

The Economist/YouGov Poll

April 21 - 23, 2024 - 1651 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1651 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted April 21 - 23, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	19%
Off on the wrong track	71%
Not sure	10%

2. 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	26%	17%	43%	7%	47%	55%	3%
Michael Cohen	3%	13%	16%	17%	26%	43%	41%
Stormy Daniels	5%	18%	23%	18%	28%	46%	31%
Melania Trump	24%	20%	43%	20%	25%	44%	12%
Doug Emhoff	8%	8%	16%	9%	9%	18%	66%
Jill Biden	20%	18%	38%	17%	30%	47%	14%
Alejandro Mayorkas	6%	13%	19%	6%	25%	31%	50%

3. 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	19%	21%	39%	12%	45%	58%	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	22%	38%	11%	43%	54%	8%
Mike Johnson	7%	20%	26%	18%	20%	38%	36%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	27%	97%	2%	0%	3%
Immigration	56%	29%	85%	12%	4%	15%
Climate change and the environment	41%	26%	68%	17%	15%	32%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	85%	12%	3%	15%
National Security	63%	28%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Education	61%	32%	92%	5%	2%	8%

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Health care	68%	27%	95%	4%	1%	5%
Taxes and government spending	64%	28%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Abortion	48%	28%	75%	17%	8%	25%
Civil rights	55%	32%	87%	10%	4%	13%
Civil liberties	53%	34%	87%	11%	3%	13%
Guns	49%	31%	80%	14%	6%	20%
Crime	61%	30%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	43%	39%	82%	14%	4%	18%
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	97%	3%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	24%
Immigration	14%
Health care	9%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	7%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Guns	4%
Education	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	5%

7. 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	18%	20%	38%	12%	41%	53%	9%
Immigration	9%	19%	29%	12%	49%	61%	10%
Foreign policy	13%	19%	32%	15%	43%	58%	10%
National Security	15%	21%	36%	12%	39%	51%	13%
Education	14%	26%	39%	14%	32%	46%	14%
Crime	11%	20%	31%	13%	40%	53%	16%
Criminal justice reform	8%	21%	29%	15%	37%	52%	19%
Inflation/prices	11%	18%	29%	13%	49%	62%	9%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	65%
Not sure	7%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	11%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	11%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	24%
Total Conservative	46%
Not sure	18%

11. 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	44%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	1%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	3%

12. 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	16%	22%	38%	17%	35%	52%	10%
Republicans in Congress	8%	23%	31%	19%	40%	59%	10%

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	32%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Disapprove	36%
Not sure	32%

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	12%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	32%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	27%

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	39%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	26%

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	15%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	29%
Not sure	42%

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

A lot	38%
Some	31%
Only a little	20%
None at all	11%

18. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Donald Trump, would you vote for...

Among registered voters. Combined from answers to other questions

Joe Biden	43%
Donald Trump	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Cornel West	0%
Jill Stein	0%
Someone else	1%
Not sure	6%
I would not vote	4%

19. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2024 presidential election in November?

Definitely will vote	67%
Probably will vote	10%
Probably will not vote	7%
Definitely will not vote	11%
Not sure	5%

20. Do you think Joe Biden has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	40%
No	50%
Not sure	11%

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

Confident	30%
Uneasy	59%
Not sure	11%

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

Yes	42%
No	50%
Not sure	8%

23. 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	48%
Not sure	10%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	19%
Fair	29%
Poor	44%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	3%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
China	4%	6%	34%	42%	13%
Russia	1%	3%	26%	57%	13%
Ukraine	29%	39%	8%	6%	19%
Israel	40%	25%	9%	4%	22%
Palestine	4%	10%	29%	25%	32%
Iran	1%	2%	21%	56%	18%
Mexico	19%	36%	21%	5%	19%
Canada	55%	28%	5%	1%	11%

28. Do you think Joe Biden considers these to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
China	7%	20%	31%	22%	19%
Russia	2%	7%	23%	52%	16%
Ukraine	40%	37%	3%	2%	17%
Israel	39%	25%	9%	4%	23%
Palestine	6%	22%	26%	10%	35%
Iran	4%	12%	23%	38%	24%
Mexico	25%	40%	8%	3%	24%
Canada	54%	27%	2%	1%	16%

29. Do you think Donald Trump considers these to be friends or enemies of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
China	6%	17%	19%	42%	17%
Russia	15%	27%	17%	25%	17%
Ukraine	8%	28%	22%	16%	27%
Israel	40%	22%	8%	6%	24%
Palestine	2%	8%	21%	39%	30%
Iran	3%	8%	13%	52%	23%
Mexico	5%	20%	32%	24%	18%
Canada	27%	32%	13%	5%	22%

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

Russia	27%
Ukraine	10%
Neither	38%
Not sure	25%

31. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?	
Russia	31%
Ukraine	21%
Equally likely	15%
Not sure	34%
32. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?	
Increasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	29%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	26%
Not sure	18%
33. Where do you think most of the money that the U.S. government has authorized to help Ukraine is spent?	
In Ukraine	32%
In the United States	32%
Not sure	37%
34. How many Ukrainian people do you think support Ukraine's response to Russia's invasion?	
All of them	14%
Most of them	37%
About half of them	8%
A few of them	6%
None of them	5%
Not sure	30%
35. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?	
All of them	4%
Most of them	18%
About half of them	24%
A few of them	23%
None of them	5%
Not sure	26%
36. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?	
The Israelis	33%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	18%
Not sure	23%

37. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	11%
Not at all important	8%
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	19%

39. 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	34%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	28%
Not sure	19%

40. 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	31%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Not sure	24%

41. How likely do you think it is that the war between Israel and Hamas will lead to a wider war involving other countries?

