

Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted August 3-5, 2013
Margin of Error ±4.7%

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	51%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	10%
Hardly at all	8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	11%

3. Overall, do you feel more threatened or less threatened by crime today than you did five years ago?

More	35%
Same	50%
Less	10%
No opinion	4%

4. In recent years, has the number of gun crimes in America gone up, gone down or stayed the same?

Gone up	37%
Gone down	23%
Stayed the same	20%
Not sure	19%

5. Compared with 20 years ago, has the number of gun crimes in America gone up, gone down or stayed the same?

Gone up	45%
Gone down	25%
Stayed the same	12%
Not sure	17%

6. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?

Very likely (more than 50%)	18%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%)	38%
Not very likely (1% to 10%)	25%
Very unlikely (less than 1%)	10%
Not sure	9%

7. Since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, there is more security and surveillance in public places, especially at airports and large public events. Some people say that these measures go too far and restrict our basic civil liberties. Are these increased public security and surveillance measures...

Going too far	33%
Just about right	44%
Not going far enough	14%
Not sure	9%

8. Please give us your best guess to the following question. How has the unemployment rate in the country changed from January 2009, when President Obama first took office, to July 2013?

Unemployment decreased by 1% or more.	23%
Unemployment decreased by between 0% and 1%.	17%
Unemployment increased by between 0% and 1%.	9%
Unemployment increased by between 1% and 2%.	13%
Unemployment increased by between 2% and 3%.	12%
Unemployment increased by more than 3%.	26%

9. Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor, made the news recently for leaking information of government surveillance on Americans, including monitoring internet usage and telephone records, to the press. What is your opinion on Snowden, if any?

Very favorable	14%
Somewhat favorable	22%
Somewhat unfavorable	20%
Very unfavorable	26%
Not sure	18%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of Snowden’s decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	15%

11. Would you support or oppose the prosecution of Edward Snowden for leaking the information?

I would support prosecution	35%
I neither support nor oppose	28%
I would oppose his prosecution	22%
Not sure	15%

12. Do you support or oppose Russia granting Snowden temporary asylum?

Strongly support	11%
Somewhat support	21%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	25%

13. Do you approve of the way President Obama has handled the Snowden situation?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	34%

14. President Obama is currently scheduled to attend the G-20 summit which will be held this September in Russia. Should President Obama cancel his trip?

Strongly agree	11%
Somewhat agree	14%
Somewhat disagree	19%
Strongly disagree	34%
Not sure	22%

15. How important is it to the United States to maintain friendly relations with Russia: very important, somewhat important, only a little important, or not important at all?

Very important	39%
Somewhat important	44%
Not very important	8%
Not important at all	2%
Not sure	7%

16. Do you think the United States should participate in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, or should it boycott the games?

Participate	74%
Boycott	12%
Not sure	15%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following professional sports leagues?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Not sure
Major League Baseball (MLB)	22%	32%	14%	17%	15%
National Football League (NFL)	29%	33%	12%	14%	13%
National Basketball Association (NBA)	18%	32%	19%	16%	14%
National Hockey League (NHL)	16%	33%	14%	13%	24%

18. How closely do you follow Major League Baseball?

Very closely	10%
Somewhat closely	21%
Not very closely	28%
Not at all	42%

19. Which of the following Major League Baseball teams do you like?

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arizona Diamondbacks	10%	88%	3%
Atlanta Braves	14%	71%	15%
Baltimore Orioles	12%	82%	6%
Boston Red Sox	22%	61%	17%
Chicago Cubs	21%	71%	8%
Chicago White Sox	9%	83%	8%
Cincinnati Reds	9%	84%	7%
Cleveland Indians	7%	88%	5%
Colorado Rockies	8%	89%	3%
Detroit Tigers	8%	86%	6%
Houston Astros	4%	90%	5%
Kansas City Royals	10%	84%	6%
Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim	8%	83%	8%
Los Angeles Dodgers	15%	68%	17%
Miami Marlins	5%	88%	7%
Milwaukee Brewers	5%	88%	7%
Minnesota Twins	5%	91%	4%
New York Mets	11%	79%	10%
New York Yankees	28%	34%	38%
Oakland Athletics	8%	84%	8%
Philadelphia Phillies	9%	82%	10%
Pittsburgh Pirates	13%	79%	8%
San Diego Padres	7%	90%	3%
San Francisco Giants	16%	75%	8%
Seattle Mariners	4%	91%	5%
St. Louis Cardinals	13%	75%	12%
Tampa Bay Rays	12%	83%	5%
Texas Rangers	12%	84%	4%
Toronto Blue Jays	5%	90%	5%
Washington Nationals	13%	83%	4%

20. How closely do you follow the news about the professional baseball player, Alex Rodriguez, who is also known as A-rod?

