

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
 Conducted February 14-16, 2015
 Margin of Error ±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 48%
 Some of the time 30%
 Only now and then 12%
 Hardly at all 8%
 Don't know 1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction 29%
 Off on the wrong track 59%
 Not sure 12%

3. How much discrimination do the following groups face in America today?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much	None at all
Arab Americans	32%	39%	21%	7%
Asian Americans	5%	28%	52%	15%
African Americans	28%	35%	31%	7%
Mexican Americans	20%	40%	31%	8%
Women	15%	35%	40%	10%
Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people	32%	39%	23%	6%
Christians	16%	23%	39%	23%
Jewish people	11%	33%	44%	13%
Muslim people	39%	34%	20%	7%

4. Excluding yourself, do you personally know anyone who is Muslim?

Yes 38%
No 55%
Not sure 7%

5. Which statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right?

The Islamic religion is more likely than others to encourage violence among its believers 52%
The Islamic religion does not encourage violence more than others 48%

6. In general, would you say that most Muslims in the United States are patriotic Americans who believe in American values, or not?

Yes 34%
No 32%
Not sure 34%

7. In general, would you say that most Muslims in the United States make good neighbors, or not?

Yes 43%
No 18%
Not sure 39%

8. In general, would you say that most Muslims in the United States are hard workers, or not?

Yes 54%
No 10%
Not sure 36%

9. Have you heard the news story about a man in Chapel Hill, North Carolina who shot and killed three people who were Muslim?

Yes 72%
No 28%

10. Do you support or oppose the federal law that permits federal prosecution of anyone who willingly injures, intimidates or interferes with another person, or attempts to do so, by force because of the other person’s race, color, religion or national origin?

Support 68%
Oppose 17%
Not sure 15%

11. Do you support or oppose the federal law that requires increased penalties for hate crimes committed on the basis of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, or gender of any person?

Support 68%
Oppose 18%
Not sure 14%

12. Do you think the shooter in the case in North Carolina should be charged with a hate crime?

Yes 45%
No 18%
Not sure 37%

13. 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	18%
More of a failure than a success	26%
Equal amount of both failure and success	17%
More of a success than a failure	22%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	6%
Not sure	5%

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

Increased	56%
Remained the same	16%
Decreased	16%
Don't know	12%

15. 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	48%
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	17%
Not sure	20%

16. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the healthcare law, or have you not heard much news at all about the healthcare law?

Mostly positive	12%
Equally positive and negative	33%
Mostly negative	47%
Not heard much news at all	8%

17. When you have discussed the new healthcare law with your friends and family, has the discussion been mostly positive or mostly negative, or have you not discussed the healthcare law at all with your friends and family?

Mostly positive	16%
Equally positive and negative	22%
Mostly negative	45%
Not discussed at all	17%

18. Have you been following the news about an appeals court ruling that said the federal government could only provide subsidies to low income people who purchased health insurance policies on state run health insurance marketplace websites, but the federal government could not provide those same subsidies to low income people who purchased their health insurance policies through the federal health insurance marketplace website because their state had refused to run its own health insurance marketplace website?

Yes	34%
No	37%
Don't remember	28%

19. Do you support or oppose the appeals court ruling that said the federal government cannot provide subsidies to low income people to who purchase health insurance policies on the federally run health insurance marketplace website?

Support strongly	13%
Support somewhat	14%
Oppose somewhat	18%
Oppose strongly	24%
Not sure	32%

20. Have you been personally affected by the new healthcare law?

Yes	36%
No	53%
Not sure	11%

21. Has the new health care law made your life better or worse?

Asked of those who reported being personally affected by the new health care law

Better	7%
About the same	6%
Worse	21%
Not sure	1%
Has not been personally affected by the law	53%
Not sure if they have been personally affected	11%

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

Yes	29%
No	67%
Not sure	4%

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

2013	2%
First half of 2014	4%
Last half of 2014	9%
2015	8%
I don't remember	5%
Has not tried to visit the federal website	67%
Not sure about visiting the federal website	4%

24. What do you think is the most likely action Congress will take on the new healthcare law?

Repeal the Affordable Care Act and not replace it with anything else	27%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something better	34%
Replace the Affordable Care Act with something worse	10%
Leave the Affordable Care Act as it is	30%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	13%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	16%

26. If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, what should happen to the people who signed up for insurance through the ACA?

