

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 10-12, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.3\%$

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	31%
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	26%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	15%

3. How serious a problem do you think climate change is?

Very serious	40%
Somewhat serious	29%
Not very serious	26%
Not sure	5%

4. Do you think climate change has been caused by pollution from human activities (such as emissions from cars and factories) or by natural causes?

Pollution from human activities	53%
Natural causes not related to human activities	28%
Not sure	19%

5. How sure are you that climate changes is due to pollution from human activities (natural causes not related to human activities)?

Question wording was based upon whether the respondent thought climate change was the result of human activities or the result of natural causes

Absolutely sure	27%
Pretty sure	35%
Somewhat sure	23%
Not very sure	15%

6. Do you think the world’s most developed countries have a greater responsibility to control greenhouse gases and pollution than less developed countries do?

Yes	53%
No	32%
Not sure	16%

7. What if that makes the more developed countries less competitive in the global economy? In that case, do you think the world’s most developed countries have a greater responsibility to control greenhouse gases and pollution than less developed countries do?

Asked of those those who believe developed countries have a greater responsibility

Yes	60%
No	10%
Not sure	31%

8. Which statement comes closer to your opinion?

As the world’s leading industrial country, the United States should avoid measures to control greenhouse gases and pollution that could make it less competitive in the global economy.	21%
As the world’s leading industrial country, the United States has a responsibility to control greenhouse gases and pollution, even if that makes it less competitive in the global economy.	55%
Not sure	23%

9. Do you think governments and countries can take actions that will significantly slow the speed of climate change?

Yes50%
 No31%
 Not sure19%

10. Do you agree or disagree that developed countries have a responsibility to help poorer nations with the effects of climate change?

Strongly agree22%
 Somewhat agree35%
 Somewhat disagree15%
 Strongly disagree15%
 Not sure13%

11. How much do you trust the following groups to tell the truth about global warming?

	Completely	A lot	A moderate amount	A little	Not at all
Climate scientists	20%	23%	23%	16%	18%
Republican politicians	3%	5%	18%	20%	55%
Democratic politicians	6%	10%	21%	19%	44%
Military officials	4%	8%	26%	29%	33%
Federal government officials	4%	9%	22%	22%	43%
State government officials	3%	9%	21%	29%	38%
Representatives from oil and gas companies	3%	5%	14%	20%	58%

12. To the best of your knowledge, do you think there is a consensus in the scientific community that global warming is occurring and is mainly caused by human activity?

Yes	53%
No	30%
Not sure	18%

13. Were you personally affected by the following severe weather events? Check all that apply.

Superstorm Sandy	13%
California drought emergency	10%
Polar vortex	22%
Hurricane Katrina	10%
Washington state landslides	4%
Atlanta snow storm	5%
Severe tornadoes in 2014	6%
Rising sea levels	5%
None of these	54%

14. Do you think the severity of the weather events listed below are the result of climate change or do these kind of events just happen from time to time?

	Result of climate change	Just happen from time to time	Not sure
Superstorm Sandy	29%	54%	17%
California drought emergency	33%	49%	18%
Polar vortex	34%	43%	23%
Hurricane Katrina	23%	61%	16%
Washington state mudslides	23%	59%	18%
Atlanta snow storm	30%	53%	17%
Severe tornadoes in 2014	32%	51%	17%
Rising sea levels	53%	31%	16%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling climate change?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	27%
No opinion	25%

16. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Elizabeth Warren?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	12%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	14%
Don't know	49%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Elizabeth Warren is handling her job as a Senator from Massachusetts?

Approve strongly	16%
Approve somewhat	12%
Disapprove somewhat	7%
Disapprove strongly	12%
Not sure	54%

18. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Elizabeth Warren, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder	11%
About the same	29%
Easier	18%
Not sure	42%

19. Do you think Elizabeth Warren...

Says what she believes	30%
Says what she thinks people want to hear	23%
Not sure	47%

20. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like Elizabeth Warren as a person?

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	16%
Dislike	13%
Not sure	54%

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Elizabeth Warren, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	19%
No	33%
Not sure	48%

22. Regardless of your overall opinion of Elizabeth Warren, do you think she shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	26%
No	25%
Not sure	49%

23. How much do you think Elizabeth Warren cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	19%
Some	32%
Not much	24%
Not at all	25%

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

More honesty	19%
Same level of honesty	28%
Less honesty	15%
Not sure	38%

25. Are you confident in Elizabeth Warren's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident	21%
Uneasy	26%
Not sure	53%

26. Would you say Elizabeth Warren is...

Very liberal	17%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	15%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	43%

27. Do you want Elizabeth Warren to run for President in 2016?

Yes	17%
No	37%
Not sure	46%

28. Which of these incidents was the most serious scandal?

The attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi	41%
The Watergate break in	32%
The Clinton/Lewinsky affair	8%
The Iran/Contra hearings	20%

29. Which of these incidents was the least serious scandal?

The attack on the US Consulate in Benghazi	9%
The Watergate break in	10%
The Clinton/Lewinsky affair	68%
The Iran/Contra hearings	13%

30. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	21%
Good	52%
Fair	23%
Poor	4%

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

Improved	13%
Remained the same	63%
Worsened	16%
Haven't noticed	7%

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

Been seen by a dentist	46%
Been seen by a doctor	68%
Ordered prescription drugs	57%
None of these	19%

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

Yes	23%
No	72%
Prefer not to say	5%

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

Yes 33%
No 64%
Prefer not to say 4%

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

Yes 16%
No 80%
Prefer not to say 4%

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

More 35%
The same 45%
Less 7%
Not sure 12%

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

Better 12%
The same 57%
Worse 21%
Not sure 9%

38. Do you have health insurance?

Yes 80%
No 20%

39. 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	33%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	17%
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	3%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	13%
Does not have health insurance	20%
Prefer not to say	4%

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

Yes	76%
No	21%
Not sure	2%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	17%
Repealed	44%
Not sure	13%

42. 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	21%
More of a failure than a success	25%
Equal amount of both failure and success	15%
More of a success than a failure	20%
A complete success	6%
Too early to tell	7%
Not sure	6%

43. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Monica Lewinsky?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	30%
Very unfavorable	18%
Don't know	31%

44. Have you heard about Monica Lewinsky's recent article in *Vanity Fair* magazine?

Yes	56%
No	38%
Not sure	7%

45. If she was otherwise qualified for a job, would you hire Monica Lewinsky?

Yes	46%
No	28%
Not sure	26%

46. Regardless of your overall opinion of her, how much sympathy do you have for Monica Lewinsky

A lot	7%
Some	27%
Not much	34%
None at all	32%

47. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Monica Lewinsky, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder	39%
About the same	37%
Easier	8%
Not sure	15%

48. In general, do you think the news media have done a good job covering the stories surrounding Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, or do you think the news media have not done a good job?

Good job	40%
Not a good job	60%

49. How important an issue do you think Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky was to the nation?

Great importance	14%
Of some importance	31%
Very little importance	55%

50. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	4%	1%
Immigration	43%	36%	14%	7%
The environment	47%	31%	14%	9%
Terrorism	55%	28%	12%	5%
Gay rights	22%	23%	23%	31%
Education	57%	31%	7%	4%
Health care	64%	25%	7%	3%
Social security	63%	27%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	56%	28%	12%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	38%	20%	10%
Taxes	58%	29%	9%	3%
Medicare	58%	29%	8%	4%
Abortion	35%	27%	21%	17%

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

The economy	25%
Immigration	4%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	3%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	14%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	6%

52. 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	23%	23%	13%	36%	5%
Joe Biden	17%	25%	17%	29%	11%
John Boehner	5%	18%	22%	35%	21%
Mitch McConnell	3%	18%	18%	30%	31%
Harry Reid	7%	20%	16%	33%	25%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	19%	15%	36%	19%

53. 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	28%	22%	14%	31%	6%
Rand Paul	12%	23%	16%	27%	23%
Chris Christie	6%	22%	24%	30%	19%
Paul Ryan	12%	19%	15%	32%	21%
Jeb Bush	9%	21%	21%	28%	20%
Mike Huckabee	11%	17%	19%	29%	24%
Marco Rubio	10%	20%	14%	27%	29%

54. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bill Clinton?

Very favorable	27%
Somewhat favorable	31%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	19%
Don't know	7%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	4%

56. 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%	25%	13%	37%	10%
Immigration	12%	23%	17%	33%	16%
The environment	15%	28%	16%	27%	14%
Terrorism	19%	23%	14%	29%	15%
Gay rights	21%	22%	10%	31%	17%
Education	17%	25%	18%	26%	14%
Health care	21%	20%	13%	37%	9%
Social security	15%	22%	18%	28%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	25%	18%	27%	15%
The budget deficit	13%	21%	16%	38%	12%
Taxes	14%	22%	16%	35%	13%
Medicare	14%	27%	16%	27%	15%
Abortion	15%	22%	11%	30%	23%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	8%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

59. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	11%

60. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	32%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	34%	28%
Bold	25%	59%	16%
Effective	19%	48%	33%
Exciting	15%	64%	21%
Experienced	19%	50%	31%
Honest	24%	39%	36%
Hypocritical	35%	45%	20%
Inspiring	28%	48%	24%
Intelligent	52%	35%	13%
Partisan	24%	61%	15%
Patriotic	24%	47%	29%
Religious	11%	60%	28%
Sincere	29%	41%	30%
Steady	21%	61%	17%
Strong	24%	52%	24%

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

Getting better	21%
About the same	37%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	4%

64. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	67%
No	30%
Don't know	2%

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

More jobs	18%
The same amount of jobs	44%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	13%

66. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	13%

68. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	34%
Some college	25%
2-year college	7%
4-year college	15%
Post-graduate	8%

69. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

70. Race

White	69%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

71. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	36%
West	23%

72. Party Identification

Democratic	41%
Independent	37%
Republican	22%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 10-12, 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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.95.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.