



Study #2283
 1,005 U.S. adults ages 18 and over
 Margin of error: ±3.1 percentage points

SELZER & COMPANY
 March 11-17, 2024
Weighted by sex, age, and race

Shading in gray indicates tracking from previous polls.
 Shading in peach indicates a base of likely voters in the 2024 general elections.

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling:

		Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
His job as president	Mar-24	34	57	9
	Oct-23	38	53	9
	Mar-23	39	51	10
	Sep-22	36	51	13
	Mar-22	34	52	14
	Oct-21	37	50	12

2a. How likely is it you will vote in the November **2024** election for president and other offices—do you think you would definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Not sure
Mar-24	70	11	6	12	1
Oct-23	76	10	4	9	-
Mar-23	76	10	5	8	1
Oct-21	80	8	3	7	1

How likely is it you will vote in the 2022 general election—will you definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Not sure
Sep-22	71	11	6	10	1

How likely is it you will vote in the November 2020 election for president and other offices—do you think you would definitely vote, probably vote, might or might not vote, or probably not vote?

	Definitely vote	Probably vote	Might or might not vote	Probably not vote	Not sure
Aug-20	77	9	3	9	2
Mar-20	71	14	5	10	1
Oct-19	78	11	3	7	1
Nov-18	79	9	3	5	4

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2b. **Based on 2024 likely voters.** If the general election were held today, and the candidates for president were [Joe Biden for the Democrats] and [Donald Trump for the Republicans], for whom would you vote—[Joe Biden], [Donald Trump], someone else, or would you not vote? **(Rotate which name is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size; Margin of error	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Mar-24	n=715; ±3.7% pts.	45	38	12	-	5
Oct-23	n=784; ±3.5% pts.	40	40	18	1	1
Oct-21	n=745; ±3.6% pts.	40	40	14	1	4

Based on 2020 likely voters. If the general election were held today, and the candidates for president were [Joe Biden for the Democrats] and [Donald Trump for the Republicans], for whom would you vote—[Joe Biden], [Donald Trump], someone else, or would you not vote? **(Rotate which name is asked first in question.)**

	Sample size; Margin of error	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Aug-20	n=827; ±3.4% pts.	41	49	3	1	5
Mar-20	n=777; ±3.5% pts.	43	47	8	2	1

3. Now, I'm going to mention some people in the news. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

		Fav	Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure	
A.	Joe Biden, president of the U.S.	Mar-24	37	58	16	21	19	39	5
		Mar-23	44	52	15	30	16	36	4
		Mar-21	49	43	23	26	12	31	8
	Joe Biden, Democratic nominee for president of the U.S.	Aug-20	43	48	20	23	16	32	9
	Joe Biden, former vice president of the U.S.	Mar-20	46	42	18	27	17	25	12
		Oct-19	47	44	16	32	19	24	9
B.	Tucker Carlson, commentator and author	Mar-24	33	36	16	16	9	26	31
C.	Vladimir Putin, president of Russia	Mar-24	9	79	3	6	21	58	12
D.	Benjamin Netanyahu, prime minister of Israel	Mar-24	31	34	14	17	17	17	36
E.	Donald Trump, former president of the U.S.	Mar-24	46	50	25	21	14	37	4
		Mar-23	38	58	20	18	13	45	4
		Mar-21	43	52	28	15	13	39	5
	Donald Trump, president of the U.S.	Aug-20	42	52	26	16	10	42	6
		Mar-20	43	51	25	18	12	39	6
		Oct-19	42	54	27	15	10	44	4
		Nov-18	47	49	26	21	14	35	4
Sep-18	42	50	25	17	12	38	8		
F.	Elon Musk, entrepreneur	Mar-24	47	37	18	29	19	18	16
G.	Taylor Swift, pop singer	Mar-24	52	32	18	34	14	17	16
H.	Nikki Haley, former candidate for the Republican nomination for president	Mar-24	32	45	7	25	27	18	24
		Nikki Haley, former governor of South Carolina	Mar-23	25	28	7	17	18	10

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4. Which of the following approaches best fits your view of the next step Israel should take in the war in the Gaza Strip against Hamas: **(Read options. Rotate.)**

	Israel should agree to a permanent cease-fire, even if Hamas is not completely destroyed	Israel should continue fighting until Hamas is completely destroyed	Not sure
Mar-24	43	37	20

