

This Washington Post-ABC News poll was conducted by telephone April 28-May 3, 2023, among a random national sample of 1,006 adults, with 75 percent reached on cell phones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points for the full sample, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, MD.

*= less than 0.5 percent

(Full methodological details appended at the end.)

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/3/23	36	18	18	56	9	47	8
2/1/23	42	18	24	53	10	42	5
11/2/22	41	19	23	53	11	42	6
9/21/22	39	22	18	53	11	41	8
4/28/22	42	21	21	52	10	42	6
2/24/22	37	20	18	55	11	44	7
11/10/21	41	19	22	53	10	44	6
9/1/21	44	25	19	51	9	42	5
6/30/21	50	30	19	42	7	35	8
4/21/21	52	34	18	42	7	35	6

2. Who do you think did a better job handling the economy - (Donald Trump when he was president), or (Joe Biden during his presidency so far)?

	Trump	Biden	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/3/23	54	36	7	3

3. Congress typically passes legislation on a regular basis to allow the government to pay its debts. Without this step, the government could default on its debts. Do you think Congress should allow the federal government to pay its debts ONLY if the Biden administration also agrees to cut federal spending, or should the issues of debt payment and federal spending be handled separately?

	Allow government to pay debts only if Biden agrees to cut spending	Issues of debt payment and federal spending should be handled separately	No opinion
5/3/23	26	58	16
2/1/23	26	65	9

4. If the debt limit is not raised and the government goes into default, who would you mainly blame for that - (Biden) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Biden	Republicans in Congress	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
5/3/23	36	39	16	3	5

Compare to:

If the debt limit is not raised, the federal government will have to start shutting down many of its activities, and may not be able to send out Social Security checks, pay salaries for government workers or meet its obligations to bondholders. If this occurs, who do you think will be mainly to blame - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

Both Neither No

	Obama	Reps	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
7/17/11	36	42	19	1	2

As you may know, unless Congress and the president can agree to raise the federal debt limit soon, the government will not be able to borrow more money to fund its operations and pay its debts. If the limit is not raised, who do you think would mainly be responsible for this - (the Obama administration) or (the Republicans in Congress)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----	Obama admin	----	--	Reps in Congress	--	Both	Neither	No
	NET	Strongly	Smt.	NET	Smt.	Strongly	(vol.)	(vol.)	opin.
6/19/11*	33	24	10	42	12	30	13	4	7

*Washington Post/Pew Research Center poll

5. Donald Trump has been charged in New York with 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. Do you think this case was brought (appropriately to hold Trump accountable under the law like anyone else), or (inappropriately to try to hurt Trump politically)?

	Appropriately	Inappropriately	
	to hold Trump	to try to hurt	
	accountable	Trump politically	No opinion
5/3/23	49	44	7

6. Do you think Trump should or should not face criminal charges in each of these other cases?

5/3/23 - Summary table

	Should	Should not	No opinion
a. Investigations into whether he tried to illegally overturn the 2020 presidential election results	56	38	7
b. A federal investigation into his handling of classified documents after he left office	54	38	8
c. A federal investigation into his role in the events leading to the storming of the U.S. Capitol in January 2021	54	41	6

Compare to:

As you may know, Donald Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where the riot followed. Do you think Trump should be charged with a crime for his role in this incident, or do you think he should not be charged?

	Should be	Should not	No
	charged	be charged	opinion
4/28/22	52	42	6

As you may know, Trump encouraged his supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol, where a riot followed. Do you think Trump should be charged with the crime of inciting a riot, or do you think he should not be charged?

	Should be	Should not	No
	charged	be charged	opinion
1/13/21	54	43	3

Changing topics,

7. Do you think justices on the U.S. Supreme Court mainly decide cases (based on the law) or (based on their personal political views)?

	The law	Personal political views	No opinion
5/3/23	39	51	10
2/24/22	46	45	9

8. Do you support or oppose the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court eliminating the constitutional right to have an abortion? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
5/3/23	27	22	6	66	12	54	7
11/2/22	30	22	8	63	7	56	7
9/21/22	29	21	9	64	11	53	7

9. Overall, do you think the decision whether or not a woman can have an abortion should be (regulated by law) or should be (left to the woman and her doctor)?

	Regulated by law	Left to the woman and her doctor	No opinion
5/3/23	18	78	4
4/28/22	24	70	6
11/10/21	20	75	5

10. About half of abortions in this country are induced by taking a prescription drug pill called mifepristone. Do you think mifepristone should (remain on) the market in the United States or should (be taken off) the market?

	Remain on	Taken off	No opinion
5/3/23	66	24	11

11. (ASK IF MIFEPRISTONE SHOULD REMAIN ON THE MARKET) Should access to mifepristone (remain the same as it is now) or (be more restricted than it is now)?

	Remain the same	Be more restricted	No opinion
5/3/23	72	18	10

10/11 NET

	---- Remain on the market ----			No op.	Taken off the market		No opinion
	NET	Remain the same	Be more restricted				
5/3/23	66	47	12	7	24	11	

12. (ASK IF LEANED DEMOCRAT) Would you like the Democratic Party to nominate Biden to run for a second term as president in 2024, or would you like the Democratic Party to nominate someone other than Biden as its candidate for president?

	Nominate Biden	Nominate someone other than Biden	No opinion
5/3/23	36	58	6
2/1/23	31	58	10
9/21/22	35	56	9

13. (ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Who would you like the Republican Party to nominate as its candidate for president in 2024?

