

# The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents  
Conducted February 22-24, 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	48%
Some of the time	30%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	29%
Off on the wrong track	58%
Not sure	13%

3. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling foreign policy?

Strongly Approve	14%
Somewhat Approve	24%
Somewhat Disapprove	17%
Strongly Disapprove	36%
Not Sure	10%

4. Have you ever participated in a protest, rally, or march against the government?

Yes	11%
No	89%

5. Do you approve or disapprove of peaceful protests or demonstrations against government policies?

Approve strongly	41%
Approve somewhat	37%
Disapprove somewhat	8%
Disapprove strongly	2%
Not sure	12%

6. In recent weeks there have been anti-government protests or uprisings in several countries around the world. How important are each of these countries to America's interests?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant	Not sure
Thailand	16%	36%	19%	7%	22%
Ukraine	25%	33%	16%	8%	19%
Venezuela	24%	36%	14%	6%	20%

7. How closely have you been following the news about anti-government protests in Ukraine?

Very closely	14%
Somewhat closely	37%
Not very closely	27%
Not closely at all	22%

8. Which of these do you think is most likely to happen in Ukraine?

Ukraine will become a stable democracy in the next year or two.	15%
Ukraine will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two.	33%
Ukraine will probably never become a stable democracy.	20%
Not sure	33%

9. How closely have you been following the news about anti-government protests in Venezuela?

Very closely .....	5%
Somewhat closely .....	27%
Not very closely .....	33%
Not closely at all .....	35%

10. Which of these do you think is most likely to happen in Venezuela?

Venezuela will become a stable democracy in the next year or two. ....	6%
Venezuela will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two. ....	28%
Venezuela will probably never become a stable democracy. ....	27%
Not sure .....	39%

11. How closely have you been following the news about anti-government protests in Thailand?

Very closely .....	3%
Somewhat closely .....	15%
Not very closely .....	40%
Not closely at all .....	43%

12. Which of these do you think is most likely to happen in Thailand?

Thailand will become a stable democracy in the next year or two. ....	7%
Thailand will become a stable democracy, but it will take longer than a year or two. ....	26%
Thailand will probably never become a stable democracy. ....	19%
Not sure .....	48%

13. Generally speaking, do you think American interests are better served by supporting pro-democracy protesters in foreign countries or by maintaining good relations with foreign governments by remaining silent on their internal politics?

Supporting pro-democracy protesters .....	32%
Maintaining good relations with foreign governments .....	36%
Not sure .....	32%

14. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Hillary Clinton?

Very favorable .....	22%
Somewhat favorable .....	27%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	16%
Very unfavorable .....	28%
Don't know .....	7%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as Secretary of State?

Approve strongly .....	25%
Approve somewhat .....	24%
Disapprove somewhat .....	14%
Disapprove strongly .....	25%
Not sure .....	12%

16. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hillary Clinton handled her job as First Lady?

Approve strongly .....	29%
Approve somewhat .....	28%
Disapprove somewhat .....	17%
Disapprove strongly .....	14%
Not sure .....	12%

17. Who did you want to win the Democratic nomination for President in 2008, or didn't you care?

Barack Obama .....	26%
Hilary Clinton .....	21%
Another Democrat .....	20%
Didn't care .....	25%
Not sure .....	8%

18. Compared to the way they treat other public figures, do you think the news media has been harder or easier on Hillary Clinton, or have they treated her the same as other public figures?

Harder .....	25%
About the same .....	30%
Easier .....	32%
Not sure .....	13%

19. Do you think Hillary Clinton...

Says what she believes .....	41%
Says what she thinks people want to hear .....	43%
Not sure .....	16%

20. Regardless of whether you agree with her, do you like Hillary Clinton as a person?

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

21. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she has the qualifications to be President?

Yes .....	49%
No .....	38%
Not sure .....	12%

22. Regardless of your overall opinion of Hillary Clinton, do you think she shares the values most people try to live by?

