



Survey of Likely General Election Voters National

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Insights & Analysis

- We are two months into a **divided** federal government, and voters remain **pessimistic** about the country's future as the presidential election is ramping up.
- The generic Congressional ballot remains identical to last month at D+0.9 (Jan: D+0.6). Independents remain with Republicans at +11. Republicans have increased their standing with Hispanic voters, now at D+7 (Jan: D+10) and in the Southwest R+4 (Jan: R+1) – but Democrats have made significant inroads in the South D+1 (Jan: R+11).
- President Biden's image remains underwater (-0.4% net fav) but has slightly recovered from last month's -2% net fav. Donald Trump has seen a positive movement in his image and now sits at a higher net fav (+3.8% net fav) than Biden.
- Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Tim Scott, and Vivek Ramaswamy have strong net positive image, getting outsized support from non-traditional GOP voting blocks, especially college-educated voters.
 - Trump would beat a "different" candidate in the Republican primary by 33%, showing his strength when not challenged directly.
- Inflation remains the overwhelming top issue but it dropped in importance as national security jumped significantly, likely due to news reports of Chinese balloons. Illegal immigration remains of high importance to Republicans. Democrats and Independents are also concerned about inflation but are divided on what issue is second primary (or even third).
- Potential 2024 Presidential general election matchups: the GOP all lead with Independents*
 - Biden v Trump 47% / 45% (Trump +1 from Jan) (Ind: R+10)
 - Biden v DeSantis 46% / 45% (Biden +0.6 from Jan) (Ind: R+10)
 - Biden v Pence 45% / 41% (Biden +0.3 from Jan) (Ind: R+7)
 - Biden v Haley 46% / 41% (Ind: R+7)



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- Most voters believe we are in a recession already even a third of Democrats, who have the weakest support overall for thinking we're already in a recession.
- A majority of voters believe state lawmakers should chime in and review what race-related content is being taught in schoolbooks after Ron DeSantis banned certain textbooks with race-related content in Florida. However, support among older voters is weakest – especially women 50+. It is strongest with men <50 and Black voters.
- Support for U.S. funding of Ukraine's war is declining, especially among Republicans. Overall, most support continued funding but cracks are starting to emerge on how much the U.S. should support Ukraine, through military or financial aid. Close to a quarter of Independents also support ending all funding to Ukraine as do 31% of Republicans. Democrats and college-educated voters (but we repeat ourselves) remain the strongest supporters of sending military and financial aid.
 - Only a very small group of Democrats and men <50 support boots on the ground in Ukraine.
- Conversely, close to a majority of respondents say we should cut sending international aid in relation to the national deficit.
 - Even **30% of Democrats say we should cut international aid** (despite their <u>full</u> Ukraine funding support at 45%).
 - Similarly 43% of college-educated voters say we should also cut international aid (slightly lower than their 39% support for <u>fully</u> funding Ukraine).



Slight increase in "right direction" for the country, driven by those making \$70k+





Trend: Direction of Country





Americans remain divided on generic ballot at D+1



If the 2024 general election was held today, and you had to make a choice, would you vote for the Republican or Democratic candidate for Congress?



Generic Ballot Movement







College (%Rep-%Dem)



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Percent Change: Generic Ballot (Jan 2023 to Feb 2023)

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Republican candidate	-2%	1%	0%	4%	-2%	-2%	4%	-7%	2%	3%	0%	0%	1%	0%	-3%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	-1%	5%	-7%
Democratic candidate	0%	-2%	4%	-4%	0%	1%	-3%	5%	-1%	-1%	-1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	-10%	-1%	2%	0%	-1%	2%	-4%	1%	-4%	7%
Definitely the Republican candidate	2%	0%	-1%	2%	1%	-1%	5%	-6%	2%	0%	1%	-1%	1%	0%	-2%	5%	2%	-1%	0%	1%	-2%	0%	-2%	5%	-6%
Probably the Republican candidate	-3%	1%	0%	2%	-3%	-1%	0%	-1%	0%	3%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	-1%	2%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%	2%	4%	1%	-1%	-1%
Probably the Democratic candidate	-4%	0%	-3%	0%	1%	-2%	-3%	2%	-1%	-4%	0%	-4%	-1%	1%	0%	-5%	-4%	-3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-4%	-1%	-3%	-1%
Definitely the Democratic candidate	4%	-2%	7%	-4%	0%	4%	0%	3%	0%	4%	-1%	4%	2%	2%	3%	-4%	3%	5%	0%	0%	4%	0%	2%	-1%	8%
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Generic Ballot by Key Voter Groups





Trump bests Biden on fav; DeSantis and Haley top net fav





Trump tops DeSantis and Biden with favorability among Independents...

