

NORTH AMERICAN TRACKER

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November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

EDITION

# Methodology

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## Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or older.

(U.S. sample: n= 1,001).

Respondents were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.



## When

November 24 to  
November 27, 2023



## Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than  $\pm 3.1\%$  (19 times out of 20).



## Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, region, education, ethnicity, and number of people in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the American population.

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## Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.



## Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.



## Questions

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*A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.*

# Key Highlights

*Every month, we conduct a survey of Canadians and U.S. residents to explore their views on the economy, finances, and their respective governments. This month, our survey was conducted between November 24 and 26, 2023.*

## Some of the key highlights of our survey about the economy and American politics include...

### Economic concerns continue

- More than half (55%) of U.S. residents think the United States is currently in a recession.
- Three-in-ten (30%) U.S. residents describe their household's finances as poor (22%) or very poor (8%).
- Almost half of U.S. residents (47%) say they are living paycheck to paycheck.
- More than a third of U.S. residents (36%) who are currently employed are concerned about losing their job in the next 12 months.

### Trump continues to receive high support from Republican voters

- If the Presidential election were to be held today, there would be a small gap between Joe Biden (44%) and Donald Trump (42%).
- Donald Trump is the preferred Republican candidate for president in 2024, receiving the support of more than half (56%) of Republican voters.
- More than half of Americans disapprove of Joe Biden's job as president (55%), while a third approve (35%).



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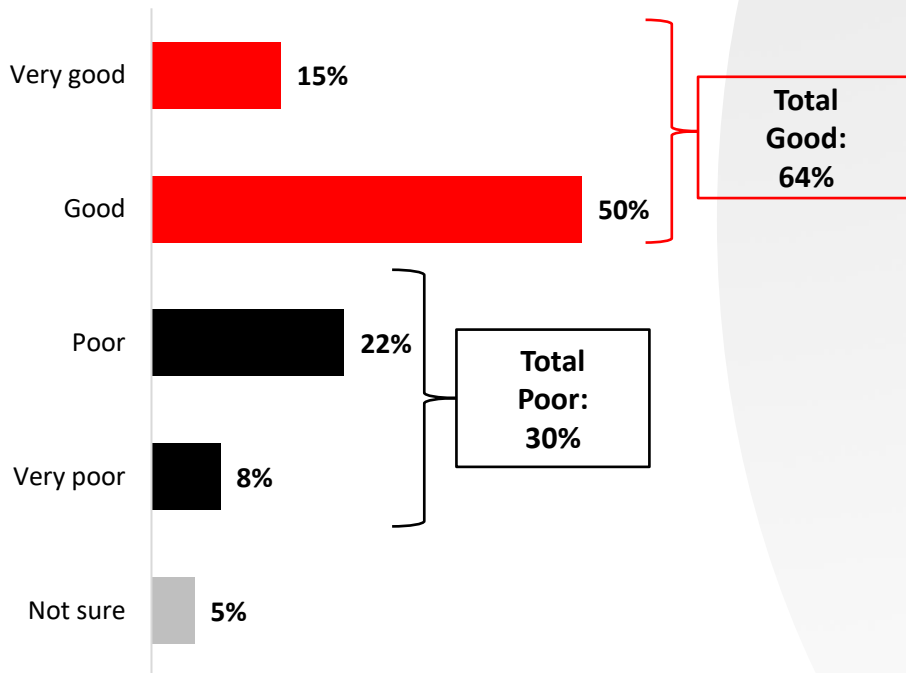
# State of the Economy