Yes .....	46%
No .....	37%
Not sure .....	17%

23. How much do you think Hillary Clinton cares about the needs and problems of people like yourself?

A lot .....	22%
Some .....	34%
Not much .....	20%
Not at all .....	25%

24. Do you think Hillary Clinton has more honesty and integrity than most people in public life, less honesty and integrity than most people in public life, or about the same honesty and integrity as most people in public life?

More honesty .....	21%
Same level of honesty .....	37%
Less honesty .....	32%
Not sure .....	10%

25. Are you confident in Hillary Clinton's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about her approach?

Confident .....	42%
Uneasy .....	42%
Not sure .....	16%

26. Do you want Hillary Clinton to run for President in 2016?

Yes .....	41%
No .....	43%
Not sure .....	16%

**27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bill Clinton is handled his job as President?**

Approve strongly	25%
Approve somewhat	32%
Disapprove somewhat	20%
Disapprove strongly	15%
Not sure	8%

**28. 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	27%
More of a failure than a success	22%
Equal amount of both failure and success	18%
More of a success than a failure	16%
A complete success	3%
Too early to tell	9%
Not sure	6%

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

Yes	28%
No	68%
Not sure	3%

**30. Thinking about your most recent attempt, why did you visit healthcare.gov?**

*Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov*

To buy health insurance	15%
To get information about health insurance	41%
Just curious	42%
Other	3%
Not sure	0%

**31. Was your most recent experience at healthcare.gov positive or negative?**

*Asked of those who have tried to visit healthcare.gov*

Very positive .....	15%
Somewhat positive .....	18%
Neither positive nor negative .....	18%
Somewhat negative .....	22%
Very negative .....	26%
Not sure .....	1%

**32. Which month was your most recent visit to healthcare.gov?**

October .....	7%
November .....	13%
December .....	32%
January .....	29%
February .....	19%
Don't remember .....	0%

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

Expanded .....	27%
Kept the same .....	13%
Repealed .....	43%
Not sure .....	17%

**34. Do you have health insurance?**

Yes .....	82%
No .....	18%



**35. 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 .....	18%
Pay the fine .....	29%
Already signed up .....	9%
Not sure .....	44%

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

Yes .....	79%
No .....	21%

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

Very favorable .....	4%
Somewhat favorable .....	14%
Somewhat unfavorable .....	25%
Very unfavorable .....	34%
Don't know .....	24%

**38. How much of the Winter Olympic Games have you watched?**

I have watched lots of events every day .....	9%
I have watched lots of events when I can .....	20%
I have watched a few events .....	37%
I have not watched any of them .....	34%

**39. Have the Winter Olympics in Sochi been successful or unsuccessful?**

Very successful .....	15%
Somewhat successful .....	40%
Somewhat unsuccessful .....	13%
Very unsuccessful .....	6%
Not sure .....	26%

**40. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in selecting Sochi to host the Winter Olympic Games?**

Yes ..... 23%  
 No ..... 46%  
 Not sure ..... 30%

**41. How much confidence do you have that the Olympics in Sochi will be safe from terrorism?**

a great deal of confidence ..... 18%  
 some confidence ..... 37%  
 a little confidence ..... 23%  
 no confidence ..... 7%  
 Don't know ..... 15%

**42. How important are the following issues to you?**

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	80%	16%	3%	2%
Immigration	45%	33%	14%	8%
The environment	45%	33%	14%	8%
Terrorism	57%	29%	9%	5%
Gay rights	24%	23%	20%	33%
Education	60%	29%	8%	4%
Health care	61%	29%	6%	3%
Social security	63%	29%	6%	3%
The budget deficit	56%	30%	9%	5%
The war in Afghanistan	29%	40%	21%	10%
Taxes	61%	29%	7%	3%
Medicare	55%	33%	9%	4%
Abortion	36%	30%	18%	16%

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

The economy .....	29%
Immigration .....	5%
The environment .....	7%
Terrorism .....	4%
Gay rights .....	3%
Education .....	9%
Health care .....	9%
Social security .....	13%
The budget deficit .....	9%
The war in Afghanistan .....	0%
Taxes .....	5%
Medicare .....	3%
Abortion .....	4%

