

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

March 3 - 5, 2024 - 1556 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1556 U.S. Adult citizens  
 Conducted March 3 - 5, 2024  
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	23%
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
Donald Trump	25%	18%	<b>43%</b>	8%	46%	<b>54%</b>	4%
Nikki Haley	8%	24%	<b>32%</b>	27%	23%	<b>50%</b>	18%
Robert Menendez	3%	8%	<b>11%</b>	9%	21%	<b>30%</b>	59%
Katie Britt	3%	9%	<b>12%</b>	6%	3%	<b>10%</b>	78%
Wayne LaPierre	4%	10%	<b>14%</b>	8%	17%	<b>24%</b>	62%
Martin Scorsese	17%	29%	<b>46%</b>	9%	3%	<b>12%</b>	42%
Christopher Nolan	9%	20%	<b>29%</b>	6%	2%	<b>8%</b>	62%
Greta Gerwig	11%	16%	<b>27%</b>	6%	5%	<b>11%</b>	62%

## 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	20%	22%	<b>42%</b>	10%	44%	<b>54%</b>	3%
Kamala Harris	17%	22%	<b>39%</b>	10%	42%	<b>52%</b>	9%
Mitch McConnell	4%	15%	<b>19%</b>	22%	42%	<b>64%</b>	17%

## 4. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not Important
Jobs and the economy	74%	23%	<b>97%</b>	3%	0%	<b>3%</b>
Immigration	55%	30%	<b>85%</b>	13%	3%	<b>15%</b>
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	<b>68%</b>	14%	18%	<b>32%</b>
Foreign policy	45%	43%	<b>88%</b>	10%	2%	<b>12%</b>
National Security	65%	29%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>

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Education	59%	31%	<b>90%</b>	8%	2%	<b>10%</b>
Health care	67%	25%	<b>92%</b>	7%	1%	<b>8%</b>
Taxes and government spending	63%	31%	<b>94%</b>	5%	1%	<b>6%</b>
Abortion	49%	28%	<b>77%</b>	14%	10%	<b>23%</b>
Civil rights	56%	30%	<b>86%</b>	10%	3%	<b>14%</b>
Civil liberties	56%	30%	<b>87%</b>	10%	3%	<b>13%</b>
Guns	56%	26%	<b>82%</b>	13%	5%	<b>18%</b>
Crime	60%	35%	<b>95%</b>	5%	0%	<b>5%</b>
Criminal justice reform	44%	38%	<b>82%</b>	14%	4%	<b>18%</b>
Inflation/prices	77%	19%	<b>96%</b>	3%	0%	<b>4%</b>

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

Inflation/prices	19%
Immigration	15%
Health care	10%
Climate change and the environment	9%
Jobs and the economy	9%
Abortion	7%
Civil rights	7%
Taxes and government spending	6%
National Security	5%
Guns	4%
Education	3%
Crime	2%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	25%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	44%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>56%</b>
Not sure	4%

7. 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%	21%	<b>40%</b>	12%	39%	<b>52%</b>	8%
Immigration	11%	19%	<b>30%</b>	14%	47%	<b>60%</b>	9%
Education	17%	25%	<b>42%</b>	13%	31%	<b>45%</b>	14%
Health care	16%	24%	<b>40%</b>	13%	31%	<b>44%</b>	15%
Civil rights	15%	26%	<b>41%</b>	13%	30%	<b>43%</b>	16%
Civil liberties	14%	25%	<b>38%</b>	13%	31%	<b>45%</b>	17%
Crime	11%	22%	<b>34%</b>	13%	40%	<b>54%</b>	12%
Inflation/prices	12%	20%	<b>32%</b>	13%	47%	<b>61%</b>	7%

8. Republican Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell recently announced that he would step down from his leadership position following the November election. Do you approve or disapprove of McConnell's decision to step down in November?

