

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 146 APRIL 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
APRIL 8-14, 2024
N=8,709**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

POL1JB Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?

ASK IF POL1JB=1,2:

POL1JBSTR Do you [**IF POL1JB=1: approve; IF POL1JB=2: disapprove**] of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president..

	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	NET	<i>Very</i>	<i>Not so</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
	<u>Approve</u>	<i><u>strongly</u></i>	<i><u>strongly</u></i>	<i><u>answer</u></i>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<i><u>strongly</u></i>	<i><u>strongly</u></i>	<i><u>answer</u></i>	<i><u>answer</u></i>
Apr 8-14, 2024	35	19	16	1	62	45	17	1	2
Jan 16-21, 2024	33	16	16	*	65	44	20	*	1
Nov 27-Dec 3, 2023	33	17	16	*	64	44	19	1	1
Jun 5-11, 2023	35	17	17	1	62	41	20	*	3
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	37	18	18	*	60	41	19	1	3
Jan 18-24, 2023	38	18	19	1	60	41	18	*	3
Oct 10-16, 2022	38	19	19	1	59	40	18	1	3
Aug 1-14, 2022	37	17	19	1	60	39	20	*	3
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	37	18	18	1	62	45	16	1	2
Mar 7-13, 2022	43	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	55	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2
Jan 10-17, 2022	41	21	19	1	56	39	18	*	3
Sep 13-19, 2021	44	27	17	*	53	38	15	1	3
Jul 8-18, 2021	55	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	43	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2
Apr 5-11, 2021	59	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	39	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	2
Mar 1-7, 2021	54	38	15	1	42	29	12	1	4

See past presidents' approval trends: [Donald Trump](#), [Barack Obama](#), [George W. Bush](#), [Bill Clinton](#)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

PRZCMPGN How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who are running for president in 2024?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
2024 election					
Apr 8-14, 2024	38	34	18	9	*
2020 election					
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	56	27	11	5	*
Jul 27-Aug 2, 2020	46	29	16	8	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	43	31	17	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	42	33	18	7	*
Jan 6-19, 2020	30	37	21	11	*
Sep 3-15, 2019	30	37	22	11	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	26	37	23	14	*
2016 election					
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	55	27	9	8	1
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	52	31	11	5	1
Mar 2-28, 2016	56	28	9	6	1
Mar 10-Apr 6, 2015 ¹	26	40	23	11	*

ASK ALL:

MATTERS Thinking about how you feel about the 2024 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PLEASE FLIP THE LABELS FOR HALF OF RESPONDENTS LEAVING THE SCALE ALWAYS 1→4]

	1 <u>Really matters who wins</u>	2	3	4 <u>Doesn't really matter who wins</u>	<u>No answer</u>
2024 election					
Apr 8-14, 2024	59	19	10	11	1
2020 election					
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020 ²	67	16	9	8	1
July 27-Aug 2, 2020	68	14	8	9	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	64	17	9	8	1
Sep 3-15, 2019	62	19	10	9	*
2016 election					
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016 ³	62	19	8	10	*
Sep 27-Oct 10, 2016	64	18	8	10	1
Aug 16-Sept 12, 2016	61	19	9	10	1
June 7-July 5, 2016	62	20	9	9	0
Apr 5-May 2, 2016	57	22	10	9	1
Mar 2-Mar 28, 2016	65	18	8	9	1
Nov 24-Dec 21, 2015	58	22	10	8	1

¹ W10 (March 10-April 6, 2015) had a minor difference in question wording: "How much thought, if any, have you given to candidates who may be running for president in 2016?"

² In 2019 and 2020, question read, "Thinking about how you feel about the 2020 presidential election, where would you place yourself on the following scale?"

³ In 2015 and 2016, question read, "Thinking about how you feel about the 2016 presidential election and the next president, where would you place yourself on the following scale?"

