

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 22-24, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.7\%$

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	44%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	10%
Don't know	2%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	63%
Not sure	12%

3. Do you favor or oppose providing a way for (illegal/undocumented) immigrants currently in the country to gain legal citizenship if they pass background checks, pay fines, and have jobs?

Favor	47%
Oppose	36%
Not sure	17%

4. Do you favor or oppose a federal policy that would grant temporary work authorization and defer deportation proceedings against (illegal/undocumented) immigrants who are parents of US citizens, have passed a background check, and pay taxes?

Favor	48%
Oppose	32%
Not sure	19%

5. Do you favor or oppose a federal policy that would allow immigrant students who arrived illegally as minors to apply for temporary legal status if enrolled in college or the military?

Favor	50%
Oppose	33%
Not sure	17%

6. How serious a problem is immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	15%
Somewhat serious	18%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	30%
Not sure	13%

7. How serious a problem is ILLEGAL immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	14%
Somewhat serious	20%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	26%
Not sure	16%

8. Do you believe the US is a nation of immigrants?

Yes	82%
No	10%
Not sure	8%

9. Which of these statements best describes you?

Immigrant Citizen	6%
Immigrant non-citizen	5%
First generation	9%
Second generation	16%
Third generation	60%
Prefer not to say	4%

10. Do you personally know anyone who is an illegal immigrant?

Yes	22%
No	64%
Not sure	14%

11. Should people report employers who hire illegal immigrants?

Yes	63%
No	18%
Not sure	19%

12. Do you favor or oppose the following immigration policy proposals?

	Favor	Oppose	Not sure
Requiring churches to report illegal immigrants	26%	49%	25%
Increasing fines for employers who hire illegal immigrants	65%	17%	18%
Making it a crime to hire illegal immigrants	59%	19%	22%
Requiring police to report illegal immigrants to federal government	61%	20%	18%
Not allowing illegal immigrants to attend public school	42%	36%	22%

13. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.?

They should be allowed to stay in the U.S. and apply for citizenship.	43%
They should be allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens.	15%
They should be required to leave the U.S.	42%

14. How much of the speech President Obama gave on Thursday night about immigration have you personally seen?

All of it	17%
Most of it	11%
Some of it	22%
None of it	44%
Don't remember	6%

15. Do you support or oppose President Obama’s decision to use an executive order to delay deportation proceedings against illegal immigrants who are parents of US citizens?

Support	38%
Oppose	45%
Not sure	17%

16. Do you think President Obama should or should not have waited for Congress to pass an immigration reform law?

Should have waited for Congress to act	49%
Should <u>not</u> have waited for Congress to act	32%
Not sure	19%

17. How likely is it that Congress will pass immigration reform this year?

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	14%
Somewhat unlikely	19%
Very unlikely	37%
Not sure	25%

18. From what you know now, do you think executive orders are constitutional or unconstitutional?

Constitutional	28%
Unconstitutional	21%
It depends	37%
Not sure	14%

19. Should a President be able to do the following without asking for Congressional approval?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Make administrative adjustments on how laws are enforced	31%	45%	23%
Pardon individuals the President thinks have been unjustly convicted	55%	27%	18%
Establish new White House offices, commissions and task forces	39%	38%	23%
Make agreements with other countries	30%	50%	20%
Declare holidays for federal workers	33%	48%	19%
Order reserve troops to active duty	43%	36%	21%
Freeze any assets of individuals taking action against the United States	48%	28%	24%

20. Do you approve or disapprove of Presidents using executive orders?

Approve strongly	11%
Approve somewhat	31%
Disapprove somewhat	20%
Disapprove strongly	23%
Not sure	15%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the executive order which...

	Approve strongly	Approve somewhat	Disapprove somewhat	Disapprove strongly	Not sure
Freed all slaves in the states that were in rebellion against the federal government	47%	21%	7%	8%	16%
Created military exclusion zones during World War II and allowed for the forcible relocation of Americans of Japanese descent to internment camps	6%	10%	22%	37%	25%
Desegregated the U.S. military	41%	21%	9%	10%	19%
Placed U.S. steel mills facing a strike by union workers under federal control	6%	16%	25%	23%	30%

22. Do you think Presidents should ever issue executive orders?

Yes	63%
No, never	14%
Don't know	23%

23. After six years in office, which President has issued more executive orders, Barack Obama or George W. Bush?

Barack Obama	22%
George W. Bush	32%
About the same	9%
Not sure	37%

24. When it comes to immigration reform, which party do you trust most?

Republican party	24%
Democratic party	29%
Both equally	4%
Neither	36%
Not sure	6%

25. Do you think the federal government spends too much, not enough, or about the right amount of money on border security?

