

The Economist/YouGov Poll

June 16 - 18, 2024 - 1600 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1600 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted June 16 - 18, 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	67%
Not sure	10%

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

A lot	41%
Some	28%
Only a little	19%
None at all	11%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	30%
Very enthusiastic	14%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	17%
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	78%
Probably will vote	12%
Maybe will vote	6%
Probably will not vote	2%
Definitely will not vote	1%
Don't know	1%

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

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	42%
Donald Trump	42%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	4%
Jill Stein	1%
Cornel West	1%
Other	1%
I would not vote	2%
Not sure	8%

6. 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	45%
The Republican Party candidate	44%
Other	1%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	2%

7. 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
Evan Gershkovich	6%	9%	15%	7%	6%	12%	73%
Caitlin Clark	20%	21%	41%	8%	6%	15%	44%
Elon Musk	16%	25%	41%	17%	30%	47%	12%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	8%	28%	36%	21%	24%	45%	19%
Hunter Biden	5%	12%	18%	21%	45%	66%	16%
Donald Trump	27%	15%	42%	9%	45%	54%	4%

8. 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%	19%	39%	12%	47%	59%	3%
Kamala Harris	16%	22%	38%	11%	44%	55%	7%

9. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	72%	24%	96%	3%	1%	4%
Immigration	53%	33%	86%	11%	3%	14%
Climate change and the environment	42%	27%	69%	16%	15%	31%
Foreign policy	43%	45%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	63%	28%	91%	7%	2%	9%
Education	57%	33%	90%	7%	3%	10%
Health care	70%	24%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	93%	6%	2%	7%
Abortion	49%	27%	76%	16%	8%	24%

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Civil rights	54%	30%	84%	11%	5%	16%
Civil liberties	53%	33%	86%	10%	4%	14%
Guns	52%	31%	83%	12%	5%	17%
Crime	60%	32%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	44%	39%	83%	13%	4%	17%
Inflation/prices	79%	17%	96%	3%	0%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	25%
Immigration	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Health care	10%
Abortion	8%
Climate change and the environment	8%
National Security	6%
Civil rights	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Civil liberties	4%
Crime	3%
Guns	3%
Education	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	0%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	37%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	6%

12. 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%	19%	38%	13%	40%	54%	8%
Immigration	11%	22%	33%	12%	45%	58%	9%
Foreign policy	15%	20%	35%	14%	40%	53%	12%
National Security	18%	19%	37%	11%	39%	50%	13%
Education	16%	23%	39%	12%	34%	45%	16%
Crime	14%	22%	36%	11%	38%	49%	14%
Criminal justice reform	11%	22%	33%	13%	36%	49%	18%
Inflation/prices	14%	17%	31%	15%	46%	61%	8%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	10%
Approve	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Disapprove	59%
Not sure	11%

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

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	24%
Approve	35%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Disapprove	50%
Not sure	15%

15. 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	47%
Somewhat support	22%
Support	69%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	7%
Oppose	14%
Not sure	17%

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

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	9%
Total Liberal	12%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	21%
Total Conservative	42%
Not sure	17%

17. 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%	21%	37%	17%	35%	52%	11%
Republicans in Congress	8%	25%	33%	19%	36%	55%	12%

18. 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	7%
Somewhat approve	23%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	37%
Not sure	33%

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Disapprove	41%
Not sure	28%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	58%
Not sure	24%

21. 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	16%
Approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Disapprove	30%
Not sure	40%

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

Yes	39%
No	51%
Not sure	9%

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

Confident	33%
Uneasy	57%
Not sure	11%

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

Yes	41%
No	50%
Not sure	9%

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

Confident	40%
Uneasy	49%
Not sure	10%

26. Would you say Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. is...

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Total Liberal	24%
Moderate	23%
Conservative	13%
Very conservative	6%
Total Conservative	19%
Not sure	33%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	19%
Fair	31%
Poor	41%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	19%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	50%
Not sure	5%

29. 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	42%
Not sure	5%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	2%	5%	29%	52%	13%
Ukraine	31%	40%	8%	5%	17%
China	3%	9%	35%	38%	15%
European Union	35%	31%	9%	3%	23%
India	12%	41%	13%	2%	32%
Israel	40%	25%	9%	6%	21%

31. 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
Benjamin Netanyahu	14%	15%	30%	12%	24%	36%	34%
Vladimir Putin	2%	5%	8%	15%	64%	80%	13%
Volodymyr Zelensky	21%	21%	43%	12%	13%	25%	32%
Emmanuel Macron	9%	22%	30%	13%	10%	23%	47%
Viktor Orban	4%	6%	10%	7%	16%	23%	68%
Martin Schulz	2%	9%	11%	7%	6%	12%	76%
Rishi Sunak	3%	11%	13%	9%	8%	17%	70%
Marine LePen	4%	8%	12%	8%	12%	21%	67%
Benny Gantz	2%	10%	12%	6%	7%	13%	74%
Narendra Modi	1%	9%	11%	11%	8%	19%	70%

32. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the G7 summit of world leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States being held in Italy?

A lot	9%
A little	44%
Nothing at all	46%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden has been handling his recent trip to attend the G7 Summit in Italy?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	12%
Approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Disapprove	33%
Not sure	40%

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

Russia	22%
Ukraine	11%
Neither	44%
Not sure	23%

35. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	28%
Ukraine	19%
Equally likely	16%
Not sure	36%

36. Do you favor the U.S. increasing, decreasing, or maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine?

Increasing military aid to Ukraine	24%
Decreasing military aid to Ukraine	30%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Ukraine	25%
Not sure	20%

37. Do approve or disapprove of the U.S. and Ukraine signing a 10-year agreement, which includes the U.S. providing assistance, training, and a strengthening of our cooperation on security and the economy?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	44%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Disapprove	34%
Not sure	22%

38. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about American journalist Evan Gershkovich being detained in Russia on espionage charges after allegedly attempting to obtain classified information?