Strongly approve	54%
Somewhat approve	22%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>76%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	4%
Strongly disapprove	1%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>5%</b>
Not sure	19%

9. How would you describe Mitch McConnell's overall performance as a Republican Senate Leader?

Excellent	4%
Good	20%
Fair	38%
Poor	38%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	13%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>15%</b>
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>60%</b>
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	29%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>40%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	31%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>48%</b>
Not sure	12%

12. 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	41%
The Republican Party candidate	43%
Other	2%
Not sure	12%
I would not vote	2%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	16%	23%	<b>39%</b>	16%	37%	<b>53%</b>	8%
Republicans in Congress	9%	25%	<b>35%</b>	19%	39%	<b>58%</b>	7%

14. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>33%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	24%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>36%</b>
Not sure	31%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	23%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>35%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	30%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>43%</b>
Not sure	23%

16. 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	19%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>23%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	36%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>60%</b>
Not sure	17%

17. 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%
<b>Approve</b>	<b>30%</b>
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	20%
<b>Disapprove</b>	<b>30%</b>
Not sure	41%

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

Very liberal	2%
Liberal	7%
<b>Total Liberal</b>	<b>9%</b>
Moderate	27%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	24%
<b>Total Conservative</b>	<b>47%</b>
Not sure	17%

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

A lot	40%
Some	31%
Only a little	18%
None at all	10%

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

Extremely enthusiastic	29%
Very enthusiastic	14%
Somewhat enthusiastic	18%
Not too enthusiastic	18%
Not at all enthusiastic	22%

21. 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 .....	5%
I would not vote .....	3%

22. Who would you vote for?

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

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. ....	26%
Cornel West .....	10%
Jill Stein .....	5%
Someone else .....	24%
Not sure .....	35%

23. 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 .....	43%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Donald Trump .....	56%
Not sure .....	1%

24. 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 .....	71%
I'm mostly voting AGAINST Joe Biden .....	27%
Not sure .....	2%

25. If an election for president were going to be held now and the Democratic nominee was Joe Biden and the Republican nominee was Nikki Haley, would you vote for...

*Among registered voters*

Joe Biden .....	37%
Nikki Haley .....	34%
Other .....	10%
Not sure .....	12%
I would not vote .....	7%

26. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think would win the presidential election if Joe Biden were the Democratic candidate and Nikki Haley were the Republican candidate?

Joe Biden .....	37%
Nikki Haley .....	31%
Not sure .....	32%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%

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

*Asked of registered voters*

Democratic primary/caucus .....	30%
Republican primary/caucus .....	40%
Neither one .....	15%
Not sure .....	15%

29. How do you feel about the presidential candidates listed below?

	Enthusias- tic	Satisfied but not en- thusiastic	Dissatis- fied but not upset	Upset	Not sure
Joe Biden	14%	21%	16%	43%	6%
Donald Trump	27%	14%	10%	43%	5%
Nikki Haley	7%	22%	31%	20%	20%

30. 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 .....	29%
Probably will happen .....	48%
Probably will not happen .....	7%
Definitely will not happen .....	3%
Not sure .....	13%

31. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	31%
Liberal .....	24%
<b>Total Liberal</b> .....	<b>55%</b>
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	4%
Very conservative .....	2%
<b>Total Conservative</b> .....	<b>6%</b>
Not sure .....	12%

32. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy .....	38%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	48%
Not sure .....	15%

33. Would you say Donald Trump is...

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	3%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>7%</b>
Moderate .....	13%
Conservative .....	33%
Very conservative .....	30%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>63%</b>
Not sure .....	18%

34. Do you think Donald Trump is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy .....	34%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	53%
Not sure .....	14%

35. If the Republican presidential primary in your state were held today, who would you vote for?

*Asked of Republicans and Independents who lean Republican*

Donald Trump .....	74%
Nikki Haley .....	13%
Someone else .....	5%
Not sure .....	5%
I would not vote .....	3%

36. Regardless of who you prefer, who do you think will win the Republican presidential nomination?

Donald Trump .....	74%
Nikki Haley .....	9%
Not sure .....	17%

37. Do you think that Nikki Haley should...?

Stay in the Republican presidential race .....	40%
Drop out of the Republican presidential race .....	35%
Not sure .....	25%

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

Getting better .....	20%
About the same .....	23%
Getting worse .....	51%
Not sure .....	6%



**39. Would you say that you and your family are...**

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	39%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	42%
Not sure .....	4%

