

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 10 - 12, 2024 - 1559 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1559 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted March 10 - 12, 2024
 Margin of Error ±3.5%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	25%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	11%

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	30%	16%	46%	9%	41%	50%	4%
Nikki Haley	7%	24%	31%	23%	26%	49%	20%
Dean Phillips	3%	11%	13%	12%	9%	21%	66%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	11%	34%	45%	16%	20%	36%	19%
Elon Musk	21%	26%	47%	16%	27%	43%	10%
Mark Zuckerberg	9%	20%	29%	27%	32%	59%	12%
Sam Altman	3%	10%	13%	9%	8%	18%	70%
Kyrsten Sinema	3%	14%	18%	16%	16%	32%	51%
Joe Manchin	5%	19%	24%	21%	16%	37%	39%
Adam Schiff	10%	15%	25%	9%	27%	36%	39%
Steve Garvey	12%	17%	29%	9%	10%	19%	52%
Katie Britt	7%	12%	19%	8%	16%	24%	57%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	12%	16%	27%	10%	32%	41%	31%

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	22%	21%	43%	10%	44%	54%	3%
Kamala Harris	18%	22%	40%	9%	41%	50%	10%
Mike Johnson	11%	18%	29%	9%	22%	32%	39%
Mitch McConnell	3%	17%	21%	21%	40%	61%	18%
Chuck Schumer	12%	20%	32%	12%	31%	43%	24%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	13%	27%	11%	20%	31%	43%

4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	70%	27%	97%	3%	1%	3%
Immigration	58%	30%	87%	10%	2%	13%
Climate change and the environment	43%	27%	70%	15%	15%	30%
Foreign policy	47%	40%	87%	10%	3%	13%
National Security	65%	28%	93%	6%	1%	7%
Education	59%	32%	91%	8%	1%	9%
Health care	69%	25%	94%	5%	1%	6%
Taxes and government spending	64%	30%	94%	4%	1%	6%
Abortion	46%	28%	74%	17%	9%	26%
Civil rights	52%	33%	85%	11%	4%	15%
Civil liberties	50%	35%	86%	11%	4%	14%
Guns	54%	27%	81%	12%	7%	19%
Crime	63%	29%	92%	7%	1%	8%
Criminal justice reform	46%	37%	82%	11%	6%	18%
Inflation/prices	76%	20%	96%	3%	1%	4%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Immigration	16%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Abortion	7%
Climate change and the environment	6%
National Security	6%
Taxes and government spending	5%
Civil rights	4%
Education	4%
Crime	3%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	3%
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	17%
Somewhat approve	22%
Approve	39%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	55%
Not sure	6%

7. 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	19%	21%	40%	13%	39%	52%	8%
Immigration	11%	20%	31%	15%	45%	61%	9%
Climate change and the environment	15%	24%	39%	13%	33%	46%	15%
Health care	19%	23%	42%	14%	30%	44%	14%
Taxes and government spending	13%	20%	33%	15%	43%	58%	9%
Abortion	16%	21%	36%	13%	34%	47%	16%
Guns	13%	20%	33%	17%	34%	51%	16%
Crime	13%	21%	34%	14%	38%	52%	13%
Inflation/prices	14%	21%	34%	12%	47%	59%	7%

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

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Disapprove	60%
Not sure	7%

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	43%
The Republican Party candidate	42%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%
I would not vote	3%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	43%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	14%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	10%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	23%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	43%
Not sure	21%

12. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	32%
No	54%
Not sure	14%

13. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	40%
No	50%
Not sure	11%

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

A lot	42%
Some	31%
Only a little	19%
None at all	8%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	31%
Very enthusiastic	16%
Somewhat enthusiastic	15%
Not too enthusiastic	16%
Not at all enthusiastic	22%

16. 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...

