

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents

Conducted June 28-30, 2014

Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

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	8%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	13%

3. How closely are you following the news about the current situation in Iraq?

Very closely	24%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	23%
Not at all	10%

4. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Iraq in 2003?

Yes	57%
No	29%
Not sure	15%

5. In dealing with the current situation in Iraq, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do?

Send ground troops to fight for the Iraqis	3%
Send ground troops to fight with the Iraqis	8%
Send military troop trainers to help the Iraqis fight	19%
Conduct air strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	27%
Conduct drone strikes against Islamist militants in Iraq	34%
Something else	12%
None of the above	35%

6. Recently, Kurdish armed forces drove out ISIS insurgents and captured Kirkuk, an oil rich city in northern Iraq. For a long time, the Kurds have wanted to include Kirkuk in their semi-independent territory while the national government of Iraq has wanted to keep it separate from the Kurds. What do you think the Kurds should do with Kirkuk?

The Kurds should keep Kirkuk for themselves	47%
The Kurds should return Kirkuk to the national government	53%

7. Have you heard any news about the Kurdish region of Iraq possibly breaking away from the rest of the country and declaring independence?

Yes	38%
No	62%

8. If the Kurds were to declare independence, should the US government recognize the new country or not?

US should recognize independent Kurdish nation	39%
US should <u>not</u> recognize independent Kurdish nation	16%
Not sure	45%

9. Do you think the United States made a mistake withdrawing troops from Iraq back in 2011?

Yes	29%
No	56%
Not sure	16%

10. When it comes to handling Iraq, which party do you trust most?

Republican party	20%
Democratic party	24%
Both equally	9%
Neither	39%
Not sure	8%

11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: *The Obama administration has done an inadequate job of cleaning up the mess the Bush administration made in Iraq.*

Agree strongly	23%
Agree somewhat	21%
Disagree somewhat	21%
Disagree strongly	18%
Not sure	17%

12. Do you think the current crisis in Iraq is the result of...

President Obama’s mismanagement of the war	23%
President Bush’s mismanagement of the war	33%
Both Presidents’ mismanagement of the war	29%
Not sure	16%

13. As a political issue, do you think the war in Iraq helps or hurts Republicans?

Helps Republicans	11%
Neither helps nor hurts	33%
Hurts Republicans	31%
Not sure	25%

14. As a political issue, do you think the war in Iraq helps or hurts Democrats?

Helps Democrats	7%
Neither helps nor hurts	35%
Hurts Democrats	34%
Not sure	23%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of President Obama's decision to send up to 300 military advisors to assist the Iraqi military in their fight against ISIS insurgents?

Approve strongly	12%
Approve somewhat	31%
Disapprove somewhat	20%
Disapprove strongly	20%
Not sure	17%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling Iraq?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	31%
No opinion	17%

17. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	33%
No opinion	18%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very favorable	5%
Somewhat favorable	33%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	19%

19. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of each Supreme Court Justice?

	Very liberal	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Very conservative	Not sure
Elena Kagan	17%	16%	15%	4%	2%	45%
Sonia Sotomayor	22%	23%	14%	4%	2%	35%
Samuel Alito	4%	6%	16%	14%	13%	48%
John Roberts	3%	7%	18%	19%	11%	43%
Stephen Breyer	6%	14%	20%	6%	2%	53%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	15%	20%	13%	6%	2%	43%
Clarence Thomas	3%	6%	14%	16%	22%	39%
Anthony Kennedy	3%	7%	24%	14%	3%	48%
Antonin Scalia	3%	5%	14%	13%	21%	44%

20. Which one the justices listed below is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Elena Kagan	1%
Sonia Sotomayor	8%
Samuel Alito	4%
John Roberts	59%
Stephen Breyer	5%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	4%
Clarence Thomas	8%
Anthony Kennedy	2%
Antonin Scalia	7%

21. Which one the justices listed below has served the longest on the Supreme Court?

Elena Kagan	2%
Sonia Sotomayor	4%
Samuel Alito	3%
John Roberts	12%
Stephen Breyer	8%
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	28%
Clarence Thomas	18%
Anthony Kennedy	7%
Antonin Scalia	19%

22. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which ruled the government needs a warrant before it can search a person’s cell phone, even if that person has been arrested?

