

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted September 27-29, 2014
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...?

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|-------------------|-----|
| Most of the time | 42% |
| Some of the time | 32% |
| Only now and then | 15% |
| Hardly at all | 9% |
| Don't know | 1% |

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

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| Generally headed in the right direction | 26% |
| Off on the wrong track | 57% |
| Not sure | 17% |

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way President Obama is handling the situation in Iraq?

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|---------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve | 12% |
| Somewhat approve | 32% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 21% |
| Strongly disapprove | 23% |
| Not sure | 11% |

4. As you may know, President Obama recently authorized the U.S. military to conduct air strikes against insurgents in Iraq. Do you support or oppose this decision?

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|------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 31% |
| Somewhat support | 38% |
| Somewhat oppose | 10% |
| Strongly oppose | 9% |
| Not sure | 13% |

5. Do you support or oppose the United States conducting air strikes against insurgents in Syria?

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|------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 34% |
| Somewhat support | 34% |
| Somewhat oppose | 10% |
| Strongly oppose | 9% |
| Not sure | 13% |

6. How important is it that other countries participate in a multinational coalition to carry out military strikes against ISIS insurgents in Iraq and Syria?

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|----------------------|-----|
| Very important | 57% |
| Somewhat important | 23% |
| Not very important | 5% |
| Not important at all | 3% |
| Not sure | 13% |

7. Are there any Arab countries participating in the international coalition striking ISIS targets in either Iraq or Syria?

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| Yes | 47% |
| No | 7% |
| Not sure | 46% |

8. Do you think it is possible for the United States to effectively fight Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria using air strikes only, without sending ground troops?

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| Yes | 23% |
| No | 46% |
| Don't know | 31% |

9. Would you support or oppose the United States sending ground troops to fight Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria?

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|------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 12% |
| Somewhat support | 22% |
| Somewhat oppose | 20% |
| Strongly oppose | 28% |
| Not sure | 18% |

10. Do you think the US should completely rule out sending ground troops back into Iraq, or should they keep the option open?

Asked of those who oppose sending ground troops or aren't sure

| | |
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| Already supports sending ground troops | 34% |
| Completely rule out | 27% |
| Keep the option open | 25% |
| Don't know | 14% |

11. Do you think taking military action against Islamic State insurgents in Iraq and Syria will improve the situation there, make things worse, or will it not make any difference?

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Improve the situation | 35% |
| Won't make a difference | 25% |
| Make things worse | 15% |
| Not sure | 25% |

12. Do you support or oppose the federal law that permits federal prosecution of anyone who willingly injures, intimidates or interferes with another person, or attempts to do so, by force because of the other person's race, color, religion or national origin?

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| Support | 62% |
| Oppose | 19% |
| Not sure | 19% |

13. Do you support or oppose the federal law that requires increased penalties for hate crimes committed on the basis of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, or gender of any person?

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|----------------|-----|
| Support | 64% |
| Oppose | 19% |
| Not sure | 17% |

14. Do you support or oppose the federal law which expands existing United States federal hate crime law to apply to crimes motivated by a victim’s actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability?

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|----------------|-----|
| Support | 60% |
| Oppose | 18% |
| Not sure | 22% |

15. Would you support or oppose a law that would make it a crime for people to make public comments that advocate genocide or hatred against an identifiable group based on such things as their race, gender, religion, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation?

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|----------------|-----|
| Support | 36% |
| Oppose | 38% |
| Not sure | 26% |

16. How much have you heard about a recent violent attack on a gay couple in Philadelphia?

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|----------------------------|-----|
| Heard a lot | 8% |
| Heard a little | 23% |
| Heard nothing at all | 69% |

17. If you learned that the police were trying to identify a criminal suspect and the picture they showed resembled one of the people listed below, what would you do?

| | Call the police | Call the person | Do nothing | Not sure |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Your child | 33% | 38% | 7% | 22% |
| A brother or sister | 33% | 42% | 7% | 19% |
| A parent | 32% | 41% | 7% | 20% |
| An aunt, uncle, or cousin | 39% | 34% | 6% | 21% |
| Friend | 44% | 33% | 5% | 18% |
| Coworker | 60% | 19% | 5% | 16% |

18. Do you support or oppose a state law that makes it a crime to desecrate venerated objects or places use for religious worship?

