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?

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Figure 1: Obama Approval – All Adults

Approve: 44%
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Obama Approval

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Figure 2: Obama Approval – Registered Voters
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Congress Approval
"Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

Approve: 8%
Disapprove: 66%

Figure 3: Congress Approval – All Adults
Congress Approval
"Do you approve of the way the U.S. Congress is handling its job?"

Approve: 8%
Disapprove: 72%
# The Economist/YouGov Poll
August 2-4, 2014

### 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?

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

Right: 27%
Wrong: 56%

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?"

Right: 29%
Wrong: 58%

Figure 6: Direction of Country – Registered Voters
6. Direction of Country – This Week – All Adults
Would you say things in this country today are...

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### Sponsorship
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### Fieldwork
YouGov

### Interviewing Dates
August 2-4, 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 0.05 to 7.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.1.

### Number of respondents
1,000

### Margin of error
± 4.7% (adjusted for weighting)

### Margin of error (Registered Voters)
± 5.1% (adjusted for weighting)

### Survey mode
Web-based interviews

### Full results