

Interviewing: March 1-3, 2014  
Sample: 1000 Adults nationwide online  
710 registered voters nationwide online



# *The Economist/YouGov* Poll

## Weekly Tracking

For immediate release

**1. Approval of Obama as President – Historical**

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

	All Adults						
	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	42%	55%	17%	25%	16%	39%	3%
February 22-24, 2014	45%	52%	17%	28%	13%	39%	3%
February 15-17, 2014	42%	55%	15%	27%	17%	38%	4%
February 8-10, 2014	42%	53%	17%	25%	16%	37%	5%
February 1-3, 2014	42%	54%	13%	29%	17%	37%	4%
January 25-27, 2014	45%	50%	16%	29%	14%	36%	5%
January 18-20, 2014	45%	51%	17%	28%	14%	37%	4%
January 11-13, 2014	42%	55%	17%	25%	17%	38%	3%
January 4-6, 2014	43%	54%	15%	28%	14%	40%	3%
December 28-30, 2013	40%	56%	14%	26%	15%	41%	4%
One Year Ago	48%	47%	21%	27%	13%	34%	6%

	Registered Voters						
	Total Approve	Total Disapprove	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	42%	55%	17%	25%	12%	43%	2%
February 22-24, 2014	43%	55%	16%	27%	11%	44%	2%
February 15-17, 2014	42%	56%	16%	26%	13%	43%	2%
February 8-10, 2014	42%	56%	18%	24%	15%	41%	2%
February 1-3, 2014	44%	53%	16%	28%	14%	39%	2%
January 25-27, 2014	45%	52%	16%	29%	11%	41%	2%
January 18-20, 2014	44%	54%	19%	25%	12%	42%	2%
January 11-13, 2014	42%	57%	18%	24%	14%	43%	1%
January 4-6, 2014	42%	56%	16%	26%	12%	44%	2%
December 28-30, 2013	40%	57%	14%	26%	10%	47%	2%
One Year Ago	49%	49%	25%	24%	11%	38%	3%

## Obama Approval

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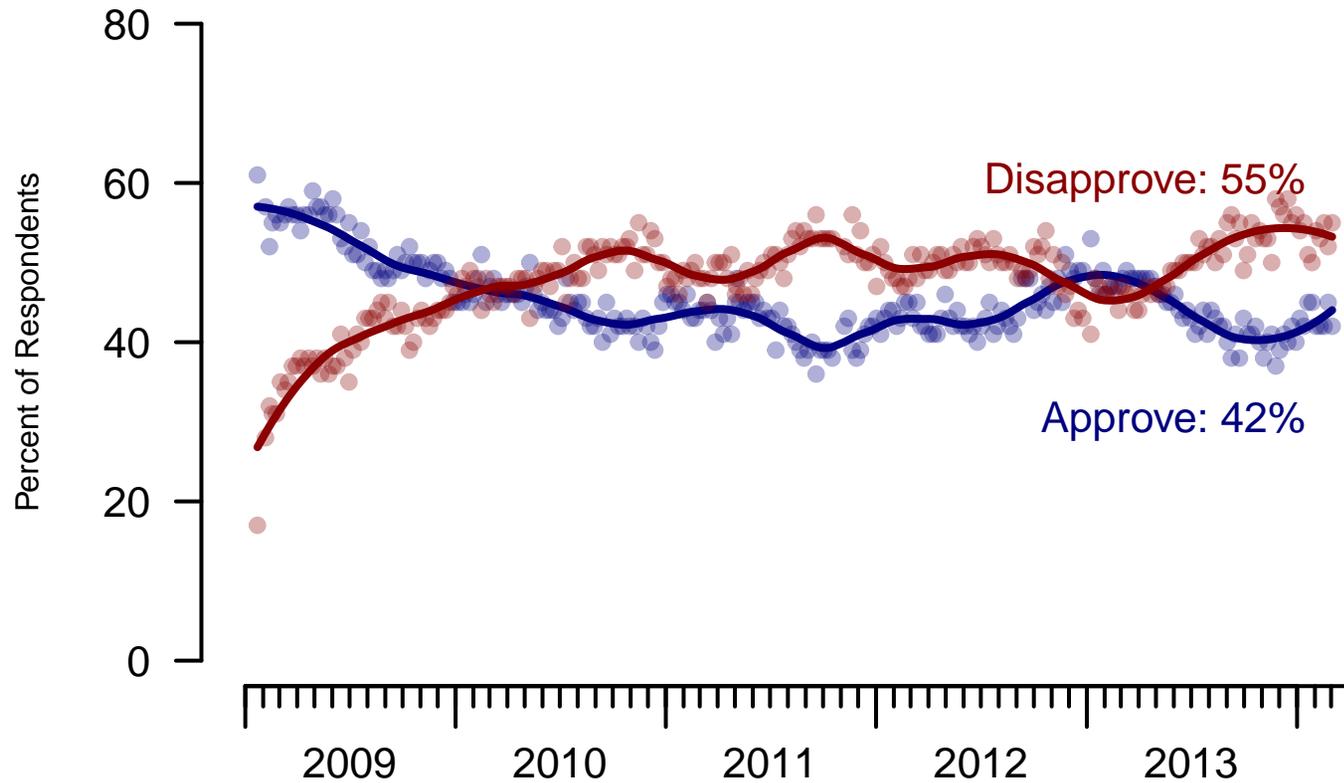


