

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 16-18, 2013
Margin of Error ±4.6%

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	44%
Some of the time	31%
Only now and then	17%
Hardly at all	8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	16%

3. 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	33%
More of a failure than a success	22%
Equal amount of both failure and success	14%
More of a success than a failure	11%
A complete success	1%
Too early to tell	12%
Not sure	6%

4. When will we know for sure whether the health care reform law is a success or failure?

We will never really know	9%
We will know after the law has been in effect for several years	28%
We will know after the law has been in effect for one year	19%
We will know in a few months when we find out how many people have enrolled	16%
We know now even before the law has been put into effect	27%

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

Yes	22%
No	75%
Not sure	4%

6. Was your experience at healthcare.gov positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Very positive	8%
Somewhat positive	10%
Neither positive nor negative	18%
Somewhat negative	21%
Very negative	41%
Not sure	3%

7. Do you think President Obama was aware of the problems with the healthcare.gov website before it opened on October 1

He thought the website had severe problems, and they would be very hard to fix	8%
He thought the website had severe problems, but they could be fixed easily	10%
He thought the website had some problems, and they would be very hard to fix	4%
He thought the website had some problems, but they could be fixed easily	28%
He didn't think the website had any problems	23%
Don't know	27%

8. Have you visited any of the state run health insurance exchange websites listed below?

I have not been to any of the state websites	80%
Arkansas Health Connector - www.arhealthconnector.org	0%
Covered California - www.coveredca.com	3%
Connect for Health Colorado - www.connectforhealthco.com	1%
Access Health CT - www.accesshealthct.com	0%
DC Health Link - dchealthlink.com	1%
Hawaii Health Connector - www.hawaiihealthconnector.com	0%
Your Health Idaho - www.yourhealthidaho.org	0%
kynect: Kentucky's Healthcare Connection - kynect.ky.gov	2%
Maryland Health Connection - www.marylandhealthconnection.gov	0%
The Health Connector (Massachusetts) - www.mahealthconnector.org	1%
MNSure - mn.gov/hix	0%
Nevada Health Link - www.nevadahealthlink.com	0%
Be Well NM - www.bewellnm.com	0%
NY State of Health - nystateofhealth.ny.gov	2%
Covered Oregon - coveredoregon.com	0%
Health Source Rhode Island - www.healthsourceri.com	0%
Avenue H (Utah small businesses) - avenueh.com	0%
Vermont Health Connect - healthconnect.vermont.gov	0%
Washington Healthplan Finder - www.wahealthplanfinder.org	1%
Other website not listed above	4%

9. Was your experience at the state health insurance website positive or negative?

Asked of those who have tried to visit a state health insurance website

Very positive	14%
Somewhat positive	21%
Neither positive nor negative	18%
Somewhat negative	8%
Very negative	16%
Not sure	23%

10. Have you been personally affected by the new health care law?

Yes	27%
No	56%
Not sure	17%

11. 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	19%
About the same	10%
Worse	62%
Not sure	9%

12. Has at least one of your close relatives been personally affected by the new health care law? (For the purposes of this question, a close relative is a parent, spouse, brother, sister, or child.)

Yes	29%
No	40%
Not sure	31%

13. Thinking about the close relative who has been personally affected by the new health care law, has their life been made better or worse?

Asked of those who reported a close relative has been personally affected by the new health care law

Better	15%
About the same	12%
Worse	66%
Not sure	7%

14. President Obama announced that health insurance companies would be allowed to extend current policies that did not meet the standards of the new health care law for an additional year. Do you approve or disapprove of this change?

Approve strongly	21%
Approve somewhat	21%
Neither approve nor disapprove	21%
Disapprove somewhat	7%
Disapprove strongly	13%
Not sure	16%

15. Who should be able to buy health insurance plans that do not currently meet the standards of the new health care law, anyone, only those who currently have one of those policies, or no one?

Anyone	43%
Only those who currently have one of those policies	23%
No one	10%
Not sure	24%

16. From what you know, do you think people in the following countries get better or worse medical care than people in the United States?

