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876 Interviews in Rhode Island, September 16-20, 2024, MOE $\pm 3.5\%$.

Q1. How likely are you to vote in the November 2024 election for President, U.S. Congress, and other offices?

- 89% Yes, definitely
- 5 Yes, probably
- 6 Maybe (50-50)
- 0 No, probably not
- 0 No, definitely not

Q2. If the 2024 election for president were held today, and the candidates were the following, who would you vote for?

- 51% Kamala Harris, the Democrat
- 37 Donald Trump, the Republican
- 3 Another candidate (please specify)
- 9 Not sure

[If not sure] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

- 10% Donald Trump, the Republican
- 10 Kamala Harris, the Democrat
- 71 Not sure
- 10 Would not vote

Aggregated Donald Trump v Kamala Harris

- 52% Kamala Harris, the Democrat
- 38 Donald Trump, the Republican
- 3 Another candidate ([please specify](#))
- 7 Not sure
- 1 Would not vote

Q3. If the election for the U.S. Senator of Rhode Island were held today, who would you vote for?

- 51% Sheldon Whitehouse, the Democrat
- 35 Patricia Morgan, the Republican
- 14 Not sure

[If not sure] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

- 8% Patricia Morgan, the Republican
- 7 Sheldon Whitehouse, the Democrat
- 72 Not sure
- 13 Would not vote

Aggregated Sheldon Whitehouse v Patricia Morgan

- 52% Sheldon Whitehouse, the Democrat
- 36 Patricia Morgan, the Republican
- 11 Not sure
- 2 Would not vote

Q4a. [If RI-01] If the election for the Rhode Island U.S. House representative were held today, who would you vote for?

54% Gabe Amo, the Democrat
27 Allen Waters, the Republican
19 Not sure

[If not sure] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

8% Gabe Amo, the Democrat
2 Allen Waters, the Republican
81 Not sure
9 Would not vote

Aggregated Gabe Amo v Allen Waters

56% Gabe Amo, the Democrat
27 Allen Waters, the Republican
16 Not sure
2 Would not vote

Q4b. [If RI-02] If the election for the Rhode Island U.S. House representative were held today, who would you vote for?

49% Seth Magaziner, the Democrat
37 Steven Corvi, the Republican
14 Not sure

[If not sure] If you had to choose, who would you vote for?

8% Steven Corvi, the Republican
5 Seth Magaziner, the Democrat
73 Not sure
14 Would not vote

Aggregated Seth Magaziner v Steven Corvi

50% Seth Magaziner, the Democrat
37 Steven Corvi, the Republican
12 Not sure
1 Would not vote

Q5. Do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of the following individuals? (sorted descending by “Total Approve”)

	<u>Approve</u>		<u>Disapprove</u>		<u>Not</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Strong	Smwt	Smwt	Strong	Sure	Approve	Disapprove
Senator Jack Reed	35	25	11	15	14	60	25
Vice President Kamala Harris	33	18	3	42	4	51	45
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse	34	15	8	29	13	49	37
[If RI-01] Representative Gabe Amo	22	25	8	14	31	47	22
President Joe Biden	24	22	8	43	3	46	51
[If RI-02] Representative Seth Magaziner	19	23	13	22	23	42	35
Attorney General Peter Neronha	16	26	12	14	32	41	26
Governor Dan McKee	8	26	20	36	10	34	56
Secretary of State Greg Amore	11	22	9	11	47	32	20
General Treasurer James Diosa	6	21	12	14	47	27	26
Lieutenant Governor Sabrina Matos	7	20	8	31	35	26	39

Q6. In general, how satisfied are you with your choice of candidates in this fall’s presidential election?

33% Very satisfied
 29 Somewhat satisfied
 17 Somewhat dissatisfied
 19 Very dissatisfied
 3 Not sure
62% Total Satisfied
36 Total Dissatisfied

Q7. Does the selection of Vice President for both the Republican and Democratic parties change your mind about who to vote for in the Presidential election?

27% Yes, I’m more likely to vote for Harris now
 15 Yes, I’m more likely to vote for Trump now
 2 Yes, I’m more likely to vote for a third party candidate now
 1 Yes, I’m less likely to vote now
 54 No, it doesn’t impact my vote choice

Q8. For each of the following, do you believe they are...? (sorted descending by “Total Liberal”)

	<u>Conservative</u>			<u>Liberal</u>			
	Very	Smwt	Moderate	Smwt	Very	Total Liberal	Total Conservative
Kamala Harris	3	2	18	29	48	77	5
Tim Walz	3	3	18	32	45	77	6
JD Vance	60	26	9	1	4	5	86
Donald Trump	51	35	11	1	3	4	85

Q9. What one issue is most important in deciding your vote this November?

22% The state of democracy
22 Economy
15 Immigration
12 Abortion
6 Inflation
4 Healthcare
4 Gun Policies
2 Taxes
2 Climate change
2 Education
1 Foreign Policy
1 Student loans
1 Crime
6 Something else ([please specify](#))
1 Not sure

Q10. How much trust do you have in the 2024 U.S. elections to be fair and accurate?

