

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 21 - 23, 2024 - 1605 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1605 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted July 21 - 23, 2024
Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	20%
Off on the wrong track	69%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	52%
Some	27%
Only a little	15%
None at all	6%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	33%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	18%
Not too enthusiastic	14%
Not at all enthusiastic	20%

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

Among registered voters and those who plan to register to vote before November

Definitely will vote	82%
Probably will vote	9%
Maybe will vote	6%
Probably will not vote	1%
Definitely will not vote	1%
Don't know	1%

5. In November 2024, who would you vote for in the presidential election if these were the candidates?

Among registered voters

Kamala Harris	41%
Donald Trump	44%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	5%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	2%
I would not vote	1%
Not sure	5%

6. Between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, who would you prefer to have as president?

Prefer Kamala Harris over Donald Trump	46%
Prefer Donald Trump over Kamala Harris	48%
Prefer both equally	6%

7. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Kamala Harris were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	52%
Not sure	17%

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

Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for [Kamala Harris/Donald Trump] in the 2024 presidential election

I'm mostly voting FOR Kamala Harris	41%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	55%
Not sure	3%

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

Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for [Kamala Harris/Donald Trump] in the 2024 presidential election

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump	82%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Kamala Harris	17%
Not sure	1%

10. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you would vote if Kamala Harris is the Democratic nominee?

Among registered voters who intend to vote for Kamala Harris if she becomes the Democratic nominee

I will definitely vote for Kamala Harris	91%
I could change my mind between now and the election	9%

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

Among registered voters who intend to vote for Donald Trump

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

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

Among registered voters who intend to vote for a candidate other than Biden or Trump

My mind is made up	46%
I could change my mind between now and the election	54%

13. Who do you MOST want to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee?

Kamala Harris	37%
Gretchen Whitmer	5%
Gavin Newsom	6%
Raphael Warnock	1%
Someone else	12%
Not sure	39%

14. Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside as the Democratic nominee for president, do you think that the Democrats are...?

More likely to win the presidential election	26%
About as likely to win the presidential election	28%
Less likely to win the presidential election	29%
Not sure	17%

15. 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	44%
Other	1%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	2%

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
Donald Trump	29%	15%	43%	7%	47%	53%	3%
J.D. Vance	20%	14%	34%	13%	29%	42%	23%
Elon Musk	17%	23%	40%	15%	34%	49%	11%
Robert Menendez	2%	5%	7%	10%	37%	46%	47%
Nancy Pelosi	14%	18%	32%	12%	44%	56%	12%
George Clooney	15%	30%	45%	17%	23%	39%	16%
Adam Schiff	8%	16%	23%	9%	28%	36%	40%
Mark Kelly	11%	12%	23%	9%	13%	22%	55%
Josh Shapiro	9%	14%	24%	10%	14%	24%	53%
Gretchen Whitmer	16%	14%	30%	8%	24%	32%	38%
Gavin Newsom	12%	18%	30%	10%	33%	43%	27%
Barack Obama	35%	20%	55%	12%	30%	42%	3%
Raphael Warnock	13%	13%	25%	9%	18%	27%	48%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	20%	19%	39%	13%	45%	58%	4%
Kamala Harris	23%	20%	42%	11%	40%	51%	7%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	12%	27%	9%	24%	33%	40%

18. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	22%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	57%	27%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Climate change and the environment	43%	24%	66%	17%	17%	34%
Foreign policy	49%	39%	88%	10%	3%	12%
National Security	65%	28%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Education	59%	31%	90%	7%	2%	10%
Health care	66%	27%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	66%	27%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Abortion	45%	27%	72%	16%	11%	28%
Civil rights	53%	29%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Civil liberties	48%	35%	83%	12%	5%	17%
Guns	51%	30%	81%	13%	6%	19%
Crime	60%	30%	90%	8%	2%	10%
Criminal justice reform	42%	40%	82%	12%	6%	18%
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	96%	4%	0%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Immigration	11%
Health care	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Abortion	8%
Climate change and the environment	7%
Civil rights	6%
National Security	5%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Guns	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Education	2%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	5%

