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US ELECTION PREVIEW

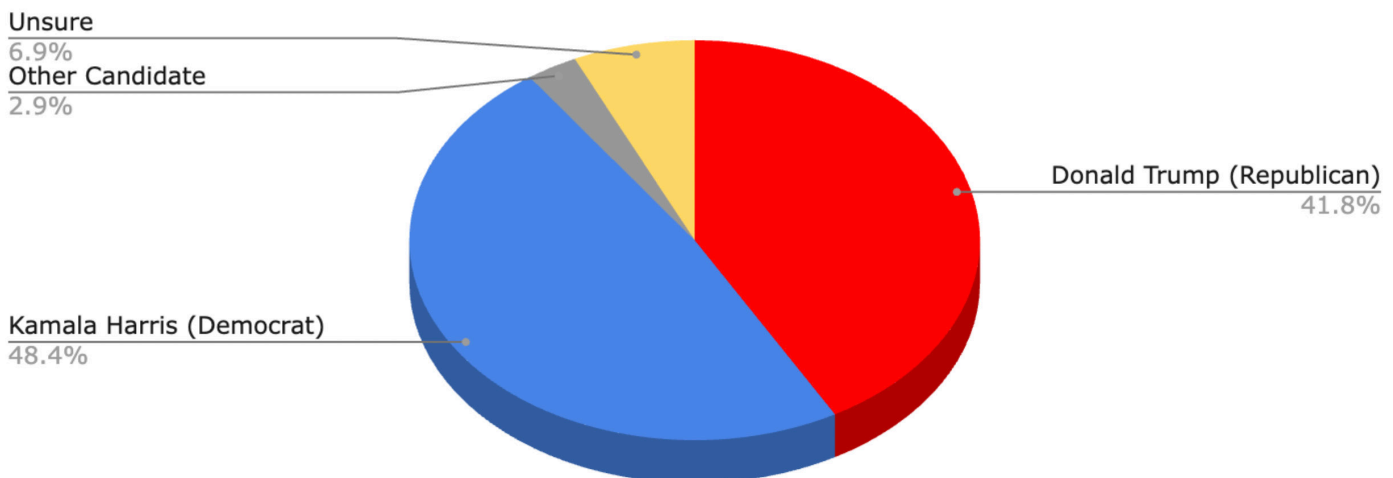
UCC PREDICTS A TIGHT AMERICAN ELECTION

Convergence recently conducted a comprehensive survey within our UCC community to assess opinions regarding the upcoming 2024 U.S. election. The survey garnered 275 responses from a diverse range of participants, including students from Year 8 to Year 12, as well as faculty and staff. Similar to *Convergence's* 2016 and 2020 election surveys, a greater number of respondents expressed support for the Democratic Party over the Republican Party. However, this support has shifted from a majority to a plurality, with 48.4% backing Vice President Kamala Harris compared to the 68.6% who supported President Joe Biden four years ago. The College's results echo current country-wide polls. According to FiveThirtyEight.com on September 24, 2024, Harris's 48.8% polling average leads Trump's 45.9% in a dynamic race. Initially intended for students only, the survey was expanded to include faculty and staff to ensure a broader representation of perspectives within the UCC community. To promote candidness, responses were collected anonymously. While this led to some light-hearted and inappropriate answers, the survey ultimately provided valuable insights into the political views held within our community. *Convergence* is committed to representing all voices, aiming to reflect the true sentiments of UCC without bias. Beginning on the next page, we present a selection of responses, which we have left unedited and do not necessarily reflect *Convergence's* political stance.

