

The Economist/YouGov Poll

September 8 - 10, 2024 - 1626 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1626 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted September 8 - 10, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	47%
Some	29%
Only a little	17%
None at all	7%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	34%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	18%
Not too enthusiastic	16%
Not at all enthusiastic	16%

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	5%
Probably will not vote	1%
Definitely will not vote	2%
Don't know	1%

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

Among registered voters

Kamala Harris	45%
Donald Trump	45%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	2%
I would not vote	2%
Not sure	5%

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	51%
I would not consider voting for Kamala Harris	49%

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	49%
Prefer Trump over Harris	45%
Prefer both equally	6%

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	95%
I could change my mind between now and the election	5%

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	38%
Donald Trump	37%
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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	45%
Other	1%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	1%

13. 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 if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting for Kamala Harris	61%
I'm mostly voting against Donald Trump	36%
Not sure	3%

14. Would you say you are mostly voting for Donald Trump or against Kamala Harris?

Asked of registered voters who say they would vote for Donald Trump if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting for Donald Trump	73%
I'm mostly voting against Kamala Harris	26%
Not sure	2%

15. 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	28%	21%	48%	6%	42%	48%	4%
Tim Walz	25%	16%	40%	8%	33%	41%	19%
Donald Trump	27%	17%	45%	7%	46%	53%	3%
JD Vance	19%	20%	39%	8%	36%	44%	16%

16. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of ...?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Jerome Powell	5%	14%	19%	13%	9%	22%	59%
The Federal Reserve	10%	31%	41%	21%	15%	36%	23%
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)	12%	20%	32%	15%	10%	25%	44%
Banks	6%	33%	39%	31%	14%	45%	16%

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
Elon Musk	19%	23%	43%	12%	33%	45%	12%
Liz Cheney	8%	22%	31%	12%	26%	38%	32%
Dick Cheney	1%	5%	6%	3%	9%	13%	82%
Hunter Biden	4%	11%	15%	19%	44%	62%	23%

18. 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
Joe Biden	20%	21%	41%	14%	42%	56%	3%

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%	97%	3%	0%	3%
Immigration	53%	29%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Climate change and the environment	41%	25%	66%	18%	16%	34%
Foreign policy	50%	37%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	64%	28%	92%	7%	2%	8%
Education	62%	31%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Health care	70%	24%	94%	4%	2%	6%
Taxes and government spending	65%	30%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Abortion	50%	23%	73%	18%	8%	27%
Civil rights	57%	29%	86%	9%	4%	14%
Civil liberties	55%	32%	87%	11%	2%	13%
Guns	55%	29%	84%	12%	4%	16%
Crime	60%	29%	89%	9%	2%	11%
Criminal justice reform	43%	40%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Inflation/prices	77%	20%	97%	3%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	23%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	10%
Abortion	9%
Health care	8%
Climate change and the environment	7%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	5%
Civil liberties	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Guns	4%
Education	3%
Crime	3%
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	17%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	4%

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	20%	19%	39%	13%	41%	55%	6%
Immigration	11%	20%	31%	15%	45%	60%	9%
Education	16%	24%	41%	14%	33%	47%	13%
Health care	20%	24%	44%	15%	31%	47%	10%
Civil rights	17%	23%	40%	14%	30%	45%	15%
Civil liberties	17%	22%	40%	15%	31%	46%	14%
Crime	14%	22%	36%	15%	38%	53%	11%
Inflation/prices	13%	18%	32%	13%	48%	61%	7%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	60%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	21%

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	8%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	35%
Not sure	34%

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	21%
Approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	42%
Not sure	27%

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	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	25%

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	15%
Somewhat approve	15%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	31%
Not sure	39%

30. Would you say Kamala Harris is...

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	27%
Total Liberal	66%
Moderate	18%
Conservative	2%
Very conservative	1%
Total Conservative	4%
Not sure	13%

31. Do you think Kamala Harris is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	39%
Not honest and trustworthy	43%
Not sure	18%

32. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	3%
Total Liberal	7%
Moderate	13%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	31%
Total Conservative	63%
Not sure	18%

33. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	34%
Not honest and trustworthy	53%
Not sure	13%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	22%
Fair	28%
Poor	42%
Don't know	2%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	49%
Not sure	5%

36. 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	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	3%

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

Better off financially	25%
Just about the same as now	35%
Worse off financially	20%
Not sure	20%

38. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	36%
Not sure	6%

39. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	9%
Equally positive and negative	29%
Mostly negative	44%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	18%

40. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	22%
Staying about the same	24%
Shrinking	37%
Not sure	17%

41. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	41%
No	33%
Not sure	27%

42. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	16%
Not very likely	18%
Not at all likely	4%
Not sure	18%
Not asked - Already in a recession	41%

43. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	4%
The unemployment rate and job reports	16%
The prices of goods and services you buy	54%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	16%

44. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?	
Very important	21%
Somewhat important	39%
Not very important	27%
Unimportant	13%
45. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?	
Very serious	26%
Somewhat serious	37%
A minor problem	22%
Not a problem	7%
Not sure	7%
46. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	
Increased	26%
Stayed the same	26%
Decreased	17%
Don't know	31%
47. Are the number of jobs in the United States...	
Increasing	26%
Staying the same	39%
Decreasing	35%
48. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
Higher gas prices	34%
The same gas prices	24%
Lower gas prices	16%
Not sure	25%
49. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
A higher rate of inflation	29%
The same rate of inflation	25%
A lower rate of inflation	22%
Not sure	25%
50. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?	
A lot	61%
A little	35%
Not at all	4%

51. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	40%
Probably	32%
Probably not	14%
Definitely not	9%
Not sure	5%

52. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	29%
Not very worried	63%

53. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	41%
Not very hard	25%
Not sure	7%

54. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	25%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

55. If you had to choose, would you rather have a president who...

Compromises to get things done.	60%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what.	40%

56. If the scheduled September 10 debate between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump takes place, do you think you will watch it?

