

Reuters/Ipsos – Core Political Presidential Approval Tracker and Biden's Speech on Democracy

Topline Findings

These are the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between September 6-7, 2022. For this survey, a sample of 1,003 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents.

For complete results, please refer to the following annotated questionnaire:

NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

Full Annotated Questionnaire

		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Democrat	36%	100%	0%	0%
With which political	Republican	35%	0%	100%	0%
party do you most	Independent	21%	0%	0%	100%
identify?	None/DK	8%	0%	0%	0%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
AB1. Generally speaking, would you	Right direction	23%	47%	7%	14%
say things in this	Wrong track	66%	43%	88%	69%
country are heading in the right	Don't know	11%	10%	5%	16%
direction, or are they off on the wrong track?	Total	1003	411	397	120

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Economy, unemployment, and jobs	30%	23%	36%	33%
	War and foreign conflicts	3%	3%	3%	1%
	Immigration	6%	3%	13%	2%
	Terrorism and extremism	4%	6%	3%	1%
	Healthcare system	6%	6%	3%	9%
S8_872. In your	Public health, disease, and illness	4%	5%	3%	3%
opinion, what is the	Energy issues	4%	3%	5%	3%
most important problem facing the	Morality	4%	3%	4%	2%
U.S. today?	Education	2%	3%	2%	4%
	Crime or corruption	7%	7%	9%	5%
	Environment and climate	8%	14%	4%	7%
	Inequality and discrimination	3%	4%	2%	1%
	The end of national abortion rights	7%	8%	4%	10%
	Other	10%	11%	9%	12%
	Don't know	4%	1%	1%	7%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
TM2041Y21.	Democratic candidate	36%	84%	7%	16%
Thinking about the elections in 2022, if	Republican candidate	34%	5%	81%	16%
the election for U.S. Congress were held today, would you vote for the in your district where	Candidate from another political party	4%	3%	1%	9%
	Will not/do not plan to vote	11%	4%	3%	22%
you live?	Don't know	15%	4%	7%	38%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Strongly approve	14%	31%	3%	8%
	Somewhat approve	24%	43%	9%	20%
AB11_2021. Overall,	Lean towards approve	1%	1%	0%	3%
do you approve or disapprove of the	Lean towards disapprove	2%	0%	0%	6%
way Joe Biden is handling his job as	Somewhat disapprove	18%	17%	17%	23%
President?	Strongly disapprove	37%	8%	70%	33%
	Not sure	4%	1%	1%	6%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
AB11_2021. Overall,	TOTAL APPROVE	39%	75%	12%	32%
do you approve or disapprove of the	TOTAL DISAPPROVE	57%	25%	88%	62%
way Joe Biden is handling his job as	Not sure	4%	1%	1%	6%
President? - Summary	Total	1003	411	397	120
		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	The U.S. economy	56%	50%	66%	54%
	Employment and jobs	21%	18%	19%	25%
	International trade	3%	2%	4%	3%
	Taxation	11%	9%	10%	16%
TN 4202 CV24 - NA/h - 1	Corruption	13%	12%	13%	13%
TM2036Y21. What do you want	The environment	15%	27%	6%	15%
President Joe Biden to prioritize?	Immigration	17%	9%	31%	10%
to prioritize:	Unifying the country	19%	20%	19%	18%
	Coronavirus/COVID- 19	10%	12%	7%	10%
	Racial inequality	7%	14%	1%	4%
	Other	8%	10%	5%	8%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Strongly approve	9%	18%	4%	6%
	Somewhat approve	15%	27%	6%	12%
TM1128Y17_1. [The U.S. economy] Do	Lean towards approve	13%	24%	4%	14%
you approve or	Lean towards disapprove	12%	15%	7%	14%
way Joe Biden is handling the	Somewhat disapprove	10%	6%	11%	13%
following issues?	Strongly disapprove	35%	8%	67%	29%
	Don't know	6%	2%	1%	12%
TM1128Y17_1. [The U.S. economy] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? TM1128Y17_2. [Employment and jobs] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? TM1128Y17_3. [International trade] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues?	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	11%	26%	3%	5%
	Somewhat approve	15%	26%	8%	14%
[Employment and	Lean towards approve	17%	23%	7%	22%
approve or	Lean towards disapprove	12%	10%	12%	17%
way Joe Biden is	Somewhat disapprove	11%	6%	15%	12%
_	Strongly disapprove	26%	5%	50%	19%
	Don't know	7%	4%	4%	11%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	8%	19%	1%	3%
	Somewhat approve	13%	23%	8%	10%
_	Lean towards approve	16%	24%	8%	19%
Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is	Lean towards disapprove	10%	7%	11%	12%
	Somewhat disapprove	10%	5%	13%	9%
	Strongly disapprove	25%	5%	49%	19%
	Don't know	18%	17%	9%	28%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Strongly approve	10%	19%	5%	4%
	Somewhat approve	14%	28%	4%	11%
TM1128Y17_4. [Taxation] Do you	Lean towards approve	15%	24%	5%	17%
approve or	Lean towards disapprove	12%	10%	11%	13%
way Joe Biden is handling the	Somewhat disapprove	7%	3%	10%	6%
following issues?	Strongly disapprove	32%	7%	59%	32%
	Don't know	11%	9%	5%	17%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	7%	17%	3%	2%
	Somewhat approve	11%	21%	4%	7%