Figure 1: Obama Approval – All Adults

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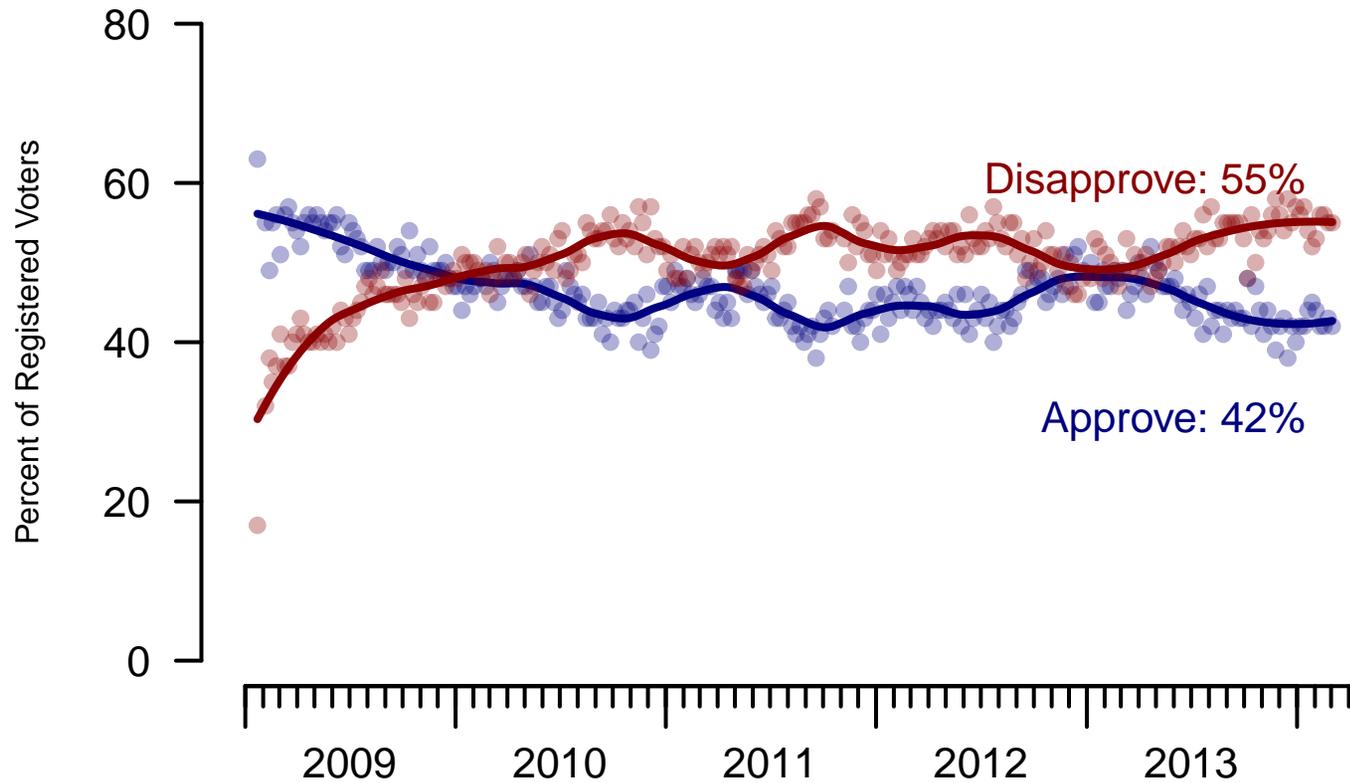


