

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted April 19-21, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.1\%$

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	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	8%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	32%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	13%

3. How closely have you been following recent events going on in Ukraine?

Very closely	16%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	25%
Not closely at all	15%

4. Do you think the Russian speaking parts of Ukraine should join Russia or should Ukraine remain unchanged?

Join Russia	19%
Remain in Ukraine	81%

5. How much of Ukraine do you think will ultimately get absorbed into Russia?

All of Ukraine	31%
Eastern Ukraine	25%
Only Crimea	26%
None of Ukraine	18%

6. A year from now, what do you think is more likely?

Ukraine will be an independent nation	26%
Ukraine will be part of Russia	39%
Not sure	35%

7. Do you think the U.S. should get involved in Russia's dispute with Ukraine, or not?

Yes	21%
No	55%
Not sure	24%

8. In dealing with the Ukraine crisis, which of the following things do you think the U.S. should do?

Impose economic sanctions on Russia	40%
Provide economic aid to Ukraine	30%
Hold diplomatic negotiations with Russia	37%
Provide military weapons to Ukraine	18%
Send U.S. troops to Ukraine	7%
None of the above	33%

9. How important is it to the United States to maintain friendly relations with Russia?

Very important	35%
Somewhat important	43%
Not very important	8%
Not important at all	3%
Not sure	11%

10. Which is more important, punishing Russia for its aggressive policy against Ukraine or maintaining good relations with Russia so they will help the US find solutions to problems with Syria and Iran?

Punishing Russia for its aggression	41%
Maintaining good relations with Russia	59%

11. Do you approve or disapprove of Barack Obama’s handling of the crisis in Ukraine?

Approve strongly	10%
Approve somewhat	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	18%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	27%
Not sure	18%

12. Do you think Russia intercepts, stores or analyzes in any way the communications of millions of individuals?

Yes	60%
No	12%
Not sure	28%

13. Edward Snowden, a former NSA contractor, made the news 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	15%
Somewhat favorable	23%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%
Very unfavorable	26%
Not sure	17%

14. Do you approve or disapprove of Edward Snowden's decision to leak information about U.S. surveillance activities?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	13%

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

I would support prosecution	30%
I neither support nor oppose	25%
I would oppose his prosecution	29%
Not sure	16%

16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly	Not sure
Snowden performed a service letting Americans know about the NSA's data collection activities	28%	32%	13%	13%	14%
Snowden hurt American security by leaking information	32%	27%	17%	13%	12%
Snowden had good intentions but went about it the wrong way	20%	36%	13%	16%	15%
Snowden hurt his case when he asked for political asylum in Russia	36%	32%	10%	8%	14%
Snowden should have been willing to accept the consequences of his actions, and remained in the United States	37%	25%	14%	9%	14%
Snowden may have stolen intelligence about US defense capabilities and gave the intelligence to Russia	22%	27%	14%	13%	25%

17. How much have you heard about Edward Snowden asking Vladimir Putin questions about Russian domestic surveillance on Russian television last week?

Heard a lot	9%
Heard a little	32%
Heard nothing at all	59%

18. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	13%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	38%
Don't know	20%

19. Would you say Vladimir Putin is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	32%
Somewhat strong	44%
Somewhat weak	17%
Very weak	7%

20. Since Vladimir Putin became the Russian leader, do you think Russia has become more friendly towards the United States, less friendly to the United States, or has there been no change in relations?

More friendly	6%
No change	28%
Less friendly	51%
Not sure	16%

21. Do you think Vladimir Putin poses a threat to the United States?

Yes	45%
No	25%
Not sure	30%

22. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Mike Huckabee?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	21%
Somewhat unfavorable	13%
Very unfavorable	18%
Don't know	34%

23. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mike Huckabee handled his job as the Governor of Arkansas?

Approve strongly	11%
Approve somewhat	17%
Disapprove somewhat	11%
Disapprove strongly	11%
Not sure	51%

24. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Mike Huckabee, or have they treated him the same as other public figures?

Harder	21%
About the same	38%
Easier	10%
Not sure	31%

25. Do you think Mike Huckabee...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	27%
Not sure	34%

26. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like Mike Huckabee as a person?

Like a lot	17%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	17%
Not sure	40%

27. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mike Huckabee, do you think he has the qualifications to be President?

Yes	27%
No	41%
Not sure	32%

28. Regardless of your overall opinion of Mike Huckabee, do you think he shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes	34%
No	30%
Not sure	36%

29. How much do you think Mike Huckabee cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot	20%
Some	26%
Not much	28%
Not at all	26%

30. Do you think Mike Huckabee has more or less honesty and integrity, or about the same level of honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty	26%
Same level of honesty	31%
Less honesty	16%
Not sure	27%

31. Are you confident in Mike Huckabee’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	23%
Uneasy	35%
Not sure	42%

32. Would you say Mike Huckabee is...

Very liberal	1%
Liberal	5%
Moderate	11%
Conservative	29%
Very conservative	24%
Not sure	31%

33. Do you want Mike Huckabee to run for President in 2016?

Yes	20%
No	44%
Not sure	37%

34. How would you rate your personal health?

Excellent	18%
Good	57%
Fair	20%
Poor	4%

35. Over the past 12 months has your personal health improved or worsened, or have you not noticed any change?

Improved	13%
Remained the same	63%
Worsened	18%
Haven’t noticed	6%

36. In the past 12 months have you...

Been seen by a dentist	41%
Been seen by a doctor	68%
Ordered prescription drugs	52%
None of these	20%

37. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a doctor because you could not afford it?

