The Economist/YouGov Poll
April 14 - 16, 2024 - 1574 U.S. Adult citizens

Sample	1574 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted	April 14 - 16, 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. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Brett Kavanaugh	12%	19%	**30%**	12%	25%	**37%**	32%
Neil Gorsuch	8%	16%	**24%**	12%	16%	**27%**	49%
Elena Kagan	11%	14%	**25%**	10%	11%	**21%**	54%
Sonia Sotomayor	16%	19%	**35%**	12%	14%	**26%**	39%
Samuel Alito	9%	15%	**24%**	11%	18%	**28%**	48%
John Roberts	7%	21%	**28%**	16%	13%	**28%**	43%
Amy Coney Barrett	11%	17%	**28%**	12%	20%	**33%**	39%
Clarence Thomas	16%	17%	**34%**	9%	28%	**38%**	29%
Ketanji Brown Jackson	15%	14%	**29%**	10%	17%	**28%**	44%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Donald Trump	25%	17%	**42%**	10%	45%	**56%**	3%
Kevin McCarthy	6%	19%	**25%**	17%	25%	**42%**	33%
Matt Gaetz	7%	12%	**19%**	8%	28%	**36%**	44%
Marjorie Taylor Greene	9%	14%	**22%**	10%	35%	**45%**	33%
Cornel West	5%	13%	**18%**	12%	14%	**26%**	56%
Melina Abdullah	3%	5%	**8%**	9%	10%	**18%**	74%
O.J. Simpson	3%	9%	**13%**	22%	53%	**75%**	13%

4. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavor-able	Very unfa-vorable	Unfavor-able	Don't know
Joe Biden	21%	20%	**40%**	14%	44%	**58%**	2%
Kamala Harris	17%	21%	**38%**	11%	42%	**54%**	8%
Mike Johnson	8%	18%	**26%**	13%	22%	**35%**	39%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	**19%**	19%	42%	**61%**	21%
Chuck Schumer	12%	17%	**29%**	12%	32%	**45%**	26%
Hakeem Jeffries	13%	11%	**24%**	9%	21%	**31%**	45%

5. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimpor-tant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	71%	25%	**96%**	3%	0%	**4%**
Immigration	52%	32%	**84%**	13%	3%	**16%**
Climate change and the environment	41%	28%	**69%**	14%	17%	**31%**
Foreign policy	45%	41%	**85%**	11%	4%	**15%**
National Security	64%	28%	**92%**	6%	2%	**8%**
Education	62%	30%	**91%**	7%	2%	**9%**
Health care	70%	24%	**94%**	4%	2%	**6%**
Taxes and government spending	64%	29%	**93%**	5%	2%	**7%**
Abortion	45%	30%	**75%**	15%	10%	**25%**
Civil rights	57%	29%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Civil liberties	54%	32%	**86%**	10%	4%	**14%**
Guns	53%	28%	**81%**	12%	7%	**19%**
Crime	60%	30%	**91%**	7%	2%	**9%**
Criminal justice reform	44%	39%	**82%**	13%	5%	**18%**
Inflation/prices	77%	20%	**97%**	3%	1%	**3%**

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

Inflation/prices 21%
Immigration 12%
Health care 10%
Jobs and the economy 10%
Climate change and the environment 9%
Abortion 8%
Civil rights 6%
National Security 5%
Taxes and government spending 5%
Guns 4%
Crime 3%
Education 3%
Civil liberties 2%
Foreign policy 2%
Criminal justice reform 1%

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

Strongly approve 16%
Somewhat approve 22%
Approve **38%**
Somewhat disapprove 15%
Strongly disapprove 44%
Disapprove **59%**
Not sure 3%

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

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disap-prove	Strongly disap-prove	Disap-prove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	20%	20%	**40%**	14%	40%	**54%**	7%
Climate change and the environment	16%	21%	**37%**	14%	34%	**48%**	15%
Foreign policy	14%	17%	**31%**	17%	41%	**57%**	12%
Health care	18%	23%	**42%**	18%	30%	**48%**	10%
Taxes and government spending	13%	19%	**32%**	15%	43%	**58%**	10%
Abortion	18%	18%	**36%**	14%	35%	**49%**	15%
Guns	13%	18%	**31%**	17%	39%	**56%**	13%
Crime	12%	20%	**32%**	15%	39%	**55%**	13%
Inflation/prices	12%	19%	**31%**	14%	48%	**62%**	7%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Approve	**12%**
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	**62%**
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	43%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Other	1%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	2%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	27%
Approve	**36%**
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Disapprove	**49%**
Not sure	15%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Total Liberal	**11%**
Moderate	29%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	20%
Total Conservative	**40%**
Not sure	20%