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| Support | 61% |
| Oppose | 14% |
| Not sure | 25% |

19. Do you think the teenager who is in this picture should be arrested and face up to two years in jail?

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| Yes | 36% |
| No | 47% |
| Not sure | 17% |

20. How would you rate the following Presidents?

| | Great | Near Great | Average | Below Average | Failure | Don't know |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|---------|---------------|---------|------------|
| Barack Obama | 11% | 15% | 23% | 16% | 31% | 3% |
| George W. Bush | 6% | 12% | 33% | 18% | 26% | 4% |
| Bill Clinton | 20% | 23% | 34% | 13% | 6% | 5% |
| George H.W. Bush | 6% | 16% | 44% | 17% | 9% | 7% |
| Ronald Reagan | 31% | 19% | 22% | 10% | 9% | 10% |
| Jimmy Carter | 6% | 15% | 32% | 15% | 19% | 14% |
| Gerald Ford | 2% | 9% | 47% | 19% | 6% | 17% |
| Richard Nixon | 2% | 9% | 27% | 25% | 23% | 14% |
| Lyndon Johnson | 4% | 12% | 40% | 14% | 9% | 20% |
| John F. Kennedy | 30% | 31% | 20% | 4% | 1% | 13% |
| Dwight Eisenhower | 17% | 27% | 29% | 3% | 1% | 23% |
| Harry Truman | 14% | 29% | 28% | 5% | 0% | 24% |
| Franklin D. Roosevelt | 30% | 25% | 17% | 4% | 2% | 21% |
| Herbert Hoover | 4% | 10% | 33% | 11% | 9% | 32% |
| Calvin Coolidge | 4% | 5% | 36% | 11% | 4% | 41% |
| Warren G. Harding | 2% | 5% | 33% | 11% | 7% | 43% |
| Woodrow Wilson | 4% | 14% | 33% | 9% | 5% | 35% |
| William Taft | 3% | 5% | 37% | 9% | 3% | 42% |
| Theodore Roosevelt | 19% | 31% | 20% | 3% | 2% | 24% |

21. Which man do you consider to be the greatest President since 1900?

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|-----------------------------|-----|
| Barack Obama | 6% |
| George W Bush | 1% |
| Bill Clinton | 13% |
| George H.W. Bush | 0% |
| Ronald Reagan | 28% |
| Jimmy Carter | 1% |
| Gerald Ford | 0% |
| Richard Nixon | 0% |
| Lyndon Johnson | 1% |
| John F. Kennedy | 17% |
| Dwight Eisenhower | 3% |
| Harry Truman | 2% |
| Franklin D. Roosevelt | 20% |
| Herbert Hoover | 0% |
| Calvin Coolidge | 0% |
| Warren G. Harding | 0% |
| Woodrow Wilson | 0% |
| William Taft | 0% |
| Theodore Roosevelt | 3% |
| Not sure | 4% |

22. What do you think is more important for a President?

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| To inspire ordinary citizens | 66% |
| To get Congress to pass his policies | 34% |

23. Should a President be judged more by his accomplishments in domestic or foreign policy?

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| Domestic policy | 66% |
| Foreign policy | 6% |
| Not sure | 27% |

24. Who do you think is more powerful today?

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|------------------------|-----|
| The President | 29% |
| Congress | 29% |
| Equally powerful | 28% |
| Not sure | 15% |

25. Who do you think was more powerful 70 years ago, when Franklin Roosevelt was President?

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|------------------------|-----|
| The President | 48% |
| Congress | 10% |
| Equally powerful | 21% |
| Not sure | 21% |

26. Who do you think was more powerful 110 years ago, when Theodore Roosevelt was President?

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|------------------------|-----|
| The President | 38% |
| Congress | 12% |
| Equally powerful | 22% |
| Not sure | 28% |

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

| | Very favorable | Somewhat favorable | Somewhat unfavorable | Very unfavorable | Don't know |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------|
| Theodore Roosevelt | 32% | 39% | 6% | 1% | 21% |
| Franklin D. Roosevelt | 38% | 33% | 6% | 4% | 19% |
| Eleanor Roosevelt | 35% | 35% | 5% | 3% | 22% |

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

| | |
|---------------------|-----|
| Expanded | 32% |
| Kept the same | 12% |
| Repealed | 44% |
| Not sure | 13% |

29. From all that you know now, has the health care reform law been a complete success, a complete failure, or something in between?

