

**The Economist/YouGov Poll**  
**September 29 - October 1, 2024 - 1638 U.S. Adult citizens**



Sample 1638 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted September 29 - October 1, 2024  
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction .....	28%
Off on the wrong track .....	58%
Not sure .....	14%

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

A lot .....	49%
Some .....	28%
Only a little .....	15%
None at all .....	8%

**3. How enthusiastic are you about voting for president in the upcoming election in November?**

Extremely enthusiastic .....	34%
Very enthusiastic .....	19%
Somewhat enthusiastic .....	17%
Not too enthusiastic .....	12%
Not at all enthusiastic .....	18%

**4. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2024 presidential election this year?**

*Among registered voters*

Definitely will vote .....	87%
Probably will vote .....	8%
Maybe will vote .....	2%
Probably will not vote .....	1%
Definitely will not vote .....	1%
Don't know .....	1%

**5. In November 2024, who do you plan to vote for in the presidential election?**

*Among registered voters*

Kamala Harris .....	48%
Donald Trump .....	45%
Jill Stein .....	1%
Cornel West .....	0%
Other .....	1%
I would not vote .....	1%
Not sure .....	4%

6. Would you consider voting for Kamala Harris, or have you made up your mind?

*Asked of registered voters*

I would consider voting for Kamala Harris .....	53%
I would not consider voting for Kamala Harris .....	47%

7. Would you consider voting for Donald Trump, or have you made up your mind?

*Asked of registered voters*

I would consider voting for Donald Trump .....	49%
I would not consider voting for Donald Trump .....	51%

8. Between Harris and Trump, who would you prefer to have as president?

Prefer Harris over Trump .....	48%
Prefer Trump over Harris .....	44%
Prefer both equally .....	8%

9. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?

*Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Harris*

I will definitely vote for Kamala Harris .....	97%
I could change my mind between now and the election .....	3%

10. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?

*Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Trump*

I will definitely vote for Donald Trump .....	95%
I could change my mind between now and the election .....	5%

11. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think will win the presidential election?

Kamala Harris .....	40%
Donald Trump .....	35%
Not sure .....	25%

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 .....	47%
The Republican Party candidate .....	44%
Other .....	1%
Not sure .....	6%
I would not vote .....	1%

13. In the November 2024 election, how do you plan to cast your vote?

*Among registered voters*

In person early, before election day	23%
In person on election day	43%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	21%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	13%
I will not vote	1%

14. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Kamala Harris or AGAINST Donald Trump?

*Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Kamala Harris*

I'm mostly voting FOR Kamala Harris	65%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	32%
Not sure	3%

15. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Kamala Harris?

*Asked of registered voters who intend to vote for Donald Trump*

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump	74%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Kamala Harris	25%
Not sure	1%

16. 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
Kamala Harris	30%	17%	<b>47%</b>	10%	38%	<b>48%</b>	5%
Tim Walz	26%	16%	<b>42%</b>	10%	32%	<b>42%</b>	16%
Donald Trump	26%	17%	<b>43%</b>	10%	44%	<b>54%</b>	4%
JD Vance	19%	20%	<b>39%</b>	11%	37%	<b>48%</b>	13%

17. 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
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	14%	19%	<b>33%</b>	12%	29%	<b>42%</b>	26%
Mark Robinson	3%	13%	<b>16%</b>	9%	22%	<b>31%</b>	53%
Rudy Giuliani	8%	19%	<b>27%</b>	15%	37%	<b>52%</b>	21%
Eric Adams	3%	11%	<b>13%</b>	16%	25%	<b>41%</b>	46%
Joe Manchin	3%	19%	<b>22%</b>	19%	18%	<b>38%</b>	40%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	11%	31%	<b>42%</b>	15%	28%	<b>44%</b>	14%

18. 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%	23%	<b>44%</b>	11%	40%	<b>51%</b>	5%
Mike Johnson	6%	21%	<b>28%</b>	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	34%
Mitch McConnell	2%	16%	<b>17%</b>	22%	41%	<b>63%</b>	20%
Chuck Schumer	9%	23%	<b>32%</b>	13%	31%	<b>43%</b>	25%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	17%	<b>30%</b>	11%	19%	<b>30%</b>	40%

19. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	73%	23%	<b>96%</b>	3%	1%	<b>4%</b>
Immigration	55%	29%	<b>84%</b>	12%	4%	<b>16%</b>
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	<b>69%</b>	17%	14%	<b>31%</b>
Foreign policy	49%	38%	<b>87%</b>	11%	3%	<b>13%</b>
National Security	66%	27%	<b>93%</b>	5%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Education	61%	29%	<b>91%</b>	7%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Health care	67%	26%	<b>93%</b>	5%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Taxes and government spending	63%	30%	<b>93%</b>	6%	2%	<b>7%</b>
Abortion	48%	28%	<b>76%</b>	16%	9%	<b>24%</b>
Civil rights	55%	31%	<b>86%</b>	9%	5%	<b>14%</b>
Civil liberties	51%	35%	<b>86%</b>	10%	4%	<b>14%</b>
Guns	55%	27%	<b>82%</b>	13%	5%	<b>18%</b>
Crime	60%	31%	<b>91%</b>	7%	2%	<b>9%</b>
Criminal justice reform	43%	37%	<b>81%</b>	15%	5%	<b>19%</b>
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	<b>95%</b>	3%	1%	<b>5%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	12%
Health care	9%
Abortion	9%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Guns	6%
National Security	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Civil rights	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Education	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	25%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	40%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>53%</b>
Not sure	6%

22. 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	19%	24%	<b>43%</b>	11%	36%	<b>48%</b>	10%
Climate change and the environment	16%	26%	<b>42%</b>	14%	27%	<b>41%</b>	17%
Taxes and government spending	13%	26%	<b>38%</b>	11%	39%	<b>50%</b>	11%
Abortion	17%	23%	<b>40%</b>	14%	28%	<b>42%</b>	18%
Civil rights	16%	28%	<b>44%</b>	12%	26%	<b>38%</b>	18%
Civil liberties	15%	27%	<b>42%</b>	14%	26%	<b>40%</b>	18%
Guns	11%	22%	<b>33%</b>	18%	32%	<b>50%</b>	16%
Crime	15%	23%	<b>38%</b>	14%	35%	<b>49%</b>	14%
Inflation/prices	14%	22%	<b>35%</b>	12%	42%	<b>54%</b>	11%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	13%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>17%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	32%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>54%</b>
Not sure	7%

24. Do you think filibusters are mostly good because they allow the minority party in the Senate to express its views and even block legislation or nominees, or do you think filibusters are mostly bad, because they can obstruct the proposals of the majority party in the Senate?

Filibusters are mostly good	28%
Filibusters are mostly bad	29%
Not sure	43%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	28%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>41%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	29%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>44%</b>
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	10%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>11%</b>
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	20%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>41%</b>
Not sure	18%

27. 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	20%	23%	<b>43%</b>	16%	35%	<b>50%</b>	7%
The Republican Party	15%	24%	<b>39%</b>	19%	35%	<b>53%</b>	7%

28. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal	36%
Liberal	25%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>61%</b>
Moderate	21%
Conservative	3%
Very conservative	3%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>6%</b>
Not sure	12%

29. Would you say Kamala Harris is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	26%
Somewhat strong	26%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	35%

30. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like or dislike Kamala Harris as a person?

Like a lot	26%
Like somewhat	16%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	8%
Dislike a lot	26%
Not sure	6%

31. How much of an effect do you think Kamala Harris' health and age would have on her ability to fulfill her duties as President, if she were elected in November?

Severely limit her ability to do the job	7%
Have little effect on her ability to do the job	15%
Have no effect at all	65%
Not sure	13%

32. Do you think Kamala Harris is...

Very intelligent	41%
Somewhat intelligent	21%
Not very intelligent	11%
Not intelligent at all	19%
Not sure	7%

33. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	4%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>7%</b>
Moderate	15%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	28%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>58%</b>
Not sure	20%

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

Very strong	35%
Somewhat strong	20%
Somewhat weak	13%
Very weak	31%

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

Like a lot	18%
Like somewhat	14%
Neither like nor dislike	15%
Dislike somewhat	11%
Dislike a lot	40%
Not sure	3%

36. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age would have on his ability to fulfill his duties as President, if he were elected in November?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	37%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	23%
Have no effect at all	29%
Not sure	11%

37. Do you think Donald Trump is...

Very intelligent	34%
Somewhat intelligent	22%
Not very intelligent	15%
Not intelligent at all	24%
Not sure	5%

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

Biden legitimately won the election	66%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	34%



39. 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%

40. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves. ....	40%
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. ....	47%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Under control .....	20%
Out of control .....	62%
Not sure .....	18%