	Better medical care	About the same	Worse medical care	Not sure
Canada	42%	14%	23%	21%
Japan	25%	17%	12%	46%
Germany	33%	16%	11%	40%
England	36%	15%	22%	27%
France	29%	16%	15%	40%
Switzerland	39%	14%	8%	39%
Mexico	4%	8%	53%	35%

17. From what you know, do you think people in the following countries pay more or less for medical care than people in the United States?

	Pay more	Pay about the same	Pay less	Not sure
Canada	14%	9%	45%	32%
Japan	11%	11%	27%	51%
Germany	13%	11%	28%	47%
England	15%	12%	33%	41%
France	15%	10%	30%	46%
Switzerland	14%	8%	30%	48%
Mexico	7%	6%	35%	52%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	11%
Repealed	44%
Not sure	19%

19. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	73%
No	27%

20. How concerned are you about the health care costs you will face in the future?

Very concerned	50%
Somewhat concerned	36%
Not very concerned	9%
Not at all concerned	5%

21. Do you think that you will receive better or worse care under the new health care system?

A lot better	6%
A little better	9%
About the same	27%
A little worse	11%
A lot worse	27%
Not sure	21%

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

An immediate and serious threat to the U.S.	16%
A somewhat serious threat to the U.S.	37%
A minor threat to the U.S.	23%
Not a threat to the U.S.	10%
Not sure	14%

23. Why do you think that Iran is enriching uranium?

Probably for peaceful purposes alone	9%
Probably to build a nuclear weapon as well	65%
Don't know	26%

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

Threaten Iran with of the possible use of military force	19%
Threaten Iran with harsher economic sanctions	32%
Reward Iran with easing of economic sanctions	15%
Reward Iran with a guarantee of no use of military force	5%
Reward Iran with resumption of diplomatic relations	12%
Something else	9%
Not sure	32%

25. 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	2%
Some	11%
Not much	34%
Not at all	41%
Not sure	13%

26. Should President Obama personally negotiate with the leaders of Iran to limit their nuclear program?

Yes	54%
No	46%

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

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	28%
No opinion	26%

28. Do you think the severity of recent weather events, like the typhoon that recently hit the Philipines or Superstorm Sandy, are the result of climate change or do these kind of events just happen from time to time?

Result of climate change	40%
Just happen from time to time	45%
Not sure	16%

29. How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to a major natural disaster in the United States?

Very confident	13%
Somewhat confident	38%
Not so confident	30%
Not confident at all	19%

30. What is your opinion on providing federal aid to American communities affected by major natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina or Superstorm Sandy?

The federal government should provide aid, regardless of the impact on the federal budget	51%
Any aid to affected communities should be offset by government spending cuts in other areas of the budget	32%
The federal government should not provide any aid to affected communities	5%
Not sure	13%

31. What is your opinion on providing federal aid to foreign countries affected by major natural disasters, such as the typhoon that hit the Philippines?

The federal government should provide aid, regardless of the impact on the federal budget	21%
Any aid to affected communities should be offset by government spending cuts in other areas of the budget	43%
The federal government should not provide any aid to affected communities	15%
Not sure	21%

32. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	79%	17%	3%	1%
Immigration	40%	34%	17%	9%
The environment	42%	35%	14%	8%
Terrorism	47%	31%	15%	7%
Gay rights	21%	21%	25%	33%
Education	58%	29%	9%	4%
Health care	65%	25%	7%	4%
Social security	63%	27%	8%	2%
The budget deficit	57%	28%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	36%	24%	10%
Taxes	58%	31%	7%	4%
Medicare	57%	29%	11%	3%
Abortion	32%	30%	20%	18%

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

The economy	32%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	16%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	3%

34. 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	22%	23%	8%	40%	8%
Joe Biden	16%	24%	12%	32%	17%
John Boehner	5%	16%	17%	37%	25%
Mitch McConnell	3%	13%	19%	30%	35%
Harry Reid	6%	18%	12%	32%	31%
Nancy Pelosi	10%	18%	13%	38%	21%
Hillary Clinton	26%	20%	12%	30%	13%