Asked of those who think the Affordable Care Act should be repealed or aren't sure if the law should be repealed

Does not think the ACA should be repealed	52%
They should keep the coverage they purchased	4%
They should be able to choose to keep or cancel the coverage they purchased	34%
All insurance policies purchased through the Affordable Care Act should be canceled	8%
Not sure	2%

27. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	87%
No	13%

28. 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	37%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	19%
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	8%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	4%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	13%
Does not have health insurance	13%
Prefer not to say	6%

29. Do you receive a government subsidy to help you pay for health insurance?

Yes 15%
No 85%

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

Yes 78%
No 19%
Don't remember 3%

31. About how often do you go to see movies in a movie theater?

Once a week or more 2%
2-3 times a month 5%
About once a month 14%
Few times a year 34%
Almost never 28%
Never 16%

32. Which one do you prefer?

Going to see a movie in a movie theater 12%
Watching movies at home 57%
Neither 5%
Both equally 25%
Not sure 1%

33. Which of the following movies have you ever heard of?
(Select all that apply.)

None of them	3%
American Sniper	86%
Birdman	45%
Boyhood	31%
Foxcatcher	22%
Gone Girl	59%
The Grand Budapest Hotel	43%
The Imitation Game	26%
Into the Woods	50%
The Judge	31%
Selma	61%
The Theory of Everything	37%
Whiplash	12%
Still Alice	18%
Two Days, One Night	9%
Wild	17%

34. Which of the following movies have you already seen?

(Select all that apply.)

Asked of those who had heard of any of the films nominated for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, or Best Supporting Actor

I have not seen any of them	52%
American Sniper	17%
Birdman	4%
Boyhood	4%
Foxcatcher	1%
Gone Girl	15%
The Grand Budapest Hotel	14%
The Imitation Game	6%
Into the Woods	7%
The Judge	5%
Selma	4%
The Theory of Everything	2%
Whiplash	2%
Still Alice	1%
Two Days, One Night	1%
Wild	2%

**35. Do you plan on seeing any of these movies?
(Select all that apply.)**

Asked of those who have not already seen at least one of the films nominated for Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Supporting Actress, or Best Supporting Actor

I do not plan to see any of them	30%
American Sniper	35%
Birdman	12%
Boyhood	10%
Foxcatcher	7%
Gone Girl	14%
The Grand Budapest Hotel	9%
The Imitation Game	10%
Into the Woods	14%
The Judge	11%
Selma	20%
The Theory of Everything	16%
Whiplash	4%
Still Alice	6%
Two Days, One Night	5%
Wild	7%

36. Do you follow the Academy Awards very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not at all closely?

Very closely	5%
Fairly closely	15%
Not too closely	33%
Not at all closely	47%

37. Which one of the following movies do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Picture?

American Sniper	29%
Birdman	3%
Boyhood	4%
The Grand Budapest Hotel	5%
The Imitation Game	4%
Selma	8%
The Theory of Everything	3%
Whiplash	0%
Not sure	44%

38. Which one of the following actresses do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Actress?

Rosamund Pike, Gone Girl	9%
Felicity Jones, The Theory of Everything	5%
Julianne Moore, Still Alice	9%
Marion Cotillard, Two Days, One Night	2%
Reese Witherspoon, Wild	9%
Not sure	66%

39. Which one of the following actors do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Actor?

Bradley Cooper, American Sniper	27%
Michael Keaton, Birdman	11%
Steve Carell, Foxcatcher	3%
Benedict Cumberbatch, The Imitation Game	4%
Eddie Redmayne, The Theory of Everything	7%
Not sure	48%

40. Which one of the following actresses do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress?

Emma Stone, Birdman	5%
Patricia Arquette, Boyhood	5%
Keira Knightley, The Imitation Game	6%
Meryl Streep, Into the Woods	17%
Laura Dern, Wild	2%
Not sure	65%

41. Which one of the following actors do you think should win the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor?

