

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 9 - 11, 2024 - 1595 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1595 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted June 9 - 11, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	12%

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

A lot	42%
Some	30%
Only a little	19%
None at all	9%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	28%
Very enthusiastic	15%
Somewhat enthusiastic	18%
Not too enthusiastic	16%
Not at all enthusiastic	23%

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	79%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	5%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	1%
Don't know	2%

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

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	40%
Donald Trump	42%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	1%
I would not vote	2%
Not sure	9%

6. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Joe Biden or AGAINST Donald Trump?

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

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden	48%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	51%
Not sure	1%

7. Would you say you are mostly voting FOR Donald Trump or AGAINST Joe Biden?

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	67%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	32%
Not sure	1%

8. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden	34%
Donald Trump	41%
Not sure	25%

9. 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	44%
Other	1%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	2%

10. Which of the following would you be satisfied with Donald Trump choosing as his vice presidential running mate? Select all that apply.

None of the above	31%
Not sure	28%
Ron DeSantis	19%
Nikki Haley	15%
Ben Carson	14%
Tim Scott	13%
Marco Rubio	12%
J.D. Vance	7%
Byron Donalds	7%
Tom Cotton	7%
Elise Stefanik	6%
Doug Burgum	5%

11. Which of the following would you be dissatisfied with Donald Trump choosing as his vice presidential running mate? Select all that apply.

Not sure	33%
Nikki Haley	31%
Ron DeSantis	28%
Marco Rubio	23%
Tim Scott	19%
Ben Carson	19%
J.D. Vance	18%
Tom Cotton	17%
Elise Stefanik	17%
Byron Donalds	15%
Doug Burgum	14%
None of the above	12%

12. 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	27%	15%	42%	7%	47%	54%	5%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	7%	26%	32%	22%	26%	48%	20%
Steve Bannon	4%	13%	17%	13%	34%	47%	36%
Hunter Biden	4%	13%	17%	17%	45%	62%	21%

13. 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%	20%	39%	10%	46%	57%	4%
Kamala Harris	16%	20%	37%	10%	44%	54%	9%
Mike Johnson	7%	15%	23%	14%	26%	40%	37%
Mitch McConnell	2%	13%	16%	21%	43%	64%	21%
Chuck Schumer	11%	16%	27%	13%	33%	46%	27%
Hakeem Jeffries	12%	11%	24%	10%	22%	32%	44%

14. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	96%	2%	1%	4%

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Immigration	54%	31%	84%	13%	3%	16%
Climate change and the environment	42%	27%	68%	14%	17%	32%
Foreign policy	45%	41%	86%	10%	4%	14%
National Security	61%	29%	91%	6%	3%	9%
Education	57%	32%	89%	7%	4%	11%
Health care	66%	27%	93%	4%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	60%	31%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Abortion	48%	27%	75%	15%	10%	25%
Civil rights	52%	33%	85%	10%	5%	15%
Civil liberties	52%	35%	86%	9%	5%	14%
Guns	50%	32%	81%	13%	6%	19%
Crime	58%	31%	89%	9%	2%	11%
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	82%	13%	5%	18%
Inflation/prices	77%	20%	97%	2%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Immigration	14%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Abortion	9%
Health care	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Civil rights	4%
Education	3%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	5%

17. 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%	18%	37%	15%	39%	55%	8%
Immigration	9%	20%	29%	15%	47%	62%	9%
Climate change and the environment	15%	22%	36%	15%	34%	49%	15%
Health care	17%	21%	38%	16%	33%	49%	13%
Taxes and government spending	12%	20%	31%	15%	44%	59%	10%
Abortion	18%	19%	37%	11%	35%	47%	16%
Guns	10%	21%	31%	15%	38%	53%	16%
Crime	11%	21%	32%	12%	41%	53%	15%
Inflation/prices	12%	18%	31%	14%	47%	61%	8%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	11%
Approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	7%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	21%
Total Conservative	44%
Not sure	20%

21. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	21%
Strong	35%
Somewhat weak	20%
Very weak	46%
Weak	65%

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

Severely limit his ability to do the job	54%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	25%
Have no effect at all	11%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	34%
Somewhat strong	18%
Strong	52%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	36%
Weak	48%

24. 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	26%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	31%
Have no effect at all	30%
Not sure	13%

25. How much of an effect do you think Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.'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	15%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	27%
Have no effect at all	21%
Not sure	38%

26. 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%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	21%
Fair	26%
Poor	44%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	21%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	7%

29. 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	43%
Not sure	4%

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

Unemployment	5%
Inflation	56%
Both equal	34%
Not sure	5%

31. 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	11%
Equally positive and negative	27%
Mostly negative	44%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	17%

32. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?	
Growing	21%
Staying about the same	24%
Shrinking	37%
Not sure	18%
33. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?	
Yes	39%
No	35%
Not sure	26%
34. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?	
Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	16%
Not very likely	18%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	18%
Not asked - Already in a recession	39%
35. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?	
Very serious	21%
Somewhat serious	36%
A minor problem	26%
Not a problem	9%
Not sure	8%
36. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	
Increased	26%
Stayed the same	24%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	32%
37. Are the number of jobs in the United States...	
Increasing	34%
Staying the same	37%
Decreasing	29%
38. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?	
Definitely	40%
Probably	33%
Probably not	12%
Definitely not	9%
Not sure	6%

39. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	62%

40. 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.	25%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	41%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	12%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	20%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	26%
Unhappy	10%
Very unhappy	3%

42. In your opinion, should presidents have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as President?

Yes, they should be immune	20%
No, they should not be immune	59%
Not sure	20%

43. To your knowledge, do presidents currently have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as President?

Yes, they are immune	19%
No, they are not immune	47%
Not sure	34%

44. Do you think that local governments should or should not be allowed to fine or jail someone for sleeping on public land if they do not have access to shelter?

Should be allowed to fine or jail them	21%
Should not be allowed to fine or jail them	54%
Not sure	24%

45. Federal law requires that hospitals receiving federal funds must provide abortions in medical emergencies. But some state laws are more restrictive, and do not allow abortions unless the woman's life is threatened. In these cases, which law do you think should be followed?

Federal law, which says abortions must be provided in medical emergencies	56%
State law, which only allows abortions when the woman's life is threatened	26%
Not sure	19%

46. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	29%
Abortion should be legal, but with some restrictions (such as for minors or late-term abortions).	31%
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%

47. Would you support or oppose Congress passing a law that legalizes contraception throughout the United States?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	16%
Support	61%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	11%
Oppose	18%
Not sure	21%

48. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off	28%
Does not make much difference	18%
Worse off	38%
Not sure	15%

49. Do you support or oppose shutting down the U.S.-Mexico border to new asylum-seekers if an average of more than 2,500 migrants attempt to enter per day?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	19%
Support	56%
Somewhat oppose	11%
Strongly oppose	14%
Oppose	25%
Not sure	19%

50. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion on when, if ever, the government should close the U.S.-Mexico border to migrants who are seeking asylum?

It should always be closed	39%
It should be closed if the number of new entrants passes a certain threshold	40%
It should never be closed	14%
Not closed	7%

51. Do you think that President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump should work together to convince Congress to pass a bipartisan border security bill?

Yes	36%
No	33%
Not sure	32%

52. Donald Trump recently was convicted on 34 charges, including for falsifying business records to reimburse his lawyer for payments made to an adult film actress. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's decision to convict Donald Trump of 34 charges?

Strongly approve	43%
Somewhat approve	8%
Approve	51%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	38%
Not sure	11%

53. Do you think that Donald Trump's hush-money trial was rigged against him?

Yes	38%
No	49%
Not sure	13%

54. What effect do you think Trump's conviction will have on his chances in this year's presidential election?

Very positive	13%
Somewhat positive	12%
No effect	29%
Somewhat negative	20%
Very negative	11%
Not sure	15%

55. Has Donald Trump's conviction in the hush-money trial caused you to reconsider your vote in the 2024 presidential election?

Among registered voters

Yes, it has	9%
No, it has not	91%

56. Has Donald Trump's conviction in the hush-money trial made you... ?

Among registered voters

More likely to vote for Trump	2%
Less likely to vote for Trump	4%
Neither	1%
Not sure	0%
Not asked - Not reconsidering	93%

57. Do you personally know anyone who has ever tested positive for COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	42%
Yes, a family member	57%
Yes, a close friend	48%
No	18%
Prefer not to say	4%

58. Have you ever received any COVID-19 vaccines?

Yes	69%
No	28%
Not sure	3%

59. In the past six months, have you received a COVID-19 booster shot?

Yes	17%
No	50%
Not sure	1%
Not asked - Have not gotten a COVID-19 vaccine or not sure	31%

60. Is the United States doing enough to prepare for future pandemics, beyond COVID-19?

Should do more	35%
Doing about the right amount	27%
Should do less	8%
Not sure	30%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Total Conservative	33%
Not sure	8%

62. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

63. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

65. 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	7%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

66. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

67. Respondent age by category

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

68. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

HS or less	35%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

70. What is your marital status?

Married	40%
Separated	3%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

72. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	45%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	7%

74. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	22%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	25%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

77. 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	12%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	18%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

78. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	28%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 9 - 11, 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	2,113 started the survey after screenouts. 180 were deleted due to breakoffs, 80 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 29 were removed for attention check failures, and 28 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,766 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 0.061 to 6.313, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.821.
Number of respondents	1595 1399 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.