

The Economist/YouGov Poll



Sample 1000 General Population Respondents
Conducted July 19-21, 2014
Margin of Error $\pm 4.3\%$

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	44%
Some of the time	32%
Only now and then	13%
Hardly at all	9%
Don't know	1%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	26%
Off on the wrong track	59%
Not sure	15%

3. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Vladimir Putin?

Very favorable	4%
Somewhat favorable	8%
Somewhat unfavorable	26%
Very unfavorable	42%
Don't know	19%

4. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Ukraine between government forces and pro-Russia separatists, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	23%
Does not have responsibility	57%
Not sure	20%

5. Which side should the US support in the Ukrainian conflict?

Ukrainian government	35%
It should support neither side	45%
Pro-Russian separatists	1%
Not sure	19%

6. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current crisis in Ukraine?

All	3%
Most	9%
Half	6%
Some	22%
None	45%
Not sure	15%

7. How much responsibility does Russian President Vladimir Putin have for the current crisis in Ukraine?

All	25%
Most	39%
Half	10%
Some	9%
None	2%
Not sure	14%

8. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the current crisis in Ukraine?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	23%
No opinion	28%

9. As you may know, a Malaysian Airlines 777 with 298 people aboard was shot down over Ukraine. How serious a threat to the peace of the world do you feel this shooting down of the Malaysian Airlines 777 has been?

Very serious	46%
Somewhat serious	41%
Not very serious	11%
Not serious at all	2%

10. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Bashir al-Assad?

Very favorable	3%
Somewhat favorable	5%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	30%
Don't know	46%

11. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and anti-government rebels, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	18%
Does not have responsibility	60%
Not sure	22%

12. Which side should the US support in the Syrian conflict?

Syrian government	7%
It should support neither side	53%
Anti-government rebels	14%
Not sure	25%

13. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current crisis in Syria?

All	3%
Most	5%
Half	8%
Some	21%
None	44%
Not sure	18%

14. How much responsibility does Syrian President Bashir al-Assad have for the current crisis in Syria?

All	26%
Most	29%
Half	11%
Some	10%
None	3%
Not sure	21%

15. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the current crisis in Syria?

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	19%
No opinion	32%

16. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	17%
Somewhat favorable	17%
Somewhat unfavorable	19%
Very unfavorable	8%
Don't know	39%

17. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Hamas?

Very favorable	2%
Somewhat favorable	4%
Somewhat unfavorable	16%
Very unfavorable	44%
Don't know	34%

18. Do you think the United States has a responsibility to do something about the fighting in Israel and the Palestinian territory between Israeli forces and Hamas, or doesn't the United States have this responsibility?

Has responsibility	35%
Does not have responsibility	47%
Not sure	18%

19. Which side should the US support in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Israeli government	38%
It should support neither side	40%
Palestinian authority	5%
Not sure	17%

20. Do you think the rest of the world thinks the US treats both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict equally or do you think the rest of the world thinks the US favors one side over the other?

The world thinks the US favors the Palestinians	6%
The world thinks the US favors both sides equally	10%
The world thinks the US favors the Israelis	52%
Don't know	31%

21. Do you think the Israelis are using too much or too little force or are they using the right amount of force?

Too much force	24%
Right amount of force	30%
Too little force	15%
Don't know	32%

22. Based on what you know, do you think the Israelis are justified in launching a ground attack and air strikes against Hamas in the Palestinian territory?

Yes, Israel is justified	46%
No, Israel is not justified	21%
Don't know	33%

23. Which side has experienced more civilian deaths in the current conflict?

The Israelis	5%
It's about equal	17%
The Palestinians	44%
Don't know	34%

24. How much responsibility does President Obama have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All	4%
Most	3%
Half	5%
Some	28%
None	41%
Not sure	17%

25. How much responsibility does Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All	10%
Most	19%
Half	18%
Some	23%
None	10%
Not sure	20%

26. How much responsibility does Hamas have for the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis?

All	20%
Most	26%
Half	20%
Some	11%
None	1%
Not sure	22%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	21%
No opinion	32%

28. How serious a problem is immigration in the US?

Very serious	58%
Somewhat serious	22%
A minor problem	11%
Not a problem	3%
Not sure	5%

29. How serious a problem is immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	11%
Somewhat serious	25%
A minor problem	25%
Not a problem	26%
Not sure	13%

30. How serious a problem is illegal immigration into the United States by unaccompanied children?

Very serious	60%
Somewhat serious	21%
A minor problem	8%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	7%

31. How much sympathy do you have for the unaccompanied children who cross the border illegally?

A lot	31%
Some	35%
Not much	18%
None	16%

32. Which do you think is a more important priority for dealing with unaccompanied immigrant children who come to the United States illegally?