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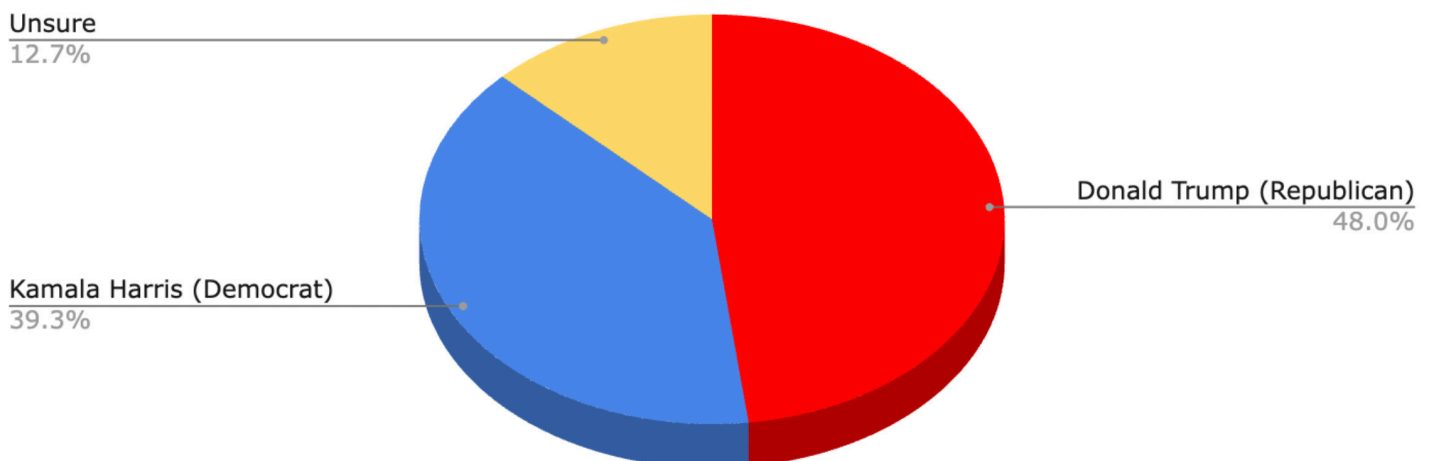
If you were a voter in the US Presidential Election, which candidate would you vote for?

Based on 275 responses from UCC students, faculty and staff



Regardless of your political preference, which main candidate do you think will win the US Presidential Election?

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STUDENT AND FACULTY COMMENTS

"I think the Kamala Harris is the better Candiate over Trump, but with all the lies trumps tells people, I wouldn't be surprised if all of his 'less educated' supporters out number the Democrat voters"

"I personally think that Trump's proposals on social networks and his 2025 plan are very unfair and that they are targeting certain social groups and minorities which is not fair."

"The US will benifit from Trump, and he will help Isreal lots. "

"[Donald Trump] is not a Washington pawn that can be controlled by the establishment."

"Trump is a pure American and stands for everything which means being an American."

"Kamala cooked trump in the debate"

"I believe re-electing Donald Trump would be a major mistake with potentialy catastrophic results."

"TRUMP"

"Kamala Harris has momentum + a slight poll lead"

"This election will decide whether America stays as a democracy or not."

"Its because Taytay endorsed her!"

"Both candidates have areas of focus in their mind, but for kamala, if the issue is still present after 4 years in office - odds it won't get fixed (economy, immigration) in her term."

"1. bro almost got killed twice ;-; hes gotta be cooking somethhing
2. they both garbage candidates but kamala slightly more sketchy
3. ronald rump x elon musk"

"Trump 2024!"

"I think JD Vance is one of the worst people on the earth, and have very little understanding/respect for people who defend him."

"Trump's gotta have the most aura for

sure"

"I want Donald Trump to stay relevant for as long as possible so I can continue to laugh at the stupid quotes he churns out regularly"

"We are all doomed"

"Brent peterson 2024"

"Kamala can't debate, Trump easily won the most recent debate."

"Donald can run a business and therefore has more experience running a country."

"I think the biggest thing is protecting democracy."

"Kamala Harris has done absolutely nothing in 4 years in power. She is anti-Israel, a long time US ally. She has no idea on how to solve the economy and will not lower taxes."

"In my opinion though Trump may not necessarily win the popular vote, to win presidency a majority of state seats are required. Donald Trump and the republican party in the past has had an advantage in this measure with democratic seats concentrated in dense cities, thus I think Trump will most likely win."

"There were no new wars when Trump was in power and now there are so many more."

"DONALD TRUMP!!!! 🗿🤔👉👈🇺🇸"

"I believe abortion will be the deciding faction in the upcoming election."

"Donald trump is just better."

"The only way Kamala wins is if people will choose anyone but Trump."

"TRUMP 2024"

"I prefer someone who supports the democratic process, and can accept the results of an election without bringing unfounded claims of voter fraud into the conversation. The democratic process is much more fragile than I ever expected, and to question it is valid, but to attack it when process has been followed is exceptional-

ly harmful. "

"Trump supporters are too dumb to realize how much better Kamala was in the debate so it didn't matter. "

"It hurts my brain when Donald trump speaks.....his views on child care and tik tok are hilarious!!!"

"They are all terrible candidates"

"Kamala Harris is going to destroy the country by continuing to send money towards Ukraine and Israel while funding America's military complex. To save tax payer money we must MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN."