Asked of registered voters

Joe Biden	42%
Donald Trump	44%
Other	7%
Not sure	3%
I would not vote	4%

17. Who would you vote for?

Asked of those who prefer to vote for someone other than Trump or Biden

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	34%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	3%
Someone else	14%
Not sure	49%

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

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

I'm mostly voting FOR Joe Biden	52%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	47%
Not sure	1%

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

Asked of those who say they would vote for Donald Trump if an election were held today

I'm mostly voting FOR Donald Trump	73%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden	25%
Not sure	2%

20. 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	33%
Donald Trump	45%
Not sure	22%

21. Have you already voted in your state's presidential primary?

Asked of registered voters

Yes	45%
No	55%

22. Will you vote in the Democratic or Republican Presidential primary or caucus in your state in 2024?

Asked of registered voters

Democratic primary/caucus	32%
Republican primary/caucus	29%
Neither one	22%
Not sure	17%

23. How do you feel about the presidential candidate listed below?

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	15%	19%	18%	40%	8%
Donald Trump	28%	16%	9%	40%	7%

24. Do you think that Joe Biden will be the Democratic candidate for the 2024 presidential election in November and Donald Trump will be the Republican candidate?

Definitely will happen	33%
Probably will happen	44%
Probably will not happen	5%
Definitely will not happen	4%
Not sure	14%

25. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	23%
Some	20%
Not much	15%
Doesn't care at all	38%
Not sure	5%

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

Very strong	14%
Somewhat strong	24%
Somewhat weak	18%
Very weak	45%

27. How much do you think Donald Trump cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	29%
Some	18%
Not much	10%
Doesn't care at all	37%
Not sure	6%

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

Very strong	36%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	29%

29. Nikki Haley recently suspended her presidential campaign. Before she exited the race, which of the following candidates did you support to be the 2024 Republican nominee for president?

Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican

Donald Trump	76%
Nikki Haley	11%
Someone else	6%
Not sure	8%

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

Excellent	7%
Good	21%
Fair	27%
Poor	41%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	27%
Getting worse	46%
Not sure	6%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	40%
Not sure	5%

33. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	35%
Part-time	14%
Temporarily laid off	1%
Unemployed	9%
Retired	21%
Permanently disabled	10%
Homemaker	5%
Student	3%
Other	2%

34. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	3%
Part-time student	4%
Not a student	93%

35. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	1%
Part-time job	27%
No job outside of school	73%

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

Unemployment	3%
Inflation	49%
Both equal	42%
Not sure	5%

37. 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	15%
Equally positive and negative	29%
Mostly negative	39%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	16%

38. Do you think the economy is growing or shrinking?

Growing	22%
Staying about the same	27%
Shrinking	34%
Not sure	16%

39. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	40%
No	34%
Not sure	25%

40. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	3%
Somewhat likely	15%
Not very likely	19%
Not at all likely	6%
Not sure	16%
Not asked - Already in a recession	41%

41. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	5%
The unemployment rate and job reports	16%
The prices of goods and services you buy	55%
Your personal finances	9%
Don't know	14%

42. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	20%
Somewhat important	38%
Not very important	26%
Unimportant	16%

43. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	25%
Somewhat serious	34%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	9%
Not sure	7%

44. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	22%
Stayed the same	27%
Decreased	22%
Don't know	29%

45. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	33%
Staying the same	41%
Decreasing	26%

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

Higher gas prices	50%
The same gas prices	22%
Lower gas prices	9%
Not sure	19%

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

A higher rate of inflation	41%
The same rate of inflation	28%
A lower rate of inflation	14%
Not sure	17%

48. How much have you felt the impact of high inflation in your own life?

A lot	60%
A little	37%
Not at all	3%

49. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	39%
Probably	36%
Probably not	11%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	6%

50. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	11%
Somewhat worried	33%
Not very worried	56%

51. 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.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	12%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	24%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	8%
Very unhappy	3%

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

The Israelis	32%
About equal	27%
The Palestinians	17%
Not sure	24%

54. 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	26%
Not sure	22%

55. 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	29%
Decreasing humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	23%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	22%
Not sure	25%

56. Do you support or oppose the U.S. military installing a temporary pier off the coast of the Gaza Strip for cargo ships to unload food, water and other emergency supplies?