Edward Norton, Birdman	7%
Ethan Hawke, Boyhood	4%
Mark Ruffalo, Foxcatcher	4%
Robert Duvall, The Judge	16%
J.K. Simmons, Whiplash	3%
Not sure	66%

42. In general, do you think the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences does a good job or a bad job of nominating people and films for its annual awards?

Good job	39%
Bad job	23%
Not sure	38%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	23%	2%	1%
Immigration	50%	37%	10%	3%
The environment	50%	34%	12%	4%
Terrorism	65%	25%	8%	3%
Gay rights	24%	28%	25%	23%
Education	63%	30%	6%	1%
Health care	62%	28%	7%	3%
Social security	65%	26%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	51%	34%	11%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	39%	40%	16%	5%
Taxes	64%	29%	6%	1%
Medicare	53%	31%	13%	3%
Abortion	38%	29%	22%	12%
Foreign policy	43%	40%	12%	5%

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

The economy	20%
Immigration	6%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	12%
Gay rights	3%
Education	10%
Health care	7%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	4%
Foreign policy	2%

45. 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	27%	21%	11%	37%	4%
John Boehner	4%	20%	19%	31%	27%
Mitch McConnell	4%	18%	18%	24%	35%
Harry Reid	6%	16%	14%	29%	35%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	21%	12%	34%	23%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Jeb Bush	6%	24%	20%	26%	24%
Ben Carson	14%	14%	9%	12%	51%
Chris Christie	5%	22%	22%	26%	25%
Ted Cruz	10%	20%	12%	23%	35%
Carly Fiorina	3%	12%	10%	12%	62%
Lindsey Graham	4%	16%	13%	20%	48%
Mike Huckabee	11%	20%	17%	22%	30%
Bobby Jindal	10%	16%	11%	16%	47%
John Kasich	6%	13%	8%	10%	63%
Rand Paul	10%	26%	14%	19%	32%
Rick Perry	6%	26%	10%	25%	32%
Marco Rubio	11%	22%	11%	20%	36%
Rick Santorum	5%	20%	14%	25%	36%
Scott Walker	15%	13%	7%	18%	47%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	15%	23%	14%	30%	17%
Hillary Clinton	24%	24%	11%	34%	7%
Martin O'Malley	2%	10%	8%	9%	70%
Bernie Sanders	10%	12%	8%	13%	57%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	8%	8%	9%	72%
Jim Webb	2%	11%	10%	9%	68%

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

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	14%
Somewhat unfavorable	9%
Very unfavorable	15%
Don't know	48%

49. Earlier, Elizabeth Warren announced that she would not run for President in 2016. Do you wish she had decided to run for President in 2016?

Yes	20%
No	38%
Not sure	42%

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

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	26%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	4%

51. 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	19%	24%	15%	33%	9%
Immigration	17%	19%	16%	39%	9%
The environment	14%	27%	19%	24%	16%
Terrorism	17%	24%	14%	36%	10%
Gay rights	19%	24%	14%	25%	19%
Education	18%	27%	19%	24%	12%
Health care	20%	21%	14%	37%	7%
Social security	16%	24%	16%	26%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	22%	16%	34%	12%
The budget deficit	15%	23%	13%	35%	13%
Taxes	16%	22%	15%	35%	12%
Medicare	15%	24%	17%	26%	19%
Abortion	14%	21%	11%	25%	29%
Foreign policy	15%	22%	16%	34%	13%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	8%