21. 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%	19%	40%	13%	39%	52%	8%
Immigration	10%	19%	29%	14%	47%	61%	10%
Foreign policy	16%	18%	35%	16%	39%	55%	10%
National Security	17%	21%	38%	11%	40%	51%	11%
Education	18%	23%	41%	11%	32%	44%	15%
Crime	15%	22%	36%	12%	37%	49%	15%
Criminal justice reform	11%	22%	33%	11%	35%	46%	21%
Inflation/prices	14%	19%	33%	12%	47%	59%	7%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	62%
Not sure	9%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	52%
Not sure	14%

24. 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	24%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	27%
Total Conservative	50%
Not sure	16%

25. 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	12%	25%	37%	19%	35%	54%	9%
Republicans in Congress	8%	25%	33%	18%	40%	58%	9%

26. 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	20%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	22%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	33%

27. 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	13%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	40%
Not sure	30%

28. 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	12%
Approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Disapprove	60%
Not sure	26%

29. 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	17%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	38%

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

Yes	43%
No	50%
Not sure	7%

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

Confident	42%
Uneasy	50%
Not sure	8%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	19%
Fair	27%
Poor	45%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	20%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	5%

34. 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	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	2%

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

Better off financially	26%
Just about the same as now	38%
Worse off financially	18%
Not sure	18%

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

Russia	3%
Ukraine	59%
Neither	27%
Not sure	12%

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

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	21%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	34%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	24%
Not sure	20%

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

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

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

Strongly approve	6%
Somewhat approve	16%
Approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	20%

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

Too supportive of Israel	26%
About right	19%
Not supportive enough of Israel	28%
Not sure	28%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	18%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	38%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	21%
Not sure	22%

42. 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	27%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	22%
Not sure	28%

43. How united or divided would you say the Democratic Party is at present?

Very united	7%
Somewhat united	21%
Somewhat divided	36%
Very divided	23%
Don't know	14%

44. How united or divided would you say the Republican Party is at present?

Very united	30%
Somewhat united	30%
Somewhat divided	17%
Very divided	9%
Don't know	15%

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

Yes	52%
No	30%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	55%
No	24%
Not sure	21%

47. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's decision to step aside as the Democratic nominee for president?

Strongly approve	51%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	74%
Somewhat disapprove	6%
Strongly disapprove	9%
Disapprove	16%
Not sure	11%

48. Now that Joe Biden has stepped aside as the Democratic nominee for president, would you approve or disapprove of Kamala Harris becoming the nominee?

Strongly approve	29%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	51%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	12%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden's decision to endorse Kamala Harris as the Democratic nominee for president?

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	52%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	17%

50. Compared to Joe Biden, do you think Kamala Harris is more likely or less likely to win the presidential election?

More likely to win the presidential election	26%
About as likely to win the presidential election	28%
Less likely to win the presidential election	32%
Not sure	14%

51. Do you think Kamala Harris is qualified to be president?

Qualified to be president	43%
Not qualified to be president	43%
Not sure	14%

52. How much of the recent Republican National Convention did you watch?

I watched almost the entire convention	13%
I only watched some of the convention	21%
I only watched clips or highlights	19%
I only read or watched news stories analyzing the convention	12%
I didn't watch any of the convention	36%

53. Donald Trump recently selected J.D. Vance as his vice presidential running mate. Do you think that selecting J.D. Vance was a good choice or a bad choice?

Very good choice	21%
Somewhat good choice	18%
Somewhat bad choice	10%
Very bad choice	19%
Don't know	31%

54. Do you think J.D. Vance is qualified to be president?

Qualified to be president	29%
Not qualified to be president	37%
Not sure	34%

55. Would you say J.D. Vance is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	2%
Total Liberal	3%
Moderate	9%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	32%
Total Conservative	61%
Not sure	27%

56. Do you think J.D. Vance helps or hurts Donald Trump's chances to win the presidential election?

Helps Trump's chances	31%
Hurts Trump's chances	10%
Makes no difference	35%
Not sure	24%

57. How would you rate the job being done by the Secret Service?

Excellent	9%
Good	20%
Fair	23%
Poor	34%
Don't know	14%

58. How confident are you that the Secret Service can protect presidential candidates from harm?

Extremely confident	10%
Very confident	15%
Somewhat confident	37%
Not at all confident	27%
Not sure	11%

59. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict	50%
No change	29%
Make gun laws less strict	12%
Not sure	9%

60. How much have you heard about the assassination attempt on Donald Trump on July 13, 2024?

A lot	76%
A little	22%
Nothing at all	3%

61. Do you think that the attempted assassination of Donald Trump...?

Is an isolated event	24%
Represents a broader problem in American society	63%
Not sure	13%

62. Do you think that the person who attempted to assassinate Donald Trump was mostly motivated by...?

Political beliefs	28%
Something other than political beliefs	40%
Not sure	32%

63. To what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following is responsible for the attempted assassination of Donald Trump?

	Very responsible	Somewhat responsible	Not very responsible	Not at all responsible	Not sure
The shooter	83%	7%	2%	2%	7%
Mental illness	36%	34%	7%	7%	16%
Gun laws	29%	16%	15%	30%	9%
The news media	29%	27%	13%	18%	13%
Rhetoric from Donald Trump and Republicans	27%	20%	15%	21%	17%
The Secret Service	26%	32%	14%	18%	10%
Rhetoric from Joe Biden and Democrats	23%	17%	11%	34%	14%

64. Do you think the attempted assassination of Donald Trump helps or hurts Trump's chances to win the presidential election?

Helps Trump's chances	57%
Hurts Trump's chances	3%
Makes no difference	30%
Not sure	10%

65. How much have you heard about the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris?

A lot	16%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	33%

66. Thinking about the Summer Olympics this year, how much of the games do you expect you will watch?

I will watch events every day	7%
I will watch lots of events when I can	15%
I will watch a few events	35%
I will not watch any of them	33%
Not sure	9%

67. If you could afford it and were permitted to attend, would you want to go see the Olympic Games in person in Paris this year?

Yes	34%
No	56%
Not sure	10%

68. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in selecting Paris to host the Summer Olympic Games?

Yes	36%
No	14%
Not sure	50%

69. How much confidence do you have that the Summer Olympics in Paris will be safe from terrorism?

A great deal of confidence	18%
Some confidence	43%
A little confidence	26%
No confidence	14%

70. Which are your favorite sports at the summer Olympics? Please choose up to five.

Swimming	29%
Artistic gymnastics	23%
Track and field (athletics)	21%
Diving	21%
Basketball	20%
None of the above	17%
Rhythmic gymnastics	14%
Volleyball (beach)	11%
Don't know	10%
Boxing	10%
Soccer (football)	9%
Tennis	7%
Synchronized swimming	6%
Skateboarding	6%
Archery	6%
Shooting	6%
Weightlifting	6%
Volleyball (indoor)	5%
3-on-3 basketball	5%
Golf	5%
Fencing	4%
BMX freestyle	4%
Surfing	4%
Equestrian / Jumping	4%

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BMX racing	4%
Marathon swimming	3%
Table tennis	3%
Equestrian / Dressage	3%
Rowing	3%
Road cycling	3%
Triathlon	2%
Badminton	2%
Track cycling (indoor cycling)	2%
Taekwondo	2%
Sailing	2%
Greco-Roman wrestling	2%
Breaking	2%
Judo	2%
Equestrian / Eventing	2%
Trampoline	2%
Freestyle wrestling	1%
Mountain biking	1%
Water polo	1%
Rugby	1%
Canoe/kayak (sprint)	1%
Canoe/kayak (slalom)	1%
Handball	1%
Sport climbing (rock climbing)	1%
Field hockey	1%
Modern pentathlon	1%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	34%
Not sure	9%

72. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

73. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	5%
Not sure	6%

75. 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	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	16%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

76. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

77. Respondent age by category

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

78. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

80. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	4%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	19%
No	81%

82. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	39%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	12%

84. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	25%

85. 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	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	37%
Don't know	1%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

87. 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	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

88. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	16%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 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.
Sample composition	1,981 started the survey after screenouts. 209 were deleted due to breakoffs, 80 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 29 were removed for attention check failures, and 58 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,605 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 0.051 to 6.564, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.901.
Number of respondents	1605 1435 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	68 questions not reported.