

About the Study:

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instructions can be found [here](#). Finally, additional information on the methodology and margin of error for similar/past CPC studies can be found [here](#).

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Trust in 2024 Elections

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Topline Summary:

Between December 1st and December 18th 2023, APRL conducted a survey of Colorado voters by contracting with YouGov, a public opinion and data company. Questions concerned the upcoming 2024 contests, evaluations of state and national figures, and public opinion about a variety of other issues. In this topline report, we focus on the 2024

both foreign and domestic.

A Note on Partisan Breakdowns: In the summary discussion and tables that follow (where we present numbers by partisanship), we construct the splits using *self-reported partisanship* collected from respondents; this was measured via a traditional 7-point scale, thus, the category

category on the 7-point party identification scale. This grouping is backed by research suggesting that leaning partisans often behave similarly to stronger partisans. For more information, see <https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2015/11/23/appendix-a-why-partisans-include-leaners/>. Additional descriptives for partisanship and other demographic characteristics are presented in the appendix.

For the analyses with the weights (which were created by YouGov using the information noted on pages 1-2; see also the linked documents), the partisan composition of the sample employing this grouping based on self

Respondents approve of the Colorado State Legislature (49-33), though again these overall numbers mask partisan dynamics (73% approval among Democrats; 34% approval among Republicans). Independents approve of the state legislature 43-34.

Coloradans approve of their local police and their county officials, both overall and in our Democratic and Republican splits. Perhaps unsurprisingly, support for local police is highest among self-identified Republicans (74% approval), though it is still solid among Democrats (58%) and independents (55%).

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However, there are some troubling partisan splits on these and related items, with 75% of Democrats expressing agreement with the aforementioned statement, but only 41% of Republicans doing the same (while 46% of independents agree).

with most contemporary polling, we see partisan splits for this item as well, though these

living in the state. Indeed, on this particular question

b. Biden v. DeSantis

The Presidential Election

Joe Biden

Leadership and Approval

1. Public Figures

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. (dis)approve and (dis)approve

Question Text: How much do you approve or disapprove of the way that each of the following is handling their job?

a. President Joe Biden



c. Senator John Hickenlooper

Hickenlooper Approval Ratings

Approve	43%
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e. Representative Lauren Boebert

Boebert Approval Ratings

Approve	29%
Disapprove	46%
Not Sure	25%
Observations	800

Boebert Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	20%	57%	16%
Disapprove	63%	24%	48%
Not Sure	17%	19%	36%
Observations	263	229	263

c. Colorado State Legislature

Colorado Legislature Approval Ratings

Approve	49%
Disapprove	33%
Not Sure	18%
Observations	798

Colorado Legislature Approval Ratings by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Approve	73%	34%	43%
Disapprove	10%	54%	34%
Not Sure	17%	12%	23%
Observations	263	229	263

d. Local Police Department



e. County Officials



Trust in 2024 Elections

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. (dis)agree and (dis)agree

Question Text: Elections across the country will be conducted fairly and accurately.

National Electoral Fairness

Agree	52%
Disagree	32%
Not Sure	16%
Observations	800

National Electoral Fairness by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	75%	41%	46%
Disagree	16%	44%	37%
Not Sure	9%	15%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text: Elections in Colorado will be conducted fairly and accurately.

Colorado Electoral Fairness

Agree	68%
Disagree	18%
Not Sure	15%
Observations	800

Colorado Electoral Fairness by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	88%	54%	63%
Disagree	8%	26%	20%
Not Sure	4%	20%	17%
Observations	263	229	263

Question Text:

Proposition HH Information Accessibility by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	62%	57%	41%
Disagree	26%	34%	40%
Not Sure	12%	10%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

Statement: The language of the proposition is confusing

Statement: Most people I know had a good understanding of the proposition.

Proposition HH Network Understanding

Agree	41%
Disagree	42%
Not Sure	17%
Observations	800

Proposition HH Network Understanding by Vote Status

	Voted	Did Not Vote
Agree	47%	29%
Disagree	42%	41%
Not Sure	10%	30%
Observations	536	264

Proposition HH Network Understanding by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Agree	41%	55%	33%
Disagree	42%	35%	48%
Not Sure	18%	10%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

Colorado Government Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	12%	5%	1%
Most of the Time	52%	18%	28%
About Half the Time	2		

d. Your Local Police Department

Local Police Trust

Always	12%
Most of the Time	38%
About Half the Time	26%
Rarely	15%
Never	9%
Observations	800

Local Police Trust by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Always	13%	17%	6%
Most of the Time	37%	48%	35%
About Half the Time	27%	21%	31%
Rarely	14%	10%	17%
Never	9%	4%	11%
Observations	263	229	263

2. Economic Conditions

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How would you rate the economic conditions in each of the following as of today?

a. The United States

U.S. Economic Conditions

Excellent	6%
Good	17%
Average	22%
Fair	22%
Poor	33%
Observations	800

U.S. Economic Conditions by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Excellent	13%		

Policies and Issues

1. Cost of Living

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights

3. Black Lives Matter

4. Gun Regulation

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. favor and oppose categories are combined.

Question Text: How much do you favor or oppose the federal government making it more difficult for individuals to purchase a gun?

Gun Regulation Attitudes

Favor	56%
Oppose	36%
Not Sure	7%
Observations	800

Gun Regulation Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Favor	83%	28%	57%
Oppose	11%	69%	34%
Not Sure	6%	4%	9%
Observations	263	229	263

6. Race Relations

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%.

Question Text: How would you describe the current state of race relations in the United States?

Race Relations Attitudes

Really Good	7%
Somewhat Good	27%
Somewhat Bad	50%
Really Bad	17%
Observations	800

Race Relations Attitudes by Partisanship

	Democrats	Republicans	Independents
Really Good	10%	9%	3%
Somewhat Good	25%	34%	22%
Somewhat Bad	50%	43%	56%
Really Bad	15%	14%	19%
Observations	263	229	263

7. Reaction to *Dobbs* Decision

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are weighted). Due to rounding, each column may not sum to exactly 100%. favor and oppose categories are combined.

Question Text:

8. Support for Israel and Ukraine

Note: Analysis in each of the following done using general population weights (observations are

Ukraine Attitudes

