

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents

Conducted January 24-26, 2015

Margin of Error $\pm 4.4\%$

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	45%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	12%

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
Turkey	9%	33%	21%	6%	31%
Syria	2%	4%	38%	34%	22%
Iran	1%	4%	31%	48%	15%
Israel	48%	22%	10%	4%	16%

4. How serious a threat do you think Iran poses to the United States?

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	22%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	39%
A minor threat to the U.S.	25%
Not a threat to the U.S.	5%
Not sure	9%

5. What strategy should the US employ to get Iran to limit its nuclear program?

Threaten Iran with of the possible use of military force	21%
Threaten Iran with harsher economic sanctions	36%
Reward Iran with easing of economic sanctions	19%
Reward Iran with a guarantee of no use of military force	8%
Reward Iran with resumption of diplomatic relations	13%
Something else	3%
Not sure	27%

6. How closely have you been following the news on the current round of negotiations to limit Iran’s nuclear capabilities?

Very closely	14%
Somewhat closely	29%
Not very closely	38%
Not closely at all	20%

7. Do you approve or disapprove of an international agreement which requires Iran to temporarily freeze parts of its nuclear program and participate in international negotiations to limit its nuclear program permanently in exchange for a temporary easing of economic sanctions?

Strongly approve	22%
Somewhat approve	42%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	10%
No opinion	16%

8. How much do you trust the government of Iran to adhere to any agreement which limits Iran's ability to produce a nuclear weapon?

A great deal	4%
Some	15%
Not much	36%
Not at all	36%
Not sure	9%

9. When it comes to setting national policy on Iran, do you think the President is motivated more by political considerations or what he thinks is in the best interest of the US?

Political considerations	47%
Best interests of the US	34%
Not sure	19%

10. When it comes to setting national policy on Iran, do you think the members of the US Congress are motivated more by political considerations or what the members think is in the best interest of the US?

Political considerations	55%
Best interests of the US	26%
Not sure	19%

11. Who do you trust more when it comes to negotiating treaties with other countries?

The President	29%
The US Senate	20%
Both equally	13%
Neither	28%
Not sure	10%

12. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling Iran?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	28%
No opinion	21%

13. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	16%
Somewhat favorable	20%
Somewhat unfavorable	14%
Very unfavorable	11%
Don't know	39%

14. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to help protect Israel?

Very important	37%
Somewhat important	31%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important goal	4%
Not sure	15%

15. Is the US too supportive of Israel, not supportive enough of Israel, or is US support of Israel about right?

Too supportive of Israel	21%
US support of Israel is just right	29%
Not supportive enough of Israel	30%
Not sure	19%

16. Generally speaking, how much do you think the US can trust Israel?

A great deal	28%
A fair amount	37%
Not too much	18%
Not at all	6%
Not sure	12%

17. Generally speaking, how much do you think Israel can trust the US?

A great deal	24%
A fair amount	35%
Not too much	23%
Not at all	6%
Not sure	12%

18. Do you think President Obama’s policies have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	41%
No	28%
Not sure	31%

19. Do you think Benjamin Netanyahu’s policies have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	25%
No	29%
Not sure	45%

20. Do you think it is appropriate or inappropriate for Congressional leaders to invite a foreign head of government to give a speech in Congress to advocate against the policy of a sitting US President?

Appropriate	35%
Inappropriate	43%
Not sure	22%

21. How much have you heard about the invitation to Benjamin Netanyahu to address Congress about Iran made by Speaker of the House John Boehner?

A lot	18%
Some	25%
Not much	25%
Nothing at all	32%

22. Usually, foreign leaders only address Congress after consulting with the White House. This did not take place for the Netanyahu invitation. Some people say this was a breach of protocol, others say Congress can make its own decisions. What is your opinion?

Breach of protocol	43%
Congress can make its own decisions	36%
Not sure	21%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the nation's policy toward Israel?

Strongly Approve	10%
Somewhat Approve	22%
Somewhat Disapprove	16%
Strongly Disapprove	28%
Not Sure	23%

24. How closely did you follow the news about protests in Ferguson, Missouri after the shooting of an unarmed man named Michael Brown by police there?