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

Full-time .....	34%
Part-time .....	12%
Temporarily laid off .....	0%
Unemployed .....	9%
Retired .....	22%
Permanently disabled .....	8%
Homemaker .....	7%
Student .....	6%
Other .....	2%

**41. Are you currently enrolled as a student?**

Full-time student .....	5%
Part-time student .....	4%
Not a student .....	90%

**42. Do you have a job outside of school?**

*Asked of students*

Full-time job .....	3%
Part-time job .....	34%
No job outside of school .....	63%

**43. Will you watch this year's State of the Union address on Thursday, March 7th?**

Yes, I plan to watch .....	37%
No, I'd like to watch but I probably won't be able to this year .....	16%
No, I won't watch and I don't want to .....	47%

**44. If you had to guess, do you expect that this year's State of the Union Address may change your views about the president and political issues, or would you say it will mostly confirm what you already think?**

It may change my views .....	5%
It will mostly confirm what I already think .....	69%
Not sure .....	26%

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

One of the best .....	3%
Above average .....	10%
About average .....	26%
Below average .....	15%
One of the worst .....	27%
Not sure .....	18%

46. In general, do you think immigration makes the U.S. better off or worse off?

Better off .....	31%
Does not make much difference .....	18%
Worse off .....	38%
Not sure .....	13%

47. How important do you think it is for Congress to increase border restrictions?

Very important .....	51%
Somewhat important .....	23%
Not very important .....	10%
Not at all important .....	7%
Not sure .....	10%

48. 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 .....	42%
Somewhat support .....	18%
<b>Support</b> .....	<b>61%</b>
Somewhat oppose .....	10%
Strongly oppose .....	12%
<b>Oppose</b> .....	<b>22%</b>
Not sure .....	18%

49. Do you think that President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump should work together to convince Congress to pass a bipartisan border security bill?

Yes .....	45%
No .....	28%
Not sure .....	28%

50. Have you seen the following movies?

	Yes, I have	No, but I want to	No, and I don't want to	Not sure
American Fiction	8%	20%	53%	18%
Anatomy of a Fall	4%	18%	59%	19%
Barbie	32%	15%	50%	3%
Killers of the Flower Moon	11%	28%	48%	13%
Maestro	7%	20%	57%	16%
Oppenheimer	24%	39%	33%	5%
Past Lives	6%	18%	56%	20%
Poor Things	5%	22%	55%	17%
The Holdovers	9%	20%	55%	16%
The Zone of Interest	5%	17%	58%	20%

51. Are you planning to watch the Academy Awards this year on March 10?

Yes, I'm planning to watch all of it	12%
Yes, I'm planning to watch some of it	15%
No, I'm not planning to watch any of it	63%
Not sure	9%

52. Which of the following movies, nominated for Best Picture in this year's Academy Awards, do you think should win?

American Fiction	2%
Anatomy of a Fall	1%
Barbie	13%
Killers of the Flower Moon	6%
Maestro	1%
Oppenheimer	26%
Past Lives	1%
Poor Things	1%
The Holdovers	1%
The Zone of Interest	1%
Not sure	47%

53. Which of the following movies, nominated for Best Picture in this year's Academy Awards, do you think is most likely to win?

American Fiction .....	2%
Anatomy of a Fall .....	1%
Barbie .....	12%
Killers of the Flower Moon .....	7%
Maestro .....	1%
Oppenheimer .....	32%
Past Lives .....	1%
Poor Things .....	1%
The Holdovers .....	1%
The Zone of Interest .....	1%
Not sure .....	43%

54. In general, do you think the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences does a good job or a bad job of nominating people and films for its annual awards?

