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Tight presidential ballot

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How loyal are Trump 'Republicans'?

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POLL TOPLINES

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Where do RFK Jr. Votes go?

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Is immigration still a major issue?

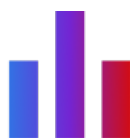
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# THE STATE OF THE NATION: **SIX MONTHS OUT**





# INDEPENDENT CENTER

## Q2 2024 Nationwide Survey

*Online survey among n1200 adults, n1000 registered voters nationwide*

Field Dates: 05/16-21/2024  
Adult (A) Margin of Error:  $\pm 2.83\%$   
Registered Voter (RV) Margin of Error:  $\pm 3.1\%$

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Screener: You have been selected to participate in a survey on a confidential basis. This is a rare opportunity to voice your opinions. Your responses will be kept confidential, you are not being asked to buy anything or donate money. We simply want to know what you think and how you feel.

Screener: Are you, or is anyone in your household, employed by the news media, a market research firm, an elected official, or actively involved with political campaigns?

100% No (**continue**)

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Demographics:

Registration: Are you currently registered to vote?

83% Yes  
17% Not currently registered

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## National Trend Questions:

1. At this time next year, do you think that you will personally be (ROTATE) better or worse (END ROTATE) off than you are today?

(A)	(RV)	
<b>54%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>Total Better Off</b>
15%	15%	Much better off
39%	40%	Somewhat better off
<b>26%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>Total Worse Off</b>
19%	19%	Somewhat worse off
7%	6%	Much worse off
19%	19%	Unsure

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2. At this time next year, do you think America will be (ROTATE) better or worse (END ROTATE) off than it is today?

(A)	(RV)	
<b>37%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>Total Better Off</b>
9%	10%	Much better off
28%	29%	Somewhat better off
<b>39%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>Total Worse Off</b>
26%	26%	Somewhat worse off
13%	12%	Much worse off
24%	24%	Unsure

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3. Please rank the following issues from 1 to 8, with 1 the most pressing issue in America today to 8 being the least pressing issue in America today. (RANDOMIZE 1-8, Allow for ranking 1-8)

**(% Most Pressing)**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
34%	34%	Economy (such as jobs, unemployment, taxes, food prices/inflation)
16%	16%	Immigration (such as legalization & citizenship, border security, refugee resettlement)
13%	12%	Health Care (such as Medicare, Medicaid, Affordable Care Act, cost of health care)
12%	13%	Government ((such as political extremism, polarization, the role of elected officials)
10%	10%	Social Issues (such as crime, equality, civil liberties, abortion)
8%	8%	Environment (such as climate change, EPA, energy regulations)
4%	3%	Education (such as school choice, student loans, testing standards)
3%	3%	International (such as trade, foreign policy, global affairs)

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4. Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the job President Joe Biden is doing?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>Total Approve</b>
15%	17%	Strongly approve
25%	24%	Somewhat approve
<b>55%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>
17%	17%	Somewhat disapprove
38%	38%	Strongly disapprove
5%	4%	Unsure

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5. Do you (ROTATE) approve or disapprove (END ROTATE) of the job the U.S. Congress is doing?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
<b>27%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>Total Approve</b>
5%	5%	Strongly approve
22%	22%	Somewhat approve
<b>62%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>
36%	36%	Somewhat disapprove
26%	27%	Strongly disapprove
11%	10%	Unsure

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## Two Candidate Series:

TC1. If the election were held today, how would you vote in your congressional election if your options were between (ROTATE) a Republican or a Democratic (END ROTATE) congressional candidate?  
**(ROTATE 1-2)**

(A)	(RV)	
41%	43%	The Democrat candidate
42%	43%	The Republican candidate
3%	4%	Other
7%	3%	I would not vote
8%	7%	Unsure

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TC 2. If the Presidential election were held today, how would you vote if your options were (ROTATE) Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (END ROTATE) ?

(A)	(RV)	
37%	39%	Democrat Joe Biden
13%	13%	Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
42%	42%	Republican Donald Trump
8%	6%	Unsure

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## All Candidate Series:

AC1. If the Presidential election were held today, how would you vote if your options were (ROTATE) Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden (END ROTATE)? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

(A)	(RV)	
43%	45%	Democrat Joe Biden
47%	47%	Republican Donald Trump
10%	8%	Unsure

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AC2. If the Presidential election were held today, how would you vote if your options were (ROTATE) Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Joe Biden, Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Independent Cornel West, Green Party Jill Stein? **(RANDOMIZE 1-5)**

(A)	(RV)	
36%	37%	Democrat Joe Biden
41%	41%	Republican Donald Trump
11%	10%	Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
2%	2%	Independent Cornel West
2%	2%	Green Party Jill Stein
9%	7%	Unsure

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**(IF IC2 =1 ASK)**

AC2\_1. While supporting Democrat Joe Biden for President, how do you think you'll vote for "down ballot" candidates such as the congressional and state candidates that represent you? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

<i>(A)</i>	<i>(RV)</i>	
<b>n430</b>	<b>n373</b>	
72%	75%	Likely straight-ticket Democratic (meaning you'll vote for all Democratic candidates)
14%	16%	Likely split-ticket (meaning you'll vote for candidates of multiple parties)
13%	9%	Unsure

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**(IF IC2 =2 ASK)**

AC2\_2. While supporting Republican Donald Trump for President, how do you think you'll vote for "down ballot" candidates such as the congressional and state candidates that represent you? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

<i>(A)</i>	<i>(RV)</i>	
<b>n486</b>	<b>n408</b>	
64%	65%	Likely straight-ticket Republican (meaning you'll vote for all Republican candidates)
18%	18%	Likely split-ticket (meaning you'll vote for candidates of multiple parties)
18%	17%	Unsure

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**(IF IC2 =3 ASK)**

AC2\_3. While supporting Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for President, how do you think you'll vote for "down ballot" candidates such as the congressional and state candidates that represent you? **(ROTATE 1-2)**

<i>(A)</i>	<i>(RV)</i>	
<b>n127</b>	<b>n105</b>	
17%	19%	I'll likely support more Republican candidates
36%	40%	I'll likely support more Democratic candidates
25%	24%	I'll likely only support Independent candidates
21%	17%	Unsure

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# Demographics:

Gender Your gender identification?