Very closely	34%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	17%
Not at all closely	7%

25. A grand jury refused to indict the police officer who shot Michael Brown. Do you agree or disagree with the grand jury?

Agree	55%
Disagree	29%
Not sure	16%

26. Federal prosecutors are recommending that the police officer who shot Michael Brown should NOT face federal prosecution. Do you agree or disagree with federal prosecutors?

Agree	58%
Disagree	26%
Not sure	16%

27. Do you think the reaction of the residents of Ferguson to Michael Brown's shooting last summer was reasonable or unreasonable?

Reasonable	24%
Unreasonable	63%
Not sure	13%

28. Do you think the police reaction to the protests in Ferguson last summer was reasonable or unreasonable?

Reasonable	48%
Unreasonable	33%
Not sure	19%

29. Do you think the response from local politicians in Missouri to Michael Brown's shooting and its aftermath was adequate or inadequate?

Adequate	19%
Inadequate	47%
Not sure	34%

30. Do you think the shooting of Michael Brown was an isolated incident, or part of a broader pattern in the way police treat black men?

An isolated incident	49%
Part of a broader pattern	37%
Not sure	13%

31. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Eric Holder?

Very favorable	8%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	12%
Very unfavorable	26%
Don't know	36%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	44%
Not sure	12%

33. 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	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	20%
More of a success than a failure	21%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	6%
Not sure	6%

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

Increased	51%
Remained the same	19%
Decreased	16%
Don't know	14%

35. 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	16%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	17%
Not sure	19%

36. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	84%
No	16%

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

Yes	77%
No	23%

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

Very favorable	19%
Somewhat favorable	27%
Somewhat unfavorable	25%
Very unfavorable	13%
Not sure	17%

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

Very closely	22%
Somewhat closely	26%
Not very closely	21%
Not closely at all	31%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Bill Belichick	7%	19%	16%	13%	45%
Pete Carroll	9%	20%	8%	6%	57%
Tom Brady	13%	27%	18%	11%	30%
Richard Sherman	7%	18%	11%	5%	59%
Roger Goodell	6%	19%	17%	10%	49%
Katy Perry	15%	31%	15%	7%	31%

41. Do you follow on a regular basis and/or consider yourself to be a fan of the National Football League (NFL)?

Yes	47%
No	53%

42. Which team do you want to win the Super Bowl this year?

New England Patriots	20%
Seattle Seahawks	36%
Don't care	44%

43. Will you watch the Super Bowl this year?

Definitely watch	31%
Probably watch	22%
Probably not watch	18%
Definitely not watch	24%
Not sure	5%

44. If you could afford it, would you want to go see the Super Bowl in person at University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona this year or not?

Yes	27%
No	67%
Not sure	5%

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

Asked of those who plan on watching the Super Bowl

The actual game itself	60%
The half time show	10%
The commercials	27%
Not sure	3%

46. Do you approve or disapprove of Katy Perry performing at halftime of this year's Super Bowl?

Approve	50%
Disapprove	14%
Not sure	37%

47. Have you heard about the controversy surrounding the New England Patriots using under inflated footballs during the AFC Championship game last week?

Yes	81%
No	19%

48. Do you think the controversy about under inflated footballs is a major sports scandal or much ado about nothing?

Major scandal	31%
Much ado about nothing	42%
Don't care	27%

49. Do you think the New England Patriots intentionally played with under inflated footballs or do you think it was something else?

Intentional act	39%
Something else	26%
Not sure	36%

50. Do you think the New England Patriots should be disqualified from playing in this year's Super Bowl if it is determined that the team intentionally played with footballs that were under inflated?

