

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted October 5-7, 2013
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	46%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	10%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	16%
Off on the wrong track	72%
Not sure	12%

3. How much have you heard or read about the temporary shutdown of the federal government because Congress and the President cannot reach an agreement on federal spending?

A lot	63%
A little	32%
Nothing at all	5%

4. How long do you think the shutdown will last?

Less than one week	1%
One week	4%
Between 1-2 weeks	28%
Almost a month	25%
One month or more	12%
Not sure	30%

5. Please indicate if you know personally... (Check all that apply)

	Yes, and that person is me	Yes, I know someone like this	No, don't know anyone like this
Someone who is a federal employee who is on furlough	2%	19%	77%
Someone who is a federal employee who is <u>NOT</u> on furlough	2%	18%	79%
Someone who needed to visit a federal office that is shutdown	4%	13%	81%
Someone who was going to visit a national park or monument	5%	19%	75%
Someone who was unable to use a federal government service	9%	21%	69%
Someone who needed to collect data from a federal government website that is temporarily offline	7%	13%	78%
Someone who needed to apply for a federal home loan guarantee like VA or FHA	2%	6%	91%
Someone who was unable to apply for a passport due to the shutdown	3%	4%	90%
Someone who was unable to apply for a visa due to the shutdown	2%	4%	93%
Someone who is not a federal employee but whose business has been affected by			

6. Who do you think is most to blame for the shutdown of the federal government? Select all that apply.

Democrats in Congress	28%
Republicans in Congress	53%
President Obama	38%
Other (Please specify)	10%
Not sure	9%
None of the above	1%

7. Is one of these choices more to blame?

Asked of those who identified more than one choice being the most to blame among the first three responses.

Democrats in Congress	16%
Republicans in Congress	30%
President Obama	55%

8. Who do you think is most to blame for the shutdown of the federal government?

Compiled from individual responses

Democrats in Congress	6%
Republicans in Congress	45%
President Obama	30%
Other	7%
Not sure	10%
None of the above	2%

9. Do you think all, most, some or only a couple of the Democrats in Congress are to blame for the shutdown?

Asked of respondents who blame Democrats for the shutdown.

All of the Democrats in Congress	22%
Most of the Democrats in Congress	53%
Some of the Democrats in Congress	22%
Only a couple of the Democrats in Congress	3%

10. Do you think all, most, some or only a couple of the Republicans in Congress are to blame for the shutdown?

Asked of respondents who blame Republicans for the shutdown.

All of the Republicans in Congress	22%
Most of the Republicans in Congress	51%
Some of the Republicans in Congress	25%
Only a couple of the Republicans in Congress	2%

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

Expanded	21%
Kept the same	19%
Repealed	39%
Not sure	21%

12. Which do you prefer, protecting or stopping Obamacare?

Protecting Obamacare	36%
Stopping Obamacare	43%
Not sure	20%

13. Which is more important, your position on Obamacare or ending the government shutdown?

Protecting Obamacare	32%
Stopping Obamacare	39%
Ending the federal government shutdown	30%

14. Do you have a favorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
House Democrats	13%	25%	17%	32%	14%
House Republicans	10%	18%	15%	44%	13%
Senate Democrats	15%	23%	13%	33%	15%
Senate Republicans	7%	19%	22%	38%	14%

15. What is your view of the Tea Party movement – would you say it is very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative, or don't you know enough about the Tea Party movement to say?

Very positive	13%
Somewhat positive	13%
Neutral	11%
Somewhat negative	6%
Very negative	34%
Don't know enough to say	16%
No opinion	7%

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

Yes	10%
No	76%
Not Sure	14%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Major League Baseball?

Very favorable	15%
Somewhat favorable	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	18%
Very unfavorable	9%
Not sure	22%

18. How closely are you following the Major League Baseball playoffs this fall?

Very closely	9%
Somewhat closely	16%
Not very closely	23%
Not closely at all	51%

19. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following players?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	No Opinion
Alex Rodriguez	6%	12%	15%	26%	40%
Pete Rose	14%	24%	15%	8%	39%
Barry Bonds	7%	16%	18%	16%	43%
Mariano Rivera	18%	13%	5%	3%	61%
Cal Ripken, Jr.	27%	22%	4%	1%	46%
Sammy Sosa	11%	22%	16%	10%	40%

20. Have you heard much about Alex Rodriguez suing Major League Baseball?

Heard a lot	14%
Heard a little	45%
Heard nothing at all	41%

21. How confident are you that Major League Baseball conducted a proper and thorough investigation of Alex Rodriguez' suspected use of steroids and other banned performance enhancing drugs?