Yes	26%
No	70%
Prefer not to say	4%

38. In the past 12 months have decided not to see a dentist because you could not afford it?

Yes	31%
No	65%
Prefer not to say	4%

39. In the past 12 months have decided not to fill a prescription because you could not afford it?

Yes	18%
No	77%
Prefer not to say	5%

40. Compared to a year ago, are you paying more or less for health care coverage today?

More	40%
The same	43%
Less	8%
Not sure	10%

41. Compared to a year ago, would you say the quality of your health care is better or worse today?

Better	14%
The same	59%
Worse	19%
Not sure	8%

42. Do you have health insurance?

Yes	81%
No	19%

43. Which of the following best describes your primary health insurance?

Asked of those who reported having health insurance

I have health insurance that is provided through my or a family member's employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	36%
I have health insurance provided through Medicare	15%
I have health insurance that I or a family member purchased directly from the health insurance company or HMO, not through an employer, union, school, trade group or professional association	10%
I have health insurance through the military or through VA Benefits	4%
I have health insurance that is provided through a government health program, such as Medicaid	12%
Does not have health insurance	19%
Prefer not to say	4%

44. Did you have health insurance before January 1, 2014?

Yes	76%
No	21%
Not sure	3%

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

Expanded	27%
Kept the same	14%
Repealed	41%
Not sure	18%

46. 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	25%
More of a failure than a success	21%
Equal amount of both failure and success	13%
More of a success than a failure	19%
A complete success	6%
Too early to tell	10%
Not sure	7%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	77%	18%	3%	2%
Immigration	47%	33%	14%	6%
The environment	44%	36%	13%	7%
Terrorism	53%	30%	13%	5%
Gay rights	25%	25%	21%	29%
Education	61%	29%	7%	3%
Health care	67%	24%	6%	3%
Social security	61%	29%	7%	3%
The budget deficit	57%	26%	11%	6%
The war in Afghanistan	30%	35%	23%	11%
Taxes	59%	29%	9%	3%
Medicare	55%	30%	11%	4%
Abortion	35%	30%	20%	14%

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

The economy	30%
Immigration	5%
The environment	6%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	8%
Health care	12%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	5%
Medicare	2%
Abortion	3%

49. 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%	19%	14%	36%	7%
Joe Biden	18%	24%	14%	30%	14%
John Boehner	7%	20%	21%	28%	24%
Mitch McConnell	5%	18%	20%	25%	32%
Harry Reid	8%	18%	13%	33%	29%
Nancy Pelosi	12%	18%	14%	37%	19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hillary Clinton	26%	24%	12%	30%	8%
Rand Paul	17%	20%	15%	21%	27%
Chris Christie	10%	24%	21%	25%	20%
Elizabeth Warren	14%	16%	13%	17%	40%
Jeb Bush	10%	25%	22%	21%	22%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	7%

52. 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	18%	22%	16%	35%	9%
Immigration	14%	23%	17%	34%	12%
The environment	16%	26%	17%	26%	15%
Terrorism	20%	24%	17%	25%	13%
Gay rights	20%	25%	11%	28%	17%
Education	21%	26%	15%	26%	12%
Health care	22%	19%	11%	40%	8%
Social security	16%	23%	18%	28%	15%
The war in Afghanistan	16%	24%	20%	27%	13%
The budget deficit	15%	20%	16%	37%	12%
Taxes	15%	21%	18%	34%	12%
Medicare	17%	23%	19%	27%	15%
Abortion	16%	22%	12%	26%	24%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	10%
Neither approve nor disapprove	17%
Somewhat disapprove	24%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	8%

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

Very liberal	7%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	36%
Conservative	28%
Very conservative	8%
Not sure	2%

55. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	34%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	22%
Conservative	8%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	13%

56. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	52%
Not sure	9%

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

Like a lot	31%
Like somewhat	27%
Dislike	31%
Not sure	11%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	40%	33%	27%
Bold	28%	57%	15%
Effective	23%	47%	30%
Exciting	16%	63%	21%
Experienced	20%	50%	29%
Honest	27%	36%	37%
Hypocritical	36%	40%	24%
Inspiring	32%	45%	23%
Intelligent	53%	33%	14%
Partisan	24%	61%	15%
Patriotic	28%	44%	28%
Religious	13%	60%	27%
Sincere	30%	41%	29%
Steady	24%	58%	18%
Strong	31%	44%	25%

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

Getting better	25%
About the same	33%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	5%

60. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	67%
No	29%
Don't know	4%

61. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	15%
Somewhat support	15%
Neither support, nor oppose	21%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose	24%
Not sure	15%

63. Education

No high school	12%
High school graduate	34%
Some college	21%
2-year college	11%
4-year college	14%
Post-graduate	8%

64. Age

18-29	26%
30-44	26%
45-64	33%
65+	15%

65. Race

White	67%
Black	15%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

66. Region

Northeast	19%
Midwest	22%
South	36%
West	23%

67. Party Identification

Democratic	38%
Independent	36%
Republican	26%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	April 19-21, 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 0.2 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.84.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.