

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted October 11-13, 2014
 Margin of Error $\pm 4.6\%$

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	47%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	65%
Not sure	9%

3. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing the following illnesses?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all
Cancer	22%	38%	28%	12%
HIV/AIDS	10%	9%	30%	51%
Ebola	20%	25%	29%	26%
Alzheimer's	16%	31%	33%	20%
Parkinson's	10%	19%	40%	31%
Diabetes	18%	28%	34%	20%
Stroke	15%	36%	34%	16%
Heart disease	17%	37%	32%	14%
ALS	9%	11%	41%	39%
West Nile disease	8%	16%	39%	37%

4. How closely are you following the news about Ebola?

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

5. How concerned are you about an Ebola epidemic here in the United States?

Very concerned	30%
Somewhat concerned	40%
Not very concerned	21%
Not concerned at all	9%

6. Would you be afraid to sit next to a person who had recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak?

Yes	72%
No	15%
Not sure	12%

7. Do you think we should quarantine people who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak?

Yes	72%
No	13%
Not sure	16%

8. Should the government allow people who have recently been in any of the countries in western Africa where there is a major Ebola outbreak to enter the United States?

Yes	23%
No	56%
Not sure	21%

9. How much would you say you know about the Ebola virus?

A lot	17%
Some	62%
Not much	21%

10. Here are some ways people say you get Ebola. For each of them, please tell me whether or not you think it's possible to get Ebola that way.

	Yes	No	Not sure
Through the air	28%	53%	19%
Through water	28%	43%	29%
Someone who is not already sick	30%	53%	17%
Mosquito bites	24%	47%	29%
Properly cooked food	6%	74%	20%
Direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infectious person	94%	2%	4%
Touching an infected surface	69%	17%	15%
An infectious person sneezes on you	82%	7%	11%

11. Has the media has done a good job accurately reporting about Ebola or has the media made it seem better or worse than it really is?

Made the Ebola epidemic seem worse than it really is	24%
Accurately reported on the scale of the Ebola epidemic	36%
Made Ebola epidemic seem better than it really is	20%
Not sure	20%

12. Do you think the United States is doing enough, too much, or not enough to contain the Ebola outbreak?

Doing too much	3%
Doing enough	31%
Not doing enough	52%
Don't know	14%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama's handling of the Ebola outbreak?

Approve strongly	12%
Approve somewhat	25%
Disapprove somewhat	18%
Disapprove strongly	27%
Not sure	17%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	44%
Not sure	13%

15. 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	19%
More of a failure than a success	29%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	21%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	3%
Not sure	7%

16. When will we know for sure whether the health care reform law is a success or failure?

We will never really know	13%
We will know after the law has been in effect for several years	34%
We will know after the law has been in effect for one year	16%
We will know in a few months when we find out how many people have enrolled	9%
We know now even before the law has been put into effect	27%

17. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	47%
Remained the same	21%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	13%

18. Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase by more or less than they usually do?

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do	49%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	16%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	18%
Not sure	17%

19. Have you tried to visit the federal health insurance exchange website, healthcare.gov?

Yes	24%
No	72%
Not sure	3%

20. Was your experience at healthcare.gov positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Never visited website	76%
Very positive	3%
Somewhat positive	4%
Neither positive nor negative	6%
Somewhat negative	5%
Very negative	7%
Not sure	0%

21. Which month did you visit healthcare.gov?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Never visited website	76%
October 2013	3%
November 2013	3%
December 2013	3%
January 2014	2%
February 2014	2%
March 2014	1%
April 2014	0%
May 2014	1%
June 2014	1%
July 2014	1%
August 2014	3%
September 2014	1%
October 2014	1%
Don't remember	4%

22. How concerned are you about the health care costs you will face in the future?

Very concerned	44%
Somewhat concerned	37%
Not very concerned	13%
Not at all concerned	6%

23. Do you think that you will receive better or worse care under the new health care system?

A lot better	6%
A little better	9%
About the same	32%
A little worse	16%
A lot worse	24%
Not sure	12%

24. Why do you not have health insurance at the moment? Check all that apply.

Asked of those without health insurance

Has health insurance	81%
Too expensive	9%
Healthy and did not need it	2%
Refused by an insurance company	1%
Lost my job	3%
Other	3%
Prefer not to say	2%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jimmy Fallon	23%	40%	13%	5%	19%
Seth Meyers	10%	31%	15%	5%	39%
David Letterman	20%	37%	19%	11%	13%
Conan O'Brien	13%	38%	20%	9%	19%
Jimmy Kimmel	17%	42%	15%	5%	21%
Stephen Colbert	23%	26%	14%	11%	26%
Jon Stewart	25%	26%	13%	12%	25%
John Oliver	15%	17%	12%	6%	50%
Bill Maher	13%	23%	16%	21%	27%

26. How often do you watch any of the following shows?

	Every episode	Most episodes	Some episodes	Very few episodes	Never seen	Don't remember
The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon	3%	6%	18%	36%	33%	5%
Late Night with Seth Meyers	1%	3%	9%	22%	59%	5%
Late Show with David Letterman	2%	5%	24%	44%	21%	5%
Conan	1%	4%	16%	36%	36%	6%
Jimmy Kimmel Live!	2%	3%	17%	38%	34%	5%
The Colbert Report	3%	7%	19%	27%	40%	4%
The Daily Show with Jon Stewart	3%	7%	20%	26%	38%	4%
Last Week Tonight with John Oliver	2%	4%	7%	16%	66%	5%
Real Time with Bill Maher	3%	5%	13%	29%	45%	6%

27. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the following people?

