



CRITICAL ISSUES POLL

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American Public Attitudes on the U.S. Role in Global Human Rights and Democracy

Survey Methodology

The survey was carried out January 29-February 5, 2024 among 1,891 respondents, with a margin of error of +/- 2.4%. The survey was conducted using Ipsos' KnowledgePanel®, a probability-based online panel designed to be representative of the U.S. population. Initially, participants are chosen scientifically by a random selection of telephone numbers and residential addresses. Persons in selected households are then invited by telephone or by mail to participate in the web-enabled KnowledgePanel. For those who agree to participate, but do not already have Internet access, Ipsos provides at no cost a laptop/netbook and ISP connection. People who already have computers and Internet service are permitted to participate using their own equipment. Panelists then receive unique log-in information for accessing surveys online, and then are sent emails throughout each month inviting them to participate in research.

Note: These questions were fielded as part of a larger poll on foreign and domestic issues.

Q3. Which statement comes closest to your view, even if none are exactly right. Democracy in the United States: [PN: RANDOMIZE]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Is a good example for other countries to follow	30%	28%	27%	25%
2. Used to be a good example, but has not been in recent years	59	55	58	54
3. Has never been a good example for other countries to follow	4	6	6	6
4. I don't know	7	11	9	15

Q5. Do you believe that spreading democracy globally should be a goal of American foreign policy?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. Yes	39%	43%	35%	34%
2. No	34	24	37	33
3. I don't know	27	33	28	33

Q6. [Among Q5=Yes] In your opinion, what is the best way for the U.S. to help spread democracy globally? [PN: RANDOMIZE]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. By setting a good example	54%	49%	53%	52%
2. By using incentives such as foreign aid	7	8	9	8
3. By working through international organizations such as the United Nations	24	35	25	28
4. By using economic boycotts if necessary	6	2	7	5
5. By using more coercive means including military force if necessary	2	1	1	1
6. Other	1	2	2	1
7. I don't know	7	3	3	5

Q7. Do you believe that defending human rights globally should be a goal of American foreign policy?

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
4. Yes	60%	78%	69%	65%
5. No	23	6	16	16
6. I don't know	17	15	15	19

Q8. [Among Q7=Yes] In your opinion, what is the best way for the U.S. to defend human rights globally? [PN: RANDOMIZE]

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
8. By setting a good example	22%	23%	25%	24%
9. By using incentives such as foreign aid	10	12	12	10
10. By working through international organizations such as the United Nations	29	48	38	38

11. By using economic boycotts if necessary	19	9	13	13
12. By using more coercive means including military force if necessary	8	3	4	4
13. Other	2	1	2	2
14. I don't know	10	4	7	8

Q17. To what extent do you feel that the leading [ALTERNATE BETWEEN] “**Republican and Democratic candidates for president, Donald Trump and Joe Biden,**” OR “**Democratic and Republican candidates for president, Joe Biden and Donald Trump,**” present a danger to the American democratic system?

Joe Biden

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. A lot	65%	8%	29%	33%
2. Somewhat	16	11	17	16
3. A little	6	20	17	14
4. Not at all	10	57	32	29
5. I don't know	3	4	5	7

Donald Trump

	Rep	Dem	Ind	Total
1. A lot	15%	84%	53%	48%
2. Somewhat	13	5	15	12
3. A little	19	4	10	11
4. Not at all	50	5	19	23
5. I don't know	4	3	4	7