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Donald Trump	42%	42%	63%	53%	48%	51%	54%	48%	50%	48%	79%	28%	44%	36%	55%	26%	44%	49%	51%	44%	54%	29%	39%	51%	48%	49%
Nikki Haley	32%	32%	62%	47%	36%	41%	47%	40%	40%	47%	57%	36%	34%	32%	47%	31%	35%	52%	37%	32%	53%	13%	44%	46%	39%	26%
Ron DeSantis	37%	41%	64%	59%	41%	48%	59%	43%	52%	51%	76%	33%	39%	33%	57%	28%	38%	58%	45%	38%	61%	17%	48%	55%	42%	30%
Mike Pence	30%	35%	62%	42%	39%	41%	48%	37%	41%	47%	55%	37%	33%	35%	48%	27%	34%	50%	37%	34%	51%	22%	45%	45%	37%	36%
Vivek Ramaswamy	19%	11%	49%	16%	17%	22%	30%	17%	19%	29%	23%	30%	12%	16%	26%	20%	16%	35%	16%	12%	35%	3%	23%	25%	21%	18%
Tim Scott	26%	22%	61%	39%	26%	33%	40%	35%	36%	41%	44%	35%	26%	23%	40%	23%	26%	48%	28%	23%	49%	6%	33%	41%	28%	23%
Bitcoin cryptocurrency	36%	10%	64%	12%	28%	23%	28%	28%	28%	40%	22%	41%	19%	28%	29%	34%	31%	40%	23%	22%	38%	15%	32%	29%	30%	35%







Biden's image remains stagnant while younger and older men seriously split





Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Joe Biden?

Trend: Joe Biden Image





Trump gets another boost, now in positive territory





Trend: Donald Trump Image





Haley strong with Independents, college edu, men <50



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Unfavorable Total	25%	34%	22%	36%	29%	29%	29%	32%	33%	26%	17%	40%	32%	32%	30%	33%	22%	33%	27%	30%	30%	24%	27%	33%	24%	17%
Very favorable	15%	12%	28%	16%	15%	14%	19%	17%	17%	21%	23%	17%	9%	11%	20%	10%	10%	23%	14%	11%	23%	3%	13%	19%	14%	13%
Somewhat favorable	16%	20%	35%	31%	21%	27%	28%	23%	24%	26%	33%	20%	25%	21%	27%	20%	25%	29%	23%	21%	31%	10%	31%	28%	24%	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%	11%	10%	18%	13%	10%	14%	12%	14%	12%	9%	13%	16%	16%	13%	11%	9%	15%	11%	11%	13%	11%	17%	13%	10%	8%
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No opinion	21%	19%	9%	13%	20%	18%	14%	16%	14%	14%	17%	13%	17%	20%	14%	20%	22%	9%	20%	20%	11%	32%	18%	12%	22%	28%
Never heard of	23%	15%	6%	4%	15%	12%	9%	12%	13%	12%	9%	11%	16%	16%	9%	17%	21%	5%	16%	18%	7%	30%	11%	9%	15%	29%



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Nikki Haley?

DeSantis has similar fav to Trump; lower unfav with Indies



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No opinion 17% 12% 7% 5% 14% 10% 9% 15% 9% 8% 9% 10% 12% 17% 7% 18% 15% 4% 14% 15% 5% 27% 12% 6% 18% 21%

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28%

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Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Donald Ron DeSantis?

2% 11% 7%

4%

8%

5%

Never heard of 14% 5%

Trend: Ron DeSantis Image





Pence has the weakest image with Republicans among potential presidential candidates





Trend: Mike Pence Image





Ramaswamy mostly unknown except among men <50



Never heard of 46% 55% 21% 50% 48% 43% 40% 49% 45% 40% 43% 39% 54% 49% 42% 42% 53% 33% 51% 49% 37% 67% 41% 42% 45% 51%



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Vivek Ramaswamy?

Scott also has high favs with men <50 but doesn't crack 50% with others





Bitcoin not popular except with men <50



Do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of Bitcoin cryptocurrency?

No "Biden boom" as inflation still on top; nat'l security rises



Which one of the following issues do you believe should be the top priority for Congress?