(A)	(RV)	
52%	52%	Female
48%	48%	Male
0%	0%	Other

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DoB In what year were you born?

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Age Range IF UNSURE OR REFUSED, ASK: Which of the following categories best describes your age?

(A)	(RV)	
10%	9%	18 to 24
7%	7%	25 to 29
16%	16%	30 to 39
16%	16%	40 to 49
29%	30%	50 to 64
22%	22%	65 or older

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Ethnicity Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic or Latino descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Central or Latin American background?

(A)	(RV)	
19%	18%	Yes
81%	82%	No
0%	0%	Unsure

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Race And which of the following best describes your racial background?

(A)	(RV)	
66%	67%	White or Caucasian
14%	13%	Hispanic
13%	13%	Black or African American
4%	4%	Asian or Pacific Islander
2%	1%	Native American
1%	2%	Other

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Political ID In politics today, and regardless of how you are registered, do you consider yourself to be a (ROTATE 1-7 TOP TO BOTTOM, 7-1 BOTTOM TO TOP) Democrat, Independent, or Republican?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
<b>32%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>Total Democrat</b>
20%	21%	Strong Democrat
12%	11%	Not so strong Democrat
<b>38%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>Total Independent</b>
7%	8%	Independent leaning Democrat
22%	20%	Independent
9%	10%	Independent leaning Republican
<b>30%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>Total Republican</b>
12%	11%	Not so strong Republican
18%	19%	Strong Republican
0%	0%	Other
0%	0%	Unsure

Ideology Thinking for a moment about your social, economic, and political views...Do you consider yourself to be... (rotate values 1-5 top-to-bottom / bottom-to-top)?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
<b>25%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>Total Liberal</b>
9%	10%	Very Liberal
15%	17%	Somewhat Liberal
<b>35%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>33%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>Total Conservative</b>
20%	20%	Somewhat Conservative
13%	14%	Very Conservative
1%	1%	Libertarian
7%	5%	Unsure

2022 Vote Type Did you vote in the most recent November 2022 election?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
37%	44%	Yes, I voted in person on election day
12%	14%	Yes, I voted in person early
5%	5%	Yes, I voted absentee
13%	15%	Yes, I voted by mail-in ballot
33%	22%	No, I did not vote

Education What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(RV)</b>	
4%	3%	Less than high school
32%	29%	High school graduate
20%	21%	Some college
12%	14%	College graduate with Associates or 2-year degree
20%	22%	College graduate with a Bachelors or 4-year degree
7%	9%	Post-graduate degree
3%	3%	Technical or vocational school graduate
1%	0%	Unsure





Religion What would best describe your religious affiliation? (ROTATE 1-10)

(A)	(RV)	
22%	23%	Protestant
22%	22%	Roman Catholic
1%	1%	Mormon
0%	0%	Eastern or Greek Orthodox
1%	2%	Jewish
1%	1%	Muslim
2%	1%	Buddhist
0%	0%	Hindu
6%	6%	Atheist
4%	5%	Agnostic
14%	14%	Something Else
19%	18%	Other
8%	7%	Unsure

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Religion2 Would you describe yourself as a “born again” or evangelical Christian, or not?

(A)	(RV)	
30%	29%	Yes
66%	68%	No
4%	3%	Unsure

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Religion3 At any point in your life have you considered yourself a “born again” or evangelical Christian, but no longer identify that way?

(A)	(RV)	
15%	15%	Yes
79%	80%	No
6%	5%	Unsure

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Occupation Please describe your current occupational status.

(A)	(RV)	
7%	7%	Employed (Government)
30%	34%	Employed (Private Sector)
6%	6%	Small Business owner
5%	4%	Student
7%	7%	Homemaker
25%	26%	Retired
14%	11%	Unemployed
6%	6%	Other
0%	0%	Unsure

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Income We want to classify people into broad income groups only. Would you estimate your total household income to be...?

(A)	(RV)	
46%	42%	Below \$40,000
32%	33%	Between \$40,000 and \$79,999
11%	13%	Between \$80,000 and \$124,999
7%	9%	Above \$125,000
2%	1%	Unsure
2%	2%	Prefer not to answer

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Union Are you or is anyone in your household a member of a trade, teacher or labor union?

(A)	(RV)	
7%	8%	Yes
92%	91%	No
1%	1%	Unsure

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LGBTQ+ Do you consider yourself to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning?

(A)	(RV)	
7%	8%	Yes
92%	91%	No
1%	1%	Unsure
1%	0%	Prefer not to answer

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Marital Status How would best describe your marital status?

(A)	(RV)	
37%	35%	Single or never married
37%	39%	Married
3%	2%	Separated
17%	17%	Divorced
5%	5%	Widowed
2%	1%	Other

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Homeowner Do you currently own (outright/pay mortgage) your residence?

(A)	(RV)	
50%	55%	Own (outright/pay mortgage)
50%	45%	I do not own my residence (rent/other)

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Neighborhood Would you best describe the neighborhood or area you live in as...

(A)	(RV)	
29%	29%	Urban
45%	46%	Suburban
25%	24%	Rural
2%	1%	Unsure

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