Deporting them to their home countries as soon as possible	46%
Letting them stay in the United States until it's certain they have a safe place to return	41%
Not sure	14%

33. Which comes closest to your opinion about the immigrant children crossing the border illegally unaccompanied by an adult?

Most of them have a safe place to return to but would prefer to live in the United States	36%
Most of them are fleeing unsafe places and don't have somewhere safe to return	43%
Not sure	21%

34. What do you think is the main reason there has been an increase in the number of unaccompanied children attempting to illegally cross into the United States?

Increase in violent crime in Central America	29%
Belief that the US government is or will be granting amnesty to undocumented immigrant children	57%
Not sure	14%

35. What should the US government do with the unaccompanied children it has in custody now who have crossed the border illegally?

Return them to the Mexican border	10%
Return them to their family in their home country, regardless of conditions in their home country	32%
Return them to their family in their home country, only if conditions in their home country are safe	35%
Allow them to stay in the US	11%
Something else	3%
Don't know	10%

36. As you may know, there is over crowding of unaccompanied children in immigration facilities near the border. Do you support or oppose temporarily housing the unaccompanied children who are in federal custody at a facility in states further away from the southern border while the US government processes their cases?

Support	38%
Oppose	41%
Not sure	21%

37. Do you support or oppose temporarily housing the unaccompanied children who are in federal custody at a facility in your state while the US government processes their cases?

Support	42%
Oppose	41%
Not sure	17%

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

Expanded	27%
Kept the same	15%
Repealed	42%
Not sure	15%

39. 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	21%
More of a failure than a success	24%
Equal amount of both failure and success	14%
More of a success than a failure	21%
A complete success	5%
Too early to tell	7%
Not sure	7%

40. Do you think the number of people with health insurance has increased, remained the same, or decreased over the last 12 months?

Increased	47%
Remained the same	18%
Decreased	20%
Don't know	15%

41. Do you think the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase by more or less than they usually do?

The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase more than they usually do	50%
The law has not had an effect on health insurance prices for most people	16%
The law has caused health insurance prices for most people to increase less than they usually do	15%
Not sure	19%

42. Do you support or oppose requiring businesses with more than 50 employees to provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support	62%
Oppose	23%
Not sure	15%

43. Do you support or oppose the government delaying the mandate requiring businesses with more than 50 employees provide a health insurance option for their employees?

Support	37%
Oppose	37%
Not sure	26%

44. Do you think the Republicans in the US House of Representatives who want to sue President Obama think his actions are serious enough to warrant a lawsuit or mostly because they want to damage Barack Obama and the Democrats?

Actions warrant a lawsuit	26%
Damage Obama and the Democrats	42%
Both	18%
Don't know	14%

45. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
The economy	73%	22%	3%	1%
Immigration	55%	30%	11%	4%
The environment	48%	32%	13%	6%
Terrorism	53%	29%	14%	4%
Gay rights	20%	25%	23%	32%
Education	63%	27%	8%	2%
Health care	63%	30%	6%	1%
Social security	63%	27%	9%	2%
The budget deficit	56%	30%	10%	4%
The war in Afghanistan	24%	40%	25%	11%
Taxes	55%	34%	8%	4%
Medicare	54%	32%	12%	2%
Abortion	33%	31%	20%	15%
Foreign policy	38%	41%	15%	6%

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

The economy	27%
Immigration	9%
The environment	8%
Terrorism	4%
Gay rights	2%
Education	7%
Health care	9%
Social security	13%
The budget deficit	7%
The war in Afghanistan	1%
Taxes	4%
Medicare	3%
Abortion	5%
Foreign policy	1%