Trend: Top Priority





Percent Change: Top Priority (Jan 2023 to Feb 2023)

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Inflation / economy	-12%	-8%	-4%	-8%	-6%	-16%	-7%	-6%	-7%	-5%	-8%	-9%	-8%	-3%	-9%	-9%	-14%	-7%	-9%	-10%				-7%		-20%
Illegal immigration	1%	0%	-2%	0%	-5%	-1%	2%	-1%	1%	-2%	0%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	2%	3%	-1%	0%	0%	-2%	-3%	4%	-2%	2%	-1%
National security	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	8%	3%	3%	6%	5%	8%	5%	1%	2%	5%	5%	9%	2%	7%	4%	6%	4%	1%	5%	4%	10%
Threats to democracy	0%	0%	1%	2%	-2%	-1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	4%	1%	2%	-1%	-1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Healthcare	-1%	1%	6%	-1%	3%	-1%	1%	3%	0%	2%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-1%	1%	1%	0%	7%
Gun control	2%	2%	-2%	1%	3%	3%	-1%	2%	0%	-2%	-1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	-2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	-2%	-1%	2%	-2%	2%
Crime / public safety	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%
Climate change	-2%	0%	-3%	-1%	-3%	0%	1%	-2%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	-4%	-3%	0%	-2%	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-2%
Abortion	2%	1%	-3%	0%	-1%	3%	0%	-2%	-1%	-1%	-1%	1%	0%	0%	-1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	-1%	-1%	1%	3%
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GOP primary voters would back Trump if against "another candidate"; large education gap





Biden vs Trump rematch looks almost like 2020 result





Biden slightly edges DeSantis after being previously tied





Biden leads Pence driven by large split with men and smaller split with women





Biden similarly leads Haley with a high undecided number





Most already think we're in a recession or about to have one







Ukraine support fading among GOP and key groups



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The United States should continue providing military and financial aid	28%	33%	29%	37%	27%	33%	31%	32%	31%	33%	20%	45%	28%	36%	33%	31%	27%	39%	27%	31%	33%	24%	33%	35%	28%	18%
The United States should continue providing only financial aid	13%	10%	20%	7%	13%	10%	14%	12%	14%	14%	10%	16%	12%	12%	12%	14%	18%	15%	12%	11%	15%	10%	14%	13%	13%	11%
The United States should continue providing only military aid	14%	17%	15%	21%	15%	18%	19%	18%	16%	14%	21%	14%	15%	17%	18%	16%	14%	15%	18%	18%	16%	17%	17%	17%	17%	11%
The United States should get directly involved in conflict by sending the U.S. Military	7%	4%	11%	2%	7%	4%	6%	6%	4%	9%	4%	9%	4%	4%	6%	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	7%	3%	5%	6%	6%	8%
The United States should discontinue all aid	19%	19%	19%	24%	19%	22%	19%	18%	24%	18%	31%	8%	24%	16%	19%	17%	21%	16%	22%	20%	20%	14%	17%	20%	21%	19%
Unsure	19%	17%	6%	9%	18%	13%	11%	14%	12%	12%	14%	8%	16%	14%	11%	16%	15%	8%	16%	15%	10%	33%	13%	9%	15%	33%



Which of the following most closely reflects your view on America's involvement in the war in Ukraine?

Near majority say U.S. should cut foreign aid; even most Dems; not much appetite for other cuts



The U.S. government debt has grown from \$4 trillion 20 years ago to \$31 trillion today due to spending much more than it takes in from tax receipts. In an effort to reduce deficit spending, which one of the following areas do you think should be cut or reduced first in the federal budget?





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GOP Base (34%)



Moderates (17%)



Young Male High-Income Dems (17%)

Race in Education

Ukraine

Budget

19%

18%

13%

8%

8%

2%

19%

3%

0%

1796

17%

24%

Gender

81%

Age Range

79%

Ideology

4396

40%

7%

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9200





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Dem Base (32%)



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Young Male High-Income Dems (17%)

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No degree At least Colle	ge 34%
	Region
Mid-Atlantic	6%
Midwest	24%
Northeast	19%
South	14%
Southwest	18%
West	18%

	Education Level
No degree At least Colleg	79% 21%
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Mid-Atlantic	9%
Midwest	22%
Northeast	14%
South	18%
Southwest	17%
West	19%

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Midwest	17%	Midwest	
Northeast	21%	Northeast	
South	12%	South	
Southwest	14%	Southwest	
West	33%	West	

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Demographics



Geo - Region



Partisanship







Education



Ideology



Household Income



Race/Ethnicity



Voter History