Approve strongly	49%
Approve somewhat	25%
Disapprove somewhat	8%
Disapprove strongly	6%
Not sure	11%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the Supreme Court decision which invalidated a Massachusetts law establishing 35 foot buffer zones around medical clinics providing abortion services?

Approve strongly	21%
Approve somewhat	16%
Disapprove somewhat	17%
Disapprove strongly	22%
Not sure	24%

24. Do you think abortion should be...

Legal in all cases	20%
Legal in most cases	32%
Illegal in most cases	26%
Illegal in all cases	13%
Not sure	9%

25. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	20%
Good	53%
Fair	23%
Poor	4%

26. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	12%
Remained the same	65%
Worsened	18%
Haven't noticed	6%

27. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	49%
Been seen by a doctor	74%
Ordered prescription drugs	59%
None of these	16%

28. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	24%
No	73%
Prefer not to say	4%

29. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes 32%
No 65%
Prefer not to say 3%

30. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes 17%
No 79%
Prefer not to say 4%

31. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More 38%
The same 44%
Less 9%
Not sure 10%

32. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better 11%
The same 63%
Worse 19%
Not sure 7%

33. Do you have health insurance?

Yes 82%
No 18%

34. 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	16%
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	9%
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	12%
Does not have health insurance	18%
Prefer not to say	3%

35. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	78%
No	21%
Not sure	2%

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

Expanded	30%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	38%
Not sure	16%

37. 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	22%
More of a failure than a success	18%
Equal amount of both failure and success	16%
More of a success than a failure	23%
A complete success	4%
Too early to tell	11%
Not sure	6%

38. How closely are you following the 2014 World Cup soccer tournament taking place in Brazil?

Very closely	9%
Somewhat closely	21%
Not very closely	27%
Not at all	43%

39. Are you more or less interested in the World Cup than you were four years ago?

Much more	8%
Somewhat more	16%
About the same	56%
Somewhat less	5%
Much less	15%

40. Are you rooting for the U.S. to win the World Cup, or some other country?

U.S.	64%
Other country	6%
No preference	30%

41. Which country are you rooting for?

Asked of those with a preference for a team other than the US

Algeria	2%
Argentina	5%
Belgium	3%
Brazil	18%
Chile	0%
Colombia	0%
Costa Rica	6%
France	9%
Germany	36%
Greece	0%
Mexico	12%
Netherlands	6%
Nigeria	2%
Switzerland	0%
Uruguay	0%

42. How far do you think the U.S. soccer team will go in the World Cup?

Will not make it out of the group stage	3%
Round of 16	13%
Quarterfinals	17%
Semifinals	12%
Finals	6%
Will win the World Cup	7%
Not sure	43%

43. If the US gets eliminated, which country will you root for next?

Asked of those with a preference for the US

Algeria	1%
Argentina	2%
Belgium	0%
Brazil	13%
Chile	0%
Colombia	2%
Costa Rica	2%
France	2%
Germany	12%
Greece	1%
Mexico	8%
Netherlands	3%
Nigeria	2%
Switzerland	5%
Uruguay	0%
None of them	47%

44. More generally, which teams would you be HAPPY to see win the World Cup? (Please select all that apply.)

Algeria	5%
Argentina	10%
Belgium	9%
Brazil	20%
Chile	8%
Colombia	9%
Costa Rica	10%
France	10%
Germany	19%
Greece	8%
Mexico	15%
Netherlands	13%
Nigeria	7%
Switzerland	13%
United States	56%
Uruguay	5%
None of these	7%
Don't know	25%