53. In 2015, do you think the Congress will accomplish more or less than Congress usually does in a year?

More than usual	17%
About the same	38%
Less than usual	32%
Not sure	13%

54. In 2015, do you think the Congress will accomplish more or less than what they accomplished in 2014?

More than 2014	20%
About the same as 2014	39%
Less than 2014	27%
Not sure	13%

55. Are you better off now than you were when President Obama first took office in 2009?

Better off now	25%
About the same	32%
Worse off now	36%
Not sure	7%

56. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	32%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	13%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	33%

58. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	10%

59. 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	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	38%	33%	29%
Bold	27%	56%	17%
Effective	24%	43%	33%
Exciting	16%	60%	23%
Experienced	20%	50%	29%
Honest	27%	35%	37%
Hypocritical	37%	38%	25%
Inspiring	29%	42%	29%
Intelligent	51%	33%	16%
Partisan	23%	62%	15%
Patriotic	27%	41%	32%
Religious	10%	60%	30%
Sincere	29%	42%	29%
Steady	24%	57%	19%
Strong	28%	43%	30%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

62. Are you registered to vote?

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

63. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Joe Biden	23%	53%	24%
Hillary Clinton	41%	43%	16%
Martin O'Malley	7%	36%	57%
Bernie Sanders	13%	39%	47%
Brian Schweitzer	5%	39%	56%
Jim Webb	9%	37%	55%

64. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Democratic nominee for president in 2016?

Asked only of registered voters

Joe Biden	13%
Hillary Clinton	40%
Brian Schweitzer	1%
Bernie Sanders	6%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Jim Webb	4%
Other	4%
No preference	30%

65. Do you want the following people to run for President in 2016?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Jeb Bush	22%	49%	29%
Ben Carson	20%	35%	45%
Chris Christie	15%	52%	32%
Ted Cruz	21%	43%	37%
Carly Fiorina	10%	38%	52%
Lindsey Graham	8%	49%	43%
Mike Huckabee	19%	48%	33%
Bobby Jindal	17%	40%	44%
John Kasich	9%	36%	55%
Rand Paul	24%	42%	34%
Rick Perry	17%	46%	36%
Marco Rubio	23%	39%	38%
Rick Santorum	11%	51%	37%
Scott Walker	24%	36%	40%

66. If you had to choose one, which one of these individuals would you want to be the Republican nominee for president in 2016?

Asked only of registered voters

Rand Paul	7%
Chris Christie	10%
Jeb Bush	11%
Mike Huckabee	5%
Marco Rubio	4%
Ted Cruz	6%
Scott Walker	8%
Rick Perry	3%
Lindsey Graham	2%
Ben Carson	8%
Rick Santorum	2%
John Kasich	1%
Carly Fiorina	1%
Bobby Jindal	1%
Other	6%
No preference	26%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	38%
The Republican Party candidate	37%
Other	3%
Not sure	18%
I would not vote	4%

68. 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	10%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	26%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	31%
Getting worse	33%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	59%
Rented from someone else	39%
Other	2%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Increased	30%
Stayed about the same	45%
Decreased	17%
Not sure	8%

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

Asked of those who do NOT own their own homes

Increased	46%
Stayed about the same	33%
Decreased	6%
Not sure	15%

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

Will increase a lot	7%
Will increase a little	36%
Will stay about the same	29%
Will decrease a little	11%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	14%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	5%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not worried	32%
Don't have mortgage payments	36%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	14%
Not looking for a home now	83%

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

More jobs	26%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	14%

77. 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	34%
Military Household - None	52%

78. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	10%
Somewhat support	18%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	19%

80. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	24%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

81. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

82. Race

White	68%
Black	13%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

83. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	25%
South	33%
West	25%

84. Party Identification

Democratic	34%
Independent	39%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	February 14-16, 2015
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.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.