TM1128Y17_5.	Lean towards approve	15%	23%	6%	18%
approve or disapprove of the	Lean towards disapprove	13%	12%	9%	17%
way Joe Biden is handling the	Somewhat disapprove	9%	8%	11%	8%
[Corruption] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is	Strongly disapprove	31%	8%	59%	28%
	Don't know	13%	11%	7%	20%
[Taxation] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the following issues? TM1128Y17_5. [Corruption] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	12%	25%	5%	4%
	Somewhat approve	16%	29%	5%	18%
	Lean towards approve	19%	22%	12%	25%
you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is	Lean towards disapprove	12%	11%	11%	11%
	Somewhat disapprove	8%	3%	14%	6%
_	Strongly disapprove	23%	4%	46%	19%
	Don't know	11%	6%	7%	18%
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	Strongly approve	7%	17%	2%	0%
	Somewhat approve	12%	21%	7%	8%
TM1128Y17_7. [Immigration] Do	Lean towards approve	16%	25%	4%	25%
you approve or disapprove of the	Lean towards disapprove	11%	13%	7%	11%
way Joe Biden is handling the	Somewhat disapprove	7%	6%	9%	5%
following issues?	Strongly disapprove	34%	9%	66%	30%
	Don't know	12%	9%	6%	21%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	9%	20%	4%	1%
	Somewhat approve	12%	23%	5%	8%
TM1128Y17_8. [Unifying the	Lean towards approve	16%	24%	5%	23%
country] Do you approve or	Lean towards disapprove	12%	15%	8%	14%
way Joe Biden is	Somewhat disapprove	11%	6%	15%	9%
following issues?	Strongly approve 7% 17% 2%	26%			
	Don't know	9%	5%	3%	19%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Strongly approve	15%	31%	5%	12%
	Somewhat approve	19%	29%	10%	17%
TM1128Y17_9.		18%	19%	11%	27%
19] Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is	disapprove	11%	10%	12%	9%
		8%	4%	12%	4%
following issues?	Strongly disapprove	22%	3%	46%	17%
	Don't know	8%	4%	5%	13%
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	Strongly approve	8%	18%	3%	3%
	Somewhat approve	17%	29%	11%	12%
TM1128Y17_10. [Racial inequality]	Lean towards approve	18%	25%	9%	20%
Do you approve or disapprove of the	Lean towards disapprove	14%	11%	13%	16%
way Joe Biden is handling the	Somewhat disapprove	8%	5%	10%	7%
following issues?	Strongly disapprove	22%	5%	45%	18%
	Don't know	13%	6%	8%	24%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Democratic Party	37%	76%	12%	23%
AB9_1. [Healthcare]	Republican Party	23%	3%	59%	5%
	Independents	9%	4%	6%	24%
has a better plan,	Other	3%	1%	1%	8%
	None	12%	6%	12%	17%
following?	Strongly approve 8% 18% 3% 3% 29% 11% 11% 13% 25% 9% 11% 13% 25% 25% 9% 11% 13% 25	24%			
	Strongly approve 8% 18% 3%	120			
	Democratic Party	27%	60%	6%	12%
	Republican Party	37%	11%	79%	20%
political party has a	Independents	9%	7%	3%	22%
	Other	2%	2%	0%	6%
	None	10%	10%	5%	14%
	Don't know	15%	10%	7%	25%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Democratic Party	32%	73%	6%	14%
AB9_3. [Jobs and	Republican Party	35%	8%	77%	23%
employment] In your opinion, which	Independents	6%	4%	2%	17%
political party has a	Other	3%	1%	2%	8%
better plan, policy or approach to each of	None	8%	6%	5%	10%
the following?	Don't know	16%	8%	7%	28%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Democratic Party	31%	67%	8%	18%
AB9_4. [Education]	Republican Party	28%	5%	66%	12%
•	Independents	9%	7%	5%	20%
has a better plan,	Other	4%	1%	4%	8%
to each of the	None	10%	8%	8%	15%
In your opinion, which political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of the	Don't know	18%	12%	10%	27%
	Independents 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	120			
	Democratic Party	28%	60%	7%	17%
AB9_5. [Foreign	Republican Party	31%	11%	70%	14%
policy] In your opinion, which	Independents	9%	6%	6%	20%
political party has a better plan, policy or approach to each of	Other	2%	1%	1%	6%
	None	8%	7%	5%	8%
the following?	Don't know	21%	16%	11%	35%
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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Democratic Party	40%	79%	16%	23%
AB9_6. [Women's	Republican Party	20%	3%	49%	6%
	Independents	9%	4%	8%	23%
political party has a	Other	2%	2%	2%	4%
	None	11%	5%	13%	18%
the following?	Don't know	17%	7%	14%	25%
	Democratic Party A0% 79% 16%	397	120		
	Democratic Party	37%	75%	14%	23%
– -	Republican Party	23%	3%	55%	9%
=	Independents	11%	8%	7%	21%
political party has a	Other	3%	1%	3%	7%
	None	11%	5%	11%	17%
	Don't know	15%	8%	10%	23%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
	Democratic Party	24%	55%	5%	11%
_	Republican Party	34%	13%	73%	14%
prices] In your	Independents	10%	7%	5%	25%
· ·	Other	3%	1%	2%	9%
better plan, policy or	None	12%	12%	7%	17%
	Don't know	16%	12%	8%	23%
9	Total	1003	411	397	120
_	Democratic Party	33%	69%	8%	21%
	Republican Party	29%	8%	65%	13%
control] In your opinion, which	Independents	8%	5%	5%	16%
	Other	3%	3%	2%	7%
better plan, policy or	None	12%	8%	11%	16%
approach to each of the following?	Don't know	15%	7%	9%	27%
- 0.	Total	1003	411	397	120

