

The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 17 - 20, 2024 - 1565 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1565 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted August 17 - 20, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	49%
Some	28%
Only a little	16%
None at all	8%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	34%
Very enthusiastic	20%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	13%
Not at all enthusiastic	17%

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	12%
Maybe will vote	4%
Probably will not vote	2%
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	46%
Donald Trump	43%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Jill Stein	0%
Cornel West	0%
Other	1%
I would not vote	2%
Not sure	4%

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	48%
Prefer Trump over Harris	45%
Prefer both equally	7%

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. Would you say that your mind is made up about how you will vote?

Asked of registered voters who intend to vote third party

My mind is made up	53%
I could change my mind between now and the election	47%

12. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Kamala Harris were the Democratic candidate and Donald Trump were the Republican candidate ?

Kamala Harris	39%
Donald Trump	39%
Not sure	23%

13. 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	47%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Other	1%
Not sure	8%
I would not vote	2%

14. 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	27%	19%	46%	7%	40%	47%	6%
Tim Walz	26%	13%	39%	8%	30%	39%	22%
Donald Trump	27%	16%	43%	7%	46%	53%	4%
JD Vance	19%	16%	35%	10%	37%	47%	18%

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
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	7%	29%	36%	19%	25%	44%	20%
Douglas Emhoff	9%	9%	18%	8%	12%	20%	62%
Barack Obama	36%	18%	53%	11%	30%	41%	6%
Michelle Obama	34%	20%	54%	10%	28%	38%	8%
Hillary Clinton	17%	21%	38%	12%	41%	54%	8%
Bill Clinton	15%	26%	42%	19%	29%	48%	10%
Hunter Biden	5%	12%	17%	20%	42%	62%	21%
Jill Biden	20%	20%	41%	10%	32%	42%	17%
Gwen Walz	11%	10%	21%	6%	17%	24%	55%
Melania Trump	24%	16%	40%	18%	25%	43%	17%
Usha Vance	11%	11%	22%	11%	13%	24%	54%

16. 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	20%	20%	39%	13%	42%	55%	5%

17. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	75%	21%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	54%	31%	85%	12%	4%	15%
Climate change and the environment	44%	23%	67%	16%	17%	33%

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Foreign policy	46%	41%	87%	9%	4%	13%
National Security	63%	29%	92%	6%	2%	8%
Education	62%	29%	90%	7%	3%	10%
Health care	70%	24%	93%	4%	2%	7%
Taxes and government spending	65%	29%	93%	5%	2%	7%
Abortion	49%	23%	72%	16%	12%	28%
Civil rights	54%	30%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	86%	8%	5%	14%
Guns	52%	29%	81%	11%	7%	19%
Crime	60%	30%	90%	7%	2%	10%
Criminal justice reform	43%	38%	81%	13%	5%	19%
Inflation/prices	78%	19%	97%	2%	1%	3%

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

Inflation/prices	26%
Jobs and the economy	12%
Immigration	11%
Health care	9%
Climate change and the environment	8%
Abortion	6%
National Security	5%
Civil rights	5%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Education	4%
Guns	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Crime	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	38%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	42%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	7%

20. 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%	39%	52%	9%
Immigration	11%	20%	31%	13%	45%	58%	11%
Foreign policy	14%	19%	33%	15%	40%	55%	12%
National Security	16%	20%	36%	11%	39%	49%	14%
Education	16%	22%	38%	12%	33%	44%	17%
Crime	13%	20%	33%	11%	38%	49%	18%
Criminal justice reform	11%	20%	31%	14%	34%	48%	21%
Inflation/prices	13%	19%	32%	12%	47%	59%	9%

21. 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	20%
Somewhat disapprove	27%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	10%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	21%
Approve	34%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	15%

23. 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	26%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	26%
Total Conservative	45%
Not sure	20%

24. 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	15%	24%	39%	16%	34%	49%	12%
Republicans in Congress	10%	21%	32%	19%	38%	57%	12%

25. 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	9%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	37%

26. 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	20%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	32%

27. 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	17%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	26%

28. 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	14%
Approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Disapprove	29%
Not sure	42%

29. Do you think Kamala Harris has the temperament to be the President?

Yes	45%
No	42%
Not sure	12%

30. Are you confident in Kamala Harris's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	40%
Uneasy	46%
Not sure	15%

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

Yes	41%
No	51%
Not sure	8%

32. Are you confident in Donald Trump's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	41%
Uneasy	51%
Not sure	8%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	18%
Fair	30%
Poor	43%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	23%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	6%

35. 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	3%

36. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially	26%
Just about the same as now	33%
Worse off financially	18%
Not sure	22%

37. What is the current inflation rate in the U.S.? Inflation is the rate of increase in prices in the last twelve months.. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 2%	3%
Between 2-4%	31%
Between 4-6%	15%
Between 6-8%	12%
Between 8-10%	11%
Between 10-12%	9%
Between 12-14%	4%
Between 14-16%	4%
Greater than 16%	11%

38. Compared to six months ago, is the current inflation rate...?

Higher	36%
About the same	24%
Lower	28%
Not sure	11%

39. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	27%
The same rate of inflation	24%
A lower rate of inflation	22%
Not sure	27%

40. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce inflation?

