# UMassAmherst | UMass Poll

**Toplines**
**University of Massachusetts Amherst**
**2023 Juneteenth National Poll**

| | |
|---|---|
| **Field Dates:** | May 31 – June 8, 2023 |
| **Sample:** | 1,133 Respondents |
| **Margin of Error:** | 3.4% |

YouGov interviewed 1,298 respondents, including 1,165 main sample respondents, and an oversample of 133 African Americans. The main sample was matched down to a set of 1,000, and then combined with the oversample to form a final dataset of 1,133 respondents. The main sample was matched to a sampling frames on gender, age, race, and education. 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 matched main sample and the unmatched oversample were then weighted to their respective frame using propensity scores. The frame used for the oversample is similar to the previously described frame from the main sample, with the main difference being that it only African Americans. The matched cases and the frame were combined, and a logistic regression was estimated for inclusion in the frame. The propensity score functions both included age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame, and post-stratified according to these deciles.The weights for the main sample were then post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, followed by a four-way stratification of gender, age (4-categories),race (4-categories), and education (4-categories). Meanwhile, the weights for the oversample were post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, a three-way stratification between gender, age (4-categories), and education (4-categories), and finally an individual stratification on region.

Then, the matched and weighted main sample and oversample datasets were combined into one. From there, the proportion of African Americans was weighted down to produce the final combined weight. After that, a subset of this combined dataset was taken so that only observations involving African Americans remained. This AA subset of the combined dataset was weighted to the same frame as the oversample using propensity scores. 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, education, and region. The propensity scores were grouped into deciles of the estimated propensity score in the frame, and post-stratified according to these deciles. Finally, the weights were then post-stratified on 2020 Presidential vote choice, followed by the same three-way stratification mentioned earlier, in order to produce the final AA weight.

**UMass Poll Directors/Fellows**
Prof. Tatishe M. Nteta, Ph.D. – Director          nteta@polsci.umass.edu
Prof. Raymond La Raja, Ph.D. – Co-Director        laraja@polsci.umass.edu
Prof. Jesse Rhodes, Ph.D. – Co-Director           jrhodes@polsci.umass.edu
Prof. Alex Theodoridis, Ph.D. – Co-Director       atheodoridis@umass.edu
Prof. Doug Rice, Ph.D. – Associate Director        drrice@umass.edu
Lane Cuthbert -  Research Fellow                   lcuthbert@umass.edu
Adam Eichen - Research Fellow                      aeichen@umass.edu
Maddi Hertz- Research Fellow                       mhertz@umass.edu
Donald Snyder -  Research Fellow                   desnyder@umass.edu

## Approve (N=1,133)

Do you approve or disapprove of the way each is doing their job?

| | Approve | | Disapprove | | Not Sure | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| President Joe Biden | 67% | 44% | 29% | 52% | 4% | 4% |
| U.S. Supreme Court | 35% | 41% | 49% | 47% | 16% | 12% |
| U.S. Congress | 35% | 28% | 48% | 59% | 17% | 13% |
| Vice President Kamala Harris | 66% | 39% | 25% | 51% | 10% | 10% |
| Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas | 23% | 38% | 58% | 44% | 19% | 18% |
| Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson | 60% | 41% | 15% | 31% | 25% | 28% |

## Most Important Issue (N=1,133)

In a word or two, what do you think is the most important issue facing the nation?

## Biden Issue Performance (N=1,133)

In the 29 months of Joe Biden's presidency, how well would you say that President Biden has handled...

| | Very Well | | Somewhat Well | | Not Too Well | | Not Well At All | | Don't Know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| The economy? | 16% | 13% | 39% | 23% | 22% | 16% | 17% | 44% | 6% | 4% |
| Taxes? | 11% | 9% | 31% | 25% | 27% | 18% | 18% | 40% | 12% | 8% |
| Inflation? | 15% | 10% | 33% | 22% | 21% | 17% | 22% | 47% | 10% | 4% |
| Immigration? | 9% | 6% | 34% | 21% | 28% | 21% | 19% | 46% | 11% | 6% |
| Crime? | 8% | 8% | 35% | 22% | 26% | 19% | 21% | 42% | 9% | 9% |
| Race relations? | 13% | 10% | 39% | 26% | 20% | 20% | 19% | 37% | 8% | 8% |
| Gun control? | 7% | 6% | 26% | 19% | 28% | 25% | 29% | 42% | 9% | 8% |
| Abortion? | 14% | 10% | 27% | 20% | 19% | 21% | 25% | 39% | 15% | 10% |

## Trump New York Indict (N=1,130)

Recently, former President Donald Trump was indicted in New York for falsifying business records to conceal alleged crimes that hid damaging information from the public in the 2016 presidential campaign. Do you believe that former President Trump should have been indicted?

