

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY'S UNITY POLL
TOPLINE RESULTS: June 14, 2024

OVERVIEW

This study was conducted by SSRS on its Opinion Panel Omnibus platform. The SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus is a national, twice-per-month, probability-based survey. Data collection was conducted from June 7-10, 2024, among a sample of 1,031 respondents. The survey was conducted via web (n=1,001) and telephone (n=30) and administered in English (n=1,005) and Spanish (n=26). The margin of error for total respondents is +/- 3.5 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All SSRS Opinion Panel Omnibus data are weighted to represent the target population of U.S. adults ages 18 or older.

NOTES ABOUT RESULTS

Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%. An asterisk (*) indicates less than 0.5%.

Data collection was conducted via web and telephone. Verbiage in this topline reflects web wording. Telephone wording may differ slightly due to interviewer-administered data collection.

VAND1. Do you believe it is possible to have a democracy without free speech?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	10%	90%	0%	0%

VAND2. Do you think that in America, anybody should be allowed to speak on any subject anytime they want to, or do you think there are times when free speech should be prohibited or certain subjects or speakers prohibited?

	Anybody, any subject, any time	Prohibit some	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	59%	41%	0%	0%

VAND3. Which of the following best describes your view of democracy in the United States today? [RESPONSES 1-3 ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	American Democracy is under attack	American Democracy is being tested, but isn't under attack	American Democracy is not in danger	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024*	49%	45%	6%	0%	*

* Asked of half sample

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	American Democracy is under attack	American Democracy is being tested, but isn't under attack	American Democracy is not in danger	Don't know	Refused
May 2024 RVs**	63%	29%	5%	2%	1%

** TN Statewide Poll of Registered Voters

VAND4 Which of the following best describes your view of the U.S. Constitution today? [RESPONSES 1-3 ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	The Constitution is under attack	The Constitution is being tested, but isn't under attack	The Constitution is not in danger	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024*	47%	40%	13%	0%	0%

*Asked of half sample

VAND5 In general, would you say that you are (very satisfied), (satisfied), (dissatisfied) or (very dissatisfied) with the way democracy functions in the U.S.? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF; TEXT IN PARENTHESES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Satisfied (NET)	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dis-satisfied (NET)	Dis-satisfied	Very dis-satisfied	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	37%	3%	34%	63%	44%	19%	0%	*

VAND6. Thinking about elections and vote counting throughout the country. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that votes nationwide are counted as voters intended? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF; TEXT IN PARENTHESES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Confident (NET)	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident (NET)	Not too confident	Not at all confident	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	55%	25%	30%	45%	24%	21%	*	0%

VAND7. When considering which candidate to support in an election, which of the following is most important to you? [RESPONSES 1-4 ROTATED IN RANDOM ORDER]

	The candidate's political party	The candidate's leadership ability	The candidate's personal integrity	The candidate's willingness to fight	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	8%	43%	37%	12%	*	*
March 15-17, 2024	9%	46%	30%	16%	0%	0%

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	The candidate's political party	The candidate's leadership ability	The candidate's personal integrity	The candidate's willingness to fight	Don't know	Refused
May 2024 RV's**	4%	50%	31%	15%	*	*

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VAND8 a-j. There has been a lot of controversy over who should or should not be allowed to speak on campus at colleges and universities in the U.S. For each of the following, please tell us if you think they should or should not be allowed to speak on college campuses. [ITEMS RANDOMIZED; RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	Should be allowed to speak on college campuses	Should not be allowed to speak on college campuses	Don't know	Refused
a. A white supremacist				
June 7-10, 2024	37%	62%	*	*
March 15-17, 2024	31%	69%	0%	0%
b. A supporter of critical race theory				
June 7-10, 2024	66%	34%	*	*
March 15-17, 2024	63%	37%	0%	*
c. A leader of Israel				
June 7-10, 2024	68%	32%	0%	*
March 15-17, 2024	64%	35%	0%	*
d. A leader of Hamas				
June 7-10, 2024	40%	59%	*	1%
March 15-17, 2024	35%	65%	*	*
e. A leader of a pro-Palestinian group				
June 7-10, 2024	62%	37%	*	1%
f. The head of a group that supports the rights of transgender athletes				
June 7-10, 2024	72%	28%	0%	*
March 15-17, 2024	67%	33%	0%	0%
g. A local judge who opposes gay marriage and abortion				
June 7-10, 2024	64%	36%	*	*
March 15-17, 2024	63%	37%	0%	*
h. An elected official who believes that President Biden stole the 2020 election				
June 7-10, 2024	62%	38%	*	0%
March 15-17, 2024	55%	45%	0%	0%
i. A preacher who believes that homosexuality is a sin				
June 7-10, 2024	63%	36%	*	*
j. A scientist who believes that IQ varies by race				
June 7-10, 2024	58%	42%	0%	*

VAND9. You may have heard or read about protests on college campuses throughout the United States related to the situation in the Middle East. Based on what you know, what percentage of colleges and universities have faced protests that required a response from law enforcement? **[RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	Nearly every college and university	Around 75%	Around half	Around 25%	Hardly any	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	11%	8%	27%	32%	22%	0%	*

VAND10. Now thinking about these protests on college campuses, who do you think is most responsible for the violence that has occurred? **[RESPONSES 1-6 ROTATED IN RANDOM ORDER]**

	Student protesters	University Administrators & Leaders	Non-student protesters	Faculty	Politicians	Law enforcement	Some other person or group	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	23%	7%	41%	1%	11%	12%	4%	0%	*

VAND11. From what you know about the conflict in the Middle East, do your sympathies lie more with the (Israelis) or more with the (Palestinians)? **[RESPONSES 1-2 ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF; TEXT IN PARENTHESES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	Israelis	Palestinians	Do not know enough	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	35%	23%	42%	*

(Republicans/Republican-leaning independents, n=483)

VAND12. When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	More of a supporter of the Make America Great Again or MAGA movement	More of a supporter of the Republican Party	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	38%	62%	0%	0%
March 15-17, 2024	40%	60%	0%	*
December 15-17, 2023	39%	61%	0%	*
September 8-12, 2023	40%	60%	*	*
June 16-20, 2023	37%	63%	*	*

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	More of a supporter of the Make America Great Again or MAGA movement	More of a supporter of the Republican Party	Don't know	Refused
May 2024 RV's**	46%	47%	5%	2%

** TN Statewide Poll of Registered Voters, Asked of Republicans or Republican-leaning independents, n=525.

(Democrats/Democrat-leaning independents, n=531)

VAND13. When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	More of a supporter of progressive causes and the progressive movement	More of a supporter of the Democratic Party	Don't know	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	43%	57%	0%	*
March 15-17, 2024	48%	51%	0%	*
December 15-17, 2023	52%	48%	0%	*

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	More of a supporter of progressive causes and the progressive movement	More of a supporter of the Democratic Party	Don't know	Refused
May 2024 RV's**	46%	51%	2%	1%

** TN Statewide Poll of Registered Voters, Asked of Democrats or Democratic-leaning independents, n=337.

VAND14. If the presidential election were today, would you vote for (Joe Biden), (Donald Trump), Robert F. Kennedy Jr., someone else, are you unsure, or would you not vote? **[RESPONSES 1-2 ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]**

	Joe Biden	Donald Trump	Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	Someone else	Or would you not vote	Unsure	Refused
June 7-10, 2024	30%	33%	10%	8%	8%	12%	0%