Very closely	10%
Somewhat closely	26%
Not very closely	36%
Not at all	29%

21. What punishment do you think Alex Rodriguez should receive for his admitted use of steroids?

Lifetime ban	30%
Never allowed to play again, but still eligible for the Hall of Fame	3%
Long term suspension	26%
Short term suspension	17%
Monetary fine only	4%
No punishment	4%
Not sure	16%

22. Do you think the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by professional athletes is a major problem or not?

Major problem	62%
Minor problem	25%
Not a problem at all	4%
Not sure	8%

23. How many professional baseball players do you think use performance-enhancing drugs?

None	0%
Some	25%
Many	44%
Most	17%
All	3%
Not sure	11%

24. Should the government be involved in investigating the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs in professional sports?

Yes23%
 No63%
 Not sure14%

25. How would you rate Major League Baseball’s efforts to prevent the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by its players?

Very good7%
 Somewhat good25%
 Somewhat poor31%
 Very poor14%
 Not sure24%

26. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	74%	21%	5%	0%
Immigration	41%	37%	18%	4%
The environment	36%	37%	17%	10%
Terrorism	47%	33%	15%	6%
Gay rights	21%	23%	21%	35%
Education	55%	29%	10%	7%
Health care	63%	27%	8%	2%
Social security	58%	31%	10%	1%
The budget deficit	56%	30%	10%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	36%	23%	12%
Taxes	60%	31%	7%	2%
Medicare	51%	34%	14%	2%
Abortion	35%	33%	19%	13%

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

The economy	35%
Immigration	4%
The environment	3%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	3%
Education	6%
Health care	12%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%

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

The economy	53%
Immigration	1%
The environment	2%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	0%
Education	3%
Health care	16%
Social security	0%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	2%
Taxes	6%
Medicare	8%
Abortion	0%

29. 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	24%	23%	10%	42%	2%
John Boehner	6%	22%	20%	32%	21%
Mitch McConnell	4%	20%	17%	29%	30%
Harry Reid	8%	14%	14%	35%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	13%	19%	12%	41%	14%
Joe Biden	20%	22%	13%	36%	9%
Hillary Clinton	29%	24%	10%	34%	2%

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

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	3%

31. 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%	17%	38%	8%
Immigration	13%	25%	14%	37%	11%
The environment	11%	28%	15%	31%	15%
Terrorism	19%	26%	16%	29%	10%
Gay rights	18%	23%	9%	36%	14%
Education	15%	28%	16%	27%	14%
Health care	21%	20%	11%	42%	6%
Social security	11%	26%	19%	31%	13%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	25%	21%	26%	12%
The budget deficit	13%	22%	16%	40%	9%
Taxes	14%	25%	13%	38%	10%
Medicare	13%	25%	18%	31%	13%
Abortion	12%	23%	11%	35%	19%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	48%
Not sure	6%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	33%
Conservative	30%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	2%

34. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	24%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	8%

35. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	42%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	50%
Not sure	8%

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

Like a lot	29%
Like somewhat	29%
Dislike	35%
Not sure	7%

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

Getting better	27%
About the same	32%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	24%
About the same	39%
Lower	17%
Not sure	20%

39. 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	46%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	39%
Not sure	1%

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

Owned by you or your family	66%
Rented from someone else	33%
Other	1%

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

Increased	23%
Stayed about the same	46%
Decreased	24%
Not sure	7%

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

Increased	35%
Stayed about the same	42%
Decreased	7%
Not sure	17%

43. 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	32%
Will stay about the same	34%
Will decrease a little	12%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	13%

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

Very worried	10%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not worried	34%
Don't have mortgage payments	31%

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

Will definitely buy a home	2%
Am considering buying a home	9%
Not looking for a home now	89%

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

Yes	26%
No	74%

47. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	68%
No	28%
Don't know	4%

48. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	0%
Part-time student	1%
Not a student	99%

49. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	100%
Part-time job	0%
No job outside of school	0%

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

Full-time employed	40%
Part-time employed	10%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	12%
Retired	18%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	9%
Other	1%

51. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	17%
No	83%

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

Mean 17

53. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried 17%
 Somewhat worried 33%
 Not very worried 50%

54. 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. 43%
 Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.
 34%
 Not very hard 16%
 Not sure 7%

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

More jobs 19%
 The same amount of jobs 41%
 Fewer jobs 31%
 Not sure 9%

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

Very happy 17%
 Happy 34%
 Neither happy nor unhappy 34%
 Unhappy 10%
 Very unhappy 5%

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

Higher	17%
Same	65%
Lower	18%

58. 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	19%
I could last a few months on my savings	28%
I could last a year on my savings	8%
I could last more than a year on my savings	10%

59. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

60. Education

No high school	7%
High school graduate	35%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	7%

61. Age

18-29	21%
30-44	26%
45-64	36%
65+	17%

62. Race

White	67%
Black	14%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

63. Region

Northeast	14%
Midwest	19%
South	37%
West	30%

64. Party Identification

Democrat	37%
Lean Democrat	11%
Independent	14%
Lean Republican	12%
Republican	27%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	August 3-5, 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 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.12.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.