Figure 2: Obama Approval – Registered Voters

**2. Approval of Obama as President – This Week – All Adults**

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

	Age					Race				Region			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly approve	17%	17%	21%	16%	14%	11%	43%	20%	18%	13%	15%	21%	17%
Somewhat approve	25%	30%	26%	23%	24%	22%	31%	34%	35%	26%	29%	23%	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	24%	17%	12%	10%	15%	15%	16%	21%	19%	14%	14%	16%
Strongly disapprove	39%	24%	32%	48%	50%	47%	9%	30%	25%	39%	39%	38%	39%
Not sure	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%	5%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (163)	100% (328)	100% (378)	100% (130)	100% (677)	100% (146)	100% (116)	100% (60)	100% (167)	100% (209)	100% (344)	100% (279)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+
Strongly approve	17%	37%	3%	7%	32%	15%	10%	16%	18%	21%	16%	12%	18%
Somewhat approve	25%	38%	6%	27%	41%	31%	11%	26%	25%	31%	20%	27%	19%
Somewhat disapprove	16%	11%	12%	20%	15%	24%	8%	16%	15%	15%	19%	14%	19%
Strongly disapprove	39%	11%	77%	41%	5%	27%	69%	40%	37%	28%	43%	44%	43%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	4%	6%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	1%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (369)	100% (242)	100% (314)	100% (261)	100% (328)	100% (349)	100% (471)	100% (528)	100% (378)	100% (271)	100% (76)	100% (94)

**3. Approval of U.S. Congress – Historical**

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

All Adults								
	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	10%	68%	3%	7%	15%	24%	44%	7%
February 22-24, 2014	10%	68%	2%	8%	15%	25%	43%	7%
February 15-17, 2014	6%	72%	1%	5%	12%	26%	46%	8%
February 8-10, 2014	7%	71%	2%	5%	16%	26%	45%	6%
February 1-3, 2014	11%	69%	3%	8%	14%	24%	45%	6%
January 25-27, 2014	10%	70%	2%	8%	14%	25%	45%	6%
January 18-20, 2014	12%	64%	3%	9%	17%	24%	40%	6%
January 11-13, 2014	7%	73%	2%	5%	13%	24%	49%	7%
January 4-6, 2014	8%	69%	1%	7%	15%	22%	47%	7%
December 28-30, 2013	9%	70%	2%	7%	16%	26%	44%	6%
One Year Ago	10%	67%	2%	8%	14%	18%	49%	9%