ASK IF U.S. CITIZEN (XCITIZEN=1) [N=8,324]

VOTEGEN If the 2024 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

ASK IF NONE/OTHER CANDIDATE OR SKIPPED VOTEGEN (VOTEGEN=3, 99) [N=1,914]:

VOTEGEN3 As of TODAY, do you... **[SHOW OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS VOTEGEN]**

Note: Display choice 3 Neither only if the question is skipped without selecting choice 1 or 2

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=7,166]:

Apr 8-14,
2024

49	Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump
48	Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden
2	Vote for neither/Other
1	No answer

2020 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Sep 30- Oct 5 <u>2020⁴</u>	July 27- Aug 2, <u>2020</u>	June 16- 22 <u>2020</u>	Apr 8- 12 <u>2020⁵</u>
Donald Trump, the Republican/Lean more toward Trump	42	45	44	45
Joe Biden, the Democrat/Lean more toward Biden	52	53	54	47
Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian candidate/Lean Jorgensen	4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate/Lean Hawkins ⁶	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
None/Other	1	2	2	8
No answer	*	*	*	*

2016 TREND FOR COMPARISON:

	Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016⁷</u>	Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>	Aug 16- Sept 12 <u>2016</u>	July 12- Aug 8 <u>2016⁸</u>	June 7- July 5 <u>2016</u>
Donald Trump/Lean Trump	42	39	38	46	45
Hillary Clinton/Lean Clinton	46	46	45	50	51
Gary Johnson/Lean Johnson	6	10	10	n/a	n/a
Jill Stein/Lean Stein	4	4	4	n/a	n/a
None/Other	1	1	2	3	3
No answer	*	0	1	1	1

See phone trends on candidate preference [here](#).

⁴ W75 was the first time this question listed candidates other than Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Previous asks of this question did not name other candidates specifically.

⁵ Based on registered voters. Only W65 respondents who completed the survey on or after April 8, 2020, the day Bernie Sanders suspended his campaign for the Democratic nomination, were asked VOTEGENA or VOTEGENB. In the W65 survey, respondents who skipped VOTEGENA or selected neither or other were given explicit "Neither/Other" in the follow-up question about leaning toward either candidate.

⁶ Howie Hawkins only asked about in the 33 states and the District of Columbia where he was on the ballot.

⁷ Questions asked in 2016 asked about the 2016 presidential election.

⁸ Survey conducted July 12-Aug. 8 and June 7-July 5 asked only about Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Later waves included Gary Johnson and Jill Stein.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF QUALPRES_TRMP AND QUALPRES_BIDEN ON DIFFERENT PAGES]**ASK ALL:**

QUALPRES_TRMP Thinking about the qualities needed to effectively serve another term as president, how confident are you that Donald Trump... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES_BDN; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

		Extremely <u>confident</u>	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer</u>
MF	Has the mental fitness needed to do the job Apr 8-14, 2024	20	15	17	15	32	*
PHY	Has the physical fitness needed to do the job Apr 8-14, 2024	15	18	26	17	23	*
ADV	Picks good advisors Apr 8-14, 2024	11	14	22	15	37	1
ETH	Acts ethically in office Apr 8-14, 2024	11	12	17	14	45	1
RSP	Respects the country's democratic values Apr 8-14, 2024	17	13	16	12	41	1

ASK ALL:

QUALPRES_BDN Thinking about the qualities needed to effectively serve another term as president, how confident are you that Joe Biden... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES_TRMP; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES_TRMP]**

		Extremely <u>confident</u>	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer</u>
MF	Has the mental fitness needed to do the job Apr 8-14, 2024	7	12	17	18	45	*
PHY	Has the physical fitness needed to do the job Apr 8-14, 2024	4	10	19	21	46	*
ADV	Picks good advisors Apr 8-14, 2024	12	15	21	19	32	1

QUALPRES_BDN CONTINUED ...		<u>Extremely confident</u>	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ETH	Acts ethically in office Apr 8-14, 2024	15	15	21	17	31	1
RSP	Respects the country's democratic values Apr 8-14, 2024	19	16	20	16	29	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PRESGOODBIDEN, PRESGOODTRUMP; DISPLAY ON SAME PAGE]****ASK ALL:**

PRESGOODTRUMP Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Donald Trump was a...