# State of Household Finances (1/3)

**Q3.** How would you describe your own household's finances today?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



# State of Household Finances (2/2)

## Q3. How would you describe your own household's finances today?

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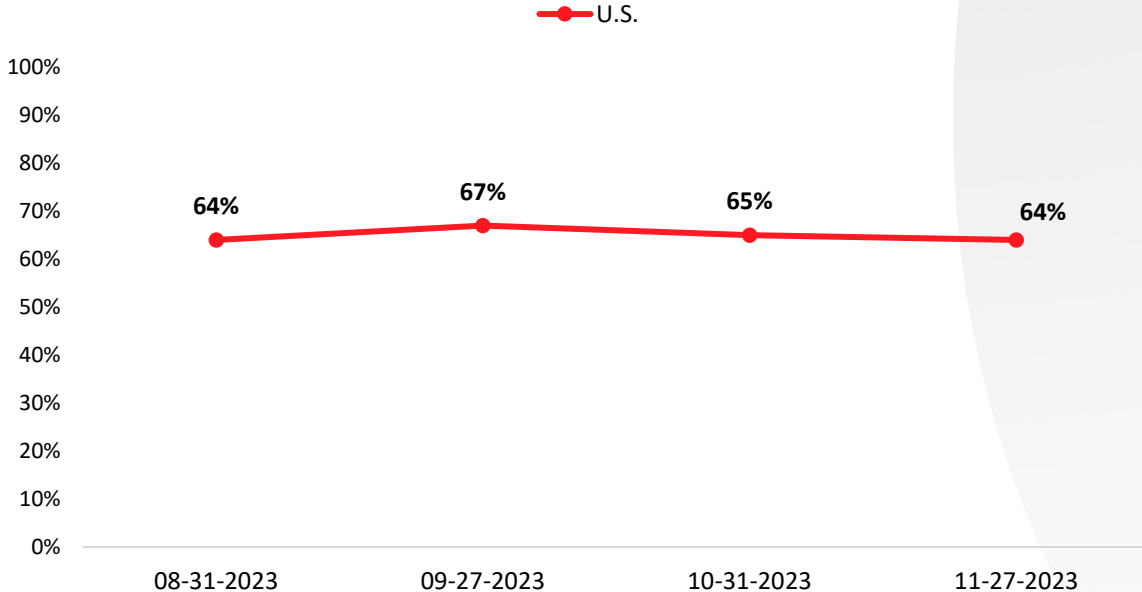
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Weighted n=	1,001	181	210	376	234	485	516	229	368	404	1,002	
Unweighted n=	1,001	224	240	280	257	470	531	130	371	500	1,002	
<b>Total Good</b>	<b>64%</b>	66%	63%	61%	71%	68%	62%	66%	60%	67%	<b>65%</b>	-1
Very good	<b>15%</b>	18%	12%	14%	16%	<b>19%</b>	<b>10%</b>	14%	17%	13%	<b>13%</b>	+2
Good	<b>50%</b>	49%	50%	47%	55%	48%	51%	52%	<b>43%</b>	55%	<b>53%</b>	-3
<b>Total Poor</b>	<b>30%</b>	30%	32%	32%	27%	28%	32%	31%	31%	29%	<b>31%</b>	-1
Poor	<b>22%</b>	22%	25%	22%	21%	21%	23%	22%	21%	24%	<b>22%</b>	-
Very poor	<b>8%</b>	8%	7%	10%	5%	7%	9%	8%	11%	<b>5%</b>	<b>9%</b>	-1
Not sure	<b>5%</b>	3%	5%	8%	3%	4%	6%	3%	<b>8%</b>	4%	<b>3%</b>	+2

