

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 3-5, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.2\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	31%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	12%

3. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	12%
Equally positive and negative	39%
Mostly negative	41%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	8%

4. When you have discussed the economy with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the economy at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive	9%
Equally positive and negative	30%
Mostly negative	47%
Not discussed the economy at all	14%

5. Please give us your best guess to the following question. How has the unemployment rate in the country changed from January 2009, when President Obama first took office, to April 2014?

Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by 1% or more	25%
Unemployment rate <u>decreased</u> by between 0% and 1%	14%
Unemployment rate is the same	11%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by between 0% and 1%	8%
Unemployment rate <u>increased</u> by 1% or more	26%
Don't know	16%

6. Do you think President Barack Obama is doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should he do more?

Doing enough	24%
Should do more	62%
Not sure	13%

7. Do you think Republicans in Congress are doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should they do more?

Doing enough	12%
Should do more	71%
Not sure	17%

8. Do you think Democrats in Congress are doing enough to create new jobs for Americans or should they do more?

Doing enough	15%
Should do more	69%
Not sure	15%

9. Should the federal government encourage employment through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should encourage employment	47%
Federal government should not be directly involved	36%
Not sure	16%

10. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in encouraging employment?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to encourage employment

Very good	2%
Good	11%
Poor	15%
Very poor	10%
Not sure	10%
Federal government should not be directly involved	36%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	16%

11. Should the federal government attempt to stimulate economic growth through various incentives, laws and regulations or should the federal government not be directly involved?

Federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth	51%
Federal government should not be directly involved	31%
Not sure	18%

12. How would you rate the job the federal government has done in stimulating economic growth?

Asked of those who think the federal government should attempt to stimulate economic growth

Very good	3%
Good	11%
Poor	18%
Very poor	10%
Not sure	9%
Federal government should not be directly involved	31%
Not sure if federal government should be involved	18%

13. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT YEAR will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

- Unemployment rates will be a lot lower than they are today 5%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today 22%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today 30%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today 19%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today 10%
- Not sure 14%

14. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely, that in the country as a whole unemployment rates during THE NEXT FIVE YEARS will increase, decrease or remain about the same?

- Unemployment rates will be a lot lower than they are today 9%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat lower than they are today 27%
- Unemployment rates will be about the same as they are today 17%
- Unemployment rates will be somewhat higher than they are today 19%
- Unemployment rates will be a lot higher than they are today 9%
- Not sure 20%

15. In general, how many of the statistics reported by the government are reliable and accurate?

- None 12%
- A small portion 37%
- About half 26%
- Most 21%
- All 3%

16. Do you think the 2010 US Census accurately counted the number of people living in the United States or do you think there were more people or fewer people than the Census reported?

More people living in US	56%
The Census count is accurate	17%
Fewer people living in US	5%
Don't know	21%

17. The government released April's unemployment numbers on Friday. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	59%
The government numbers are accurate	16%
Fewer unemployed people	6%
Don't know	19%

18. The government reported 8 million people signed up for health insurance under the the Affordable Care Act. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think fewer people or more people signed up for health insurance?

More people signed up	13%
The government numbers are accurate	29%
Fewer people signed up	40%
Don't know	19%

19. The government has reported a steady decline in the rate of violent crime over the last twenty years. Do you think the government is correct and the rate of violent crime has decreased or do you think the rate of violent crime has remained the same or even increased over the past twenty years?

Increased	33%
Remained the same	26%
Decreased	24%
Don't know	17%

20. Do you think the government accurately reports the number of sexual assault cases in the military or do you think there are more or fewer cases?

More cases	51%
Accurate number	13%
Fewer cases	12%
Don't know	24%

21. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Paul Ryan?

Very favorable	12%
Somewhat favorable	24%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	22%
Don't know	30%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Paul Ryan is handling his job as a Congressman from Wisconsin?

Approve strongly	13%
Approve somewhat	22%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	17%
Not sure	37%

23. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Paul Ryan, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	27%
About the same	35%
Easier	12%
Not sure	27%

24. Do you think Paul Ryan...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	28%
Not sure	32%

25. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Paul Ryan as a person?

