THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN CIVITAS INSTITUTE

U.S. NATIONAL SURVEY

March 5-11, 2024 N = 1,200 U.S. Adults

MOOD OF THE COUNTRY

Q1. Are you registered to vote?

86% Yes

14% No

Q2. Would you say things in the United States today are:

33% Generally headed in the right direction

55% Off in the wrong direction

11% Don't know/Not sure

For each of the following issues facing the country today, please tell us how important the issue is to you personally.

	(1) Extremely important	(2) Somewhat important	(3) Neither important nor unimportant	(4) Not very important	(5) Not at all important
Q3. Jobs/employment	52%	34%	10%	2%	2%
Q4. The federal budget deficit	42%	38%	15%	4%	2%
Q5. Inflation/high prices/gas prices	68%	22%	7%	2%	1%
Q6. Immigration	49%	32%	12%	6%	2%
Q7. Border security	50%	32%	12%	5%	2%
Q8. The Israel-Hamas conflict	33%	33%	20%	20%	5%
Q9. The Russia- Ukraine conflict	30%	32%	20%	11%	7%
Q10. Relations with China	30%	38%	23%	7%	3%
Q11. Education/ Schools	53%	31%	11%	3%	2%

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Extremely	Somewhat	Neither	Not very	Not at all
	important	important	important	important	important
			nor		
			unimportant		
Q12. Crime/safety	54%	33%	10%	2%	1%
Q13. Criminal	45%	39%	12%	3%	2%
justice/policing					
Q14. Systemic	34%	26%	15%	9%	16%
racism/white					
supremacy					
Q15. Climate	42%	23%	11%	10%	14%
change/environment					
Q16. Health	59%	28%	10%	2%	1%
care/Medicare					
Q17. Social Security	54%	30%	12%	3%	1%
Q18. Energy/energy	38%	40%	15%	5%	2%
policy					
Q19. Abortion rights	41%	24%	17%	8%	10.%
Q20. Gun violence	48%	29%	12%	6%	4%
Q21. Wealth inequality	36%	25%	21%	8%	11%
Q22. Taxes/tax rates	50%	36%	11%	2%	1%
Q23. Ineligible people	43%	25%	16%	9%	7%
being allowed to vote					
Q24. Eligible people	44%	24%	16%	8%	8%
being prevented from					
voting					
Q25. Government	30%	37%	25%	6%	2%
support for					
manufacturing					

DEMOCRACY AND CAPITALISM RATINGS

Q26. How would you rate the way democracy is working in the United States today?

8% Excellent

14% Very good

25% Somewhat good

12% Neither good nor bad

15% Somewhat poor

10% Very poor

12% Terrible

4% Don't know/Unsure

- Q27. How would you rate the way private investment and ownership of business is working in the United States today?
 - 7% Excellent
 - 20% Very good
 - 25% Somewhat good
 - 18% Neither good nor bad
 - 10% Somewhat poor
 - 6% Very poor
 - 7% Terrible
 - 8% Don't know/Unsure
- Q28. Would you say that American democracy is a good or bad example for other countries around the world to follow?
 - 49% Good example
 - 26% Bad example
 - 25% Don't know/Unsure
- Q29. Would you say that the American economic system is a good or bad example for other countries around the world to follow?
 - 52% Good example
 - 27% Bad example
 - 21% Don't know/Unsure

ELECTION 2024

- Q30. How interested are you in the 2024 presidential election? Are you:
 - 55% Extremely interested
 - 22% Very interested
 - 15% Somewhat interested
 - 9% Not at all interested

If the 2024 presidential election were held today...

- Q31. How would you vote if the candidates were:
 - 37% Democrat Joe Biden
 - 35% Republican Donald Trump
 - 7% Third-party candidate Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.
 - 3% Green Party candidate Party Jill Stein
 - 1% Third-Party candidate Cornel West
 - 8% Wouldn't vote
 - 9% Don't know

- Q32. How would you vote in the election for the U.S. House of Representatives in your own congressional district? Would you vote for:
 - 40% The Democratic candidate
 - 36% The Republican candidate
 - 5% Someone else
 - 8% Wouldn't vote
 - 11% Don't know

How well, if at all, does the following describe you?

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very well	Not at all well	Don't know
Q33. I am tired of hearing about	21%	30%	22%	24%	4%
politics.					
Q34. I feel burned out from	19%	33%	22%	23%	4%
hearing about politics.					
Q35. I lack energy to think or talk	16%	25%	23%	30%	5%
about politics.					
Q36. I feel exhausted from	19%	33%	20%	23%	5%
hearing about politics.					

