



## OVERVIEW

The study was conducted for CNN via web and telephone on the SSRS Opinion Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. SSRS is an independent research company. Surveys were obtained **October 20-23, 2024**, with a representative sample of **n=1,704** registered voters. The margin of sampling error for registered voters is +/- **3.18** at the 95% confidence level (design effect: **1.79**). The margin of sampling error for likely voters is +/- **3.10** at the 95% confidence level (design effect: **1.71**). More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting [www.ssrs.com](http://www.ssrs.com).

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## NOTE ABOUT RESULTS

Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the August 3-6, 2017 survey and ending with the April 21-26, 2021 survey are from polls conducted by SSRS via telephone only. For more information about other trend data included in this topline, please see the “More on Methodology” section at the end of this document.

Results beginning with the March 31-April 2, 2006 survey and ending with the April 22-25, 2017 survey are from telephone surveys conducted by ORC International. Results before March 31, 2006 are from telephone surveys conducted by Gallup.

Question text noted in parentheses was rotated or randomized. Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*).

## NOTE ABOUT CROSSTABS

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the adult population, age 18 or older, of the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum N=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than N=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "SN" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.

Q13. Once every state has officially certified its vote for president, do you think that the loser of the presidential election has an obligation to accept the results and concede, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
October 20-23, 2024 (RV)	88%	12%	*
June 28-30, 2024 (RV)	85%	15%	*
June 28-30, 2024	84%	15%	1%
January 25-30, 2024 (RV)	87%	13%	*
January 25-30, 2024	86%	13%	*
October 1-4, 2020	86%	9%	5%
August 12-15, 2020	87%	10%	4%

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	Yes	No	No opinion
2016 Oct 20-23	77%	20%	2%

Q14. If (INSERT NAME) loses the election in November, do you think [he/she] will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

Donald Trump	Yes	No	No opinion
October 20-23, 2024 (RV)	30%	69%	1%

COMPARE TO:

Donald Trump	Yes	No	No opinion
June 28-30, 2024 (RV)	28%	72%	1%
June 28-30, 2024	28%	71%	1%
January 25-30, 2024* (RV)	25%	74%	1%
January 25-30, 2024*	25%	74%	1%
October 1-4, 2020**	37%	58%	6%
August 12-15, 2020**	38%	55%	7%

\* QUESTION WORDING: If (INSERT ITEM) is the (INSERT ITEM) presidential nominee and loses the election in November, do you think he will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

\* RESPONSE OPTION WORDING: Donald Trump/Republican

\*\*QUESTION WORDING: If Donald Trump loses the election, do you think he will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

Q14. If (INSERT NAME) loses the election in November, do you think [he/she] will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not? [ITEMS ASKED IN RANDOM ORDER]

Kamala Harris	Yes	No	No opinion
October 20-23, 2024 (RV)	73%	26%	1%

Joe Biden	Yes	No	No opinion
June 28-30, 2024 (RV)	78%	22%	*
June 28-30, 2024	78%	22%	*
January 25-30, 2024* (RV)	77%	22%	1%
January 25-30, 2024*	76%	23%	1%
October 1-4, 2020**	71%	25%	4%
August 12-15, 2020**	68%	27%	5%

\* QUESTION WORDING: If (INSERT ITEM) is the (INSERT ITEM) presidential nominee and loses the election in November, do you think he will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

\* RESPONSE OPTION WORDING: Joe Biden/Democratic

\*\*QUESTION WORDING: If Joe Biden loses the election, do you think he will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

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	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>			
2016 Oct 20-23**	75%	22%	3%
**QUESTION WORDING: If Hillary Clinton loses the election, do you think she will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?			

Q15. How much do you trust the US Supreme Court to make the right decisions on any legal cases relating to the 2024 election? [RESPONSES ROTATED IN ORDER FOR HALF/IN REVERSE ORDER FOR HALF]

	A great deal	A moderate amount	Just some	Not at all	No opinion
October 20-23, 2024 (RV)	15%	29%	31%	25%	0%
January 25-30, 2024 (RV)	13%	29%	35%	23%	*
January 25-30, 2024	11%	31%	35%	23%	*

## MORE ON METHODOLOGY

A total of n=1,704 registered voters were surveyed via web and phone on the SSRS Opinion Panel, a nationally representative panel of U.S. adults ages 18 or older recruited using probability-based sampling techniques. Surveys were conducted in English and Spanish.

Results for the full sample of registered voters have a margin of sampling error of +/- 3.18 percentage points. Results for likely voters have a margin of sampling error of +/-3.10.

Among the entire sample of registered voters, **32%** described themselves as Democrats, **34%** described themselves as Republicans, and **35%** described themselves as independents or members of another party.

Respondents were matched with publicly available voter registration data to match their past voter turnout history. Matching was done, based on name and address, crossed with the most current voter list purchased by SSRS from L2. For the small number of cases that could not be matched to the voter file, SSRS imputed voter information based on self-reported turnout and key demographics.

The entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for registered voters by gender, race, Hispanic Nativity, age, education, and region of country. The sample was also weighted to reflect benchmarks for population density, civic engagement, religious affiliation, and frequency of internet use, estimated from the weighted SSRS Opinion Panel. The sample was also weighted for party identification in detail (leaners broken out) and collapsed crossed by age and race. The benchmarks for party identification crosses were taken from CNN's national poll conducted by SSRS via web and phone from June 3-23, 2024, which implemented a full probability design via Address-Based Sampling (ABS). The sample was also weighted to benchmarks from the L2 voter file for 2020 turnout by mode of voting (early or Election Day), 2022 turnout, and primary vote history.

Results for likely voters include all registered voters interviewed for the poll weighted by their predicted probability of voting in the 2024 general election. This likely voter weight was created for each state by multiplying the registered voter weight by the modeled probability of voting in the 2024 general election. For voters ages 29 or below, the probability of voting was calculated as 0.25 times a voter file score plus 0.75 times a self-report score. For voters ages 30 or older, the probability of voting was calculated as 0.75 times a voter file score plus 0.25 times a self-report score. For respondents who stated that they don't plan to vote when asked which candidate they lean towards, the probability of voting was 0.05. The voter file score was assigned using a model built on the L2 voter file that included past turnout history and demographic variables as predictors. The self-report score was assigned using a model built on prior CNN-SSRS polls that included the self-reported likelihood of voting and motivation to vote as predictors.

Surveys were conducted among a representative sample of registered voters in the United States. Members of demographic groups not shown in the published crosstabs are represented in the results for each question in the poll. Crosstabs on the pages that follow only include results for subgroups with a minimum n=125 unweighted cases. Results for subgroups with fewer than n=125 unweighted cases are not displayed and instead are denoted with "SN" because samples of that size carry larger margins of sampling error and can be too small to be projectable with confidence to their true values in the population.

**NOTE ON TRENDS**

All included trend points were based on surveys conducted using probability-based sampling methods. Some surveys included as trend points in this document were conducted using different methodologies, or with different combinations of sponsors. Unless otherwise noted, results beginning with the August 3-6, 2017 survey and ending with the April 21-26, 2021 survey are from polls conducted by SSRS via telephone only. Here are more details on the methodology behind each CNN poll conducted by SSRS using other methods.

<b>Address-Based Sampling</b>	<b>Probability Panel: Web + Phone</b>	<b>Probability Panel: Web only</b>	<b>Probability Panel: SMS only</b>
August 3-September 7, 2021	November 1-4, 2021	March 25-26, 2019	February 25-26, 2022
January 10-February 6, 2022	December 8-12, 2021	September 21-22, 2020	May 12-13, 2022
June 13-July 13, 2022	January 13-18, 2022	October 7-11, 2021	March 31-April 1, 2023
September 3-October 5, 2022	April 28-May 1, 2022	February 23-26, 2022	October 12-13, 2023
March 1-31, 2023	October 26-31, 2022	May 3-5, 2022	
July 1-31, 2023	December 1-7, 2022	July 22-24, 2022 (Recontact)	
November 1-30, 2023	January 19-23, 2023		
June 3-23, 2024	March 8-12, 2023		
	May 17-20, 2023		
	June 13-17, 2023		
	August 25-31, 2023		
	October 4-9, 2023		
	October 27-November 2, 2023		
	January 25-30, 2024		
	April 19-23, 2024		
	June 28-30, 2024		
	September 19-22, 2024		

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TABLE 058  
 Question 13

13. Once every state has officially certified its vote for president, do you think that the loser of the presidential election has an obligation to accept the results and concede, or not?

Base: Total Registered Voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Hispanic	Black	
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	
Yes	88%	88%	87%	88%	88%	88%	
No	12%	12%	13%	12%	12%	12%	
Don't know/Refused	*	0%	*	*	*	0%	
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.6	4.4	3.8	9.9	9.7	

  

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Yes	88%	86%	85%	90%	89%	85%	90%
No	12%	14%	15%	10%	11%	15%	10%
Don't know/Refused	*	0%	0%	*	0%	0%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.5	5.1	4.1

  

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Yes	88%	85%	90%	87%	88%	87%	88%
No	12%	15%	10%	13%	12%	13%	12%
Don't know/Refused	*	*	0%	*	0%	*	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.4	3.9	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.9

  

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Yes	88%	95%	88%	82%	93%	92%	77%
No	12%	5%	12%	18%	7%	8%	23%
Don't know/Refused	*	0%	*	*	0%	0%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.9	4.5	5.9

  

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	2024 Harrs	2024 Trump
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Yes	88%	95%	83%	97%	80%
No	12%	5%	17%	3%	20%
Don't know/Refused	*	0%	*	0%	*
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6

CNN/SSRS Poll -- October 20, 2024 to October 23, 2024

TABLE 059

Question 14\_a

14\_a. If Donald Trump loses the election in November, do you think he will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

