

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 4-6, 2013
Margin of Error ±5%

1. Some people seem to follow what's going on in government and public affairs most of the time, whether there's an election going on or not. Others aren't that interested. Would you say you follow what's going on in government and public affairs...?

Most of the time	37%
Some of the time	38%
Only now and then	17%
Hardly at all	8%

2. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	13%

3. Do you consider yourself to be a feminist, or not?

Yes, I consider myself a feminist	26%
No, I do not	74%

4. Do you consider calling someone a feminist to be a compliment, an insult, or a neutral description?

Compliment	18%
Insult	25%
Neutral description	58%

5. One dictionary definition of a feminist is someone who believes in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes. As you think about that definition, do you think of yourself as a feminist or not?

Yes, I think of myself as a feminist55%
No, I do not45%

6. Compared to when you were a child, do you think being a mother today is harder, easier, or about the same?

Harder58%
Easier16%
About the same26%

7. Do you think children are better off if their mother is home and doesn't hold a job, or are the children just as well off if the mother works?

Children are better off if their mother is at home63%
Children are just as well off if their mother works37%

8. Do you approve of a married woman holding a job in business or industry if her husband is able to support her?

Approve90%
Disapprove10%

9. On average, women who are working earn less than men, and make up a much smaller percentage of CEO’s and high-level managers. Below are some possible explanations for why this happens. For each statement, please tell us to what extent you agree that it is a cause for salary and career rank differences between men and women.

	<u>A major cause</u> of salary differences between men and women	<u>A minor cause</u> of salary differences between men and women	<u>Not a cause of</u> salary differences between men and women
Women are less likely than men to put themselves forward and take credit for the work they do.	21%	43%	37%
Women are less likely to choose careers that are high paying and lead to executive positions.	26%	39%	35%
Women are not taken seriously in the workforce after having children.	26%	38%	36%
Assertive women are treated more negatively in the workplace than assertive men are.	35%	37%	28%

10. How much employment discrimination is there against women today?

A lot	16%
Some	50%
Not much	27%
None	8%

11. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about Plan B, a form of emergency contraception also known as the "morning after pill":

- Plan B should be available without a prescription to women of any age .. 29%
- Plan B should be available without a prescription only to women older than age 1537%
- Plan B should only be available to women with a prescription 20%
- Plan B should not be available to women under any circumstances 15%

12. What effect have the automatic government spending cuts (the sequester) that went into effect in March had on you and your family?

- A major effect 11%
- A minor effect 29%
- No effect 35%
- Not sure 24%

13. Who do you think is most to blame for the sequester?

- President Obama 24%
- Republicans in Congress 29%
- Both are equally to blame 32%
- Not sure 15%

14. Do you think that most people accused of terrorism in the United States should be tried in a criminal court or a military court?

- Criminal court 54%
- Military court 46%

15. The U.S. has been holding suspected terrorists at a military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Do you think the U.S. should continue to operate the prison or close it down?

- Continue to operate 49%
- Close down 28%
- Not sure 22%

16. Do you favor or oppose holding trials for the terrorist suspects being held at Guantanamo?

Favor strongly	36%
Favor somewhat	31%
Oppose somewhat	7%
Oppose strongly	8%
Not sure	18%

17. If trials are held for terrorist suspects, should they be held in U.S. courts or military tribunals?

U.S. courts	34%
Military tribunals	51%
Not sure	15%

18. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama has handled the prison at Guantanamo?

Approve strongly	7%
Approve somewhat	21%
Disapprove somewhat	21%
Disapprove strongly	18%
Not sure	34%

19. "How closely have you been following the news covering the Boston Marathon bombings?"

Very closely	32%
Somewhat closely	49%
Not very closely	16%
Not at all	3%

20. Do you agree with the decision to read Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the Boston Marathon bomber, his Miranda rights or do you think he should not have been read his Miranda rights?

I agree that he should be read his Miranda rights	61%
I do not think he should have been read his Miranda rights	39%

21. Do you think that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev should be tried in a criminal court or a military court?

Criminal court	57%
Military court	43%

22. If Dzhokhar Tsarnaev is found guilty for his role in the Boston Marathon bombing, what do you think the appropriate punishment for him should be?

The death penalty	57%
Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole	31%
Long-term imprisonment with the eventual possibility of parole	4%
Not sure	8%

23. Would you be willing to give up some of your personal freedom in order to reduce the threat of terrorism?

Yes	38%
No	62%

24. Would you say you personally are very concerned about a terrorist attack in the area where you live, or not?

Very concerned	14%
Somewhat concerned	24%
Not very concerned	58%
Not sure	5%

25. Overall, would you say you agree with the following statement, or not? Please choose the option which comes closer to your view. Americans will always have to live with the risk of terrorism.

