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University of Massachusetts Amherst
January 2024 National Poll

Field Dates:	January 25, 2024 – January 30, 2024
Sample:	1064 Respondents
Margin of Error:	3.7%

YouGov interviewed 1064 respondents, none of whom were matched out to produce the final dataset. The unmatched cases were weighted to a sampling frame using propensity scores. The sampling frame is a politically representative "modeled frame" of US adults, based upon the American Community Survey (ACS) public use microdata file, public voter file records, the 2020 Current Population Survey (CPS) Voting and Registration supplements, the 2020 National Election Pool (NEP) exit poll, and the 2020 CES surveys, including demographics and 2020 presidential vote.

The unmatched cases and the frame were combined, and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score function included age, gender, race/ethnicity, years of education, region, and home ownership status. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame, and then post-stratified according to these deciles. The weights were then post-stratified on 2020 presidential vote choice, as well as a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories), race (4-categories), and education (4-categories), to produce the final weight.

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Efforts

Since the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021, federal law enforcement agencies have identified, arrested, and charged hundreds of individuals who they suspect took part. Do you support or oppose *continuing* the federal effort to identify, arrest, and charge individuals who participated in these events?

	Jan. 2024	Oct. 2022	May 2022	Dec. 2021	Apr. 2021
Strongly Support	38%	40%	42%	46%	52%
Somewhat Support	14%	9%	11%	11%	13%
Neither Support nor Oppose	13%	15%	13%	13%	13%
Somewhat Oppose	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%
Strongly Oppose	20%	20%	21%	19%	10%
Don't know	8%	8%	7%	6%	5%

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Strongly Support	38%	69%	24%	10%
Somewhat Support	14%	16%	14%	12%
Neither Support nor Oppose	13%	9%	22%	13%
Somewhat Oppose	7%	1%	7%	14%
Strongly Oppose	20%	1%	15%	45%
Don't know	8%	3%	18%	6%

Harsh or Lenient

Do you think the legal punishments for people who have been convicted for their actions at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021 have been too harsh, too lenient, or about right?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Way too harsh	16%	1%	17%	35%
Too harsh	15%	3%	17%	28%
About right	42%	52%	41%	30%
Too lenient	16%	25%	19%	4%
Way too lenient	11%	20%	6%	3%

Pardon

Do you believe those who have been convicted for their actions at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021 should be pardoned?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Definitely Yes	16%	1%	12%	36%
Probably Yes	22%	13%	23%	32%
Probably Not	24%	19%	36%	23%
Definitely Not	38%	67%	30%	9%

Trump Charged

As you may know, former President Donald Trump has been indicted on federal charges that he conspired to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election. Do you think Trump is innocent or guilty of these charges?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Definitely innocent	23%	3%	16%	50%
Probably innocent	19%	9%	20%	32%
Probably guilty	22%	22%	37%	13%
Definitely guilty	36%	66%	28%	5%

Trump Ballot

A number of states have recently considered whether former President Donald Trump is eligible to be on their state's presidential ballot based on their interpretation of the 14th amendment, which prohibits any individual who has taken part in an insurrection, or given aid or comfort to insurrectionists, from serving as a federal elected official. Do you support or oppose former President Donald Trump being removed from your state's 2024 presidential ballot given this provision of the 14th amendment?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Strongly Support	31%	57%	24%	5%
Support	10%	15%	7%	5%
Neither Support Nor Oppose	16%	17%	26%	9%
Oppose	6%	3%	7%	11%
Strongly Oppose	30%	5%	21%	66%
Don't Know	6%	3%	15%	3%

Thomas Recuse

According to reports, Ginni Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, emailed state legislators in a number of states asking them to overturn the results of the 2020 election and also urged former President Trump's chief of staff, Mark Meadows, to continue efforts to overturn the 2020 election. Given this, do you think that Justice Clarence Thomas should or should not remove himself from cases related to the 2020 election?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Definitely Should Remove Himself	37%	64%	32%	8%
Probably Should Remove Himself	27%	27%	34%	24%
Probably Should Not Remove Himself	16%	8%	15%	26%
Definitely Should Not Remove Himself	19%	1%	19%	41%

Trump Dictator

Former President Donald Trump recently said that if elected, he would be a dictator only on the first day of his second term. Do you think that this is a good or bad idea for the country?