Too much	15%
About the right amount	17%
Not enough	48%
Not sure	20%

26. Do you think delaying deportation proceedings on illegal immigrants who are parents of US citizens is fair or unfair to immigrants who entered the country legally?

Fair	32%
Unfair	43%
Not sure	26%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	45%
Not sure	14%

28. 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	27%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a success than a failure	19%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	7%
Not sure	6%

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

Increased	44%
Remained the same	22%
Decreased	18%
Don't know	16%

30. 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	53%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	15%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	13%
Not sure	20%

31. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	83%
No	17%

32. Did you have health insurance for all of 2013?

Yes 78%
 No 22%

33. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	19%	3%	1%
Immigration	47%	35%	14%	5%
The environment	40%	35%	17%	8%
Terrorism	59%	24%	11%	6%
Gay rights	21%	25%	24%	30%
Education	56%	30%	10%	4%
Health care	64%	28%	5%	3%
Social security	59%	31%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	52%	32%	11%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	43%	19%	9%
Taxes	61%	29%	7%	3%
Medicare	51%	35%	11%	2%
Abortion	35%	31%	21%	13%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	14%	4%

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

The economy	26%
Immigration	5%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	9%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	1%

35. 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	21%	18%	11%	43%	7%
Joe Biden	16%	20%	16%	33%	15%
John Boehner	7%	21%	18%	29%	25%
Mitch McConnell	6%	19%	15%	27%	34%
Harry Reid	8%	14%	10%	38%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	16%	11%	42%	22%

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
Rand Paul	14%	23%	15%	18%	29%
Chris Christie	7%	23%	21%	21%	28%
Paul Ryan	11%	21%	12%	23%	32%
Jeb Bush	10%	22%	20%	22%	26%
Mike Huckabee	13%	23%	13%	22%	30%
Marco Rubio	8%	21%	15%	20%	36%
Hillary Clinton	20%	23%	11%	36%	10%
Elizabeth Warren	14%	14%	10%	19%	43%
Ted Cruz	13%	16%	10%	26%	35%
Scott Walker	14%	14%	8%	19%	45%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	6%	7%	8%	76%
Rick Perry	8%	23%	13%	26%	31%
Bernie Sanders	9%	11%	7%	15%	58%
Martin O'Malley	4%	6%	6%	11%	73%
Jim Webb	2%	10%	11%	8%	68%
Mitt Romney	16%	22%	16%	26%	20%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	6%

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%	20%	18%	37%	10%
Immigration	18%	22%	10%	40%	10%
The environment	11%	29%	12%	30%	18%
Terrorism	16%	21%	16%	32%	14%
Gay rights	14%	25%	10%	30%	20%
Education	14%	22%	20%	26%	18%
Health care	20%	17%	12%	42%	9%
Social security	13%	19%	16%	29%	23%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	22%	21%	30%	16%
The budget deficit	12%	19%	13%	41%	15%
Taxes	11%	19%	19%	35%	16%
Medicare	14%	20%	14%	30%	22%
Abortion	14%	18%	11%	28%	30%
Foreign policy	9%	20%	17%	37%	17%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	10%

40. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	39%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	11%

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

Very strong	12%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	26%
Very weak	34%

42. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	49%
Not sure	14%

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

Like a lot	25%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	32%
Not sure	14%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	44%	33%	23%
Bold	21%	61%	18%
Effective	15%	49%	36%
Exciting	8%	64%	28%
Experienced	15%	51%	34%
Honest	23%	38%	39%
Hypocritical	39%	40%	21%
Inspiring	23%	47%	29%
Intelligent	46%	40%	15%
Partisan	23%	63%	14%
Patriotic	23%	45%	32%
Religious	11%	62%	27%
Sincere	25%	42%	33%
Steady	19%	60%	21%
Strong	23%	46%	31%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	34%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	3%

46. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	29%
Don't know	2%

47. If an election for president was going to be held now, would you vote for...

Not a registered voter	31%
The Democratic Party candidate	25%
The Republican Party candidate	27%
Other	2%
Not sure	14%
I would not vote	1%

48. 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	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Neither approve nor disapprove	20%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	20%
Not sure	17%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	38%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	6%

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

More jobs	19%
The same amount of jobs	43%
Fewer jobs	25%
Not sure	13%

51. 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	7%
Military Household - I served previously	10%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	52%

52. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	12%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	19%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	17%

54. Education

No high school	13%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	21%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

55. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

56. Race

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

57. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	21%
South	40%
West	21%

58. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	37%
Republican	27%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 22-24, 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 1.13.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.