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Voters' Reactions to 2024 Presidential Election and Current Issues

According to a recent [Pew Research Center survey](#), American voters (88%) overwhelmingly say the 2024 elections across the country and in their own communities were run well this year, and they express high levels of confidence that votes were counted accurately. This is up from 59% of voters in 2020. The more positive view this year of election administration is entirely driven by a shift in views among those who voted for Donald Trump for president. 94% of Trump voters are at least somewhat confident that votes cast in person were counted as voters intended, up 30 points from 2020. In 2020, just 19% of Trump voters expressed confidence in the count accuracy of ballots cast by mail. Today, 72% of Trump voters are confident that mail and absentee votes in the 2024 election were counted as voters intended.

The survey also shows that, like 2020, most Trump voters (82%) say their vote was *for* him – rather than against Kamala Harris (18%). Also mirroring the 2020 presidential race, voters who supported Harris in the election were about equally likely to say their vote was primarily in support of her (49%) as to say it was primarily against Trump (51%).

Emerson College's [post-election poll](#) reveals that 47% of all voters were surprised by the presidential election results, while 53% were not. In comparison, Asian voters were more surprised (56%) than not (44%).

Looking ahead of the second Trump Administration, voters were asked in Emerson College's [December national poll](#) to share their opinions on several of Trump's nominees to key positions as well as on several potential policies. On the policy front, about half (50%) of all voters believe that imposing additional tariffs on China, Mexico, or Canada would hurt the U.S. economy, while about a third say the tariffs would help. Asian voters, by and large, share similar views.

Concerning Trump's potentially issuing pardons for people involved in the event of January 6, half (50%) of all voters say they oppose, while about one-third (34%) support such an action. Among Asian voters, 54% oppose and 31% support.

Voters' Reactions to the 2024 Election Results and Selected Issues						
	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Other	Total
November Poll Sample Size	685	124	125	44	22	1000
<i>Who did you vote for in the 2024 presidential election?</i>						
Harris	37%	76%	52%	56%	38%	47%
Trump	55%	10%	39%	29%	44%	46%
<i>How surprised, if at all, were you about the results of the 2024 presidential election?</i>						
Very surprised	20%	35%	24%	29%	11%	23%
Somewhat surprised	24%	23%	23%	27%	31%	24%
Not too surprised	28%	24%	31%	39%	27%	28%
Not at all	28%	18%	22%	5%	31%	25%
December Poll Sample Size	679	124	123	46	29	1000
<i>Do you think the U.S. imposing additional tariffs on China would help, hurt, or have no impact on the U.S. economy?</i>						
Help	42%	27%	37%	33%	37%	39%
Hurt	47%	53%	52%	50%	52%	49%
No impact	11%	20%	11%	17%	11%	12%
<i>Do you think the U.S. imposing additional tariffs on Mexico would help, hurt, or have no impact on the U.S. economy?</i>						
Help	39%	22%	39%	27%	30%	36%
Hurt	48%	58%	48%	55%	53%	49%
No impact	13%	20%	13%	18%	17%	15%
<i>Do you think the U.S. imposing additional tariffs on Canada would help, hurt, or have no impact on the U.S. economy?</i>						
Help	32%	25%	38%	32%	25%	32%
Hurt	50%	50%	50%	57%	54%	50%
No impact	18%	25%	12%	11%	21%	18%
<i>Would you support or oppose President-elect Trump issuing pardons for people involved in the event of January 6?</i>						
Support	37%	16%	33%	31%	43%	34%
Oppose	48%	71%	46%	54%	30%	50%
Unsure	15%	13%	21%	15%	27%	16%
<i>Do you support or oppose the ban starting January 19 of the social media app TikTok in the U.S.?</i>						
Support	43%	24%	44%	30%	36%	40%
Oppose	25%	54%	34%	33%	32%	30%
Unsure	32%	22%	22%	37%	32%	30%
<i>Do you think the actions of the killer of the United Healthcare CEO are acceptable or unacceptable?</i>						
Completely acceptable	6%	12%	13%	9%	19%	8%
Somewhat acceptable	7%	12%	13%	12%	5%	8%
Unsure/neutral	12%	24%	23%	27%	14%	16%
Somewhat unacceptable	9%	10%	8%	17%	8%	9%
Completely unacceptable	66%	42%	43%	35%	54%	59%

Sources: Emerson College Polling: November 2024 National Poll conducted November 20-22, 2024; December 2024 National Poll conducted December 11-13, 2024.

Recent media has reported that Asian American voters in certain cities and neighborhoods have shifted right in the 2024 election. Inflation, crime, influx of migrants in recent years, and an increase in homelessness are issues that have been cited as contributing factors to their voting Republican. These two recent articles below in The Los Angeles Times and The New York Times respectively are informative:

[In Arcadia area, Asian American voters fueled gains for Trump](#)

The Los Angeles Times (December 10, 2024)

[Why Chinese Americans Have Shifted Rightward](#)

The New York Times (December 9, 2024)

***** **Note:** AAIPP recently commissioned a post-election survey of AAPI voters. Key findings of the survey results will be presented in the next edition of the Bulletin. Stay tuned!*

Immigration

According to a [New York Times analysis](#) of government data, the immigration surge of the past few years has been the largest in U.S. history, surpassing the great immigration boom of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Between 2021 and 2023, annual net migration averaged 2.4 million people. Total net migration during the Biden administration is likely to exceed eight million people.

The Times cited several factors that have caused the surge: President Biden's welcoming immigration policy, including loosening of the rules on asylum; turmoil in Haiti, Ukraine, and Venezuela; as well as the growth of smuggler networks run by Mexican drug cartels. However, the Times acknowledges that the Biden administration's policy appears to have been the biggest factor.

[Pew Research Center analysis](#) prior to the 2024 presidential election shows that Americans hold complex views on what should happen to undocumented immigrants. Approximately three-quarters of U.S. adults say they are at least somewhat concerned about the number of immigrants entering the country illegally, and a majority (56%) support enforcing mass deportation. Meanwhile, most Americans (64%) also say undocumented immigrants should have a way to stay in the country legally if certain requirements are met, and 72% of Asian adults share the same view.

Recent Releases

[Beyond Mental Surface: Understanding Mental Health Among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Youth](#)

The Asian American Foundation (December 12, 2024)

This study explores mental and emotional well-being of young people aged 14-25 based on data gathered from a nationally representative survey of 1,409 Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander youth. Topics covered include depression, suicide, stress, racial discrimination, support systems, and potential solutions.

Most Americans Feel Good About Their Job Security but Not Their Pay

Pew Research Center (December 10, 2024)

This recent survey reveals that most Americans feel good about their job security but not their pay. Younger and low-income workers are among the least satisfied with their jobs. 55% of White workers say they are extremely or very satisfied, compared with 44% of Hispanic workers, 43% of Black workers and 42% of Asian workers.



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