ATTITUDES TOWARDS VOTER FRAUD AND VOTER SUPPRESSION

Let's turn to some questions about how American elections are run these days.

- Q37. How confident are you that election outcomes in the U.S. reflect the will of the people?
 - 24% Extremely confident
 - 41% Somewhat confident
 - 23% Not very confident
 - 12% Not at all confident
- Q38. How likely is it that an election outcome in which the winners are separated by 1,000 votes would be changed if we recounted the votes by hand?

Average: 51%

22% 1%-20%

11% 21%-40%

18% 41%-50%

12% 51%-60%

20% 61%-70%

11% 71%-80%

19% 81%-100%

Q39. How likely is it that an election outcome in which the winners are separated by 100 votes would be changed if we recounted the votes by hand?

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Average: 53%
20% 1%-20%
11% 21%-40%
16% 41%-50%
12% 51%-60%
18% 61%-80%
23% 81%-100%
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Now, we'd like to ask you about voters in your state...

Q40. Just give us your best guess: What percent of voters in your state no longer live at the address listed on the registered voter file?

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Average: 36%
18%
      1%-10%
16%
      11%-20%
15%
     21%-30%
12%
     31%-40%
12%
     41%-50%
10%
     51%-60%
7%
     61%-70%
4%
     71%-80%
3%
     81%-90%
2%
     91%-100%
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Q41. What percent of voters in your state no longer live at the address listed on the registered voter file because they have moved out of the county?

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Average: 30%
32%
      1%-10%
17%
      11%-20%
12%
     21%-30%
8%
     31%-40%
9%
     41%-50%
8%
     51%-60%
5%
     61%-70%
5%
     71%-80%
3%
     81%-90%
2%
     91%-100%
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Q42. What percent of voters in your state no longer live at the address listed on the registered voter file because they have moved out of the state?

Average: 31% 27% 1%-10% 18% 11%-20% 12% 21%-30% 10% 31%-40% 8% 41%-50% 11% 51%-60% 5% 61%-70% 4% 71%-80% 3% 81%-90% 2% 91%-100%

Q43. What percent of names on the registered voter files belong to people who have died?

Average: 28% 39% 1%-10% 15% 11%-20% 10% 21%-30% 8% 31%-40% 7% 41%-50% 7% 51%-60% 5% 61%-70% 5% 71%-80% 3% 81%-90% 2% 91%-100%

Thinking about the last presidential election in 2020...

Q44. Again, just give us your best guess: What percent of people in your state voted absentee or early?

Average: 43% 7% 1%-10% 11% 11%-20% 12% 21%-30% 17% 31%-40% 17% 41%-50% 12% 51%-60% 8% 61%-70% 7% 71%-80% 4% 81%-90% 3% 91%-100% Q45. What percent of people in your state voted at polling places?

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Average: 57%
3%
      1%-10%
3%
      11%-20%
6%
      21%-30%
10%
      31%-40%
17%
      41%-50%
16%
      51%-60%
16%
      61%-70%
17%
      71%-80%
10%
      81%-90%
3%
      91%-100%
```

Q46. What percent of signatures on absentee ballots do not match the signature on the voter rolls?

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Average: 30%
37%
      1%-10%
13%
      11%-20%
11%
     21%-30%
6%
     31%-40%
10%
     41%-50%
9%
     51%-60%
5%
     61%-70%
4%
     71%-80%
3%
     81%-90%
2%
     91%-100%
```

Q47. What percent of voters cast a provisional ballot either because they showed up without identification or at the wrong precinct?

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Average: 27%
40%
      1%-10%
15%
      11%-20%
9%
      21%-30%
7%
      31%-40%
8%
      41%-50%
8%
      51%-60%
4%
      61%-70%
      71\%\text{-}80\%
4%
3%
      81%-90%
1%
      91%-100%
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Q48. What percent of these provisional votes are accepted and counted?

Average: 50% 19% 1%-10% 7% 11%-20% 7% 21%-30% 6% 31%-40% 12% 41%-50% 8% 51%-60% 7% 61%-70% 9% 71%-80% 9% 81%-90%

Q49. Over the past 20 years, has a court ruled that your state violated the voting rights of individuals?

11% Yes 38% No

16%

51% Don't know

91%-100%

Q50. How often are eligible voters not allowed to vote in your state?

6% Very often

13% Somewhat often

17% Not very often

30% Almost never

34% Don't know

Q51. Do you think denying eligible voters the right to vote is sufficiently common in your state to change the outcome of elections?