5. For each of the following statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree, or strongly disagree. **(Rotate items.)**

		Agree	Disagree	Strongly Agree	Mostly Agree	Mostly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
A. People with high levels of education and expertise do not understand the problems of ordinary people	Mar-24	48	49	19	29	33	16	4
	Oct-23	51	46	23	28	30	16	2
	Mar-23	49	47	20	29	31	16	4
	Oct-21	47	49	20	27	29	20	4
B. Ordinary people elected to office will do a better job of governing than professional politicians	Mar-24	64	31	30	34	23	8	5
	Oct-23	65	31	31	34	23	9	3
	Mar-23	66	29	29	37	22	7	5
	Oct-21	64	27	37	27	19	8	9
C. There are too many immigrants coming to the U.S.	Mar-24	57	39	37	20	23	15	5
	Oct-23	52	44	34	18	24	20	4
	Mar-23	47	48	27	20	26	22	5
	Oct-21	45	50	30	15	23	27	5

6. Compared to the attention the public gives men's college sports programs, do you think women's college sports programs receive more attention than they deserve, less attention than they deserve, or about the right amount of attention?

	More attention	Less attention	About right	Not sure
Mar-24	6	50	36	7

7. Do you think universities with nationally-competitive sports programs should or should not be allowed to pay salaries to players in those programs?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Mar-24	50	42	8

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8. For each of the following suggested changes in how social media platforms can be used, please tell me if this is something you strongly favor, mostly favor, mostly oppose, or strongly oppose. **(Rotate list.)**

		Favor	Oppose	Strongly Favor	Mostly Favor	Mostly Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Not Sure	
A.	Banning children under age 16 from using social media platforms	Mar-24	55	43	29	25	30	13	3
B.	Allowing parents to sue social media platforms for content that harmed their children	Mar-24	52	45	28	24	22	23	3
C.	Banning students' smartphones in schools	Mar-24	57	42	31	25	24	17	2

9. I'm going to read some proposed policies that may or may not reduce the number of students killed in school shootings. For each, please tell me if you think the policy would be very effective, somewhat effective, or not effective in reducing the number of students killed in school shootings. **(Rotate list.)**

		Very effective	Somewhat effective	Not effective	Not Sure
A.	Hiring armed guards	44	37	18	1
B.	Arming teachers	28	27	44	1
C.	Raising the age to purchase firearms to 21	40	27	32	1
D.	Banning sales of assault rifles	37	16	46	1
E.	Criminally charging parents of school shooters for negligence	29	36	32	2

10. How confident are you that, across the country, the votes in the **2024** general election [Mar/Oct-2023: next year] will be counted as voters intended—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very/smw confident	Not too/at all confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Not sure
Mar-24	58	39	31	27	25	14	3
Oct-23	62	37	32	30	20	16	1
Mar-23	63	35	33	30	19	15	3

How confident are you that, across the country, the votes in the **2022** general election this year will be counted as voters intended—very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?

	Very/smw confident	Not too/at all confident	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Not sure
Sep-22	64	31	30	34	19	12	5
Mar-22	60	35	29	31	20	16	5
Oct-21	58	38	30	28	20	18	4
Mar-21	53	44	24	29	23	21	3
Aug-20	62	34	20	42	22	12	4
Mar-20	69	28	27	42	20	8	4
Oct-19	68	28	25	43	18	10	4

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11. As you think about the next 12 months, do you expect the overall strength of the U.S. economy to be better or worse as compared to the way you see it now?

	Better	Worse	About the same (VOL)	Not sure
Mar-24	37	44	14	4
Mar-23	36	58	2	4
Mar-22	27	58	9	6
Oct-21	36	52	7	5
Mar-21	47	45	3	5
Aug-20	54	27	6	13
Mar-20	59	34	1	6
Oct-19	47	41	5	8

12. Do you believe American democracy will or will not come to an end during your lifetime?

	Will end	Will not end	Not sure
Mar-24	25	66	9

15. [Ask all.] Which of the following comes closer to your view about getting a college education? [Read items and rotate.]

	College is an important way to get a better job and improve your position in life	College is overrated and you don't really need it to get a good job	Not sure
Mar-24	57	38	5
Sep-18	73	20	7

These final questions are asked just to see what cross-section of U.S. residents we are interviewing.