Apr 8-14 <u>2024</u>		Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u> ⁹	June 16-22, <u>2020</u> ¹⁰
17	Great president	17	16
22	Good president	18	18
16	Average president	12	11
13	Poor president	12	12
32	Terrible president	41	41
*	No answer	*	1

PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON:*What kind of president do you think Donald Trump will be – a great, good, average, poor or terrible president?*

	<u>Great president</u>	<u>Good president</u>	<u>Average president</u>	<u>Poor president</u>	<u>Terrible president</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
Nov 30-Dec 5, 2016	14	22	18	13	25	8
Oct 20-25, 2016 ¹¹ (RVs)	9	17	16	11	44	2
Aug 9-16, 2016 (RVs)	9	18	15	12	43	3
Mar 17-26, 2016 (RVs)	10	16	12	15	44	3
Jan 7-14, 2016	10	19	13	15	39	5

⁹ In the March 2021 survey, the question read, "During his time in office, do you think Donald Trump was a..."¹⁰ In the June 2020 survey, the question read, "Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Donald Trump is a..."¹¹ In Oct. 20-25, 2016, survey and earlier, question was asked in a list with other candidates: "Regardless of who you currently support in the election, what kind of president do you think Donald Trump would be – a great, good, average, poor or terrible president?" Volunteered responses of "Never heard of" were included in the "Don't know/Refused" category.

ASK ALL:

PRESGOODBIDEN Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Joe Biden is a...

Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>		June 16-22, <u>2020</u> ¹²
6	Great president	5
19	Good president	21
26	Average president	32
18	Poor president	15
31	Terrible president	26
*	No answer	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

CONCEDE Thinking about the results of the presidential election this November, how important do you think it is for a losing candidate to publicly acknowledge the winner as the legitimate president of the country?

Apr 8-14, <u>2024</u>		Apr 7-12 <u>2020</u>	Oct 25- Nov 8 <u>2016</u>	Sept 27- Oct 10 <u>2016</u>
54	Very important	54	46	50
27	Somewhat important	25	27	24
11	Not too important	14	15	13
6	Not at all important	6	10	12
1	No answer	1	1	1

¹² In the June 2020 survey, the question read, "Regardless of who you currently support in the election, do you think Joe Biden would be a..."

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:**

DTINDICTHRD How closely have you been following news about the criminal charges against Donald Trump? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-5 and 5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES_TRMP]**

Apr 8-14,
2024

12	Extremely closely
15	Very closely
33	Somewhat closely
25	Not too closely
14	Not at all closely
	No answer

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,349]:

DTINDICTLGL Now thinking specifically about the accusations that Trump broke the law in an effort to change the outcome of the 2020 election, do you think Trump... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF RESPONSES 1-3 AND 3-1, 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

Apr 8-14,
2024

45	Broke the law
15	Did something wrong but did not break the law
23	Did nothing wrong
17	Not sure
1	No answer

ASK FORM 2 [N=4,360]:

RPLC As you may know, Donald Trump and Joe Biden are likely to be their party's nominees for the 2024 presidential election this November.

If you had the ability to decide the major party candidates for the 2024 presidential election, would you... **[ANCHOR 1 AND 4, ROTATE ORDER OF 2 AND 3 FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS, ROTATE LIST FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS]**

Apr 8-14,
2024

50	Replace both Trump and Biden with different candidates
15	Keep Biden, replace Trump with a different Republican
19	Keep Trump, replace Biden with a different Democrat
14	Keep both Biden and Trump
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁷

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	29	27	14	3	17	19

⁷ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.