Very confident	17%
Somewhat confident	28%
Not very confident	14%
Not confident at all	7%
Not sure	34%

22. Do you think the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes is a major problem or not?

Major problem	53%
Minor problem	27%
Not a problem at all	6%
Not sure	14%

23. How many professional baseball players do you think use performance-enhancing drugs?

None	1%
Some	33%
Many	31%
Most	14%
All	2%
Not sure	20%

24. How would you rate Major League Baseball's efforts to prevent the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by its players?

Very good	6%
Somewhat good	26%
Somewhat poor	29%
Very poor	13%
Not sure	26%

25. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	78%	20%	2%	1%
Immigration	41%	36%	16%	7%
The environment	46%	31%	13%	10%
Terrorism	54%	31%	11%	3%
Gay rights	20%	24%	25%	31%
Education	56%	32%	8%	4%
Health care	70%	23%	5%	2%
Social security	63%	28%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	58%	29%	9%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	31%	40%	21%	8%
Taxes	58%	31%	9%	3%
Medicare	57%	30%	10%	3%
Abortion	34%	29%	21%	16%

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

The economy	35%
Immigration	4%
The environment	5%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	14%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	9%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	4%

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

The economy	23%
Immigration	1%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	7%
Gay rights	6%
Education	14%
Health care	9%
Social security	6%
The budget deficit	3%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	11%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	12%

28. 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%	20%	9%	36%	9%
John Boehner	6%	17%	18%	36%	23%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	17%	28%	37%
Harry Reid	10%	17%	13%	30%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	13%	19%	9%	36%	22%
Joe Biden	22%	20%	11%	31%	16%
Hillary Clinton	30%	23%	12%	26%	9%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	8%

30. 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%	13%	37%	11%
Immigration	14%	20%	15%	34%	17%
The environment	15%	25%	15%	25%	19%
Terrorism	20%	27%	16%	24%	13%
Gay rights	18%	21%	11%	27%	23%
Education	18%	25%	15%	25%	18%
Health care	24%	18%	11%	36%	10%
Social security	16%	23%	16%	28%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	27%	17%	26%	15%
The budget deficit	15%	19%	14%	38%	13%
Taxes	15%	21%	18%	32%	15%
Medicare	17%	22%	14%	29%	17%
Abortion	15%	22%	10%	27%	27%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	7%
Neither approve nor disapprove	12%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	49%
Not sure	10%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	10%

33. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	16%

34. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	43%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	34%
Like somewhat	24%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	11%

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

Getting better	16%
About the same	30%
Getting worse	44%
Not sure	9%

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

Higher	15%
About the same	32%
Lower	27%
Not sure	26%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	14%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	34%
Not sure	6%

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

Owned by you or your family	63%
Rented from someone else	35%
Other	2%

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

Increased	18%
Stayed about the same	46%
Decreased	25%
Not sure	12%

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

Increased	40%
Stayed about the same	32%
Decreased	9%
Not sure	19%

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

Will increase a lot	6%
Will increase a little	29%
Will stay about the same	32%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	20%

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

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not worried	28%
Don't have mortgage payments	38%

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

Will definitely buy a home	3%
Am considering buying a home	10%
Not looking for a home now	87%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

46. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	72%
No	23%
Don't know	5%

47. Are you registered to vote?

Yes, Registered at \$address_text \$address2_text	88%
Yes, Registered at different address	1%
No, but I plan to register before the election	2%
No, and I don't plan to register	7%
Not sure	3%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Yes, Registered at this address	76%
No, but I plan to register before the next election	24%
No, and I don't plan to register	0%
Not sure	0%

49. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	9%
Part-time student	2%
Not a student	89%

50. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	9%
Part-time job	14%
No job outside of school	77%

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

Full-time employed	35%
Part-time employed	14%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	14%
Retired	18%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

52. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	16%
No	84%

53. In a typical week, about how many hours do you work for pay?

Mean	16
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54. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	33%
Not very worried	53%