Registered Voters								
	<b>Total Approve</b>	<b>Total Disapprove</b>	Strongly Approve	Somewhat Approve	Neutral	Somewhat Disapprove	Strongly Disapprove	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	10%	73%	2%	8%	13%	24%	49%	4%
February 22-24, 2014	10%	74%	2%	8%	11%	26%	48%	6%
February 15-17, 2014	6%	76%	1%	5%	12%	27%	49%	5%
February 8-10, 2014	6%	78%	2%	4%	13%	23%	55%	4%
February 1-3, 2014	9%	75%	3%	6%	12%	25%	50%	3%
January 25-27, 2014	7%	78%	1%	6%	10%	26%	52%	4%
January 18-20, 2014	10%	71%	2%	8%	14%	26%	45%	5%
January 11-13, 2014	8%	77%	2%	6%	11%	24%	53%	3%
January 4-6, 2014	7%	77%	1%	6%	13%	24%	53%	3%
December 28-30, 2013	7%	77%	2%	5%	12%	25%	52%	4%
One Year Ago	9%	74%	2%	7%	11%	19%	55%	4%

### Congress Approval

"Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

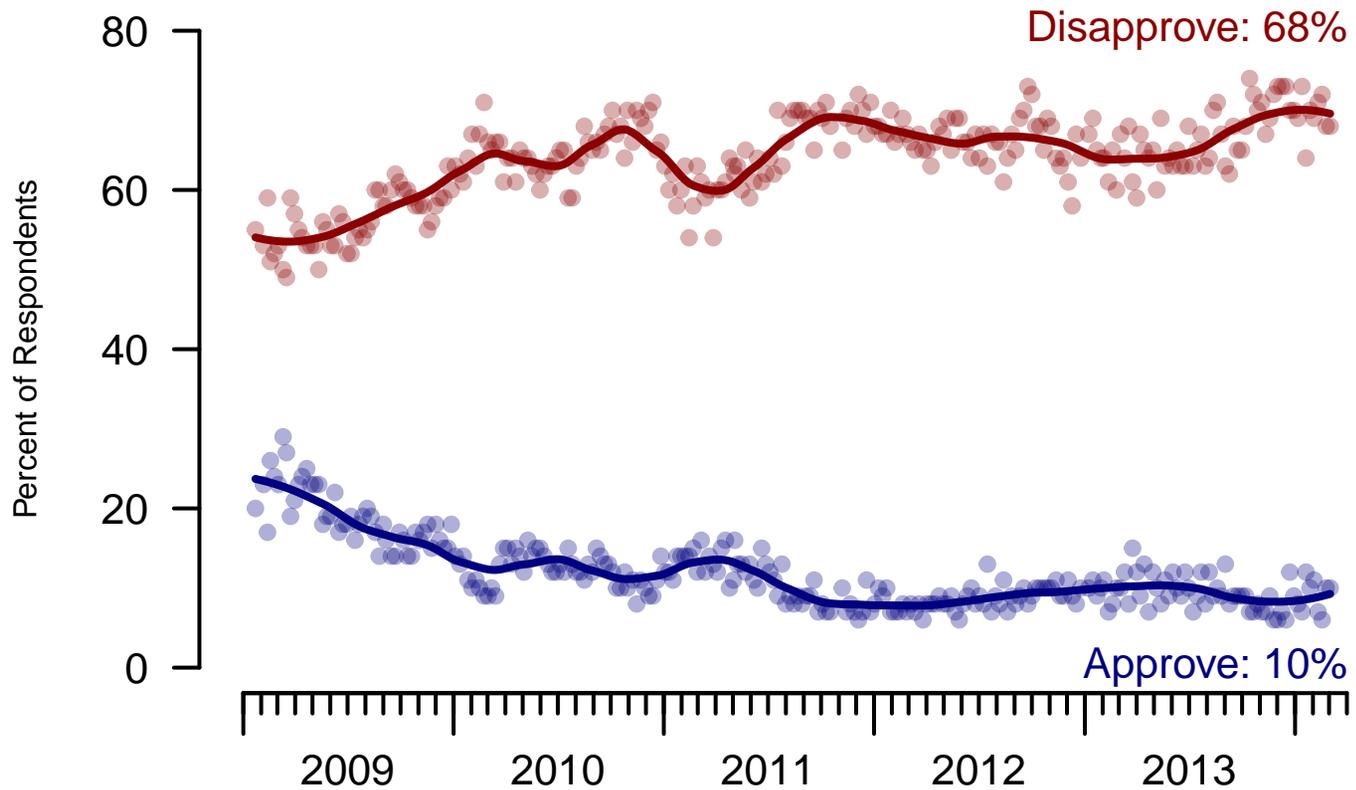


Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults

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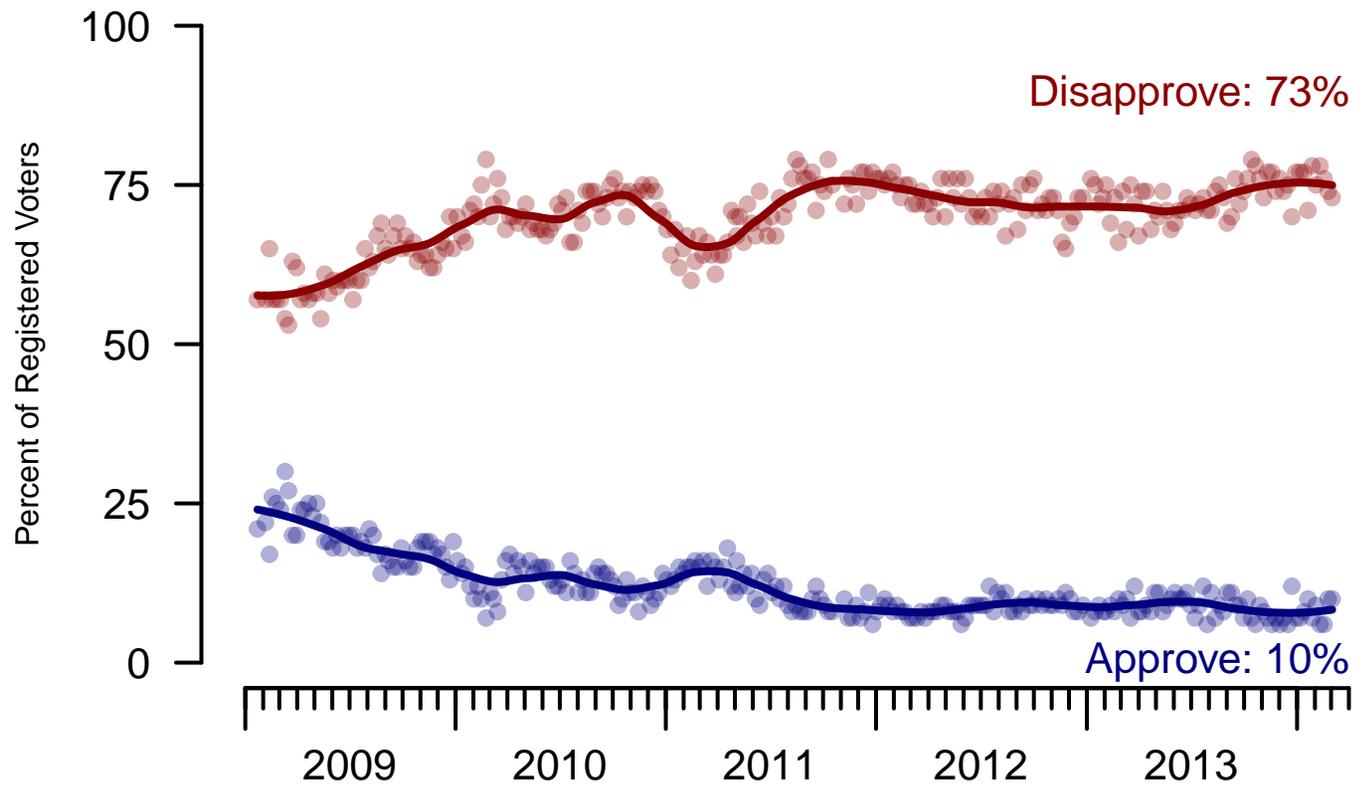


