

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted November 30-December 2, 2013
Margin of Error $\pm 3.9\%$

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	47%
Some of the time	29%
Only now and then	15%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	24%
Off on the wrong track	62%
Not sure	13%

3. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to help protect Israel?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	30%
Not too important	15%
Not at all important goal	8%
Not sure	13%

4. Do you favor or oppose the establishment of an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza strip?

Favor strongly	15%
Favor somewhat	22%
Oppose somewhat	10%
Oppose strongly	14%
Not sure	39%

5. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

Israel	36%
About equal	28%
The Palestinians	8%
Not sure	28%

6. Is the U.S. too supportive of Israel, not supportive enough of Israel, or is U.S. support of Israel about right?

Too supportive of Israel	26%
U.S. support of Israel is just right	23%
Not supportive enough of Israel	25%
Not sure	26%

7. Generally speaking, how much do you think the United States can trust Israel?

A great deal	22%
A fair amount	32%
Not too much	19%
Not at all	6%
Not sure	21%

8. Do you think President Obama's policies have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	39%
No	32%
Not sure	29%

9. Do you think Benjamin Netanyahu's policies have damaged the relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

Yes	25%
No	28%
Not sure	47%

10. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the nation's policy toward Israel?

Strongly Approve	9%
Somewhat Approve	21%
Somewhat Disapprove	15%
Strongly Disapprove	28%
Not Sure	27%

11. 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	39%
More of a failure than a success	19%
Equal amount of both failure and success	12%
More of a success than a failure	12%
A complete success	2%
Too early to tell	12%
Not sure	5%

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

We will never really know	10%
We will know after the law has been in effect for several years	29%
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	14%
We know now even before the law has been put into effect	29%

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

Yes	23%
No	76%
Not sure	1%

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

Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov

Very positive	10%
Somewhat positive	12%
Neither positive nor negative	17%
Somewhat negative	11%
Very negative	51%
Not sure	0%

15. Have you visited any of the state run health insurance exchange websites?

Yes	14%
No	86%

16. 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	13%
Somewhat positive	14%
Neither positive nor negative	30%
Somewhat negative	12%
Very negative	17%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	31%
No	54%
Not sure	15%

18. 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	17%
About the same	10%
Worse	67%
Not sure	6%

19. 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	30%
No	39%
Not sure	32%

20. 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	21%
About the same	8%
Worse	64%
Not sure	6%

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

Expanded	26%
Kept the same	10%
Repealed	48%
Not sure	17%

22. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	78%
No	22%

23. Will you buy a health insurance plan before the deadline or will you pay the fine instead?
Asked of those who do not have health insurance

Buy health insurance	23%
Pay the fine	32%
Not sure	44%

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

Very concerned	53%
Somewhat concerned	30%
Not very concerned	10%
Not at all concerned	6%

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

A lot better	7%
A little better	8%
About the same	26%
A little worse	10%
A lot worse	33%
Not sure	16%

26. Did you go shopping on "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving, when many stores and retail chains offer discounts)?

Yes	20%
No	80%

27. When did you go shopping on "Black Friday"?
Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Thursday morning (Thanksgiving Day)	6%
Thursday evening (Thanksgiving Day)	30%
Friday at midnight	7%
Friday morning	30%
After Friday morning	28%

28. How much did you spend on "Black Friday"?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Less than \$50	22%
\$50-\$100	15%
\$100-\$250	31%
\$250-\$500	20%
More than \$500	8%
Prefer not to say	4%

29. Did you spend more or less than you expected?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

More than I expected	18%
About what I expected	66%
Less than I expected	17%

30. Do you think the Black Friday bargains were better or worse than last year?

Asked of respondents who indicated they shopped on Black Friday

Better than last year	12%
About the same as last year	39%
Worse than last year	23%
I didn't shop during Black Friday last year	26%

31. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	75%	20%	3%	2%
Immigration	40%	34%	17%	9%
The environment	40%	36%	14%	10%
Terrorism	46%	32%	16%	7%
Gay rights	20%	22%	21%	37%
Education	58%	29%	8%	5%
Health care	65%	27%	5%	3%
Social security	57%	33%	8%	3%
The budget deficit	54%	30%	11%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	24%	40%	24%	12%
Taxes	56%	31%	9%	3%
Medicare	50%	34%	12%	5%
Abortion	34%	28%	22%	17%

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

The economy	33%
Immigration	5%
The environment	4%
Terrorism	3%
Gay rights	1%
Education	7%
Health care	11%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	8%
The war in Afghanistan	0%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	4%
Abortion	5%

33. 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%	18%	10%	43%	6%
Joe Biden	18%	23%	15%	34%	10%
John Boehner	3%	16%	22%	38%	20%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	20%	30%	33%
Harry Reid	8%	19%	13%	34%	25%
Nancy Pelosi	11%	20%	12%	41%	16%
Hillary Clinton	28%	21%	12%	32%	7%
John Kerry	14%	26%	18%	29%	13%
Benjamin Netanyahu	12%	20%	19%	15%	34%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	3%