# State of Household Finances - *Trended*

**Q3.** How would you describe your own household's finances today?

Base: All respondents

## **% Total Good Presented**

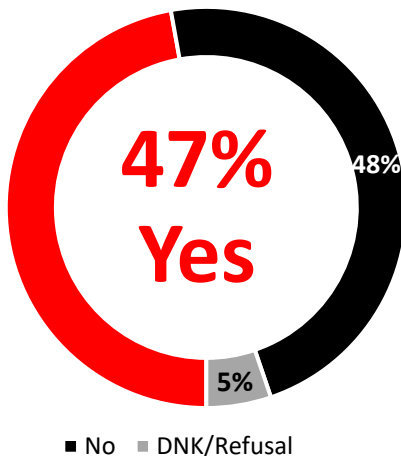




# Living Paycheck to Paycheck (1/2)

**Q4.** Are you currently living paycheck to paycheck?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



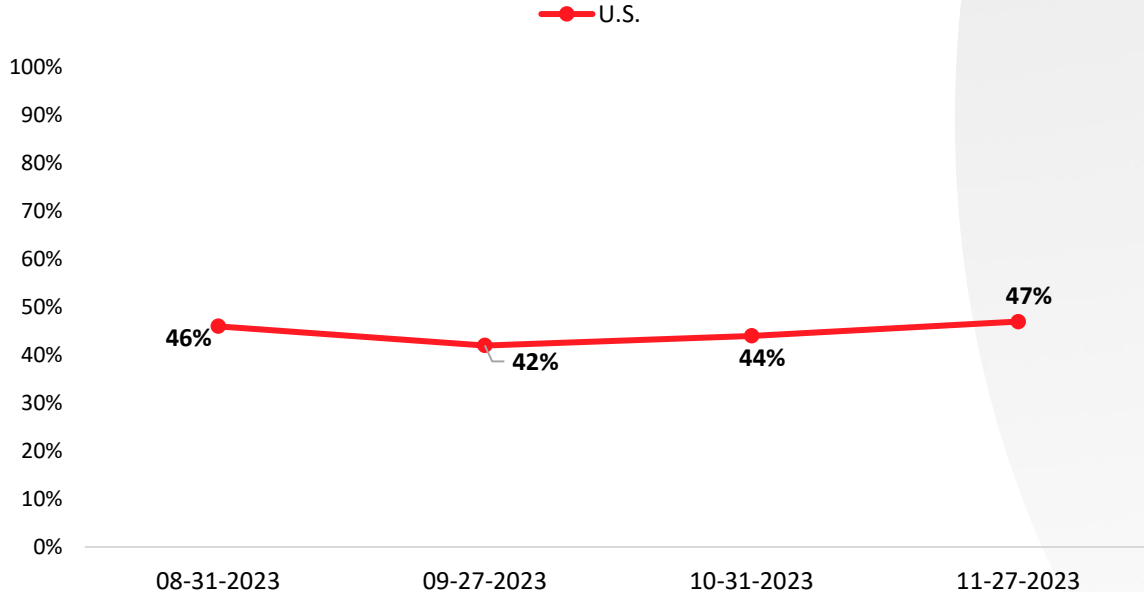
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Yes	<b>47%</b>	45%	53%	49%	42%	44%	50%	47%	<b>54%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>44%</b>	+3
No	<b>48%</b>	48%	43%	45%	<b>55%</b>	51%	45%	48%	<b>39%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>51%</b>	-3
Don't know / Refusal	<b>5%</b>	7%	4%	7%	3%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	<b>6%</b>	-1