Definitely will	36%
Probably will	27%
Probably not	13%
Definitely not	14%
Not sure	10%

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

Kamala Harris	41%
Donald Trump	39%
Don't know	20%

58. Support or Oppose Policy Proposals

Half of respondents were asked about a government efficiency commission headed by Elon Musk, the other half were not told who would head it

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Increasing the startup-expense deduction for small businesses from \$5,000 to \$50,000	21%	28%	11%	10%	30%
Making it easier for workers and businesses with occupational licenses to operate across state lines	34%	36%	3%	2%	25%
Preventing corporate landlords from using algorithmic price-setting tools	35%	19%	9%	8%	29%
Increasing capital gains tax paid when an investment is sold, or gains are realized, from 20% to 28% among people earning \$1 million or more annually	32%	17%	9%	18%	24%
Creating a government efficiency commission to conduct financial and performance audits of the federal government	-	-	-	-	-
Removing all regulation on new drilling, pipelines, refineries, and power plants	18%	17%	15%	30%	19%
Opening up portions of federal land for large-scale housing construction	16%	23%	16%	22%	23%
Imposing a tariff of 10% on goods imported to the U.S. from other countries	20%	25%	12%	18%	26%
Creating a government efficiency commission to conduct financial and performance audits of the federal government and suggest spending cuts	34%	29%	8%	8%	21%
Creating a government efficiency commission — headed by Elon Musk — to conduct financial and performance audits of the federal government and suggest spending cuts	27%	15%	6%	32%	20%

59. Do you believe the following countries are actively trying to influence the U.S. presidential election in November?

	Yes	No	Not sure
China	66%	13%	20%
Iran	52%	21%	27%
Russia	69%	13%	18%
Ukraine	31%	43%	26%
Israel	38%	34%	28%

60. Which candidate do you think the following countries favor in the U.S. presidential election in November?

	Kamala Harris	Donald Trump	Not favoring a particular candidate	Not sure
China	37%	26%	13%	23%
Iran	35%	21%	16%	29%
Russia	28%	46%	8%	18%
Ukraine	53%	14%	10%	23%
Israel	16%	50%	11%	23%

61. 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	54%
No change	28%
Make gun laws less strict	10%
Not sure	8%

62. Do you think that stricter gun laws would...?

Increase the number of mass shootings in the U.S.	6%
Not change the number of mass shootings in the U.S.	39%
Decrease the number of mass shootings in the U.S.	44%
Not sure	11%

63. Throughout your life, have you ever changed your mind on the issue of gun control?

Yes	24%
No	76%

64. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor strongly	Favor some-what	Favor	Oppose some-what	Oppose strongly	Oppose	Not sure
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	63%	17%	79%	8%	6%	13%	7%
Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others	51%	22%	72%	9%	9%	18%	10%
Banning assault rifles	44%	15%	59%	10%	20%	31%	10%
Holding parents legally responsible if their child commits a crime with a gun they got from their parents	52%	25%	77%	8%	5%	13%	10%
Allowing people with a concealed carry permit in one state to have it recognized in other states	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allowing public school teachers to carry concealed weapons	24%	18%	43%	13%	32%	45%	12%

65. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about a mass shooting at a high school in Atlanta, Georgia, in which two students and two teachers were killed, and nine other people were injured?

A lot	45%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	10%

66. Do you think that stricter gun laws would or would not have prevented the recent mass shooting?

Would have	37%
Would not have	43%
Not sure	20%

67. Do you think that colleges should be more focused on...?

Stopping hate speech	15%
Protecting free speech	25%
Both equally	53%
Not sure	7%

68. In order to make up for past discrimination, do you support or oppose special programs which make special efforts to help minorities get ahead?

Strongly support	21%
Somewhat support	26%
Support	47%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	24%
Oppose	39%
Not sure	14%

69. Do you support or oppose allowing transgender student athletes to play on sports teams that match their gender identity, rather than the gender they were assigned at birth?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	11%
Support	23%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	52%
Oppose	61%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

71. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

72. 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	31%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	32%
Independent	23%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

74. 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	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	2%
Don't know	0%

75. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	48%
No	41%
Not sure	11%

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	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	30%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

80. What is your marital status?

Married	39%
Separated	3%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	7%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

82. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	11%

84. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	21%
Never	33%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

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

Several times a day	24%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	20%
Don't know	4%

88. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	3%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 8 - 10, 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	1,908 started the survey after screenouts. 145 were deleted due to breakoffs, 27 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 15 were removed for attention check failures, and 95 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,626 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 0.052 to 6.632, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.946.
Number of respondents	1626 1464 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	5 questions not reported.