

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 156 POLITICS SURVEY OCTOBER 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 6, 2024
N=5,110**

Note: This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the Methodology.

* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

**ASK IF TRUMP, HARRIS, KENNEDY, STEIN, OLIVER OR WEST BUT NOT CERTAIN
(VOTEGEN2_TRUMP=2 OR VOTEGEN2_HARRIS=2 OR VOTEGEN2_KENNEDY=2 OR
VOTEGEN2_STEIN=2 OR VOTEGEN2_OLIVER=2 OR VOTEGEN2_WEST=2) [N=527]:**

NOTCERTAIN24

In previous questions, you said you supported [IF VOTEGEN24=1 "Donald Trump", IF VOTEGEN24=2 "Kamala Harris", IF VOTEGEN24=3 "Robert F. Kennedy Jr.", IF VOTEGEN24=4 "Chase Oliver", VOTEGEN24=5 "Jill Stein", VOTEGEN24=6 "Cornel West"] but you might change your mind.

**ASK IF LEAN TOWARD TRUMP, HARRIS, THIRD PARTY (VOTEGEN24_LEAN=1,2,3,4,5, OR 6)
[N=442]:**

NOTCERTAIN24_LEAN

In previous questions, you first said you did not support any of the listed candidates but leaned toward [IF VOTEGEN24_LEAN=1 "Donald Trump", IF VOTEGEN24_LEAN=2 "Kamala Harris", IF VOTEGEN24_LEAN=3 "Robert F. Kennedy Jr.", IF VOTEGEN24_LEAN=4 "Chase Oliver", VOTEGEN24_LEAN=5 "Jill Stein", VOTEGEN24_LEAN=6 "Cornel West"].

What is the main reason you are not certain about your vote choice in the 2024 presidential election?

NOTCERTAIN24/NOTCERTAIN24_LEAN CONTINUED...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO EITHER LEAN TOWARDS A CANDIDATE OR SAY THERE'S A CHANCE THEY MAY CHANGE THEIR MIND [N=625]¹

Uncertain/ Lean Harris [N=278] Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	Uncertain/ Lean Trump [N=234] Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	
7	26	NET Negative personality trait of selected candidate
1	16	<i>Bad demeanor/character</i>
5	6	<i>Lack of trust</i>
1	2	<i>Dishonest</i>
1	2	<i>Unqualified/Unsure of qualification</i>
*	2	<i>Age</i>
-	1	<i>Legal troubles/scandals</i>
-	*	<i>Immoral</i>
18	26	General dislike of BOTH Trump and Harris
16	10	Don't know enough about candidates (more information might come out)
20	9	Mentions of specific policy disagreement
14	8	Open to another candidate/Undecided
1	5	General dislike of selected candidate (Trump or Harris)
2	2	Negative view of their experience in office
15	18	Other
16	13	No answer*

Total exceeds 100% because of multiple responses

ASK IF NO LEAN (VOTEGEN24_LEAN=7,99) [N=90]:

WHYNONE24OE What is the main reason you do not have a preferred candidate in the 2024 presidential election?

[OPEN END - INSUFFICIENT SAMPLE SIZE FOR ANALYSIS]

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

¹ Insufficient sample size for analysis of third-party candidate supporters who are uncertain/lean.

ASK ALL CITIZENS [N=4,836]:

PLAN1 Do you plan to vote in the elections this November, have you already voted, or don't you plan to vote?

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE (PLAN1=1) [N=3,717]:

HOWPLANVOTE How do you plan to cast your vote in the November elections? [REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]

ASK IF HAVE ALREADY VOTED (PLAN1=2) [N=137]:

HOWVOTED Did you cast your vote... [REVERSE ORDER 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE]

ASK IF PLAN TO VOTE ABSENTEE (HOWPLANVOTE=3) [N=1,073]:

PLANABSENT Do you plan to return your ballot... [REVERSE ORDER 3-1 FOR RANDOM HALF OF SAMPLE, KEEP 4 LAST]

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=4,025]:

Sep 30- Oct 6, 2024		Sep 30- Oct 6 2020	Oct 25- Nov 8 2016
93	Plan to vote	90	75
23	In person at a polling place BEFORE Election Day	20	--
38	In person at a polling place ON Election Day	33	--
26	By absentee or mail-in ballot	32	--
2	In person to an election official or poll worker	4	--
9	To a designated dropbox	11	--
13	By mail	15	--
2	Not sure [anchor]	2	--
6	Not sure [anchor]	4	--
3	Already voted	7	21
1	In person at a polling place or early voting location	1	--
1	By absentee or mail-in ballot returned in person	1	--
*	By absentee or mail-in ballot dropped off at a designated dropbox	1	--
2	By mailing in your ballot	4	--
3	Don't plan to vote	2	4
1	No answer*	*	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

Do you plan to cast your vote in [the general election] [IF RSTATE=22 LOUISIANA: the November election]...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS WHO PLAN TO VOTE:

	Oct 25- Nov 8 2016	Sep 27- Oct 10 2016
Before Election Day	24	32
On Election Day	71	55
Not sure	5	13
No Answer	*	0

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

SCOTUS_ELCTCLSE If there are legal challenges to the 2024 presidential election that go to the U.S. Supreme Court, how confident are you that the U.S. Supreme Court will be politically neutral in its decisions?

Sep 30-Oct 6,
2024

6	Extremely confident
11	Very confident
30	Somewhat confident
29	Not too confident
23	Not at all confident
1	No answer*

ASK ALL:

CAND How religious do you think each person is? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	Very religious	Somewhat religious	Not too religious	Not at all religious	Never heard of this person ²	No answer*
TRUMP Donald Trump						
Sept 30-Oct 6, 2024	6	31	26	36	n/a	2
Feb 13-25, 2024	4	25	25	43	n/a	2
Mar 1-7, 2021	6	26	24	43	n/a	1
Feb 4-15, 2020	7	28	23	40	<1	1
PHONE TREND FOR COMPARISON						
Jan 7,14, 2016 ³	5	25	37	22	n/a	10
HARRIS Kamala Harris						
Sept 30-Oct 6, 2024	4	35	33	25	n/a	3
Mar 1-7, 2021	8	38	28	23	-	3

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPRELIG AND HARRISRELIG ON SAME PAGE]**ASK ALL:**

TRUMPRELIG As far as you know, what is Donald Trump's religion?

Sept 30-Oct 6,
2024

31	NET Christian
21	Protestant "Just Christian" ⁴
10	Catholic
1	Jewish
*	Muslim
n/a	Buddhist
*	Hindu
15	NET No religion
2	Atheist
13	Nothing in particular
6	Something else
46	Not sure
*	No answer*

Feb 4-15
2020

44
33
2
8
1
<1
<1
16
2
13
5
34
1

² "Never heard of this person" was a response option in the February 2020 survey only.

³ The telephone question asked: "Now I am going to read you a list of some political figures. For each name that I read, please tell me how religious you think that person is - very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious. First, (INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZE). How about [INSERT NEXT]? [IF NECESSARY: How religious do you think (he/she) is - very religious, somewhat religious, not too religious, or not at all religious?]"

⁴ This category includes respondents who originally said "something else" and then went on to indicate that Trump is a Christian when they were asked to specify.

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TRUMPRELIG AND HARRISRELIG ON SAME PAGE]**ASK ALL:**

HARRISRELIG As far as you know, what is Kamala Harris' religion?

Sept 30-Oct 6,

2024

13	NET Christian
8	Protestant
5	Catholic
1	Jewish
1	Muslim
3	Hindu
9	NET No religion
2	Atheist
6	Nothing in particular
3	Something else
70	Not sure
1	No answer*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

VOTEDIR_MOD How much, if at all, do you think that voting by people like you can affect the direction the country takes in the future?