# Living Paycheck to Paycheck - Trended

**Q4.** Are you currently living paycheck to paycheck?

Base: All respondents

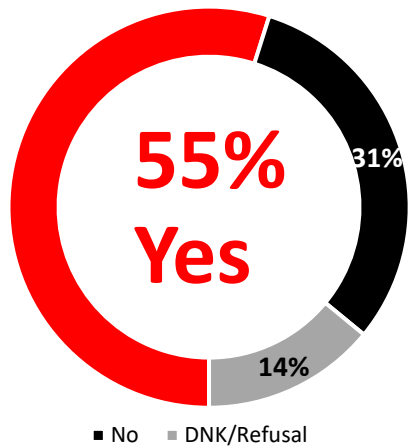
**% Yes Presented**



# Economic Recession in the Country (1/2)

**Q5.** Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



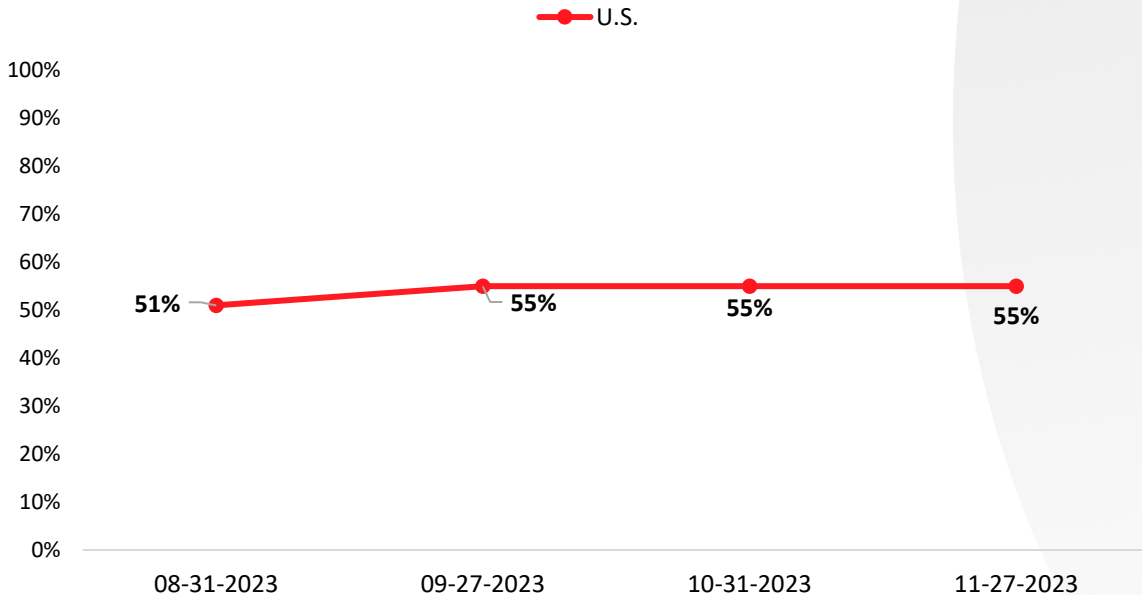
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Unweighted n=	1,001	224	240	280	257	470	531	130	371	500	1,002	
Yes	<b>55%</b>	53%	53%	60%	50%	56%	54%	61%	57%	<b>50%</b>	<b>55%</b>	-
No	<b>31%</b>	30%	37%	<b>25%</b>	35%	35%	28%	27%	28%	<b>37%</b>	<b>29%</b>	+2
Don't know/Refusal	<b>14%</b>	18%	10%	15%	14%	<b>9%</b>	<b>19%</b>	12%	16%	14%	<b>16%</b>	-2