A lot	10%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	45%

39. Do you think that Evan Gershkovich is being treated fairly or unfairly by the Russian justice system?

Fairly	4%
Unfairly	48%
Not sure	47%

40. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is to secure Evan Gershkovich's release from Russia?

Should be doing more	35%
Doing about the right amount	18%
Should be doing less	4%
Not sure	43%

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

The Israelis	33%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	16%
Not sure	25%

42. 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	33%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	25%
Not sure	23%

43. 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	26%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Not sure	26%

44. Do you think that the Israeli government's military response to the attack by Hamas has been...?

Too harsh	30%
About right	23%
Not harsh enough	17%
Not sure	31%

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

Yes	33%
No	29%
Not sure	38%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	17%
Approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	53%
Not sure	21%

47. Which comes closest to your view of how Hunter Biden is treated by the criminal justice system?

More harshly than other people	14%
Equally to other people	32%
More leniently than other people	35%
Not sure	19%

48. How much have you heard about Hunter Biden recently being convicted on 3 charges, including for possessing a gun while addicted to, or using, illegal drugs?

A lot	35%
A little	47%
Nothing at all	18%

49. Do you approve or disapprove of the jury's decision to convict Hunter Biden in this case?

Strongly approve	42%
Somewhat approve	25%
Approve	67%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	4%
Disapprove	11%
Not sure	22%

50. Do you think that the trial in Hunter Biden's case was conducted fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	58%
Unfairly	11%
Not sure	31%

51. Should Joe Biden pardon Hunter Biden?

Yes	8%
No	74%
Not sure	18%

52. Do you think Joe Biden will pardon Hunter Biden?

Yes	34%
No	34%
Not sure	32%

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

Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	15%
Support	59%
Somewhat oppose	5%
Strongly oppose	9%
Oppose	14%
Not sure	27%

54. Do you personally know anyone who has used in vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment — which involves combining eggs and sperm in a lab to create embryos for implantation? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	1%
Yes, a family member	9%
Yes, a close friend	9%
Yes, an acquaintance	14%
No	66%
Prefer not to say	5%

55. IVF treatment often produces multiple embryos, some of which are not used. Would you consider embryos that have not been implanted to be children?

Yes, they are children	21%
No, they are not children	47%
Not sure	32%

56. Do you think that IVF should be...?

Legal	66%
Illegal	9%
Not sure	26%

57. Do you personally believe that using in vitro fertilization is ...?

Morally acceptable	31%
Morally wrong	9%
Not a moral issue	38%
Don't know	22%

58. Do you personally know anyone who has had an abortion? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	19%
Yes, a close friend	23%
Yes, an acquaintance	27%
No	41%
Prefer not to say	5%

59. 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).	28%
Abortion should only be legal in special circumstances, such as when the life of the mother is in danger.	31%
Abortion should be illegal. It should never be allowed.	10%

60. More than half of abortions today are done by taking abortion-inducing drugs. Two artificial hormone pills, mifepristone and misoprostol, are prescribed by a health care provider and are then taken to end a pregnancy. Do you support or oppose these drugs being legal to access with a prescription?

Strongly support	38%
Somewhat support	19%
Support	56%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	17%
Oppose	26%
Not sure	18%

61. Do you think the sale of bump stocks, mechanisms that allow semi-automatic rifles to fire bullets more rapidly, should be...

Banned completely	47%
Regulated, but not banned	23%
Neither regulated nor banned	15%
Not sure	15%

62. When you were in high school, do you think most people who knew you would have said that you were...?

Very cool	13%
Somewhat cool	41%
Not very cool	20%
Not cool at all	12%
Not sure	13%

63. Do you think most people who know you now would say you are...?

Very cool	18%
Somewhat cool	44%
Not very cool	15%
Not cool at all	6%
Not sure	17%

64. Which group do you think is more likely to have been cool in high school?

Democrats	18%
Republicans	14%
Both equally	29%
Not sure	39%

65. 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	17%
No, they should not be immune	62%
Not sure	21%

66. Do you think the following statement is ...?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Antidepressants are to blame for school shootings	4%	15%	21%	38%	22%
5G cellular networks are being used for mass surveillance	9%	30%	17%	19%	25%
The CIA was involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy	11%	25%	18%	17%	29%
The U.S. is to blame for Russia's invasion of Ukraine	6%	14%	18%	41%	21%
Vaccines have been shown to cause autism	7%	17%	17%	36%	23%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	17%
Total Liberal	26%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	9%

68. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

69. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	6%

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

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	22%
Not very strong Democrat	11%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	17%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

72. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

73. Respondent age by category

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

74. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

76. What is your marital status?

Married	41%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	6%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

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

Yes	21%
No	79%

78. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	11%

80. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	5%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	23%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

83. 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	15%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	15%
Never	20%
Don't know	5%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	10%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 16 - 18, 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	1,967 started the survey after screenouts. 207 were deleted due to breakoffs, 45 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 39 were removed for attention check failures, and 44 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,600 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 0.054 to 6.555, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.81.
Number of respondents	1600 1396 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	62 questions not reported.