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Where America Stands For the 2024 Election

The University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll conducted a national poll from March 24 to April 5 that surveyed voting-age citizens. Respondents were asked which presidential candidate they plan to vote for in the primary. Among other items, the survey asked respondents which party they will support in the congressional elections.

Among Republican survey respondents, former President Donald Trump is the leading Republican candidate in the 2024 primaries. Republicans support Trump by a substantial amount nationally. Trump holds 47% of the vote, followed by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis at 20%, and former Vice President Mike Pence at 8%.

In addition, respondents who answered that they would vote for Trump in the primary, were then asked whether they would vote for a hypothetical Trump independent candidacy in the event he loses the Republican primary. Seventy-eight percent of Trump primary voters say they would vote for him as an independent, while only 10% say they would not.

All respondents were asked whether they support President Joe Biden running for another term. Sixty-two percent of respondents were not supportive of Biden running for a second term, while only 25% were supportive. Fifty-one percent of Democrats favor the president running for a second term, while 33% think he should not. Meanwhile, 91% of Republicans say Biden should not run; the number is 68% for independents.

Democrats were asked who they would support in the event Biden decides not to run for reelection. Vice President Kamala Harris led the field with 23%, followed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders at 16% and Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg at 9%.

When respondents were asked which party they would support in hypothetical congressional races held today, 44% support a Democratic candidate, whereas 35% support a Republican candidate, and 16% do not know. Thirty-four percent of independents back a Democratic candidate, only 28% support a Republican candidate, and 27% don't know.

In summary, the poll revealed that former President Donald Trump leads the Republican candidates for the primary, with 47% of registered voters supporting him. The survey also showed that 78% of Trump primary voters would vote for him as an independent if he lost the Republican primary. Meanwhile, 51% of Democrats favor President Joe Biden running for a second term, while 33% think he should not. Among respondents, Vice President Kamala Harris leads the field of potential Democratic candidates if Biden decides not to run for reelection. The survey also found that 44% of voting-age citizens would vote for the Democratic candidate in the congressional race, while 35% would vote for the Republican candidate. Hawkeye Poll encourages political analysts, journalists, and voters to review and draw their own conclusions on the upcoming 2024 election.

Respondent identification:

The Iowa Social Science Research Center (ISRC) contracted with a respected web panel vendor to field the survey to a demographically representative sample of 1,123 respondents. Respondents invited to complete the web survey were U.S. adults, ages 18 to 120, recruited for participation via web panel. To obtain a census-representative sample, quotas were set on the following demographics: sex, age, and census region.

Sample:

1,123 voting-age residents in the United States, margin of error +/-2.9%.

Date of Survey:

The Hawkeye Poll was fielded between March 24 and April 5, 2023.

Weighting:

Reported results are weighted by age, sex, and census region.

About the University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll:

The poll was designed by the University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll, composed of University of Iowa faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. The poll is a teaching and research project, one of many of the experiential learning undergraduate courses offered in the Department of Political Science. The poll was implemented in collaboration with the Iowa Social Science Research Center.