The Economist/YouGov Poll
May 19 - 21, 2024 - 1784 U.S. Adult citizens

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Sample	1784 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	May 19 - 21, 2024
Margin of Error	±2.9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	68%
Not sure	11%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	26%	16%	**42%**	9%	46%	**55%**	3%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	6%	26%	**33%**	20%	27%	**47%**	20%
Harrison Butker	9%	7%	**16%**	8%	15%	**23%**	61%
Michael Cohen	3%	12%	**16%**	19%	29%	**48%**	36%
Merrick Garland	7%	13%	**20%**	12%	22%	**34%**	46%
Stormy Daniels	7%	18%	**25%**	17%	31%	**48%**	27%
Monica Lewinsky	6%	25%	**31%**	22%	19%	**42%**	27%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Benjamin Netanyahu	15%	14%	**30%**	13%	27%	**40%**	31%
Vladimir Putin	3%	5%	**8%**	14%	65%	**79%**	13%
Volodymyr Zelensky	22%	24%	**46%**	14%	13%	**27%**	27%

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

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	19%	19%	**38%**	13%	46%	**59%**	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	21%	**37%**	11%	44%	**55%**	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	72%	24%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**
Immigration	52%	31%	**83%**	13%	3%	**17%**
Climate change and the environment	41%	27%	**68%**	15%	16%	**32%**
Foreign policy	44%	41%	**85%**	11%	4%	**15%**
National Security	63%	27%	**91%**	8%	2%	**9%**
Education	57%	33%	**91%**	7%	2%	**9%**
Health care	68%	25%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Abortion	48%	27%	**75%**	15%	10%	**25%**
Civil rights	54%	30%	**84%**	11%	5%	**16%**
Civil liberties	50%	36%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Guns	51%	29%	**80%**	13%	7%	**20%**
Crime	59%	30%	**90%**	9%	2%	**10%**
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	**82%**	13%	4%	**18%**
Inflation/prices	76%	20%	**96%**	3%	1%	**4%**

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Immigration	12%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Health care	10%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	7%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Civil rights	5%
National Security	4%
Crime	3%
Education	3%
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 …………………………………………………………………… 20%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **36%**
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 14%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 45%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………… **58%**
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 disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	17%	19%	**36%**	15%	41%	**56%**	8%
Immigration	9%	20%	**29%**	15%	45%	**60%**	11%
Foreign policy	12%	20%	**31%**	17%	41%	**58%**	11%
National Security	16%	21%	**36%**	14%	38%	**52%**	12%
Education	15%	23%	**38%**	15%	32%	**47%**	14%
Abortion	18%	20%	**38%**	12%	34%	**46%**	15%
Crime	11%	20%	**31%**	16%	39%	**55%**	14%
Criminal justice reform	11%	19%	**30%**	17%	35%	**52%**	18%
Inflation/prices	12%	17%	**29%**	14%	49%	**63%**	8%

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

Strongly approve …………………………………………………………………… 3%
Somewhat approve …………………………………………………………………… 8%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **11%**
Neither approve nor disapprove ……………………………………………………… 17%
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 25%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 36%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………… **62%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 10%

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 …………………………………………………………………… 23%
Approve …………………………………………………………………………… **33%**
Somewhat disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 21%
Strongly disapprove ………………………………………………………………… 32%
Disapprove ………………………………………………………………………… **53%**
Not sure ……………………………………………………………………………… 14%

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	**10%**
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	22%
Total Conservative	**44%**
Not sure	19%

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	46%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

13. 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	6%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	**31%**
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	18%
Disapprove	**36%**
Not sure	33%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	**30%**
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	**40%**
Not sure	30%

15. 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	13%
Approve	**16%**
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Disapprove	**59%**
Not sure	25%

16. 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	14%
Approve	**27%**
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	**33%**
Not sure	39%

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

A lot	37%
Some	30%
Only a little	22%
None at all	11%

18. In November 2024, who do you plan to vote for in the presidential election?
Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	40%
Donald Trump	41%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	5%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	1%
I would not vote	3%
Not sure	10%

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

Confident	28%
Uneasy	58%
Not sure	14%

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

Confident	41%
Uneasy	48%
Not sure	12%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	19%
Fair	30%
Poor	43%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	17%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	42%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	42%
Not sure	4%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	4%	24%	54%	15%
Ukraine	30%	38%	9%	4%	18%
China	2%	7%	37%	39%	15%
Israel	38%	23%	9%	7%	23%
Palestine	4%	10%	27%	26%	33%

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

Russia	4%
About equal	12%
Ukraine	66%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	27%
Ukraine	12%
Neither	33%
Not sure	29%

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

Russia	30%
Ukraine	16%
Equally likely	14%
Not sure	40%

28. 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	27%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	26%
Not sure	20%

29. Would you say that Europe is providing. . . ?

Too much support to Ukraine	8%
About the right amount of support to Ukraine	18%
Not enough support for Ukraine	41%
Not sure	33%

30. Which outcome would be better for Ukraine?

Biden winning the 2024 presidential election	38%
Trump winning the 2024 presidential election	31%
Both about the same	8%
Not sure	23%

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

The Israelis	33%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	19%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly approve 6%
Somewhat approve 18%
Approve **24%**
Somewhat disapprove 20%
Strongly disapprove 36%
Disapprove **56%**
Not sure 20%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel 19%
Decreasing military aid to Israel 36%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel 23%
Not sure 21%

34. 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 29%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians 23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians 24%
Not sure 24%

35. If Israel defeats Hamas, what do you think is most likely to happen? Will Israel...

Pull out of Gaza 9%
Give control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group 12%
Continue occupying Gaza 38%
Not sure 40%

36. Which outcome would be better for Israel?

Biden winning the 2024 presidential election 24%
Trump winning the 2024 presidential election 38%
Both about the same 13%
Not sure 25%

37. If you had to say, who do you think would do a better job handling the following issues as president if elected this year?