Very likely	17%
Fairly likely	39%
Not very likely	12%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	20%
It already has led to a wider war	11%

42. Do you think that the U.S. is currently at war in the Middle East?

Yes	29%
No	44%
Not sure	26%

43. 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	42%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	11%

44. Do you think that the investigations in the hush-money case against Trump have been conducted fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	43%
Unfairly	35%
Not sure	22%

45. How serious is the hush-money case against Donald Trump?

Very serious	31%
Somewhat serious	25%
Not very serious	11%
Not serious at all	20%
Not sure	12%

46. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not testify in his hush-money trial?

Should testify	42%
Should not testify	21%
Not sure	37%

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

Yes	44%
No	39%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	26%
No	33%
Not sure	41%

49. If Trump is convicted in the hush-money case, what effect do you think this will have on his future political career?

Very positive	8%
Somewhat positive	6%
No effect	28%
Somewhat negative	25%
Very negative	16%
Not sure	16%

50. Should abortion laws be decided nationally or left to the states?

Decided nationally	44%
Left to the states	44%
Not sure	12%

51. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	31%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	30%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	32%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	8%

52. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following?

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Establishing a national right to abortion	42%	12%	55%	7%	27%	34%	11%
Banning abortion nationwide	13%	8%	21%	12%	57%	69%	10%

53. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following? - Banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly support	27%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	45%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose	28%
Oppose	42%
Not sure	13%

54. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law doing the following? - Limiting abortion to 15 weeks of pregnancy

Asked of the other randomly assigned half-sample

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	24%
Support	39%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	35%
Oppose	47%
Not sure	15%

55. To the best of your knowledge, does the person below believe that abortion should be...?

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Not sure
Joe Biden	37%	33%	4%	5%	21%
Donald Trump	3%	12%	34%	24%	27%
Your Governor	20%	20%	19%	14%	28%
Your member of Congress	14%	19%	18%	11%	38%

56. To your knowledge, in [state of residence] is abortion currently...?

Legal in all cases	18%
Legal in most cases	30%
Illegal in most cases	20%
Illegal in all cases	11%
Not sure	21%

57. Do you think that the outcome of the upcoming election in November will or will not impact the legal status of abortion in [state of residence]?

Definitely will	11%
Probably will	23%
Probably will not	26%
Definitely will not	10%
Not sure	30%

58. If there is a question about abortion on the ballot in [state of residence] in the November election, would that make you...?

More likely to vote in the election	26%
Less likely to vote in the election	2%
No difference in your likelihood of voting	59%
Not sure	13%

59. If there is a question about abortion on the ballot in [state of residence] in the November election, would you vote to...?

Protect abortion access	49%
Restrict abortion access	26%
Would not vote	8%
Not sure	17%

60. If you agreed with a candidate on abortion, but not on most other issues, would you still vote for them?

Definitely would	5%
Probably would	18%
Probably would not	26%
Definitely would not	13%
Not sure	39%

61. If you agreed with a candidate on most issues, but disagreed with them on abortion, would you still vote for them?

Definitely would	8%
Probably would	26%
Probably would not	22%
Definitely would not	12%
Not sure	32%

62. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Some-what agree	Agree	Some-what disagree	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Not sure
Decisions about abortion should be left up to a woman and her doctor	53%	18%	71%	10%	12%	22%	7%
The government has a right and an obligation to pass restrictions on abortion	13%	16%	29%	14%	45%	58%	13%
Even though I would never get an abortion, I support a woman's right to get one	45%	19%	64%	11%	16%	27%	9%

63. How serious a problem is anti-semitism in the United States?

Very serious problem	26%
Somewhat serious problem	32%
A minor problem	17%
Not a problem	6%
Not sure	19%

64. How serious a problem is discrimination against Muslim people in the United States?

Very serious problem	19%
Somewhat serious problem	30%
A minor problem	25%
Not a problem	12%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	13%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	33%
Not sure	8%

66. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

67. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	6%

69. 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	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

70. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

71. Respondent age by category

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

72. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	8%

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

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

74. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	1%
Divorced	9%
Widowed	6%
Never married	37%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	18%
No	82%

76. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	10%

78. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important	25%

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

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	25%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	16%
Never	22%
Don't know	3%

82. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	11%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 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	2,157 started the survey after screenouts. 246 were deleted due to breakoffs, 167 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 36 were removed for attention check failures, and 57 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,651 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 6.607, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.942.
Number of respondents	1651 1470 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	54 questions not reported.