	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	Not sure
Jimmy Fallon	5%	22%	19%	2%	2%	50%
Seth Meyers	6%	17%	10%	3%	2%	62%
David Letterman	12%	19%	18%	5%	2%	44%
Conan O'Brien	7%	21%	15%	5%	1%	51%
Jimmy Kimmel	5%	17%	19%	2%	3%	53%
Stephen Colbert	16%	22%	9%	7%	2%	43%
Jon Stewart	20%	22%	10%	4%	2%	41%
John Oliver	8%	14%	7%	4%	1%	65%
Bill Maher	28%	14%	7%	4%	4%	43%

28. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	33%	14%	4%
The environment	45%	34%	14%	7%
Terrorism	56%	29%	12%	4%
Gay rights	21%	25%	22%	32%
Education	58%	29%	10%	3%
Health care	67%	29%	4%	1%
Social security	62%	31%	7%	1%
The budget deficit	52%	35%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	33%	42%	19%	6%
Taxes	60%	33%	6%	1%
Medicare	56%	32%	10%	2%
Abortion	34%	29%	23%	15%
Foreign policy	40%	41%	16%	3%

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

The economy	25%
Immigration	6%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	9%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	2%

30. 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	20%	24%	10%	39%	7%
Joe Biden	14%	27%	15%	31%	13%
John Boehner	5%	16%	21%	34%	24%
Mitch McConnell	3%	12%	18%	29%	37%
Harry Reid	6%	17%	14%	34%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	21%	12%	38%	19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	10%	22%	14%	27%	27%
Chris Christie	6%	25%	23%	26%	21%
Paul Ryan	10%	21%	13%	30%	27%
Jeb Bush	8%	22%	22%	27%	22%
Mike Huckabee	13%	22%	14%	23%	27%
Marco Rubio	9%	19%	13%	25%	35%
Hillary Clinton	25%	26%	10%	30%	9%
Elizabeth Warren	16%	14%	10%	23%	36%
Ted Cruz	13%	15%	8%	33%	31%
Scott Walker	13%	10%	8%	23%	46%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	8%	11%	11%	67%
Rick Perry	10%	19%	10%	31%	28%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	3%

33. 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	14%	26%	16%	37%	7%
Immigration	8%	23%	20%	38%	10%
The environment	13%	31%	17%	25%	14%
Terrorism	14%	26%	19%	33%	9%
Gay rights	15%	26%	12%	28%	18%
Education	14%	28%	19%	25%	14%
Health care	19%	23%	12%	40%	7%
Social security	12%	24%	17%	31%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	12%	25%	19%	34%	11%
The budget deficit	13%	23%	17%	38%	10%
Taxes	11%	27%	19%	31%	12%
Medicare	12%	26%	19%	28%	14%
Abortion	12%	25%	14%	27%	22%
Foreign policy	11%	24%	20%	34%	12%

34. 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	13%
Somewhat disapprove	28%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	8%

35. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the member of the US House of Representatives that represents your Congressional district is handling his or her job?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	13%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

37. Would you say your Representative in Congress is...

Very liberal	9%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	19%
Conservative	20%
Very Conservative	9%
Not sure	27%

38. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	12%

39. Would you say Barack Obama is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	11%
Somewhat strong	27%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	36%

40. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	34%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	54%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	28%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	35%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	36%	26%
Bold	20%	58%	22%
Effective	16%	46%	38%
Exciting	12%	62%	26%
Experienced	17%	49%	35%
Honest	24%	39%	38%
Hypocritical	39%	40%	20%
Inspiring	23%	48%	29%
Intelligent	46%	37%	17%
Partisan	24%	62%	14%
Patriotic	23%	45%	31%
Religious	10%	63%	27%
Sincere	26%	40%	34%
Steady	22%	56%	22%
Strong	19%	49%	33%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	40%
Getting worse	35%
Not sure	4%

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

More jobs	17%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	10%

45. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	6%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	34%
Military Household - None	53%

46. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	18%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	28%
Not sure	18%

48. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	29%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

49. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	25%
45-64	34%
65+	17%

50. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

51. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	25%
South	33%
West	23%

52. Party Identification

Democratic	42%
Independent	32%
Republican	26%

53. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	71%
No	28%
Don't know	1%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 11-13, 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 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.1.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.