# Economic Recession in the Country - Trended

**Q5.** Do you believe Canada/the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Base: All respondents

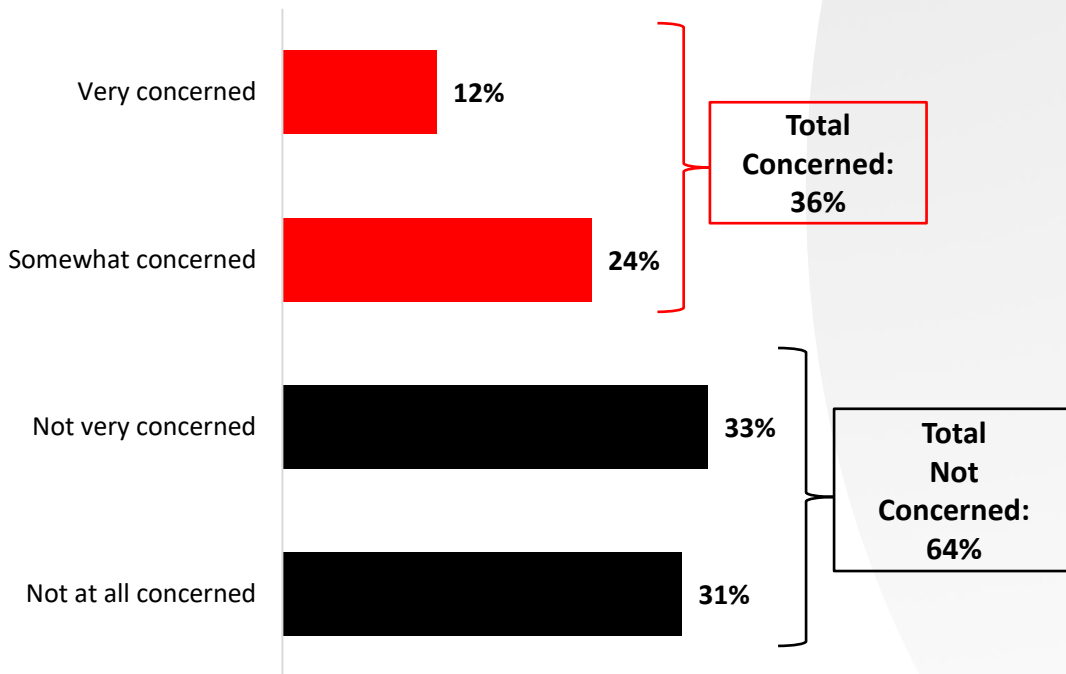
**% Yes Presented**



# Concerns About Losing Job (1/3)

**Q6.** How concerned are you about losing your job in the next 12 months?

Base: Respondents who are currently employed (n=567)



# Concerns About Losing Job (2/3)

**Q6.** How concerned are you about losing your job in the next 12 months?

Base: Respondents who are currently employed

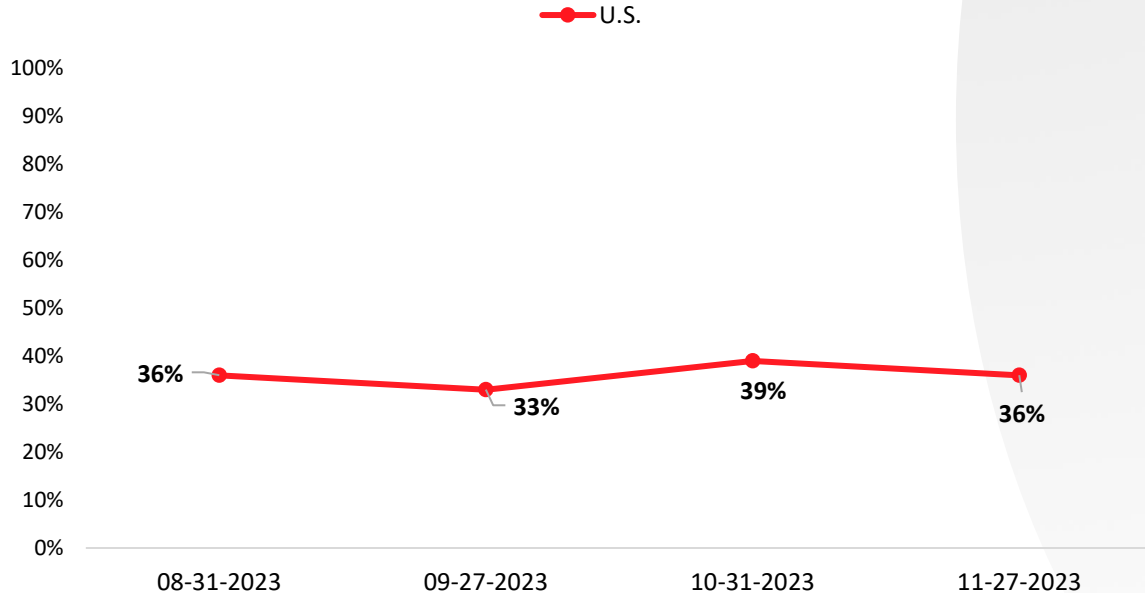
	TOTAL U.S.	North-east	Mid-west	South	West	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Total Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Gap
Weighted n=	570	98	127	221	124	306	264	166	260	145	528	
Unweighted n=	567	115	145	160	147	290	277	97	275	195	541	
<b>Total Concerned</b>	<b>36%</b>	32%	28%	39%	44%	37%	35%	45%	41%	<b>19%</b>	<b>39%</b>	-3
Very concerned	<b>12%</b>	16%	<b>6%</b>	13%	16%	15%	9%	15%	15%	<b>5%</b>	<b>15%</b>	-3
Somewhat concerned	<b>24%</b>	16%	22%	27%	28%	22%	26%	29%	26%	<b>14%</b>	<b>24%</b>	-
<b>Total Not Concerned</b>	<b>64%</b>	68%	72%	61%	56%	63%	65%	55%	59%	<b>81%</b>	<b>61%</b>	+3
Not very concerned	<b>33%</b>	35%	41%	30%	27%	35%	30%	26%	35%	36%	<b>30%</b>	+3
Not at all concerned	<b>31%</b>	33%	31%	31%	30%	28%	34%	30%	<b>24%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>31%</b>	-

