

The Economist/YouGov Poll

May 25 - 28, 2024 - 1748 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1748 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted May 25 - 28, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	68%
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
Samuel Alito	12%	13%	26%	10%	23%	33%	41%
Clarence Thomas	17%	14%	31%	10%	32%	41%	28%

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
Donald Trump	25%	16%	41%	8%	47%	55%	3%
Robert Menendez	2%	6%	8%	12%	27%	39%	53%
Tom Cotton	8%	11%	19%	9%	19%	28%	52%
Doug Burgum	5%	10%	14%	8%	12%	20%	65%
Marco Rubio	10%	19%	29%	16%	26%	42%	30%
Tim Scott	12%	16%	28%	10%	21%	30%	41%

4. 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	18%	22%	39%	13%	46%	58%	2%
Kamala Harris	16%	22%	37%	13%	43%	56%	7%
Mike Johnson	7%	20%	27%	18%	20%	38%	35%
Mitch McConnell	3%	14%	16%	23%	42%	65%	18%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	30%	14%	32%	46%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	14%	13%	27%	11%	18%	29%	44%

5. 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%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	53%	30%	83%	14%	4%	17%
Climate change and the environment	43%	26%	68%	17%	15%	32%
Foreign policy	44%	40%	84%	12%	4%	16%
National Security	62%	28%	90%	8%	3%	10%
Education	59%	31%	90%	7%	3%	10%
Health care	69%	25%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Taxes and government spending	61%	31%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Abortion	48%	28%	76%	14%	10%	24%
Civil rights	56%	31%	86%	9%	4%	14%
Civil liberties	53%	35%	87%	9%	4%	13%
Guns	56%	26%	82%	12%	6%	18%
Crime	59%	30%	90%	9%	2%	10%
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	82%	15%	4%	18%
Inflation/prices	76%	18%	94%	5%	1%	6%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Health care	11%
Immigration	11%
Jobs and the economy	11%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	8%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
National Security	4%
Guns	4%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	3%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	4%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	17%	21%	38%	13%	42%	55%	6%
Climate change and the environment	14%	24%	38%	14%	33%	47%	15%
Taxes and government spending	11%	20%	31%	14%	45%	59%	10%
Abortion	16%	22%	38%	14%	34%	48%	14%
Civil rights	13%	25%	38%	14%	33%	47%	15%
Civil liberties	12%	25%	37%	14%	33%	47%	16%
Guns	11%	22%	32%	16%	38%	54%	14%
Crime	11%	22%	33%	14%	40%	54%	13%
Inflation/prices	10%	19%	29%	15%	49%	64%	7%

9. 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	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	61%
Not sure	8%

10. 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	10%
I would not vote	3%

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

A lot	39%
Some	30%
Only a little	19%
None at all	12%

12. How likely are you to vote in the presidential election in November 2024?

Asked of registered voters

Definitely will vote	82%
Probably will vote	11%
Even chance	4%
Probably won't vote	2%
Definitely won't vote	1%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	28%
Very enthusiastic	14%
Somewhat enthusiastic	19%
Not too enthusiastic	18%
Not at all enthusiastic	22%

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

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	40%
Donald Trump	41%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	4%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	1%
I would not vote	2%
Not sure	10%

15. 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	49%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	49%
Not sure	2%

16. 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	72%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	26%
Not sure	1%

17. 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	32%
Donald Trump	42%
Not sure	26%

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

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	19%
Very weak	45%

19. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	19%
Like somewhat	17%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	9%
Dislike a lot	33%
Not sure	4%

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

Very strong	34%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	11%
Very weak	32%

21. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Donald Trump as a person?

Like a lot	16%
Like somewhat	13%
Neither like nor dislike	14%
Dislike somewhat	10%
Dislike a lot	44%
Not sure	3%

22. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	67%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	33%

23. 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%

24. Which comes closest to your view?

Our lives are threatened by terrorists, criminals, and illegal immigrants and our priority should be to protect ourselves.	41%
It's a big, beautiful world, mostly full of good people, and we must find a way to embrace each other and not allow ourselves to become isolated.	45%
Not sure	14%

25. Do you feel that things in this country these days are:

Under control	16%
Out of control	70%
Not sure	14%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	4%

27. 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	38%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	45%
Not sure	4%

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

The Israelis	32%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	26%

29. Which comes closest to your view of what the ultimate goal of Israel's ground invasion in Gaza should be?

Immediate ceasefire	23%
Targeted raids to recover hostages	8%
Defeating Hamas and then pulling out of Gaza	11%
Defeating Hamas and giving control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	14%
Defeating Hamas and occupying Gaza	12%
Not sure	32%

30. If Israel defeats Hamas, what do you think is most likely to happen? Will Israel...

Pull out of Gaza	9%
Give control of Gaza to the Palestinian Authority or some other group	14%
Continue occupying Gaza	34%
Not sure	43%

31. Do you think Palestinians should or should not have their own state?

Adapted from a 2009 Fox News/Opinion Dynamics poll question

Should	46%
Should not	16%
Don't know	39%

32. Do you think Israel has violated any international laws in Gaza?

Yes	35%
No	28%
Not sure	37%

33. To what extent, if at all, do you think that recent pro-Palestinian protests in the U.S. have had an impact on Israel's approach in Gaza?

