

Reuters/Ipsos Poll: Hunter Biden's Plea Deal

Topline Findings

These are the results of a Reuters/Ipsos poll conducted between June 20-21, 2023. For this survey, a sample of 1,004 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:

Full Annotated Questionnaire

		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	A great deal	36%	45%	39%	26%
TM3149Y23. How much, if anything, have you	A fair amount	31%	31%	31%	36%
heard about the following A federal criminal indictment of	I have heard of this, but that's about it	23%	13%	24%	31%
Donald Trump on charges stemming from	I have not heard of this	8%	9%	6%	5%
his handling of sensitive government documents	Not sure	2%	2%	0%	2%
	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3149Y23. How much, if anything, have you heard about the following A federal investigation and subsequent plea deal concerning Hunter	A great deal	15%	15%	22%	9%
	A fair amount	26%	27%	30%	24%
	I have heard of this, but that's about it	32%	32%	27%	34%
	I have not heard of this	24%	23%	19%	30%
Biden's failure to pay his taxes	Not sure	3%	2%	2%	2%
	Total	1004	431	343	141

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	A great deal	13%	10%	20%	11%
TM3149Y23. How much,	A fair amount	27%	25%	36%	22%
if anything, have you heard about the following A federal	I have heard of this, but that's about it	33%	33%	27%	41%
investigation into Hunter Biden's illegal	I have not heard of this	22%	26%	14%	24%
possession of firearms	Not sure	5%	6%	3%	3%
	Total	1004	431	343	141
	Very believable	49%	78%	24%	45%
TM3137Y23. In your opinion, how believable,	Somewhat believable	24%	13%	26%	35%
if at all, are the following statements? Donald	Not very believable	12%	4%	25%	5%
Trump illegally removed classified documents from the White House	Not at all believable	10%	2%	20%	9%
and stored them at his home at Mar A Lago	Not sure	5%	2%	3%	5%
C C	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3137Y23. In your opinion, how believable, if at all, are the following statements? Donald Trump illegally removed classified documents from the White House and stored them at his home at Mar A Lago	Total Believable	73%	92%	51%	80%
	Total Not Believable	22%	6%	46%	14%
	Not sure	5%	2%	3%	5%
	Total	1004	431	343	141





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Very believable	42%	25%	65%	37%
TM3137Y23. In your opinion, how believable,	Somewhat believable	34%	41%	23%	43%
if at all, are the following statements? Hunter	Not very believable	7%	14%	5%	2%
Biden did not pay taxes	Not at all believable	2%	4%	0%	0%
in an effort to hide income	Not sure	14%	16%	7%	18%
	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3137Y23. In your	Total Believable	77%	66%	88%	80%
opinion, how believable, if at all, are the following statements? Hunter	Total Not Believable	9%	19%	5%	2%
Biden did not pay taxes in an effort to hide	Not sure	14%	16%	7%	18%
income	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please	Strongly agree	26%	41%	13%	30%
indicate how much you agree or disagree with	Somewhat agree	34%	36%	34%	29%
the following statement Joe Biden is being a	Somewhat disagree	10%	5%	16%	10%
good father by supporting his son	Strongly disagree	13%	7%	25%	8%
Hunter, even while Hunter goes through	Don't know	16%	11%	12%	24%
legal troubles	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement Joe Biden is being a good father by supporting his son Hunter, even while	Total Agree	60%	77%	47%	59%
	Total Disagree	24%	12%	41%	17%
	Don`t know	16%	11%	12%	24%
Hunter goes through legal troubles	Total	1004	431	343	141

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TM3138Y23. Please indicate how much you	Strongly agree	27%	42%	18%	26%
	Somewhat agree	24%	31%	14%	27%
agree or disagree with the following statement Hunter Biden's legal	Somewhat disagree	16%	9%	24%	17%
troubles are	Strongly disagree	17%	7%	35%	9%
ndependent of and unrelated to his father's	Don't know	16%	11%	8%	22%
service as president	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please ndicate how much you	Total Agree	51%	73%	32%	52%
agree or disagree with the following statement	Total Disagree	33%	15%	60%	26%
Hunter Biden's legal roubles are ndependent of and	Don`t know	16%	11%	8%	22%
unrelated to his father's service as president	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please	Strongly agree	28%	9%	56%	24%
ndicate how much you agree or disagree with	Somewhat agree	21%	24%	19%	18%
he following statement Hunter Biden is	Somewhat disagree	15%	22%	8%	15%
receiving favorable reatment from U.S.	Strongly disagree	14%	23%	9%	11%
prosecutors because he s President Joe Biden's	Don't know	21%	22%	7%	32%
son	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement Hunter Biden is	Total Agree	50%	33%	75%	42%
	Total Disagree	30%	45%	17%	26%
receiving favorable reatment from U.S. prosecutors because he	Don`t know	21%	22%	7%	32%
s President Joe Biden's son	Total	1004	431	343	141