Base: Total Registered Voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Hispanic	Black
Yes	30%	33%	27%	32%	26%	15%
No	69%	66%	72%	66%	74%	85%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.6	4.4	3.8	9.9	9.7

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Yes	30%	27%	29%	35%	28%	27%	32%
No	69%	73%	71%	64%	69%	73%	67%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.5	5.1	4.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
Yes	30%	30%	30%	32%	26%	35%	29%
No	69%	68%	70%	67%	73%	64%	70%
Don't know/Refused	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.4	3.9	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.9

	Total	Demo-cratic	Indep endnt Other	Repub lican	Lib-eral	Mode-rate	Con serva tive
Yes	30%	8%	28%	52%	11%	25%	51%
No	69%	91%	72%	45%	89%	75%	46%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	*	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.9	4.5	5.9

	Total	Lean Demo-cratic	Lean Repub lican	2024 Harrs	2024 Trump
Yes	30%	7%	54%	5%	57%
No	69%	92%	44%	95%	41%
Don't know/Refused	1%	*	2%	*	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6

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TABLE 062

Question 14\_b

14\_b. If Kamala Harris loses the election in November, do you think she will accept the results and concede once the votes have been certified, or not?

Base: Total Registered Voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Hispanic	Black
Yes	73%	72%	74%	70%	76%	83%
No	26%	27%	26%	29%	24%	15%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.6	4.4	3.8	9.9	9.7

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
Yes	73%	75%	71%	72%	75%	73%	73%
No	26%	24%	29%	28%	23%	27%	26%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	0%	*	2%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.5	5.1	4.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
Yes	73%	65%	78%	70%	78%	66%	76%
No	26%	33%	22%	29%	22%	33%	23%
Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.4	3.9	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.9

	Total	Democrat	Indep endnt Other	Republican	Liberal	Mod-erate	Con serva tive
Yes	73%	94%	75%	51%	91%	80%	49%
No	26%	6%	23%	48%	9%	20%	48%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.9	4.5	5.9

	Total	Lean Democrat	Lean Republican	2024 Harris	2024 Trump
Yes	73%	95%	52%	97%	49%
No	26%	5%	47%	3%	50%
Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6



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TABLE 065

Question 15

15. How much do you trust the US Supreme Court to make the right decisions on any legal cases relating to the 2024 election?

Base: Total Registered Voters

	Total	Men	Women	White	Hispanic	Black
A great deal/A moderate amount (NET)	44%	51%	39%	46%	44%	38%
A great deal	15%	21%	11%	17%	13%	9%
A moderate amount	29%	30%	29%	30%	31%	29%
Just some/Not at all (NET)	56%	49%	61%	54%	56%	62%
Just some	31%	25%	37%	31%	30%	33%
Not at all	25%	25%	24%	23%	26%	29%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.6	4.4	3.8	9.9	9.7

	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<45	45+
A great deal/A moderate amount (NET)	44%	42%	42%	44%	49%	43%	45%
A great deal	15%	8%	13%	19%	21%	10%	19%
A moderate amount	29%	34%	29%	25%	28%	33%	27%
Just some/Not at all (NET)	56%	58%	58%	56%	51%	57%	55%
Just some	31%	36%	31%	33%	25%	32%	30%
Not at all	25%	22%	26%	23%	26%	24%	25%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	7.1	5.9	6.0	6.5	5.1	4.1

	Total	<\$50K	\$50K+	Non-coll. grad.	Coll. grad.	White Non-coll. grad.	White coll. grad.
A great deal/A moderate amount (NET)	44%	43%	45%	47%	41%	48%	44%
A great deal	15%	15%	16%	15%	16%	16%	18%
A moderate amount	29%	28%	29%	32%	25%	32%	26%
Just some/Not at all (NET)	56%	57%	55%	53%	59%	52%	56%
Just some	31%	33%	30%	33%	29%	32%	29%
Not at all	25%	24%	25%	21%	30%	20%	27%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.4	3.9	4.1	5.0	5.0	5.9

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A great deal/A moderate amount (NET)	44%	30%	40%	62%	29%	41%	61%
A great deal	15%	4%	11%	31%	5%	11%	30%
A moderate amount	29%	25%	30%	31%	24%	30%	31%
Just some/Not at all (NET)	56%	70%	60%	38%	71%	59%	39%
Just some	31%	33%	29%	31%	30%	34%	28%
Not at all	25%	37%	30%	7%	41%	26%	11%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	5.3	6.0	5.2	6.9	4.5	5.9

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A great deal	15%	4%	29%	5%	27%
A moderate amount	29%	26%	31%	26%	34%
Just some/Not at all (NET)	56%	70%	40%	69%	39%
Just some	31%	34%	31%	34%	28%
Not at all	25%	37%	9%	35%	11%
Don't know/Refused	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Sampling Error (+/-)	3.2	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.6