45. Which teams would you be UNHAPPY to see win the World Cup? (Please select all that apply.)

Algeria	5%
Argentina	4%
Belgium	2%
Brazil	9%
Chile	3%
Colombia	4%
Costa Rica	2%
France	7%
Germany	7%
Greece	3%
Mexico	9%
Netherlands	2%
Nigeria	5%
Switzerland	2%
United States	2%
Uruguay	5%
None of these	30%
Don't know	37%

46. Compared to other World Cups, how exciting has the 2014 World Cup been?

Most exciting ever	5%
One of the most exciting	16%
About average	21%
One of the most boring	2%
Most boring ever	4%
Don't know or haven't watched enough to know	53%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	21%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	33%	15%	5%
The environment	47%	34%	13%	6%
Terrorism	55%	28%	13%	5%
Gay rights	24%	26%	21%	29%
Education	64%	26%	7%	4%
Health care	69%	22%	7%	2%
Social security	62%	29%	7%	2%
The budget deficit	54%	28%	14%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	32%	39%	22%	7%
Taxes	61%	29%	8%	3%
Medicare	56%	31%	10%	2%
Abortion	35%	36%	18%	11%

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

The economy	30%
Immigration	7%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	5%
Gay rights	3%
Education	9%
Health care	10%
Social security	12%
The budget deficit	4%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	3%

49. 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%	12%	34%	6%
Joe Biden	17%	27%	15%	28%	12%
John Boehner	6%	18%	18%	35%	23%
Mitch McConnell	4%	19%	17%	28%	32%
Harry Reid	8%	17%	16%	30%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	20%	14%	36%	18%

50. 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%	21%	18%	24%	26%
Chris Christie	6%	25%	22%	24%	23%
Paul Ryan	13%	21%	14%	28%	24%
Jeb Bush	9%	22%	21%	26%	22%
Mike Huckabee	13%	20%	18%	21%	28%
Marco Rubio	10%	21%	18%	21%	31%
Elizabeth Warren	17%	14%	12%	16%	41%
Ted Cruz	13%	16%	11%	28%	32%
Scott Walker	12%	14%	13%	19%	42%
Hillary Clinton	26%	25%	12%	30%	8%
Brian Schweitzer	3%	10%	12%	9%	66%

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

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

52. 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%	25%	14%	35%	10%
Immigration	12%	21%	16%	36%	14%
The environment	17%	25%	15%	27%	16%
Terrorism	17%	29%	11%	31%	12%
Gay rights	21%	24%	8%	27%	20%
Education	17%	27%	16%	26%	13%
Health care	23%	24%	10%	36%	8%
Social security	13%	27%	14%	29%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	14%	24%	16%	33%	11%
The budget deficit	13%	24%	14%	36%	13%
Taxes	15%	25%	14%	32%	14%
Medicare	17%	25%	14%	29%	15%
Abortion	13%	25%	11%	28%	24%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	8%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	32%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	1%

55. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	35%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	9%

56. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	13%

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

Like a lot	33%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	30%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	28%	31%
Bold	25%	59%	16%
Effective	20%	50%	29%
Exciting	16%	63%	21%
Experienced	17%	54%	29%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	34%	40%	27%
Inspiring	29%	46%	24%
Intelligent	56%	32%	12%
Partisan	24%	64%	12%
Patriotic	29%	44%	27%
Religious	12%	62%	27%
Sincere	29%	42%	29%
Steady	26%	58%	17%
Strong	28%	49%	23%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	36%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	5%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	26%
Don't know	3%

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

More jobs	22%
The same amount of jobs	44%
Fewer jobs	26%
Not sure	8%

62. 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	2%
Military Household - Family	9%
Military Household - I served previously	11%
Military Household - Family served previously	33%
Military Household - None	49%

63. Gender

Male	50%
Female	50%

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

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	15%

65. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

66. Age

18-29	24%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

67. Race

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	7%

68. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

69. Party Identification

Democratic	41%
Independent	36%
Republican	24%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	June 28-30, 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 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.86.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.