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Definitely Good	15%	1%	12%	35%
Probably Good	24%	12%	24%	39%
Probably Bad	16%	16%	18%	16%
Definitely Bad	44%	71%	47%	10%

Next President

From the following list, please select the individual who is **next** in line to become President of the United States if President Joe Biden is no longer able or willing to serve as President of the United States.

	All (N=1,064)	Democrats (N=431)	Independents (N=209)	Republicans (N=424)
Kamala Harris	89%	91%	81%	90%
Mike Johnson	6%	5%	12%	5%
Patty Murray	2%	2%	3%	1%
Antony Blinken	3%	2%	4%	2%
Janet Yellen	1%	0%	0%	1%

Biden Impeach

	Definitely Yes	Probably Yes	Probably No	Definitely No
Do you think that the House of Representatives <i>will</i> impeach President Joe Biden?	6%	18%	55%	21%
Do you think that the House of Representatives <i>should</i> impeach President Joe Biden?	24%	17%	25%	34%

	Definitely Yes				Probably Yes				Probably No				Definitely No			
	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	All	Dem	Ind	Rep	All	Dem	Ind	Rep
Do you think that the House of Representatives <i>will</i> impeach President Joe Biden?	6%	2%	5%	12%	18%	16%	16%	22%	55%	51%	62%	55%	21%	31%	17%	11%
Do you think that the House of Representatives <i>should</i> impeach President Joe Biden?	24%	3%	19%	52%	17%	8%	23%	24%	25%	25%	37%	17%	34%	63%	21%	8%

Why Biden Should Be Impeachedⁱ

Only asked of respondents that indicated that President Biden should be impeached.

In a sentence or two, please identify the reasons why you believe President Joe Biden should be impeached.

Topic 1: Failure to Protect Border and Enforce Immigration Law

“A dereliction of duty in not following the laws regarding the border and encouraging people to have to work with cartels and make a dangerous trek and possibly be beholden to the cartels.”

Topic 2: General Corruption and Guilt for Crimes

“He sold his office. As a lifetime public servant, how did he become a multi-millionaire? He's a liar.”

Topic 3: Involvement in Hunter Biden Criminal Behavior

“For sharing classified documents with his son Hunter and also dealing in shady deals with Russia.”

Topic 4: General Corruption and Influence-Peddling

“There is evidence of corruption and influence peddling, and he is a doofus.”

Topic 5: General Harm to American Life/Conspiracy Theorizing

“Look at his history: biggest liar, most selfish pervert in existence.”

Topic 6: Failure to Protect the Country Against Foreign Influences

“He sold the US influence to other countries. He took documents out of the White House after he served and probably gave access to the Chinese.”

Topic 7: General Animosity toward Biden/General Claims of Harm to United States

“He is a horrible person.”

“Wants to destroy America.”

Topic 8: General Incompetence and Corruption

“First of all he is the man in charge. He took an oath to keep Americans safe. His policies have directly impacted the deaths of American citizens. His backwards dealings in Ukraine and other countries has our tax dollars going places Trump got us away from. The leash pullers of the Biden regime are really the ones to look at.”

Demographic Breakdown of 2024 University of Massachusetts Amherst January National Poll

	All (N=1,064)
Men	49%
Women	51%
18-29	19%
30-54	38%
>55	43%
HS or less	39%
Some Coll.	18%
Coll. Deg.	31%
Postgrad	12%
<\$40K	37%
\$40K-\$100K	40%
>\$100K	23%
Democrat	43%
Independent	22%
Republican	35%
Liberal	29%
Moderate	39%
Conservative	33%
White	67%
African American	13%
Hispanic	17%
Asian	3%
Biden	52%
Trump	48%

ⁱ We identified the major reasons offered by respondents who indicted that President Biden should be impeached (N=404) using structural topic modeling, a method for identifying thematic patterns in texts. We estimated a model with 8 topics, and used the words most associated with each topic and responses highly associated with each topic to interpret the meaning of the topics. The topics are not mutually exclusive: responses can belong to more than one topic.