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|--|-----|
| A complete failure | 19% |
| More of a failure than a success | 26% |
| Equal amount of both failure and success | 19% |
| More of a success than a failure | 20% |
| A complete success | 4% |
| Too early to tell | 5% |
| Not sure | 6% |

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

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Increased | 49% |
| Remained the same | 19% |
| Decreased | 17% |
| Don't know | 15% |

31. 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?

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| The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do | 50% |
| The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people | 13% |
| The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do | 16% |
| Not sure | 21% |

32. How important are the following issues to you?

| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not very Important | Unimportant |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| The economy | 78% | 19% | 2% | 1% |
| Immigration | 49% | 31% | 15% | 5% |
| The environment | 45% | 33% | 15% | 7% |
| Terrorism | 59% | 28% | 8% | 4% |
| Gay rights | 22% | 25% | 26% | 27% |
| Education | 62% | 28% | 7% | 3% |
| Health care | 63% | 30% | 5% | 2% |
| Social security | 62% | 30% | 6% | 2% |
| The budget deficit | 54% | 33% | 8% | 4% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 31% | 44% | 18% | 6% |
| Taxes | 59% | 33% | 6% | 2% |
| Medicare | 54% | 35% | 8% | 3% |
| Abortion | 35% | 30% | 21% | 14% |
| Foreign policy | 39% | 44% | 12% | 4% |

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

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|------------------------|-----|
| The economy | 29% |
| Immigration | 7% |
| The environment | 6% |
| Terrorism | 9% |
| Gay rights | 1% |
| Education | 8% |
| Health care | 11% |
| Social security | 11% |
| The budget deficit | 6% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 1% |
| Taxes | 4% |
| Medicare | 3% |
| Abortion | 4% |
| Foreign policy | 1% |

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 | 23% | 23% | 14% | 36% | 5% |
| Joe Biden | 15% | 28% | 17% | 28% | 12% |
| John Boehner | 4% | 15% | 23% | 31% | 27% |
| Mitch McConnell | 3% | 14% | 17% | 26% | 40% |
| Harry Reid | 6% | 18% | 15% | 29% | 32% |
| Nancy Pelosi | 9% | 21% | 17% | 33% | 21% |

35. 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 | 10% | 25% | 15% | 20% | 30% |
| Chris Christie | 7% | 24% | 26% | 23% | 21% |
| Paul Ryan | 10% | 24% | 14% | 26% | 26% |
| Jeb Bush | 6% | 24% | 25% | 19% | 25% |
| Mike Huckabee | 12% | 20% | 19% | 19% | 30% |
| Marco Rubio | 8% | 20% | 18% | 19% | 35% |
| Hillary Clinton | 27% | 23% | 15% | 27% | 8% |
| Elizabeth Warren | 17% | 14% | 10% | 15% | 44% |
| Ted Cruz | 11% | 14% | 14% | 25% | 35% |
| Scott Walker | 11% | 10% | 11% | 21% | 46% |
| Brian Schweitzer | 2% | 9% | 10% | 8% | 70% |
| Rick Perry | 10% | 18% | 16% | 27% | 29% |

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

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| Strongly approve | 15% |
| Somewhat approve | 27% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 20% |
| Strongly disapprove | 34% |
| Not sure | 4% |

