

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 11-13, 2013
Margin of Error $\pm 4.4\%$

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	40%
Some of the time	37%
Only now and then	14%
Hardly at all	8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	15%

3. How much have you read or heard about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya last September that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya?

Heard a lot	44%
Heard a little	39%
Heard nothing at all	12%
Not sure	6%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Approve	29%
Disapprove	44%
Not sure	27%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Approve	33%
Disapprove	39%
Not sure	28%

6. Based on what you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion on information released to the public about the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya?

The Obama Administration deliberately misled the American people	42%
The Obama Administration shared facts as they became available	38%
Not sure	20%

7. How confident are you that the Obama Administration and the U.S. Department of State are taking the right steps to prevent future attacks like the one on the U.S. Consulate in Libya?

Very confident	20%
Somewhat confident	24%
Not very confident	20%
Not at all confident	27%
Not sure	9%

8. Who do you think should be the Democratic nominee for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	37%
Andrew Cuomo	3%
Rahm Emanuel	1%
Joe Biden	9%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Mark Warner	2%
Other	8%
Not sure	39%

9. Several months ago, the Supreme Court made a ruling on the health care reform bill passed by Congress and signed by the president in 2010. As far as you know, what did the Supreme Court decide?

It is <u>constitutional</u> for the federal government to require all Americans to purchase health insurance.	47%
It is <u>not constitutional</u> for the federal government to require all Americans to purchase health insurance.	21%
Not sure	31%

10. Do you think you personally will pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, under the health care reform bill passed in 2010 by Congress and signed by President Obama?

Pay more	55%
About the same	25%
Pay less	6%
Not sure	13%

11. Under the health care reform bill passed in 2010 by Congress and signed by President Obama, do you think you personally will receive better or worse care than you receive now?

Better care	12%
About the same	42%
Worse care	36%
Not sure	11%

12. In 2010, Congress passed a health care reform bill. Do you think that health care reform will increase or decrease the amount that you spend on health care?

Increase a lot	32%
Increase a little	21%
No effect	20%
Decrease a little	7%
Decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	16%

13. In the past year, have you or any members of your family had serious problems affording health care?

Yes	36%
No	64%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	36%
Not sure	23%

15. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease what it spends on health care?

Increased	30%
Kept about the same	23%
Decreased	25%
Not sure	22%

16. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to see to it that everyone has health care coverage?

Yes	44%
No	43%
Not sure	13%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	36%
No opinion	9%

18. Please tell us whether you think the following statement is true or false: "Members of Congress are writing a bill that would exempt themselves, their staff, and their families from the requirement to buy into the health care plan."

True	47%
False	16%
Not sure	37%

19. Do you think that Congress should be allowed to exempt themselves from the health care plan?

Yes	4%
No	87%
Not sure	9%

20. How closely have you been following the news covering the Cleveland kidnapping in which 3 women were held captive for 10 years?

Very closely	20%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	23%
Not at all	13%

21. Ariel Castro has been charged with four counts of kidnapping and three counts of rape in connection with holding Amanda Berry, Georgina "Gina" DeJesus, and Michelle Knight captive for a decade. If he is found guilty, what do you think the appropriate punishment for him should be?

The death penalty	45%
Life imprisonment without the possibility of parole	49%
Long-term imprisonment with the eventual possibility of parole	3%
Not sure	4%

22. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	2%	3%
Immigration	39%	35%	16%	9%
The environment	46%	34%	12%	8%
Terrorism	49%	34%	11%	6%
Gay rights	21%	23%	19%	38%
Education	56%	29%	8%	6%
Health care	63%	27%	6%	4%
Social security	60%	28%	7%	4%
The budget deficit	51%	30%	12%	7%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	38%	23%	12%
Taxes	58%	32%	7%	3%
Medicare	54%	30%	9%	7%
Abortion	36%	27%	20%	18%

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

The economy	32%
Immigration	5%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	3%
Education	8%
Health care	13%
Social security	11%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%

24. 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	29%	20%	11%	33%	7%
John Boehner	7%	17%	20%	29%	27%
Mitch McConnell	5%	16%	14%	23%	43%
Harry Reid	6%	17%	17%	29%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	17%	16%	35%	20%
Joe Biden	21%	25%	14%	28%	12%
Hillary Clinton	34%	20%	10%	27%	9%
John Kerry	14%	27%	18%	22%	20%
Wayne LaPierre	7%	9%	8%	19%	56%

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

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	6%

26. 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%	24%	13%	37%	11%
Immigration	13%	26%	13%	34%	14%
The environment	16%	25%	14%	25%	19%
Terrorism	21%	25%	14%	26%	15%
Gay rights	20%	18%	10%	31%	20%
Education	16%	25%	17%	25%	17%
Health care	20%	21%	11%	38%	10%
Social security	14%	20%	19%	31%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	26%	17%	26%	15%
The budget deficit	13%	21%	15%	38%	14%
Taxes	13%	26%	13%	35%	13%
Medicare	14%	22%	16%	32%	15%
Abortion	14%	20%	10%	30%	25%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	46%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	26%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	5%

29. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	14%

30. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	40%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	29%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	36%	34%	30%
Bold	28%	57%	15%
Effective	26%	46%	28%
Exciting	15%	62%	23%
Experienced	25%	45%	29%
Honest	27%	40%	33%
Hypocritical	32%	42%	26%
Inspiring	32%	44%	25%
Intelligent	56%	30%	13%
Partisan	24%	58%	17%
Patriotic	28%	43%	28%
Religious	12%	59%	29%
Sincere	33%	37%	30%
Steady	30%	54%	17%
Strong	30%	51%	19%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	32%
Not sure	5%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	34%
Lower	17%
Not sure	24%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	34%
Not sure	4%

36. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	25%
No	75%

37. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

38. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	24%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

39. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	30%
45-64	34%
65+	13%

40. Race

White	68%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

41. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	24%
South	37%
West	23%

42. Party Identification

Democrat	37%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	9%
Republican	23%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 11-13, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.03.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.