Figure 4: Congress Approval – Registered Voters

**4. Approval of U.S. Congress – This Week – All Adults**

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

	Age					Race				Region			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Strongly approve	3%	7%	4%	2%	—	2%	8%	3%	12%	1%	4%	5%	2%
Somewhat approve	7%	8%	9%	6%	6%	6%	11%	9%	13%	9%	6%	8%	6%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%	15%	17%	15%	9%	10%	27%	29%	9%	17%	12%	13%	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%	29%	21%	24%	23%	26%	18%	23%	20%	22%	24%	26%	24%
Strongly disapprove	44%	23%	42%	53%	59%	49%	27%	31%	45%	44%	49%	40%	46%
Not sure	7%	19%	6%	1%	4%	7%	8%	6%	1%	6%	6%	9%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (161)	100% (329)	100% (377)	100% (130)	100% (678)	100% (145)	100% (115)	100% (59)	100% (166)	100% (209)	100% (343)	100% (279)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+
Strongly approve	3%	5%	3%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	1%	0%
Somewhat approve	7%	10%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	9%	7%	13%	4%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%	17%	17%	10%	11%	17%	14%	13%	16%	18%	14%	13%	6%
Somewhat disapprove	24%	20%	28%	25%	17%	28%	25%	22%	26%	25%	26%	30%	27%
Strongly disapprove	44%	43%	37%	54%	50%	42%	43%	51%	38%	34%	46%	38%	60%
Not sure	7%	6%	7%	4%	11%	4%	6%	4%	10%	9%	3%	4%	2%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (368)	100% (242)	100% (313)	100% (260)	100% (328)	100% (349)	100% (470)	100% (527)	100% (375)	100% (272)	100% (76)	100% (94)

**5. Direction of country – Historical**

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

	All Adults		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	27%	60%	13%
February 22-24, 2014	29%	58%	13%
February 15-17, 2014	24%	61%	16%
February 8-10, 2014	30%	59%	11%
February 1-3, 2014	27%	61%	12%
January 25-27, 2014	29%	57%	14%
January 18-20, 2014	27%	59%	14%
January 11-13, 2014	28%	58%	14%
January 4-6, 2014	27%	59%	14%
December 28-30, 2013	26%	58%	15%
One Year Ago	24%	61%	16%

	Registered Voters		
	Right Direction	Wrong Track	Not Sure
March 1-3, 2014	26%	62%	11%
February 22-24, 2014	29%	59%	12%
February 15-17, 2014	26%	62%	13%
February 8-10, 2014	29%	62%	9%
February 1-3, 2014	27%	61%	11%
January 25-27, 2014	30%	60%	11%
January 18-20, 2014	27%	60%	13%
January 11-13, 2014	27%	61%	12%
January 4-6, 2014	28%	60%	12%
December 28-30, 2013	26%	60%	14%
One Year Ago	26%	60%	13%