38% A lot
22 Some
15 Just a little
23 None at all
3 Not sure
60% Total A Lot/Some
37 Total Just A Little/None At All

Q11. How concerned are you about the following when it comes to the 2024 elections? (sorted descending by “Very Concerned”)

	<u>Concerned</u>			
	Very	Smwt	Not Too	Not At All
Inaccurate or misleading information about elections	60	27	8	5
Attempts to overturn the results of a fair election	48	24	15	13
Violence or civil unrest after Election Day	42	31	18	9
Voter suppression through overly restrictive voting rules or regulations	39	21	19	21
Illegal or improper use of mail-in ballots or drop boxes	39	18	22	21
Voter fraud or the counting of ineligible votes (duplicate, non-citizen, or deceased voters)	39	19	20	22
Biased or inaccurate counting of ballots	38	24	21	17
Interference from foreign entities	37	38	18	8
Intimidation at voting locations deterring or preventing people from voting	32	28	23	16

Q12. In your opinion, how healthy is the U.S. system of democracy?

- 32% Not at all healthy
- 26 Slightly healthy
- 30 Moderately healthy
- 9 Very healthy
- 2 Extremely healthy

Q13. Overall, how would you say things in Rhode Island are going? Are they heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?

- 41% Right direction
- 59 Wrong track

Q14. In the past year, do you think the country has...

- 79% Become more politically polarized
- 14 Stayed the same
- 3 Become less politically polarized
- 4 Not sure

Q15. What are the strongest contributors to polarization? Please select your top three.

- 51% Disinformation and fake news
- 27 Partisan media
- 23 Social media platforms
- 22 Money in politics
- 20 Republican officials
- 19 Political leaders
- 18 Democratic officials
- 18 Political campaign propaganda
- 16 Racism and sexism
- 12 Election fraud
- 11 Politically motivated violence
- 9 Income inequality
- 7 Foreign interference in elections
- 6 Lack of exposure to diverse perspectives
- 6 Redistricting or gerrymandering
- 6 The electoral college
- 4 Voter suppression
- 3 Lack of civic engagement
- 1 Neighborhood segregation
- 1 The filibuster
- 5 Other ([please specify](#))

Q16. How do you get most of your news about national and local politics and issues? Please select all that you watch, read or listen to for at least an hour per week.

- 43% Local TV news
- 42 Network news (CBS, ABC, NBC, PBS)
- 26 CNN
- 26 Facebook
- 25 National newspapers (like The Washington Post or New York Times)
- 24 MSNBC
- 23 FOX News
- 22 Local newspapers (like The Providence Journal or The Newport Daily News)
- 21 NPR or local public radio
- 17 YouTube
- 17 Twitter/X
- 15 Local talk or news radio
- 13 Instagram
- 11 Newsmax
- 9 TikTok
- 4 Threads
- 1 Local Spanish-language radio, newspapers, or television
- 1 National Spanish-language radio, newspapers or television
- 16 Somewhere else ([please specify](#))

Q17. Do you find yourself actively trying to avoid news these days?

- 29% Yes
- 43 Sometimes
- 28 No

Q18. [If Yes or Sometimes] You said that you actively try to avoid news these days. Which of the following news topics do you try to avoid? Please select all topics that you try to avoid.

- 45% Entertainment/celebrity
- 38 National politics
- 38 Election coverage
- 30 Israel-Hamas War
- 28 War in Ukraine
- 27 Social justice news
- 27 Climate change and the environment
- 24 Crime or gun violence
- 8 Health news
- 6 Local news
- 11 Other ([please specify](#))

D1. Are you:

- 46% Male
- 53 Female
- 1 Other

D2. Age

22% 18 to 34
22 35 to 49
27 50 to 64
29 65+

D3. What is your race?

81% White / Caucasian
7 Hispanic or Latino/a
4 Black or African American
4 Asian / Pacific Islander
1 American Indian or Alaska Native
3 Other

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

16% High school diploma or less
29 Some college, but no degree
15 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
22 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
18 Graduate degree

D5. Here is a map of Rhode Island's two congressional districts. In which district do you live?

46% 1
51 2
3 Not sure

D6. RI Regions

14% Bristol/Newport
18 Kent
54 Providence
14 Washington

D7. How did you vote in the 2020 election for President, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

53% Joe Biden, the Democrat
35 Donald Trump, the Republican
2 Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian
3 Not registered/Too young/Ineligible
7 Did not vote

D8. Party Identification

29% Strong Democrats
10 Weak Democrats
12 Independent lean Democrats
17 Pure independents
16 Independent lean Republicans
4 Weak Republicans
14 Strong Republicans

Party Identification

39% Base Democrats
44 Independents + Leaners
18 Base Republicans

Party Identification

50% Democrats
17 Pure independents
33 Republicans

D9. Regardless of what you think of the political parties, which party are you registered to vote with?

39% The Democratic Party
14 The Republican Party
46 Registered to vote, but not with a political party
1 Some other political party

D10. In what language did you complete this survey?

99% English
1 Spanish

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