

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted January 25-27, 2014
 Margin of Error $\pm 3.9\%$

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 48%
 Some of the time 30%
 Only now and then 13%
 Hardly at all 9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 29%
 Off on the wrong track 57%
 Not sure 14%

3. Which of the following countries do you consider to be a friend or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally of U.S.	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy of the U.S.	Not sure
Russia	4%	19%	43%	18%	17%
Syria	2%	6%	38%	34%	20%
Israel	47%	24%	11%	4%	14%
Ukraine	4%	27%	24%	7%	39%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Vladimir Putin, President of Russia	5%	14%	31%	33%	17%
Bashar al-Assad, President of Syria	2%	5%	17%	50%	26%
Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel	23%	24%	19%	8%	26%
Viktor Yanukovich, President of Ukraine	3%	9%	22%	12%	54%

5. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	18%
Does not have responsibility	63%
Not sure	19%

6. Which comes closest to your opinion on the situation in Syria?

The President should have taken action in support of the rebels sooner	14%
The President did the right thing in helping the rebels when he did	16%
The President should have waited longer to send support	7%
The President should not have supported the rebels in Syria at all	31%
Not sure	33%

7. Which side would you like to see win in the civil war in Syria?

Syrian government	11%
Syrian rebels	29%
Not sure	60%

8. How should the international community respond to events in Syria? Please check all options that you support.

Enforce sanctions	41%
Send humanitarian aid	52%
Evacuate refugees	43%
Send in ground forces	8%
Impose a "no-fly zone" over Syria	32%
Conduct airstrikes against Syrian government targets	12%
None of these	21%

9. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation in Syria?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	23%
No opinion	26%

10. 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	29%
More of a failure than a success	20%
Equal amount of both failure and success	14%
More of a success than a failure	17%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	12%
Not sure	4%

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

Yes	28%
No	68%
Not sure	4%

12. Thinking about your most recent attempt, why did you visit healthcare.gov?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

To buy health insurance	22%
To get information about health insurance	39%
Just curious	35%
Other	2%
Not sure	2%

13. Was your most recent experience at healthcare.gov positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Very positive	13%
Somewhat positive	18%
Neither positive nor negative	18%
Somewhat negative	19%
Very negative	30%
Not sure	2%

14. Which month was your most recent visit to healthcare.gov?

October	11%
November	18%
December	37%
January	27%
Don't remember	7%

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

Expanded	29%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	43%
Not sure	15%

16. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	78%
No	22%

17. Will you buy a health insurance plan before the deadline or will you pay the fine instead?

Asked of those who do not have health insurance

Buy health insurance	19%
Pay the fine	31%
Already signed up	7%
Not sure	42%

18. How much have you heard about the 2014 Winter Olympics which will be held in Sochi, Russia?

Heard a lot	38%
Heard a little	51%
Heard nothing at all	11%

19. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in selecting Sochi to host the Winter Olympic Games?

Yes	15%
No	50%
Not sure	35%

20. Of the 3 finalists on the list, which city would you have selected to host the Winter Olympic Games this year?

Salzburg, Austria	55%
Pyeongchang, South Korea	12%
Sochi, Russia	8%
Not sure	25%

21. How much of the Winter Olympic Games do you plan to watch?

I'll be watching lots of events every day	10%
I'll be watching lots of events when I can	24%
I'll probably watch a few events, not more	37%
I doubt I'll watch them	29%

22. What are some of your favorite Winter Olympics events? (Check up to 3).

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Alpine skiing	14%
Biathlon	4%
Bobsled	30%
Cross country skiing	3%
Curling	9%
Figure skating	55%
Freestyle skiing	15%
Ice hockey	27%
Luge	15%
Nordic combined	2%
Short track speed skating	8%
Skeleton	3%
Ski jumping	29%
Snowboard	23%
Speed skating	27%

23. Do you only root for competitors from the United States or do you also root for competitors from other countries?

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Only US athletes	24%
Mostly US athletes and some athletes from other countries	59%
Half for US athletes and half for athletes from other countries	13%
Mostly athletes from other countries and some US athletes	3%
Only athletes from other countries	1%

24. If you could afford it, would you want to go see the olympic games in person in Sochi this year or not?

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Yes	22%
No	73%
Not sure	5%

25. Do you think the Olympic Games are more of a competition between the individual athletes or more of a competition between countries?