A major impact	7%
A minor impact	20%
No impact	41%
Not sure	32%

34. 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	47%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	10%

35. 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%

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

Very serious	31%
Somewhat serious	22%
Not very serious	13%
Not serious at all	22%
Not sure	12%

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

Yes	46%
No	38%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	23%
No	36%
Not sure	40%

39. If Trump is convicted in the hush-money case, what effect do you think this will have on his chances in this year's presidential election?

Very positive	10%
Somewhat positive	9%
No effect	30%
Somewhat negative	21%
Very negative	14%
Not sure	15%

40. If Trump is acquitted in the hush-money case, what effect do you think this will have on his chances in this year's presidential election?

Very positive	23%
Somewhat positive	20%
No effect	29%
Somewhat negative	6%
Very negative	5%
Not sure	17%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	16%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	6%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	23%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	20%

43. Do you think it is acceptable or unacceptable for Supreme Court Justices to express their political views in their personal lives?

Acceptable	28%
Unacceptable	46%
Not sure	26%

44. Which of the following statements is closer to your point of view, even if neither is exactly right?

The current U.S. Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions	62%
The current US Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views	38%

45. There is currently no formal ethics code for Supreme Court justices that allows for justices to be investigated if they are accused of an ethical violation. Would you support or oppose the Supreme Court adopting a formal ethics code for justices?

Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	64%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	6%
Oppose	13%
Not sure	23%

46. How much have you heard about the Supreme Court's recent ruling that Republicans in South Carolina did not unlawfully consider race when they drew a congressional district in a way that moved thousands of Black voters to another district?

A lot	11%
A little	38%
Nothing at all	51%

47. As you may know, the Voting Rights Act was passed in the 1960s to prevent state and local governments from using rules and procedures which prevented many Black Americans from voting. Do you think...?

The Voting Rights Act is still necessary today	50%
The Voting Rights Act was necessary, but is no longer necessary today	22%
The Voting Rights Act was never necessary	7%
Not sure	21%

48. When drawing new election district maps, how acceptable or unacceptable is it for state legislators to ... ?

	Always acceptable	Sometimes acceptable	Sometimes unacceptable	Always unacceptable	Not sure
Consider race to limit the voting impact of certain racial groups	4%	7%	9%	61%	20%
Consider race to ensure diverse racial representation	21%	17%	10%	28%	24%
Consider party advantage to limit the voting impact of the opposing political party	3%	7%	10%	55%	25%
Consider party advantage, even if it will probably reduce the voting impact of some racial groups relative to others'	4%	7%	12%	47%	29%
Consider race to ensure diverse racial representation, even if it will probably limit the voting impact of one party relative to the others'	11%	15%	10%	35%	29%
Consider race to limit the voting impact of certain racial groups, specifically because these groups tend to support certain political parties	3%	7%	10%	55%	24%

49. How serious of a problem do you think a lack of competition is among major companies in the U.S.?

Very serious	26%
Somewhat serious	37%
Not very serious	14%
Not at all serious	5%
Not sure	18%

50. How often do you attend live entertainment events such as concerts or sports games?

Very often	4%
Somewhat often	14%
Not very often	27%
Not often at all	51%
Not sure	4%

51. Have you ever..? Select all that apply.	
Purchased a ticket through Ticketmaster	50%
Attended a Live Nation event	18%
None of the above	43%
Not sure	5%
52. Do you support or oppose the Federal Trade Commission and Justice Department conducting antitrust probes (e.g., investigations into price fixing, monopolizing actions, and predatory pricing) into major companies?	
Strongly support	45%
Somewhat support	26%
Support	70%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	3%
Oppose	8%
Not sure	22%
53. Do you think that Live Nation has a monopoly on the live entertainment industry?	
Yes	39%
No	10%
Not sure	51%
54. How much have you heard about the Justice Department filing a federal lawsuit accusing Ticketmaster and its parent company Live Nation of illegally monopolizing the live entertainment industry?	
A lot	10%
A little	52%
Nothing at all	38%
55. Do you approve or disapprove of the Justice Department suing Live Nation for illegally monopolizing the live entertainment industry?	
Approve	53%
Disapprove	8%
Not sure	38%
56. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	10%
Liberal	14%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	31%
Not sure	11%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

58. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	23%
Other	4%
Not sure	8%

60. 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	16%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

61. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

62. Respondent age by category

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

63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

65. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	3%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	5%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

67. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	11%

69. How important is religion in your life?

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

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

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	20%
Never	35%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	25%
No	75%

72. 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	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	21%
Don't know	3%

73. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	12%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 25 - 28, 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. 221 were deleted due to breakoffs, 85 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 38 were removed for attention check failures, and 65 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,748 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 5.708, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.845.
Number of respondents	1748 1547 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	52 questions not reported.