

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted May 18-20, 2013
Margin of Error $\pm 5\%$

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	38%
Some of the time	37%
Only now and then	16%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	56%
Not sure	14%

3. How much have you read or heard about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya last September that killed the U.S. ambassador to Libya?

Heard a lot	43%
Heard a little	41%
Heard nothing at all	11%
Not sure	5%

4. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Asked of respondents who had heard at least a little about the Benghazi attack

Approve	31%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	23%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s handling of the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya?

Asked of respondents who had heard at least a little about the Benghazi attack

Approve	32%
Disapprove	43%
Not sure	25%

6. Based on what you know, which of the following is closer to your opinion on information released to the public about the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Libya?

Asked of respondents who had heard at least a little about the Benghazi attack

The Obama Administration deliberately misled the American people	45%
The Obama Administration shared facts as they became available	38%
Not sure	17%

7. Do you think the Congressional investigations into the attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya....?

Asked of respondents who had heard at least a little about the Benghazi attack

Are mostly a serious attempt to find out what really happened	30%
Are mostly a politically-motivated attempt to embarrass the Administration	33%
Are about equally-motivated by both of these	29%
Not sure	9%

8. How confident are you that the Obama Administration and the U.S. Department of State are taking the right steps to prevent future attacks like the one on the U.S. Consulate in Libya?

Asked of respondents who had heard at least a little about the Benghazi attack

Very confident	19%
Somewhat confident	28%
Not very confident	23%
Not at all confident	23%
Not sure	7%

9. Who do you think should be the Democratic nominee for President in 2016?

Hillary Clinton	37%
Andrew Cuomo	3%
Rahm Emanuel	1%
Joe Biden	7%
Martin O'Malley	1%
Mark Warner	1%
Other	8%
Not sure	42%

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

Very strong	18%
Somewhat strong	32%
Somewhat weak	22%
Very weak	28%

11. As a President, how do you think Barack Obama will go down in history?

Outstanding	13%
Above Average	22%
Average	21%
Below Average	12%
Poor	26%
Not Sure	6%

12. Since taking office, do you think Barack Obama has accomplished...

More than I expected	15%
About what I expected	41%
Less than I expected	35%
Not sure	8%

13. Several months ago, the Supreme Court made a ruling on the health care reform bill passed by Congress and signed by the president in 2010. As far as you know, what did the Supreme Court decide?

- It is constitutional for the federal government to require all Americans to purchase health insurance. 47%
- It is not constitutional for the federal government to require all Americans to purchase health insurance. 26%
- Not sure 27%

14. Do you think you personally will pay more, either in taxes or insurance costs, under the health care reform bill passed in 2010 by Congress and signed by President Obama?

- Pay more 50%
- About the same 29%
- Pay less 7%
- Not sure 14%

15. Under the health care reform bill passed in 2010 by Congress and signed by President Obama, do you think you personally will receive better or worse care than you receive now?

- Better care 13%
- About the same 39%
- Worse care 35%
- Not sure 14%

16. In 2010, Congress passed a health care reform bill. Do you think that health care reform will increase or decrease the amount that you spend on health care?

- Increase a lot 34%
- Increase a little 18%
- No effect 20%
- Decrease a little 8%
- Decrease a lot 4%
- Not sure 16%

17. In the past year, have you or any members of your family had serious problems affording health care?

Yes	35%
No	65%

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

Expanded	24%
Kept the same	17%
Repealed	40%
Not sure	19%

19. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease what it spends on health care?

Increased	27%
Kept about the same	27%
Decreased	24%
Not sure	21%

20. Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to see to it that everyone has health care coverage?

Yes	39%
No	45%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling health care?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	34%
No opinion	10%

22. Please tell us whether you think the following statement is true or false: "Members of Congress are writing a bill that would exempt themselves, their staff, and their families from the requirement to buy into the health care plan."

True	51%
False	16%
Not sure	33%

23. Do you think that Congress should be allowed to exempt themselves from the health care plan?

Yes	6%
No	83%
Not sure	11%

24. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Angelina Jolie?