Between athletes	18%
Between countries	32%
Both	44%
Not sure	6%

26. How much confidence do you have that the Olympics in Sochi will be safe from terrorism?

a great deal of confidence	7%
some confidence	23%
a little confidence	36%
no confidence	23%
Don't know	11%

27. How much have you heard about the Russian law which imposes heavy fines on anyone the Russians charge with "promoting homosexuality"?

Heard a lot	27%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	32%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision by President Obama and Vice-President Biden not to attend the games?

Strongly approve	34%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	11%
No opinion	26%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to send several prominent gay athletes as part of the official US delegation to Sochi?

Strongly approve	28%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	15%
No opinion	26%

30. Should the US be participating in the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi?

Definitely should participate	41%
Probably should participate	27%
Probably should <u>not</u> participate	14%
Definitely should <u>not</u> participate	4%
Not sure	14%

31. Why do you think the US should not participate in the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi?
Asked of those who think the US should not participate

Concerns about safety of the athletes	69%
Concerns about Russian treatment of LGBT people	38%
Concerns about Russian political system	18%
Concerns about terrorism	61%
Granting political asylum to Edward Snowden	16%
Something else	3%
None of these	3%

32. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the National Football League?

Very favorable	25%
Somewhat favorable	34%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	7%
Not sure	17%

33. How closely do you follow the National Football League?

Very closely	23%
Somewhat closely	26%
Not very closely	23%
Not closely at all	28%

34. Will you watch the Super Bowl this year?

Definitely watch	39%
Probably watch	24%
Probably not watch	15%
Definitely not watch	16%
Not sure	6%

35. Which team would you like to see win the Super Bowl?

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

Denver Broncos	46%
Seattle Seahawks	28%
Not rooting for either team	23%
Not sure	3%

36. What is your favorite part of the Super Bowl broadcast?

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

The actual game itself	55%
The half time show	12%
The commercials	30%
Not sure	3%

37. If you could afford it, would you want to go see the Super Bowl in person at Metlife Stadium in the New York City area this year or not?

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

Yes	44%
No	52%
Not sure	4%

38. Do you think the potential for snow, wind, cold or any other type of bad weather will make the Super Bowl more interesting or less interesting to watch than usual?

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

More interesting	45%
About the same	36%
Less interesting	13%
Not sure	6%

39. Which team do you think will be affected more by bad weather, the Broncos or the Seahawks?

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

Denver Brocos	13%
Seattle Seahawks	29%
Both equally	48%
Not sure	9%

40. Do you favor or oppose playing the Super Bowl in an outdoor stadium in the New York City area in winter?

Favor strongly	17%
Favor somewhat	17%
Oppose somewhat	24%
Oppose strongly	15%
Not sure	27%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of using public money to build professional sports stadiums?

Approve strongly	5%
Approve somewhat	18%
Disapprove somewhat	23%
Disapprove strongly	43%
Not sure	12%

42. Have you heard much about the controversy surrounding comments Seattle Seahawks player Richard Sherman made during a post-game interview last week?

Heard a lot	35%
Heard a little	32%
Heard nothing at all	33%

43. Do you think Sherman’s conduct during the post game interview was acceptable or unacceptable?

Asked of those who heard at least a little about Richard Sherman’s post-game interview

Totally unacceptable	30%
Somewhat unacceptable	34%
Somewhat acceptable	15%
Totally acceptable	12%
Not sure	9%

44. Do you think Sherman’s conduct during the post game interview was an example of poor sportsmanship or a player still caught up the heat and excitement of the moment?

Asked of those who heard at least a little about Richard Sherman’s post-game interview

Poor sportsmanship	42%
Caught up in the heat and excitement of the game	46%
Something else	6%
Not sure	6%

45. Do you think using the word ‘thug’ to describe a black man is racist?

Yes	18%
It depends	38%
No	40%
Not sure	4%

46. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	23%	2%	2%
Immigration	41%	36%	18%	5%
The environment	45%	36%	12%	7%
Terrorism	55%	32%	10%	4%
Gay rights	25%	26%	23%	27%
Education	62%	26%	9%	3%
Health care	67%	25%	6%	2%
Social security	61%	30%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	52%	30%	14%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	27%	39%	22%	12%
Taxes	62%	29%	6%	3%
Medicare	55%	32%	11%	3%
Abortion	39%	31%	18%	12%

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

The economy	31%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	3%
Education	8%
Health care	10%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	5%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%