Yes, I agree	87%
No, I do not agree	9%
Not sure	5%

26. Some people think installing video surveillance cameras in public places is a good idea because they may help to reduce the threat of terrorism. Other people think this is a bad idea because surveillance cameras may infringe on people’s privacy rights. Which comes closer to your view? Would you say it is more of a good idea or a bad idea to install surveillance cameras in public places?

Good idea	65%
Bad idea	17%
Not sure	18%

27. How serious a threat do you think Al Qaeda poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	27%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	39%
A minor threat to the U.S.	22%
Not a threat to the U.S.	4%
Not sure	8%

28. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?

Much more safe	8%
Somewhat more safe	29%
About the same	34%
Somewhat less safe	7%
Much less safe	14%
Not sure	6%

29. Would you that you feel generally safe from terrorist attacks, that you feel somewhat uneasy, or that you feel in danger?

Generally safe	52%
Somewhat uneasy	42%
In danger	6%

30. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	22%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	41%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	20%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	8%
Not sure	8%

31. How much have you heard about NBA player Jason Collins announcing that he is gay?

Heard a lot	27%
Heard a little	59%
Heard nothing at all	13%

32. On Monday, basketball player Jason Collins became the first male professional athlete to come out as gay while still an active player. Do you approve or disapprove of his decision to come out?

Strongly approve	38%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	16%

33. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Jason Collins?

Very favorable	21%
Somewhat favorable	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	13%
Not sure	35%

34. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	76%	21%	3%	0%
Immigration	43%	34%	19%	4%
The environment	44%	30%	15%	10%
Terrorism	42%	39%	14%	5%
Gay rights	19%	20%	24%	37%
Education	57%	31%	9%	3%
Health care	70%	22%	6%	2%
Social security	62%	29%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	54%	30%	11%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	37%	24%	8%
Taxes	56%	34%	9%	2%
Medicare	55%	32%	10%	2%
Abortion	35%	29%	19%	16%

35. Which of these is the **most** important issue for you?

The economy	33%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	11%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%

36. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Barack Obama	27%	22%	13%	33%	5%
John Boehner	7%	21%	20%	25%	28%
Mitch McConnell	5%	15%	17%	21%	42%
Harry Reid	5%	16%	18%	27%	34%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	22%	15%	33%	20%
Joe Biden	19%	26%	13%	30%	12%
Hillary Clinton	30%	27%	13%	21%	9%
John Kerry	14%	29%	18%	25%	15%
Wayne LaPierre	7%	10%	9%	17%	57%

37. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	20%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	7%

38. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
The economy	15%	26%	12%	36%	11%
Immigration	15%	24%	13%	34%	15%
The environment	12%	29%	18%	22%	19%
Terrorism	19%	31%	14%	22%	14%
Gay rights	21%	20%	8%	27%	23%
Education	16%	30%	14%	21%	19%
Health care	19%	23%	12%	38%	9%
Social security	13%	24%	17%	30%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	28%	16%	22%	19%
The budget deficit	12%	22%	14%	39%	12%
Taxes	14%	25%	14%	33%	13%
Medicare	14%	23%	19%	28%	16%
Abortion	15%	22%	12%	25%	26%

39. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	9%

40. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	5%

41. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	11%

42. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	10%

43. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Barack Obama as a person?

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	31%
Dislike	28%
Not sure	10%

44. Which of these words would you use to describe Barack Obama?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	37%	28%
Bold	24%	60%	16%
Effective	22%	50%	28%
Exciting	13%	64%	22%
Experienced	21%	48%	31%
Honest	29%	38%	32%
Hypocritical	35%	41%	24%
Inspiring	34%	45%	21%
Intelligent	54%	32%	14%
Partisan	21%	61%	18%
Patriotic	30%	43%	27%
Religious	11%	62%	27%
Sincere	28%	43%	28%
Steady	27%	57%	16%
Strong	29%	54%	17%

45. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	27%
About the same	40%
Getting worse	27%
Not sure	6%

46. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	21%
About the same	38%
Lower	14%
Not sure	28%

47. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	51%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	31%
Not sure	4%

48. Gender

Male	48%
Female	52%

49. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	33%
Some college	21%
2-year college	13%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

50. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	25%
45-64	37%
65+	15%

51. Race

White	65%
Black	14%
Hispanic	12%
Other	10%

52. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	22%

53. Party Identification

Democrat	39%
Lean Democrat	7%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	10%
Republican	25%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 4-6, 2013
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by age, gender, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2010 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2010 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement. Religion, political interest, minor party identification, and non-placement on an ideology scale, were imputed from the 2008 Pew Religion in American Life Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted using propensity scores based on age, gender, race, education, news interest, voter registration, and non-placement on an ideology scale. The weights range from 0.1 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.26.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	17 questions not reported.