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Watched some or all of the speech live	21%	27%	22%	18%
1_9_1_1. President Joe Biden held a speech in	Read or learned about the speech through news coverage	27%	31%	30%	21%
Philadelphia to discuss the state of democracy in the U.S. Did you watch	Heard about the speech from friends or coworkers	13%	18%	14%	3%
or follow this speech?	I did not follow the speech	49%	35%	48%	64%
	Total	1003	411	397	120
		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
29_1_1. [Elections	Strongly agree	27%	47%	12%	27%
in this country are fair and legitimate]	Somewhat agree	29%	31%	23%	37%
To what extent do	Somewhat disagree	22%	14%	32%	19%
you agree or disagree with the	Strongly disagree	21%	8%	33%	17%
following?	Total	1003	411	397	120
2_9_1_2. [Political violence against those I disagree with is acceptable] To	Strongly agree	6%	8%	7%	2%
	Somewhat agree	11%	14%	7%	11%
	Somewhat disagree	20%	18%	18%	22%
what extent do you agree or disagree	Strongly disagree	64%	60%	68%	65%
with the following?	Total	1003	411	397	120

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
2_9_1_3. [American	Strongly agree	31%	60%	9%	23%
values are under assault by Trump-led	Somewhat agree	22%	23%	15%	29%
extremists] To what	Somewhat disagree	19%	12%	22%	24%
extent do you agree or disagree with the	Strongly disagree	28%	5%	55%	25%
following?	Total	1003	411	397	120
2_9_1_4. [MAGA Republicans	Strongly agree	14%	22%	13%	6%
represent the	Somewhat agree	32%	37%	27%	32%
majority of the Republican party] To	Somewhat disagree	38%	31%	41%	44%
what extent do you	Strongly disagree	16%	10%	19%	19%
agree or disagree with the following?	Total	1003	411	397	120
		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
39_1_5.For each of the pairs of statements, please select the statement that comes closest to your view, even if	President Biden's speech will further divide the country	59%	31%	86%	63%
	President Biden's speech will increase unity in the country	41%	69%	14%	37%
neither statement is exactly right.	Total	1003	411	397	120

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
39_1_6. For each of the pairs of	Those protesting election results are threatening our country's democracy	54%	74%	26%	67%
statements, please select the statement that comes closest to your view, even if neither statement is	Those protesting election results are fighting to protect our freedoms	46%	26%	74%	33%
exactly right.	Total	1003	411	397	120
		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
39_1_7. For each of the pairs of	MAGA Republicans are threatening the foundations of American democracy	58%	86%	24%	62%
statements, please select the statement that comes closest to your view, even if neither statement is exactly right.	MAGA Republicans are working to save America	42%	14%	76%	38%
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About the Study

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The sample was randomly drawn from Ipsos' online panel, partner online panel sources, and "river" sampling and does not rely on a population frame in the traditional sense. Ipsos uses fixed sample targets, unique to each study, in drawing a sample. After a sample has been obtained from the Ipsos panel, Ipsos calibrates respondent characteristics to be representative of the U.S. Population using standard procedures such as raking-ratio adjustments. The source of these population targets is U.S. Census 2019 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Posthoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, education, and partisan identification.

Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online non-probability polls. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including but not limited to coverage error and measurement error. Where figures do not sum to 100, this is due to the effects of rounding. The precision of Ipsos online polls is measured using a credibility interval. In this case, the poll has a credibility interval of plus or minus 3.8 percentage points for all respondents. Ipsos calculates a design effect (DEFF) for each study based on the variation of the weights, following the formula of Kish (1965). This study had a credibility interval adjusted for design effect of the following (n=1,003, DEFF=1.5, adjusted Confidence Interval=+/-5.3 percentage points). The poll also has a credibility interval of \pm 5.9 percentage points for Democrats, \pm 6.0 percentage points for Republicans, and \pm 11.0 percentage points for independents.

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