## Direction of Country

"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

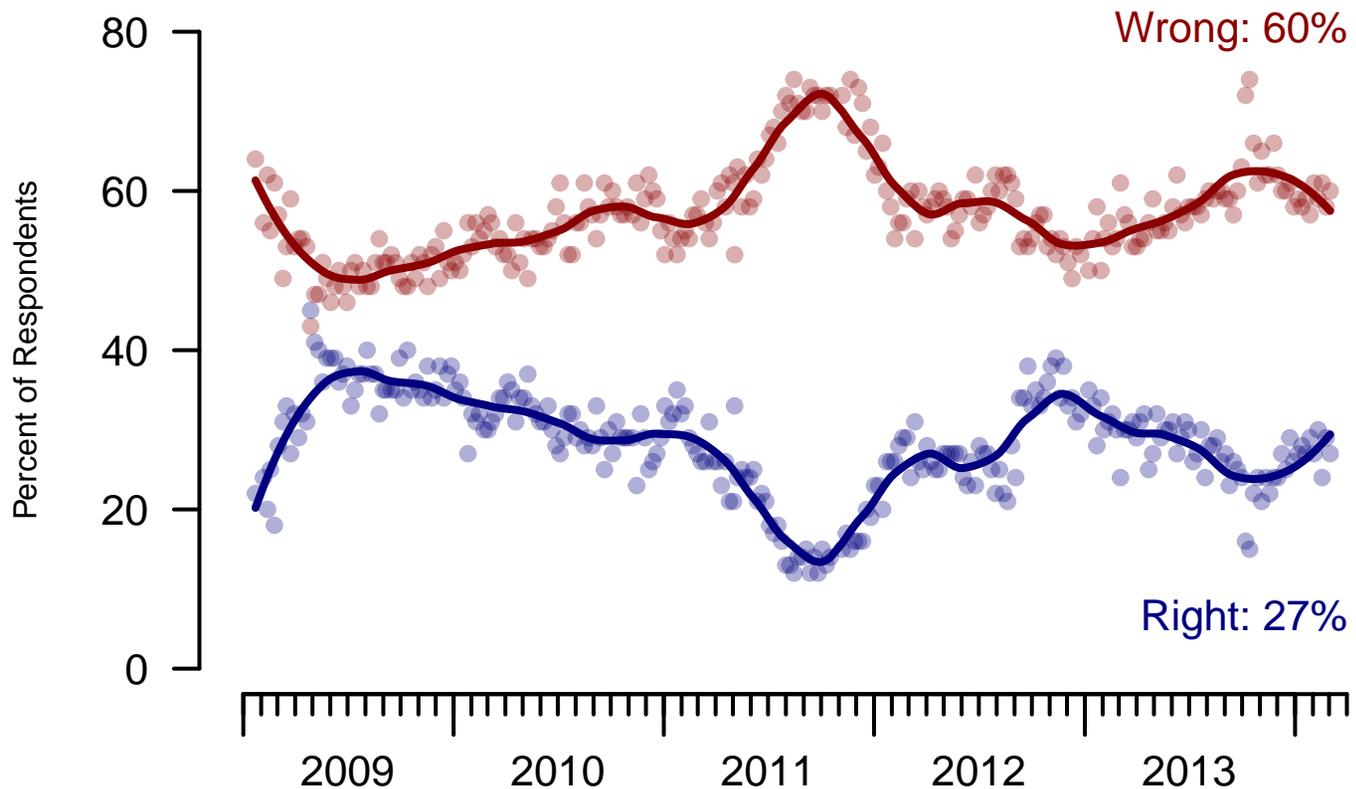


Figure 5: Direction of Country – All Adults

## Direction of Country

"Would you say things in this country today are generally headed in the right direction or off on the wrong track?"