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	36%
Somewhat unfavorable	17%
Very unfavorable	9%
Not sure	20%

25. How closely have you been following the media coverage of Angelina Jolie having a double mastectomy to prevent what her doctors said was a extremely high risk that she would develop breast cancer?

Very closely	8%
Somewhat closely	36%
Not very closely	34%
Not at all	21%

26. Angelina Jolie said that genetic testing indicated that one of her genes gave her an 87 percent chance of developing breast cancer. Do you think Angelina Jolie did the right thing in having had a preventive double mastectomy, or not?

Yes	52%
No	16%
Not sure	32%

27. If you had genetic testing that indicated you had an 87 percent chance of developing breast cancer, how likely is it that you would undergo a preventive double mastectomy?

Asked of female respondents only

Very likely	28%
Somewhat likely	23%
Somewhat unlikely	13%
Very unlikely	17%
Not sure	20%

28. Would you want to have genetic testing done to see if you were likely to develop a life-threatening disease?

Yes	56%
No	42%
Have had genetic testing	2%

29. Has your opinion of Angelina Jolie changed because of her disclosure of her preventive double mastectomy?

Yes, gotten better	26%
Yes, gotten worse	8%
No change	66%

30. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	20%	4%	2%
Immigration	43%	36%	15%	7%
The environment	40%	36%	16%	9%
Terrorism	47%	31%	14%	8%
Gay rights	20%	25%	21%	34%
Education	52%	32%	11%	5%
Health care	61%	28%	6%	5%
Social security	55%	31%	10%	3%
The budget deficit	52%	30%	11%	7%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	39%	22%	10%
Taxes	58%	30%	10%	2%
Medicare	47%	34%	13%	5%
Abortion	36%	28%	22%	14%

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

The economy	36%
Immigration	6%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	6%
Health care	9%
Social security	11%
The budget deficit	6%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%

32. 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%	22%	9%	36%	7%
John Boehner	5%	20%	21%	28%	26%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	21%	23%	38%
Harry Reid	4%	16%	19%	32%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	8%	23%	13%	36%	19%
Joe Biden	20%	22%	14%	32%	13%
Hillary Clinton	29%	22%	13%	27%	9%
John Kerry	13%	26%	19%	24%	18%
Wayne LaPierre	6%	11%	8%	21%	53%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

34. 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	16%	24%	16%	35%	9%
Immigration	15%	24%	11%	35%	14%
The environment	12%	28%	16%	26%	18%
Terrorism	20%	28%	11%	28%	13%
Gay rights	19%	24%	9%	30%	18%
Education	16%	28%	15%	24%	16%
Health care	17%	25%	10%	38%	10%
Social security	13%	24%	19%	29%	16%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	29%	15%	26%	13%
The budget deficit	12%	25%	15%	37%	12%
Taxes	15%	27%	15%	32%	12%
Medicare	12%	29%	13%	29%	16%
Abortion	14%	23%	12%	29%	22%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	9%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	10%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	6%

37. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	33%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	11%

38. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	48%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	31%
Dislike	26%
Not sure	12%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	35%	39%	26%
Bold	25%	58%	17%
Effective	22%	46%	32%
Exciting	15%	62%	23%
Experienced	22%	45%	33%
Honest	28%	38%	35%
Hypocritical	33%	44%	23%
Inspiring	31%	45%	24%
Intelligent	52%	35%	12%
Partisan	25%	61%	14%
Patriotic	27%	44%	29%
Religious	13%	59%	28%
Sincere	31%	37%	31%
Steady	29%	54%	18%
Strong	28%	46%	27%

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

Getting better	26%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	31%
Not sure	7%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	38%
Lower	14%
Not sure	24%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	15%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	50%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	30%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	22%
No	78%

45. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

46. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	25%
2-year college	10%
4-year college	14%
Post-graduate	10%

47. Age

18-29	23%
30-44	27%
45-64	35%
65+	15%

48. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	10%
Other	10%

49. Region

Northeast	16%
Midwest	19%
South	39%
West	26%

50. Party Identification

Democrat	39%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	24%
Lean Republican	7%
Republican	21%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	May 18-20, 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 0.1 to 7.3, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.24.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.