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

Strongly approve	13%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	8%

36. 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%	22%	12%	39%	11%
Immigration	13%	22%	15%	33%	17%
The environment	13%	26%	13%	26%	22%
Terrorism	18%	25%	14%	27%	17%
Gay rights	20%	19%	11%	27%	23%
Education	15%	25%	14%	26%	20%
Health care	17%	18%	13%	40%	11%
Social security	14%	21%	15%	29%	21%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	26%	17%	24%	17%
The budget deficit	15%	19%	15%	38%	13%
Taxes	13%	20%	16%	34%	17%
Medicare	14%	22%	18%	30%	16%
Abortion	12%	20%	11%	27%	29%

37. 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	14%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	9%

38. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	10%	24%	17%	36%	13%
Republicans in Congress	6%	17%	21%	44%	12%

39. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	14%	24%	15%	35%	11%
The Republican Party	6%	19%	23%	41%	11%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	34%
The Republican Party candidate	25%
Other	9%
Not sure	24%
I would not vote	9%

41. If an election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	26%
Other	4%
Not sure	23%
I would not vote	10%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	32%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	7%

43. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	21%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	6%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	15%

44. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	38%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	12%

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

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	28%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	12%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	37%	37%	26%
Bold	31%	53%	16%
Effective	20%	47%	33%
Exciting	11%	65%	24%
Experienced	20%	49%	32%
Honest	25%	39%	36%
Hypocritical	34%	43%	23%
Inspiring	28%	46%	26%
Intelligent	53%	32%	15%
Partisan	25%	59%	16%
Patriotic	29%	43%	28%
Religious	14%	61%	25%
Sincere	29%	40%	31%
Steady	23%	59%	18%
Strong	27%	52%	21%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	7%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	31%
Lower	19%
Not sure	26%

49. 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%

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

Owned by you or your family	59%
Rented from someone else	38%
Other	2%

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

Increased	23%
Stayed about the same	44%
Decreased	23%
Not sure	10%

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

Increased	36%
Stayed about the same	32%
Decreased	11%
Not sure	21%

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

Will increase a lot	5%
Will increase a little	28%
Will stay about the same	33%
Will decrease a little	11%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	20%

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

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	23%
Not worried	35%
Don't have mortgage payments	34%

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

Will definitely buy a home	2%
Am considering buying a home	12%
Not looking for a home now	86%

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

Yes	24%
No	76%

57. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	65%
No	30%
Don't know	5%

58. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	15%
Part-time student	5%
Not a student	80%

59. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	23%
Part-time job	68%
No job outside of school	8%

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

Full-time employed	44%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	13%
Retired	12%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	10%
Other	2%

61. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	19%
No	81%

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

Mean	20
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63. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	58%

64. 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.	34%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	21%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	17%
The same amount of jobs	41%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	18%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	34%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Higher	19%
Same	63%
Lower	17%

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

I don't have any savings	35%
I could last a few weeks on my savings	17%
I could last a few months on my savings	27%
I could last a year on my savings	8%
I could last more than a year on my savings	13%

69. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	26%
Independent	30%
Other	2%
Not sure	7%

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

Asked if respondent is aware of Tea Party movement

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	16%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	8%
Strongly oppose	26%
Not sure	19%

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

Yes	14%
No	68%
Not Sure	18%

73. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	1%
Mixed	2%
Other	1%

74. Education

No high school	11%
High school graduate	31%
Some college	27%
2-year college	7%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

75. What is your marital status?

Married	42%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Single	36%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	29%
No	71%

77. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	21%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	31%
Don't know	3%

79. 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	11%
A few times a week	14%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	18%
Don't know	4%

80. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	36%
Roman Catholic	17%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	2%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	4%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	5%

81. Age

18-29	27%
30-44	27%
45-64	34%
65+	13%

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

Democrat	35%
Republican	27%
Independent	26%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

83. Race

White	68%
Black	15%
Hispanic	11%
Other	6%

84. Region

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	39%
West	22%

85. Party Identification

Democrat	35%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	24%
Lean Republican	8%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 16-18, 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 0.3 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.09.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.