%
Somewhat approve	28%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	47%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	11%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	21%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	19%

12. 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	5%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	36%

13. 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	21%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	30%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	25%

15. 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	19%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	28%
Not sure	41%

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

Very strong	39%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	10%
Very weak	27%

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

Confident	46%
Uneasy	44%
Not sure	11%

18. How confident are you in Donald Trump's ability to be an effective commander in chief of the nation's military?

Very confident	35%
Somewhat confident	18%
Not too confident	9%
Not at all confident	32%
Not sure	7%

19. How much do you believe Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of U.S. veterans and service members?

A lot	33%
Some	19%
Not much	11%
Doesn't care at all	29%
Not sure	8%

20. How likely do you think it is that Donald Trump will get us into a war?

Very likely	18%
Fairly likely	20%
Fairly unlikely	21%
Very unlikely	27%
Not sure	15%

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

Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	51%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	25%
Disapprove	36%
Not sure	13%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	18%

23. Right now, do you think the 2024 election...

United the U.S. more	27%
Divided the U.S. more	35%
Has not made any difference	25%
Not sure	13%

24. Do you think that Americans of different political views will come together and work out their differences?

Yes	25%
No	42%
Not sure	34%

25. Do you think Americans of different political views should come together and work out their differences?

Yes	84%
No	5%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	22%
Fair	32%
Poor	38%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	40%
Not sure	7%

28. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	4%

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

Better off financially	37%
Just about the same as now	29%
Worse off financially	19%
Not sure	15%

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

A higher rate of inflation	33%
The same rate of inflation	19%
A lower rate of inflation	30%
Not sure	19%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	7%	27%	50%	14%
Ukraine	28%	40%	8%	6%	18%
China	3%	12%	32%	37%	15%

32. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	3%
Ukraine	59%
Neither	27%
Not sure	11%

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

Russia	21%
Ukraine	13%
Neither	37%
Not sure	29%

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

Russia	30%
Ukraine	13%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	41%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	24%
Not sure	22%

36. Do you think that Joe Biden's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?

Too supportive of Ukraine	28%
About right	30%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	14%
Not sure	28%

37. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?

Too supportive of Ukraine	4%
About right	33%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	29%
Not sure	34%

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

The Israelis	32%
About equal	22%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	28%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	17%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	32%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	25%
Not sure	25%

40. 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	24%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Not sure	29%

41. Do you think that Joe Biden's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	23%
About right	22%
Not supportive enough of Israel	23%
Not sure	31%

42. Do you think that Donald Trump's approach to the Israel-Hamas war has been...?

Too supportive of Israel	19%
About right	33%
Not supportive enough of Israel	7%
Not sure	42%

43. Looking back at 2024, how would you describe the year for the world?

A very good year	3%
A good year	19%
A bad year	43%
A very bad year	24%
Not sure	12%

44. Looking back at 2024, how would you describe the year for you and your family?

A very good year	5%
A good year	39%
A bad year	31%
A very bad year	15%
Not sure	10%

45. Compared to 2023, was the United States more respected or less respected in the world in 2024?

More respected in 2024	13%
No change	25%
Less respected in 2024	48%
Not sure	13%

46. Compared to 2023, do you think labor unions in the United States were more or less powerful in 2024?

More powerful in 2024	22%
No change	31%
Less powerful in 2024	20%
Not sure	26%

47. Compared to 2023, did you find politics more or less interesting in 2024?

More interesting in 2024	33%
About the same	38%
Less interesting in 2024	16%
Not sure	13%

48. Compared to 2023, did you think political discussion was more or less negative in 2024?

More negative in 2024	50%
About the same	27%
Less negative in 2024	7%
Not sure	15%

49. Compared to 2023, do you think this country became more or less politically divided in 2024?

More divided in 2024	50%
About the same	27%
Less divided in 2024	12%
Not sure	11%

50. Compared to 2023, do you think there was more or less political violence in this country in 2024?

More political violence in 2024	31%
About the same	32%
Less political violence in 2024	17%
Not sure	19%

51. 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	8%
Accomplished about the same amount in 2023-2024 as it did in 2021-2022	26%
Accomplished less in 2023-2024 than it did in 2021-2022	31%
Not sure	35%

52. Do you expect that the country will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	45%
Worse off	33%
About the same	8%
Not sure	14%

53. Do you expect that you will be better off or worse off in four years?

Better off	44%
Worse off	19%
About the same	20%
Not sure	17%

54. Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what kind of year 2025 will be for the world?

Very optimistic	21%
Somewhat optimistic	24%
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	18%
Somewhat pessimistic	14%
Very pessimistic	16%
Not sure	7%

55. Generally speaking, are you optimistic or pessimistic about what kind of year 2025 will be for your family?

Very optimistic	24%
Somewhat optimistic	27%
Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	20%
Somewhat pessimistic	12%
Very pessimistic	9%
Not sure	7%

56. In 2025, do you think the United States will be more or less respected in the world than it was in 2024?

More respected in 2025	41%
No change	13%
Less respected in 2025	31%
Not sure	15%

57. Compared to 2024, do you think labor unions in the United States will be more or less powerful in 2025?

More powerful in 2025	22%
No change	27%
Less powerful in 2025	24%
Not sure	28%

58. Compared to 2024, do you think politics will be more or less interesting in 2025?

More interesting in 2025	35%
About the same	33%
Less interesting in 2025	14%
Not sure	19%

59. Compared to 2024, do you think political discussion will be more or less negative in 2025?

More negative in 2025	31%
About the same	32%
Less negative in 2025	19%
Not sure	19%

60. Compared to 2024, do you think this country will become more or less politically divided in 2025?

More divided in 2025	33%
About the same	30%
Less divided in 2025	21%
Not sure	16%

61. Compared to 2024, do you think there will be more or less political violence in this country in 2025?

More political violence in 2025	26%
About the same	29%
Less political violence in 2025	23%
Not sure	23%

62. 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	33%
Will accomplish about the same amount in the next two years	19%
Will accomplish less in the next two years	23%
Not sure	25%

63. Looking ahead to the next 10 years, how likely do you think it is that there will be a civil war in this country?

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	21%
Not very likely	30%
Not likely at all	19%
Not sure	21%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	10%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	9%

65. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

66. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	36%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	32%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

69. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	48%
No	40%
Not sure	12%

70. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

71. Respondent age by category

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

72. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	30%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

74. What is your marital status?

Married	37%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

76. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	16%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	25%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	15%
Seldom	20%
Never	33%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	33%
No	67%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	20%
Don't know	5%

81. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	December 21 - 24, 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	1,826 started the survey after screenouts. 121 were deleted due to breakoffs, 57 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 16 were removed for attention check failures, and 50 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,582 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 5.062, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.863.
Number of respondents	1582 1411 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.