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | 78% | 56% |
| No | 22% | 44% |

## 2024 Republican Presidential Primary  (N=346)

*Asked only of Republican identifiers.*

From the list below, please rank the **top three** candidates that you would select to be the Republican Party's presidential candidate in 2024.

| | June 2023 | | | Jan. 2023 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
| Donald Trump | **56%** | 14% | 7% | **37%** | 18% | 8% |
| Ron DeSantis | 26% | **32%** | 11% | 34% | **27%** | 8% |
| Nikki Haley | 2% | 7% | 13% | 3% | 7% | 9% |
| Mike Pence | 3% | 12% | 10% | 7% | 10% | 10% |
| Tim Scott | 4% | 9% | **18%** | 2% | 3% | 6% |
| Liz Cheney | 2% | 4% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 2% |
| Chris Sununu | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% |
| Asa Hutchinson | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| Larry Elder | 1% | 4% | 8% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Vivek Ramaswamy | 1% | 5% | 10% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Chris Christie | 1% | 2% | 4% | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Someone else | 2% | 7% | 16% | 3% | 5% | 15% |

## Trump v. DeSantis (N=346)

*Asked only of Republican identifiers.*

If the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination comes down to a choice between former President Donald Trump and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, which candidate would you prefer?

| | |
|---|---|
| Donald Trump | **58%** |
| Ron DeSantis | 42% |

## Trump v. Scott (N=346)

*Asked only of Republican identifiers.*

If the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination comes down to a choice between former President Donald Trump and South Carolina Senator Tim Scott, which candidate would you prefer?

| | |
|---|---|
| Donald Trump | **76%** |
| Tim Scott | 24% |

## 2024 General Election Matchups

### Biden v. Trump (N=1,133)

Now thinking ahead to the general presidential election in 2024, if President Joe Biden was running against Former President Donald Trump in the general election, who would you be most likely to vote for?

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| President Joe Biden | **60%** | **43%** |
| Former President Donald Trump | 15% | 40% |
| Not Sure | 14% | 8% |
| Would Not Vote | 12% | 9% |

### Biden v. DeSantis (N=1,133)

What if the candidates were Biden and Florida Governor Ron DeSantis who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2024 general election?

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| President Joe Biden | **61%** | **41%** |
| Florida Governor Ron DeSantis | 9% | 37% |
| Not Sure | 16% | 11% |
| Would Not Vote | 13% | 10% |

### Biden v. Scott (N=1,133)

What if the candidates were Biden and South Carolina Senator Tim Scott who would you be most likely to vote for in the 2024 general election?

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| President Joe Biden | **56%** | **37%** |
| South Carolina Senator Tim Scott | 12% | 35% |
| Not Sure | 18% | 16% |
| Would Not Vote | 13% | 12% |

## Senate Age Limit (N=1,133)

The Constitution requires that a Senator be at least 30 years old, but there is not a maximum age limit.  Do you support a constitutional amendment that would establish a maximum age limit to serve in the U.S. Senate?

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| Strongly Support | 36% | 43% |
| Somewhat Support | 28% | 24% |
| Neither Support nor Oppose | 28% | 22% |
| Somewhat Oppose | 3% | 7% |
| Strongly Oppose | 5% | 4% |

## Senate Maximum Age

*Asked only of those who answered that they support establishing a maximum senatorial age limit.  Average Age Presented Below.*

What should be the maximum age limit to serve in the U.S. Senate?

| Black Respondents | 60 |
|---|---|
| All Respondents | 66 |

## Supreme Court Policies (N=1,132)

Do you support or oppose . . .

| | Strongly Support | | Somewhat Support | | Neither | | Somewhat Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| increasing the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court? | 25% | 18% | 21% | 16% | 37% | 31% | 8% | 8% | 8% | 27% |
| establishing term limits for justices who serve on the U.S. Supreme Court? | 49% | 41% | 20% | 24% | 24% | 18% | 4% | 7% | 4% | 10% |

## Supreme Court Ethics (N=1,132)

Nearly all federal judges are beholden to a code of conduct that requires they "avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities" and establishes penalties for violations of ethical standards.  The nine justices of the U.S. Supreme Court are the only federal judges not bound by this code of conduct.   Should the justices of the Supreme Court be held to a formal code of ethics?

| | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| Definitely Yes | 63% | 58% |
| Probably Yes | 27% | 32% |
| Probably No | 8% | 8% |
| Definitely No | 2% | 3% |

## Voting Rights Act

*Respondents were randomly assigned to either receive question #1 or question #2.*

| | Strongly Favor | | Somewhat Favor | | Somewhat Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | | Don't Know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| requiring jurisdictions to submit changes to election laws to the federal government for approval? (N=580) | 33% | 20% | 26% | 25% | 9% | 11% | 3% | 17% | 29% | 27% |
| requiring jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination to submit changes to election laws to the federal government for approval? (N=553) | 40% | 24% | 23% | 18% | 11% | 15% | 10% | 19% | 17% | 23% |