37. 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 | 13% | 25% | 20% | 33% | 9% |
| Immigration | 9% | 19% | 20% | 39% | 13% |
| The environment | 13% | 27% | 17% | 25% | 18% |
| Terrorism | 16% | 28% | 20% | 26% | 10% |
| Gay rights | 16% | 25% | 13% | 23% | 23% |
| Education | 13% | 27% | 18% | 27% | 16% |
| Health care | 20% | 21% | 16% | 37% | 6% |
| Social security | 10% | 24% | 20% | 26% | 19% |
| The war in Afghanistan | 12% | 27% | 21% | 27% | 13% |
| The budget deficit | 11% | 20% | 19% | 38% | 13% |
| Taxes | 11% | 21% | 19% | 32% | 17% |
| Medicare | 13% | 25% | 19% | 25% | 18% |
| Abortion | 12% | 22% | 13% | 24% | 28% |
| Foreign policy | 11% | 24% | 20% | 31% | 14% |

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

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly approve | 2% |
| Somewhat approve | 7% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 15% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 26% |
| Strongly disapprove | 41% |
| Not sure | 10% |

39. 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 | 13% |
| Neither approve nor disapprove | 19% |
| Somewhat disapprove | 19% |
| Strongly disapprove | 23% |
| Not sure | 18% |

40. Do you think your Representative deserves to be reelected to Congress?

| | |
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| Yes | 23% |
| No | 36% |
| Not sure | 41% |

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

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 6% |
| Liberal | 18% |
| Moderate | 36% |
| Conservative | 30% |
| Very conservative | 9% |
| Not sure | 1% |

42. Would you say your Representative in Congress is...

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 7% |
| Liberal | 17% |
| Moderate | 24% |
| Conservative | 21% |
| Very Conservative | 8% |
| Not sure | 23% |

43. Would you say Barack Obama is...

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Very liberal | 35% |
| Liberal | 21% |
| Moderate | 23% |
| Conservative | 7% |
| Very conservative | 1% |
| Not sure | 13% |

44. Do you think Barack Obama...

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|---|-----|
| Says what he believes | 36% |
| Says what he thinks people want to hear | 54% |
| Not sure | 9% |

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

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

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

| | Yes | No Opinion | No |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|
| Arrogant | 38% | 33% | 28% |
| Bold | 28% | 51% | 21% |
| Effective | 18% | 45% | 37% |
| Exciting | 14% | 56% | 29% |
| Experienced | 19% | 48% | 33% |
| Honest | 25% | 37% | 38% |
| Hypocritical | 39% | 37% | 24% |
| Inspiring | 30% | 43% | 27% |
| Intelligent | 51% | 35% | 14% |
| Partisan | 22% | 63% | 15% |
| Patriotic | 24% | 44% | 31% |
| Religious | 13% | 59% | 27% |
| Sincere | 29% | 40% | 30% |
| Steady | 24% | 58% | 19% |
| Strong | 26% | 48% | 26% |

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

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Getting better | 23% |
| About the same | 41% |
| Getting worse | 31% |
| Not sure | 6% |

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

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| More jobs | 20% |
| The same amount of jobs | 47% |
| Fewer jobs | 22% |
| Not sure | 11% |

49. 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 | 10% |
| Military Household - I served previously | 13% |
| Military Household - Family served previously | 36% |
| Military Household - None | 48% |

50. Gender

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|--------------|-----|
| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |

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

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|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Strongly support | 11% |
| Somewhat support | 18% |
| Neither support, nor oppose | 23% |
| Somewhat oppose | 6% |
| Strongly oppose | 27% |
| Not sure | 14% |

52. Education

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| No high school | 10% |
| High school graduate | 32% |
| Some college | 24% |
| 2-year college | 10% |
| 4-year college | 16% |
| Post-graduate | 8% |

53. Age

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

54. Race

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| White | 67% |
| Black | 14% |
| Hispanic | 11% |
| Other | 8% |

55. Region

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Northeast | 20% |
| Midwest | 23% |
| South | 34% |
| West | 24% |

56. Party Identification

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Democratic | 39% |
| Independent | 35% |
| Republican | 26% |

57. Are you registered to vote?

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| Yes | 70% |
| No | 27% |
| Don't know | 4% |

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| Sponsorship | <i>The Economist</i> |
| Fieldwork | YouGov |
| Interviewing Dates | September 27-29, 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 1.02. |
| Number of respondents | 1000 |
| Margin of error | ± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 21 questions not reported. |