"Potentially imperfect/iffy president > Felon and sex offender"

"Donald Trump survived a handfull of trials and cases and still managed to stay out of jail. This man deserves the win."

"Trump's economic policy makes 0 sense, in an election about inflation and immigration both of his 2 biggest policies (in a UNIVERSAL TARRIF and MASS IMMIGRATION) massively inflate the economy more by screwing over both goods and services markets (through increased costs)"

"Please don't let him win again."

"Kamala is fake and ingenuine, she thwarted democracy to get the nomination and it seems like her whole life has been one big lie - no personality or likable traits. Trump is not a good person, yes, thats true. But for both the average American and America on the world stage, he will do better than any."

"It's clear that those voting for Trump have grown up with enough access to privilege and power (or simply enough ignorance) that they don't need to bat an eye when considering the rights of anyone who isn't a straight white male."

"Kamala has been in power for 3.5 years why hasn't she done what she wants to."

"Instead of talking about how they will fix the country, both candidates (specifically during the 1st debate) love to talk

STUDENT AND FACULTY COMMENTS, CONTINUED

about HOW THE OTHER will destroy the country."

"I hope that there is not another donald trump presidency"

"Trump would create a catastrophic America"

"This race is a tossup and it seems that the tipping point state will be Pennsylvania."

"Donald Trump is far better"

"Donald Trump would be able to handle this messy world that Biden created better than Harris"

"The country is in a civil state of disunion and it will certainly go downhill after this election."

"Would vote for Harris mostly just to not be voting for Trump tbh. Her stance on many topics in her speeches align with my preferences, but my biggest concern is that she doesn't have a solid platform. If I voted for her, I don't know what I would

be getting. Currently I am under the impression that she changes her stances to get votes, but I would still vote for her just to avoid Trump (I dislike his policies on Gaza, social issues, etc.)"

"I think Kamala's campaign has been very strong but trump's supporters are very ignorant and will follow him no matter what"

"I am voting for Donald J. Trump in November for a few main reasons. The POTUS has more control over foreign policy than domestic and DJT happens to have much better foreign policy. Kamala oversaw the greatest military disaster of my lifetime (the Afghanistan withdrawal)."

"The attack on the capitol (Jan 6) happened in 2020 when Trump lost. In 2024, if Trump loses, it will be worse than last time because he knows prison is a possibility. I wouldn't be shocked if this was the last election before civil war."

"They both are terrible but Kamala is so much worse, despite Trump being a literal criminal."

"I think that the Republicans run the economy much better than the Democrats, and this is very important because America's economy is the major economy that the rest of the countries in the world base their own economies on. If there is a bad leader or party which is ruining the economy, it will affect the entire world. Eg: gas prices."

"I just feel that if Trump is elected as president he will restrict and try to limit trade with Canada which would lead into a downfall in our economy as we would be losing our largest trading partner."

"Kamala Harris is the goat"

"It is evident that Kamala Harris is more popular as a public figure however she evidently presents less valuable points and promises to fix many of America's political issues. Therefore she would most likely be supported by a large group of idealist young people."

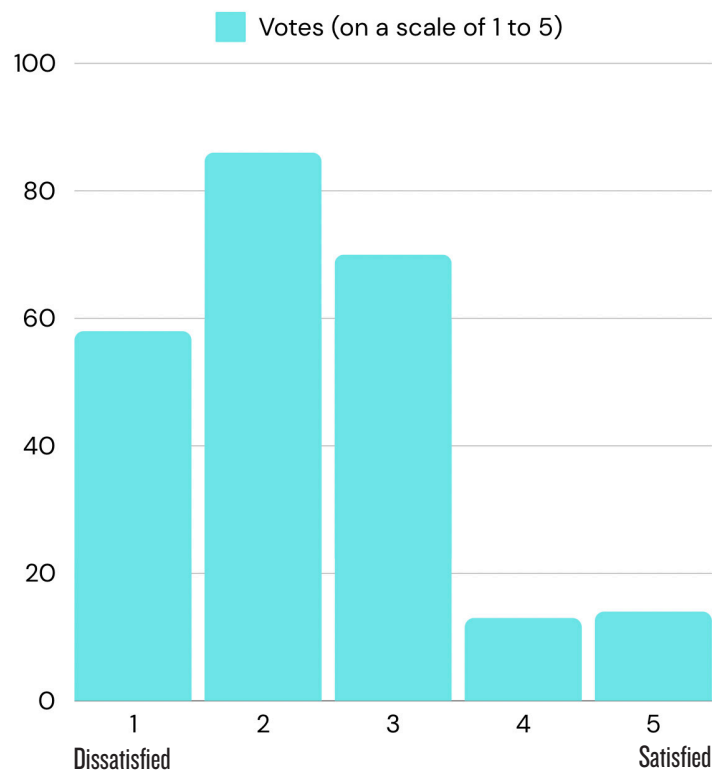
ADDITIONAL STUDENT AND FACULTY OPINIONS

What is the most important problem facing the US today?

