

US ELECTION 2024

When will we know who has won US polls?

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Americans are voting for their next president in a general election that culminates today.

Once polls close, depending on how close the contest is, it is possible a winner will not be projected for several hours, days or even weeks.

Democrat Kamala Harris, the current vice-president, and Republican Donald Trump, the former president, have been running neck-and-neck for weeks.

National and swing state polls have tightened as the polls draws closer, so there could be very narrow margins of victory in several places, which may require votes to be recounted, reports BBC.

It is also possible that some results may come in more slowly this year due to changes in how individual states - including all seven swing states that will ultimately decide the race - have administered their elections since 2020.

On the other hand, vote-counting has been sped up in places like Michigan, and far fewer votes will be cast by mail this time than in the last election, which was held during the Covid pandemic.

This means there are a number of possible outcomes - a winner declared on election night, the next morning or possibly days or weeks later.

Generally, voters have become used to the idea that they will know who the next president is going to be by the time they go to bed late on election night or at least in the early morning hours of the next day.

Harris banks on women's votes

AFP, Washington

In an ad for Kamala Harris, a woman marks her ballot for the Democratic candidate while her husband thinks she's voting for Republican Donald Trump: "What happens in the booth, stays in the booth" a voiceover says.

The 30-second clip, narrated by actor Julia Roberts, shows the couple arriving at a polling station wearing baseball caps featuring the American flag, a symbol often sported by Trump supporters.

The ad, financed by a religious nonprofit, has elicited fury in the Trump camp, with the former president calling it "stupid" and asking "Can you imagine a wife not telling her husband who she's voting for?"

In the ad, the wife exchanges knowing glances with another female voter, before filling in her choice for Harris.

"You can vote any way you want, and no one will ever know," the voiceover says, before the husband asks "Did you make the right choice?"

"Sure did, honey," the woman replies. On conservative Fox News, a host recently said his wife secretly voting for Harris would be "the same thing as having an affair."



Trump counts on young men

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In this election, Trump has made a concerted effort to court Gen Z men, especially white, Black and Latino men without a college degree, seeking out the podcasts and influencers that they flock to and appearing on shows where he exhibits a bravado and disdain for cultural norms.

In recent years, young men have become more conservative and increasingly anxious about their economic status.

In two national surveys conducted by The New York Times and Siena College recently, the gender gap among young Americans was stark, with young women backing Vice President Kamala Harris by 42 percentage points, and young men favoring Trump by 12 points.

Trump is betting that he can harness all of this to motivate a wave of young men to vote on today's election day.

If successful, the gambit would be, perhaps, an even more surprising version of the feat Trump pulled off in 2016, when he persuaded a significant number of white, working-class and low-propensity voters to vote Republican for the first time, reports The New York Times online.



Five issues at stake in US polls

AFP, Washington

ECONOMY

Trump, who cut taxes for businesses and the wealthy during his 2017-2021 presidency, plans to impose tariffs of more than 10 percent on all US imports, which he says will enable him to lower taxes for Americans.

Democrat Harris, meanwhile, is appealing to the middle class with her promise to create an "opportunity economy," while pitching moderate tax hikes for the richest people. The 60-year-old has also promoted child tax credits, support for first-time homebuyers, and help for small businesses.

IMMIGRATION

Trump has taken a hard-line approach on immigration, saying that he will order mass deportations of millions of undocumented migrants if reelected.

For her part, Harris has pledged a tough stance and warned of "consequences" for people who enter the country illegally. She has supported President Joe Biden's plan to tighten up immigration policy, notably by investing in physical barriers on the border.

ABORTION

Trump has often boasted of his role in appointing the Supreme Court justices who scrapped the 1973 decision, and has further hinted that he may restrict access to drugs used in medical abortions if reelected.

Harris wants to pass a federal law to reinstate nationwide abortion rights, making the issue a key part of her presidential campaign.

FOREIGN POLITICS

With wars raging in the Middle East and in Ukraine, Trump has promised to quickly resolve both conflicts - though without explaining how.

He has denounced the huge amount of US funding for Kyiv since it was invaded by Russia in 2022. Harris has pledged her enduring support for Ukraine if reelected. Both Trump and Harris offer continued backing for Israel, though the vice president has drawn more attention to the suffering of Palestinians.

CLIMATE

The United States is the world's second-biggest greenhouse gas emitter behind China, but neither candidate has outlined a comprehensive platform on the issue.

Trump, who has long denounced climate change as a "hoax" despite overwhelming scientific evidence, plans to cut subsidies for renewable energies and electric vehicles, which he says harm businesses. Harris has promoted the "Inflation Reduction Act" of President Joe Biden, which has driven investment in green energy.

What Americans are voting for

AFP, Washington

It's not just the Harris-Trump show: US voters will cast ballots today for members of Congress, tens of thousands of state and local officials, and in multiple referendums on topics including hot-button issues like abortion.

Here is a look at who and what is up for a vote beyond the choice between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Kamala Harris.

CONGRESS

In addition to choosing a president, millions of US voters will decide the fate of Congress: both in the House of Representatives - where all seats are up for grabs - and the Senate, where one-third are.

The House of Representatives has 435 members, with each representing a Congressional

district and elected for a two-year term. Republicans presently hold the House by a small margin, with the election so tight it is a true toss-up for who will win control.

Thirty-four of the Senate's 100 seats are in play. The Senate consists of two senators from every state, who hold six-year terms. Democrats are in control now, but Republicans may well flip the chamber by a razor-thin margin.

If the same party were to win the presidency and both houses of Congress, it would have the power to push through the president's agenda without support from opposition lawmakers.

GOVERNORS

Gubernatorial elections will occur in 11 of the 50 US states, with key races in New Hampshire, North Carolina,

Indiana and Washington state.

The governor is the top executive at the state level, where most powers that do not belong to the federal government lie.



REFERENDUMS

Since the federal right to an abortion was overturned in 2022 by the Supreme Court, the issue has been omnipresent on the political landscape.

Democrats are trying to use the debate over reproductive rights to dissuade women voters from casting ballots for

Republicans.

Abortion rights will be the subject of referendums in some 10 states. Voters in Nebraska will even vote on two competing abortion referendums - one prohibiting it after 12 weeks and another allowing it until fetal viability.

In dozens of states, voters are being asked to decide on a variety of other issues.

In Colorado, for example, voters will decide whether or not to ban "trophy hunting" of the mountain lion, bobcat and lynx. And in Maine, voters will decide if they want to change their state flag.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Thousands of local offices will also be up for election, including state-level lawmakers, judges, mayors, city council members, county officials, sheriffs and others.

'Deliberate attack'

Modi condemns violence at Canadian Hindu temple

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday condemned a "deliberate attack" on a Hindu temple in Canada blamed by some on Sikh activists, as already frosty bilateral ties plunged to a fresh low.

"I strongly condemn the deliberate attack on a Hindu temple in Canada," Modi said, in a statement on X. "Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats".

Canadian Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau earlier said that the violence at the Hindu temple on Sunday in Brampton, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) northwest of Toronto, was "unacceptable".

India's foreign ministry spokesman Randhir Jaiswal called on Ottawa to protect places of worship, saying it was worried for the safety of Indian citizens.



"We condemn the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple," Jaiswal said in a statement.

Video circulating on social media appears to show individuals carrying yellow Khalistan flags clashing with a rival group, including people holding Indian flags. There were also isolated fist fights, videos show.

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বিষয়: কেসরকারি পর্যায়ে মাধ্যমে নন-ইউরিয়া (টিএসপি ও ডিএপি) সার আমদানির লক্ষ্যে প্রস্তাব আহ্বান।

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