

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From December 6 to 8, 2024, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,216 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ± 3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,216 unless otherwise specified.

[1] As you may know, the U.S. Constitution gives the president authority to **pardon** individuals for federal crimes and remove them from prison.

For each group below, do you think President Biden should or should not pardon them?

— Elderly and chronically ill prisoners

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
President Biden should pardon these individuals.	46	56	38	40	46	45	43	47	44	48	49	45	47
President Biden should not pardon these individuals.	32	24	34	38	29	35	37	29	33	30	23	32	34
Don't know	23	20	28	23	25	20	20	24	23	22	28	23	19
Weighted N	1,216	471	256	489	649	567	398	818	786	430	129	869	168

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— Women prisoners who were punished for defending themselves against their abusers

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President Biden should pardon these individuals.	74	82	75	65	77	70	68	77	71	78	75	75	67
President Biden should not pardon these individuals.	14	12	9	19	11	18	20	11	15	12	14	13	19
Don't know	12	6	16	16	12	13	12	12	13	10	11	12	13
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— All individuals with federal marijuana-related convictions

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President Biden should pardon these individuals.	59	72	57	47	60	57	65	56	58	59	71	57	61
President Biden should not pardon these individuals.	25	17	25	33	23	27	23	26	25	25	17	25	29
Don't know	17	12	18	20	18	15	13	18	17	16	12	18	9
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— People convicted of possessing small amounts of drugs for personal use

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
President Biden should pardon these individuals.	63	73	63	53	62	64	61	64	61	67	70	62	52
President Biden should not pardon these individuals.	24	18	21	32	22	26	24	24	25	23	17	26	34
Don't know	13	9	16	15	16	10	15	12	15	10	13	13	14
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For each group below, do you think President Biden should or should not pardon them?

— People convicted with sedition related to the January 6, 2021 riot at the U.S. Capitol

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
President Biden should pardon these individuals.	34	21	28	51	30	40	36	34	36	32	28	36	42
President Biden should not pardon these individuals.	52	72	56	31	54	50	49	53	48	59	63	51	46
Don't know	14	7	16	18	16	11	15	13	16	10	9	13	12
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[6] As you may know, the U.S. Constitution gives the president authority to **reduce** the length of prison sentences for some individuals.

For each group below, do you think President Biden should or should not reduce their sentences?

— Individuals who are serving longer prison sentences than would likely be imposed present-day and do not pose a public safety risk

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President Biden should reduce their prison sentences.	55	66	54	44	54	55	57	53	52	59	56	53	55
President Biden should not reduce their prison sentences.	27	20	24	36	26	29	26	28	28	26	24	28	34
Don't know	18	14	23	20	20	16	17	18	20	15	20	18	12
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— Predominantly Black prisoners who faced harsher sentencing for crack cocaine than they would have for powder cocaine

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President Biden should reduce their prison sentences.	43	61	40	26	40	46	51	38	38	51	54	38	52
President Biden should not reduce their prison sentences.	37	22	35	53	37	37	32	40	40	33	28	41	31
Don't know	20	17	25	20	23	17	17	21	22	16	19	21	17
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[8] Some have urged President Biden to use his powers to issue preemptive pardons to a range of current and former public officials who could be targeted when Donald Trump returns to the White House. These officials could include those who have spoken out against Trump, including former Republican Rep. Liz Cheney, Sen.-elect Adam Schiff, and Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Do you support or oppose President Biden issuing preemptive pardons for public officials who might be targeted by the incoming Trump administration?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Strongly support	26	48	23	6	26	26	24	27	24	30	34	24	24
Somewhat support	20	30	19	11	22	18	26	17	18	22	30	16	29
Somewhat oppose	12	8	14	15	12	12	17	9	13	10	15	11	16
Strongly oppose	35	8	33	62	32	38	24	40	37	32	15	42	21
Don't know	7	6	12	7	9	6	9	7	8	6	7	8	11
SUPPORT (TOTAL)	46	78	42	17	48	44	50	44	42	52	64	40	53
OPPOSE (TOTAL)	47	16	47	77	44	50	41	49	50	42	30	53	37
SUPPORT (NET)	-1	+62	-5	-60	+4	-6	+9	-5	-8	+10	+34	-13	+16
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