Good job .....	30%
Bad job .....	25%
Not sure .....	45%

55. In the past year, how many movies have you watched in theaters?

None .....	45%
1-2 .....	26%
3-5 .....	17%
5-10 .....	6%
More than 10 .....	4%
Not sure .....	2%

56. Do you personally know anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, me .....	40%
Yes, a family member .....	56%
Yes, a close friend .....	49%
No .....	19%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

57. Do you personally know anyone who has died due to complications from COVID-19? Check all that apply.

Yes, a family member .....	13%
Yes, a close friend .....	17%
No .....	69%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

58. Which of the following comes closest to your view?

There is currently a COVID-19 pandemic .....	29%
The COVID-19 pandemic is over .....	45%
There never was a COVID-19 pandemic .....	11%
Not sure .....	14%

59. Do you agree or disagree with the following regarding COVID-19?

	Agree	Disagree
We need to learn to live with it	81%	19%
We need to do more to vaccinate	53%	47%
We need to do more to test	58%	42%

60. In the past four years, how many of your major life decisions were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

Most of them .....	11%
Many of them .....	18%
Some of them .....	25%
A few of them .....	25%
None of them .....	22%

61. Looking back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think that — in retrospect — doing the following was the...?

	Right decision	Wrong decision	Not sure
Closing nonessential businesses	40%	43%	17%
Requiring people to wear masks indoors in public	63%	29%	8%
Closing schools and switching to remote learning	51%	36%	13%
Requiring people to social distance	65%	26%	9%
Mandating work from home where possible	67%	23%	10%
Providing direct stimulus payments to citizens	63%	25%	13%

62. Is the United States doing enough to prepare for future pandemics, beyond COVID-19?

Should do more .....	44%
Doing about the right amount .....	24%
Should do less .....	9%
Not sure .....	23%

63. Do you think that presidents have legal immunity protecting them from being charged for any actions they have taken as president that would otherwise be illegal?

Yes, they are immune .....	23%
No, they are not immune .....	56%
Not sure .....	21%

64. According to the 14th Amendment, no person shall be able to hold office if they have engaged in insurrection or rebellion. Do you think Donald Trump should or should not be disqualified from holding office as a result of the 14th Amendment?

Should be disqualified .....	46%
Should not be disqualified .....	41%
Not sure .....	12%

65. 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 .....	54%
No change .....	25%
Make gun laws less strict .....	13%
Not sure .....	8%

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

Banned completely .....	46%
Regulated, but not banned .....	28%
Neither regulated nor banned .....	13%
Not sure .....	14%

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

Very liberal .....	11%
Liberal .....	18%
<b>Total Liberal .....</b>	<b>29%</b>
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	12%
<b>Total Conservative .....</b>	<b>34%</b>
Not sure .....	7%

68. Are you registered to vote?

Registered .....	75%
Not registered .....	25%

69. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden .....	36%
Donald Trump .....	33%
Other .....	1%
Did not vote for President .....	30%

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

Democrat .....	34%
Republican .....	32%
Independent .....	26%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	5%

**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 .....	12%
Lean Democrat .....	8%
Independent .....	15%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	11%
Strong Republican .....	21%
Not sure .....	3%
Don't know .....	0%

**72. Are you... ?**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

**73. Respondent age by category**

Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	25%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	22%

**74. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	66%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	13%
Other .....	8%

**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 .....	42%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	5%
Never married .....	35%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	5%

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

Yes .....	20%
No .....	80%

**78. Census Region**

*Calculated from respondent's state of residence*

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

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

Under \$50K .....	45%
\$50-100K .....	30%
\$100K or more .....	17%
Prefer not to say .....	8%

**80. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	43%
Somewhat important .....	22%
Not too important .....	12%
Not at all important .....	23%

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

More than once a week .....	9%
Once a week .....	21%
Once or twice a month .....	7%
A few times a year .....	10%
Seldom .....	18%
Never .....	33%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	32%
No .....	68%



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

Several times a day .....	29%
Once a day .....	13%
A few times a week .....	12%
Once a week .....	4%
A few times a month .....	5%
Seldom .....	13%
Never .....	21%
Don't know .....	4%

84. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	33%
Roman Catholic .....	20%
Mormon .....	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	2%
Muslim .....	2%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	6%
Agnostic .....	7%
Nothing in particular .....	19%
Something else .....	9%

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## **March 3 - 5, 2024 - 1556 U.S. Adult citizens**



<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	March 3 - 5, 2024
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, age 18 and over
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.053 to 6.733, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.036.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1556 1450 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.2% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	47 questions not reported.