5/3/23

Donald Trump	43
Ron DeSantis	20
Mike Pence	2
Chris Christie	1
Nikki Haley	1
Asa Hutchinson	1
Tim Scott	1
Vivek Ramaswamy	*
Chris Sununu	*
Other	4
No opinion	27

14. (ASK IF NOT DESANTIS, HALEY, HUTCHINSON, PENCE, SCOTT, OR TRUMP) What if the only candidates were (Ron DeSantis), (Nikki Haley), (Asa Hutchinson), (Mike Pence), (Tim Scott), and (Donald Trump) - who would you like the Republican Party to nominate as its candidate for president in 2024?

5/3/23

Donald Trump	22
Ron DeSantis	16
Nikki Haley	16
Mike Pence	13
Tim Scott	9
Asa Hutchinson	2
None of these (vol.)	3
No opinion	18

13/14 NET VOTE PREFERENCE

5/3/23

Donald Trump	51
Ron DeSantis	25
Nikki Haley	6
Mike Pence	6
Tim Scott	4
Asa Hutchinson	1
None of these (vol.)	1
No opinion	6

15. (ASK IF LEANED REPUBLICAN) Would you be satisfied or dissatisfied with [ITEM] as the Republican nominee for president in 2024?

5/3/23 - Summary table

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion
a. Donald Trump	75	22	3
b. Ron DeSantis	64	23	13

Compare to:

How would you feel with [ITEM] as the Republican nominee for president - very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

3/6/16 - Summary table

	----- Satisfied-----			---- Dissatisfied ---			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Very	opinion
a. Trump	51	26	24	48	15	32	1
b. Cruz	65	22	43	33	18	15	2
c. Rubio	62	16	46	34	19	15	4
d. Kasich	56	18	38	33	20	12	11

16. If the candidates for president in 2024 were (Donald Trump, the Republican) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat), would you (definitely vote for Trump, probably vote for Trump), (definitely vote for Biden, probably vote for Biden), or are you undecided about that? Who would you lean toward?

	- Vote Trump -			- Vote Biden -			Undecided	Someone else (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op. *
	NET	Def	Prob	NET	Def	Prob					
5/3/23	44	36	9	38	32	6	12	1	3	1	

	---- Vote Trump ----				---- Vote Biden ----				Someone else (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Def	Prob	Lean	NET	Def	Prob	Lean				
5/3/23	49	36	9	5	42	32	6	4	1	4	2	1

17. If the candidates for president in 2024 were (Ron DeSantis, the Republican) and (Joe Biden, the Democrat), would you (definitely vote for DeSantis, probably vote for DeSantis), (definitely vote for Biden, probably vote for Biden), or are you undecided about that? Who would you lean toward?

	Vote DeSantis-			- Vote Biden -			Undecided	Someone else (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Def	Prob	NET	Def	Prob					
5/3/23	42	32	10	37	32	5	16	1	2	1	1

	-- Vote DeSantis ---				---- Vote Biden ----				Someone else (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Def	Prob	Lean	NET	Def	Prob	Lean				
5/3/23	48	32	10	6	41	32	5	4	2	4	1	3

18. Do you think Biden [ITEM], or not?

5/3/23 - Summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is honest and trustworthy	41	54	5
b. has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president	32	63	5
c. is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president	33	62	5

Trend:

a. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/3/23	41	54	5
5/28/20	48	45	8

b. has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/3/23	32	63	5
2/24/22	40	54	7
5/28/20	51	43	6

c. No trend.

19. Do you think Trump [ITEM], or not?

5/3/23 - Summary table

	Yes	No	No opinion
a. is honest and trustworthy	33	63	5
b. has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president	54	43	4
c. is in good enough physical health to serve effectively as president	64	28	8

Trend:

a. is honest and trustworthy

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/3/23	33	63	5
5/28/20	35	62	3
10/30/19	31	63	6
1/24/19	36	61	2
11/1/17	33	65	2
4/20/17	38	58	4
10/13/16 RV	34	64	3
9/22/16	38	57	5
9/8/16	31	64	4
8/4/16	34	62	4
3/6/16	27	69	4
9/10/15*	35	59	6

*"Please tell me whether the following statement applies to Trump, or not: He is honest and trustworthy."

b. has the mental sharpness it takes to serve effectively as president

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/3/23	54	43	4
5/28/20	46	52	2

c. No trend.

20. (If re-elected, Biden would be 82 years old at the start of his second term) and (if elected again, Trump would be 78 years old at the start of his second term). Do you think only (Biden) is too old for another term as president, only (Trump) is too old for another term as president, both are too old for another term as president, or neither is too old for another term as president?

	Only Biden is too old	Only Trump is too old	Both are too old	Neither is too old	No opinion
5/3/23	26	1	43	28	3

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
5/3/23	26	25	41	5	3
2/1/23	26	25	40	5	3
11/2/22	27	27	39	4	3
9/21/22	28	24	41	5	2

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and ABC News. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

A dual frame landline and cell phone telephone sample was generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). Interviewers called landline and cellphone numbers, first requesting to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final sample included 254 interviews completed on landlines and 752 interviews completed via cellphone, including 583 interviews with adults in cellphone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall adult sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cellphone-only or dual users. Results are weighted match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education and race/ethnicity according to the latest Current Population Survey Social and Economic Supplement. The sample is also weighted to match the average party identification in recent Post-ABC national polls.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.3 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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Group	Sample size	Error margin
National adults	1,006	+/- 3.5 points
Registered voters	900	4
Leaned Democrats	396	5.5
Leaned Republicans	438	5.5