42. Do you think America is ready to elect a woman president?

Yes .....	57%
No .....	23%
Not sure .....	20%

43. Do you personally hope that the United States elects a woman President of the United States in your lifetime?

Yes .....	53%
No .....	21%
Not sure .....	26%

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

Getting better .....	23%
About the same .....	23%
Getting worse .....	46%
Not sure .....	8%

45. 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 .....	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	40%
Not sure .....	4%

46. Looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your household will be...

Better off financially .....	28%
Just about the same as now .....	35%
Worse off financially .....	15%
Not sure .....	21%

47. Tim Walz and JD Vance are scheduled to participate in a vice presidential debate hosted by CBS News on October 1. Do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will	30%
Probably will	27%
Probably not	16%
Definitely not	16%
Not sure	11%

48. How important will the debate between Tim Walz and JD Vance be in determining who you will vote for?

Very important	12%
Somewhat important	17%
Not very important	19%
Not at all important	40%
Not sure	12%

49. Who do you think will do better in — or win — the upcoming debate?

Tim Walz	35%
JD Vance	30%
Don't know	35%

50. Compared to how the news media has covered other elections in your lifetime, do you think the news media has done better or worse than usual in 2024?

Better than usual	14%
Worse than usual	39%
About the same as usual	34%
Don't know	13%

51. Do you think that the media should report news stories...?

Even if the information they've received was obtained from an illegal hacking	18%
Only based on information that has been legally obtained	58%
Not sure	24%

52. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been...?

Harder on Kamala Harris	15%
Easier on Kamala Harris	40%
Treated Kamala Harris the same way as other candidates	26%
Not sure	19%

53. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been...?

Harder on Donald Trump	42%
Easier on Donald Trump	19%
Treated Donald Trump the same way as other candidates	20%
Not sure	19%

54. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been... ?

Harder on Tim Walz .....	6%
Easier on Tim Walz .....	31%
Treated Tim Walz the same way as other candidates .....	30%
Not sure .....	33%

55. Compared to the way the news media have treated other candidates, have the news media been... ?

Harder on JD Vance .....	31%
Easier on JD Vance .....	12%
Treated JD Vance the same way as other candidates .....	26%
Not sure .....	31%

56. How much have you heard about New York City Mayor Eric Adams being indicted on federal bribery, wire fraud, and conspiracy charges?

A lot .....	22%
A little .....	50%
Nothing at all .....	28%

57. Do you think the investigation into alleged corruption by New York City Mayor Eric Adams is.. ?

A serious attempt to find out what really happened .....	36%
Politically-motivated .....	13%
Equally motivated by both of these .....	23%
Not sure .....	29%

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

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	16%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>26%</b>
Moderate .....	34%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	11%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>30%</b>
Not sure .....	10%

59. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	73%
Not registered .....	27%

60. 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%

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

Democrat .....	35%
Republican .....	32%
Independent .....	22%
Other .....	4%
Not sure .....	7%

62. 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 .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	7%
Independent .....	14%
Lean Republican .....	8%
Not very strong Republican .....	13%
Strong Republican .....	19%
Not sure .....	3%
Don't know .....	0%

63. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

*Asked of Republicans*

Yes .....	41%
No .....	44%
Not sure .....	15%

64. Are you... ?

Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%

65. Respondent age by category

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

66. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

68. What is your marital status?

Married .....	40%
Separated .....	3%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	7%
Never married .....	33%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	20%
No .....	80%

70. Census Region

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	38%
\$50-100K .....	28%
\$100K or more .....	22%
Prefer not to say .....	12%

72. How important is religion in your life?

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	27%
Not too important .....	15%
Not at all important .....	21%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	17%
Once or twice a month .....	8%
A few times a year .....	14%
Seldom .....	18%
Never .....	31%
Don't know .....	2%

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

Yes .....	30%
No .....	70%

75. 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 .....	14%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	7%
Seldom .....	14%
Never .....	20%
Don't know .....	4%

76. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	27%
Roman Catholic .....	22%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	3%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	5%
Nothing in particular .....	24%
Something else .....	8%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	September 29 - October 1, 2024
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Sample composition</b>	1,879 started the survey after screenouts. 95 were deleted due to breakoffs, 96 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 8 were removed for attention check failures, and 42 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,638 respondents.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 6.562, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.893.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1638 1463 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	5 questions not reported.