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	21%
Not sure	36%

26. Regardless of your overall opinion of Paul Ryan, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	30%
No	36%
Not sure	34%

27. Regardless of your overall opinion of Paul Ryan, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	35%
No	31%
Not sure	34%

28. How much do you think Paul Ryan cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	17%
Some	34%
Not much	22%
Not at all	27%

29. Do you think Paul Ryan has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty	25%
Same level of honesty	33%
Less honesty	18%
Not sure	23%

30. Are you confident in Paul Ryan's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	28%
Uneasy	35%
Not sure	37%

31. Would you say Paul Ryan is...

Very liberal	3%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	14%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	28%

32. Do you want Paul Ryan to run for President in 2016?

Yes	22%
No	38%
Not sure	40%

33. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	18%
Good	56%
Fair	20%
Poor	6%

34. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	12%
Remained the same	64%
Worsened	18%
Haven't noticed	6%

35. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	46%
Been seen by a doctor	74%
Ordered prescription drugs	57%
None of these	17%

36. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	24%
No	73%
Prefer not to say	3%

37. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	35%
No	61%
Prefer not to say	4%

38. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	20%
No	76%
Prefer not to say	4%

39. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	39%
The same	43%
Less	9%
Not sure	10%

40. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	13%
The same	60%
Worse	19%
Not sure	8%

41. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	82%
No	18%

42. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	35%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	16%
I have health insurance that I or a family member purchased directly from the health insurance company or HMO, not through an employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	10%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	5%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	12%
Does not have health insurance	18%
Prefer not to say	4%

43. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	76%
No	22%
Not sure	3%

44. Do you think the health care reform law should be expanded, kept the same, or repealed?

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	15%

45. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

A complete failure	23%
More of a failure than a success	20%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	19%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	11%
Not sure	6%

46. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	19%	3%	1%
Immigration	46%	33%	14%	7%
The environment	44%	33%	14%	8%
Terrorism	53%	30%	12%	5%
Gay rights	25%	23%	25%	28%
Education	60%	29%	8%	3%
Health care	67%	24%	7%	2%
Social security	64%	30%	5%	2%
The budget deficit	57%	29%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	36%	26%	10%
Taxes	62%	28%	8%	2%
Medicare	54%	33%	9%	3%
Abortion	38%	27%	22%	13%

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

The economy	30%
Immigration	5%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	9%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	3%

48. 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	26%	20%	12%	35%	7%
Joe Biden	18%	22%	16%	32%	12%
John Boehner	6%	20%	23%	29%	22%
Mitch McConnell	4%	18%	20%	24%	34%
Harry Reid	9%	17%	15%	32%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	20%	14%	36%	19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	26%	23%	11%	30%	10%
Rand Paul	16%	22%	12%	19%	30%
Chris Christie	8%	22%	26%	22%	22%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	15%	11%	18%	40%
Jeb Bush	12%	25%	21%	19%	23%
Mike Huckabee	15%	22%	14%	21%	28%
Marco Rubio	11%	22%	13%	19%	35%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	4%

51. 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	16%	23%	13%	36%	12%
Immigration	15%	21%	14%	35%	15%
The environment	14%	28%	15%	26%	17%
Terrorism	21%	25%	10%	29%	15%
Gay rights	19%	24%	9%	27%	21%
Education	16%	27%	16%	26%	15%
Health care	24%	17%	11%	39%	9%
Social security	15%	23%	14%	28%	20%
The war in Afghanistan	17%	24%	17%	27%	15%
The budget deficit	14%	21%	15%	36%	14%
Taxes	15%	23%	13%	34%	15%
Medicare	16%	23%	13%	29%	19%
Abortion	16%	18%	12%	30%	24%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	26%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

54. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

55. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	35%	29%
Bold	27%	59%	14%
Effective	21%	50%	29%
Exciting	15%	66%	20%
Experienced	20%	50%	30%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	35%	42%	24%
Inspiring	29%	49%	22%
Intelligent	50%	36%	14%
Partisan	23%	66%	11%
Patriotic	25%	46%	28%
Religious	14%	60%	26%
Sincere	29%	45%	27%
Steady	23%	59%	19%
Strong	29%	48%	23%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	4%

59. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	71%
No	26%
Don't know	4%

60. Six months from now, do you think there will be...

More jobs	21%
The same amount of jobs	42%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	12%

61. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

62. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose the goals of the Tea Party movement?

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	18%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	15%

63. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	15%
Post-graduate	7%

64. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

65. Race

White	66%
Black	14%
Hispanic	10%
Other	9%

66. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	22%

67. Party Identification

Democratic	34%
Independent	38%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 3-5, 2014
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 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.92.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.2% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.