35. 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%	24%	12%	42%	9%
Immigration	11%	21%	14%	39%	14%
The environment	11%	25%	16%	28%	20%
Terrorism	17%	25%	14%	30%	14%
Gay rights	18%	21%	9%	31%	21%
Education	13%	25%	15%	29%	17%
Health care	19%	18%	9%	46%	8%
Social security	11%	21%	17%	32%	18%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	25%	20%	29%	14%
The budget deficit	13%	19%	14%	44%	11%
Taxes	12%	23%	16%	38%	12%
Medicare	14%	20%	16%	33%	16%
Abortion	13%	20%	12%	31%	24%

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

Strongly approve	1%
Somewhat approve	5%
Neither approve nor disapprove	14%
Somewhat disapprove	21%
Strongly disapprove	52%
Not sure	7%

37. 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%	25%	18%	39%	8%
Republicans in Congress	5%	18%	21%	47%	9%

38. 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%	16%	37%	8%
The Republican Party	5%	18%	24%	45%	8%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	36%
The Republican Party candidate	27%
Other	7%
Not sure	22%
I would not vote	8%

40. 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	38%
The Republican Party candidate	30%
Other	4%
Not sure	18%
I would not vote	9%

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

Very liberal	6%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	37%
Conservative	27%
Very conservative	10%
Not sure	2%

42. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	38%
Liberal	23%
Moderate	24%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	1%
Not sure	11%

43. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	36%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	55%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	34%
Not sure	9%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	34%	25%
Bold	26%	56%	18%
Effective	19%	45%	36%
Exciting	13%	64%	23%
Experienced	17%	47%	36%
Honest	26%	35%	39%
Hypocritical	39%	38%	23%
Inspiring	31%	41%	27%
Intelligent	50%	35%	15%
Partisan	26%	56%	17%
Patriotic	25%	44%	31%
Religious	11%	63%	26%
Sincere	31%	36%	34%
Steady	26%	54%	20%
Strong	27%	50%	23%

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

Getting better	22%
About the same	39%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	4%

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

Higher	25%
About the same	33%
Lower	18%
Not sure	24%

48. 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	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	33%
Not sure	3%

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

Owned by you or your family	64%
Rented from someone else	33%
Other	3%

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

Increased	21%
Stayed about the same	46%
Decreased	24%
Not sure	9%

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

Increased	33%
Stayed about the same	35%
Decreased	14%
Not sure	18%

52. 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	31%
Will stay about the same	35%
Will decrease a little	9%
Will decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	17%

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

Very worried	6%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not worried	34%
Don't have mortgage payments	34%

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

Will definitely buy a home	2%
Am considering buying a home	11%
Not looking for a home now	86%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

56. Are you currently enrolled as a student?

Full-time student	6%
Part-time student	5%
Not a student	89%

57. Do you have a job outside of school?

Full-time job	34%
Part-time job	0%
No job outside of school	66%

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

Full-time employed	42%
Part-time employed	11%
Self-employed	0%
Unemployed or temporarily on layoff	8%
Retired	18%
Permanently disabled	9%
Homemaker	11%
Other	2%

59. Do you currently have more than one job?

Yes	16%
No	84%

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

Mean	19
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61. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not very worried	58%

62. 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.	39%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	38%
Not very hard	15%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	38%
Fewer jobs	29%
Not sure	13%

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

Very happy	22%
Happy	34%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
Unhappy	9%
Very unhappy	6%

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

Higher	20%
Same	65%
Lower	15%

66. 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	18%
I could last a few months on my savings	24%
I could last a year on my savings	10%
I could last more than a year on my savings	12%

67. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Democrat	36%
Republican	23%
Independent	34%
Other	2%
Not sure	5%

69. 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	12%
Somewhat support	20%
Neither support, nor oppose	20%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	25%
Not sure	14%

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

Yes	13%
No	74%
Not Sure	13%

71. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	68%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%
Middle Eastern	0%
Mixed	3%
Other	1%

72. Education

No high school	10%
High school graduate	32%
Some college	26%
2-year college	8%
4-year college	16%
Post-graduate	8%

73. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	4%
Single	34%
Domestic partnership	4%

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

Yes	28%
No	72%

75. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	22%

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

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	9%
A few times a year	9%
Seldom	23%
Never	33%
Don't know	1%

77. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	12%
Once a week	2%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	20%
Don't know	3%

78. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	38%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	2%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	4%

79. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	27%
45-64	33%
65+	14%

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

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	33%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

81. Race

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

82. Region

Northeast	18%
Midwest	22%
South	37%
West	24%

83. Party Identification

Democrat	36%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	21%
Lean Republican	11%
Republican	23%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	November 30-December 2, 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 5, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.77.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.