# Concerns About Losing Job – Trended

**Q6.** How concerned are you about losing your job in the next 12 months?

Base: Respondents who are currently employed

## % Total Concerned Presented



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# American Politics

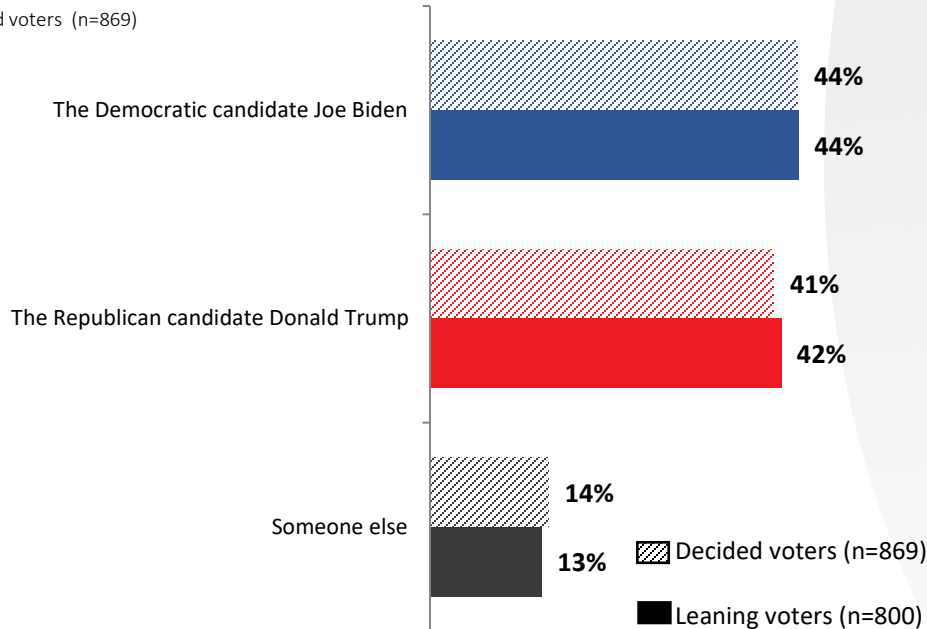




# US Voting Intentions (1/2)

**Q8.** If the 2024 presidential election were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate Donald Trump or the democratic Candidate Joe Biden? *Even if your choice is not made yet, if you had the obligation, who would you most likely vote for at the 2024 presidential election between...*

Base: Decided voters (n=869)



# US Voting Intentions (2/2)

**Q8.** If the 2024 presidential election were held today, would you vote for the Republican candidate Donald Trump or the democratic Candidate Joe Biden? *Even if your choice is not made yet, if you had the obligation, who would you most likely vote for at the 2024 presidential election between...*