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	25%	24%	11%	35%	5%
Joe Biden	19%	24%	14%	30%	12%
John Boehner	5%	20%	24%	31%	20%
Mitch McConnell	4%	19%	19%	27%	31%
Harry Reid	8%	21%	13%	30%	27%
Nancy Pelosi	13%	21%	13%	36%	18%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	5%

50. 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%	24%	15%	37%	9%
Immigration	14%	22%	16%	34%	14%
The environment	12%	27%	17%	25%	18%
Terrorism	21%	27%	17%	25%	11%
Gay rights	21%	23%	13%	27%	17%
Education	17%	25%	17%	24%	17%
Health care	21%	20%	11%	41%	8%
Social security	13%	25%	17%	27%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	25%	22%	27%	12%
The budget deficit	14%	22%	16%	37%	11%
Taxes	14%	23%	18%	32%	13%
Medicare	17%	22%	18%	28%	15%
Abortion	16%	22%	14%	28%	21%

51. 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	14%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Not sure	6%

52. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	12%	27%	21%	33%	8%
Republicans in Congress	7%	17%	26%	41%	8%

53. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	15%	27%	18%	34%	6%
The Republican Party	8%	19%	25%	41%	7%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	25%
Other	8%
Not sure	23%
I would not vote	8%

55. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	39%
The Republican Party candidate	27%
Other	5%
Not sure	21%
I would not vote	8%

56. 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	29%	25%	12%	29%	6%
Chris Christie	10%	24%	24%	25%	17%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	10%	10%	10%	67%
Mike Huckabee	15%	24%	16%	22%	24%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

58. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	12%

59. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	48%
Not sure	11%

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

Like a lot	33%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	29%
Not sure	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	29%	31%
Bold	30%	52%	18%
Effective	20%	47%	34%
Exciting	12%	62%	25%
Experienced	22%	48%	30%
Honest	28%	35%	37%
Hypocritical	36%	37%	26%
Inspiring	29%	44%	27%
Intelligent	55%	31%	14%
Partisan	24%	60%	16%
Patriotic	27%	43%	29%
Religious	15%	55%	30%
Sincere	29%	40%	31%
Steady	24%	56%	20%
Strong	30%	48%	23%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	41%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	3%

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

Higher	19%
About the same	40%
Lower	24%
Not sure	18%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	13%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	53%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	32%
Not sure	2%

65. Is the place where you live owned or rented?

Owned by you or your family	64%
Rented from someone else	33%
Other	4%

66. Do you think the value of your home has increased or decreased in the last year?

Increased	28%
Stayed about the same	45%
Decreased	20%
Not sure	7%

67. Do you think home prices in your area have increased or decreased in the last year?

Increased	38%
Stayed about the same	37%
Decreased	11%
Not sure	15%

68. Thinking ahead, do you think home prices in your area will increase or decrease in the next year?

Will increase a lot	4%
Will increase a little	36%
Will stay about the same	34%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	13%

69. How worried are you about making your mortgage payments?

Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	22%
Not worried	38%
Don't have mortgage payments	34%

70. Do you plan to buy a home in the next 12 months?

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	13%
Not looking for a home now	84%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

72. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time employed	40%
Part-time employed	13%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	13%
Retired	18%
Permanently disabled	6%
Homemaker	9%
Other	2%

73. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	12%
No	88%

74. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	58%

75. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	39%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	39%
Not very hard	15%
Not sure	6%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	46%
Fewer jobs	24%
Not sure	11%

77. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	19%
Happy	39%
Neither happy nor unhappy	28%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	8%

78. How would you guess your total family income to be six months from now?

Higher	20%
Same	67%
Lower	13%

79. If you lost your job, how long would it be before you exhausted your savings?

I don't have any savings	30%
I could last a few weeks on my savings	19%
I could last a few months on my savings	23%
I could last a year on my savings	14%
I could last more than a year on my savings	15%

80. Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

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

Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	13%

82. Do you think of yourself as a part of the Tea Party movement?

Yes	15%
No	72%
Not Sure	13%

83. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	69%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	1%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

84. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	26%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

85. What is your marital status?

Married	45%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	3%
Single	35%
Domestic partnership	4%

86. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	32%
No	68%

87. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	16%

88. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	18%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	23%
Never	25%
Don't know	2%

89. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	31%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	14%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	5%
Seldom	15%
Never	16%
Don't know	2%

90. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	5%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	0%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	21%
Something else	5%

91. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

92. Race

White	69%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

93. Region

Northeast	21%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	20%

94. Party Identification

Democrat	38%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	11%
Republican	22%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 25-27, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.76.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.