13. How much trust and confidence do you have in the three branches of the U.S. federal government?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not very much	None at all
The Executive Branch - The President and the federal agencies	12%	30%	29%	29%
The Legislative Branch - The U.S. Congress	5%	25%	46%	23%
The Judicial Branch - The Supreme Court of the United States and other federal courts	8%	35%	36%	20%

14. Do you think the Supreme Court is more liberal or more conservative than the American public in general?

Supreme Court is more liberal than the American public 13%
Supreme Court is more conservative than the American public 40%
The Supreme Court is about in line with the American public 19%
Not sure 27%

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

The current US Supreme Court justices often let their own personal or political views influence their decisions 65%
The current US Supreme Court justices usually decide their cases based on legal analysis without regard to their own personal or political views 35%

16. 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 18%
No, they should not be immune 66%
Not sure 17%

17. 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 25%
No, they are not immune 45%
Not sure 31%

18. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor was appointed in 2009, and is now 69 years old. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Justice Sotomayor should retire from the Supreme Court 31%
Justice Sotomayor should not retire from the Supreme Court 40%
Don't know 29%

19. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito was appointed in 2006, and is now 74 years old. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Justice Alito should retire from the Supreme Court 46%
Justice Alito should not retire from the Supreme Court 25%
Don't know 28%

20. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was appointed in 1991, and is now 75 years old. When thinking about this, which of the following comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

Justice Thomas should retire from the Supreme Court 53%
Justice Thomas should not retire from the Supreme Court 26%
Don't know 21%

21. Supreme Court justices have lifetime appointments and remain in office until they retire or die. When Supreme Court justices consider retiring, how much should they consider the political party of the president who would name their successor and whether that president would appoint someone who shares their political beliefs?

Justices should retire based on the president's political party 5%
Justices should consider the president's political party when they retire, but it shouldn't be the only thing they consider 32%
Justices should not consider the president's political party when they retire 38%
Not sure 25%

22. Do you think there should be a mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court Justices?
Recoded from open-ended questions

Yes, and it should be 35-60 .... 6%
Yes, and it should be 61-65 .... 13%
Yes, and it should be 66-70 .... 13%
Yes, and it should be 71-75 .... 10%
Yes, and it should be older than 75 .... 6%
No, there should not be 29%
Not sure 24%

23. Should there be a limit on the number of years a Supreme Court Justice can serve?
Recoded from open-ended questions

Yes, and it should be 5 years or less 5%
Yes, and it should be 6-10 years 13%
Yes, and it should be 11-15 years 5%
Yes, and it should be 16-20 years 5%
Yes, and it should be 21-25 years 2%
Yes, and it should be more than 25 years 6%
No, there should not be 37%
Not sure 27%

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

A lot	37%
Some	31%
Only a little	21%
None at all	11%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	26%
Very enthusiastic	14%
Somewhat enthusiastic	16%
Not too enthusiastic	20%
Not at all enthusiastic	24%

26. 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...
Among registered voters. Combined from answers to other questions

Joe Biden	44%
Donald Trump	44%
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	3%
Cornel West	1%
Jill Stein	0%
Someone else	0%
Not sure	5%
I would not vote	3%

27. Do you want Joe Biden to run for president again this year?

Yes	30%
No	60%
Not sure	10%

28. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again this year?