- 100a. What is your age? (RECORD ACTUAL AGE AND CODE WITH APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP. IF RESPONDENT REFUSES, OFFER AGE GROUPS.)

b. (CODE PROPER CATEGORY :)

	Under 25	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 to 44	45 to 49	50 to 54	55 to 59	60 to 64	65 and over	Refused/not sure
Mar-24	13	10	7	6	9	5	10	8	9	21	1

101. In the 2020 presidential election, did you vote for [Donald Trump] or [Joe Biden], for someone else, or did you not vote? [Rotate candidate names.]

	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Someone else	Did not vote	Refused/not sure
Mar-24	34	32	5	25	4
Oct-23	33	38	6	19	4
Mar-23	32	38	5	20	4
Sep-22	33	38	5	18	6
Mar-22	33	36	9	16	6
Oct-21	36	37	6	16	5
Mar-21	35	36	5	17	7

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102. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent? **(If Republican or Democrat, ask:)** Do you consider yourself a strong [REPUBLICAN/ DEMOCRAT]? **(If independent, ask:)** Do you lean more toward the Republicans or more toward the Democrats, or are you totally independent?

	Strong Republican	Republican	Lean Republican	Totally independent	Lean Democrat	Democrat	Strong Democrat	Other (VOL)	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	13	12	10	29	10	10	13	2	3

103. Do you consider yourself conservative, moderate, or liberal?

	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal	None of these (VOL)	Refused/ Not sure
Mar-24	34	41	20	3	3

104. What is the last grade of school you completed?

	High school graduate or less	Some college	Associate's (two-year) degree	Bachelor's (four-year) degree	Postgraduate work or degree	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	28	20	12	23	15	1

105. Do you have children under the age of 18 living at home?

	Yes	No	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	26	72	1

106. Would you describe the area where you live as a city, a suburb, a town, or a rural area?

	City	Suburb	Town	Rural	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	30	26	17	27	1

107. Which of the following best describes your religious beliefs—Roman Catholic, Protestant, some other kind of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, other, or none?

	Roman Catholic	Protestant	Some other kind of Christian	Jewish	Muslim	Other	None	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	14	18	29	2	1	12	21	2

108. **(Ask all.)** Would you describe yourself as a "born again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

	Yes	No	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	27	68	5

109. **(Ask all.)** How often do you attend religious services: **(Read list.)**

	At least once a week	A couple of times a month	A few times a year	Less frequently than once a year	Never	Refused/ not sure
Mar-24	28	12	18	13	27	2

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110a. With what racial or ethnic group do you identify most—White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or some other group?

110b. **(If not Hispanic, ask:)** Are you from a Latino, Hispanic, or Spanish-speaking background?
(If yes, code AC=3 in b. Then reclassify all into c.)

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Other	Multi-racial (VOL)	Refused/not sure
110c.								
Mar-24	61	12	13	3	2	5	2	2

111. Is your total annual household income before taxes above or below \$50,000 per year?

- Below **ASK b**
 Above **ASK c**

b.	Is it above or below \$25,000 per year?	14	Below (<\$25,000)
		16	Above (\$25,000-\$49,999)
c.	Is it above or below \$75,000 per year?	16	Below (\$50,000-\$74,999)
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d.	Is it above or below \$100,000 per year?	13	Below (\$75,000-\$99,999)
		29	Above (\$100,000 and over)
		13	Refused/not sure

112. Phone type

	Cell phone only	Landline or some other type
Mar-24	72	28

113. What is your gender or sex: **(Let respondent volunteer. S&C will recode as appropriate.)**

	Male	Female	Other (specify:)
Mar-24	48	49	3

114. REGN—see attachment for applicable states. Recode from Q.A.

	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Mar-24	18	21	37	24

119. **(Code from Q.A) Respondent lives in a state with a Republican or Democratic governor.**
(See attached spreadsheet for reference.)

	Republican	Democrat
Mar-24	49	51

METHODOLOGY

The Grinnell College National Poll, conducted March 11-17, 2024, for Grinnell College by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, IA, is based on telephone interviews with 1,005 U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers. Interviews were administered in English. Responses were adjusted by sex, age, and race to reflect the general population based on recent census data.

Percentages based on the full probability sample of 1,005 respondents may have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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