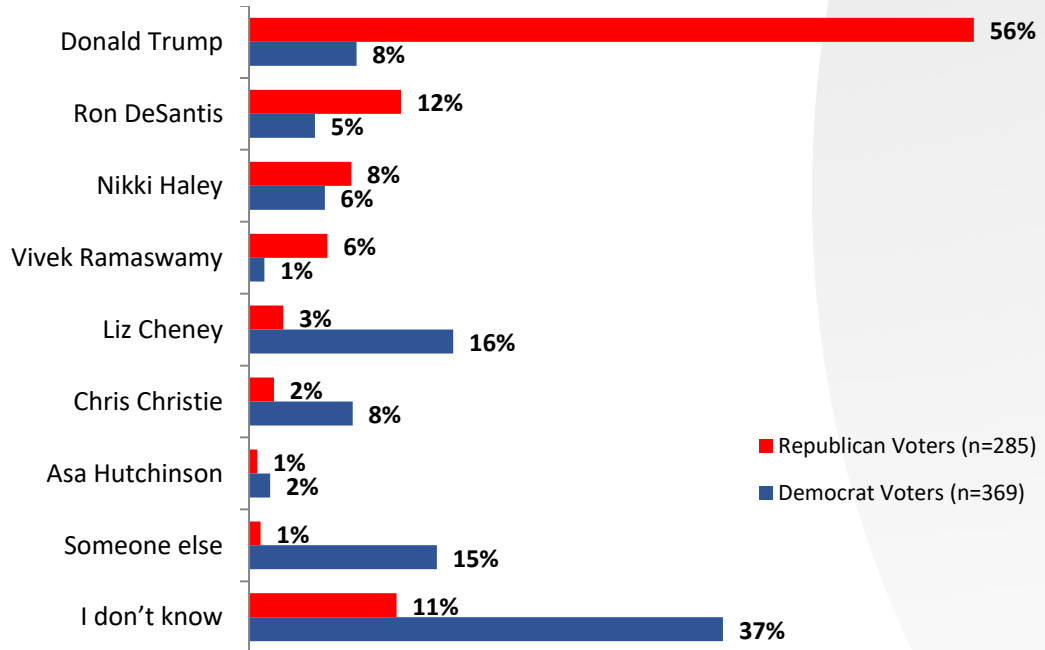
Base: All respondents

	TOTAL U.S.	TOTAL DECIDED VOTERS	TOTAL LEANING VOTERS	North East	Mid West	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female
Weighted n=	1,001	846	766	142	163	286	176	141	274	352	387	380
Unweighted n=	1,001	869	800	180	195	219	206	85	283	432	396	404
The Democratic candidate Joe Biden	<b>37%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>44%</b>	45%	45%	40%	51%	53%	44%	41%	<b>37%</b>	<b>52%</b>
The Republican candidate Donald Trump	<b>35%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>42%</b>	36%	40%	<b>50%</b>	37%	36%	43%	44%	<b>50%</b>	<b>35%</b>
Someone else	<b>12%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>13%</b>	19%	15%	10%	12%	11%	14%	14%	13%	13%
Can't vote	<b>2%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Won't vote	<b>8%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know	<b>6%</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# Preferred Republican Candidate – *Republican vs Democrat Voters*

**Q9.** Which candidate would you like to see as the Republican candidate for president in 2024?

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)

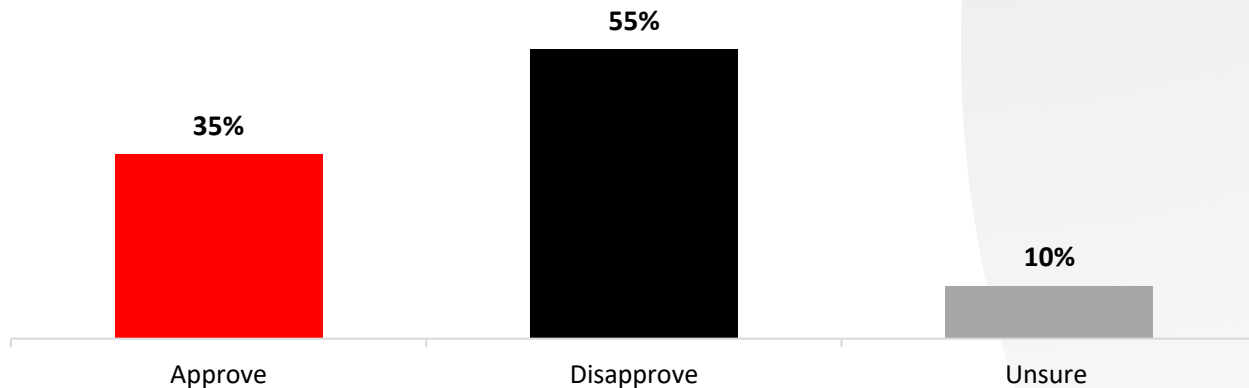


## Biden's Approval Rating (1/2)

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**Q10.** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?  
*In the event a respondent had no opinion, the following prompting question was asked: Even if you have not yet made up your mind, do you tend to approve or disapprove the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?*