Strongly support	26%
Somewhat support	24%
Support	50%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	16%
Oppose	24%
Not sure	26%

57. Would you support or oppose Israel and Hamas agreeing to a ceasefire now?

Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	19%
Support	65%
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	7%
Oppose	13%
Not sure	23%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	19%
Approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	51%
Not sure	21%

59. 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 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	55%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	23%
Have no effect at all	10%
Not sure	11%

60. 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 2024?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	27%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	29%
Have no effect at all	29%
Not sure	15%

61. President Biden gave the annual State of the Union speech last week. Did you watch the speech?

I watched the entire speech	21%
I watched part of it	16%
I watched clips or highlights of the speech	18%
I read or watched news stories analyzing the speech	16%
I haven't heard anything about it	28%

62. What was your overall reaction to President Biden's State of the Union address?

Among people who at least read or watched news about the speech

Very positive	23%
Somewhat positive	25%
Somewhat negative	10%
Very negative	33%
Not sure	8%

63. Did this year's State of the Union address change your views about the president and political issues, or would you say it mostly confirmed what you already think?

Among people who at least read or watched news about the speech

It changed my views	8%
It mostly confirmed what I already think	82%
Not sure	11%

64. Compared to previous State of the Union addresses by other presidents, do you think President Biden's State of the Union address this year was...?

Among people who at least read or watched news about the speech

One of the best	14%
Above average	17%
About average	20%
Below average	11%
One of the worst	30%
Not sure	9%

65. How would you describe the current state of the country?

The country is dying	49%
The country is recovering	28%
Not sure	23%

66. Would you support or oppose the following:

	Strongly support	Some-what support	Support	Some-what oppose	Strongly oppose	Oppose	Not sure
Raising taxes on the richest Americans	46%	22%	68%	11%	12%	22%	10%
Preventing businesses from deducting the cost of salaries over \$1 million	27%	17%	44%	9%	11%	20%	36%
Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices for 50 drugs a year	44%	23%	67%	5%	3%	8%	24%

67. Would you support or oppose shutting down the border to new entrants if an average of more than 5,000 migrants per day try to cross unlawfully in the course of a week?

Strongly support	46%
Somewhat support	19%
Support	64%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	10%
Oppose	18%
Not sure	18%

68. Do you think reports of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting the Earth, or do you think reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity that comes from Earth?

UFOs might sometimes be the result of alien spacecrafts visiting Earth	32%
Reports of UFOs are always the result of human or natural activity from Earth	32%
Not sure	36%

69. Do you think the United States government knows more about UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) than it is telling the public, or do you think the U.S. government has told the public everything it knows about UFOs?

The U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it is telling the public	63%
The U.S. government has told the public everything it knows about UFOs	11%
Not sure	26%

70. Do you personally believe that there is intelligent life on other planets, or not?

There definitely IS	25%
There probably IS	39%
There probably is NOT	9%
There definitely is NOT	7%
Not sure	20%

71. Have you yourself ever seen anything you thought was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)?

Yes	18%
No	69%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	25%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	13%
Total Conservative	35%
Not sure	9%

73. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

74. 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%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	31%
Independent	24%
Other	4%
Not sure	7%

76. 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	7%
Not very strong Republican	11%
Strong Republican	20%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

77. Are you... ?

Male	48%
Female	52%

78. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	23%

79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

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	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	20%
No	80%

83. Census Region

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	12%

85. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	35%
Don't know	2%

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

Yes	32%
No	68%

88. 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	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	16%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

89. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	22%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	10%

The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 10 - 12, 2024 - 1559 U.S. Adult citizens



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	March 10 - 12, 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.
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 6.371, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.967.
Number of respondents	1559 1367 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.5% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	44 questions not reported.