47. 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	25%	20%	14%	37%	4%
Joe Biden	17%	24%	17%	30%	13%
John Boehner	5%	17%	25%	31%	23%
Mitch McConnell	3%	15%	18%	29%	34%
Harry Reid	7%	16%	15%	33%	28%
Nancy Pelosi	9%	19%	12%	39%	20%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Rand Paul	12%	22%	16%	20%	30%
Chris Christie	7%	27%	23%	21%	22%
Paul Ryan	12%	22%	13%	28%	25%
Jeb Bush	8%	25%	22%	24%	22%
Mike Huckabee	14%	21%	16%	21%	27%
Marco Rubio	10%	21%	16%	20%	33%
Hillary Clinton	24%	27%	9%	34%	7%
Elizabeth Warren	12%	13%	12%	22%	41%
Ted Cruz	13%	15%	14%	26%	32%
Scott Walker	13%	15%	8%	20%	44%
Brian Schweitzer	2%	8%	12%	11%	67%
John McCain	8%	26%	27%	27%	13%

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

Strongly approve	18%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	4%

50. 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%	24%	14%	36%	10%
Immigration	10%	22%	14%	40%	14%
The environment	15%	27%	16%	26%	17%
Terrorism	16%	26%	12%	32%	13%
Gay rights	17%	23%	12%	30%	19%
Education	15%	27%	16%	29%	14%
Health care	22%	19%	10%	41%	8%
Social security	13%	24%	18%	28%	17%
The war in Afghanistan	11%	27%	17%	29%	15%
The budget deficit	13%	21%	14%	40%	12%
Taxes	14%	22%	15%	33%	15%
Medicare	14%	24%	15%	31%	16%
Abortion	13%	22%	13%	29%	22%
Foreign policy	11%	26%	13%	35%	15%

51. 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	23%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Not sure	7%

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

Very liberal	5%
Liberal	18%
Moderate	35%
Conservative	31%
Very conservative	9%
Not sure	2%

53. Would you say Barack Obama is...

Very liberal	37%
Liberal	20%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	3%
Not sure	11%

54. Do you think Barack Obama...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	51%
Not sure	10%

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

Like a lot	30%
Like somewhat	26%
Dislike	33%
Not sure	10%

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

	Yes	No Opinion	No
Arrogant	39%	34%	27%
Bold	27%	58%	15%
Effective	20%	46%	35%
Exciting	13%	66%	21%
Experienced	21%	47%	32%
Honest	27%	37%	36%
Hypocritical	36%	40%	24%
Inspiring	27%	48%	25%
Intelligent	52%	34%	15%
Partisan	24%	63%	12%
Patriotic	26%	43%	31%
Religious	12%	62%	26%
Sincere	31%	40%	29%
Steady	23%	57%	19%
Strong	25%	51%	24%

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

Getting better	24%
About the same	38%
Getting worse	34%
Not sure	4%

58. Are you registered to vote?

Yes	70%
No	30%
Don't know	0%

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

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	40%
Fewer jobs	30%
Not sure	10%

60. We'd like to know whether you or someone in your immediate family is currently serving or has ever served in the U.S. military. Immediate family is defined as your parents, siblings, spouse, and children. Please check all boxes that apply.

Military Household - I am	1%
Military Household - Family	7%
Military Household - I served previously	13%
Military Household - Family served previously	35%
Military Household - None	50%

61. Gender

Male	49%
Female	51%

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

Strongly support	13%
Somewhat support	21%
Neither support, nor oppose	22%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	23%
Not sure	14%

63. Education

No high school	9%
High school graduate	33%
Some college	25%
2-year college	9%
4-year college	17%
Post-graduate	8%

64. Age

18-29	25%
30-44	26%
45-64	34%
65+	15%

65. Race

White	66%
Black	14%
Hispanic	11%
Other	8%

66. Region

Northeast	20%
Midwest	22%
South	36%
West	22%

67. Party Identification

Democratic	36%
Independent	40%
Republican	24%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 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 0.1 to 4.1, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.97.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	21 questions not reported.