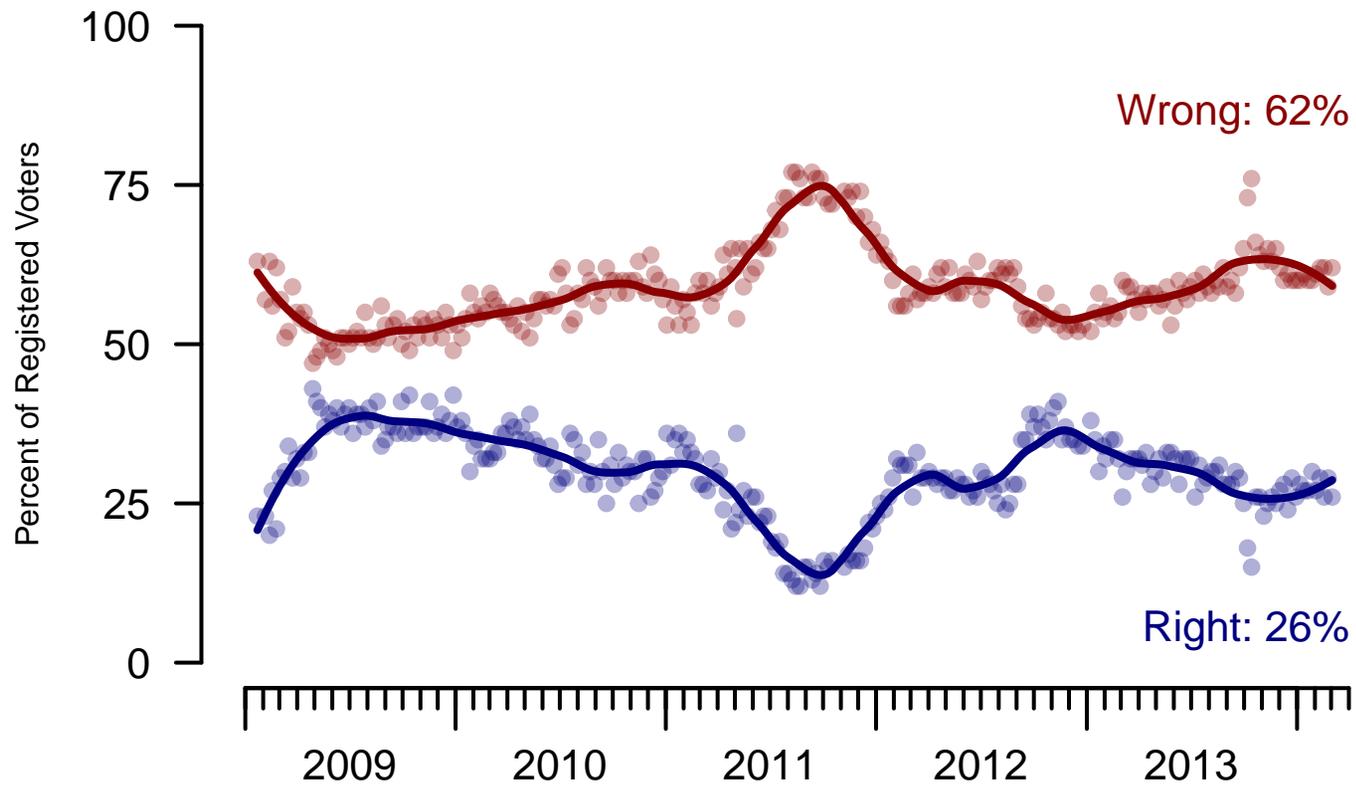


Figure 6: Direction of Country – Registered Voters

**6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults**

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

	Age					Race				Region			
	Total	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	North-east	Mid-west	South	West
Generally headed in the right direction	27%	31%	25%	24%	29%	22%	45%	28%	38%	17%	30%	27%	30%
Off on the wrong track	60%	46%	63%	66%	61%	68%	32%	56%	46%	69%	56%	59%	58%
Not sure	13%	22%	13%	10%	10%	11%	23%	16%	16%	14%	14%	14%	12%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (161)	100% (329)	100% (377)	100% (130)	100% (677)	100% (145)	100% (116)	100% (59)	100% (166)	100% (209)	100% (342)	100% (280)

	Party ID			Ideology			Gender		Family Income				
	Total	Dem	Rep	Ind	Lib	Mod	Con	Male	Female	Under 40	40-80	80-100	100+
Generally headed in the right direction	27%	47%	10%	20%	46%	31%	11%	30%	23%	27%	26%	26%	29%
Off on the wrong track	60%	34%	86%	69%	32%	55%	82%	59%	61%	56%	61%	60%	66%
Not sure	13%	20%	4%	12%	22%	14%	7%	11%	16%	17%	12%	14%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (368)	100% (241)	100% (313)	100% (261)	100% (328)	100% (347)	100% (469)	100% (528)	100% (376)	100% (272)	100% (76)	100% (94)

<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	March 1-3, 2014
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.07 to 4.04, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.8.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1,000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Margin of error (Registered Voters)</b>	± 4.4% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Full results</b>	Available online at <a href="http://today.yougov.com/news/categories/economist/">http://today.yougov.com/news/categories/economist/</a> .