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	Strongly agree	11%	16%	11%	8%
TM3138Y23. Please indicate how much you	Somewhat agree	23%	29%	17%	24%
agree or disagree with the following statement	Somewhat disagree	22%	20%	25%	24%
The indictment of Hunter Biden on criminal	Strongly disagree	21%	14%	36%	17%
charges is politically motivated	Don't know	22%	22%	11%	29%
motivated	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please	Total Agree	34%	45%	28%	31%
ndicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement	Total Disagree	44%	34%	61%	40%
The indictment of Hunter Biden on criminal charges is politically	Don`t know	22%	22%	11%	29%
motivated	Total	1004	431	343	141
	Strongly agree	30%	12%	57%	25%
TM3138Y23. Please indicate how much you	Somewhat agree	21%	19%	22%	19%
agree or disagree with the following statement	Somewhat disagree	12%	17%	4%	20%
The indictment of Donald Trump on	Strongly disagree	24%	44%	10%	19%
criminal charges is politically motivated	Don't know	13%	8%	7%	18%
Joinically motivated	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please	Total Agree	51%	30%	79%	43%
indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement The indictment of Donald Trump on	Total Disagree	36%	62%	14%	38%
	Don`t know	13%	8%	7%	18%
criminal charges is politically motivated	Total	1004	431	343	141

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Strongly agree	60%	84%	41%	54%
TM3138Y23. Please	Somewhat agree	22%	10%	28%	29%
indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement	Somewhat disagree	7%	3%	13%	5%
If Donald Trump broke	Strongly disagree	5%	1%	12%	3%
the law, he should stand trial	Don't know	6%	1%	6%	8%
	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3138Y23. Please	Total Agree	81%	94%	69%	84%
ndicate how much you agree or disagree with	Total Disagree	12%	4%	25%	8%
he following statement f Donald Trump broke he law, he should stand	Don`t know	6%	1%	6%	8%
trial	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	23%	13%	42%	12%
think the following have behaved in responsible	Irresponsible	44%	66%	27%	40%
or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal?	Don't know	33%	21%	31%	48%
Donald Trump	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	22%	15%	40%	11%
think the following have behaved in responsible or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal? Conservative media	Irresponsible	36%	51%	24%	38%
	Don't know	42%	34%	36%	51%
	Total	1004	431	343	141





		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	22%	11%	41%	15%
think the following have behaved in responsible	Irresponsible	34%	57%	17%	30%
or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal?	Don't know	44%	32%	42%	55%
Republican officials	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	33%	59%	17%	24%
think the following have behaved in responsible	Irresponsible	32%	13%	57%	28%
or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal? Joe	Don't know	34%	28%	26%	48%
Biden	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	22%	37%	13%	15%
hink the following have behaved in responsible	Irresponsible	38%	25%	60%	28%
or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal?	Don't know	41%	38%	27%	56%
Mainstream media	Total	1004	431	343	141
TM3152Y23. Do you	Responsible	25%	47%	14%	15%
hink the following have behaved in responsible	Irresponsible	33%	15%	58%	29%
or irresponsible ways following news of Hunter Biden's plea deal? Democratic officials	Don't know	42%	38%	29%	56%
	Total	1004	431	343	141

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		All Respondents	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
	Much more likely to vote for him	3%	6%	2%	1%
	Somewhat more likely to vote for him	4%	4%	3%	5%
TM3153Y23. How does the deal for Hunter Biden to plead guilty on gun and tax charges	No impact on my intent to vote	58%	74%	42%	63%
impact your likelihood of voting for Joe Biden in the 2024 presidential election, if at all?	Somewhat less likely to vote for him	6%	4%	5%	7%
	Much less likely to vote for him	20%	3%	45%	13%
	Not sure	10%	9%	3%	10%
	Total	1004	431	343	141
	Total More Likely	7%	10%	5%	6%
TM3153Y23. How does the deal for Hunter Biden to plead guilty on gun and tax charges impact your likelihood of voting for Joe Biden in the 2024 presidential	No impact	58%	74%	42%	63%
	Less Likely	26%	7%	50%	20%
	Don`t know	10%	9%	3%	10%
election, if at all?	Total	1004	431	343	141





About the Study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between June 20-21, 2023 on behalf of Thomson Reuters. For this survey, a sample of 1,004 adults age 18+ from the continental U.S., Alaska, and Hawaii was interviewed online in English. The sample also includes 431 Democrats, 343 Republicans, and 141 independents.

The sample was randomly drawn from <u>lpsos' online panel</u>, partner online panel sources, and <u>"river"</u> <u>sampling</u> 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 2022 American Community Survey data. The sample drawn for this study reflects fixed sample targets on demographics. Post hoc weights were made to the population characteristics on gender, age, race/ethnicity, region, education and political party affiliation.

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=+/-5.3 percentage points).

The poll also has a credibility interval of plus or minus 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, plus or minus 6.5 percentage points for Republicans, and plus or minus 10.1 percentage points for independents.

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