55. 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.	37%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	32%
Not very hard	20%
Not sure	11%

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

More jobs	14%
The same amount of jobs	38%
Fewer jobs	33%
Not sure	15%

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

Very happy	19%
Happy	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy	31%
Unhappy	10%
Very unhappy	7%

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

Higher	14%
Same	69%
Lower	17%

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

I don't have any savings	40%
I could last a few weeks on my savings	20%
I could last a few months on my savings	20%
I could last a year on my savings	11%
I could last more than a year on my savings	9%

60. In what year were you born?

Mean	1,968
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61. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

62. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	37%
Republican	21%
Independent	33%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%

63. Party Identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	14%
Strong Republican	11%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Lean Republican	9%
Independent	22%
Not sure	4%

64. Do you think of yourself as closer to the Democratic or the Republican Party?

Lean Democrat	5%
Lean Republican	12%
Independent	47%
Not sure	35%

65. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

66. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	30%
Some college	24%
2-year college	11%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

67. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	10%
Widowed	5%
Single	37%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

69. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	27%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	19%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	8%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	22%
Never	30%
Don't know	3%

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

Several times a day	29%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	3%

72. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	4%

73. To which Protestant church or group do you belong?

Baptist	29%
Methodist	13%
Nondenominational or Independent Church	17%
Lutheran	10%
Presbyterian	5%
Pentecostal	4%
Episcopalian	4%
Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ	6%
Congregational or United Church of Christ	2%
Holiness	1%
Reformed	2%
Adventist	2%
s Witness	1%
Something else	6%

74. Do you belong to any one of these churches or groups?

Baptist	5%
Methodist	0%
Nondenominational or Independent Church	9%
Lutheran	0%
Presbyterian	0%
Pentecostal	0%
Episcopalian	0%
Church of Christ or Disciples of Christ	0%
Congregational or United Church of Christ	0%
Holiness	0%
Reformed	0%
Adventist	0%
Jehovah's Witness	0%
None of these	86%

75. To which Baptist church do you belong, if any?

Southern Baptist Convention	37%
American Baptist Churches in USA	5%
National Baptist Convention	5%
Progressive Baptist Convention	0%
Independent Baptist	13%
Baptist General Conference	4%
Baptist Missionary Association	5%
Conservative Baptist Assoc. of America	0%
Free Will Baptist	10%
General Association of Regular Baptists	4%
Other Baptist	16%

76. To which Methodist church do you belong, if any?

United Methodist Church	92%
Free Methodist Church	0%
African Methodist Episcopal	4%
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	1%
Christian Methodist Episcopal Church	0%
Other Methodist Church	3%

77. To which kind of nondenominational or independent church do you belong, if any?

Nondenominational evangelical	39%
Nondenominational fundamentalist	6%
Nondenominational charismatic	7%
Interdenominational	9%
Community church	20%
Other	20%

78. To which Lutheran church do you belong?

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	25%
Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod	46%
Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod	6%
Other Lutheran Church	24%

79. To which Presbyterian church do you belong?

Presbyterian Church USA	32%
Presbyterian Church in America	17%
Associate Reformed Presbyterian	3%
Cumberland Presbyterian Church	0%
Orthodox Presbyterian	6%
Evangelical Presbyterian Church	12%
Other Presbyterian Church	31%

80. To which Pentecostal church do you belong?

Assemblies of God	38%
Church of God Cleveland TN	0%
Four Square Gospel	4%
Pentecostal Church of God	11%
Pentecostal Holiness Church	7%
Church of God in Christ	10%
Church of God of the Apostolic Faith	0%
Assembly of Christian Churches	4%
Apostolic Christian	9%
Other Pentecostal Church	16%

81. To which Episcopalian church do you belong?

Episcopal Church in the USA	70%
Anglican Church (Church of England)	23%
Anglican Orthodox Church	0%
Reformed Episcopal Church	0%
Other Episcopalian or Anglican Church	7%

82. To which Christian church do you belong?

Church of Christ	73%
Disciples of Christ	7%
Christian Churches and Churches of Christ	3%
Other Christian church	17%

83. To which congregational church do you belong?

United Church of Christ	60%
Conservative Congregational Christian	20%
National Association of Congregational Christians	3%
Other Congregational	16%