44. 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%	21%	11%	38%	5%
Joe Biden	16%	24%	16%	31%	13%
John Boehner	3%	19%	25%	32%	21%
Mitch McConnell	3%	16%	20%	28%	33%
Harry Reid	5%	19%	15%	33%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	20%	13%	39%	19%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Chris Christie	6%	24%	24%	24%	21%
Ted Cruz	14%	16%	10%	26%	34%
Scott Walker	12%	12%	10%	22%	45%
Rand Paul	14%	20%	11%	26%	29%
Jeb Bush	10%	23%	18%	23%	26%
Marco Rubio	12%	19%	14%	22%	32%

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

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	3%

47. 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	16%	23%	13%	38%	9%
Immigration	13%	26%	13%	35%	12%
The environment	12%	29%	16%	26%	17%
Terrorism	19%	28%	15%	26%	13%
Gay rights	21%	22%	10%	26%	21%
Education	17%	28%	16%	24%	15%
Health care	18%	24%	8%	43%	8%
Social security	16%	26%	15%	30%	13%
The war in Afghanistan	15%	25%	20%	28%	13%
The budget deficit	15%	20%	13%	40%	12%
Taxes	13%	23%	16%	35%	12%
Medicare	15%	24%	17%	29%	14%
Abortion	13%	22%	10%	26%	28%

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

Strongly approve	2%
Somewhat approve	8%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	25%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Not sure	7%

**49. 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	11%	26%	23%	33%	7%
Republicans in Congress	8%	21%	27%	36%	8%

**50. 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%	26%	20%	33%	7%
The Republican Party	9%	24%	26%	33%	8%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	35%
The Republican Party candidate	32%
Other	6%
Not sure	21%
I would not vote	7%

**52. 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	36%
The Republican Party candidate	35%
Other	3%
Not sure	19%
I would not vote	8%

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

Very liberal .....	6%
Liberal .....	18%
Moderate .....	35%
Conservative .....	31%
Very conservative .....	9%
Not sure .....	1%

**54. Would you say Barack Obama is...**

Very liberal .....	38%
Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	25%
Conservative .....	7%
Very conservative .....	1%
Not sure .....	8%

**55. Do you think Barack Obama...**

Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	53%
Not sure .....	10%

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

Like a lot .....	30%
Like somewhat .....	27%
Dislike .....	36%
Not sure .....	8%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	41%	34%	26%
Bold	30%	56%	13%
Effective	21%	48%	30%
Exciting	15%	65%	21%
Experienced	22%	48%	30%
Honest	27%	38%	35%
Hypocritical	36%	41%	23%
Inspiring	30%	45%	25%
Intelligent	51%	35%	14%
Partisan	26%	61%	12%
Patriotic	27%	46%	28%
Religious	15%	61%	24%
Sincere	28%	40%	33%
Steady	24%	60%	16%
Strong	32%	47%	21%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	35%
Getting worse	36%
Not sure	5%

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

Yes	27%
No	73%

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

Higher	20%
Same	62%
Lower	17%



**61. Gender**

Male .....	49%
Female .....	51%

**62. 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 .....	11%
Somewhat support .....	19%
Neither support, nor oppose .....	19%
Somewhat oppose .....	10%
Strongly oppose .....	24%
Not sure .....	16%

**63. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?**

White .....	67%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	12%
Asian .....	4%
Native American .....	0%
Middle Eastern .....	1%
Mixed .....	2%
Other .....	1%

**64. Education**

No high school .....	11%
High school graduate .....	31%
Some college .....	25%
2-year college .....	9%
4-year college .....	16%
Post-graduate .....	8%

**65. Age**

18-29 .....	25%
30-44 .....	27%
45-64 .....	33%
65+ .....	15%

**66. Race**

White .....	67%
Black .....	14%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	8%

**67. Region**

Northeast .....	17%
Midwest .....	22%
South .....	38%
West .....	23%

**68. Party Identification**

Democrat .....	35%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	17%
Lean Republican .....	13%
Republican .....	26%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
<b>Fieldwork</b>	YouGov
<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	February 22-24, 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 0.1 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.85.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	21 questions not reported.