20% Yes

50% No

30% Don't know

Q52. How often does voter fraud happen in your state?

7% Very often

15% Somewhat often

25% Not very often

27% Almost never

26% Don't know

Q53. Do you think voter fraud is sufficiently common in your state to change the outcomes of elections?

32% Yes

68% No

How common are the following sorts of voter fraud in your state?

	Extremely common	Somewhat common	Somewhat uncommon	Extremely uncommon	Don't know/ Unsure
Q54. People who are not legally allowed to vote are voting.	10%	22%	18%	30%	20%
Q55. People are voting more than once.	8%	19%	20%	34%	20%
Q56. People are destroying legal ballots.	7%	17%	19%	34%	22%
Q57. People are casting ballots using the identities of people who are no longer alive or no longer living here.	9%	22%	17%	32%	19%

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

Q58. Do you think the situation along the country's southern border is best described as an emergency, a major problem but not an emergency, a minor problem, or not a problem?

34% Emergency

37% Major problem

19% Minor problem

3% Not a problem

8% Don't know/Unsure

Q59. Which of the following do you think is MOST responsible for the situation at the southern border?

27% Poverty in Latin and South American countries

14% Political oppression in Latin and South American countries

44% The policies and pronouncements of the current administration regarding immigration

16% Don't know/Unsure

Please tell us whether you favor or oppose each of the following policy ideas related to immigration and border security.

	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
Q60. Building a wall along the U.SMexico border.	39%	14%	15%	9%	19%	4%
Q61. Increasing the number of border agents along the U.SMexico border.	44%	26%	18%	5%	4%	4%
Q62. Using the U.S. military to stop illegal immigrants at the border.	35%	21%	16%	10%	14%	4%
Q63. Penalizing and fining businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants.	41%	21%	17%	8%	8%	4%
Q64. Deporting illegal immigrants back to their home countries.	41%	21%	17%	12%	6%	4%

DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER

49% Male 51% Female

AGE

21% 18-29 25% 30-44 14% 45-54 19% 55-64 21% 65+

RACE

- 63% White/Anglo
- 13% African American/Black
- 16% Hispanic/Latino
- 3% Asian American
- 1% Native American
- 2% Two or more races
- 1% Other
- 0% Middle Eastern

REGION

- 18% Northeast
- 20% Midwest
- 39% South
- 23% West

EDUCATION

- 5% No high school degree
- 33% High school graduate
- 17% Some college
- 11% Two-year college degree
- 22% Four-year college degree
- 12% Post-graduate

MARITAL STATUS

- 48% Married
- 1% Separated
- 10% Divorced
- 5% Widowed
- 31% Never married
- 5% Domestic/Civil partnership

CHILDREN

- 24% Children under 18 in household
- 76% Else

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

39% Full-time

14% Part-time

1% Temporarily laid off

6% Unemployed

19% Retired

7% Permanently disabled

5% Homemaker

6% Student

4% Other

FAMILY INCOME

7% Less than \$10k

6% \$10k-\$20k

25% \$20k-\$50k

28% \$50k-\$100k

22% \$100k-\$250k

2% More than \$250k

10% Prefer not to say

PARTY IDENTIFICATION

25% Strong Democrat

13% Not so strong Democrat

7% Lean Democrat

15% Independent

8% Lean Republican

10% Not so strong Republican

18% Strong Republican

Collapsed Party ID:

38% Democrat

28% Independent

24% Republican

2020 PRESIDENTIAL VOTE

32% Joe Biden

29% Donald Trump

2% Other

38% Did not vote for president

IDEOLOGY

10% Very liberal

15% Liberal

34% Moderate

20% Conservative

12% Very conservative

RELIGION

29% Protestant

28% Catholic

1% Jewish

0% Muslim

2% Buddhist

3% Mormon

0% Eastern or Greek Orthodox

0% Hindu

6% Atheist

5% Agnostic

18% Nothing in particular

9% Else

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

13% More than once a week

19% Once a week

8% Once or twice a month

13% A few times a year

17% Seldom

27% Never

3% Don't know

EVANGELICAL

37% Yes

63% No

RURAL. Which of the following best describes where you live?

35% Urban

44% Suburban

21% Rural

UNION. Do you or does anyone in your household belong to a union?

- 8% I am a union member.
- 11% Someone else is the household belongs to a union.
- 72% Non-union.
- 9% Not sure.

VET. Are you or is anyone in your household currently active U.S. military or a veteran?

- 9% I am active military or a veteran.
- 15% Someone else is active military or a veteran.
- 73% No.
- 4% Not sure.