Yes	38%
No	56%
Not sure	7%

29. 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	47%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump	51%
Not sure	2%

30. 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 2%

31. 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 35%
Donald Trump 42%
Not sure 23%

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

	Enthusiastic	Satisfied but not enthusiastic	Dissatisfied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	17%	17%	20%	42%	5%
Donald Trump	26%	16%	10%	43%	5%

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

A lot 22%
Some 19%
Not much 16%
Doesn't care at all 39%
Not sure 4%

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

Very strong 14%
Somewhat strong 20%
Somewhat weak 22%
Very weak 44%

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

A lot 27%
Some 17%
Not much 11%
Doesn't care at all 42%
Not sure 4%

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

Very strong	32%
Somewhat strong	23%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	33%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	57%
Not sure	5%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	12%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	40%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	44%
Not sure	4%

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

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Australia	50%	32%	1%	1%	16%
China	2%	8%	34%	40%	17%
India	11%	45%	9%	3%	32%
Iran	1%	3%	23%	54%	19%
Israel	43%	22%	8%	5%	21%
Japan	40%	29%	5%	6%	19%
Philippines	23%	39%	5%	2%	30%
Russia	2%	4%	26%	54%	14%
South Korea	37%	24%	8%	10%	21%
Taiwan	28%	33%	6%	3%	31%
Ukraine	31%	39%	7%	5%	18%

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

The Israelis	34%
About equal	26%
The Palestinians	16%
Not sure	24%

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

Strongly support	47%
Somewhat support	18%
Support	**65%**
Somewhat oppose	6%
Strongly oppose	8%
Oppose	**14%**
Not sure	21%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	**26%**
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Disapprove	**53%**
Not sure	21%

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

Increasing military aid to Israel	22%
Decreasing military aid to Israel	32%
Maintaining the same amount of military aid to Israel	26%
Not sure	20%

44. 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	20%
Maintaining the same amount of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians	24%
Not sure	27%

45. Should abortion laws be decided nationally or left to the states?

Decided nationally	43%
Left to the states	45%
Not sure	13%

46. When do you think abortion should be legal?

Abortion should always be legal. There should be no restrictions on abortion.	28%
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.	9%

47. Which comes closest to each candidate's position on abortion? Does the presidential candidate listed below think abortion should be...

	Legal in all cases	Legal in most cases	Illegal in most cases	Illegal in all cases	Not sure
Joe Biden	36%	31%	5%	7%	21%
Donald Trump	2%	12%	34%	25%	26%

48. 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	39%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	18%

49. Do you think that the investigations in the hush-money case against Trump have been conducted fairly or unfairly?

Fairly	41%
Unfairly	36%
Not sure	23%

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

Very serious	31%
Somewhat serious	21%
Not very serious	13%
Not serious at all	18%
Not sure	17%

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

Yes	43%
No	37%
Not sure	20%

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

Yes	24%
No	36%
Not sure	39%

53. If Trump is convicted in the hush-money case, what effect do you think this will have on his future political career?

Very positive 8%
Somewhat positive 7%
No effect 31%
Somewhat negative 21%
Very negative 17%
Not sure 16%

54. In general, do you feel the laws covering the sale of handguns should be made more strict than they are now?

Make gun laws more strict 55%
No change 25%
Make gun laws less strict 12%
Not sure 7%

55. Do you favor or oppose the following?

	Favor strongly	Favor some-what	Favor	Oppose some-what	Oppose strongly	Oppose	Not sure
Preventing people with a history of mental illness from owning guns	59%	18%	**78%**	8%	5%	**13%**	9%
Requiring criminal and mental background checks for all those buying guns, including at gun shows and private sales	64%	17%	**81%**	6%	7%	**13%**	6%
Creating red flag laws that allow a court to temporarily remove guns from people that are believed to pose a danger to themselves or others	54%	19%	**72%**	7%	11%	**19%**	9%

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

Very liberal 11%
Liberal 14%
Total Liberal **25%**
Moderate 29%
Conservative 22%
Very conservative 12%
Total Conservative **33%**
Not sure 13%

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 3%
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 22%
Not very strong Democrat 12%
Lean Democrat 7%
Independent 18%
Lean Republican 7%
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	8%

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	39%
Separated	4%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	34%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

67. Census Region
Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under $50K	44%
$50-100K	26%
$100K or more	21%
Prefer not to say	8%

69. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	17%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	14%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	11%
Seldom	22%
Never	37%
Don't know	3%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	28%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

73. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	26%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	1%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	13%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 14 - 16, 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	2,170 started the survey after screenouts. 246 were deleted due to breakoffs, 249 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 39 were removed for attention check failures, and 62 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,574 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 0.051 to 6.52, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.792.
Number of respondents	1574 1358 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	$\pm$ 3.2% (adjusted for weighting) $\pm$ 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	55 questions not reported.