## Affirmative Action (N=1,133)

Do you support or oppose the consideration of an applicant's race or ethnicity, alongside factors such as an applicant's high school grades, standardized test scores, and letters of recommendation, when evaluating students for admission into a college or university?

|                            | Blacks | All |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|
| Strongly Support           | 20%    | 9%  |
| Support                    | 18%    | 12% |
| Somewhat Support           | 14%    | 12% |
| Neither Support nor Oppose | 27%    | 23% |
| Somewhat Oppose            | 5%     | 9%  |
| Oppose                     | 4%     | 11% |
| Strongly Oppose            | 12%    | 22% |

## Abortion and States (N=1,133)

A number of states have passed laws concerning a woman's choice to have an abortion.  Please indicate whether you support or oppose the following changes to state laws.

| | Strongly Support | | Support | | Neither Support Nor Oppose | | Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | | Don't Know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| A law that prohibits abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. | 13% | 21% | 16% | 16% | 24% | 16% | 11% | 9% | 30% | 34% | 7% | 3% |
| A law that allows any person to sue any organization or person who assists a woman in having an abortion. | 12% | 10% | 11% | 11% | 19% | 20% | 11% | 11% | 41% | 45% | 6% | 3% |
| A law that prohibits a woman from traveling out of the state to have an abortion. | 12% | 11% | 12% | 10% | 19% | 19% | 12% | 12% | 40% | 46% | 5% | 2% |
| A law prohibiting access to birth control. | 8% | 5% | 9% | 7% | 17% | 15% | 16% | 14% | 46% | 56% | 4% | 2% |
| A law prohibiting access to abortion pills. | 10% | 12% | 13% | 10% | 15% | 16% | 16% | 13% | 41% | 46% | 5% | 2% |

### Federal Abortion Law (N=1,133)

Do you think Congress should...

|  | Blacks | All |
|---|---|---|
| pass a law making abortion illegal in all 50 states. | 16% | 18% |
| pass a law making abortion legal in all 50 states. | 55% | 46% |
| pass no law and leave it up to each state to decide whether abortion should be legal or illegal within its borders. | 29% | 36% |

## Gun Control (N=1,133)

On the issue of gun regulation, do you support or oppose each of the following proposals?

| | Strongly Support | | Support | | Neither Support Nor Oppose | | Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | | Don't Know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| Ban the manufacture and sale of assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines. | 57% | 43% | 17% | 13% | 10% | 13% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 20% | 2% | 2% |
| Make it easier for adults to obtain a concealed-carry permit. | 16% | 19% | 11% | 14% | 20% | 20% | 14% | 12% | 35% | 32% | 4% | 3% |
| Allow teachers and school officials to carry guns in K-12 schools. | 13% | 22% | 13% | 19% | 17% | 15% | 12% | 10% | 41% | 30% | 3% | 3% |
| Require background checks for all gun sales. | 71% | 69% | 11% | 13% | 10% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 2% | 1% |

## Universal Basic Income  (N=1,133)

*Respondents were randomly assigned to receive a question that stipulated that the universal basic income would be $200, $400, $600, $800, or $1,000 per month.*

Do you support or oppose the provision of a universal basic income of . . .

| | Strongly Support | | Somewhat Support | | Neither | | Somewhat Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| **$200** a month for all Americans over the age of 18 regardless of whether they work? | 32% | 21% | 27% | 19% | 22% | 19% | 8% | 11% | 11% | 31% |
| **$400** a month for all Americans over the age of 18 regardless of whether they work? | 50% | 24% | 15% | 16% | 13% | 15% | 15% | 12% | 7% | 33% |
| **$600** a month for all Americans over the age of 18 regardless of whether they work? | 29% | 19% | 14% | 14% | 34% | 19% | 11% | 10% | 13% | 39% |
| **$800** a month for all Americans over the age of 18 regardless of whether they work? | 30% | 18% | 19% | 15% | 34% | 19% | 15% | 11% | 2% | 36% |
| **$1,000** a month for all Americans over the age of 18 regardless of whether they work? | 36% | 22% | 12% | 18% | 36% | 17% | 9% | 7% | 8% | 36% |

## Election Policies (N=1,133)

| | Strongly Favor | | Somewhat Favor | | Somewhat Oppose | | Strongly Oppose | | Don't Know | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All | Blacks | All |
| allowing people to register to vote and cast their ballot on Election Day? | 46% | 34% | 28% | 24% | 8% | 13% | 7% | 21% | 11% | 8% |
| allowing people *__currently serving__* a prison sentence the right to vote? | 23% | 14% | 30% | 17% | 18% | 20% | 14% | 37% | 15% | 13% |
| allowing people *__who have served__* a prison sentence to automatically regain the right to vote upon release? | 40% | 28% | 32% | 32% | 10% | 15% | 5% | 14% | 12% | 11% |