Sep 30-Oct 6,

2024

40	A lot
35	Some
18	Not much
7	Not at all
*	No answer*

Jul 10-16,

2023

20
36
31
11
1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT_R & ELCTCMMT_D]**ASK ALL:**ELCTCMMT_R How committed would you say the Republican Party is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

Sep 30-Oct 6,

2024

24	Very committed
33	Somewhat committed
22	Not too committed
19	Not at all committed
2	No answer*

Jan 6-19

2020

18
32
24
24
2

Sep 24-Oct 7

2018

20
35
23
19
3

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ELCTCMMT_R & ELCTCMMT_D]**ASK ALL:**

ELCTCMMT_D How committed would you say the Democratic Party is to making sure elections in the United States are fair and accurate?

Sep 30-Oct 6, <u>2024</u>		Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>	Sep 24-Oct 7 <u>2018</u>
28	Very committed	19	23
32	Somewhat committed	37	40
17	Not too committed	21	19
22	Not at all committed	21	17
2	No answer*	2	2

ASK ALL:

CAMPCONTCT As you may know, political campaigns and organizations sometimes reach out directly to prospective voters by email, text message, printed mail or in person.

So far during this presidential campaign, have you personally been contacted by...

[RANDOMIZE]

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
DT	The <u>Trump</u> campaign or organizations that support Trump			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	36	63	1
KH	The <u>Harris</u> campaign or organizations that support Harris			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	40	59	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_COM AND VTADMIN_US]**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,550]:**

VTADMIN_COM Do you think the elections this November in your community will be run and administered...

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	43	44	8	4	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	40	45	10	4	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	36	48	11	4	*
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	41	46	9	3	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTADMIN_COM AND VTADMIN_US]**ASK FORM 2 [N=2,550]:**

VTADMIN_US Do you think the elections this November in the United States will be run and administered...

	<u>Very well</u>	<u>Somewhat well</u>	<u>Not too well</u>	<u>Not at all well</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	20	50	21	8	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	20	49	23	7	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	12	46	30	12	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	20	57	18	4	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_INP AND VTCOUNT_ABS]**ASK FORM 1 [N=2,560]:**

VTCOUNT_INP How confident are you that votes cast in person at polling places across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	36	46	13	5	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	34	45	15	5	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	42	44	10	4	1

[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF VTCOUNT_INP AND VTCOUNT_ABS]**ASK FORM 1 [N=2,560]:**

VTCOUNT_ABS How confident are you that votes cast by absentee or mail-in ballot across the United States will be counted as voters intend in the elections this November?

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	22	38	27	12	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	21	38	24	16	1
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	17	38	28	16	1

ASK FORM 2 & CITIZENS [N=2,405]:

VTEASY Overall, **[IF PLAN1=1,2: "do", IF PLAN1=3,99: "would"]** you personally expect voting in the November elections to be... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-4 FOR HALF, 4-1 FOR OTHER HALF]**

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS [N=2,005]:

Sep 30- Oct 6, <u>2024</u>		Sep 30-Oct 5 <u>2020</u>	Jul 27-Aug 2, <u>2020</u>
43	Very easy	29	23
38	Somewhat easy	36	28
16	Somewhat difficult	29	38
4	Very difficult	6	11
*	No answer	*	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:

VTEASY Overall, do you personally expect voting in the November elections to be...

BASED ON REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Oct 10-16 <u>2022</u>	Sep 24- Oct 7, <u>2018</u>
Very easy	45	46
Somewhat easy	37	39
Somewhat difficult	14	13
Very difficult	3	2
No answer	*	*

ASK ALL:

CIVENG_POST Here's a list of activities some people do and others do not. Please indicate if you have done each of the following activities over the past six months. **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF ITEMS]**

		Yes, in the past six <u>months</u>	No, not in the past six <u>months</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
RALLY	Attended a political rally or campaign event in person			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	5	95	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020 ⁵	5	94	*
ONLRLY	Attended a <u>virtual</u> political rally or <u>online</u> campaign event			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	9	91	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020	9	91	*
CONTR	Contributed money to a candidate running for public office or to a group working to elect a candidate			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	14	85	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020	18	81	1
DISPL	Displayed a poster, sign or bumper sticker, or wore a piece of clothing or a button in support of a political campaign			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	15	84	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020	19	80	1
VOLUNT	Worked or volunteered for a political party, candidate or campaign			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	4	95	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020	5	94	*
SM	Showed your support for a political campaign or candidate on social media			
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	21	78	*
	Nov 12-17, 2020	30	70	*

Refer [here](#) for trend on previous question about civic engagement.