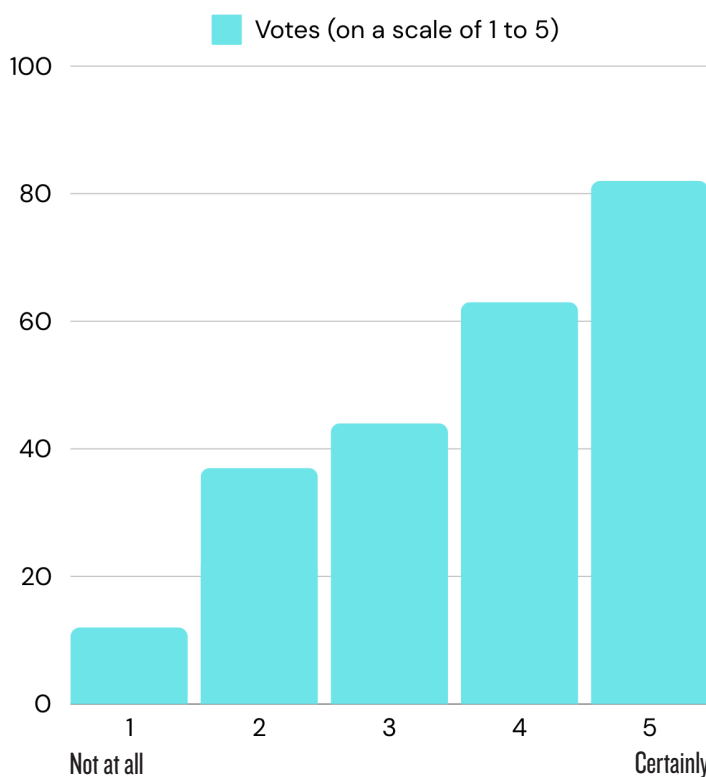


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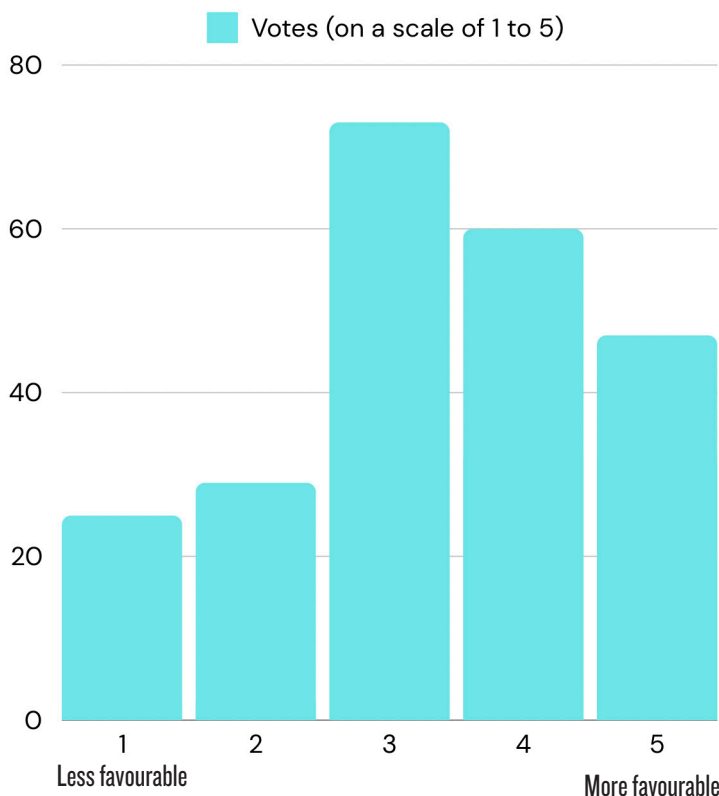
In general, how satisfied are you with the US's current state of affairs?



Will the Jul. 13 and Sept. 15 assassination attempts on Donald Trump will affect voters' preferences?



How has your view of the Democratic Party changed since President Biden withdrew from the race on July 21?



Will Harris and Trump's performances during the Sep. 10 Debate will affect voters' preferences?