84. To which Holiness church do you belong?

Church of the Nazarene	20%
Wesleyan Church	0%
Free Methodist Church	0%
Christian and Missionary Alliance	7%
Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	27%
Salvation Army, American Rescue workers	0%
Other Holiness	46%

85. To which Reformed church do you belong?

Reformed Church in America	21%
Christian Reformed Church	57%
Other Reformed	22%

86. To which Adventist church do you belong?

Seventh Day Adventist	83%
Church of God, General Conference	0%
Advent Christian	0%
Other Adventist	17%

87. To which Catholic church do you belong?

Roman Catholic Church	87%
National Polish Catholic Church	1%
Greek-rite Catholic	1%
Armenian Catholic	0%
Old Catholic	6%
Other Catholic	4%

88. To which Mormon church do you belong?

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	88%
Community of Christ	4%
Other Mormon	8%

89. To which Orthodox church do you belong?

Greek Orthodox	18%
Russian Orthodox	0%
Orthodox Church in America	12%
Armenian Orthodox	11%
Eastern Orthodox	55%
Serbian Orthodox	0%
Other Orthodox	5%

90. To which Jewish group do you belong?

Reform	29%
Conservative	19%
Orthodox	4%
Reconstructionist	21%
Other	27%

91. To which Muslim group do you belong?

Sunni	89%
Shia	9%
Nation of Islam (Black Muslim)	2%
Other Muslim	0%

92. To which Buddhist group do you belong?

Theravada (Vipassana) Buddhism	4%
Mahayana (Zen) Buddhism	25%
Vajrayana (Tibetan) Buddhism	27%
Other Buddhist	44%

93. With which of the following Hindu groups, if any, do you identify with most closely?

Vaishnava Hinduism	36%
Shaivite Hinduism	64%
Shaktism Hinduism	0%
Other Hindu	0%

94. Thinking about your phone service, do you have ...?

Both	49%
Cell only	39%
Landline	9%
No phone	2%

95. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Less than \$10,000	10%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	12%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	12%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	12%
\$40,000 - \$49,999	9%
\$50,000 - \$59,999	7%
\$60,000 - \$69,999	7%
\$70,000 - \$79,999	5%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	5%
\$100,000 - \$119,999	3%
\$120,000 - \$149,999	3%
\$150,000 or more	0%
Prefer not to say	14%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	0%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	0%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	0%
\$500,000 or more	0%

96. What was your family's annual income last year?

\$150,000 - \$199,999	66%
\$200,000 - \$249,999	19%
\$250,000 - \$349,999	12%
\$350,000 - \$499,999	3%
\$500,000 or more	0%

97. Age

18-29	25%
30-64	60%
65+	14%

98. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	14%

99. Education

HS or less	42%
Some college	34%
College graduate	24%

100. Education

HS or less	42%
Some college	34%
College grad	16%
Post grad	8%

101. Party Identification

Dem	40%
Rep	23%
Ind	37%

102. Party Identification

Democrat	37%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	26%
Lean Republican	9%
Republican	21%

103. Baseline Party ID (January 2012)

Dem	34%
Lean Dem	12%
Ind	24%
Lean Rep	8%
Rep	22%

104. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	34%
Republican	22%
Independent	31%
Other	2%
Not sure	11%

105. Family Income

Under 40	54%
40-80	32%
80-100	6%
100+	8%

106. Family Income

Under 40	54%
40-100	39%
100+	8%

107. Race

White	74%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%

108. Race

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

109. Religion

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	4%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	22%
Something else	4%

110. Born Again

Yes	31%
No	69%

111. Ideology

Lib	26%
Mod	35%
Con	40%

112. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	23%
South	37%
West	23%

113. Voter Registration

Registered	72%
Not registered	28%

114. Likelihood of Voting

Likely	-
Not likely	-

115. Obama Approval

Approve	44%
Disapprove	56%

116. 2010 House Vote (LV)

Democrats	-
Republicans	-

117. Party ID for Registered Voters

Dem	43%
Rep	25%
Ind	32%

118. Party Identification

Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	13%
Strong Republican	12%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Lean Democrat	12%
Lean Republican	8%
Independent	18%
Not sure	6%

119. 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	46%
Some of the time	28%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	10%

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 5-7, 2013
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 0.2 to 7.1, 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.