

Daily Survey: Defamation



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted June 10 - 14, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.6%

1. Currently, one exception to the First Amendment protection of free speech is defamation. Defamation occurs in cases when a person's untrue statement is proved to have caused real harm to another person. In your opinion, should defamation be considered an exception to free speech?

Yes, it should be	48%
No, it should not be	29%
Not sure	23%

2. The actor Johnny Depp was recently awarded \$15 million in a defamation lawsuit against his ex-wife Amber Heard, who claimed that she was a victim of abuse. Do you agree or disagree with this verdict?

Agree	56%
Disagree	13%
Not sure	30%

3. In her countersuit against Johnny Depp, Amber Heard was awarded \$2 million in damages. Do you agree or disagree with this verdict?

Agree	26%
Disagree	33%
Not sure	41%

4. Do you think that defamation lawsuits will prevent victims of domestic violence from speaking out about abuse they've experienced?

Yes	22%
No	50%
Not sure	28%

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Interviewing Dates	June 10 - 14, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.243 to 6.523, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.569.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	80 questions not reported.