Should be disqualified	38%
Should NOT be disqualified	32%
Don't care	30%

51. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	21%	2%	1%
Immigration	48%	34%	13%	5%
The environment	44%	34%	17%	6%
Terrorism	59%	29%	9%	3%
Gay rights	23%	22%	24%	31%
Education	56%	34%	9%	2%
Health care	66%	29%	5%	1%
Social security	61%	32%	6%	1%
The budget deficit	55%	33%	10%	3%
The war in Afghanistan	35%	41%	19%	5%
Taxes	59%	33%	7%	1%
Medicare	55%	34%	9%	2%
Abortion	38%	29%	20%	13%
Foreign policy	40%	44%	12%	4%

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

The economy	27%
Immigration	7%
The environment	7%
Terrorism	11%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	7%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	3%
Foreign policy	2%

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
Barack Obama	23%	23%	13%	36%	5%
Joe Biden	19%	23%	20%	27%	11%
John Boehner	6%	24%	20%	28%	21%
Mitch McConnell	5%	22%	17%	23%	33%
Harry Reid	5%	17%	15%	33%	30%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	18%	12%	40%	19%

54. 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	11%	29%	15%	19%	26%
Chris Christie	8%	26%	25%	22%	20%
Paul Ryan	15%	22%	16%	22%	25%
Jeb Bush	7%	27%	22%	24%	19%
Mike Huckabee	12%	25%	17%	20%	25%
Marco Rubio	13%	22%	13%	17%	33%
Hillary Clinton	21%	27%	12%	33%	7%
Elizabeth Warren	18%	13%	13%	22%	35%
Ted Cruz	13%	17%	15%	23%	31%
Scott Walker	16%	12%	11%	17%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	9%	8%	6%	74%
Rick Perry	10%	21%	15%	24%	30%
Bernie Sanders	11%	10%	11%	14%	53%
Martin O'Malley	3%	9%	10%	8%	70%
Jim Webb	3%	11%	12%	7%	66%
Mitt Romney	14%	25%	22%	28%	11%
Lindsey Graham	6%	18%	16%	20%	40%
Ben Carson	19%	12%	8%	15%	46%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	5%

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	18%	26%	14%	34%	8%
Immigration	18%	20%	10%	40%	11%
The environment	15%	30%	15%	25%	14%
Terrorism	17%	24%	16%	32%	11%
Gay rights	19%	20%	13%	29%	20%
Education	22%	23%	15%	26%	14%
Health care	21%	23%	12%	39%	6%
Social security	13%	22%	19%	30%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	25%	19%	28%	12%
The budget deficit	16%	21%	16%	37%	9%
Taxes	16%	23%	16%	34%	11%
Medicare	15%	24%	17%	30%	15%
Abortion	14%	19%	13%	30%	24%
Foreign policy	15%	23%	16%	31%	15%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	14%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	9%

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

Better off now	28%
About the same	34%
Worse off now	34%
Not sure	5%

59. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	25%
Moderate	21%
Conservative	5%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	10%

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

Very strong	15%
Somewhat strong	32%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	30%

61. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	46%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	42%	32%	27%
Bold	28%	54%	18%
Effective	21%	46%	33%
Exciting	15%	59%	27%
Experienced	19%	53%	28%
Honest	27%	35%	39%
Hypocritical	39%	40%	22%
Inspiring	28%	44%	28%
Intelligent	47%	38%	15%
Partisan	24%	59%	17%
Patriotic	24%	44%	31%
Religious	12%	55%	34%
Sincere	27%	40%	33%
Steady	23%	57%	20%
Strong	25%	46%	29%

64. 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%

65. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	69%
No	28%
Don't know	4%

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

Asked only of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	40%
Other	2%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	2%

67. 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	8%
Somewhat approve	20%
Neither approve nor disapprove	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	16%
Not sure	19%

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

Getting better	31%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	29%
Not sure	5%

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

Owned by you or your family	61%
Rented from someone else	37%
Other	2%

70. 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	28%
Stayed about the same	44%
Decreased	20%
Not sure	8%

71. 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	36%
Stayed about the same	35%
Decreased	11%
Not sure	18%

72. 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	32%
Will stay about the same	31%
Will decrease a little	10%
Will decrease a lot	4%
Not sure	18%

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

Asked of those who own their own homes

Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	21%
Not worried	35%
Don't have mortgage payments	36%

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

Will definitely buy a home	4%
Am considering buying a home	15%
Not looking for a home now	81%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	45%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	12%

76. 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	9%
Military Household - I served previously	12%
Military Household - Family served previously	36%
Military Household - None	50%

77. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	16%
Somewhat support	17%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	20%
Not sure	19%

79. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

80. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	16%

81. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	9%

82. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	22%

83. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	35%
Republican	28%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	January 24-26, 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, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.03.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.