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



# Biden's Approval Rating (2/2)

**Q10.** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?  
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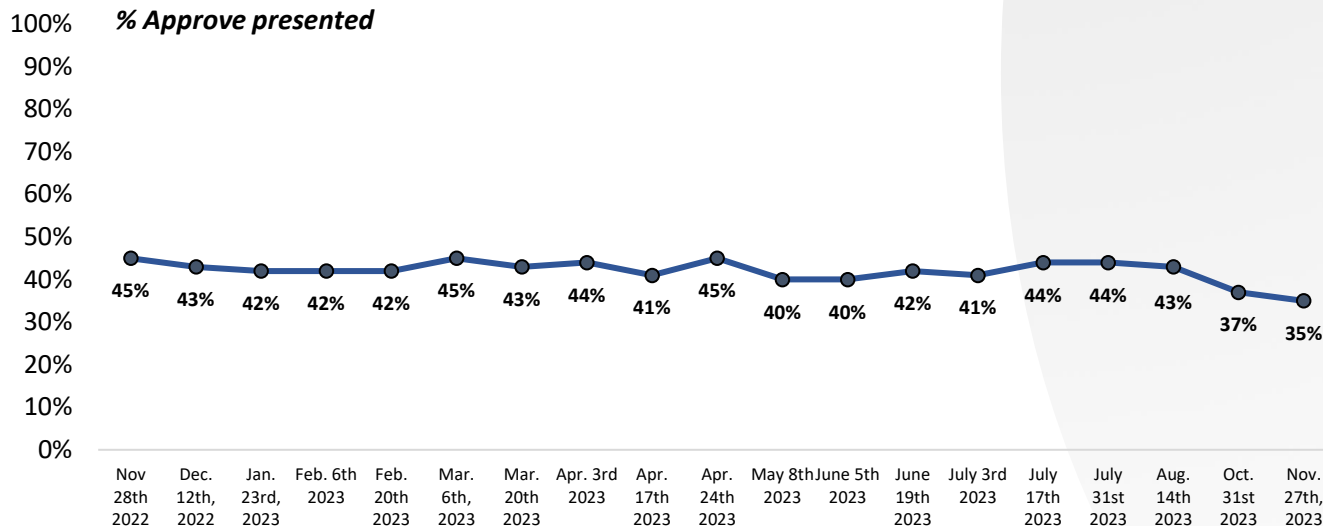
Base: All respondents

	Total United States	North east	Mid west	South	West	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	Voted for Trump In 2020	Voted for Biden In 2020	TOTAL Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Gap
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Approve	<b>35%</b>	36%	34%	33%	38%	33%	36%	35%	34%	36%	<b>6%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>37%</b>	-2
Disapprove	<b>55%</b>	55%	55%	59%	48%	53%	56%	55%	<b>60%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>51%</b>	+4
Unsure	<b>10%</b>	9%	10%	8%	14%	14%	8%	10%	<b>6%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>3%</b>	12%	<b>12%</b>	-2

# Biden's Approval Rating – Evolution

**Q10.** Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?  
*In the event a respondent had no opinion, the following prompting question was asked: Even if you have not yet made up your mind, do you tend to approve or disapprove the way Joe Biden is handling his job as president?*

Base: All respondents (n=1,001)



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# Respondent Profile



## Weighted and Unweighted Sample (1/2)

The table below presents the American geographic distribution of respondents before weighting.

	Unweighted	Weighted
<b>US Region</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,001</b>
Northeast	224	181
Midwest	240	210
South	280	376
West	257	234



# Weighted and Unweighted Sample (2/2)

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents according to gender and age for the United States.

	Unweighted	Weighted
<b>Gender</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,001</b>
Male	470	485
Female	531	516
<b>Age</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,001</b>
Between 18 and 29	60	104
Between 30 and 39	153	271
Between 40 and 49	183	155
Between 50 and 64	345	247
65 or older	260	224

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