The Democratic Party	32%
The Republican Party	36%
Neither party	17%
Not sure	15%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	1%	4%	27%	54%	13%
Ukraine	31%	39%	7%	6%	17%
Israel	39%	27%	9%	6%	19%
Palestine	3%	13%	28%	25%	32%
Iran	1%	3%	22%	55%	19%
France	41%	33%	8%	1%	17%
Venezuela	3%	13%	31%	17%	37%
Bangladesh	3%	18%	13%	5%	62%
China	2%	9%	37%	37%	15%

42. How serious a threat do you think the following pose to the United States?

	An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	A minor threat to the U.S.	Not a threat to the U.S.	Not sure
Iran	33%	30%	14%	6%	16%
Russia	37%	36%	12%	4%	11%
China	36%	35%	11%	5%	13%
Hamas	28%	24%	19%	11%	18%
Hezbollah	23%	21%	15%	9%	32%

43. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, who do you sympathize with more?

Russia	3%
Ukraine	63%
Neither	23%
Not sure	11%

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

Russia	16%
Ukraine	22%
Neither	34%
Not sure	28%

45. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?	
Russia	23%
Ukraine	23%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	38%
46. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?	
Increasing military aid to Ukraine	25%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	28%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	27%
Not sure	20%
47. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, do you think Joe Biden's sympathies are more with...	
Russia	4%
About equal	7%
Ukraine	67%
Not sure	22%
48. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, do you think Kamala Harris' sympathies are more with...	
Russia	5%
About equal	7%
Ukraine	59%
Not sure	29%
49. In the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, do you think Donald Trump's sympathies are more with...?	
Russia	37%
About equal	16%
Ukraine	21%
Not sure	27%
50. Do you think that Joe Biden's approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?	
Too supportive of Ukraine	28%
About right	34%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	14%
Not sure	24%
51. Do you think that Kamala Harris' approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?	
Too supportive of Ukraine	21%
About right	30%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	10%
Not sure	39%

52. Do you think that Donald Trump’s approach to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine has been...?	
Too supportive of Ukraine	3%
About right	28%
Not supportive enough of Ukraine	35%
Not sure	34%
53. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the Russian invasion of Ukraine will lead to a wider war in Europe?	
Very likely	8%
Fairly likely	28%
Not very likely	28%
Not at all likely	5%
Not sure	22%
It already has led to a wider war	8%
54. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?	
The Israelis	35%
About equal	25%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	23%
55. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel?	
Increasing military aid to Israel	20%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	35%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	25%
Not sure	19%
56. 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	28%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	25%
Not sure	23%
57. Do you think that the Israeli government’s military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?	
Too harsh	32%
About right	22%
Not harsh enough	17%
Not sure	29%
58. Do you think Israel has violated any international laws in Gaza?	
Yes	35%
No	28%
Not sure	37%

59. How likely do you think it is that there will be a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas within the next month?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	15%
Not very likely	33%
Not likely at all	22%
Not sure	27%

60. 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	13%
Fairly likely	36%
Not very likely	15%
Not at all likely	2%
Not sure	24%
It already has led to a wider war	9%

61. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Iran will attack Israel in the next year?

Very likely	20%
Somewhat likely	37%
Not very likely	10%
Not likely at all	3%
Not sure	31%

62. If Iran does attack Israel in the next year, do you think the U.S. military should get involved?

Yes	33%
No	39%
Not sure	28%

63. How united or divided would you say the Democratic Party is at present?

Very united	22%
Somewhat united	26%
Somewhat divided	22%
Very divided	14%
Don't know	16%

64. How united or divided would you say the Republican Party is at present?

Very united	15%
Somewhat united	25%
Somewhat divided	28%
Very divided	16%
Don't know	16%

65. How much of the Democratic National Convention do you plan to watch in August?	
I'll watch a lot of it	14%
I'll watch some of it	31%
I'll watch Joe Biden's speech, but nothing else	2%
I probably won't watch it	53%
66. If it becomes necessary, do you think Tim Walz is qualified to be president?	
Qualified to be president	33%
Not qualified to be president	34%
Not sure	33%
67. If it becomes necessary, do you think JD Vance is qualified to be president?	
Qualified to be president	28%
Not qualified to be president	41%
Not sure	32%
68. How much of an effect do you think Joe Biden's health and age are having on his ability to fulfill his duties as President right now?	
Severely limiting his ability to do the job	60%
Having little effect on his ability to do the job	23%
Having no effect at all	8%
Not sure	9%
69. How much of an effect do you think Kamala Harris' health and age would have on her ability to fulfill her duties as President, if she were elected in November?	
Severely limit her ability to do the job	8%
Have little effect on her ability to do the job	16%
Have no effect at all	60%
Not sure	15%
70. 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	35%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	24%
Have no effect at all	31%
Not sure	10%

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

Very liberal	10%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	27%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	10%

72. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

73. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	32%
Independent	22%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

75. 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	8%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

76. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	52%
No	41%
Not sure	7%

77. Are you...?	
Male	48%
Female	52%

78. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	32%
65+	22%

79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

80. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	36%
Some college	30%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

81. What is your marital status?	
Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Never married	35%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

82. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?	
Yes	21%
No	79%

83. Census Region	
<i>Calculated from respondent's state of residence</i>	
Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	40%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

85. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	33%
Somewhat important	24%
Not too important	18%
Not at all important	25%

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

More than once a week	5%
Once a week	13%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	37%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Several times a day	25%
Once a day	11%
A few times a week	13%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	8%
Seldom	15%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

89. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	0%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	8%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 17 - 20, 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	1,843 started the survey after screenouts. 165 were deleted due to breakoffs, 29 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 32 were removed for attention check failures, and 52 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,565 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 6.078, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.815.
Number of respondents	1565 1371 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	0 questions not reported.