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Both equally	Neither	Not sure
Abortion	39%	32%	6%	12%	11%
Foreign policy	34%	42%	5%	10%	9%
Health Care	39%	34%	7%	9%	10%
Immigration	31%	47%	3%	11%	8%
Inflation	29%	46%	4%	11%	9%
The environment	41%	30%	7%	11%	11%
Education	38%	34%	8%	10%	10%
Taxes	34%	43%	5%	10%	9%
The war in Ukraine	36%	38%	5%	9%	12%
The Israel-Hamas war	29%	39%	6%	13%	13%

38. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion. 29%

Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions). 31%

Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger. 31%

Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed. 9%

39. Based on what you know, how safe is medication abortion, which is a pill that can be taken to end an early stage pregnancy? Medication abortion is different from emergency contraceptive pills.

Very safe 25%

Somewhat safe 22%

Not very safe 7%

Not safe at all 8%

Not sure 37%

40. Which method of abortion do you think is most common in the U.S.?

Medication abortion 31%

Surgical abortion 23%

About the same 19%

Not sure 27%

41. More than half of abortions today are done by taking abortion-inducing drugs. Two artificial hormone pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, are prescribed by a health care provider and are then taken to end a pregnancy. Do you support or oppose these drugs being legal to access with a prescription?

Strongly support	35%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	**53%**
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	19%
Oppose	**26%**
Not sure	21%

42. Do you believe that abortion should be...?

Banned nationally	14%
Legalized nationally	47%
Left to the states	26%
Not sure	13%

43. Do you think Joe Biden believes that abortion should be...?

Banned nationally	7%
Legalized nationally	60%
Left to the states	9%
Not sure	24%

44. Do you think Donald Trump believes that abortion should be...?

Banned nationally	32%
Legalized nationally	5%
Left to the states	38%
Not sure	26%

45. How interested would you be in watching a debate between presidential candidates Joe Biden and Donald Trump?

Very interested	34%
Somewhat interested	26%
Not very interested	13%
Not at all interested	19%
Not sure	8%

46. Regardless of which presidential candidate you prefer, who do you think is more likely to win a debate between the two of them?

Joe Biden	28%
Donald Trump	43%
Both equally	8%
Not sure	21%

47. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Joe Biden and Donald Trump agreeing to a debate on CNN this June?

A lot ……………………………………………………………………………… 26%
A little ……………………………………………………………………………… 45%
Nothing at all ……………………………………………………………………… 29%

48. How much have you heard about the hush-money case against Donald Trump, in which he is facing 34 charges, including for falsifying business records to reimburse his lawyer for payments made to an adult film actress?

A lot ……………………………………………………………………………… 48%
A little ……………………………………………………………………………… 40%
Nothing at all ……………………………………………………………………… 12%

49. Do you think that Donald Trump should be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?

Yes ………………………………………………………………………………… 45%
No …………………………………………………………………………………… 38%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 17%

50. Do you think that Donald Trump will be convicted of a crime in the hush-money case?

Yes ………………………………………………………………………………… 22%
No …………………………………………………………………………………… 37%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 41%

51. Do you think the government is biased in favor of bankers or in favor of consumers?

Biased in favor of bankers …………………………………………………………… 63%
Biased in favor of consumers ………………………………………………………… 4%
Not biased in either direction ………………………………………………………… 9%
Not sure …………………………………………………………………………… 23%

52. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?

Very favorable …………………………………………………………………… 8%
Somewhat favorable ……………………………………………………………… 18%
Favorable ……………………………………………………………………… **25%**
Somewhat unfavorable …………………………………………………………… 15%
Very unfavorable ………………………………………………………………… 9%
Unfavorable …………………………………………………………………… **24%**
Don't know ……………………………………………………………………… 51%

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

Very liberal 11%
Liberal 16%
Total Liberal **27%**
Moderate 31%
Conservative 20%
Very conservative 13%
Total Conservative **32%**
Not sure 10%

54. Are you registered to vote?

Registered 73%
Not registered 27%

55. 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%

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

Democrat 34%
Republican 31%
Independent 23%
Other 4%
Not sure 7%

57. 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 12%
Lean Democrat 8%
Independent 18%
Lean Republican 7%
Not very strong Republican 11%
Strong Republican 20%
Not sure 3%
Don't know 0%

58. Are you. . . ?

Male 48%
Female 52%

59. Respondent age by category

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

60. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

62. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	3%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	6%
Never married	36%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

64. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under $50K	43%
$50-100K	27%
$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	10%

66. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	24%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

70. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	*The Economist*
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 19 - 21, 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	2,192 started the survey after screenouts. 189 were deleted due to breakoffs, 130 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 22 were removed for attention check failures, and 67 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,784 respondents.
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 0.062 to 6.54, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.737.
Number of respondents	1784 1560 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 2.9% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 2.8% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	54 questions not reported.