ASK FORM 1 [N= 2,560]

VTPPL1 Thinking again about the elections coming up in November...

How confident are you that poll workers in your community will do a good job during the elections this November?

	Very <u>confident</u>	Somewhat <u>confident</u>	Not too <u>confident</u>	Not at all <u>confident</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	42	44	10	4	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	37	46	11	4	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	45	44	8	2	1

⁵ In November 2020, the question ended with "including in a vehicle."

ASK FORM 2 [N=2,550]:

VTPPL2 Thinking again about the elections coming up in November...

How confident are you that officials who run elections in **[IF XSTATEDC=2: "your state"; IF XSTATEDC=1: "the District of Columbia"]** will do a good job during the elections this November?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	27	51	16	6	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	25	49	17	8	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	28	50	18	4	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**ELECT_IMPTNOV Thinking about the presidential election this November, how important, if at all, is each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not at all important</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,560]						
PRVFR	People who are <u>not</u> legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	67	18	10	5	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	58	20	13	7	1
PRVSUP	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	84	11	3	1	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	86	10	2	2	*
QUICKWIN	Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	60	28	8	2	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	49	31	15	4	1
ASK FORM 2 [N=2,550]						
CLRWIN	After all the votes are counted, it will be clear which candidate won the election					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	83	12	2	2	1
CITZN	If noncitizens try to cast ballots in the election, they will be stopped					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	69	18	8	4	1
INTMD	People who try to intimidate or threaten voters at polling places will be stopped					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	84	10	3	2	*

ASK ALL:

ELECT_CONFNOV Still thinking about the presidential election this November, how confident, if at all, are you that... **[MATCH ORDER OF ITEMS TO ELECT_IMPTNOV]**

		<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,560]						
PRVFR	People who are <u>not</u> legally qualified to vote are prevented from casting a ballot					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	29	30	24	17	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	23	36	28	11	1
PRVSUP	People who are legally qualified and want to vote are able to cast a ballot					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	44	43	10	3	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	36	45	14	4	1
QUICKWIN	Americans know who won the election within a day or two of Election Day					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	24	40	27	8	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	16	35	36	13	1
ASK FORM 2 [N=2,550]						
CLRWIN	After all the votes are counted, it will be clear which candidate won the election					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	28	41	21	9	1
	Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	20	43	25	11	1
CITZN	If noncitizens try to cast ballots in the election, they will be stopped					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	32	32	21	15	1
INTMD	People who try to intimidate or threaten voters at polling places will be stopped					
	Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024	27	41	23	8	*

ASK ALL:

VTSYSSEC_US How confident are you that election systems in the United States are secure from hacking and other technological threats?

Sep 30-Oct 6, 2024		Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	Nov 7-16, 2018	Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018
12	Very confident	8	15	8
38	Somewhat confident	42	49	37
33	Not too confident	34	24	37
16	Not at all confident	16	11	17
*	No answer	1	*	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK IF CITIZEN [N=4,836]:**

REG Which of these statements best describes you?

Sep 30-Oct 6,
2024

80	You are ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that you are registered to vote at your current address
9	You are PROBABLY registered, but there is a chance you registration has lapsed
10	You are NOT registered to vote at your current address
1	No answer*

ASK IF NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE OR REFUSED [N=422]:

PLANREG Do you plan to register so that you can vote in the upcoming election?

Sep 30-Oct 6, <u>2024</u>		Oct 10-16, <u>2022</u>	Sep 30-Oct 5 <u>2020</u>
32	Yes	45	54
64	No	52	43
5	No answer*	3	3

ASK IF PROBABLY REGISTERED TO VOTE [N=389]:

PLANREG2 Do you plan to confirm that you are registered to vote at your current address before the upcoming election?

Sep 30-Oct 6,
2024

68	Yes
32	No
1	No answer*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3, 4 OR REFUSED):PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁶

	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Something else	No answer*	Lean Rep	Lean Dem
	28	29	29	13	1	20	19

⁶ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.