



Pre-Election Fact Sheet: 2024 General Election



United States of America



THE 2024 ELECTION

Election Date:

5 November 2024

Incumbent Head of State:

President Joe Biden

Incumbent Head of Government:

President Joe Biden (since 2021)

Incumbent Head of Government Party:

Democratic Party

Compulsory voting? No

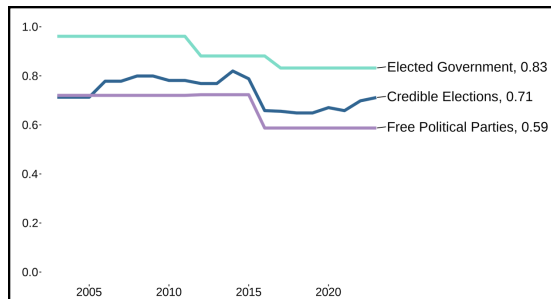
Offices up for election:

President and Vice-President
Other federal, state and local offices including Congress members, Governors (in 13 states and territories) and state lawmakers, council members and judges

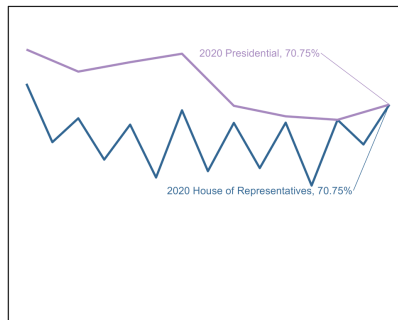
Main Presidential Candidates:

Kamala Harris (Democratic Party)
Donald J. Trump (Republican Party)

Global State of Democracy Indices data 2003 - 2023



PAST VOTER TURNOUT



Latest Democracy Developments

July 2024

Supreme Court rules former presidents enjoy broad immunity
Former President Trump targeted in an assassination attempt



June 2024

Federal jury finds Chiquita Brands liable for paramilitary killings
Government severely restricts asylum
Supreme Court overturns Chevron doctrine



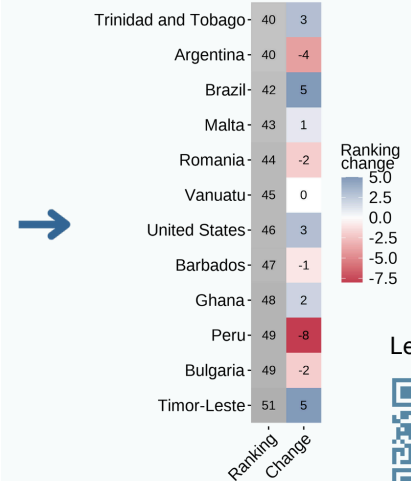
May 2024

Donald Trump becomes first former president to be convicted of a felony



Global Ranking in Representation

The Representation category comprises six factors to measure contested and inclusive elections, including Credible Elections, Free Political Parties and Elected Government.



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Note: Based on 2023 data, showing ranking change over 1 year. See the full country rankings.

Additional Resources

[Federal Election Commission of the United States of America \(FEC\)](#)

[United States Election Assistance Commission \(EAC\)](#)

[The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#)

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ELECTORAL PROCESS

Elections are administered at the state level

Selection Process for Head of State:

Indirect election ("electoral college" - body elected for the express purpose)

Electoral system for lower/single chamber (House of Representatives):

First Past the Post

Voter registration:

Created by state-level authorities using their own data collection and/or other sources

Out-of-Country Voting:

Yes

Special Voting Arrangements:

Postal voting & early voting (varies between states)



WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

Legislated gender quotas?

Single/lower house: No

Upper house: No

Proportion of women in legislature:

Single/lower house: 126 of 435 seats (29%)

Upper house: 25 of 100 seats (25%)